

(a) In addition to the certificate of number, the Commission shall supply to the owner of a numbered vessel two validation decals indicating the certificate's year of expiration. The owner shall affix one validation decal in a position that is visible and legible on each side of the bow following and within six inches of the vessel number.

(b) A United States Coast Guard documented vessel shall affix one validation decal in a position that is visible and legible on the forward half of the starboard bow and one validation decal on the forward half of the port side bow.

(c) A validation decal issued for a numbered vessel owned by a governmental entity shall contain no expiration date, shall bear the letter "P", and shall not be subject to renewal so long as the vessel remains the property of a governmental entity. When a vessel is transferred to private ownership, the decals shall be removed or destroyed by the transferring agency.

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