



**National Association of State Boating Law Administrators  
Policy Position on State Notification to other States  
when vessels are Registered or Titled in their state.**

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**Committee:** Vessel Identification, Registration & Titling Committee (VIRT)

**BACKGROUND:**

There is a need for the States and the U.S. Coast Guard to track a registered/titled vessel from state to state. All states should notify one another when a vessel that is currently registered/titled in one state, then registered/titled in another state.

There are several benefits for states to notify each other when an out of state Registered/Titled vessel is now being Registered/Titled in their state.

- Track Ownership
- Ability to track/trace stolen vessels
- Aids Law Enforcement Officers the ability to identify abandoned, capsized and stolen vessels
- Aids Law Enforcement Officers to identify vessels for homeland security reasons.
- Gives the ability to allow a state to know if a vessel has been destroyed
- Allows states to know when a registered/titled vessel has been registered/titled in another state
- A State should notify the previous registering/titling state immediately when a vessel has now been registered/titled in their State
- Notification should be by e-mail or mail
- All titles should be surrendered from the previous titling State

**National Association of State Boating Law Administrators Policy**

Because of the number of advantages for States and Law Enforcements Agencies to identify and track ownership of vessels- NASBLA supports the states to notify each other when a vessel is titled/registered from a previous state. Notifications shall be made electronically or by mail to the appropriate state. Notifications shall be done quarterly to reflect accurate registration numbers on the USCG Report of Certificate of number issued to boats Form CGHQ-3923.

**Policy Letters**

None associated with this issue.