

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 2015 are Numbering & Titling Subcommittee and the Vessel Identification System (VIS) Coordination & Implementation Subcommittee.

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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 professionals 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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Numbering & Titling

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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.

2015 Charges

1. Assist the states and work with the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL) through their Enactment Committee, with promoting and supporting adoption of the of the Uniform Certificate of Title for Vessels Act. Develop support materials & tiger team to provide legislative support for interested states.
2. Expand the use and development of educational products to inform states and their agents about HIN Validation. Promote the use of the “HIN Verification and Validation” PowerPoint presentation, developed in 2014 as a “Registration & Titling 101” educational product targeted to frontline registration and titling people.
3. 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 being HIN Validation is January 1, 2017.

4. 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.
5. Develop an online reference where states can go to find current registration fees, including title fees. This should also include documented vessel fees for each state.

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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.

2015 Charges

1. Work to promote and increase state participation in the VIS. Concentrate on largest, coastal states.
2. Working with Numbering & Titling Subcommittee, identify a minimum of two performance metrics states can use to evaluate registration and title programs.
3. Working with Numbering & Titling Subcommittee, review measures of statistics and program uniformity for other government programs. Identify a minimum of two measures of program uniformity for states in registering and titling vessels.