VL-1 Form (10/2026)

NC Wildlife Resources Commission Vessel Registration & Title Application

SECTION 1 – Registration & Title Requirements

All motorized vessels used on public waters including vessels which use an electric trolling motor must be registered. This includes US Coast Guard Documented Vessels and out of state vessels operating in North Carolina for over 90 consecutive days, and sailboats longer than 14 feet at the load waterline. Active-duty military, temporarily stationed in North Carolina, who have a valid out of state registration for their vessel are exempt from this requirement. All titled vessels must be registered. Titling is required for vessels 14 feet or greater in length, personal watercraft, or vessels that have a lien. Vessel registrations are offered for 1 year or 3-year periods.

Transaction Types & Fees	**1-Year**	**3-Year**
• New or Transfer Registration & Title (less than 26ft)	$73*	$137*
• New or Transfer Registration & Title (26ft or greater)	$111*	$251*
• Registration without a title (less than 14ft, not a PWC or USCG documented under 26ft)	$38*	$102*
• Registration for a U.S. Coast Guard Documented Vessel (26ft or greater)	$76*	$216*
• New Dealer Registration (Only complete section 5 and sign) Mail in Only	$76*	$216*
• Registration Renewal (less than 26ft)	$36*	$100*
• Registration Renewal (26ft or greater)	$74*	$214*
• Dealer Registration Renewal (Only complete sections 4 & 5 and sign)	$74*	$214*
• Duplicate Registration	$10*	
• Add Title to a Registered Vessel (with or without lien)	$36 Mail in Only (Only complete sections 4, 5, & 8 if applicable and sign)	
• Duplicate Title (with or without lien)	$16 Mail in Only (Only complete sections 4, 5, & 8 if applicable and sign)	
• No Charge Permanent Registration (for government entities) – Titling is not an option. Volunteer emergency services may apply for permanent registration for a vessel primarily used for search and rescue. Processing by mail only.		

***Transaction fees vary when registered online or by phone.** Apply online at gooutdoorsnorthcarolina.com, at a wildlife service agent, or by mail 1709 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1700. If mailed, please make your check or money order made payable to NCWRC. Online application is the fastest option. Processing times by mail could take up to 4-6 weeks. **Priority mail (UPS/FEDEX) is processed in the order it is received. NCWRC does not guarantee same day processing.**

SECTION 2 – Proof of Ownership

Proof of ownership is required with your application for all new and transfer transactions. When applying online you may upload your proof of ownership documentation including the original title to the Go Outdoors System. Applications submitted without this documentation will be delayed. For questions regarding proof of ownership, call 833-950-0575.

☐ Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (MSO) (if applicable) ☐ Dealer's Bill of Sale ☐ Original NC Title (if applicable)

☐ Notarized Bill of Sale ☐ Out-of-State Title ☐ Out-of-State Vessel Registration ☐ USCG Certificate of Documentation

☐ Estate Documentation ☐ Homemade (complete Section 3) ☐ Other (specify) _____

SECTION 3 – Homemade Vessel (if applicable)

Homemade Vessel Never Before Registered:

Homemade vessel applications must be processed online or by mail. The following statement must be signed and notarized. The reverse side of this application must also be signed.

I certify the vessel indicated on the reverse side of this application is a homemade vessel and has never been registered.

_____ _____
Owner's Signature Date

Notary Information:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____ year _____

Notary Public Signature _____

My Commission Expires On _____

Notary Seal

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SECTION 4 - Vessel Number Information --- Required (if applicable)

Manufacturer's Hull ID #: ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

The Hull ID number is the 12 to 15-digit number located on the right rear transom of the hull. If this number contains more than 15-digits or less than 12-digits, you must submit a clear photograph or pencil-tracing with this application.

N.C. Registration #: NC ___ ___ ___ ___–___ ___ **Out-of-State Registration #:** ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

SECTION 5 – Owner Information (If more than two owners, attach separate sheet listing additional owner information)

Check One: ☐ Individual ☐ Business ☐ Dealer (Only complete sections 1& 5 and sign) ☐ Permanent (government entities & nonprofit rescue squads only)

Owner Information:		**Co-Owner Information:**	
WRC ID:		WRC ID:	
Last or Business Name:		Last Name:	
First Name:		First Name:	
Middle Name:		Middle Name:	
Suffix (Jr., Sr., III):		Suffix (Jr., Sr., III):	
Date of Birth: (Required)		Date of Birth: (Required)	
Last 4 of Social Security #:		Last 4 of Social Security #:	
NC Driver License #:		NC Driver License #:*	
E-mail Address:		E-mail Address:	
Telephone #:		Telephone #:	
Mailing Address:		**Mailing Address:**	
Street or PO Box:		Street or PO Box:	
City:		City:	
State: / Zip:		State: / Zip:	
Resident Address (required if titling):		**Resident Address (required if titling):**	
Street:		Street:	
City:		City:	
State: / Zip:		State: / Zip:	

SECTION 6 – Vessel Information

Vessel Identification:		**First Motor Information (if over 25 HP):**		**Second Motor Information (if over 25 HP):**	
Manufacturer:		Make:		Make:	
Model:		Horsepower:		Horsepower:	
Year:		Serial Number:		Serial Number:	
Exact Length (ft. & in.):		Price:		Price:	
Vessel Tax County:					

Type		Hull Material	Propulsion	Engine Drive	Fuel	Primary Use
☐ Open Motorboat	☐ Rowboat	☐ Fiberglass	☐ Propeller	☐ Outboard	☐ Gasoline	☐ Pleasure
☐ Cabin Motorboat	☐ Inflatable	☐ Aluminum	☐ Sail	☐ Inboard	☐ Diesel	☐ Commercial Fish
☐ Auxiliary Sail	☐ Pontoon	☐ Steel	☐ Water Jet	☐ Stern Drive	☐ Electric	☐ Rent/Lease
☐ Sail Only	☐ Air Boat	☐ Wood	☐ Air Thrust	☐ Pod Drive	☐ Other	☐ Dealer Demonstration
☐ PWC (Jet Ski)	☐ Houseboat	☐ Rubber/Vinyl/Canvas	☐ Other	☐ Other		☐ Charter Fishing
☐ Paddlecraft - Canoe	☐ Other	☐ Plastic				☐ Commercial Passenger
☐ Paddlecraft - Kayak		☐ Other				☐ Other Commercial
						☐ Other

SECTION 7 – Purchase Information

Purchased From (full name):	
Street or PO Box:	
City:	
State:	
Zip:	
Telephone:	
Purchase Price:	
Date Purchased:	
State Where Purchased:	

SECTION 8 – Lienholder Information (☐ Individual ☐ Business)

Date of Lien:	
Business Name:	
Last Name (Individual):	Suffix (Jr., Sr., III):
First Name:	
Middle Name:	
Telephone:	
Street or PO Box:	
City:	
State: / Zip:	

Certification: I/We listed below am/are the rightful owner(s) of the vessel described above and hereby make application for that which is indicated above and certify that the statements made herein are true and correct, to the best of my/our knowledge, information and belief, and that the vessel is subject to the liens or encumbrances listed and none other. I also certify that the vessel described above will be operated primarily in the state of North Carolina.

Owner Signature _____ Date _____ Co-Owner Signature _____ Date _____