

**TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT
REGISTRATION OF USCG DOCUMENTED VESSELS**

Registration of USCG Documented Vessels	Application for Vessel (PWD 143)	Application for Vessel/Boat Records Maintenance (PWD 143-M)	Bill of Sale OR Invoice	Current USCG Documentation	Out of State Registration	Out of State Title	Affidavit of Fact (PWD 314)	Legal Document(s)	Bill of Sale AND Proof of Residency	Verification of Sales Tax Paid	No Boat Sales/Use Tax Due (Four-Year Assessment Limitation)	Tax To Be Paid Direct to Comptroller	Boat Sales/Use Tax	New Resident Tax	Registration Fee	Registration Transfer Fee	Corrected Registration Fee	No Fee for Corrected Registration
Legend																		
X = Required Item.																		
● = One of the Two Marked is a Required Item.																		
■ = One of the Three Marked is a Required Item.																		
IA = If Applicable																		
All of the blank TPWD forms may be copied. However, when submitted, all signatures (on all documents) must be original. Copies of USCG documentation are acceptable.																		
New Registration:																		
Sales/Use Tax Previously Paid	X			X	IA	IA				X					X			
Vessels purchased or first used in Texas more than four years ago. Boat Sales/Use Tax will not be collected	X		●	X	IA	IA	●				X				X			
Owes Boat Sales/Use Tax - Vessel is less than or equal to 65 feet in length	X		X	X	IA	IA							X		X			
Owes Sales/Use Tax - Vessel is greater than 65 feet but less than or equal to 115 feet in length	X		X	X	IA	IA						X			X			
New Resident to Texas	X			X	■	■			■					X	X			
Renewal of Registration:																		
Sales Tax Paid & Vessel is less than or equal to 65 feet in length		X		X											X			
Sales Tax Paid & Vessel greater than 65 feet but less than or equal to 115 feet in length		X		X					X						X			
Transfer of Registration-due to change in ownership with registration current and greater than 90 days from expiration:																		
Owes Sales Tax - Vessel is less than or equal to 65 feet in length	X		X	X									X			X		
Owes Sales Tax - Vessel is greater than 65 feet but less than or equal to 115 feet in length	X		X	X								X				X		
Transfer of Registration-due to change in ownership with registration within 90 days of expiration or registration is expired:																		
Owes Sales Tax - Vessel is less than or equal to 65 feet in length	X		X	X									X		X	X		
Owes Sales Tax - Vessel is greater than 65 feet but less than or equal to 115 feet in length	X		X	X								X			X	X		
Correction/Change of Registration for USCG Documented Vessel:																		
Owner Legal Name Change		X		X				X										X
Owner Name, Vessel Description, or USCG Information Correction		X		X			X											X
Owner Name, Vessel Description, or USCG Information Correction (Dept Error)		X		X														X
Owner Address Change & Print New Card		X															X	
Owner Address Change Without New Card		X																X

Forms available at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/boat/forms.htm
For additional explanation of the requirements listed above,
or to find the office nearest you, or to have forms mailed, please call either
1-800-262-8755 or 1-512-389-4828.

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Description of Required Documents:

Vessel/Boat Application: Title & Registration, Registration for USCG, or Sales Tax Only (Form PWD 143) - is used to request a Texas title and/or registration for a vessel/boat or to pay sales tax only on vessels 65 and under.

Vessel/Boat Records Maintenance (Form PWD 143M) - is used to renew TX vessel/boat registration; replace lost or destroyed registration decals or Certificate of Number ID Card; obtain additional ID cards; or make changes or corrections to your name, mailing address, vessel/boat description, or USCG information.

Power of Attorney (Form PWD 1055) - is a legal document used to designate a representative (individual or company) to conduct business on behalf of another. Signatures must be notarized.

Letter of Authorization (Form PWD 581) - is used to designate another person to submit and pick up associated paperwork when the owner of record or applicant/purchaser can not come in person. In lieu of the form PWD 581 a hand written letter from the owner of record or applicant/purchaser is acceptable. This letter must include a statement authorizing someone other than the owner of record or applicant/purchaser to conduct a specific registration and titling transaction for the owner of record or applicant/purchaser, the name of the person authorized to do business for the owner of record or the applicant/purchaser, a description of the vessel and/or outboard motor (make, TX or serial number, and year built), and the signature of the owner of record or applicant/purchaser.

Bill of Sale or Invoice - is required for every transfer of ownership. One of the following is acceptable to meet the bill of sale or invoice requirement:

- (1) Form PWD 143/144 application - tax affidavit must be completed and signed by the seller, OR
- (2) Handwritten Receipt or Sales Invoice - must contain date of sale, sales price (DO NOT include sales price of trailer), description of vessel and/or outboard motor (make, TX or serial number and year built), purchaser(s) name, and seller(s) signature.

Current USCG Documentation - is required for every registration or renewal. One of the following is acceptable to show proof of current Certificate of Documentation:

- (1) copy of current Certificate of Documentation, OR
- (2) Vessel search printout from National Marine Fisheries Service web site.

To obtain a vessel search printout go to the USCG web site at <http://cgmix.uscg.mil/psix>. The web site will open at an information disclaimer page - select "Vessel Search". The PSIX Vessel Search page allows you to search by entering one or more search criteria. A list of all matches to the search criteria will be retrieved, click on "name" of vessel to view details. From the detail page, take the USCG VIN and use that to search on the following web site for owner information: www.st.nmfs.gov/st1/commercial/landings/cg_vessels.html

Print this page to submit with the application.

Out of State Registration - Vessels coming from another state which requires registration of USCG documented vessels should surrender the out of state registration. Vessels are not allowed to be registered in more than one state.

Out of State Title - Vessels are not allowed to be titled and USCG documented at the same time. If the vessel is titled in another state, the title should be surrendered for deletion.

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Affidavit of Fact (Form PWD 314) - is used to provide explanations of specific situations.

All affidavits must include (1) the date of the statement, (2) the description of the vessel and/or outboard motor (make, TX or serial number, and year built), (3) details explaining your situation, (4) required signature.

The specific situations below require the following information:

*** No bill of sale or invoice available** - If a vessel was purchased more than four years ago and there is no bill of sale, invoice or similar document to show the purchase or first use date in Texas, then a statement from the applicant attesting to the date is required. The affidavit must be completed and signed by the purchaser. The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department or the county Tax Assessor-Collector may require additional documentation if there is reason to question the information provided. (The applicant can request a copy of the abstract of title, which provides some history of the boat, from the U.S. Coast Guard)

***Owner Name/Vessel Description/USCG Information Correction/Change** - When the Registration for a USCG Documented Vessel contains an error on the owner name/vessel description/USCG information, an affidavit from the registered owner must be submitted specifying what information needs to be corrected and why.

Legal Document(s) - includes, but is not limited to the following support documents:

- (1) divorce decree,
- (2) for a legal name change, a certified copy of the court order,
- (3) for a name change due to marriage, a copy of the marriage certificate.

All court issued documents must be original or certified original by the court.

Bill of Sale AND Proof of Residency - If registered/titled in another state, surrender the registration/title. If not registered/titled in the previous state, provide proof of residency and proof of purchase date to support out of state residency and purchase. See description above for bill of sale requirements.

Verification of Sales Tax Paid - One of the following is acceptable to show proof that sales or use tax was paid for the item in question.

- (1) receipt from Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
- (2) receipt from Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
- (3) receipt from County Tax Assessor-Collectors Office
- (4) receipt from another state's governmental agency
- (5) printout of TPWD record - (sales tax only inquiry)

No Boat Sales/UseTax Due (Four-Year Assessment Limitation) - Tax will not be collected for vessels purchased more than four years prior to the date of application for registration. Texas Statutes Tax Code, Subtitle B, Enforcement and Collection, Chapter 111, Collection Procedures, Subchapter D, Limitations, Section 111.201 which states, "no tax imposed by this title may be assessed after four years from the date that the tax becomes due and payable." A bill of sale, invoice or similar document showing the date of sale is required to determine that tax should not be collected.

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Tax To Be Paid Direct to Comptroller - If the vessel is greater than 65 feet in length, Texas Limited, Sales, Excise, and Use Tax must be paid to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts [6.25% state rate plus local tax rate (max. of 2%)] unless you qualify under one of the exemptions listed on the Vessel/Boat Application form PWD 143, Section K. For additional information regarding sales tax, contact the Comptroller of Public Accounts at 1-800-252-5555 or (512) 463-4600 or TTD at 1-800-248-4099.

Boat Sales/Use Tax - If the vessel is less than or equal to 65 feet in length, Texas Boat Sales/Use Tax (6.25%) must be paid to Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, or a TPWD Law Enforcement Field Office or a participating Tax Assessor-Collector Office, unless you qualify under one of the exemptions listed on the Vessel/Boat Application (form PWD 143).

New Resident Tax - A new resident of Texas who brings into this state a boat that has been purchased and owned by the new resident in any other state or foreign country must pay the New Resident Tax (\$15.00) to Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, or a TPWD Law Enforcement Field Office or a participating Tax Assessor-Collector Office.

Registration Fees

Less than 16 feet in length	\$30.00
16 feet but less than 26 feet in length.	\$50.00
26 feet but less than 40 feet in length.	\$70.00
40 feet in length and over	\$90.00
Livery vessel (less than 16 feet in length).	\$30.00

Registration Transfer Fee - The fee is \$10.00 to transfer an existing registration for a USCG Documented Vessel.

Corrected Registration Fee - The fee is \$10.00 to correct or change an existing registration for a USCG Documented Vessel.