

Florida

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Division of Motorist Services

PROCEDURE VSRS-01	SUBJECT: ANTIQU VESSEL (30 YEARS <u>OR OLDER</u>) <u>REGISTRATION AND</u> DECAL
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DESCRIPTION AND USE:

THIS PROCEDURE PROVIDES INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS TO ASSIST TAX COLLECTOR EMPLOYEES, LICENSE PLATE AGENCY EMPLOYEES, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ANTIQU VESSEL (30 YEARS OR OLDER) REGISTRATION AND DECAL.

I. PROVISIONS OF LAW:

Section 328.72(2)(a), Florida Statutes, provides for antique vessel (30 years old or more) and antique vessel decals.

Section 328.72(14), Florida Statutes, exempts antique vessels from an annual registration fee. If the vessel does not have an FL number, a number will be assigned by the system along with a state decal. The only fees charged are the service fees for the registration.

II. DEFINITION:

A vessel that meets all of the following requirements qualifies to be registered as an antique vessel:

- A. At least 30 years old.
- B. Used for noncommercial (recreational) purposes only.
- C. Powered by the vessel's original type power plant.

III. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING AN ANTIQUE REGISTRATION:

- A. Form HSMV 87243, Certification for an Antique Vessel Registration, completed by the owner or a licensed marine surveyor. This document certifies that the vessel meets or exceeds the standards established in 328.72(2)(a), Florida Statutes.
- B. Submit form HSMV 87243 to a tax collector office or a license plate agency.
- C. The county will issue a registration reflecting exempt antique vessel status, and the form HSMV 87243 will be returned to the applicant.

Revision(s) to this procedure: Added new section III, application requirements for obtaining an antique vessel registration and corrected & clarified new Section IV for obtaining an antique decal.

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IV. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING AN ANTIQUE DECAL:

After acquiring a vessel registration indicating exempt antique vessel status as described in section III., the applicant may obtain an antique decal to display on the vessel.

The following must be submitted to the Department:

- A. A copy of the most current certificate of vessel registration in the applicant's name.
- B. **The same previously completed form HSMV 87243, Certification for an Antique Vessel Registration, that was returned to the applicant with his/her new antique vessel registration.**
- C. **Mail these documents to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles 2900 Apalachee Parkway, MS# 72, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.**
- D. **The Department will issue the decal at no charge.**

V. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

- A. Antique vessels are exempt from the annual base registration fee. However, a certificate of registration, numbers, and decal must be issued upon application and payment of service fees. When issuing the registration certificate, insure that "EA" is entered as the "Reg Use" to exempt it from base registration charges. Service fees will be charged annually upon each renewal of the state decal and registration.
- B. The registration number for an antique vessel shall be affixed on the forward half of the hull. The antique decal shall be placed within three inches of the registration number.
- C. If there is a change in ownership, no action is required to have the antique decal recorded in the purchaser's name. However, the certificates of title and registration must be transferred into the name of the purchaser.
- D. In the event an **antique** vessel decal is lost, destroyed, or mutilated, the owner of the vessel may apply to the department for a replacement decal at no charge.
- E. The **antique** decal will remain current for the life of the vessel provided the vessel continues to conform to the definition of an antique vessel. The **antique** decal shall not exempt an antique vessel from other title and registration requirements established by Florida Statutes.