



# New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission

NJ MVC/Abandoned Unit  
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
1-800-4-A-JERSEY ext. 5069

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

## Application for Title to an Abandoned Vessel

Applicant	Last Name		First Name		Middle Initial
	Street Address		City	State	Zip
	NJ Driver License No. (if Business-Corpcode)				

Vessel Identification	Name, <i>if any</i>		Hull Identification Number (HIN)			
	State Boat Registration Number		U.S. Coast Guard Documentation Number, <i>if any</i>			
	Year	Make	Length	Hull Material		
	Type (Cabin, open, etc.)		Fuel Used (Gasoline, diesel, etc.)	Propulsion (Inboard, outboard, i/o, etc)		
	Date Vessel Abandoned without Permission		Location Vessel Abandoned			

Ownership of Vessel	Owner Name (Last, First)				
	Owners Address				
	<b>Ascertained Ownership Information From</b> ( <i>check and complete statements as necessary</i> ):				
	<input type="checkbox"/> -Boat registration information from the NJ MVC or the State of: _____ (attach copies). <input type="checkbox"/> -A vessel documentation check by the U.S. Coast Guard (attach copy). <input type="checkbox"/> -Through the following means in the absence of the foregoing, or based upon ownership information received: ( <i>Describe in full, what you did and attach letters or other substantiating data as appropriate. Use extra sheets if necessary.</i> )				
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<b>Lienholder Information</b>	<b>Ascertained Lienholder Information From</b> <i>(check and complete statements as necessary):</i> <input type="checkbox"/> -The Secretary of State of New Jersey responded that a lien is held on this commercially used vessel by: _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <span>_____ <i>Name &amp; Address of Institution or Individual</i></span> <span>_____ <i>(If not applicable or none, so state)</i></span> </div>
	<input type="checkbox"/> -The recording officer of _____ County in the State of _____, wherein the <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <span>_____ <i>County</i></span> <span>_____ <i>State</i></span> </div> registered Vessel owner resides, responded that a lien is currently held on this pleasure used vessel by: _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <span>_____ <i>Name &amp; Address of Institution or Individual</i></span> <span>_____ <i>(If not applicable or none, so state)</i></span> </div>
	<input type="checkbox"/> -The Authorities of the State of _____ have responded that a lien is held on this vessel by: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <span>_____ <i>State</i></span> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <span>_____ <i>Name &amp; Address of Institution or Individual</i></span> <span>_____ <i>(If not applicable or none, so state)</i></span> </div>
<b>Publication</b>	Date Notice Appeared in Newspaper
	Name and Address of Newspaper
	County & City in which Newspaper Circulates
<b>Notification</b>	<b>Notification to Owner &amp; Lienholder, if applicable (Form OS/SS-64)</b> <i>(check and complete statements as necessary)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> -I mailed a registered "Abandoned Vessel Notice" Form OS/SS-64 to the owner and lienholder (if applicable), in accordance with the provisions of the Abandoned Vessel Disposition Law (N.J.S.A. 12:7C-7, et seq.). The notice was mailed on: _____ Further, I am unaware of any dispute by the vessel owner or lienholder. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; margin-top: 5px;"> <span>_____ <i>Date Notice Mailed</i></span> </div> <input type="checkbox"/> -I was unable to ascertain the owner and lienholder (if applicable); therefore, I could not send the registered letter.

**State of New Jersey**

County of \_\_\_\_\_

**BEFORE ME**, the undersigned Notary, \_\_\_\_\_  
*[name of Notary before whom affidavit is sworn]*, on this \_\_\_\_\_ *[day of month]* day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, personally appeared  
\_\_\_\_\_, *[name of affiant]*, known to me to be a credible  
person and of lawful age, who being by me first duly sworn, on \_\_\_\_\_ *[his or her]* oath, deposes and says:

1. I submit this application to obtain a New Jersey title for the above-described vessel, which was impounded after remaining on public land or waterway, or private property, without the consent of the person in control of the property or waterway, for a period of more than thirty (30) days. The owner of the vessel failed to claim the vessel by midnight of the thirtieth day.

2. On \_\_\_\_\_, I placed notice in the above newspaper, describing the vessel, its location of abandonment, any identifying number, and stating that if the vessel is not claimed and removed within thirty (30) days after the publication date of the notice, I would apply for title to the vessel in my name under the Abandoned Vessel Disposition Law (N.J.S.A. 12:7C-7, et seq.). To date, there has been no response to my public notice.

3. Check one:

\_\_\_ On \_\_\_\_\_, I mailed a registered Abandoned Vessel Notice (OS/SS-64) to the owner and to the vessel lienholder (if applicable), stating that if ownership is not claimed and the vessel not removed within thirty (30) days, title to the vessel will be applied for in my name. To date, there has been no response to my registered notice(s);

\_\_\_ The owner has responded; See response.

\_\_\_ I was unable to ascertain the owner (or lienholder) and I could not send a registered letter requesting removal of the vessel.

4. To the best of my knowledge, this vessel is not the subject of any court action in which ownership, unpaid storage or repair bills are in dispute.

5. Accordingly, having complied with all applicable provisions of the law governing the disposition of abandoned vessels within the waters of the State of New Jersey, I hereby request that title to the vessel abandoned for more than thirty days, as described herein, be issued to me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[signature of affiant]*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[typed name of affiant]*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[address of affiant, line 1]*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[address of affiant, line 2]*

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this \_\_\_\_\_ *[day of month]*  
day of \_\_\_\_\_ *[month]*, 20\_\_\_\_.

*[Notary Seal:]*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[signature of Notary]*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[typed name of Notary]*

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Applicant Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Abandoned Vessel Checklist

Use the below checklist as a guide as it may be useful to ensure that you have met all the requirements of the Abandoned Vessel Procedure. To ensure your request is processed in a timely manner, please only submit complete and accurate documents. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the telephone number listed prior to submitting your request. **This checklist must be submitted with your completed request.**

**Please Note:** Each case is unique and is handled on an individual basis. Additional documents may be required upon request.

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- Boat ownership information furnished by the NJ MVC or the State of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - U.S. Coast Guard Documentation Number Certification (if applicable).
  - Certificate of Search, State of New Jersey (if applicable).
  - Certificate of Search, County of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Affidavit of Newspaper Publication with actual Newspaper Publication (a clipping).
  - Original registered Abandoned Vessel Notice(s) (Form OS/SS-64) sent to the Owner and Lienholder (if applicable) AND the original signed return receipts. If envelope was returned as undeliverable, the original, unopened envelope with US Postal Service notation is required.
  - If applicable, A Copy of Contract and/or Repair-Storage Bill(s).
  - *If abandoned on Private Property*, a notarized letter stating how the applicant came into possession of the vessel.
  - Check or money order in the amount of \$60.00 made payable to: NJ MVC.
  - Application for Certificate of Vessel or Hull Ownership (Form OS/SS-27).
  - Application for Title to Abandoned Vessel (Form OS/SS-65).
  - Hull Identification Number (HIN) Investigation Report, Form OS/SS-10A (if applicable).
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