

(a) The vessel numbers shall be painted on or attached to each side of the forward half of the vessel for which the number was issued in a position that is visible and legible. The numbers shall read from left to right and shall be in block characters not less than three inches in height. The numbers shall be of a solid color that contrasts with the color of the background and maintained to be visible and legible.

(c) Manufacturers or dealers may have the vessel number printed upon or attached to a removable sign or signs to be temporarily attached to a vessel being demonstrated, so long as the display meets the requirements of Paragraph (a) of this Rule. If a currently or previously-numbered vessel is being demonstrated with dealer numbers, all permanent numbers painted on or attached to the bow shall be covered.

(e) A United States Coast Guard documented vessel registered in North Carolina shall not display the State vessel numbers.

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