

How do I locate my hull identification number?



Boat Hull Identification



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Division of Motor Vehicles

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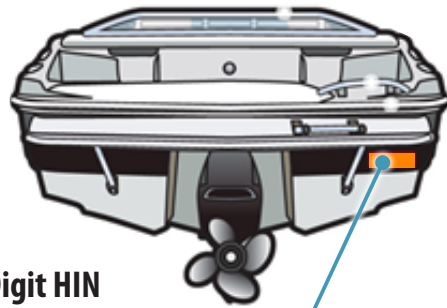
County DMV office locations

Website: dmv.idaho.gov

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation

Website:

parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/activities/boating



12-Digit HIN

ABC 67689 B6 06

Manufacturer's Identification Code (MIC)	Hull Serial Number	Date of Manufacture	Model Year
ABC	67689	B6	06

Where can I get a HIN inspection completed?

- If a HIN inspection has been requested, contact one of the following agencies:
 - Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
 - Local law enforcement agencies including marine deputies
 - Licensed vessel dealers
 - Local DMV offices

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Has your boat Hull Identification Number been validated?

On January 1, 2017, the U.S. Coast Guard implemented changes nationwide that impact boat registration and renewals.

If your vessel is model year 1973 or newer you will need to comply with new regulations to title, register or renew your registration.

Why do I need to be concerned with U.S. Coast Guard regulations?

Idaho boating laws are based on the U.S. Coast Guard Code of Federal Regulations. Failure to comply with the U.S. Coast Guard regulations will result in the denial of your vessel title, registration or renewal. Idaho boating laws are available at:

boat-ed.com/idaho/handbook

What were the changes to the U.S. Coast Guard regulations?

The U.S. Coast Guard now requires:

- Every vessel to have a conforming Hull Identification Number (HIN) verified by the state.
- Every vessel registration must be tied to a unique identifier assigned to the vessel's owner.

Why did the U.S. Coast Guard make these changes?

The U.S. Coast Guard made changes to:

- **Improve** boating safety.
- **Enhance** law enforcement capabilities.
- **Promote** the U.S. Coast Guard's strategic goal of maritime safety and security.

What is a unique identifier?

A unique identifier is a number that identifies an individual or business as the boat's legal owner.

It can be:

- Your Idaho driver's license or identification card number.



- Your tax identification number which can be your Social Security number, employer identification number or an individual taxpayer identification number.

What is a Hull Identification Number (HIN)?

A HIN is similar to a vehicle identification number on a vehicle. The HIN is the number stamped on your boat by the manufacturer. It is not the U.S. Coast Guard number you put on the bow of your boat. The HIN should be located on the rear right side of your vessel. It is 12 characters long. Each part of the sequence means something (see example). **Any vessel imported or manufactured after Nov. 1, 1972, must have a readable and conforming 12-character HIN.**

What if my vessel does not have a HIN?

You have two options:

- **If your vessel is not titled and only registered,** a HIN can be assigned at your county Assessor's DMV office. Bring a picture of the back of your vessel.

- **If your vessel is not exempt from titling,** you will need to contact a Motor Vehicle Investigator. Contact information can be provided by your county Assessor's DMV office.

What if my vessel HIN and title or registration numbers do not match?

Compare the HIN on your registration and title (if you have one) to your vessel. If they do not match, you have two options:

- **If your title doesn't match your vessel,** call the Idaho Transportation Department at 208-334-8663.
- **If your renewal notice or registration do not match your vessel,** take a picture of the vessel's HIN and bring your registration and picture to your county Assessor's DMV office. It can process a HIN correction there.

What types of new/additional information will be collected on my boat?

The U.S. Coast Guard is requiring information on HIN conformity, hull type, boat vessel type, boat propulsion type, boat engine drives and fuel type.

What if I have not received a renewal notice and need my registration immediately?

Boat owners who have not received a renewal notice and need the registration immediately should take a picture of their vessel's HIN and bring it to their local DMV office.



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