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BOAT REGULATIONS AND REGISTRATION

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NR 5.01 Application for boat certificate of number or registration. (1) An application for a certificate of number must contain the following information:

- (a) Name of the owner
- (b) Address of the owner, including ZIP code
- (c) Date of birth of the owner
- (d) Citizenship of the owner
- (e) State in which boat is or will be principally used
- (f) The number previously issued by an issuing authority for the boat, if any
- (g) Whether the application is for a new number, renewal of a number, or transfer of ownership
- (h) Whether the boat is used for pleasure, rent or lease, dealer or manufacturer demonstration, commercial passenger carrying, commercial fishing, or other commercial use
- (i) Make of boat
- (j) Year boat was manufactured or model year
- (k) Manufacturer's hull identification number, if any
- (l) Overall length of boat
- (m) Type of boat (open, cabin, house, or other)
- (n) Whether the hull is wood, steel, aluminum, fiberglass, plastic, or other

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(o) Whether the propulsion is inboard, outboard, inboard-outdrive, or other, and the make, model, serial number and name of engine manufacturer if available

(p) Whether the fuel is gasoline, diesel, or other

(q) A statement of ownership by applicant

(r) The signature of the owner

(2) An application made by a manufacturer or dealer for a number that is to be temporarily affixed to a boat for demonstration or test purposes may omit items sub. (1) (i) to (p).

(3) An application made by a person who intends to lease or rent the boat without propulsion machinery may omit items sub. (1) (o) and (p).

(4) An application for registration of a federally documented vessel shall contain the assigned federal documentation number, the name of the vessel, the vessel and the hailing port as described in the documentation papers for that vessel in addition to the information required in sub. (1).

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**NR 5.02 Application for transfer:** An application for a transfer certificate of number in addition to furnishing the information required by s. NR 5.01 shall include a statement by the applicant listing the name and address and address of the previous owner, his or her certificate number, and the date on which the boat was acquired by the applicant. The applicant shall also sign the statement and send the previous owner's card to the department with the application for transfer.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1960, No. 51, eff. 4-1-60; renum. from WCD 5.02 to be NR 5.02, and am., Register, March, 1971, No. 183, eff. 4-1-71; am., Register, April, 1985, No. 352, eff. 5-1-85.

**NR 5.03 Application for duplicate:** An applicant for a duplicate certificate of number in addition to furnishing the information required by s. NR 5.01 shall complete and sign a statement that the original certificate has been either destroyed or lost and that the application being made is for a duplicate.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1960, No. 51, eff. 4-1-60; renum. from WCD 5.03 to be NR 5.03, and am., Register, March, 1971, No. 183, eff. 4-1-71.

**NR 5.04 Certificate of number.** (1) The boat certificate of number issued in accordance with s. 30.52, Stats., except as allowed in subs. (2), (3) and (4), must contain the following information:

(a) Number issued

(b) Expiration date

(c) State of principal use

(d) Name of owner

(e) Address of owner, including ZIP code

(f) Whether the boat is used for pleasure, rent or lease, dealer or manufacturer demonstration, commercial passenger-carrying, commercial fishing or other commercial use

## NR 5.125 Noise level standards for motorboats. (1) DEFINITIONS.

(a) "Manufacturer" means any individual, partnership, or corporation which manufactures, assembles, or imports any engine model for the propulsion of motorboats.

(b) "Muffler" as referenced in s. 30.62 (2) (a), Stats., means a device or means to reduce noise, forming part of the exhaust system, and includes an underwater exhaust.

(c) "Model" means a complete engine offered for sale.

(d) "Model group" means 2 or more similar models that can reasonably be expected to have the same noise levels, but which differ in non-material respects.

(2) PROOF OF COMPLIANCE. (a) The manufacturer of any engine model manufactured after September 1, 1986 and offered for sale in this state will send a letter of compliance to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, Wisconsin 53707 (Attention: Boating Safety Section).

(b) The letter shall contain the following information:

1. The name, address, and phone number of the manufacturer.

2. A statement that a representative sample of each model or model group, properly installed on a motorboat on which it is typically used, has been tested in accordance with Society of Automotive Engineers Recommended Practice SAE J34a, dated April, 1977, and meets the requirements of s. 30.62 (2), Stats.

3. The description and model designation of each representative engine and the motorboat on which it was tested.

(c) The department may request additional information from the manufacturer to determine if the engine complies with SAE J34a, dated April, 1977, and s. 30.62 (2), Stats.

(3) STANDARD. The noise level testing procedures of the Society of Automotive Engineers Recommended Practice Report J34a, dated April, 1977, shall be adhered to by manufacturers when submitting proof of compliance according to s. 30.62 (2) (d), Stats.

Note: Copies of the Society of Automotive Engineers Recommended Practice Report J34a, entitled "Exterior Sound Level Measurement Procedure for Pleasure Motorboats", dated April, 1977, may be obtained from the Society of Automotive Engineers, Inc., 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, Pennsylvania 15096 and are also available for inspection at the following offices: The Department of Natural Resources, 101 South Webster, Box 7921, Madison, Wisconsin 53707; The Office of the Secretary of State, Madison, Wisconsin; and The Office of the Revisor of Statutes, Madison, Wisconsin.

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