

4. Identification of business

A. Federal Tax Identification number _____

B. Ohio Vendor's License number _____

Note: First-time applicants or current vendors with changes to business name and/or address must attach a copy of their vendor's license. It must match the name and location used on this application. To apply for a vendor's license, contact your local County Auditor's office. Direct questions to the Ohio Department of Taxation at 1-888-405-4039.

C. **Out-of-state Applicants only:**

Ohio Sellers Use Tax Certificate number _____

First-time applicants must provide a copy of an Ohio Sellers Use Tax Certificate of Registration. Direct questions to the Ohio Department of Taxation at 1-888-405-4089.

D. **Corporations only:**

Charter/Incorporation Number _____ State of _____

E. **Manufacturers only:**

United States Coast Guard (USCG) Manufacturers Identification Code number _____

Also provide a letter on manufacturer's letterhead, acknowledging applicant as a representative of manufacturer or a copy of the letter received by the USCG that assigned your number.

THE OHIO WATERCRAFT DEALER APPLICATION IS NOT COMPLETE OR VALID UNTIL YOU HAVE SIGNED THE APPLICATION IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY.

5. Application Certification Statement (MUST BE SIGNED AND VERIFIED IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY)

I hereby certify that I am a bona fide Watercraft Dealer as defined by the Ohio Revised Code, who is regularly engaged in the business of manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in vessels at an established place of business and that all the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge. I also affirm I will follow the Ohio Revised Code pertaining to the same.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

PRINTED NAME OF APPLICANT

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this _____ day of

_____, _____
MONTH YEAR

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires _____



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OHIO WATERCRAFT DEALER LICENSE PROGRAM INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in serving Ohio boaters. This information concerns the Watercraft Dealer License Program, proper use of the license, and highlights of the rules and regulations that govern the program.

Ohio Revised Code Section 1547.543 states: A bona fide watercraft dealer or manufacturer upon application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Watercraft may purchase for each separate place of business, a dealer license assigning a dealer number for use while operating watercraft on the waters of this state.

Ohio Revised Code Section 1547.01(B)(27) defines a “watercraft dealer” as any person who is regularly engaged in the business of manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in vessels at an established place of business. “Watercraft dealer” does not include a person who is a marine salvage dealer or other person who dismantles, salvages, or rebuilds vessels using used parts. This revised section became effective November 22, 1999. You must meet this definition to receive a Watercraft Dealer License.

The fee for an Ohio Watercraft Dealer License is \$50. The license expires the last day of December of each year. The fee includes:

1. A permanently assigned Ohio watercraft certificate of number.
2. A wall certificate in your name or the name of your business and address to display in your place of business.
3. Three (3) sets of validation decals to temporarily display on watercraft being operated in accordance with the law.
4. Three (3) pocket-size certificates. One certificate must be carried aboard the watercraft when it is in operation.

The certificate of number and validation decals must be temporarily displayed on the outside of the front half of the watercraft when it is in operation and in a way that is **CLEARLY VISIBLE** to other boaters from both sides (port and starboard) of the watercraft. We suggest that you attach the numbers and the validation decals to plaques that can be temporarily affixed to windows or rails on the front half of the watercraft.

You must comply with the law at all times to avoid criminal penalty, suspension, or restriction in any way. Ohio Revised Code Section 1547.543 states in part:

The dealer’s license/number are only valid on waters in Ohio. The dealer license/number **shall not** be used for any commercial purpose such as the **rental or chartering of watercraft**. The dealer license/number **shall not** be loaned to any person for the purpose of circumventing any law of this state. The dealer number **shall not** be transferred to anyone and must be removed from the watercraft when that watercraft changes ownership or is used for purposes other than those permitted by the dealer license provisions.

When the watercraft changes ownership, the new owner must obtain a permanent certificate of number for the watercraft in his or her name. The new permanent certificate of number will then be the permanent number for that watercraft and must be displayed on the forward half of the watercraft on both sides.

Effective April 1, 1990: Dealers licensed with the ODNR Division of Watercraft, in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 1547.543, may be able to obtain trade-in credit on sales tax. **USE YOUR ASSIGNED WATERCRAFT DEALER NUMBER WHEN TRANSACTING TITLE BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS.** All questions regarding taxation should be directed to the Ohio Department of Taxation; businesses located within Ohio may call 1-888-405-4039; businesses outside Ohio may call 1-888-405-4089.

Note: ANY seller of a watercraft requiring a title must supply the buyer of that watercraft a title issued in the buyer’s name within 30 days of the sale (Refer to the Ohio Revised Code Sections 1548.03, 1548.06, etc.).

Questions regarding the Ohio Watercraft Dealers License Program can be directed to the program coordinator toll free at **1-877-4BOATER** (in Ohio only) or **614-265-6569**.