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Hull Identification Numbers for Recreational Vessels

The U. S. Coast Guard (USCG) today published a *Federal Register* notice requesting public comments regarding the existing regulatory requirement to indicate a boat's model year as part of the 12-character Hull Identification Number (HIN). Under current regulations in 33 CFR part 181, the HIN must consist of 12 characters, the last two of which indicate the boat's model year. The notice requests public comments on whether the USCG should continue requiring model year as part of the HIN or change the regulatory definition of "model year."

The notice may be reviewed at <http://www.regulations.gov> docket number: USCG-2012-0843.

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