

## INFORMATION REGARDING COAST GUARD DOCUMENTATION

### PLEASE REVIEW

**STATE REGISTRATION:** State and local officials have the right to board documented vessels for law enforcement purposes. Many states require registration of documented vessels for tax and other purposes. You may be required to place a decal on your vessel showing that you have complied with state requirements. Contact state authorities for further information.

Documented vessels may not be titled by a State, in accordance with 46 USC § 12106(a).

**OFFICIAL NUMBER:** For all vessels, the official number shown on the Certificate of Documentation, preceded by the abbreviation "NO." must be marked in block-type Arabic numerals at least 3" high on some clearly visible interior structural part of the hull. The number must be permanently affixed so that alteration, removal, or replacement would be obvious and cause some scarring or damage to the surrounding hull area.

**NAME AND HAILING PORT:** For RECREATIONAL vessels, the name and hailing port both must be marked together on some clearly visible exterior part of the hull. For COMMERCIAL vessels, the vessel name must be marked on each bow and the vessel name and hailing port must also be marked on the stem. The markings may be made by the use of any means and materials that result in durable markings. All must be at least 4" in height, made in clearly legible letters of the Latin alphabet or Arabic or Roman numerals. NOTE: Hailing port marking must include BOTH a place (city) and a state, territory or possession of the United States (e.g. NY, NY; FT Lauderdale, FL or ST THOMAS, VI).