

## Chapter WCD 5

## BOAT REGULATIONS AND REGISTRATION

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**WCD 5.01 Application for boat certificate of number.** (1) The application for a boat certificate of number shall include the following:

- (a) Name and address of boat owner.
- (b) Boat type—motorboat, sailboat, other.
- (c) Boat description—make, length, year, serial number (if any).
- (d) Type of use—pleasure, livery, dealer, manufacturer, commercial, other.
- (e) Type of propulsion—inboard, outboard, other.
- (f) Type of fuel—gasoline, diesel, other.
- (g) Hull material—wood, aluminum, steel, plastic, other.
- (h) Mooring address—city, village, township, county.
- (i) Coast guard registration number (if any).
- (j) A statement of ownership by applicant.
- (k) Signature of owner.

**History:** Cr. Register, March, 1960, No. 51, eff. 4-1-60.

**WCD 5.02 Application for transfer.** An application for a transfer certificate of number in addition to furnishing the information required by WCD 5.01 shall include a statement by the applicant listing the name and address of the previous owner, his certificate number, and the date on which the boat was acquired by the applicant. The applicant shall also sign the statement.

**History:** Cr. Register, March, 1960, No. 51, eff. 4-1-60.

**WCD 5.03 Application for duplicate.** An applicant for a duplicate certificate of number in addition to furnishing the information required by section WCD 5.01 shall complete and sign a statement that the original certificate has been either destroyed or lost and that the application being made is for a duplicate.

**History:** Cr. Register, March, 1960, No. 51, eff. 4-1-60.

**WCD 5.04 Certificate of number.** (1) The boat certificate of number issued in accordance with section 30.52, Wis. Stats., shall include the following:

- (a) Name and address of boat owner.
- (b) Number issued.
- (c) Expiration date.
- (d) Make and length of boat.
- (e) Hull material.
- (f) Type.

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(2) The certificate of number shall be available at all times for inspection on the boat when in use. The federal boating act does not authorize any exemption from this requirement.

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**WCD 5.05 Numbering pattern to be used.** The boat certificate of number issued pursuant to section 30.52, Wis. Stats., shall be in accordance with the pattern described as follows:

(1) The number shall be divided into parts. The first part of the number shall be an abbreviation in capital letters of the state of Wisconsin. This abbreviation shall be WS. The remainder of the number shall consist of not more nor less than 4 arabic numerals and 2 capital letters.

(2) The group of numerals appearing between the abbreviation and the 2 letters shall be separated therefrom by equivalent spaces, as indicated in the following sample: WS 9999 AB.

(3) Since the letters "I", "O", and "Q" may be mistaken for arabic numerals, all letter sequences using "I", "O", and "Q" shall be omitted.

**History:** Cr. Register, March, 1960, No. 51, eff. 4-1-60.

**WCD 5.06 Display of number on boat.** (1) The assigned number shall be painted on, or attached, to each side of the bow of the boat for which it was issued. The numbers shall be placed in such position as to provide clear legibility for identification. The numbers shall read from left to right and shall be in block characters of good proportion not less than 3 inches in height and shall be spaced as provided in section WCD 5.05 (2). The numbers shall be of a color which will contrast with the color of the background and so maintained as to be clearly visible and legible; i.e., dark numbers on a light background, or light numbers on a dark background.

(2) The assigned number for sailboats shall be painted on, or attached to that portion of the stern which rides above the water line.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to display on either side of the bow of any boat or on the stern of any sailboat any number other than the registration number issued covering such boat.

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**WCD 5.07 Transfer of ownership of numbered boat.** Whenever the owner of a boat covered by a valid or expired certificate of number issued by this state transfers all or any part of his interest in such boat, other than by the creation of a security interest, he shall notify the commission of such transfer within 15 days.

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**WCD 5.08 Accident Report.** Written reports of boating accidents required by section 30.67, Wis. Stats., shall be addressed to Wisconsin Conservation Department, Madison, Wisconsin, and shall supply the following information:

- (1) The registration numbers and names of the boats involved.
- (2) The date and time of the accident.
- (3) The location of the accident.
- (4) The name, address, age, and experience of the operator of the reporting boat.

- (5) The type of boat, length, hull construction, propulsion power, and type of fuel of the reporting boat.
- (6) The weather and sea conditions.
- (7) The type, nature, and opinion as to the cause of the accident.
- (8) A description of the damage to any property, including boats, and estimated cost of repairs.
- (9) The names and addresses of the operators of the other boats involved.
- (10) The names and addresses of the owners of boats or other property involved.
- (11) The names and addresses of all persons killed or injured.
- (12) The nature and extent of injury to any person.
- (13) Names and addresses of all known witnesses.
- (14) The names of the law enforcement, fire, or rescue squad that furnished assistance.
- (15) The physical condition, swimming ability, dress, and contributing cause of drowning of each victim.
- (16) The type of activity of victim.
- (17) The kind and type of life saving or fire fighting equipment employed in connection with the accident.

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**WCD 5.09 Uniform aids to navigation.** United States Coast Guard Publication CG-193, revised June, 1959, entitled "Aids to Marine Navigation of the United States", is hereby adopted and all aids to navigation placed in any of the waters of the state under the authority of any local regulation or by state authority shall conform thereto with the exception that swimming areas shall be marked with alternate yellow and green banded buoys in sufficient numbers to clearly outline the outside limits of the swimming area. Copies of United States Coast Guard Publication CG-193, revised June, 1959, entitled "Aids to Marine Navigation" are on file with the Wisconsin Conservation Department, the Secretary of State, and the Revisor of Statutes. Copies of the publication are available on request from the Wisconsin Conservation Department, Madison, Wisconsin, and the U. S. Coast Guard, Marine Inspection Office, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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**WCD 5.10 Carburetor flame arrestors.** Every motorboat equipped with an inboard motor using gasoline as a fuel shall have the carburetors of every such motor fitted with an efficient device for arresting backfire of a type approved by the U. S. Coast Guard.

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**WCD 5.11 Fire extinguishers.** (1) Fire extinguishers required by s. 30.62 (4), Wis. Stats., shall comply with the following minimum specifications:

(a) *Type*—Capable of promptly and effectively extinguishing burning gasoline (carbon tetrachloride not approved).

(b) *Size*—A. Foam (minimum gallons 1¼) or carbon dioxide (minimum pounds 4) or dry chemical (minimum pounds 2).

B. Foam (minimum gallons 2½) or carbon dioxide (minimum pounds 15) or dry chemical (minimum pounds 10).

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(2) The fire extinguishers required on each class of motorboat shall be as follows:

<i>Class of Motorboat</i>	<i>Size and Number of Extinguishers Required</i>
(a) Class A (less than 16 feet) -----	1 size A
(b) Class 1 (16 feet to 26 feet) -----	1 size A
(c) Class 2 (26 feet to 40 feet) -----	2 size A or 1 size B
(d) Class 3 (40 feet or over) -----	3 size A or 1 size B and 1 size A

(e) When the engine compartment of the motorboat is equipped with a fixed (built-in) extinguishing system of an approved Coast Guard type, the number of Size A extinguishers required may be reduced by one.

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