

# Florida

## Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

### *Division of Motorist Services*

PROCEDURE	SUBJECT:		
VSTL-12	VESSELS JUNKED BY OWNERS		
<b>DESCRIPTION AND USE:</b>			
THIS PROCEDURE IS PROVIDED TO ASSIST EMPLOYEES OF TAX COLLECTOR OFFICES, LICENSE PLATE AGENCIES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES IN IMPLEMENTING REQUIREMENTS WHEN A VESSEL IS JUNKED.			
<p>I.      PROVISIONS OF LAW:</p> <p>Section 328.03(4), Florida Statutes, provides that a certificate of title is prima facie evidence of the ownership of the vessel. A certificate of title is good for the life of the vessel so long as the certificate is owned or held by the legal holder. If a titled vessel is destroyed or abandoned, the owner, with the consent of any recorded lienholders, shall, within 30 days after the destruction or abandonment, surrender to the department for cancellation any and all title documents.</p> <p>II.     DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:</p> <p>When a vessel is declared "Junk" by the owner because it has been destroyed, the certificate of title must be surrendered to the tax collector's office or license plate agency for processing.</p> <p><b><u>A "cancelled (Junked)" transaction now generates a form HSMV 82041. The form HSMV 82041, along with the title (which has the word "Junked" stamped or handwritten across the face) should be placed with the rest of the day's work in the Transaction Summary Report.</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.      When a vessel is titled in Florida and the certificate of title is available, submit the following documentation to the tax collector's office or license plate agency: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a.      Florida Certificate of Title with the notation "JUNKED" and the signature(s) of the owner(s) must be shown on the face of the certificate of title.</li> <li>b.      Lien satisfaction(s), for any liens, as shown on the motor vehicle records of this or any other state, if applicable.</li> <li>c.      No title fee is required.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>			
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**2. When the vessel is titled in Florida and the certificate of title is not available:**

**A form HSMV 82101, Application for Duplicate or Lost in Transit/Reassignment for a Motor Vehicle, Mobile Home or Vessel Title Certificate, accurately completed by the owner. See Division of Motorist Services Procedure VSTL-05.**

**When the duplicate certificate of title is received, follow instructions under section II, of this procedure.**

**III. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:**

- 1. When a Florida certificate of title is assigned to an individual, that individual must set up title in his/her name before they can junk the title.**
- 2. If the certificate of title was submitted and junked in error, submit an affidavit signed by the registered owner stating that fact along with form HSMV 82101, Application for Duplicate or Lost in Transit/Reassignment for a Motor Vehicle, Mobile Home or Vessel Title Certificate.**
- 3. See Forms Appendix for a sample of the HSMV forms referred to in this procedure.**

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