15A NCAC 10F .0106 DISPLAY OF VESSEL NUMBERS

(a) The vessel numbers shall be painted on or attached to each side of the forward half of the vessel for which the number was issued in a position that is visible and legible. The numbers shall read from left to right and shall be in block characters not less than three inches in height. The numbers shall be of a solid color that contrasts with the color of the background and maintained to be visible and legible.

(b) No other number, except the year date of the validation decal described in Rule .0107 of this Section, shall be carried on the bow of a numbered vessel.

(c) Manufacturers or dealers may have the vessel number printed upon or attached to a removable sign or signs to be temporarily attached to a vessel being demonstrated, so long as the display meets the requirements of Paragraph (a) of this Rule. If a currently or previously-numbered vessel is being demonstrated with dealer numbers, all permanent numbers painted on or attached to the bow shall be covered.

(d) A vessel registered to a governmental entity and bearing the letter "P" shall continue to display the assigned numbers for so long as the vessel belongs to a governmental entity. Upon transfer of ownership of a vessel registered to a government entity to a private individual or business, the new owner shall apply to the Commission for a new certificate of number as provided in 15A NCAC 10F .0104.

(e) A United States Coast Guard documented vessel registered in North Carolina shall not display the State vessel numbers.

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