

Vermont Motorboat Tax & Title Application Instructions

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DO YOU NEED TO REGISTER YOUR MOTOTBOAT?

You must register if you

- 1) have a motor attached and
- 2) own and operate it in the state of Vermont, on the waters of this state, unless you live out of state and your boat is already registered in your home state or have a valid document issued by a federal agency (Vermont resident or non-resident).

Note: Any watercraft (shuttlecraft) which is propelled by other powered watercraft, docked, or attached to it must be registered as a motorboat in addition to the personal watercraft/PWC being registered.

OUT OF STATE REGISTRATION:

You may operate in Vermont for 90 consecutive days if your home state grants like privileges to Vermont boats or your boat has a federally issued number. However, if you use your vessel in Vermont waters for 60 days or more, you must obtain a vessel validation sticker. This validation of your out-of-state or federal registration will be effective through December 31 each year. Use form VD-113 (Application for Vessel Validation) instead of this form.

OPERATING A MOTORBOAT IN VERMONT:

All persons born after January 1, 1974, must have successfully completed an approved boating safety education course to legally operate any motorized vessel (this includes personal watercraft). Persons required to have completed the course must carry his or her course certificate on board when operating a motorized vessel. No one under 12 years of age may legally operate any vessel powered by a motor of more than 6 horsepower, even if the person has successfully completed a boating safety education course. No one under 16 years of age may legally operate a personal watercraft, even if the person has successfully completed a boating safety education course.

Vermont Title Requirements

Vermont titles vessels with a length of 16 ft. or longer (including shuttlecraft).

EXCEPTIONS

1. Any vessel which is a canoe, kayak, or similar watercraft designed to be manually propelled or such a vessel equipped with a motor of 10 horsepower or less.
2. Any vessel regularly engaged in the interstate transportation of persons or property for which a currently effective certificate of title has been issued in another state.
3. Any vessel owned by the United States Government, unless it is registered in this state.
4. Any vessel owned by a manufacturer or dealer and held for sale.

Titleable Motorboat

Motorboat is new (not previously registered anywhere) the following documents are required:

- Original Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin
- Bill of Sale (all Bills of Sale must include the make, year, Hull Identification Number, purchase price, date, and signature of the seller)

Motorboat is used (has been titled previously) the following documents are required:

- The original (previous) Certificate of Title must be signed by all parties listed as owners on the face of the title. All liens must be released. Must submit death certificates and/or probate letters when owner(s) is/are deceased.
- Bill of Sale (all Bills of Sale must include the make, year, Hull Identification Number, purchase price, date and signature of seller)

Motorboat is used (not previously titled anywhere) the following documents are required:

- Original or certified copy of last Registration Certificate and all Bills of Sale thereafter

Non Titleable Motorboat

- A Bill of Sale (from Seller to you describing the vessel by Hull Identification Number, make, year, date of sale, purchase price and Seller's signature, or
- Seller's signature in Section 5B, or
- Copy of out-of-state Registration Certificate in your name

Class	Length	One (1) Year	Two (2) Years
Motorboat, Class A	Less Than 16 Feet in Length	\$31.00	\$57.00
Motorboat, Class 1	16 Feet or More but Less Than 26 Feet	\$49.00	\$93.00
Motorboat, Class 2	26 Feet or More but Less Than 40 Feet	\$80.00	\$155.00
Motorboat, Class 3	40 Feet and Over	\$153.00	\$303.00
Replacement Registration	\$3.00	Use form VL-040	
Transfer to boat in same class or smaller	\$6.00		
Transfer to boat in larger class	\$6.00 plus the difference in the registration fee		
Title	\$27.00 plus \$14.00 per lien		

1	Complete the entire section. Indicate transaction type. Include the Vermont registration number, if one exists. If previously registered in another jurisdiction, enter the registration number where indicated (Include a two-letter abbreviation of state/province). Homemade vessels require Statement of Origin (VD-027) and Assignment of HIN # (VT-003) . All motorboats manufactured on or after 11/01/1972 must have a 12 to 17-digit Hull Identification Number.
2	Complete owner/co-owner information section. Enter the physical address if the mailing address is a PO Box. I
3	You must indicate your choice for rights of survivorship if more than one owner is listed.
4	Complete if you have a loan on this vessel. If there is a second lien holder, send details and an additional lien holder fee.
5	The name and address of the seller and the date purchased are required for new and transfer applications, even if the motorboat has been registered and titled to you out-of-state. The seller's signature is only required if not on the Certificate of Origin/Title or Bill of Sale.
6	To be completed by dealers only.
7	The first registration of a motorboat/personal watercraft in Vermont will be subject to the sales tax unless: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A purchase invoice shows a sales tax of 6% or more paid to a dealer in any of the 45 state jurisdictions imposing a sales tax (Alaska, Montana, Delaware, New Hampshire, and Oregon do not have Sales and Use tax). • The applicant is a nonresident of Vermont and purchased the vessel in a state other than Vermont. • The applicant is a nonresident of Vermont and purchased the vessel in Vermont; however, they received title or possession or both in another state. • The applicant is a nonresident of Vermont and submits a copy of a valid registration from his home state. • The motorboat is acquired through a transfer to an individual, relative or not, for no payment. The Tax Department must approve any claim of exemption from sales tax other than that outlined above; call 802.828.2551.
9	Application must be signed and dated by owner(s). If signed by an authorized agent, proof of authorization, such as power of attorney, etc. must be submitted. Owner signature certifies liability insurance is in effect for this vehicle pursuant to 23 V.S.A. §202, §203 & §3829.

MOTORBOAT REGISTRATION NUMBER

The Motor Vehicle Department will assign the motorboat registration number unless a title-only application. The owner shall either paint the number on each side of the bow (front section) of the motorboat or purchase the numbers and attach them to each side of the bow. The registration numbers must be positioned and of a size so that they are clearly visible.