**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.

**Commercial Other** – means a commercial use vessel not used for Charter Fishing, Commercial Fishing or Commercial Passenger.

**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.