

Watercraft Information Definitions

ENGINE DRIVE TYPE

Inboard - in the context of an engine, means an engine mounted inside the confines of a vessel which powers a drive shaft that turns a water jet impeller or that runs through the bottom of the hull and is attached to a propeller at the other end.

Outboard - in the context of an engine, means an engine with propeller or water jet integrally attached, which is usually mounted at the stern of a vessel.

Pod Drive - means an engine mounted in front of the transom of a vessel and attached through the bottom of the hull to a steerable propulsion unit.

Stern Drive - means an engine, powering a propeller using shifts and gears, mounted in front of the transom of a vessel and attached through the transom to a drive unit that is similar to the lower unit of an outboard, which may also be known as an inboard-outdrive or an inboard-outboard.

PROPULSION TYPE

Air Thrust – means a vessel propelled in a forward direction by an aircraft-type propeller and powered by either an aircraft or automotive engine.

Manual – means a vessel which operates without an engine or motor and moves in a forward direction using paddles, sails, or foot pedals.

Propellor – means a vessel using a type of fan that transmits power by converting rotational motion into thrust. A pressure difference is produced between the forward and rear surfaces of the airfoil-shaped blade, and a fluid (such as air or water) is accelerated behind the blade. Examples are electric, outboard, and stern drive motors.

Sail – means a vessel propelled only by sails.

Water Jet – means a vessel using a marine system that creates a jet of water for propulsion. The mechanical arrangement may be a ducted propeller with nozzle, or a centrifugal pump and nozzle. Example – Personal Watercraft

PRIMARY OPERATION

Charter Fishing - means a vessel carrying a passenger(s) for hire who is (are) engaged in recreational fishing.

Commercial Fishing - means a vessel that commercially engages in the catching, taking, or harvesting of fish which, either in whole or in part, is intended to enter commerce through sale, barter, or trade.

Commercial Passenger – means a vessel that carries passengers for any type of profit.

Government – means a vessel owned, leased, or loaned to a Government entity and is used specifically for Government use.

Pleasure – means a vessel used for personal, family, and sportsmanlike recreation.

Rent/Lease – means a vessel rented or leased by a business or private individual for a profit.

HULL MATERIAL

Aluminum – means a vessel constructed of aluminum that is either welded or riveted.

Fiberglass – means a vessel constructed of fiberglass.

Plastic – means a vessel constructed of plastic.

Rubber/Vinyl/Canvas – means a vessel constructed of rubber, vinyl, or canvas or any combination of the three.

Steel – means a vessel constructed of steel.

Wood – means a vessel constructed of wood.

FUEL

Diesel – means a motorized vessel using diesel fuel for operation.

Electric – means a vessel using an electric motor for operation. Electric motors are affixed to watercraft either at the bow or stern. These are often referred to as trolling motors.

Gas – means a motorized vessel using gas fuel for operation.

VESSEL TYPE

Airboat – means a vessel that is typically flat-bottomed and propelled by an aircraft-type propeller powered by an engine.

Auxiliary Sail – means a vessel with sail as its primary method of propulsion and mechanical propulsion as its secondary method.

Cabin Motorboat – means a vessel propelled by propulsion machinery and providing enclosed spaces inside its structure.

Houseboat – means a motorized vessel that is usually non-planing and designed primarily for multi-purpose accommodation spaces with low freeboard and little or no foredeck or cockpit.

Inflatable Boat – means a vessel that uses air-filled flexible fabric for buoyancy.

Open Motorboat – means a vessel equipped with propulsion machinery and having an open load carrying area that does not have a continuous deck to protect it from the entry of water.

Paddlecraft – means a vessel powered only by its occupants, using a single or double bladed paddle as a lever without the aid of a fulcrum provided by oarlocks, those pins, crutches, or similar arrangements.

Personal Watercraft – means a vessel propelled by a water-jet pump or other machinery as its primary source of motive power and designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing, or kneeling on the vessel, rather than sitting or standing within the vessel's hull.

Pontoon Boat – means a vessel with a broad, flat deck that is affixed on top of closed cylinders which are used for buoyancy, the basic design of which is usually implemented with two rows of floats as a catamaran or with three rows of floats as a trimaran.

Rowboat – means an open vessel manually propelled by oars.

Sail Only – means a vessel propelled only by sails.