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Recreational Boat Numbering Proposed Rule Published

The Coast Guard announced today the publication of a notice in the Federal Register proposing changes to the Standard Numbering System, Vessel Identification System, and the Boating Accident Report Database.

This proposed rulemaking would amend rules related to numbering of undocumented vessels and reporting of casualties. These changes would align, modernize and harmonize terminology used in the Standard Numbering System (SNS), the Vessel Identification System, and casualty reporting; require state validation of vessel hull identification numbers; require SNS vessel owners to provide personally identifiable information; and provide administrative flexibility for states. Together, the proposed changes would improve recreational boating safety efforts, enhance law enforcement capabilities, advance maritime security, and clarify requirements for all stakeholders.

The notice of proposed rulemaking and related materials may be reviewed at <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number: USCG-2003-14963.

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