



Office of Boat Registration & Licensing
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BOAT REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

New Boat:

1. Bill of Sale on Dealer's Letterhead
2. MSO - Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (First Assignment must be completed by Dealer/Manufacturer)
3. Customer is required to complete paperwork to title and register both boat & motor:
RI forms must be notarized
 - a. Boat Registration Application & fee
 - b. Outboard Motor Registration Application & fee
 - c. Application for Initial Vessel Certificate of Title (RIGL §46-22.1-3 vessels 14' in length or less are not required to be titled) & fee

Used Boat:

1. Sellers signature to be **Notarized** on Bill of Sale or Gift Statement
2. Title signed and notarized from bonafide seller or most current registration certificate (in seller's name) if the boat is coming from a non-title state. Please note, RI is a title state.
3. Customer is required to complete paperwork to register both boat and motor:
RI forms must be notarized
 - a. Boat Registration Application & fee
 - b. Outboard Motor Registration Application & fee
 - c. Application for Initial Vessel Certificate of Title (RIGL §46-22.1-3 vessels 14' in length or less are not required to be titled) & fee

US Coast Guard Documented Vessel:

Copy of US Coast Guard Documentation Certificate in the owner's name and completed documented boat registration application.

USCG Documentation to State Registration:

If the vessel was previously documented with the Coast Guard, a notarized bill of sale from the seller and a **letter of deletion** from the Coast Guard must accompany a copy of the seller's documentation from the previous owner.

Note: Any vessel (new or used) requesting RI registration, entering US through Customs, must provide appropriate paperwork along with registration forms.

Outboard Motor:

1. Sellers signature to be **Notarized** on Bill of Sale or Gift Statement
2. 7% Sales Tax Receipt (on motors purchased from Retailer, if purchased from private party, tax exempt. Please note, all taxes must be paid prior to registration). If motor is a gift, must provide documentation that donor had motor registered or proof of tax payment by donor must be provided.
3. Completed Outboard Motor Registration Application & fee

Please Note: Failure to supply the proper documentation will result in the delay of registration

Checks payable to State of RI-DEM