

Sec. 15-121-B4. Display of number and validation decal

The owner or operator of any vessel shall display the vessel registration number and registration decals issued pursuant to Section 15-144 of the General Statutes as follows:

(a) The vessel registration number, and no other, shall be painted on or attached by adhesive to each side of the hull at the bow and so positioned as to be clearly legible from outside the vessel. When, due to vessel configuration, positioning of the vessel registration number on the hull will not provide ready identification, the vessel registration number may be painted on or attached by adhesive to each side of the permanent superstructure located on the forward half of the vessel in a location as nearly vertical as possible. When, due to vessel configuration, positioning of the vessel registration number on either the hull or the superstructure will not provide ready identification, the vessel registration number may be painted on or attached to a sign or plaque firmly attached by a bracket or fixture to the bow with the number clearly legible from both sides of the vessel.

(b) The letters and numerals of the vessel registration number shall be of plain block design not less than three inches high, and of a color which will contrast with the background for maximum legibility. That is, light numbers shall be used on a dark hull or background and vice versa.

(c) The letters and numerals of the vessel registration number shall be vertical (not slanted), plain (not script or varying in thickness), and any border, outline or shadowing shall be disregarded in determining the height or color contrast of the letters and numerals. Between the prefix, the numerals, and the suffix there shall be a hyphen or a space. Examples of correct number displays are CT-1234-AB and CT 5678 DF.

(d) The two current Connecticut registration decals shall be displayed on each side of the bow in line with and two inches to the right of the vessel registration number. No other decal shall be displayed with the vessel registration number except a current decal for the same vessel issued by another state or the United States Coast Guard. A current validation decal issued by another state or the United States Coast Guard shall be displayed near the assigned boat number in a location other than that specified for the current Connecticut validation decals.

(e) In the case of a vessel for which the owner holds a valid marine document issued by the United States Coast Guard and for which the owner is required to display a Connecticut registration decal pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 15-142 of the General Statutes, each such decal shall be displayed on each side of the bow forward of the midship section. Such decals shall be firmly affixed and positioned so as to be distinctly visible from either side of the vessel.

(f) In the case of a vessel for which the owner holds a valid certificate of number awarded either by the United States or by another state and for which the owner is required to display a Connecticut registration decal pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 15-142 of the general statutes, each such decal shall be displayed on each side of the bow in line with and not more than six inches to the left of the number awarded by the United States or another state. Such decals shall be firmly affixed and positioned so as to be distinctly visible from either side of the vessel.

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