

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.

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VIRT 2024-1

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: Caroline Mantel (Boat History Report)

Team Member(s): Ben Murray, NMMA, Leslie Mackey, AL, Chris Charles, IN, Grant Brown, CO, Micheal Sayre, Marine Retailer Association of Americas

Needs Statement: Supporting UCOTVA is essential in making changes to positively influence consumer safety by creating consistency among states in regard to titling and identifying vessels that have been deemed unsafe and preventing them from being sold without disclosure. By having the support of the VIRT Committee, we are able to brainstorm potential sponsors within states and assist NCCUSL by identifying more productive points of contact and feedback. Members of VIRT can also help identify what the specific hesitations are within registration and titling departments in order to try and overcome those objections more quickly. VIRT recognizes that accurate vessel information is the backbone of recreational boating safety data, and UCOTVA helps to ensure that vessels chain of ownership is kept intact from owner to owner and state to state.

Projected Deliverable: Status of each state in pursuing adoption.

VIRT 2024-2

Develop a "Self-Import Affidavit" for Vessels Being Imported for "Self-Use" and not for Resale.

Charge Leader: Will Hillyer, USCG

Team Member(s): Tim Rafter, USCG, Kristin Williams, USCG, Denise Burroughs, CA, Zach Mundy, CA, Rosaline Bersamin, Guam, Karen Fahy, NJ

Needs Statement: Since the invention of the internet, China is direct shipping small inflatable vessels that are boxed and are direct shipped to a customer that purchases these via the internet as a self-import. Internet sales and sales that are organized by the overseas builder are NOT considered as a self-importer. By creating an affidavit for a person registering a boat as a "self-import," the state will have some Backing in enforcing self-import regulations.

Projected Deliverable: Affidavit will provide states an enforcement tool to enforce for self-imports

VIRT 2024-3

Develop a Model Act Regarding the Titling of Outboard Motors

Charge Leader: Julie Aronow, TX

Team Member(s): Ben Murray, NMMA, Arron Hallenberg, WSIA, Mariah Kanode, OH, Jennifer Doering, WY, Chris Charles, IN, Leslie Mackey, AL, Maurice Jones, IL, Caroline Mantel, Boat History Report, Micheal Sayre, Marine Retailers Association of Americas

Needs Statement: Currently there are only a few states that have some form of a requirement to title outboard motors. IAMI is interested in working with VIRT on this charge. Titling outboard motors would help for owner identification and would assist in the prevention of theft.

Projected Deliverable: Model Act to assist states that may want to look at titling outboard motors

VIRT 2024-4

Review and Promote Use of HIN Verification & Validation Power Point that was developed in 2016 to reflect the BSX-23 Policy 23-2, "Compliance Guidance For Hull Identification Numbers that went into effect September, 2023."

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Needs Statement: Revise and promote the use of the "HIN Verification & Validation" Power Point that was developed in 2016 as a "Registration & Titling 101" educational product targeted to frontline registration and titling personnel. This charge has evolved to include the Policy Letter written by the USCG to corroborate the information in the PowerPoint. The policy was developed and approved by the USCG in 2023. The Powerpoint will be revised to reflect the BSX-23 Policy 23-2, "Compliance Guidance For Hull Identification Numbers" that went into effect September 2023.

Projected Deliverable: Resource for states to use in assisting them with the Guidance of Hull Identification Numbers.

VIRT 2024-5

Update VIRT Dashboard Provided Funding is Available for 23-24

Charge Leader: Julie Aronow, TX

Team Member(s): April Hughes, AZ, Maurice Jones, IL, Gloria Palencia, WI

Needs Statement: Work with Ron Sarver to update the VIRT Dashboard Registration & Titling Section. Fourteen (14) states' Registration by County data has been uploaded. Next step is to acquire more states' county registration data and upload it into the Dashboard.

Project Deliverable: States/Territories Registration Information Broken Down by States' Counties.

VIRT 2024-6

Review and Revise, if Necessary, the existing NASBLA Model Acts For Vessel Dealer/Manufacturers Licensing & Vessel Dealer/Manufacturers Numbers

Charge Leader: Mariah Kanode, OH

Team Member(s): Julie Aronow, TX, Gloria Palencia, WI, Harmony Sibley, NV, Chris Charles, IN, April Hughes, AZ, Micheal Sayre, Marine Retailers Association of Americas

Needs Statement: Original Model Acts were approved by NASBLA Membership in 2000, were revised and approved again in 2005. Look into the feasibility to combine the two Model Acts into one revised Model Act along with updating the definitions.

Project Deliverable: Updated Model Act to Reflect Current Definitions & Best Practice

VIRT 2024-7

Continue Work With NASBLA Staff on the VIRT Newsletter to be Distributed to All Registration & Titling Contacts and BLA's.

Charge Leader: Michelle Johnston, UT

Team Member(s): Jack Ellis, Info-Link, Jennifer Doering, WY, Harmony Sibley, NV

Needs Statement: Continue the VIRT Newsletter. This Newsletter addresses specific R & T issues and includes updated and accurate VIRT information that is sent directly to R & T contacts.

Project Deliverable: R & T Contacts and other interested parties receiving up to date VIRT information that is sent directly to all State R & T Contacts.

VIRT 2024-8

Review & Revise the NASBLA Model Procedure for Abandoned or Salvaged Recreational Vessels

Charge Leader: Maria Allen Perez, CA

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Needs Statement: Original Model Procedure was adopted and approved by NASBLA Membership in 1998.

Project Deliverable: Updated Model Act to Reflect Current Definitions & Best Practices

VIRT 2024-9

Provide Support for States Participating in VIS Provide Support for States Participating in VIS

Charge Leader: Jacke Ellis, Info-Link

Team Member(s): Denise Burroughs, CA, Maurice Jones, IL, Jennifer Doering, WY, Zach Mundy, CA

Needs Statement: Continue to 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.

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

VIRT 2024-10

(Was VIRT 2023-11) Work with the USCG to Develop a New Form for the Report of Certificate of Numbers Issued to Boats

Charge Leader: Susan Weber, USCG

Team Member(s): Rick Barrera, NASBLA, April Hughes, AZ

Needs Statement: Develop a recommended 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 the form is designated compliant, turn the form into a model procedure for the states. The Coast Guard has seen some movement from OBM on this in 2023.

Projected Deliverable: Revised “Report of Certificate of Numbers Issued to Boats” form.

VIRT 2024-11

Standardizing the process in how states correct erroneous state Issued HINS. Who is responsible for correcting the HIN and what to do with the erroneous state HIN on the vessel.

Charge Leader: Daniel Brown, GA

Team Member(s): Maria Kanode, OH, Gloria Palencia, WI, Will Hilyer, USCG, Kristen Williams, USCG. Tim Rafter, USCG, April Hughes, AZ, Jennifer Doering, WY, Jack Ellis, InfoLink, Caroline Mantel, Boat History Report

Needs Statement: Standardized Process is needed to assist states when a State Assigned HIN has been discovered by another state that was issued erroneously.

Projected Deliverable: Standard Process that will be incorporated in to the BSX-23 Policy 23-2, "Compliance Guidance For Hull Identification Numbers" that went into effect September 2023.