



## **VESSEL, IDENTIFICATION, REGISTRATION & TITLING COMMITTEE**

**2024 - 2025**

### **APPROVED COMMITTEE CHARGES**

#### **CONTINUING CHARGES**

##### **VIRT\_2025-1**

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.

**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\_2025-3**

Develop a Model Act Regarding the Titling of Outboard Motors

**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.

## CONTINUING CHARGES

### VIRT\_2025-4

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.”

**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\_2025-5

Update VIRT Dashboards Registration & Titling information for 24-25.

**Needs Statement:** Conduct a survey of all states/territories to update their registration/titling requirements on the Dashboards.

**Project Deliverable:** Up to date states/territories registration & titling requirements.

### VIRT\_2025-7

Continue to work with NASBLA Staff on the VIRT newsletter to be distributed to all Registration & Titling Contacts and BLA's.

**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.

## CONTINUING CHARGES

### VIRT\_2025-8

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

**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\_2025-9

Provide Support for States Participating in Vessel Identification System (VIS).

**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.

## NEW CHARGES

### VIRT\_2025-2

Look into the possibility of a National Repository for vessel title/lien information

**Needs Statement:** The Uniform Certificate of Title Act for Vessels (UCOTVA) is standardizing the titling and lien processes among the various states and territories of the U.S.A.; however, our communication among the states is not standardized or consistent when it comes to sharing vessel titling and lien information. The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG): Vessel Identification System partially addresses this need, but not all states use this system, and the data is too restricted for use by all parties (ex: state administrative staff, law enforcement staff, lenders, boat dealers and private citizens).

**Projected Deliverable:** States could confirm registration reporting to the USCG. State administrative staff, law enforcement staff and boat dealers could when a vessel leaves/ “is sold out-of-state” to improve state vessel registration data integrity and see the owner of record, title and registration status, and the lien status of a vessel in almost real-time. States could eliminate the costly paper processes and use electronic title and lien verification.

### VIRT\_2025-6

Develop a pictorial guide for types of engine/propulsion to assist state registration agents in identifying these at the time of registration.

**Needs Statement:** This guide would be along the same lines of the pictorial guide of vessels that VIRT produced two years ago to assist state registration agents in identifying types of vessels at the time of registration.

**Project Deliverable:** States would have a pictorial guide to assist registration agents in identifying the correct type of engine/propulsion at the time of registration.

## **NEW CHARGES CONTINUED...**

### **VIRT\_2025-10**

States have started to show interest in earning the status of Certified State Titling states. However, it's been determined that additional steps need to be completed for the Certified Tilting State program to be effective. VIRT will work with the USCG to lay out the steps necessary, and adjust current programs as needed to assist states applying to become Certified Titling States.

**Needs Statement:** States are starting to show interest in becoming a Certified State Titling State. This would lay out the process to do it and the documents that will be needed to do it.

**Projected Deliverable:** States becoming a Certified State Titling State.

### **VIRT\_2025-11**

Standardize the information that is required for an outboard motor Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (MSO) like the vessel MSO that VIRT help develop in 2023. Work with IAMI on how best to publish & distribute.

**Needs Statement:** A standardized MSO for outboard motors is needed so states, marine dealers and lenders can capture the proper information that is needed in order to title an outboard motor and to also record liens on an outboard motor.

**Projected Deliverable:** A standardized MSO for outboard motors.