10. **Vessel Numbering, Titling and Vessel Identification System (VIS)**

10.1 **Federal Vessel Numbering Requirements**

10.1.1 Certification requires the knowledge of how to initiate Bills and/or develop regulations relating to recreational boating safety. Professionals must understand the application of CFR to state laws and regulations and the significance of compliance with standards and model acts established by NASBLA.

10.1.2 **State/Territory Numbering Requirements**

10.1.2.1 **State/Territory Registration Authority**
Certification shall require the ability of the applicant to recognize where, within a state or territory the registration authority for vessels may be located (which agencies).

10.1.2.2 **Registration Processing Procedures**
Certification shall require an applicant to be able to identify the procedures generally associated with processing a vessel registration application and the required components of the registration process as identified under the Code of Federal Regulations.

10.1.3 **State/Territory Assigned Hull Identification Numbers (HINs)**

10.1.3.1 **HIN Formats**
Certification shall require the recognition of the formats for marine vessel manufacturers and states to follow under CFR for assignment of Hull Identification Numbers, placement of the number on the vessel and the authoritative agency that has oversight on this process.

10.1.3.2 **HIN Validation**
Certification shall require the applicant to be able to recognize the components of the hull identification number in order to validate the HIN’s accuracy, locate its origination and the resources that can be used to find this information.

10.2 **Vessel Titling**

10.2.1 **Procedures for Titling Vessels**
Certification will require the applicant to recognize the generalized procedures used for titling vessels, the specific descriptors of the vessel needed for titling, and the general concept involved with electronic titles.

10.2.2 **Benefits to Titling**
Certification will require the applicant to give in written confirmation a basic understanding of the benefits of titling of vessels.
10.2.3 NCCUSL / UCOTVA Applications
Certification will require the applicant to demonstrate the Applications of NCCUSL/UCOTA by answer-specific questions dealing with the history of the Act, the benefits of a universal standard and the applicability towards an individual state to adopt the Act.

10.3 Vessel Identification System (VIS)

10.3.1 VIS Administration
Certification will require the applicant to answer questions dealing with the historical significance of the vessel identification system, how the system is administered and the primary purpose for the existence of the system.

10.3.2 VIS Participation by States/Territories
Certification will require the applicant to identify state participation in the Vessel Identification System by recognizing the process for a state/territory to become a member.

10.3.3 VIS State/Territory Administrator
Certification will require the applicant to recognize the purpose of the state/territory to identify the respective VIS administrator and their role within the system.

10.4 Identifying, Evaluating and Analyzing Recreational Boating Data

10.4.1 Identifying Registration, Titling Data
Certification will require the applicant, through testing procedures, to demonstrate the ability to recognize the individual data components of a registration and/or titling system.

10.4.2 Analysis of Data for RBS, Legislative Purposes
Certification will require the ability of the candidate to describe how registration/titling data can be used for legislative purposes relating to the recreational boating safety program or have the ability to answer specific questions in this regard.

10.5 Documentation

10.5.1 Purpose of Documenting a Recreational Vessel
Certification will require the applicant to demonstrate a basic knowledge by answering questions relating to the purpose behind documenting a recreational vessel.

10.5.2 Authoritative Agency for Documentation of a Recreational Vessel
Certification will require the applicant to recognize the authoritative agency who governs the process, data collection, and storage of information for the documentation of a recreational vessel.

10.5.3 Requirements for Documentation of a Recreational Vessel
Certification will require the applicant to answer questions relating to the requirements for documenting a recreational vessel as referenced by the Code of Federal Regulations.

10.5.4 State/Territory Registration Restrictions for a Documented Recreational Vessel
Certification will require the applicant to answer questions relating to restrictions placed on states/territories in registration and numbering of recreational documented vessels.