How to Renew Your Vessel Registration with The Department of Natural Resources COMPASS System

This Guide will help you renew your Maryland Vessel Registration, with easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions.

If your only need is to renew your vessel registration, we offer a new and expedited path for eligible vessels. You will not have to Log-in to complete this transaction.

So, if you do not need to purchase any additional items such as a sport fishing license or angler registration, then you’re in the right place.

Make sure you have your Vessel Number and your Hull Identification Number (HIN) available. You will need both to complete your Vessel Registration Renewal.

https://compass.dnr.maryland.gov/dnrcompassportal
To be eligible to renew your vessel registration online or through the MVA Kiosk, your vessel record must meet the following criteria:

- Be within the renewal time period
- Has an active status
- Previously completed a transaction for same vessel within the last 2 years
- No restrictions noted on your vessel record, or customer record
- Customer record must be complete with valid mailing address
- Vessel record must be complete with all required information
You do not need to Login to COMPASS or Enroll in COMPASS to Renew Your Vessel Registration only.

Click on either the Renew Vessel Registration icon or on the Renew Your Vessel Registration in the box in the bottom row, as indicated here.
Enter your vessel number and only the last 4 digits of your Hull Identification Number. (* Both are Required)

Click on Continue to proceed to the next step.
If your vessel is not due for renewal, you will see this message, along with a phone number to call if you have any questions.
If your vessel is eligible for renewal, you will see this message. If the information is correct, click on Continue to Checkout.

Note: If the mailing address is not correct, you will have an opportunity to change it before you complete this transaction.
Next, you will enter your name and billing address for your payment card.

Complete all * Required Fields.

Then click Continue to Payment.
Next you will enter all of the information about your payment method.

Then click on Continue to proceed to the next step.
In this step, you may either Modify or Confirm your Transaction and your Payment Method.
If you want an Email copy of your receipt, enter and confirm your email address here. Then click Send.
This is a sample of the e-mail message you will receive, along with a digital attachment of your receipt.
Please be reminded that your receipt will serve as your temporary registration for 30 days and should be kept on your vessel.

You can expect to receive your vessel registration and decals in the mail within 10 business days.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact:

   **Email:** customerservice.dnr@maryland.gov

   **Telephone:** Call toll-free in Maryland at 1-877-620-8DNR (8367)
   (Weekdays 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.)

   **Out of State:** 410-260-8DNR (8367)
   (Weekdays 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.)