

(2) Emergency rescue boats that belong to fire departments or rescue squads in Maryland:

(I) [shall] SHALL be exempt from all registration fees[.]; but

(II) [shall] SHALL apply for a registration renewal every 3 years.

(d) Upon receipt of the application in approved form, the Department shall issue to the applicant a certificate of boat number which shall contain the boat number issued to the vessel and additional information the Department prescribes by [rule or] regulation. The certificate of boat number shall be pocket size and shall be available for inspection when the vessel is in use. The owner shall paint on or attach the boat number to each side of the forward half of the vessel's hull or superstructure for which [it] THE BOAT NUMBER is issued, displaying [it] THE BOAT NUMBER in the manner required by [the] Department [rules or] regulations and maintaining [it] THE BOAT NUMBER in legible condition.

(e) If a vessel required to be numbered under this subtitle is sold, transferred, abandoned, lost, stolen, or destroyed, [its] THE VESSEL'S certificate expires at the time of the sale, transfer, abandonment, loss, theft, or destruction and then is invalid.

(g) Each year the Department shall inform each holder of a certificate of boat number of the manner in which the boat owner may obtain a current copy of the U. S. Coast Guard rules and regulations applicable to the type of boat registered under [his] THE OWNER'S boat number.

8-712.1.

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

(b) The owner of the yacht shall:

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

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

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

8-712.2.

(a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (3) and (4) of this subsection, on or after July 1, 1988[,] a person born on or after July 1, 1972 may not operate on the waters of the State a vessel for pleasure that is required to be numbered in accordance with this subtitle or a vessel for pleasure that is required to be numbered in accordance with the Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971 without first obtaining a certificate of boating safety education.