



# HOW TO AFFIX VESSEL REGISTRATION NUMBERS AND THE DECALS

Vessel owners whose registration expires in 2018 or later will be provided two registration decals for display on both sides of their vessel as shown below.

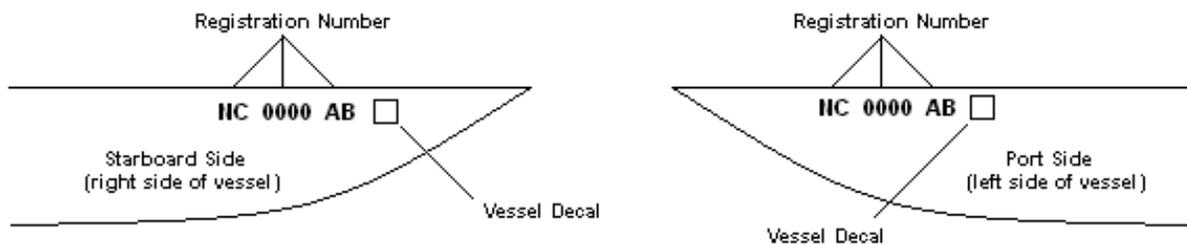
NCWRC will phase in the two decal approach over the next few years. If your vessel has one decal and the expiration date is prior to 2018, you are **NOT** required to display a second decal.

## Affixing Registration Numbers:

If a N.C. registration number already exists, you will only be replacing the decals. U.S. Coast Guard Documented Vessels may **NOT** display the N.C. registration number.

Registration numbers must be legible by complying with the below instructions:

- Must be painted or permanently affixed on the forward half of **both sides** and no other number may be displayed on either side of the bow.
- Must be at least three inch block lettering and may be of any solid color so as to contrast with the bow of the vessel.
- The number must read from left to right as it appears on the registration card and the letters must be separated from the numerals by hyphens or by equivalent spaces, as shown in the diagram below.



## Affixing Vessel Decals:

Decals must be displayed on the starboard and port side bow within 6 inches of your registration number as shown in the diagram above. U.S. Coast Guard Documented Vessels must display the decals on the forward half of the starboard and port side bow.

Remove old validation decals. Apply decals at temperature above 40 degrees Fahrenheit to vessel surface that is clean, dry, and free of dust, grease, wax or other foreign matter.

Remove decals from lining paper by lifting at the corner and pulling up. Place in position and press firmly to surface.