

Florida

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Division of Motorist Services

PROCEDURE VSRS-03	SUBJECT: REGISTRATION OF CANOES		
DESCRIPTION AND USE:			
<p>THIS PROCEDURE PROVIDES INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF CANOES.</p>			
<p>I. PROVISIONS OF LAW:</p> <p>Section 328.48, Florida Statutes, requires that only canoes, which are propelled by motors be registered.</p> <p>II. DEFINITIONS:</p> <p>"Canoe" means a light, narrow vessel with curved sides and with both ends pointed. A canoe-like vessel with a transom may not be excluded from the definition of a canoe if the width of its transom is less than 45 percent of the width of its beam or it has been designated as a canoe by the United States Coast Guard.</p> <p>III. AUTHORIZED REGISTRATION OF CANOES:</p> <p>A. CANOE CLASSIFICATION CRITERIA</p> <p>Provided all other characteristics remain constant, the key to determining whether or not a squared transom (back) canoe-like vessel is a canoe, is determined by the width of its transom. If the width of the transom is less than 45 percent of its beam (width at widest point), the vessel is considered a canoe.</p> <p>Example: If the beam of a squared back canoe-like vessel is 36 inches, its transom cannot exceed 45 percent or 16.2 inches.</p> <p>B. The annual registration fee, service fees and the FRVIS fee.</p> <p>C. To charge canoe fees, you must select "CN" as the vessel type.</p> <p>D. To reflect the registration use of the vessel, enter "PL" for pleasure or the applicable commercial use code for canoe if it is being used for commercial purposes.</p>			
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