



GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO

Department of Natural and Environmental Resources

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Documentation required for TRANSFER OF VESSEL OWNERSHIP

✚ The transfer procedure must be made by the seller and the buyer in person, since they both must sign the transfer of the titling (form DRNA-OCN-007) notifying the change of status of the vessel before an ONC representative, and must provide

1. Current vessel license. Receipt of payment into Account Number 1150

FEES ACCORDING TO LAW NO. 430		
OVERALL BOAT LENGTH		AMOUNT
0	15	\$25
16	21	\$50
22	29	\$100
30	39	\$200
40	64	\$300
65	ó más	\$400

- Government issued photo ID and social security card, not laminated.
- Receipt of payment into Account Number 1150 or payment voucher for two dollars in cash (\$2), from the DNER collector.
- Certified copy of his/her Income Tax Return Form for the last fiscal year or a Certificate from the Treasury Department stating that the Income Tax Return Form was filed. Model SC 6088.
- If the seller can not attend, the buyer must present the Purchase Contract, duly notarized, including a description of the vessel signed by both buyer and seller.

VESSEL DOCUMENTED WITH THE US COAST GUARD

- Requirements 1 to 4.
- Current Certificate of Documentation in the name of the Buyer (Federal law prohibits the registration of a vessel as documented if the Certificate of Documentation is not in the name of the buyer).

If the **documentation** was not accepted, a letter from the Coast Guard canceling the documentation (if this is the case and the decal is in effect, remove the Documentation decal (DC) from the vessel to cancel it)

Address and telephone number
National Vessel Documentation Center
792 TJ Jackson Drive
Falling Waters, WV 25419-9502-
800.799.8362 ó 304.271.2400 Fax 304.271.2415

WHEN THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE SELLER ARE UNKNOWN

- Requirements 1 to 4.



- ✦ Certificate of Inspection from the Ranger Corps of the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources.
- ✦ If the applicant does not have any of the above-mentioned documents, a Certification from the Attorney General Office of the Justice Department is required. To obtain one, he/she must submit to the Attorney General Office of the Justice Department a Sworn Statement accompanied with the Certificate of Inspection of the vessel issued by the Ranger Corps of the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources.

- ✦ He/She must indicate in the Sworn Statement the following information: a detailed description of the vessel. Explain how, from whom and when he/she obtained the vessel.

The person must also swear that, to the best of his/her knowledge and understanding, the vessel is not subject to any criminal or civil lawsuit, and that the purpose of that request is to register a vessel in his/her name with the Office of the Commissioner of Navigation.

“When lacking the legal title to property, or in the absence of a legal document establishing his or her entitlement, and unable to prove such titling, the applicant must apply for and obtain a Certificate from the Attorney General Office of the Department of Justice (telephone number (787)-729-2420), certifying that neither the vessel nor the power driven vehicle of navigation (watercraft) is subject of any criminal litigation proceedings. To obtain such Certificate, the applicant must submit the Sworn Statement and the Vessel Certificate of Inspection of the United States Coast Guard, or issued by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources Corps of Ranger, to the Office of Citizen Affairs. The information contained in the Sworn statement must coincide with the information contained in the Vessel Certificate of Inspection.

In the case of a handmade vessel (backyard built boat), the applicant must present, besides the requirements established under this Article, a Sworn Statement making such built evident including a description of the vessel specifying the type of hull construction material, the type of propulsion (power drive), the size and length of the vessel, and the year of fabrication (when it was made). Also, the Certificate of Inspection of the United States Coast Guard, or performed by personnel authorized by the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources, certifying the sea worthiness of the vessel, and the hull identification number assigned to the vessel. As it is disposed by law, when the vessel is acquired from another person, if no documentation is available to prove legal title to property, or the previous owner does not appear immediately (his or her whereabouts are unknown), the applicant must appeal to a court of law with power or competency to rule on the title of property.” (Regulation Number 6979: Inscription, Navigation, and Boating Safety in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Chapter III, Article 8).

IN CASE OF DEATH OF THE SELLER

- ✦ Requirements 1 to 4.
- ✦ The Declaration of Heirship Resolution, in its absence, a copy of the notarized will, or a copy of the Estate of the Deceased Form. The vessel must be included among the goods detailed in the Estate of the Deceased Form.
- ✦ All heirs must authorize the transferring in person or through a Sworn Statement. The vessel will be registered in all the heirs' name. They can personally or through Sworn Statement designate a representative for future transactions, or to sell or transfer it to a new owner simultaneously while making the transfer to the heirs.

CORPORATE OR BUSINESS VESSELS

1. Requirements from 1 to 4.
2. Corporate Resolution
 - ✦ On official paper bearing the Corporate seal
 - ✦ Employer Social Security Number
 - ✦ Name of the person authorized to represent the corporation or business before the Office of the Commissioner of Navigation
 - ✦ Valid photo ID of the authorized or designated person

NOTE: If the vessel shows a lien with any banking institution, provide a Letter of Lien Cancellation or the transfer of the account. When transferring the vessel the administrative fines must be paid separately at the DNER collection office and the Payment Voucher must be provided.