

(7) A VESSEL EQUIPPED WITH PROPELLING MACHINERY OF SEVEN AND ONE-HALF HORSEPOWER OR UNDER.

(b) No person shall operate or give permission for the operation of any vessel on the waters of Maryland unless the vessel is numbered in accordance with this Article.

6. IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

(a) The owner of every vessel required to be numbered by this Article shall file an application for a number with the Department of Tidewater Fisheries. The application shall be on forms approved by the Department. The application shall be accompanied by a fee of six dollars (\$6.00) and shall be signed by the owner, or owners, of the vessel. All boats used in governmental service shall be exempted from payment of any fee.

(b) Upon receipt of the application in approved form the Department shall issue to the applicant a certificate of number which shall contain the identification number issued to the vessel and such additional information as the Department may, by regulation, prescribe. The certificate shall be pocket-size and shall be available for inspection when the vessel is in operation. The owner shall paint on or attach the identification number to each side of the bow of the vessel for which issued, displaying it in the manner required by the regulations of the Department and maintaining it in legible condition.

(c) All certificates shall be valid for a period of three years and shall expire on December 31 of each triennium, beginning in the year 1962. The fee for renewal for each three-year period after the initial licensing shall be six dollars (\$6.00). The fee for a certificate to replace one lost or destroyed shall be one dollar (\$1.00). The Department of Tidewater Fisheries shall be the office of record for all transactions and transfers of numbered boats.

7. DISPOSITION OF FEES AND OTHER REVENUES

(a) All fees and other revenues collected under the authority of this Article, and any other available income, shall be deposited in the State Treasury and be used exclusively for the administration, functions, and objectives of this Article. These funds are to be credited to the Department of Tidewater Fisheries but this Department shall make available to the Department of Game and Inland Fish an equitable share of such funds for the administration of this Article in the non-tidal waters of Maryland, which are within the jurisdiction of the Department of Game and Inland Fish.

(b) The Department of Tidewater Fisheries and the Department of Game and Inland Fish shall each have the authority to use the funds credited to their accounts to purchase, rent and operate such equipment as each may need to accomplish the purposes of this Article within their respective areas of jurisdiction, such expenditures, however, to be in accordance with budgetary requirements.

(c) Subject to available income, each Department is authorized to employ such personnel as it may need, such employment to be under and subject to the State merit system.