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## Recreational Boat Numbering Final Rule Published

The U.S. Coast Guard today announced publication in the *Federal Register* of the Changes to Standard Numbering System, Vessel Identification System, and Boating Accident Report Database final rule.

This final rule amends regulations related to numbering of undocumented vessels and reporting of casualties. These changes will align and modernize terminology used in the Standard Numbering System (SNS), the Vessel Identification System (VIS), and casualty reporting; require validation of vessel hull identification numbers; require SNS vessel owners to provide personally identifiable information; and provide administrative flexibility for states. Together, the changes will improve recreational boating safety efforts, enhance law enforcement capabilities, advance maritime security, and clarify requirements for all stakeholders.

The changes are effective on April 27, 2012. The final rule and related materials may be reviewed online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number: USCG-2003-14963.

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