

Building a Boat You Are Planning to Sell

If you plan to sell the boat you are building, you must:

- apply to Transport Canada for a manufacturer's identification code (MIC);
- provide Transport Canada with a declaration of conformity and give a copy to the reseller or the end user;
- place a compliance notice on the boat;
- place a hull serial number on the boat.

Building a Boat For Your Personal Use

If the boat will be for your own personal use, you are not required to attach a compliance notice and a hull serial number. But remember, it must meet or exceed construction requirements.

LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

A Canadian pleasure craft may be licensed or registered.

Pleasure Craft Licence

If you operate or keep your boat mostly in Canada, and it is powered by one or more motors adding up to 7.5 kW (10 hp) or more, you must get it licensed, unless you register it. You must also license dinghies or tenders you carry aboard or tow behind a larger boat.

A pleasure craft licence is a document giving your boat a unique licence number that is valid for 10 years. The Pleasure Craft Licensing System allows Search and Rescue personnel to access information about your boat 24 hours a day, seven days a week in the event of an emergency. This could mean the difference between life and death! If your boat does not need a pleasure craft licence, you can choose to get one for safety reasons.

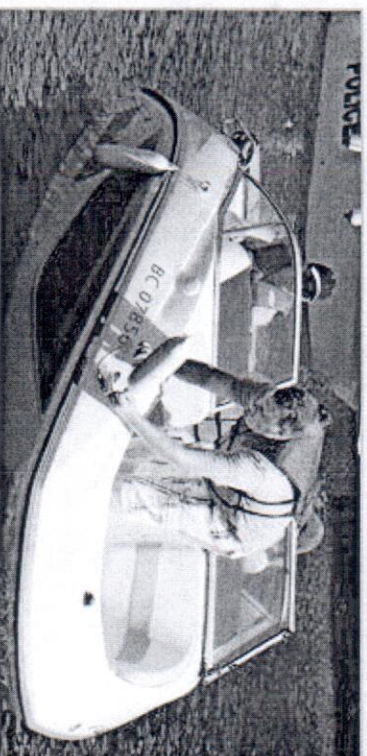
How Can You Get a Licence?

Application forms are available on our website.

- Follow the instructions included in the form to fill out the appropriate sections.
- Attach all the required documents to the completed signed form.
- Mail the documents to the Pleasure Craft Licensing Centre at the mailing address indicated in the instructions.

REMEMBER: This is the only way to complete the pleasure craft licence application process. You cannot complete the process in person nor by sending your information to your local Transport Canada office. Once you get your pleasure craft licence, keep a copy on board.

What a Licence Number Looks Like?



You must display the pleasure craft licence number on your boat:

- on both sides of the bow;
- above the waterline;
- as far forward as practical; and
- where it is easy to see.

The characters must be:

- in block letters;
- at least 7.5 cm (3") high; and
- of a colour that contrasts with the background.

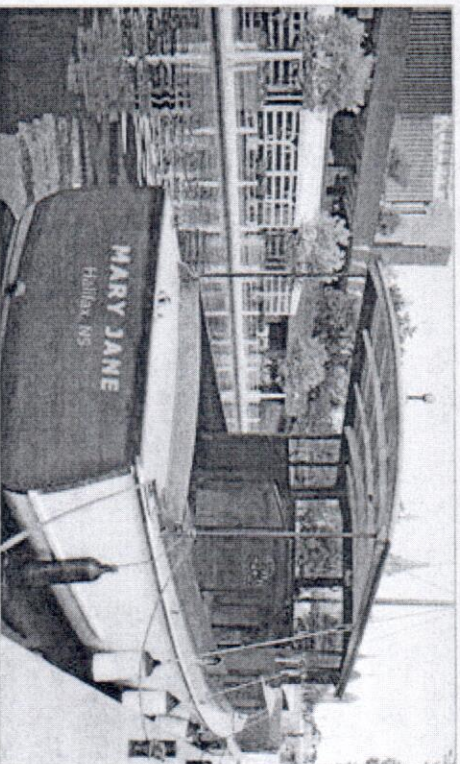
Is a Licence a Proof of Ownership?

A pleasure craft licence does not prove ownership. When entering another country, be sure to have proof of ownership for your boat along with its pleasure craft licence, including documents for dinghies or tenders aboard or towed behind a larger boat. Not having the proper documents on board can result in delays or trouble clearing customs, or even a fine.

Vessel Registration

Although you are no longer required to register pleasure craft over 15 gross tons, you can still choose to do so.

What a Vessel Registration Looks Like?



Why Should You Register Your Boat?

Registration gives you some important benefits, which include:

- proof of ownership (legal title) for your boat;
- the right to fly the Canadian flag;
- a unique name and official number for your boat; and
- the right to use your boat as security for a marine mortgage.

Is a Vessel Registration a Proof of Ownership?

Yes. It is a good idea to register any boat you plan to operate outside of Canada since you will have to prove ownership at international borders. To learn more about registering your boat and the costs associated with it, visit [Transport Canada's Vessel Registration Office](#) online.

BOATING SAFETY KNOWLEDGE

Proof of Competency

Going out on the water requires basic boating safety knowledge and a good understanding of the "rules of the road" for Canadian waterways. That's why everyone who operates a motorized pleasure craft must carry proof of competency on board. This includes all types of motorized boats, no matter their size or horsepower of the engine (this includes small boats with electric motors.)

REMEMBER: Proof of competency is not required in the waters of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

What are the Accepted Forms of Proof of Competency?

Proof of competency can be any of the following:

- a Pleasure Craft Operator Card;
- proof of having passed a boating safety course in Canada before April 1, 1999;
- a specified marine certificate; or
- a completed rental boat safety checklist (good only for rental period).