



Recreational Vessel Registration Number Regulations

Navigable Waters Regulations 1958 - 45A(3), 45B(7)

- 45B(7)** A person shall not use or have in any navigable waters a **registrable vessel**, other than a foreign pleasure vessel as defined in regulation 45BAA(1), unless —
- (a) where the vessel is not a vessel to which paragraph (b) or (c) applies, the registration number allotted to the vessel is legibly marked on each side of the vessel in accordance with the following provisions —
 - (i) the number shall not be positioned under a flared bow of the vessel and shall at all times be easily visible, whether or not the vessel is under way;
 - (ii) where a vessel has the number marked on the hull the digits of the number shall be positioned so that the highest part of each digit commences at a point that is not lower than 75 millimetres below the gunwale of the vessel;
 - (iii) each digit of the number shall be not less than 150 millimetres in height, and not less than 25 millimetres in width;
 - (iv) where the background, of each digit is not white, each digit of the number shall have a white surround not less than 7 millimetres in width; and
 - (v) each digit of the number shall be of plain block design and not script and be vertical and not slanting;and
 - (b) where the vessel is a **yacht** which is or may be propelled by mechanical power, the registration number allotted to the vessel is legibly marked on each side of the hull of the vessel in accordance with the following provisions —
 - (i) the number shall be positioned immediately forward of the transom so as to be easily visible;
 - (ii) the digits of the number shall be positioned so that the highest part of each digit commences at a point that is not lower than 75 millimetres below the gunwale of the vessel;
 - (iii) each digit of the number shall be black and shall be not less than 50 millimetres in height and 12 millimetres in width;
 - (iv) where the background of each digit is not white, each digit of the number shall have a white surround not less than 7 millimetres in width; and
 - (v) each digit of the number shall be of plain block design and not script and be vertical and not slanting;and
 - (c) where the vessel is a **personal watercraft**, the registration number allotted to the vessel is legibly marked on each side of the vessel in accordance with the following provisions —
 - (i) the number shall be positioned so as to be easily visible;
 - (ii) each digit of the number shall be not less than 100 millimetres in height, and not less than 25 millimetres in width;
 - (iii) where the background of each digit is not white, each digit of the number shall have a white surround not less than 7 millimetres in width;
 - (iv) each digit of the number shall be of plain block design and not script and be vertical and not slanting.
- 45A(2)** **A tender** means an auxiliary vessel that —
- (a) is not more than 3.1 metres in length; and
 - (b) is propelled by motored power not exceeding 3.73 kilowatts, that is used as a life boat or means of transportation between the parent vessel and the shore, or for both those purposes, but for no other purpose.

- 45A(3)** **A tender** is not a registrable vessel for the purposes of this Part if the tender is marked with the registration number of its parent vessel in black numerals not less than 50 millimetres in height and 12 millimetres in width with a white surround not less than 7 millimetres immediately forward of the transom on each side of the vessel.