



# 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 \$60 for a clear title, \$85 for a one-lien title, \$60 for a corrected title or \$60 for a duplicate title.*

## Title Exemptions

For details, visit an MVC agency, [njmvc.gov](http://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](http://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](http://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.)

[www.njimvc.gov](http://www.njimvc.gov)