

**U.S. Watercraft/Outboard Motor Titling Jurisdictions**

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Watercraft Titling States	Watercraft Registration States	Optional Watercraft Titling States	Outboard Motor Titling States
California	Alabama	Mississippi (Effective 7/1/98)	Mississippi - <b>OPTIONAL</b>
<b>District of Columbia</b> (not a state)	Alaska		Missouri
Florida	<b>American Samoa</b> (not in US)		Ohio
<b>Guam</b> ( not in US)	Arizona		Oklahoma
Idaho	Arkansas		South Carolina
Illinois	Colorado		Texas
Indiana	Connecticut		Utah
Iowa	Delaware		
Kentucky	Georgia		
Maryland	Hawaii		
Massachusetts	Kansas		
Michigan	Louisiana		
Minnesota	Maine		
Missouri	New Hampshire		
Montana	North Dakota		
Nebraska	<b>Puerto Rico</b> (not in US)		
Nevada	Tennessee		
New Jersey	<b>US Virgin Islands</b> (not in US)		
New Mexico	Wyoming		
New York			
North Carolina			
<b>N. Mariana Islands</b> (not in US)			
Ohio			
Oklahoma			
Oregon			
Pennsylvania			
Rhode Island			
South Carolina			
South Dakota			
Texas			
Utah			
Vermont			
Virginia			
Washington			
West Virginia			
Wisconsin			
Totals 36	Totals 19	Totals 1	Totals 7

## LIST OF STATES THAT TITLE BOATS/OUTBOARD MOTORS

\* States that title outboard motors

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CALIFORNIA	All motorboats plus sailboats exceeding 8 ft. in length – Effective - 1959	NEW MEXICO	All motorboats and sailboats 10 ft. or longer - Effective July 1, 1987.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	All vessels that renew a registration after March 14, 1984.	NEW YORK	All vessels 14 ft. or more in length with a model year of 1987 or newer - Effective June 1, 1986.
FLORIDA	All undocumented vessels not exempted by Section 328.03, F.S. Effective Jan. 1, 1968	NORTH CAROLINA	Titling is <b>optional</b> for all watercraft, which includes every description, other than a seaplane on the water used or capable of being used as a means of transportation. Effective Jan., 1990  <b>Effective 1-1-2006</b> – Anyone who purchases or transfers a motorized vessel 14 ft. or longer, who owns a personal watercraft (jet ski) or who has a lien on a vessel, regardless of size, will be required to title the vessel. This mandatory titling requirement will affect only new vessel purchases and transfers; existing vessel owners will not be required to obtain a title certificate.
IDAHO	All vessels w/ permanently attached propulsion, model year 2000 or newer, or any non-exempt model 2000 or newer 12ft in length regardless of propulsion	<b>*OHIO</b>	All watercraft with propulsion, plus outboard motors exceeding 9.99 horsepower - effective 1964. All PWC required to be titled. Individuals and dealerships owning boats prior to 1/1/00 are required to title PWC when watercraft is sold, mortgaged, or transferred. Effective 1/1/00
ILLINOIS	All motorboats plus sailboats exceeding 12ft in length – Effective - 1/1/86	<b>*OKLAHOMA</b>	All watercraft plus outboard motors exceeding 10 H.P. Effective 1959.
INDIANA	All registered vessels acquired by an owner after 1/1/86, or any vessel sold, mortgaged, or transferred after 1/1/86 – Effective - 1/1/86.	OREGON	All motorboats plus sailboats 12 ft. or more in length - Effective 1959
IOWA	All vessels 17ft or more in length Effective 1/1/88. Do not require bill of sale or MSO to be notarized.	PENNSYLVANIA	14 ft. or more with propulsion - 1997 year or newer. Jet Ski beginning 1997 year or coming from another titling state. Effective - 3/98
KENTUCKY	All motorboats – Effective - 1/1/90	RHODE ISLAND	All vessels - Effective Jan .1, 1989
MARYLAND	All motorboats – Effective - 1/1/65	<b>* SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	All watercraft over 14 ft. and all outboard motors 5 H.P. and greater. Effective July 1, 1974. All watercraft must be titled including all sailboats. Effective - June 8, 1989.
MASSACHUSETTS	All vessels 14ft or more in length Effective 4/15/90	SOUTH DAKOTA	Title vessels 16 ft. or more in length, which were purchased or acquired on or after March 1, 1992. Effective - . 3/92
MICHIGAN	All watercraft 20ft or more in length; shorter craft if they have permanently affixed engines. Effective - 4/77	<b>*TEXAS</b>	Motorboat exceeding 14 ft. in length - plus outboard motors of 12 H.P. or more Effective Jan 1, 1976.
MINNESOTA	Vessels over 16 ft in length Effective - 1/1/91. (Phase in over 3 years on current registration)	<b>*UTAH</b>	Title all boats 1985 or newer. Do not title any boats 1984 or older. Do not title canoes or inflatable unless they have propulsion. Title outboard motors over 25HP and newer than 1984
<b>*MISSISSIPPI</b>	<b>Optional</b> for all motorized vessels. Title outboard motors w/ no restrictions on HP. Sailboats only under auxiliary power. Effective - 7/98	VERMONT	All motor powered vessels 16ft and larger 1989 or newer - Effective 7/1/89
<b>*MISSOURI</b>	All motorboats and sailboats 12 feet or longer - Effective 1970. Title all outboard motors w/ no restrictions on HP	VIRGINIA	All watercraft 15ft or more powered by a motor excess of 25HP and sailboats over 18ft - Effective 1/1/82 - All PWC must be titled if new upon ownership Effective - 1/98
MONTANA	All motorboats & sailboats 12 ft. or longer - Effective 1970	WASHINGTON	All motorboats - Effective 7/1/83
NEBRASKA	All motorboats manufactured after 1972 - Effective Jan. 1, 1997.	WEST VIRGINIA	Title all motor powered vessels Effective - 7/98
NEVADA	All motorboats - Effective 1971	WISCONSIN	Titles all vessels 16ft or more in length except documented vessels are issued a certificate of registration only. Effective - 2/1/89
NEW JERSEY	All motorboats and sailboats over 12 ft. - Effective June 15, 1987		