

of performance of an obligation, but the term excludes a lessee under a lease not intended as security;

(f) "Operator" means the person who operates or has charge of the navigation or use of a vessel;

(g) "Security interest" means an interest which is reserved or created by an agreement and which secures payment or performance of an obligation and is valid against third parties generally;

(h) "Lien holder" means a person holding a security interest;

(i) "Person" means an individual, partnership, firm, corporation, association, or other entity.

[(j) "Commission" means the Commission on Chesapeake Bay Affairs;]

[(k) (j) "Department" means the Department of [Chesapeake Bay Affairs which is designated to issue certificates of title and certificates of number of vessels and its duly authorized representatives] *Natural Resources*;

[(l) (k) "Manufacturer" means any person engaged in the business of manufacturing new and unused vessels, or new and unused outboard motors, for the purpose of sale or trade;

[(m) (l) "Dealer" means any person who engages wholly or in part in the business of buying, selling or exchanging new and unused vessels, or used vessels, or both, and/or new and unused outboard motors or used outboard motors, or both, either outright or on conditional sale, bailment, lease, chattel mortgage or otherwise, and who has an established place of business for the sale, trade and display of such vessels;

[(n) (m) "Ship lifeboat" means a lifeboat used solely for life-saving purposes and does not include dinghies, tenders, speedboats, or other types of craft carried aboard a vessel and used for other than lifesaving purposes.

[(o) (n) "Use" means when a vessel is upon the water.

[(p) (o) "Certificate" means any certificate of number, title, permit, or registration issued.

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(a) [Within the limitations hereinafter set forth, the Department of Tidewater Fisheries is the primary agency for the administration of this article.] *This article shall be administered by the Department of Natural Resources.*

(b) [The Department of Game and Inland Fish is designated to administer this article upon the nontidal waters of Maryland, and is also authorized to accept any additional jurisdictional authority which may be delegated to it by the Department of Tidewater Fisheries and which is granted under this article.] *The following defined words or terms, wherever they appear in this article, shall be construed to mean the words or terms of the definitions thereof unless the context requires another meaning:*