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

BEST PRACTICE POLICY FOR PROGRAM UNIFORMITY – INTERSTATE NOTIFICATION

BACKGROUND:

There is a need for the States and the U.S. Coast Guard to track registered/titled vessels from state to state. All states should notify one another when a vessel that is currently registered/titled in one state gets registered/titled in another state. Currently only 19 (35%) of states/territories provide this notification in some form.

BENEFITS:

- Aids in compliance with Code of Federal Regulations section §173.77 – Validity of Certificate of Number.
- Aids states in more accurately tracking current vessel ownership/ownership history.
- Provides a mechanism for fraud prevention.
- Provides greater ability to track/trace stolen vessels.
- Provides Law Enforcement Officers with greater ability to identify abandoned/capsized vessels.
- Aids Law Enforcement Officers with identification of vessels for homeland security reasons.
- Provides states with information when a vessel has been destroyed.
- Provides for a more effective use of limited marketing/reactivation dollars, directing funds and resources towards vessels and owners that remain within the states jurisdiction.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOATING LAW ADMINISTRATORS BEST PRACTICE POLICY:

Having the ability to track boats as they move from state to state offers many benefits to state registration/titling agencies, law enforcement and consumers. NASBLA supports the states notifying each other when a vessel registered/titled in one state is titled/registered in another state.

- Notifications shall be made regardless of the states titling status (title state vs. non-title state).
- Notifications shall be made electronically or by mail to the prior title/registration state.
- Notifications shall be done monthly to reflect accurate registration numbers on the USCG Report of Certificate of number issued to boats Form CGHQ-3923.
- All titles that include the Certificate of Number issued by the prior state should be surrendered and collected by the new title/registration state.

Policy Letters

None associated with this issue.