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Proof of Ownership

Proof of ownership for a vessel can take quite a few different forms. We're going to look at the most common ones that you will come into contact with. This is not all inclusive please refer to the Motor Vehicles Procedures Manual located at EscambiataxCollector.com.


Manufacturers Statement of Origin

The first one we're going to look at is a Manufacturers Statement of Origin or an MSO. The term MSO is interchangeable with MCO which stands for Manufacturers Certificate of Origin. There will **always be an MSO associated with a vessel until it is titled (or registered if it's a registration only). It's proof of ownership. After it is titled, the title will become the proof of ownership.**

MSO's for vessels can take a variety of formats. They're not as uniform as they are for motor vehicles.

Image 1 – Front View MSO

STATEMENT OF ORIGIN FOR A BOAT



Date: **05/01/2010** Invoice No: **1355937**

I, the undersigned authorized representative of the company, firm, or corporation named below, hereby certify that the new boat described below is the property of the said company, firm, or corporation and is transferred on the above date and under the Invoice Number indicated to the following distributor or dealer.

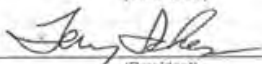
Dealer: **Vessel Dealer**

Street Address: **123 Dealer Ave**

Dealer City FL **34660**

Type of Boat: **PONTOON** Year Built: **2009**
Model: **LX25CDLX**
Hull Identification Number: **OPENMOTORBOAT** Model Year: **2010**
Hull Material: **ALUMINUM**
Length: **25** Ft. **0** In. Beam: **8** Ft. **6** In.
Fuel: **GASOLINE**
Propulsion: **OUTBOARD** Horsepower (Where Applicable): **150**
Serial No's (Where Applicable):
GEN36232H506

It is further certified that this was the first transfer of such new boat in ordinary trade and commerce.

G3 BOATS
(Firm Name)
By: 
(President)

Firm Address: **901 COWAN DRIVE**
LEBANON MO 65536 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

As with all of the proof of ownership you come across, try to get in the habit of starting at the top of the document and working your way down.

If we do that on this one, we will notice that the first words are, “Statement of Origin for a Boat.” Now we know what we’re dealing with.

We can also see who manufactured this vessel- G3 Boats and the date it was manufactured (5/1/10).

Next, we see where G3 assigned it to the Dealership. In this case it was assigned to a dealership called, “Vessel Dealer.”

After the dealership name and address, vessel information is listed. There is lots of useful information in this section.

- Can you tell me what kind of boat this is?

- How long is it?
- What is the hull material?
- What kind of engine does it have?

All of this information needs to be transposed on to the 82040 (application for title).

Following the vessel description, we have the manufacturer signature, printed name and address.

That's all there is to see on the front, so let's take a look at the back.

Image 2 - Back View MSO

FIRST ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby transfers this Statement of Origin and the boat described therein to John & Sally Smith
 Address 123 Any Street, Anywhere, FL 33771
 and certifies that the boat is new and has not been registered in this or any other state; he also warrants the title of said boat at time of delivery, subject to the liens and encumbrances, if any, as set out below:

Amt. of Lien	Date	To Whom Due	Address

Dated _____ 20____ at _____
 By: John Smith Sign Here Position PRES.
 Transferor (Firm Name) who by me being
 Before me personally appeared John Smith who by me being
 duly sworn upon oath says that the statements set forth above are true and correct.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of FEB 20 10
 (SEAL) _____ Notary Public. Date Commission Expires _____
 My Commission DD161083 Expires December 17 2008

SECOND ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby transfers this Statement of Origin and the boat described therein to _____
 Address _____
 and certifies that the boat is new and has not been registered in this or any other state; he also warrants the title of said boat at time of delivery, subject to the liens and encumbrances, if any, as set out below:

Amt. of Lien	Date	To Whom Due	Address

Dated _____ 20____ at _____
 By: _____ Sign Here Position _____
 Transferor (Firm Name) who by me being
 Before me personally appeared _____ who by me being
 duly sworn upon oath says that the statements set forth above are true and correct.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 20____
 (SEAL) _____ Notary Public. Date Commission Expires _____

THIRD ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby transfers this Statement of Origin and the boat described therein to _____
 Address _____
 and certifies that the boat is new and has not been registered in this or any other state; he also warrants the title of said boat at time of delivery, subject to the liens and encumbrances, if any, as set out below:

Amt. of Lien	Date	To Whom Due	Address

Dated _____ 20____ at _____
 By: _____ Sign Here Position _____
 Transferor (Firm Name) who by me being
 Before me personally appeared _____ who by me being
 duly sworn upon oath says that the statements set forth above are true and correct.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 20____
 (SEAL) _____ Notary Public. Date Commission Expires _____

This is the first dealer reassignment. There are 3 reassignments, and they are aptly called “assignments.” This vessel went from the manufacturer to the dealership to the retail customer, so only the first reassignment is completed.

Let’s take a moment and make sure it was completed correctly.

- Who are the retail purchasers?
- Who signed on behalf of the dealership?

Image 3 & 4 - Out of State Registration

Proof of ownership from another state may be a variety of things. Some states do not title their vessels and proof of ownership is the registration. Remember to verify this information in TL-10 (Exhibit B) or various other resources.

Image 3 is an example of a Pennsylvania registration for a boat. We should check TL-10 and verify that this state doesn’t title vessels.

- Who is the registered owner?

PFBC - 730R
0981

02/10/2005
VALIDATED

BOMBARDIER MANUFACTURER | ***** TITLE #

CECC0771J697
HULL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

I/O	2	1350
MAX HP.	PERSONS	TOTAL WT. CAP.
1	14	**
TYPE	FEET	INCHES
4	3	1
HULL	PROP	FUEL
		1
		USE

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION
CERTIFICATE OF BOAT REGISTRATION

March 31, 2007
EXPIRES

PA 2623 BW
REGISTRATION NUMBER
//****

SALLY SMITH
570 SPRING LN
PHILADELPHIA PA
19128

Sally Smith
SIGN IN INK - DO NOT PRINT

THIS CARD MUST BE ON BOARD
WHEN BOAT IS IN USE

DO NOT DETACH

Image 4 is the back view of the same registration. There is a place for Sally to transfer ownership.

- Who did she transfer ownership to?

THE LAW REQUIRES YOU TO:

1. IMMEDIATELY Notify the District Waterways Conservation Officer of any accident involving death or disappearance
2. WITHIN 48 HOURS - File Accident Report (Form PFBC-200) if accident results in death, disappearance, or injury requiring medical attention.
3. WITHIN 10 DAYS - File Accident Report (Form PFBC-200) if accident results in property damage of more than \$500.
4. WITHIN 15 DAYS - Report change of address, transfer or sale, destruction, abandonment, theft or recovery of vessel.
5. STOP - Render assistance as practicable, present this certificate and identify yourself to the owner/operator of any property damaged by your boat.
6. COMPLY with all Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission.
7. CARRY this Certificate on board whenever the boat is in use.

For assistance, information or to secure required forms, call 1-800-392-6644.

REGISTRATION IS NOT VALID UNLESS DECAL IS AFFIXED.
DUPLICATE REGISTRATION
NOT REQUIRED TO DISPLAY DECAL.

2010
272342

NO REFUNDS
RETURNS OR
CREDITS

Ownership Transfer Information

- Boats that are Registered ONLY (no title number) are transferable with this card. You must complete the items listed below and give to the new owner.
- Boats with a title number printed on the front of this card are NOT transferable with this card. You must use your title to transfer ownership.
- A photocopy of this card cannot be used to transfer ownership. Only an original is acceptable.
- Form Rev-336, Application for Boat Registration and/or Boat Title, must be completed by the new owner and sent to the Fish and Boat Commission to legally complete the transfer.

Ownership Transferred to Charles Brown Date 05/01/10

Signature of the boat owner must be on the reverse side and have the legal right to convey ownership.

Image 5 – 7 - Florida Titles

Probably the most common form of proof of ownership will be a Florida title. Like with the MSO's try to get into the habit of starting at the top of the document and working your way down.

Let's take a look at Image 5.

CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

Identification Number: 2010WAVERUNBERKMM Year: 2010 Make: ZEN Body: VB WT-L-BHP: 12' Vessel Regis. No.: Title Number: 99993646 Lien Release: Interest in the described vehicle is hereby released.

Prev State: NEW Color: Primary Brand: Secondary Brand: No of Brands: Use: VESSEL Prev Issue Date: By: Title: Date: Date of Issue: 03/02/2010

Odometer Status of Vessel Manufacturer or CH use: BOMBARDIER CORP Hull Material: FBGLSS Prop: INBRD Date of Issue: 03/02/2010

Registered Owner:
JOE SMITH
 13025 STARKEY RD
 LARGO, FL 33771

1st Lienholder: NONE

DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Carl A. Ford, Director Julie L. Jones, Executive Director

SAMPLE

4 Copy of this document is required for transfer.

TRANSFER OF TITLE BY SELLER (This section must be completed at the time of sale.)
 Federal and/or state law require that the seller state the mileage, purchaser's name, selling price and date sold in connection with the transfer of ownership. Failure to complete or providing a false statement may result in fines and/or imprisonment. This title is warranted to be free from any liens except as noted on the face of the certificate and the motor vehicle or vessel described is hereby transferred to:

Seller Must Enter Purchaser's Name: _____ Address: _____
 Seller Must Enter Selling Price: _____ Seller Must Enter Date Sold: _____
 I/we state that this 5 or 6 digit odometer (as a trade-in) (no tenths) miles, date read _____ and I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the odometer reading: 1. reflects ACTUAL MILEAGE 2. is IN EXCESS OF ITS MECHANICAL LIMITS 3. is NOT THE ACTUAL MILEAGE.

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING DOCUMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.

SELLER Must Sign Here: _____ CO-SELLER Must Sign Here: _____
 Print Here: _____ Print Here: _____
 Selling Dealer's License Number: _____ Tax No.: _____ Tax Collector: _____
 Auction Name: _____ License Number: _____

PURCHASER Must Sign Here: _____ CO-PURCHASER Must Sign Here: _____
 Print Here: _____ Print Here: _____

NOTICE: \$10.00 PENALTY IS REQUIRED BY LAW IF NOT SUBMITTED FOR TRANSFER WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PURCHASE

STATE OF FLORIDA

- What is the year and make of this vessel?
- Who is the owner?
- When was the title issued?

- Is there a lien?

Image 6 shows a close up of the “Transfer of Title by Seller” section of this title.

TRANSFER OF TITLE BY SELLER (This section must be completed at the time of sale.)
 Federal and/or state law require that the seller state the mileage, purchaser's name, selling price and date sold in connection with the transfer of ownership.
 Failure to complete or providing a false statement may result in fines and/or imprisonment.
 This title is warranted to be free from any liens except as noted on the face of the certificate and the motor vehicle or vessel described is hereby transferred to:

Seller Must Enter Purchaser's Name: **Vessel Dealer** Address: **123 Dealer Lane, Largo**
 Seller Must Enter Selling Price: **Trade In** Seller Must Enter Date Sold: **05/01/2010**
 I/we state that this is or 6 digit odometer now reads [] [] [] [] [] [] (no tenths) miles, date read _____ and I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the odometer reading:
 1. reflects ACTUAL MILEAGE 2. is IN EXCESS OF ITS MECHANICAL LIMITS. 3. is NOT THE ACTUAL MILEAGE.
UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING DOCUMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.

SELLER Must Sign Here: **Joe Smith** CO-SELLER Must Sign Here: _____
 Print Here: **Joe Smith** Print Here: _____
 Selling Dealer's License Number: _____ Tax No.: _____ Tax Collected: _____
 Auction Name: _____ License Number: _____

PURCHASER Must Sign Here: **Sally Jones** CO-PURCHASER Must Sign Here: _____
 Print Here: **Sally Jones, title clk for Vessel Dealership** Print Here: _____
NOTICE: \$10.00 PENALTY IS REQUIRED BY LAW IF NOT SUBMITTED FOR TRANSFER WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PURCHASE

In this example, Joe Smith has traded this vessel in to a dealership.

- What is the name of the dealership?
- Does everything look ok on this so far?

Let's turn the title over and see what the dealership did with the vessel. We can see that on Image 7.

This tells us that Vessel Dealer sold this to Joe Doe. Everything looks good so far. Take special note of the sales tax collected. This amount needs to match what is entered in Section 7 of the 82040.

Image 7 - Vessel Broker Deal

ODOMETER CERTIFICATION - Federal and state laws require that you state the mileage in connection with transfer of ownership. Failure to complete or providing a false statement may result in fines and/or imprisonment.

Selling Dealer's License No. **Vessel Dealer** Tax No. **62-000000** Tax Collected **135.00**
 Selling Dealer's Address: **123 Dealer Ln., Largo, 33771** State/Zip: _____
 Purchaser's Name: **Joe Doe** Address: **123 Boat Lane, Largo, 33771**

I/we state that this is or 6 digit odometer now reads [] [] [] [] [] [] (no tenths) miles, date read _____ and to the best of my knowledge that it reflects the actual mileage of the vehicle described herein, unless one of the odometer discrepancy boxes is checked.

CAUTION: DO NOT CHECK BOX IF ACTUAL MILEAGE 1. I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the odometer reading reflects the actual mileage in excess of its mechanical limits. (If none of its mechanical limits applies to 6 digit odometers) 2. I hereby certify that the odometer reading is not the actual mileage. **WARNING - ODOMETER DISCREPANCY**

Purchaser Must Sign Here: **Joe Doe** Co-Purchaser Must Sign Here: _____
 Print Here: **Joe Doe** Print Here: _____
 Seller/Agent Must Sign Here: **Sally Smith, title clerk for Vessel Dealership** Auction License Number: _____
 Print Here: **Sally Smith**

A vessel broker brings the buyer and the seller together and should not be shown in the chain of ownership on the title. Please be aware that if the vessel is greater than 32 feet, the broker must have a Yacht broker license or must take title to the vessel.

Image 8 shows us the correct way a broker should sign the title in the case of a broker deal.

CERTIFICATE OF TITLE							
SATISFACTORY PROOF OF OWNERSHIP HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED UNDER SECTION 310.20/320.09, FLORIDA STATUTES, TITLE TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE OR VESSEL DESCRIBED BELOW IS VESTED IN THE OWNERS HEREIN. THIS OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE IS ISSUED FOR SAID MOTOR VEHICLE OR VESSEL.							
CERTIFICATION NUMBER ZZM811600000	TR 2000	MAKE ZZN	MODEL VS	WT-L-PTH B	VEHICLE FEEDS NO. FL3178LN	TITLE NUMBER 82675188	
PREV STATE N	COLOR	PRIMARY BRAND	SECONDARY BRAND	NO. OF BRANDS	USE	ISSUE DATE	
GOMETER STATUS OR VESSEL MANUFACTURER BOMBARDIER CORP				MATERIAL F8GLSS		DATE OF ISSUE 02/14/2001	

REGISTERED OWNER

CHARLES BROWN
13025 STARKEY RD
LARGO, FL 33771

157 LIENHOLDER

NONE

DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

William J. Joyce
WILLIAM J. JOYCE
DIRECTOR 48217022

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Fred O. Dickson, III
FRED O. DICKSON, III
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TRANSFER OF TITLE BY SELLER

PURCHASER: Sally Brown ADDRESS: Tampa, FL

Selling Price \$: _____ DMR No: 8-29-06

CAUTION: DO NOT CHECK BOX IF ACTUAL MILEAGE

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING DOCUMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.

Signature of Purchaser: *[Signature]* Printed Name of Purchaser: Sally Brown

Signature of Co-Purchaser: _____ Printed Name of Co-Purchaser: _____

Signature of Seller: *Charles Brown* Printed Name of Seller: Charles Brown

Signature of Co-Seller: _____ Printed Name of Co-Seller: _____

Expiry Date of License Number: _____ Fee \$: 6280129282907 Fee Collector ID: 30302

Auction Name: _____

Image 9 - 11 - Documented Vessels

Vessels are documented with the US Coast Guard. All vessels five net tons or more meeting the criteria of a commercial vessel as defined by the US Coast Guard must be federally documented. Documentation must go through the US Coast Guard before we can do anything with it.

Proof of Documentation can come in 2 forms. These are shown in [Image 9 & 10](#).

VESSEL NAME		OFFICIAL NUMBER	IMO OR OTHER NUMBER	YEAR COMPLETED	
BOAT NAME		123456		2012	
HAILING PORT		HULL MATERIAL		MECHANICAL PROPULSION	
SAN DIEGO CA		WOOD		YES	
GROSS TONNAGE	NET TONNAGE	LENGTH	BREADTH	DEPTH	
14 GRT	12 NRT	40.4	11.6	6.1	
PLACE BUILT FALMOUTH, UNITED KINGDOM					
OWNERS SMITH, JOHN			OPERATIONAL ENDORSEMENTS RECREATION		
MANAGING OWNER SMITH, JOHN 1234 MAIN ST. SAN DIEGO, CA 92109					
RESTRICTIONS NO COASTWISE FOREIGN BUILT NO FISHERY FOREIGN BUILT					
ENTITLEMENTS NONE					
REMARKS					
ISSUE DATE MONTH 01, 2012			THIS CERTIFICATE EXPIRES MONTH 01, 2012		
VDS 841202			DIRECTOR, NATIONAL VESSEL DOCUMENTATION CENTER		

U.S. Department of
Homeland Security
United States
Coast Guard



DMRCC
National Vessel Documentation Center

192 T. Jackson Drive
Falling Waters, WV 25419-9801
Staff Support NVDC
Phone: (304) 271-2401
Fax: (304) 271-2405
Email: Kim.E.Demory@uscg.mil

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FOIA 08-0119
November 8, 2007

VIA FACSIMILE: (727) 737-2363

VESSEL DEALERSHIP
123 DEALERSHIP ADDRESS
LARGO, FL 33771

This is in response to your fax dated November 7, 2007 requesting Official Numbers awarded to the following vessels.

Vessel Name	Hull Number	Official Number
FREEDOM	SER19100G007	1206736
EUFLORIA	MPAGE500L708	1206764
MILLER TIME	SERY14768708	1206766
WAVE DANCER II	CDRX7090L506	1206769
QUIET NIGHTS	NEH33020H708	1206770
KO KO	VPTGM233F706	1206773

If you have any questions, you may contact me at (800) 799-8362.

Sincerely,

KIM E. DEMORY
Records and Research Manager
Data Management & Administration Division
By direct or

Documented vessels are registration only and will be issued "DO" numbers rather than "FL" numbers. If you deal with documented vessels you should submit proof of documentation, a bill of sale and form 87244.

A vessel can be taken out of documentation as well. This can happen with or without a change in ownership. **Image 11** is an example of a vessel coming out of documentation.

Vessels coming out of documentation will go from a registration only to a title and registration and will be issued an FL number.

U. S. Department of Homeland Security
United States Coast Guard



Director:
National Vessel
Documentation Center

792 T J Jackson Drive
Falling Waters, WV 25410-0502
Staff Symbol: NVDC20
Phone: (800) 798-8282
FAX: (304) 271-2405

Evidence of Deletion from United States Documentation

Vessel Name:

Official Number:
Date:

GLORIA RECTOR VESSEL DOCUMENTATION INC
PO BOX 6750
LAKELAND, FL 33807

Dear Sir or Madam,

The records maintained by this office indicate that the vessel named above was deleted from documentation on:

Last Owner of Record:	JOE SMITH
Last Certificate of Documentation issued:	
Reason for Deletion:	Ownership Change

This vessel has been determined to measure at least 5 net tons. It may not be used in the fisheries or coastwise trade with state motorboat numbers, but must be documented in accordance with federal law.

Sincerely,

NICOLE SCHWAB
Documentation Officer
By direction