

## 15A NCAC 10F .0102 APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF VESSEL NUMBER

(a) Definitions. The definitions in G.S. 75A-2 shall apply throughout this Subchapter and to all forms prescribed pursuant to this Subchapter. As used in this Subchapter, the following definitions shall also apply:

- (1) "Boating Accident" means a collision, accident, casualty, or occurrence involving a vessel or its equipment and resulting in:
  - (A) damage by or to the vessel, its equipment, or other property;
  - (B) injury or loss of life to any person; or
  - (C) the disappearance of any person from a vessel under circumstances that indicate the possibility of death or injury.A "boating accident" includes, but is not limited to, capsizing, collision, foundering, flooding, fire, explosion, and the disappearance of a vessel other than by theft.
- (2) "Certificate of Title" means a document that serves as evidence of ownership of a vessel.
- (3) "Dealer" means a person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of offering vessels for sale at retail or wholesale from an established location.
- (4) "Government Agency Vessel" means a vessel owned and operated by the United States or a federal agency, a state, or a subdivision of a state.
- (5) "Livery Vessel" means a vessel that is rented or leased by the owners to an individual for a defined period of time.
- (6) "Manufacturer" means a person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of manufacturing vessels either upon prior commission or for the purpose of sale after manufacture.
- (7) "Nonprofit Rescue Squad Vessel" means a vessel owned and operated by a nonprofit rescue squad exclusively for rescue purposes, including rescue training.
- (8) "Proof of Ownership Document" means a document that provides evidence of ownership and shall include a Certificate of Number or a Certificate of Title issued by the Commission or any similar document issued by another state or country, an affidavit, a bill of sale, a manufacturer's statement of origin, or any other document that establishes ownership.
- (9) "Vessel Agent" means an individual or business authorized by the Commission to conduct vessel transactions.

~~(a)~~(b) General. The certificate of numbering and certificate of titling requirements of G.S. 75A-4, G.S. 75A-7, G.S. 75A-34, and G.S. 75A-35 shall apply to all vessels operated on the public waters of North Carolina, including livery vessels, commercial fishing vessels, and commercial passenger vessels. Vessels operated pursuant to a dealer's or manufacturer's certificate of number for demonstration or testing purposes, government agency vessels, and non-profit rescue squad vessels shall not be subject to the titling requirements of G.S. 75A-34 and G.S. 75A-35 but shall remain subject to the certificate of numbering requirements of G.S. 75A-4 and G.S. 75A-7. Every owner applying for a certificate of number ~~or and~~ certificate of title of a vessel, if applicable, ~~vessel required to be numbered, pursuant to G.S. 75A-4 and 75A-7 or required to be titled pursuant to G.S. 75A-34 and 75A-35~~ shall apply to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission or to one of its ~~Wildlife Service Agents~~ vessel agents using an application ~~provided by the Wildlife Resources Commission, available on the Commission website at www.ncwildlife.org. The application shall contain the following information: The application shall include the following information:~~

- (1) the name of ~~owner(s); the owners;~~
- (2) the address, telephone number, date of birth, and North Carolina driver license number of ~~owner(s); owners;~~
- (3) ~~present~~ the current or previous certificate of ~~number~~ number, if applicable; ~~(if any);~~
- (4) ~~desired~~ the desired period of certificate of ~~number (one or three years);~~ number, either one or three years;
- (5) ~~primary~~ the primary use of vessel (pleasure, livery, demonstration, commercial passenger, commercial fishing, other commercial, other); vessel:
  - (A) pleasure;
  - (B) livery;
  - (C) demonstration;
  - (D) commercial fishing;
  - (E) commercial passenger;
  - (F) other commercial; or
  - (G) other;
- (6) ~~model of vessel (if known);~~ the model of the vessel, if known;
- (7) ~~manufacturer (if known);~~ the manufacturer, if known;
- (8) the year of manufacture or model ~~year (if known);~~ year, if known;
- (9) the manufacturer's hull identification ~~number (if any);~~ number, if any;
- (10) ~~overall~~ the length of the vessel in feet and inches;
- (11) the type of vessel (~~open, cabin, houseboat, personal watercraft, pontoon, other);~~ vessel:
  - (A) open;
  - (B) cabin;
  - (C) houseboat;
  - (D) personal watercraft;
  - (E) pontoon; or
  - (F) other;
- (12) hull material (wood, metal, fiberglass, inflatable, plastic, other); the hull material:
  - (A) wood;
  - (B) metal;

- (C) fiberglass;
- (D) plastic;
- (E) inflatable; or
- (F) other;
- (13) type of propulsion (inboard; outboard; inboard outdrive; jet drive; sail; auxiliary sail/inboard; auxiliary sail/outboard; other); the type of propulsion:
  - (A) inboard;
  - (B) outboard;
  - (C) inboard outdrive;
  - (D) sail;
  - (E) auxiliary sail/inboard;
  - (F) auxiliary sail/outboard; or
  - (G) jet Drive;
- (14) type of fuel (gasoline, diesel, electric, other); the type of fuel:
  - (A) gasoline;
  - (B) diesel;
  - (C) electric; or
  - (D) other;
- (15) a proof of ownership document;
- (16) the signature of the owner(s); owners;
- (17) the make of motor (if if over 25 horsepower); horsepower, including serial number, number and purchase price of motor;
- (18) the lien holder name, address, and telephone number;
- (19) the effective lien date;
- (20) the county where vessel is taxed; and
- (21) status proof of United States Coast Guard documentation; documentation, if applicable.

~~(b)~~(c) Application for certificate of number and certificate of title. The owner(s) owners shall complete and submit an application for a certificate of number, ~~along with the proof of ownership document and proof of ownership document(s), and~~ applicable fees to the Wildlife Resources Commission or one of its authorized vessel agents for processing within 15 days of the date of sale. A new certificate of number shall be issued for new or ~~never before~~ never-before registered vessels. For a period of 60 days following the date of sale, the new owner owners may use a copy of the proof of ownership document, ~~provided it contains the date of sale, document~~ as a temporary certificate of number pending receipt of the original ~~certificate; certificate, provided it contains the date of sale.~~ If the vessel is 14 feet or longer or is a personal watercraft, then a Certificate of Title for Vessel shall be issued, including recordation of any liens listed on the application. If required, a certificate of title shall be issued and all reported liens shall be recorded.

~~(e)~~(d) Livery Vessel Owners. A "livery vessel" is one that is ~~rented or leased to an individual for a specific time period by the owners(s).~~ The certificate of numbering and certificate of titling requirements of G.S. 75A 4, 75A 7, 75A 34, and 75A 35 apply to livery vessels. Upon receipt of a completed ~~application; application and~~ a copy of the lease or rental agreement form and fee, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall issue to the applicant a certificate of number and, if ~~applicable according to the standards in Paragraph (b) of this Rule; applicable,~~ a certificate of title.

~~(d)~~(e) Dealers and Manufacturers of Vessels. A "manufacturer" as the term is used in this Rule is defined as a person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of manufacturing vessels either upon prior commission or for the purpose of selling them after manufacture. A "dealer" as the term is used in this Rule is defined as a person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of offering vessels for sale at retail or wholesale from an established location(s). The certificate of numbering requirements of G.S. 75A 4 and 75A 7 apply to ~~vessels belonging to dealers and manufacturers.~~ Upon receipt of a completed application and fee, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall issue to the applicant a certificate of number that may be used in connection with the operation of any vessel in the possession of the dealer or manufacturer when the vessel is being demonstrated. Dealer and manufacturer ~~certificate of numbers~~ certificates of number shall not be transferred. A new certificate of number shall be issued upon sale or transfer. Demonstration vessels shall not be titled so long as the vessel is owned by the dealer or manufacturer. Vessels owned or possessed by dealers or manufacturers for personal use or for any use other than for demonstration and testing purposes shall be individually registered in the name of the dealer or manufacturer in accordance with ~~Paragraph (a) the certificate of number requirements of Paragraph (b) of this Rule.~~ Additional ~~dealer's dealer~~ or ~~manufacturer's manufacturer~~ certificates of number may be obtained by making application in the same manner as prescribed for the initial certificate with payment of ~~an additional~~ a fee for each additional certificate. Dealers and manufacturers may register individual vessels in accordance with Rule .0104(a) of this Section.

~~(e)~~(f) Government Agency and Nonprofit Rescue Squad Vessels. ~~The certificate of numbering requirements of G.S. 75A 4 and 75A 7 apply to vessels belonging to state or local government agencies.~~ Upon receipt of a completed application and proof of ownership documents from a state or local government agency; government agency or non-profit rescue squad, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall issue to the applicant a permanent certificate of number. There is ~~shall be~~ no fee for a permanent ~~state or local government agency or non-profit rescue squad~~ certificate of number and the certificate is valid until the vessel is transferred to another government agency, an individual, a business, or a dealer. Government agency and nonprofit rescue squad registered vessels shall not be titled.

~~(f)~~(g) Commercial Fishing Vessel. ~~The certificate of numbering and certificate of titling requirements of G.S. 75A 4, 75A 7, 75A 34, and 75A 35 apply to commercial fishing vessels.~~ The standard application for a certificate of number shall be used for commercial fishing vessels with the term "commercial fishing" marked in the section designated for "~~primary use.~~" "primary use". Upon receipt of a completed application, proof of ownership document, and fee, ~~as provided for in G.S. 75A 3 and 75A 5,~~ the Wildlife Resources Commission shall issue to the applicant a certificate of number and, if applicable according to the standards in Paragraph (b) of this Rule; and if applicable, a certificate of title.

~~(g)(h)~~ Commercial Passenger Vessel. ~~The certificate of numbering requirements of G.S. 75A-4, 75A-7, 75A-34, and 75A-35 apply to commercial passenger vessels.~~ Upon receipt of a completed application, proof of ownership document, and fee, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall issue to the applicant a certificate of number and, if applicable according to the standards in Paragraph (b) of this Rule, and, if applicable, a certificate of title.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-5; 75A-7; 75A-19; 75A-34; 75A-35; 33 C.F.R. 174.17; Eff. February 1, 1976; Amended Eff. August 31, 1980; Legislative Objection Lodged Eff. December 16, 1980; Amended Eff. July 1, 1988 at ARRC request to cure referenced Legislative Objection; Amended Eff. August 1, 2014; May 1, 2007; July 1, 1998; April 1, 1997; November 1, 1993; August 1, 1988; July 1, 1988. Readopted Eff. October 1, 2018.*

## **15A NCAC 10F .0103 TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP**

(a) Transfer of previously registered and titled vessels.

- (1) Transfer of previously registered and titled vessels from one individual ~~owner(s)~~ owners to another.
  - (A) When the ownership of a titled vessel is transferred, the ~~owner(s)~~ owners listed on the face of the ~~Certificate of Title for Vessel~~ certificate of title shall complete the Assignment of Title section on the reverse side of the ~~Certificate of Title~~ certificate of title and surrender the title to the new ~~owner(s)~~ owners. All outstanding liens shall be satisfied before the ~~Certificate of Title~~ title is ~~surrendered to the new owners(s).~~ surrendered. If the ownership of a titled vessel is transferred by court order, will, settlement agreement, separation agreement, ~~judgment or judgment,~~ or other document and the original title is not available, the previous ~~owner(s)~~ owners or estate representative shall provide the new ~~owner(s)~~ owners with documents establishing ownership.
  - (B) The new ~~owner(s)~~ owners shall submit an application for a certificate of number and certificate of title, along with the properly assigned ~~Certificate of Title~~ certificate of title and applicable fees to the Wildlife Resources Commission or one of its ~~authorized vessel~~ agents for processing within 15 days of the date of sale. The new ~~owner(s)~~ owners shall indicate on the application whether or not any liens exist on the vessel. If applicable, a new ~~Certificate of Title for Vessel~~ certificate of title shall be ~~issued, including recordation of any new liens listed on the application.~~ issued and all reported liens shall be recorded. The original certificate of number shall be retained when a ~~vessel,~~ vessel that was previously registered in North ~~Carolina,~~ Carolina is transferred to a new owner. A new certificate of number shall be issued to ~~vessels previously registered in another state or to vessels never before registered.~~ a vessel that was previously registered in another state or never before registered.
  - (C) For 60 days following the transfer of ownership of a previously titled vessel, the new owner may use a copy of the properly assigned ~~Certificate of Title~~ certificate of title as a temporary certificate of number pending receipt of his or her own certificate provided the certificate is validated in accordance with Part (b)(1)(A) of this Rule.
- (2) Transfer of previously registered and titled vessels through a dealer.
  - (A) When the ownership of a titled vessel is transferred to a dealer, the ~~owner(s)~~ owners listed on the face of the ~~Certificate of Title for Vessel~~ certificate of title shall complete the Assignment of Title section on the reverse side of the ~~Certificate of Title~~ certificate of title and surrender the title to the dealer. All outstanding liens shall be satisfied before the certificate of title is surrendered to the dealer.
  - (B) When the vessel is subsequently sold, the dealer shall, on the day of the sale, provide the new ~~owner(s)~~ owners the original ~~Certificate of Title~~ certificate of title completed by the previous ~~owner(s)~~ owners and a ~~Dealer~~ dealer Bill of sale. The ~~Dealer's Bill of Sale shall include the dealer's name, the name of the new owner(s), the date of sale, certificate of number, manufacturer's hull identification number, model, year, and length of the vessel.~~ dealer bill of sale shall include the dealer's name; the name of the new owners; the date of sale; the certificate of number; the manufacturer's hull identification number; and the model, year, and length of the vessel. The ~~Dealer's Bill of Sale~~ dealer bill of sale shall be signed by both the dealer and the new ~~owner(s)~~ owners.
  - (C) The new ~~owner(s)~~ owners shall complete and submit the ~~standard~~ application for a certificate of number and ~~Certificate of Title,~~ certificate of title, along with the properly assigned certificate of title, Dealer Bill of Sale, and applicable fees to the Wildlife Resources Commission or one of its ~~authorized vessel~~ agents for processing within 15 days of the date of sale. If applicable, a new ~~Certificate of Title for Vessel~~ certificate of title shall be ~~issued, including recordation of any new liens listed on the application.~~ issued and all reported liens shall be recorded. The original certificate of number shall be retained when a ~~vessel,~~ vessel that was previously registered in North ~~Carolina,~~ Carolina is transferred to a new ~~owner(s).~~ owners. A new certificate of number shall be issued to ~~vessels previously registered in another state or vessels never before registered.~~ a vessel that was previously registered in another state or never before registered.
  - (D) For a period of 60 days following the transfer of ownership of a previously registered vessel, the new owner may use a copy of the ~~Dealer's Bill of Sale~~ dealer bill of sale as a temporary certificate of number pending receipt of his or her own certificate provided the certificate is validated in accordance with Part (b)(1)(A) of this Rule.

(b) Transfer of previously registered, non-titled vessels.

- (1) Transfer of a previously registered, non-titled vessel from one individual owner to another.
  - (A) If the ownership of a previously registered vessel is ~~transferred~~, transferred by sale or gift, the previous ~~owner(s)~~ owners shall complete a notarized bill of sale. The bill of sale shall be given to the new ~~owner~~ owners and shall include ~~the previous owner's name, the new owner's name, the date of sale or gift, certificate of number, manufacturer's hull identification number, model, year, and length of the vessel. the previous owners' names; the new owners' names; the date of sale or gift; the certificate of number; the manufacturer's hull identification number; and the model, year, and length of the vessel.~~ the previous owner's name, the new owner's name, the date of sale or gift, certificate of number, manufacturer's hull identification number, model, year, and length of the vessel. the previous owners' names; the new owners' names; the date of sale or gift; the certificate of number; the manufacturer's hull identification number; and the model, year, and length of the vessel. The previous owner's signature shall be notarized. If the ownership of a previously registered vessel is transferred by a court order, will, settlement agreement, separation agreement, judgment or other document, the previous ~~owner(s)~~ owners or representative of the estate shall provide the new ~~owner(s)~~ owners with documents establishing ownership.
  - (B) The new owner shall complete and submit an application for a certificate of number and ~~Certificate of Title, certificate of title,~~ certificate of title, along with the proof of ownership document and applicable fees, to the ~~Wildlife Resources Commission or one of its authorized vessel agents for processing within 15 days of the date of sale or gift. If applicable, a new Certificate of Title for Vessel certificate of title shall be issued, including recordation of any new liens listed on the application.~~ Wildlife Resources Commission or one of its authorized vessel agents for processing within 15 days of the date of sale or gift. If applicable, a new Certificate of Title for Vessel certificate of title shall be issued, including recordation of any new liens listed on the application. be issued and all reported liens shall be recorded. The original certificate of number shall be retained when a vessel previously registered in North Carolina is transferred to a new owner. A new certificate of number shall be issued to vessels previously registered in another State or ~~to vessels~~ never before registered.
  - (C) For 60 days following the transfer of ownership of a previously registered vessel, the new owner may use a copy of the proof of ownership ~~document, provided it contains the date of sale,~~ document as a temporary certificate of number pending receipt of his or her own certificate provided the certificate is validated in accordance with Part (b)(1)(A) of this Rule.
- (2) Transfer of a previously registered, non-titled vessel through a dealer.
  - (A) The ~~owner(s)~~ owners selling or transferring a previously registered vessel to a dealer shall complete a notarized bill of sale naming the dealer as the new owner. The bill of sale shall be given to the dealer and shall include ~~the previous owner's name, date of sale, certificate of number, manufacturer's hull identification number, model, year, and length of the vessel. owners' names; the dealers name; the date of sale; the certificate of number; the manufacturer's hull identification number; and the model, year, and length of the vessel.~~ the previous owner's name, date of sale, certificate of number, manufacturer's hull identification number, model, year, and length of the vessel. owners' names; the dealers name; the date of sale; the certificate of number; the manufacturer's hull identification number; and the model, year, and length of the vessel. The signature of the previous ~~owner(s)~~ owners shall be notarized.
  - (B) When the vessel is ~~subsequently sold, the dealer shall, on the day of the sale, provide the new owner(s) a dealer bill of sale. sold, the dealer shall provide the new owners a dealer bill of sale on the day of the sale.~~ subsequently sold, the dealer shall, on the day of the sale, provide the new owner(s) a dealer bill of sale. sold, the dealer shall provide the new owners a dealer bill of sale on the day of the sale. The ~~dealer's dealer~~ bill of sale shall include the dealer's ~~name, the new owner(s) name, the date of sale, certificate of number, manufacturer's hull identification number, model year, and length of the vessel name; the new owners' names; the date of sale; the certificate of number; the manufacturer's hull identification number; and the model, year, and length of the vessel.~~ name, the new owner(s) name, the date of sale, certificate of number, manufacturer's hull identification number, model year, and length of the vessel name; the new owners' names; the date of sale; the certificate of number; the manufacturer's hull identification number; and the model, year, and length of the vessel. The ~~dealer's dealer~~ bill of sale shall be signed by both the dealer and the new ~~owner(s); owners.~~ owner(s); owners.
  - (C) The new ~~owner(s)~~ owners shall complete and submit the ~~standard~~ application for a certificate of number and Certificate of Title, along with the proof of ownership document and applicable fees to the Wildlife Resources Commission or one of its ~~authorized vessel~~ agents for processing within 15 days of the date of sale. If applicable, a new ~~Certificate of Title for Vessel certificate of title shall be issued, including recordation of any new liens listed on the application.~~ Certificate of Title for Vessel certificate of title shall be issued, including recordation of any new liens listed on the application. issued and all reported liens shall be recorded. The original certificate of number shall be retained when a vessel, previously registered in North Carolina, is transferred to a new ~~owner(s); owners.~~ owner(s); owners. A new certificate of number shall be issued to vessels previously registered in another state or vessels never before registered.
  - (D) For a period of 60 days following the transfer of ownership of a previously registered vessel, the new owner may use a copy of the ~~dealer's dealer~~ bill of sale as a temporary certificate of number pending receipt of his or her own certificate provided the certificate is validated in accordance with Part (b)(1)(A) of this Rule.
- (3) Transfer of a vessel individually-registered to a dealer or manufacturer. Vessels that have been individually numbered by dealers or manufacturers shall upon transfer of ownership be governed by the provisions of Subparagraph (b)(1) of this Rule.

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**15A NCAC 10F .0104 CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER**

(a) General. Upon receipt of a completed application, a proof of ownership document, and ~~applicable fee(s), the applicable fees as provided in G.S. 75A-5(a1) and G.S. 75A-5.2(c), the Wildlife Resources Commission shall issue to the applicant a certificate of number which shall authorize~~ authorizing the operation of the vessel. The certificate of number shall be carried while operating the vessel and shall be presented for inspection to any law enforcement officer upon request. The certificate of number shall include the following information:

- (1) ~~the name of the owner(s); owners, dealer dealer,~~ or manufacturer;
- (2) ~~address, the address~~ including zip code, of the primary ~~owner(s); owners,~~ dealer or manufacturers;
- (3) ~~the~~ title indicator;
- (4) ~~the~~ certificate of number awarded to vessel;
- (5) ~~the~~ expiration date of the certificate of number;
- (6) ~~use of vessel (pleasure, livery, demonstration, commercial passenger, commercial fishing, other commercial; other);~~  
vessel use type:
  - (A) ~~pleasure;~~
  - (B) ~~livery;~~
  - (C) ~~demonstration;~~
  - (D) ~~commercial fishing;~~
  - (E) ~~commercial passenger;~~
  - (F) ~~other commercial; or~~
  - (G) ~~other;~~
- (7) ~~the~~ model of ~~vessel (if known); vessel, if known;~~
- (8) ~~manufacturer (if known); the manufacturer, if known;~~
- (9) ~~the~~ year of manufacture or model ~~year (if known); year, if known;~~
- (10) ~~the~~ manufacturer's hull identification ~~number (if any); number, if any;~~
- (11) ~~the~~ overall length of vessel;
- (12) ~~the~~ type of vessel (~~open, cabin, houseboat, personal watercraft, pontoon, other~~); ~~vessel:~~
  - (A) ~~open;~~
  - (B) ~~cabin;~~
  - (C) ~~houseboat;~~
  - (D) ~~personal watercraft;~~
  - (E) ~~pontoon; or~~
  - (F) ~~other;~~
- (13) ~~hull material (wood, metal, fiberglass, plastic, inflatable, other); the hull material:~~
  - (A) ~~wood;~~
  - (B) ~~metal;~~
  - (C) ~~fiberglass;~~
  - (D) ~~plastic;~~
  - (E) ~~inflatable; or~~
  - (F) ~~other;~~
- (14) ~~type of propulsion (inboard, outboard, inboard outdrive, sail, auxiliary sail/inboard, auxiliary sail/outboard, jet drive);~~  
~~the type of Propulsion:~~
  - (A) ~~inboard;~~
  - (B) ~~outboard;~~
  - (C) ~~inboard outdrive;~~
  - (D) ~~sail;~~
  - (E) ~~auxiliary sail/inboard;~~
  - (F) ~~auxiliary sail/outboard;~~
  - (G) ~~jet drive;~~
- (15) ~~type of fuel (gasoline, diesel, electric, other); the type of fuel:~~
  - (A) ~~gasoline;~~
  - (B) ~~diesel;~~
  - (C) ~~electric;~~
  - (D) ~~other;~~
- (16) a notice to owner that he shall report within 30 days changes of address or ownership, and destruction or abandonment of vessel;
- (17) ~~the~~ signature of ~~the owner; owners; and~~
- (18) a notice to the owner that the operator shall:
  - (A) always carry this certificate on vessel when in use;
  - (B) report any accident involving injury or death to ~~persons, persons~~ or property damage ~~more than in excess of~~ two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00); ~~and~~
  - (C) stop and render assistance if involved in boating accident.

~~(b) Livery Vessel Owners. The certificate of number awarded to a livery vessel shall be marked "livery vessel" and shall include the same information in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.~~

~~(c)(b) Dealers and Manufacturers. The certificate of number awarded to dealers and manufacturers shall be marked "dealer" or "manufacturer" in lieu of the description of the vessel, motor and type of fuel. Any dealer or manufacturer demonstrating or testing a vessel may utilize use a set of dealer's dealer numbers and the corresponding dealer's dealer certificate of number to operate any vessel held for sale, but only for demonstration or testing purposes. Vessels owned or possessed by dealers or manufacturers for personal use or for any use whatsoever other than for demonstration and testing purposes must shall be individually registered in the name of the dealer in accordance with Paragraph (a) of this Rule.~~

~~(d)(c)~~ Government agency. The certificate of number awarded to State or local government agencies shall be marked "permanent" and shall include the same information in Paragraph (a) of this Rule; however, there will There shall be no title indicator or expiration date listed for permanent certificate of numbers.

~~(e)~~ Commercial Fishing. The certificate of number awarded to a commercial fishing vessel shall be marked "commercial fishing" and shall include the same information in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

~~(f)~~ Commercial Passenger. The certificate of number awarded to a commercial passenger vessel shall be marked "commercial passenger" and shall include the same information in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

~~(g)(d)~~ Vessel Registration Agents. In order to make certificates of number readily available throughout the State, vessel dealers, manufacturers, and other related Vessel dealers, manufacturers, and other businesses which that operate from locations within North Carolina may be appointed as wildlife service vessel agents of the Wildlife Resources Commission and be authorized to issue temporary certificates of number for new registrations, transfers of ownership, renewal renewals, and duplicate transactions. All official certificates of numbers number shall be processed and mailed from the Wildlife Resources Commission headquarters. Rules governing the appointment and operations of wildlife service vessel agents are contained in 15A NCAC 10G .0400 Wildlife Service Agents.  
WILDLIFE SERVICE AGENTS.

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#### **15A NCAC 10F .0105 NUMBERING PATTERN**

(a) General. The certificate of number assigned shall consist of the symbol abbreviation "NC" identifying the state, followed by not more than four Arabic numerals and two capital letters, in sequence, separated by a hyphen or equivalent space, in accordance with the serials, numerically and alphabetically. As examples: NC 1 A or NC 1234 AA.

(b) Individual. Prohibited Letters. Since the letters "I," "O," and "Q" may be mistaken for Arabic numerals, they shall not be used in the letter sequences. The Letters "I," "O", and "Q" shall not be used in any certificate of number letter sequence. Letters, Letters or letters and numbers forming words or combinations shall not be used.

(c) Government Agency. The single letter "P" shall be reserved for use used following the numerals of vessels numbered owned by governmental entities.

(d) Dealer/Manufacturer. Dealers and Manufacturers. The single letter "X" shall be reserved for use used following the numerals of vessels numbered for demonstration purposes by dealers and manufacturers.

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#### **15A NCAC 10F .0106 DISPLAY OF VESSEL NUMBERS**

(a) The vessel numbers shall be painted on or attached to each side of the forward half of the vessel for which the number was issued in a position that is visible and legible for identification. The numbers shall read from left to right and shall be in block characters not less than three inches in height. The numbers shall be of a solid color that contrasts with the color of the background and maintained to be visible and legible; i.e., dark numbers on a light background, or light numbers on a dark background. legible.

(b) No other number, except the year date of the validation decal described in Rule .0107 of this Section, shall be carried on the bow of such a numbered vessel.

(c) Manufacturers or dealers may have the vessel number awarded to them printed upon or attached to a removable sign or signs to be temporarily but firmly mounted upon or attached to the a vessel being demonstrated, so long as the display meets the requirements of Paragraph (a) of the Rules in this Section. this Rule. Where a currently or previously-numbered vessel is being demonstrated with a set of dealer's dealer numbers, the all permanent numbers painted on or attached to the bow shall be covered.

(d) A vessel registered to a governmental entity and bearing the letter "P" shall continue to display the assigned numbers for so long as the vessel belongs to a governmental entity. Upon transfer of ownership of a vessel registered to a government entity to a private individual(s) individual or business, the new owner shall apply to the Wildlife Resources Commission for a new certificate of number and shall be assigned a new certificate of number. as provided in 15A NCAC 10F .0104.

(e) In accordance with federal law, a United States Coast Guard documented vessel registered in North Carolina shall not display the state vessel numbers.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-5; 75A-19;  
Eff. February 1, 1976;  
Amended Eff. August 1, 2014; May 1, 2007; April 1, 1997;  
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#### **15A NCAC 10F .0107 VALIDATION DECAL**

~~(a) In addition to the certificate of number, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall supply to the owner of each vessel that is numbered, a numbered vessel two validation decals indicating the certificate's year of expiration. The owner shall affix one validation decal in a position that is visible and legible on the starboard each side of the bow and one validation decal on the port side bow of the vessel following and within six inches of the vessel number. The owner of a~~

~~(b) A United States Coast Guard documented vessel shall affix one validation decal in a position that is visible and legible on the forward half of the starboard bow and one validation decal on the forward half of the port side bow.~~

~~(c) Any A validation decals decal issued for a numbered vessel numbered on application owned by a governmental entity shall contain no expiration date, but shall bear the letter "P" "P", and shall not be subject to renewal so long as the vessel remains the property of a governmental entity. When any such a vessel is transferred to private ownership, the decals shall be removed or obliterated destroyed by the transferring agency.~~

*History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-5; 75A-7; 33 C.F.R. 174.15;  
Eff. February 1, 1976;  
Amended Eff. January 1, 2015; May 1, 2007; April 1, 1997; August 31, 1980; January 1, 1980;  
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#### **15A NCAC 10F .0109 TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER**

~~(a) Whenever When a wildlife service vessel agent processes the final transaction to issue, renew, or transfer a certificate of number or to issue a duplicate certificate of number number, the new owner shall be issued a temporary certificate of number. For a period not exceeding 60 days following the date of the transaction, the vessel may be operated on with the temporary certificate of number pending receipt of the regular certificate. number.~~

~~(b) In order to be valid, the The temporary certificate of number shall contain the following:~~

- ~~(1) the name of issuing wildlife service agent;~~
- ~~(2) the name and address of owner(s), owners, dealer or manufacturer;~~
- ~~(3) the title indicator;~~
- ~~(4) the certificate of number;~~
- ~~(5) use of vessel (pleasure, livery, demonstration, commercial passenger, commercial fishing, other commercial, other; vessel; the vessel use type:~~
  - ~~(A) pleasure;~~
  - ~~(B) livery;~~
  - ~~(C) dealer or manufacturer;~~
  - ~~(D) permanent;~~
  - ~~(E) commercial fishing;~~
  - ~~(F) commercial passenger;~~
  - ~~(G) other commercial; or~~
  - ~~(F) other;~~
- ~~(6) the model of vessel;~~
- ~~(7) the manufacturer;~~
- ~~(8) the year of manufacture or model year;~~
- ~~(9) the manufacturer's hull identification number;~~
- ~~(10) the length of vessel;~~
- ~~(11) the type of vessel (open, cabin, houseboat, personal watercraft, pontoon, other); vessel:~~
  - ~~(A) open;~~
  - ~~(B) cabin;~~
  - ~~(C) houseboat;~~
  - ~~(D) personal watercraft;~~
  - ~~(E) pontoon; or~~
  - ~~(F) other;~~
- ~~(12) the hull material (wood, metal, fiberglass, plastic, inflatable, other); material:~~
  - ~~(A) wood;~~
  - ~~(B) metal;~~
  - ~~(C) fiberglass;~~
  - ~~(D) plastic;~~
  - ~~(E) inflatable; or~~
  - ~~(F) other;~~
- ~~(13) the type of propulsion; (inboard, outboard, inboard outdrive, sail, auxiliary sail/inboard, auxiliary sail/outboard, jet drive); propulsion:~~
  - ~~(A) inboard;~~
  - ~~(B) outboard;~~
  - ~~(C) inboard Outdrive;~~
  - ~~(D) sail;~~
  - ~~(E) auxiliary sail/inboard;~~
  - ~~(F) auxiliary sail/outboard; or~~
  - ~~(G) jet drive;~~

- (14) ~~the type of fuel (gasoline, diesel, electric, other); fuel:~~  
(A) gasoline;  
(B) diesel;  
(C) electric; or  
(D) other;
- (15) the date the temporary certificate of number is issued;
- (16) the date the temporary certificate of number expires;
- (17) the transaction status; and
- (18) the signature of owner(s); the owners.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-5; 33 C.F.R. 174.21;  
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**15A NCAC 10F .0110 ABANDONED VESSELS**

(a) ~~General. An abandoned vessel is defined as a vessel that has been relinquished, left or given up by the lawful owner(s) without the intention to later resume any right or interest in such vessel. It does not include any vessel left by an owner(s) or agent of the owner(s) with any person or business for the purpose of storage, maintenance or repair which is not subsequently claimed.~~

~~(b)(a) Abandonment: Any person finding an abandoned vessel can may apply to the Commission to become the registered and titled owner of an abandoned vessel, the vessel, provided the previous owner(s) cannot be located and that the vessel missing or stolen. The applicant shall: shall comply with the following procedures to seek ownership of such vessel:~~

- (1) ~~The Finder shall send a Certified Letter, certified letter with return receipt requested, requested to the last registered owner(s); owners. The Finder applicant shall demonstrate provide proof to the Wildlife Resources Commission that this letter was not deliverable or that the last registered owner(s) owners failed to acknowledge or respond; respond;~~
- (2) ~~The Finder shall provide to the Wildlife Resources Commission a written police report to the Commission stating that the abandoned vessel has not been reported missing or stolen in the area where it is listed as being moored; moored; and~~
- (3) ~~The Finder shall complete and submit to the Commission an application for a certificate of number and certificate of title, title and shall submit:~~
  - (A) along with a notarized statement summarizing when and where the vessel was found; found;
  - (B) the evidenced documentation of all attempts to locate the owner(s); owners;
  - (C) any all available evidence that the vessel is abandoned; abandoned;
  - (D) statements from any other persons knowledgeable about the history of the vessel vessel; and
  - (E) all applicable fees to the Wildlife Resources Commission. fees.

~~(e)(b) The Wildlife Resources Commission shall consider the evidence and documentation presented. presented when determining if a vessel has been abandoned. If Wildlife Resources the Commission determines that the vessel has been abandoned, it the Commission shall issue a certificate of number and certificate of title to the applicant.~~

*History Note:* Authority G.S. ~~113-134~~; 75A-5(i2);  
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