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(a) (1) An owner of a yacht that has a valid document issued by the United States Coast Guard and that is used principally on the waters of the State for pleasure shall apply annually to the Department for validation.

(2) The Department shall issue a validation sticker to any person who submits an application and pays a fee as required by subsection (b) of this section.

(3) A validation sticker issued under this section shall be valid through December 31 of the year in which it is issued.

(b) The owner of the yacht shall:

(1) Submit an application to the Department on the form that it requires and be signed by every owner of the yacht; and

(2) Pay to the Department an application fee of \$5.

(c) Within 30 days after the sale or other transfer of a yacht that is or should be validated under this section:

(1) The transferor shall give notice of the transfer to the Department on a form that the Department requires; and

(2) If the transferee intends to continue to use the yacht principally on the waters of the State, he shall submit an application for validation and pay the fee as required by subsection (b) of this section.

(d) The validation sticker shall be displayed on or about the forward half of the yacht.

(e) Unless the yacht that is subject to the validation requirement of this section displays a current validation sticker:

(1) A person may not operate the yacht on the waters of the State; and

(2) The owner may not knowingly permit the yacht to be operated on the waters of the State.

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A person may not operate or give permission to operate any vessel on the waters of the State unless the vessel is numbered as required by this subtitle.

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