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**BOAT REGISTRATION &
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LICENSE PROGRAM**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Licensing Agents and/or Private Registrants

FROM: Chief Drew T. Aydelotte, Delaware Boating Law Administrator *DTA*
Delaware Fish and Wildlife Natural Resources Police

DATE: February 22, 2023

SUBJECT: **Verifications of Delaware Vessel Registration**

Effective today, February 22, 2023, the Delaware Boat Registration Office will **no longer** issue any additional documents verifying the validity of a current or expired Delaware vessel registration. We certainly recognize that this practice has been a courtesy extended to our clients for many years; however, due to extenuating circumstances this practice will no longer be followed.

Delaware's Boat Registration Office issues state registration to individuals for vessels whose principal operation location is the State of Delaware. In order to be eligible for a Delaware registration, the vessel being registered must be principally operated in Delaware waters, cannot be a vessel for hire, or engaged in fisheries on the navigable waters of the United States or in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), or coastwise trade, or they must have a Certificate of Documentation bearing a valid endorsement appropriate for the activity in which they are engaged. ([46 C.F.R. §67.7](#)).