

1 Department of Natural Resources

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3 Adopted Amendments to Rules Governing Boat and Water Safety

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5 Rule as Adopted

6 6 MCAR S 1.0200 Licensing of watercraft.

7 (a) [Reletter as A.]

8 B. Display of license certificate. No person shall operate

9 or use a watercraft, except a nonmotorized canoe, kayak,

10 sailboat, sailboard, paddle boat, or rowing shell required to be

11 licensed unless the license certificate for such watercraft is

12 on board and available for inspection by authorized enforcement

13 officers. Owners of nonmotorized canoes, kayaks, sailboats,

14 sailboards, paddle boats, or rowing shells shall produce the

15 license certificate for such watercraft within a reasonable time

16 upon request of authorized enforcement officers. The owner of

17 rental watercraft may keep the license certificate available for

18 inspection on the premises from which the watercraft is rented,

19 provided that the owner's business is legibly printed on the

20 rear half and on both sides of the watercraft in the same size

21 and manner as required for the license number in C.

22 C. Display of license number and validation decal on

23 motorized watercraft. The license number, on all watercraft,

24 except nonmotorized canoes, kayaks, sailboats, sailboards,

25 paddle boats, and rowing shells shall be securely affixed on

26 each side of the forward half of the watercraft for which it was

27 issued in such a position as to provide clear and legible

28 identification. The letters and numerals must be of a color

29 that contrasts with the background and may be reflectorized

30 decals or metal or may be painted. The letters and numerals

31 shall read from left to right and shall not be less than three

32 inches in height, of block type, of a stroke not less than

33 one-half inch or more than three-fourths inch in width, not

34 including a border. The license number shall be maintained so

35 that it is clearly visible and legible, and the letter groups

36 must be separated from the numeral groups by a space of not less

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1 than three inches nor more than four inches. Adjacent letters
2 and numerals within each group must be spaced not less than
3 one-half inch nor more than three-fourths inch apart. A state
4 validation decal for the current license period must be affixed
5 toward the stern of the boat and not more than four inches from
6 the first or last letter of the license number on each side of
7 the boat.

8 D. Marking of nonmotorized canoes, kayaks, paddle boats, and
9 rowing shells. All nonmotorized canoes, kayaks, paddle boats,
10 and rowing shells shall display decals furnished by the
11 Department of Natural Resources for such watercraft. These
12 decals shall be securely affixed on each side of the forward
13 half of the watercraft for which the decal was issued, in such a
14 position as to provide clear and legible identification.

15 (e) and (f) [Reletter as E. and F.]

16 G. Other insignia. No person shall operate any watercraft,
17 except a nonmotorized canoe, kayak, rowing shell, sailboard,
18 paddle boat, or sailboat, which has any number, letter, design,
19 or insignia displayed on either side thereof which is closer
20 than 24 inches to any part of the watercraft license number or
21 validation decal.

22 H. Dealer license numbers. The last two characters of all
23 dealers' license numbers shall be the letters DD. No other
24 license number shall include both such letters. Dealers'
25 license numbers shall be displayed in accordance with C., except
26 that such numbers may be so affixed as to be readily detachable
27 and must be attached to any watercraft owned by the dealer when
28 such watercraft is being used for demonstration purposes or any
29 other purpose incident to the usual and customary conduct of the
30 business of manufacturing, selling, or trading of watercraft. A
31 dealer may use as many detachable sets of numbers as is
32 necessary in the conduct of his business.

33 (i) and (j) [Reletter as I. and J.]