

(1) The numbering of vessels for identification, safety equipment on [vessels] VESSELS, and operations of any vessels subject to this subtitle so that each vessel complying with the [rules and] regulations may be operated with equal freedom or under similar requirements on all waters of the State. The numbering system used shall conform to the one adopted by the federal government. These [rules and] regulations may not conflict with any federal law[,] or [rule and] regulation applicable to vessels on the waters in the State;

(2) The issuance of certificates of title and certificates of boat number;

(3) Instructions for making reports and handling personnel and boats in case of accidents;

(4) Abandonment, destruction, theft, recovery, sale, or transfer of ownership;

(5) Change of address of owner;

(6) Use of boats from other jurisdictions on the waters of the State;

(7) Issuance of certificates of number for boats changing their state of principal use to Maryland;

(8) Cooperation with local governments and the federal authority for special events or to meet emergency situations; and

(9) Issuance of certificates of number to owners of fleets or boats for hire or rent.

(c) Department [rules and] regulations do not become effective unless advertised publicly in at least [two] 2 daily newspapers of general circulation and at least [one] 1 weekly newspaper serving the area or areas involved at least 45 days before the effective date. If 50 citizens of the State file a petition with the Department at least 15 days prior to the effective date, the Department shall conduct a public hearing on the proposed [rules and] regulations.

(d) A municipality or other local authority may not establish any [rule or] regulation of a local nature which does not conform with the Department's [rules and] regulations.

(e) On any proposed [rule or] regulation affecting the equipment or operation of any vessel subject to this subtitle, the Secretary shall solicit the advice and opinions of officials of representative boating associations, yacht clubs, and local, State, or federal governments or officials[,] having knowledge or experience with the subject matter of the proposed [rules and] regulations. These representatives and officials serve as an advisory committee appointed by the Secretary to review the proposed [rules and] regulations.

(f) The Department [shall], with the endorsement of the Secretary of Natural Resources and the Secretary of the Environment, after a public hearing following 60 [days] DAYS' notice, SHALL adopt and publish sound level limits governing the noise