



# GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO

Department of Natural and Environmental Resources

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### VESSEL REGISTRATION

### RECREATIONAL VESSELS

Registration must be completed by the owner of the vessel, and he/she shall provide documentation proving the origin of the title in his/her name. The applicant must be 21 years old or older.

1. Documentation required for vessel registration:

- + Bill of Sale signed by the seller, indicating: manufacturer, length of vessel, and Hull Identification Number (twelve digits or more).
- + For documentation, the applicant must submit the current Certificate of Documentation in the name of the holder.
- + Current title or Certificate of Registration from another country or state.
- + If the applicant does not have any of the above-mentioned documents, a Certificate from the Office of the Attorney General of the Department of Justice is required. To obtain this Certificate, the applicant must submit to the Office of the Attorney General of the Department of Justice a sworn statement along with:

The Certificate of Inspection issued by the Marine Unit of the Rangers Corps.

The applicant's sworn statement must include a detailed description of the vessel and an explanation of how, from whom, and when the vessel was obtained and he/she must also swear that, to the best of his/her knowledge and understanding, the vessel is not subject to any criminal or civil lawsuit, and that the purpose of this request is to register a vessel, in his/her name, with the Office of Boating Law Administrator Office.

2. Payment Voucher into Account Number 1150, according to the length in feet of the vessel

FEES ACCORDING TO LAW NO. 430		
OVERALL BOAT LENGTH		AMOUNT
0	15	\$25
16	21	\$50
22	29	\$100
30	39	\$200
40	64	\$300
65	or more	\$400

- 3. Certified copy of the tax return of the last taxable year or a Certificate from the Treasury Department stating that the tax return was filed. Model number SC 6088.
- 4. Valid government issued photo ID and social security card, not laminated
- 5. Tax Payment Vouchers (legible) for 22 foot Class III vessels manufactured since 1/1/98 indicating and describing the vessel to be registered.



“When lacking the legal title to property, or in the absence of a legal document establishing his or her entitlement, and unable to prove such titling, the applicant must apply for and obtain a Certificate from the Attorney General Office of the Department of Justice (telephone number (787)-729-2420), certifying that neither the vessel nor the power driven vehicle of navigation (watercraft) is subject of any criminal litigation proceedings. To obtain such Certificate, the applicant must submit the Sworn Statement and the Vessel Certificate of Inspection of the United States Coast Guard, or issued by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources Corps of Ranger, to the Office of Citizen Affairs. The information contained in the Sworn statement must coincide with the information contained in the Vessel Certificate of Inspection.

In the case of a handmade vessel (backyard built boat), the applicant must present, besides the requirements established under this Article, a Sworn Statement making such built evident including a description of the vessel specifying the type of hull construction material, the type of propulsion (power drive), the size and length of the vessel, and the year of fabrication (when it was made). Also, the Certificate of Inspection of the United States Coast Guard, or performed by personnel authorized by the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources, certifying the sea worthiness of the vessel, and the hull identification number assigned to the vessel. As it is disposed by law, when the vessel is acquired from another person, if no documentation is available to prove legal title to property, or the previous owner does not appear immediately (his or her whereabouts are unknown), the applicant must appeal to a court of law with power or competency to rule on the title of property.” (Regulation Number 6979: Inscription, Navigation, and Boating Safety in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Chapter III, Article 8).

## **COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS**

1. Requirements from 1 to 5.
2. Current commercial fishing license
3. For the \$5 exemption, the applicant must comply with the statistics of the Fishery Research Laboratory.

## **VESSEL CARRYING PASSENGERS FOR HIRE OR RENTAL VESSELS**

1. Requirements from 1 to 5.
2. Current permit form the tourism company

## **CORPORATE OR BUSINESS VESSELS**

1. Requirements from 1 to 5.
2. Corporate Resolution
  - ✚ On official paper bearing the Corporate seal
  - ✚ Employer Social Security Number
  - ✚ Name of the person authorized to represent the corporation or business before the Office of the Commissioner of Navigation
  - ✚ Photo ID of the authorized or designated person

**NOTE: EVERY DOCUMENT MENTIONED ABOVE MUST BE PRESENTED IN ORIGINAL FORM.**