

CHAPTER 383
Licensing and Accidents

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CROSS REFERENCES

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State licensing provision - see Ohio R.C. 1547.51 et seq.
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383.01 NUMBERING WATERCRAFT REQUIRED.

Except as provided for in Section 383.05, every watercraft operated on the waters in this City shall be numbered. No person shall operate or give permission for the operation of any watercraft on such waters unless the watercraft is numbered in accordance with Federal law or a Federally approved numbering system of this or another State, and unless:

(a) The certificate of number awarded to this watercraft is in full force and effect.

(b) The identifying number set forth in the certificate of number is displayed on each side of the bow of such watercraft.
(ORC 1547.53.) (Ord. 42-83. Passed 5-23-83.)

383.02 DISPLAY OF NUMBER; AVAILABILITY OF CERTIFICATE; FRAUDULENT NUMBERING.

Every watercraft owner shall attach to each side of the bow the permanent identification number in such manner as may be prescribed by applicable Federal standards in order that it shall be clearly visible. The number shall be maintained in a legible condition at all times.

No number other than the number assigned to a watercraft or granted by reciprocity pursuant to Chapter 1547 of the Ohio Revised Code shall be painted, attached or otherwise displayed on either side of the bow of such watercraft.
(ORC 1547.54.) (Ord. 42-83. Passed 5-23-83.)

383.03 ALTERING SERIAL NUMBERS; FALSE INFORMATION.

No person shall deface or alter any serial number, model designation or other identifying mark on any boat or motor as placed thereon by the manufacturer thereof, or remove, deface or alter the registered number of any watercraft as the same appears on the bow thereof, except by specific order of the Chief of the Division of Watercraft.

No person shall give purposely false information concerning any boat or motor when applying for registration of such boat or motor. Any certificate issued which is found to be based on such false information is void.(ORC 1547.66.)

383.04 ACCIDENTS; REQUIRED ASSISTANCE AND WRITTEN REPORTS.

The operator of watercraft involved in a collision, accident or other casualty, so far as he can do so without serious danger to his own vessel, crew and passengers, shall render to other persons affected by the collision, accident or other casualty such assistance as may be practicable and as may be necessary in order to save them from or minimize any danger caused by the collision, accident or other casualty, and also give his name, address and identification of his vessel, in writing, to any person injured and to the owner of any property damaged in the collision, accident or other casualty.

In the case of collision, accident or other casualty involving watercraft, the operator thereof, if the collision, accident or other casualty results in loss of life, personal injury requiring medical treatment beyond first aid, or damage to property in excess of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) shall file with the Chief of the Ohio Division of Watercraft a full description of the collision, accident or other casualty on such form as shall be prescribed by the Chief. The report so filed shall be used for statistical purposes only and shall not be admissible for any purpose in any civil, criminal or administrative action at law.
(ORC 1547.59.) (Ord. 42-83. Passed 5-23-83.)

383.05 EXCEPTIONS TO NUMBERING REQUIREMENTS.

A watercraft shall not be required to have an Ohio number if it is:

(a) Already covered by a number in effect which has been assigned to it pursuant to federal law, other than a documentation number issued by the United States Coast Guard, or a federally approved numbering system of another state and either of the following applies:

(1) The watercraft has not been used within this state during a period in excess of sixty consecutive days; or

(2) If the watercraft has been assigned such a number pursuant to federal law, it is used exclusively for commercial purposes.

- (b) A watercraft from a country other than the United States temporarily using the waters in this state;
- (c) A watercraft whose owner is the United States, a state, or political subdivision thereof;
- (d) A ship's lifeboat;
- (e) A watercraft which has been exempted from numbering by the chief of the divisions of watercraft after the division has found that the numbering of such watercraft will not materially aid in its identification; and, if an agency of the United States has a numbering system applicable to the watercraft, after the division of watercraft has further found that the watercraft would also be exempt from number if it were subject to the federal law.
- (f) A watercraft temporarily using the waters in this state under a waiver issued by the chief of the division of watercraft to an organization sponsoring a race, regatta, or special event, which waiver may be issued by the chief upon application by the sponsoring organization at least fifteen days prior to the date of the proposed race, regatta, or special event, and shall be effective for a period of ten days including the day or days of the proposed race, regatta, or special event. Such waiver does not obviate compliance with Section 1547.20 of the Revised Code. (ORC 1547.58).

383.99 PENALTY.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 303.99 for misdemeanor classifications and penalties.)