

15A NCAC 030 .0112 FOR-HIRE LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

(a) The license requirements for an operator of a vessel engaged in a for-hire operation are set forth in G.S. 113-174.3. Either the vessel owner or the for-hire vessel operator may seek to obtain the applicable for-hire vessel license. Only the vessel owner shall seek to obtain the applicable registration and endorsement required by G.S. 113-168.6. For the purpose of this Rule, "for-hire vessel operator" shall include the holder of a Blanket For-Hire Captain's Coastal Recreational Fishing License, Blanket For-Hire Vessel Coastal Recreational Fishing License, or Non-Blanket For-Hire Vessel License, as set forth in G.S. 113-174.3.

(b) It shall be unlawful for a for-hire vessel operator to operate without:

- (1) holding the United States Coast Guard certification required in Rule .0101(a) of this Section;
- (2) having a copy of the for-hire license in possession and ready at hand for inspection; and
- (3) having current picture identification in possession and ready at hand for inspection.

(c) If requested by the Division of Marine Fisheries, it shall be unlawful for a for-hire vessel operator or responsible person to fail to participate in and provide accurate information for data collection in accordance with 15A NCAC 03I .0113 and for survey programs administered by the Division. For the purpose of this Rule, "responsible person" shall mean any licensee or person engaged in regulated activity under Chapter 113, Subchapter IV, of the General Statutes, including regulated activity related to for-hire fishing.

(d) Requirements for display of licenses and registrations for a vessel engaged in for-hire recreational fishing are set forth in Rule .0106 of this Section.

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