

## Federal Documentation

<p><b>CHAPTER ONE - STUDENT EXPECTATIONS</b></p> <p>A. Students will have a clear understanding of</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. State Registered Vessel vs. Federally Documented Vessel</li> <li>2. Terminology</li> <li>3. Require Documentation vs. Eligible for Documentation</li> <li>4. Documentation Requirements</li> <li>5. Federal and State Display Requirements</li> </ol>	<p>(Ref 46CFR67)</p> <p><u>Key Points:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A state may not require federally documented vessels to register but NOT to title in the state</li> <li>2. Vessels that require documentation may also have state registration, but vessels that are eligible for documentation either one or both</li> <li>3. Documented vessels do not display State registration numbers but may display a validation decal.</li> </ol>
<p><b>CHAPTER TWO – STATE REGISTERED VS. FEDERALLY DOCUMENTED</b></p> <p>A. Federally documented vessels are larger vessels that are federally “registered” commercial or pleasure craft</p> <p>B. State registered vessels displaying a state registration number are undocumented vessels.</p> <p>C. State registered vessels that are documented do not display the state registration number.</p>	<p>A state may require documented vessels to acquire state registration</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Documented Vessels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May or may not be required to obtain State registration, but should not obtain a state title</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. State Registered Vessels” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Display a state registration number</li> <li>• If also state titled, they may not be documented</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. State registered vessels, if documented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must display documentation</li> </ul> </li> </ol>



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	<p><b>CHAPTER THREE – TERMINOLOGY</b></p> <p>A. Certificate of Documentation (COD) – CG-1270 form; issued once/year</p> <p>B. Papers - all other documents, etc. required by agencies</p> <p>C. Net Ton – volumetric measurement of space – 100 cubic feet</p> <p>D. Trade – classification of commercial vessel operation</p> <p>E. Admeasurements - measure of a vessel’s available space for passengers and cargo</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. one net ton = 100 cubic feet</li> <li>2. gross tonnage – approximate total volume</li> <li>3. net tonnage – gross tonnage minus crew quarters, machinery, engine and fuel spaces</li> </ol> <p>F. Endorsements – listed on the COD; authorized the vessel’s activity; four endorsements include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Coastwise – general trade</li> <li>2. Fisheries – commercial fishing</li> <li>3. Registry (Foreign) – trade with other countries</li> <li>4. Recreational – non-commercial activities</li> </ol> <p><b>NOTE:</b> With recreational endorsement, no other activity permitted; the remaining three endorsements allow recreational activity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May NOT display the state registration number</li> <li>• May display a registration validation decal</li> </ul> <p>A. (Ref 67.15) COD is issued through the USCG National Vessels Documentation Center. Fees for initial issue; others that may apply include exchange or specific endorsements.</p>
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	<p><b>CHAPTER FOUR – REQUIRE DOCUMENTATION VS. ELIGIBLE FOR DOCUMENTATION</b></p> <p>A. Vessels requiring documentation include</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Vessels at least five net tons</li> <li>2. Vessels engaged in: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. coastwise trade (within two U.S. points)</li> <li>b. fisheries trade</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>B. Exceptions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Not on U.S. navigable waters (state only)</li> <li>2. Non-self-propelled vessels used in harbors, rivers, internal U.S. waters</li> </ol> <p>C. Vessels eligible for documentation include vessels</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. of at least five net tons;</li> <li>2. owned by a U.S. citizen;</li> <li>3. includes recreational vessels and vessels engaged in foreign trade</li> </ol> <p><b>CHAPTER FIVE – DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <p>A. Vessel admeasures five net tons or more</p> <p>B. Owned by U.S. citizen (51% or more)</p> <p>C. Carry original COD when operated</p> <p>D. Interior display of official number</p> <p>E. Exterior display of Name and Hailing Port</p>	<p>A. (Ref 67.7) Most vessels more that 25 feet in length will measure five net tons or more</p> <p>B. (Ref 67.9) B.2. i.e., barges</p> <p>C. (Ref 67.5)</p> <p>A. For detailed information on net tonnage, visit the USCG Marine Safety Center tonnage page at <a href="http://homeport.uscg.mil">http://homeport.uscg.mil</a></p> <p>B. (Ref 67.30)</p> <p>D. (Ref 67.117)</p> <p>E. (Ref 67.119)</p>
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	<p><b>CHAPTER SIX – FEDERAL AND STATE DISPLAY REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <p>A. State registered vessels require:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Use block style letters and numbers only</li><li>2. Letters and numbers must be a minimum of three inches tall</li><li>3. Letters and numbers must be a contrasting color – if the background is multicolored, a block out area of a single color may be required</li></ol> <p>B. Federally documented vessels require:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Official number located inside vessel</li><li>2. Name and Hailing Port (including city and state) displayed together on some clearly visible exterior portion of the hull</li><li>3. Latin alphabet, Arabic/Roman numerals</li><li>4. Maximum of 33 characters</li><li>5. No use of words identical to Mayday, profanity, or racial/ethnic slurs</li></ol>	<p>A. (Ref 33CFR173) State vessel numbering requirements are consistent within the states and territories</p> <p>B. (Ref 46CFR67.117) Requirements for documented vessels are consistent throughout the states and territories</p>
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