INITIAL BOAT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Once the registration process has been completed, a registration number and registration label are issued.

**Display of Registration Numbers**
Your boat registration number is shown on the certificate of registration or on a tax receipt you will receive. The registration number issued to the boat must be painted or displayed on both sides of the vessel towards the bow in figures at least 15cm high so as to be clearly legible at a distance of 50 metres while the boat is underway in clear weather. For boats less than 3 metres in length, registration numbers must be at least 10cm high and clearly legible from 50 metres. The numbers should be placed on a vertical surface.

In cases where the bow is excessively flared making display of the registration numbers difficult, approval may be granted to display the numbers closer to the centre of the hull or on each side of the cabin.

Registration numbers must be of a contrasting colour to the surface on which they are displayed. They may be displayed using stick-on numbers (available from most boat dealers) or may be painted on.

**Affixing the Registration Label**
The registration label must be fixed to the boat adjacent to the steering position. Select a flat surface, making sure it is clean and free from dust, flaking paint, grease and salt. The label will bond to various surfaces including painted timbers, aluminium, fibreglass and glass. For badly weathered aluminium, it is a good idea to first clean a small area with steel wool or a scourer to ensure proper adhesion.

**Personal Watercraft**
In addition to the above requirements to display the registration number and registration label, owners/operators of personal watercraft (PWC) must ensure that a ‘Ride Smart’ (Code of Conduct) sticker is displayed near the vessel controls. If your PWC does not have a ‘Ride Smart’ sticker displayed, a sticker may be obtained from any Customer Service Centre. It is an offence to operate a PWC without a ‘Ride Smart’ sticker displayed in the correct position.

**Further Information**
If you need any further advice regarding boat registration, please contact your nearest Customer Service Centre on 13 10 84.

The information contained within this document is based on the requirements of Harbors and Navigation Regulations 2009 and is correct at the time of printing. The latest information regarding these requirements is listed at: