



VESSEL, IDENTIFICATION, REGISTRATION & TITLING COMMITTEE

2025 - 2026

APPROVED COMMITTEE CHARGES

VIRT_2026-1: Promote and Support Adoption of the Uniform Certificate of Title for Vessels Act

Assist the states and work with NCCUSL through their Enactment Committee while 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 them as necessary. Work with states in the adoption process to ensure successful implementation and communication to industry stakeholders.

VIRT_2026-2: Develop a Power Point Training Tool for Registration & Titling Frontline Users

Develop a PowerPoint training program for frontline registration and titling (R&T) users outlining the information required under 33 CFR 174, including the definitions listed in 33 CFR 174.3.

VIRT_2026-3: Reorganize the VIRT Webpage

Review and assess the current VIRT webpage to address feedback indicating that information is difficult to locate and that content listed in multiple areas may be inconsistent. Work with NASBLA staff to improve the organization, accessibility and consistency of information presented on the page, ensuring users can easily locate accurate and up-to-date resources.

VIRT_2026-4: Review and Promote Use of HIN Verification & Validation

Revise and promote the use of the "HIN Verification & Validation" PowerPoint originally developed in 2016 as a Registration & Titling (R&T) 101 educational resource for frontline registration and titling personnel. This effort will incorporate updates reflected in the U.S. Coast Guard policy letter developed to corroborate the information presented in the training. The policy was developed and approved by the U.S. Coast Guard in 2023.

The Charge Team will update the PowerPoint to reflect the guidance contained in the revised Coast Guard policy letter and promote the resource as a training tool to support consistent HIN verification and validation practices among state registration and titling personnel.

VIRT_2026-5: VIRT Newsletter

Continue the development and distribution of the VIRT Newsletter, which addresses specific registration and titling (R&T) topics and provides updated and accurate information related to VIRT. The newsletter will be distributed directly to R&T contacts to support communication, awareness and information sharing among state registration and titling professionals.

VIRT_2026-6: Review & Revise the NASBLA Model Procedure for Abandoned or Salvaged Recreational Vessels

Continue monitoring developments related to the Model Procedure originally adopted and approved by NASBLA membership in 1998. Work on this charge was paused during the 2024 and 2025 cycles following the introduction of federal legislation that could potentially impact the procedure. The Vessel Identification, Registration and Titling (VIRT) Committee will continue to monitor legislative developments and take appropriate action, including updating or advancing the Model Procedure, as needed.

VIRT_2026-7: Provide Support for States Participating in VIS

Continue providing support to states participating in the Vessel Identification System (VIS). Identify and address barriers that may prevent nonparticipating states from enrolling in VIS and develop strategies to encourage broader participation. The committee will also identify and prioritize a list of states to focus outreach efforts on increasing enrollment in the system.

VIRT_2026-8: Develop a standard Manufacturers Statement of Origin (MSO) for Outboard Motors

Develop standardized information requirements for an outboard motor Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (MSO), similar to the vessel MSO standard that the Vessel Identification, Registration and Titling (VIRT) Committee helped develop in 2023. The committee will collaborate with the International Association of Marine Investigators (IAMI) to determine the most effective approach for publishing and distributing this information to relevant stakeholders.

VIRT_2026-9: Self-Imported Vessel Identification and Documentation Guidance

Self-imported vessels and the importation of various types of watercraft are becoming increasingly common, yet there are currently limited reference materials available to guide state agencies. The Charge Team will develop reference materials to assist officers and registration and titling personnel in determining whether a vessel has been self-imported or imported by another party. These resources will support informed decision-making, particularly as states are responsible for the issuance of Hull Identification Numbers (HINs).

VIRT_2026-10: Best Practices for State-Assigned Hull Identification Numbers

Continue the development and distribution of the VIRT Newsletter, which addresses specific registration and titling (R&T) topics and provides updated and accurate information related to VIRT. The newsletter will be distributed directly to R&T contacts to support communication, awareness and information sharing among state registration and titling professionals.