

## Vessel Identification, Registration & Titling Committee

### Committee Charter

Recognizing that accurate vessel information is the backbone of recreational boating safety data, the Vessel Identification, Registration & Titling Committee works to advance boating safety by analyzing and advocating for thorough and precise vessel identification throughout a vessel's chain of ownership from the hull numbering to registration to titling.

Subcommittees for 2016 are Numbering & Titling Subcommittee and the Vessel Identification System (VIS) Coordination & Implementation Subcommittee.

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## **Vessel Identification, Registration & Titling Committee**

### 5-YEAR PLANNING GOALS

1. Have a universal Title Act in place based on the work of NCCUSL with an objective of 10% of the states or territories adopting [some form of] the Title Act into their vessel title laws.
2. Work with non-title states and territories in the adoption of vessel titling with a goal of adding three to five more states and/or territories onto the list of those that title vessels.
3. Assist states with planning for implementation of required changes to Standard Numbering System, Vessel Identification System, and Boating Accident Reporting Database.
4. Encourage adequate resources and support be directed to National Vessel Documentation Center for notification to the states to occur. Increase awareness of the issue to the recreational boating professional's community.
5. Review the process of VIS, from becoming a member to the overall usage of the program, and make recommendations to strengthen its value as a resource to the states. Obtain a goal of adding 5 to 10 more states to the membership in 5 years.

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The Numbering & Titling Subcommittee works and advocates for uniformity in the vessel registration and titling process. Areas of focus for the subcommittee include the Standard Numbering System, the Uniform Certificate of Title Act (UCOTVA), titling systems, and collection and dissemination of data on state numbering and titling.

### 2016 Charges

#### **VIRT\_N&T\_2016-1**

Encourage adequate resources and support be directed to **National Vessel Documentation Center** for notification to the states to occur. Increase awareness of the issue to the recreational boating professionals' community.

**Charge Leader:**

**Team Member(s):**

**Projected Deliverable: Documentation Center would be able to notify the States when a vessel is documented.**

#### **VIRT\_N&T\_2016-2**

Assist the states and work with NCCUSL through their Enactment Committee, with promoting and supporting adoption of the **Uniform Certificate of Title for Vessels Act**. Review resources on the NCCUSL website and suggest updates as needed. Identify new support materials needed and produce as necessary. Increase access and visibility of the NCCUSL website and all available resources for NASBLA members.

**Charge Leader: Sharon Carrick**

**Team Member(s):**

**Projected Deliverable: Status of each state in pursuing the adoption.**

### **VIRT\_N&T\_2016-3**

Expand the use and development of educational products to inform states and their agents about **HIN Validation**. Promote the use of the “HIN Verification & Validation” PowerPoint presentation, developed in 2014 as a “Registration & Titling 101” educational product targeted to frontline registration and titling people.

**Charge Leader:** Kem Kirk

**Team Member(s):**

**Projected Deliverable:** Promotional plan for the HIN Verification & Validation Powerpoint.

### **VIRT\_N&T\_2016-4**

Develop resources to assist states in setting up a **HIN Validation system** to prepare for the implementation of the regulatory changes in the Standard Numbering System, Vessel Identification System, and Boating Accident Report Database. Final Rule issued March 28, 2012. Deadline for states to begin HIN Validation is January 1, 2017.

**Charge Leader:**

**Team Member(s):**

**Projected Deliverable:** Promotional plan for HIN Verification & Validation

### **VIRT\_N&T\_2016-5**

Develop **online community** through NASBLA Connect to expand and facilitate discussions about recreational boating numbering and titling issues and resolutions with agencies and personnel involved in this field of work. Annually appoint from VIRT a member who will coordinate with NASBLA staff details associated with and management of the community.

**Charge Leader:**

**Team Member(s):**

**Projected Deliverable:** Populate the VIRT Committee Connect Library with resources in the library function.

### **VIRT\_N&T\_2016-6**

Develop an online reference where states can go to find **current registration fees**, including titling fees. This should also include documented vessel fees for each state.

**Charge Leader:** Sharon Carrick

**Team Member(s):**

**Projected Deliverable:** get document compiled, how to publish it electronically, figure out how to have states update (notify) of changes.

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The Vessel Identification System (VIS) Coordination & Implementation Subcommittee works to assist the Coast Guard and the states with implementation of the Vessel Identification System and to provide guidance resources for states as they join and implement the VIS.

### 2016 Charges

#### **VIRT\_VIS\_2016-1**

Provide support for **states participating in VIS**. Identify and address barriers to participation for non-participating states. Identify a most wanted list of states the committee would like to focus on getting enrolled in VIS.

**Charge leader: George Birdwell**

**Team Member(s):**

**Projected Deliverable: Identify which states are not participating. Contact BLA of states that are not participating.**

#### **VIRT\_VIS\_2016-2**

Working with the Numbering & Titling Subcommittee, identify a minimum of two **performance metrics** states can use to evaluate registration and titling programs. Assess individual state performance based on these metrics. Work with states not using “best practices” to increase their performance measurement on these metrics by implementing the identified best practices.

**Charge Leader: Brenda Verner**

**Team Member(s):**

**Projected Deliverable: keep same as 2015 – send out another survey for 2015. Developing strategies to get response from state who do not answer.**

#### **VIRT\_VIS\_2016-3**

VIRT Committee Charges 2015-2016

Working with the Numbering & Titling Subcommittee, review **measures of statistics and program uniformity** for other government programs. I identify a minimum of two measures of program uniformity for states in registering and titling vessels. Assess states based on these measures of program uniformity. Work with states not using “best practices” to increase program uniformity between the states.

**Charge Leader: Brenda Verner**

**Team Member(s):**

**Projected Deliverable: keep same as 2015 – send out another survey for 2015. Developing strategies to get response from states who do not answer.**

#### **VIRT\_VIS\_2016-4**

Develop and recommended a new form for the “**Report of Certificate of Numbers Issued to Boats**” that would comply with the implementation of the regulatory changes in the Standard Numbering System, Vessel Identification System, and Boating Accident Report Database, effective January 1, 2017. Provide form to the USCG to get approval that the form is compliant. If form is designated compliant, turn the form into a model procedure for the states.

**Charge Leader:**

**Team Member(s):**

**Projected Deliverable:**