



boating facts

TITLES

Boats longer than 12 ft. must be titled, regardless of propulsion means.

To obtain a title, visit any motor vehicle agency and provide: Hull Identification Number (HIN), structural information, owner information or business number/corpcode. Homemade boats or boats without a HIN will be assigned a number after a State Police Marine Services Bureau inspection.

► **Pay \$20 for a clear title, \$40 for a one-lien title, \$20 for a corrected title or \$25 for a duplicate title.**

Title Exemptions

For details, visit an MVC agency, njmvc.gov or call (888) 486-3339 toll-free in New Jersey.

REGISTRATIONS

Titled boats and power vessels of any length must be registered if they are to be used on waterways. To register, visit any motor vehicle agency and:

- **Provide proof of ownership, Social Security number and acceptable proofs of age and identification.**
- **Complete form BA51, boat registration form.**
- **Pay the fee based on the chart below:**

TYPE OF VESSEL	LENGTH:				
	UNDER 16ft	16ft -25ft	26ft-39ft	40ft-64ft	65ft OR MORE
Pleasure	\$12	\$28	\$52	\$80	\$250
Commercial	\$13	\$29	\$53	\$81	\$251

OPERATING REQUIREMENTS, LICENSES, CERTIFICATES AND SAFETY

Persons 12 years old or younger may not remain on board any moving vessel (except short-run ferries and large commercial vessels longer than 65 feet) unless they are wearing a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device.

Persons under 13 years old may not operate any power vessel.

Persons 13 to 15 years old may operate a vessel powered by an electric trolling motor, or a vessel 12 feet or longer powered by less than 10 total HP, if they have successfully completed an approved boating safety course and have the certificate in their possession.

Persons 16 years or older may operate any recreational power vessel. Persons operating on nontidal waters must also carry a New Jersey boat license. For current boating safety education and minimum age mandatory requirements, please visit www.njsp.org. Upon completion of an approved boating safety course, the operator must carry the certificate whenever operating the vessel. The certificate must also be presented upon application for a boat license.

BOATING VIOLATIONS

Penalties for breaking boating laws include:

- ▶ *Up to a \$500 fine for operating a boat without completing a boating safety course. (N.J.S.A. 12:7-61)*
- ▶ *Up to a \$500 fine and/or up to 60 days in prison for failing to carry or exhibit a license to operate a power boat on nontidal waters. (N.J.S.A. 12:7-72)*

The penalties for boating under the influence of drugs or alcohol and/or the refusal to submit to a chemical test include:

- ▶ **First Offense:**
Fine of between \$250 and \$500, loss of privilege to operate a vessel for 12 months, loss of privilege to operate a vehicle for three months to one year, and loss of privilege to operate a moped from sentencing until offender has reached the age of 17 years, three months. (N.J.S.A. 12:7-46)*
- ▶ **Second Offense:**
Fine of between \$500 and \$1,000, loss of privilege to operate a vessel for 24 months, loss of privilege to operate a vehicle for 2 years, and loss of privilege to operate a moped from sentencing until offender has reached the age of 17 years, three months. A second offense will also result in 30 days of community service and between 48 hours and 90 days in prison. (N.J.S.A. 12:7-46)*

* Violators under age 17 will have ALL driving privileges suspended until offender is 17 years and three months of age.

Refusal to take a chemical test results in the loss of the privilege to operate power boats and motor vehicles for:

- ▶ **First Offense:**
1 year (boat)/7-12 months (motor vehicle) and \$300 to \$500 fine
- ▶ **Second Offense:**
2 years (boat and motor vehicle) and \$500 to \$1,000 fine
- ▶ **Third Offense:**
10 years (boat and motor vehicle) and \$1,000 fine (N.J.S.A. 12:7-57)

FURTHER INFORMATION

Boat Safety Certificates: (609) 882-2000 x6173 or www.njisp.org

Boat Safety Course: (800) 336-2628

Boat Licenses: (888) 486-3339 toll-free in NJ or (609) 292-6500

Cost: Four-year photo license, \$24. (\$18 if added as an endorsement to a driver license.)

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