

Registering And Titling A Vessel In Florida For The First Time

A vessel that is registered with another state may be used in Florida for no more than 90 days.

An out-of-state vessel owner who does not plan to become a permanent Florida resident but plans to operate a currently registered vessel in Florida waters for more than 90 days must obtain a temporary registration from the Tax Collector's office.

Not all states require a vessel to be titled, however, Florida does require a title. See the table below for a list of states which require vessel titles, which may be used to transfer to a Florida title and registration.

Title States

California	Michigan	Ohio	Washington
Connecticut – model year 2017 or newer	Minnesota	Oklahoma	West Virginia
Florida	Mississippi	Oregon	Wisconsin
Idaho	Missouri	Pennsylvania	Wyoming – as of 01/01/10
Illinois	Montana	Rhode Island	
Indiana	Nebraska	South Carolina	
Iowa	Nevada	South Dakota	
Kentucky	New Jersey	Texas	
Louisiana	New Mexico	Utah	
Maryland	New York	Vermont	
Massachusetts	North Carolina (opt)	Virginia	

To permanently register a vessel in Florida, you must present the following information:

- Current registration for the state where the vessel is registered.
- Title Document for the state where the vessel is titled (if a title state - See Table above).
- Proof of Sales Tax will be credited if vessel was purchased less than 6 months prior to registration.
- We highly recommend that you visit the Florida Vessel Title & Registration website for complete

and up-to-date information.