



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
LICENSING & REGISTRATION SERVICE

CERTIFICATION OF STATE OF PRINCIPAL OPERATION

This form is required for vessels **NOT** to be used principally in Maryland
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

VESSEL DESCRIPTION:

Current State Registration or USCG Number _____ Date of Purchase _____

Hull ID Number _____ Manufacturer _____

Model _____ Year _____ Length _____

Total Purchase Price \$ _____ Trade-in Value \$ _____ Net Purchase Price \$ _____

VESSEL OWNER INFORMATION:

NOTE: INFORMATION MUST BE SPECIFIC TO THE LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL OPERATION

Purchaser(s) _____

or

Owner(s) _____

Address (Street address also required if P.O. Box) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Driver's License No. _____ State of Issue _____

Daytime Telephone No. (____) _____ Home/Work Telephone No. (____) _____

OWNER CERTIFICATION:

I certify under penalty of perjury that the vessel described above will be used principally in the State of _____

and will be kept at (marina name and location or residence address) _____

Purchaser/Owner(s) Printed Name(s)

Purchaser/Owner(s) Signature Date Required

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DEALER CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I have advised the purchaser(s)/owner(s) of the vessel described above of Maryland excise tax law. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, no excise tax liability exists for this vessel.

Dealer Signature Date Required

Dealership Name (Please Print) Maryland Dealer Number

GENERAL INFORMATION

This Certification of State of Principal Operation is required when a vessel is not to be used principally in Maryland and is, therefore, exempt from Maryland excise tax. All information on the certification must be provided.

§ 8-716 (e) of Maryland's State Boat Act states that a person is not required to pay vessel excise tax resulting from:

- (13) The sale of a vessel within the State if:
- i) The vessel is purchased from a licensed dealer;
 - ii) The issuance of a title is not sought or required;
 - iii) The vessel is not used or to be used principally on the waters of this State;
 - iv) The vessel is duly registered in another jurisdiction within 30 days of the date of purchase; and
 - v) The dealer and the purchaser execute an agreement certifying the state of principal use for the vessel which is filed with the Department within 30 days of the date of purchase.

§ 8-701 of Maryland's State Boat Act includes the following definitions:

(p) *State of principal use* – “State of principal use” means the jurisdiction on whose waters a vessel is used or to be used most during a calendar year which is the period from January 1 through December 31.

(r) *Use* – “Use” means to operate, navigate, or employ a vessel. A vessel is in use whenever it is upon the water, whether it is moving, anchored, or tied up to any manner of dock or buoy. A vessel is also in use if it is kept in any structure in readiness for use.

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES LICENSING AND REGISTRATION SERVICE CENTERS

All Offices 1-866-344-8889

Annapolis Service Center

160 Harry S. Truman
P.O. Box 1869
Annapolis, MD 21404-1869
410-260-3220
Located inside MVA

Essex Service Center

1338 Eastern Blvd. A
Essex, MD 21221
667-401-0760
No Mail. Open: Mon/Wed/Fri
Located inside MVA

Cumberland Service Center

13300 Winchester Rd SW
Cumberland, MD 21502
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120 Broadway Avenue, Suite 5/6
Centreville, MD 21617
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Frederick, MD 21701
240-236-9950
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Solomons Service Center

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PO Box 1309
Solomons, MD 20688
410-535-3382

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Salisbury, MD 21804
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