

# BUYING A WATERCRAFT

Purchase



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Proper  
Paperwork



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Enjoyment



Information contained on this side is  
for Casual\*\* Sales  
(\*Sale between individuals)  
**See reverse side for information  
when purchased from a dealer**

## USED VESSEL – REGISTERED IN IOWA

Registration does NOT need to be current to transfer ownership, but a \$5 penalty may apply.

### Documentation Required

- Registration signed by seller OR screen print from an Iowa County Recorder's office
- Title, if previously titled, signed on the back by seller\*\*
- Bill of Sale signed by seller listing purchase price of VESSEL ONLY. Iowa State sales tax will be collected on the purchase price.
- Application for Registration (Obtained at local County Recorder's office)

\*\*If the Title has a notation regarding a lien, the lien MUST be released by the County Recorder's office listed on the title.

### Fees – with Current Registration

Registration only	\$2.25
Registration with title	\$12.25
Registration with title & lien	\$22.25

### Fees – with Expired Registration

Use NEW VESSEL Fee listed under 1/1/07-4/30/08 according to length of vessel (see reverse side).

- If expired with NO title - New Vessel fee PLUS \$6.00
- If expired with a Title - New Vessel fee PLUS \$16.00
- If expired with a Title & Lien - New Vessel Fee PLUS \$26.00

## USED VESSEL – REGISTERED IN ANOTHER STATE

### Documentation Required

- Registration signed by seller, if required by previous state
- Title, if previously titled, signed by seller
- Bill of Sale signed by seller listing purchase price of VESSEL ONLY. Sales tax will be collected on the purchase price.
- Application for Registration (Obtained at local County Recorder's office)

Used vessels previously registered in another state will pay the fees listed for "New Vessel Fees" on reverse side, prorated by date of registration, plus any penalty, title or lien fees.

## A VESSEL NEVER REGISTERED IN ANY STATE:

Contact your local County Recorder or the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (1-515-281-5918) for documentation required and fees.

This brochure is designed to help you obtain the proper paperwork and fees to register your new or used vessel.

Disclaimer: The information contained herein is subject to change by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. If you have any questions, please contact your local County Recorder or the Iowa Department of Natural Resources at 1-515-281-5918.

### NEW VESSEL FROM DEALER

Documents will be provided by dealer, which includes:

- MCO/MSO – Manufacturers Certificate/Statement of Origin (if required)
- Bill of Sale – Must show amount of sales tax collected by dealer or sales tax will be collected by the County Recorder’s office.
- Application for Registration
- Fees are based on date of registration and length, see chart below.

### NEW VESSEL FEES:

#### All Personal Watercraft

1/1/07-4/30/08	5/1/08-4/30/09	5/1/09-4/30/10
\$46.25	\$31.25	\$16.25

#### Any Length No Motor/No Sail

1/1/07-4/30/08	5/1/08-4/30/09	5/1/09-4/30/10
\$13.25	\$9.25	\$5.25

#### Motor/Sail Less than 16 feet

1/1/07-4/30/08	5/1/08-4/30/09	5/1/09-4/30/10
\$23.75	\$16.25	\$8.75

#### Motor/Sail 16’ less than 26’

1/1/07-4/30/08	5/1/08-4/30/09	5/1/09-4/30/10
\$37.25	\$25.25	\$13.25

#### Motor/Sail 26’ less than 40’

1/1/07-4/30/08	5/1/08-4/30/09	5/1/09-4/30/10
\$76.25	\$51.25	\$26.25

#### Motor/Sail 40’ and Over

1/1/07-4/30/08	5/1/08-4/30/09	5/1/09-4/30/10
\$151.25	\$101.25	\$51.25

#### Documented Vessels

1/1/07-4/30/08	5/1/08-4/30/09	5/1/09-4/30/10
\$26.25	\$17.85	\$9.55

\$10.00 Title Fee

\$10.00 Lien Fee

Dealers add \$1.00 for postage and mailing fee.

### USED VESSEL FROM DEALER – Registered in Iowa

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- Bill of Sale listing tax collected by dealer
- Application for Registration

\*\*If the Title has a notation regarding a lien, the lien MUST be released by the County Recorder’s office listed on the title.

#### Fees – Current Registration

Registration only	\$2.25
Registration with title	\$12.25
Registration with title & lien	\$22.25

#### Fees – Expired Registration

Use NEW VESSEL Fee listed under 1/1/07-4/30/08 according to length of vessel

- If expired with NO title - New Vessel fee PLUS \$1.00\*\*
- If expired with a Title - New Vessel fee PLUS \$11.00\*\*
- If expired with a Title & Lien - New Vessel Fee PLUS \$21.00\*\*

\*\*If registration was expired when the dealer took possession of the boat there will be a \$5.00 penalty added to the fees listed above.

### USED VESSEL FROM DEALER – REGISTERED IN ANOTHER STATE

#### Documentation Required

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- Title, if previously titled, signed by seller
- Bill of Sale listing tax collected by dealer
- Application for Registration

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