



## Notice of Intent to Register & Title Boat Abandoned on Private Property

### Instructions

1. Complete all available information in Sections A and B. Any information not available, please indicate. Print or type the requested information.
2. Read, sign and date the certification statement in Section C.
3. Mail to: Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission at the address listed in the upper right corner of this form.
4. If you need assistance completing this form or have any questions, please call the Division of Licensing and Registration at: **1-866-262-8734**.

A. Boat Information				
Registration Number	Title Number (if known)	Hull Identification Number (HIN)		
Manufacturer	Model	Length	Year	
Temporary Decal Number	Other Markings		Date Found	
Location of the property where boat was found:				
Describe, <u>in detail</u> , the circumstances under which the boat was found (boats found on public waters <b>DO NOT</b> qualify):				
B. Applicant Information				
Name			Daytime Telephone Number	
Address				
City		State	Zip Code	
Email Address (Optional)				
<b>Applicant is: (Check One)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Tenant of Land <input type="checkbox"/> Agent of Owner or Tenant			
Name of Land Owner:				
C. Signatures				
<i>I/We certify under penalty of law (18 Pa. C.S. §4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities)) that the statements made herein are true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge, information and belief.</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> I authorize the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission to disclose my name and phone number to the boat owner.				
_____			_____	
Signature(s) of Applicant(s)			Date	

## How do I register and title an abandoned boat found on my property?

Boats found abandoned on public waters **DO NOT** qualify for this process

Step 1. **Customer:** Complete form PFBC-R2, *Notice of Intent to Register & Title a Boat Abandoned on Private Property*, and mail to the Fish and Boat Commission.

Step 2. **Commission:** After receipt of PFBC-R2 from the customer, the Commission will review the form and determine if the circumstances meet the eligibility requirements for abandoned boats. If they do, the Commission will notify the last registered owner on record. The registered owner, if any, will have 30 days to remove the abandoned boat from the property. If the circumstances do not meet the eligibility requirements, the Commission will reject the application and inform the customer in writing.

Step 3. **Commission:** After the 30 day notice in Step 2 has expired, without any response from the registered owner; the Commission will notify the Customer to proceed with Step 4 (advertisement notices).

Step 4. **Customer:** Place a notice in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county where the boat is located for three (3) consecutive days. The notice must describe the boat, its location, the date it was abandoned and any identifying number. You must also state in the notice that if the boat is not claimed and removed within 30 days after publication in the newspaper, you will apply for registration and title of the boat in your name. **TIP: make copies of the published notices for Step 5.**

Step 5. **Customer:** After the notices described in Step 4 have expired, but no earlier than 60 days after you first notified the Commission, you may apply to the Commission for registration and title of the boat in your name(s), accompanied by the following items:

- (a) A statement made under penalty of law that the boat has been abandoned for at least 3 months on your property; (Form PFBC-R5, *Statement of Abandoned Boat* is available for your use). URL: [http://fishandboat.com/forms\\_boatreg.htm](http://fishandboat.com/forms_boatreg.htm)
- (b) Proof that you provided notice to the Commission of your intent to register the boat (form PFBC-R2 previously sent to the Commission satisfies this requirement).
- (c) Proof that notices were published in a newspaper as required by Step 3:
  - a copy of the newspaper's paid receipt (showing the dates the published notice appeared; or
  - copies of the three (3) published notices with the published dates; and
  - a copy of the front page header of the newspaper where the notice was published
- (d) A completed form REV-336, *Application for Pennsylvania Boat Registration and/or Title*, and the appropriate fees.

Step 6. **Commission:** Upon receipt of the required materials and the payment of required fees, the Commission will register and title the boat in your name(s).