



# VESSEL/BOAT APPLICATION (PWD 143)

OFFICE USE – REGISTRATION  
DECAL NUMBER ISSUED: \_\_\_\_\_

## Title & Registration, Registration for USCG, or Sales and Use Tax Only

This form is used to request a Texas title and/or registration for a vessel/boat or to pay tax on vessels 115 feet and under. To title an outboard motor, please use Outboard Motor Application (PWD 144). Supporting documents, original signatures and payment for fees and taxes must accompany this form for processing. Please refer to the instructions for PWD 143. Complete in blue or black ink. Titles print 21 days after being processed and are mailed from TPWD Headquarters in Austin.

<b>A. This vessel is:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used		<b>B. Is this vessel from out of state or USCG documented?</b>	
<b>C. Serial/hull ID # affixed to vessel (REQUIRED):</b>		1. Did this vessel come from another state or country? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, attach PWD 504 and enter: State/Country _____ Title or Registration # _____	
If this vessel has a Texas Registration #, enter below: TX- _____		2. Is this vessel documented with the US Coast Guard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, enter: USCG DOC# _____ Hailing Port City _____ Vessel Name _____ Hailing Port State _____	
If acquired from a Texas Dealer/ Distrib./Mfgr. enter the License #: TX- _____ -AA	If acquired from a Dealer/ Distrib./Mfgr. outside of Texas, check this box: <input type="checkbox"/>	3. If yes is checked in B1 or B2, was the ownership documentation in the name of the applicant or the previous owner's name? <input type="checkbox"/> The Applicant (you) OR <input type="checkbox"/> Previous Owner's Name (someone else)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if vessel requires a Game Warden inspection (see instructions for PWD 143).			

**D. How was this vessel acquired? Select only one.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Purchased from owner	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant is original owner (never registered or titled)	<input type="checkbox"/> Repossession by non-recorded lien holder	<input type="checkbox"/> Purchased from trust
<input type="checkbox"/> Purchased from dealer	<input type="checkbox"/> Government seizure auction/surplus sale	<input type="checkbox"/> Through divorce (spouse applicant)	<input type="checkbox"/> Prize/lottery/raffle
<input type="checkbox"/> Received from inheritance	<input type="checkbox"/> Pawn shop (pawn shop is applicant)	<input type="checkbox"/> Through divorce (new purchaser)	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-service storage lien
<input type="checkbox"/> Purchased from an estate	<input type="checkbox"/> Repossession by recorded lien holder	<input type="checkbox"/> From bankruptcy trustee	<input type="checkbox"/> Storage lien (not self-service)
<input type="checkbox"/> Gift/donation		<input type="checkbox"/> From bankruptcy of dealership	<input type="checkbox"/> Garageman/mechanic lien
<input type="checkbox"/> Replacement due to defect			<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant is Marine Dealer/Distrib./Mfgr.
<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance claim paid			<input type="checkbox"/> Homemade vessel
<input type="checkbox"/> Court award			

**E. Please select only one of the following transactions from the list below:** See Fee Chart at [www.tpwd.texas.gov](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov)

**Title & Registration:** Issues a title and a Certificate of Number ID Card. Registration decals will be issued if registering for the first time, or if the existing registration decals are expired or within 90 days of expiration. Want additional ID cards? If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

**Title Only:** Issues a title; does not issue registration. Select the qualifying reason from this list:  Not used on TX public waters  
 Government or EMS/VFD owned  Tournament or exhibition use only  Ship's lifeboat  Other vessels less than 14 feet without motor  
 Currently registered  Canoes, kayaks, punts, rowboats or rubber rafts not used with a motor

**Registration for USCG Documented Vessel:** Issues a Certificate of Number ID Card. Registration decals will be issued if registering for the first time, or if the existing registration decals are expired or within 90 days of expiration. Want additional ID cards? If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

**Pay Sales or Use Tax Only:** No title or registration issued. Select the qualifying reason from this list:  TPWD use  
 Used outside of Texas \_\_\_\_\_ (state)  USCG Documented Vessel (current owner USCG documentation pending)  
 Vessel less than 14 feet and used without motor  Dry-docked USCG Documented  Ship's lifeboat  Title documents pending

**F. Applicant/New Owner: Title and registration information will be mailed to this address only. Accurate ID and DOB or EIN required.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Last Name or <input type="checkbox"/> Company Name	Suffix	First Name	MI	U.S. Citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Phone Number ( )
Individual ID Type (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> DL <input type="checkbox"/> ID <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			Company EIN		Email
DOB: / /	ID #:	ST/CTRY:	<b>OR</b>	EIN #:	
Mailing Address		City	State	Zip Code	County

**G. Co-Owner: Accurate ID and DOB or EIN required. Rights of Survivorship?  Yes – Attach form PWD 790**

<input type="checkbox"/> Last Name or <input type="checkbox"/> Company Name	Suffix	First Name	MI	U.S. Citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Phone Number ( )
Individual ID Type (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> DL <input type="checkbox"/> ID <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			Company EIN		Email
DOB: / /	ID #:	ST/CTRY:	<b>OR</b>	EIN #:	
Mailing Address		City	State	Zip Code	County

**H. First Lien Holder: Check  if there is a second lien holder and attach sheet with additional lien information.**

Last Name or Company Name	First Name	Lien Date (mm/dd/yy) / /		
Address	City	State	Zip Code	Phone Number ( )

**I. Vessel Description:**  **Antique Vessel – Year built 35 years or older**

Serial/Hull ID # (from Section C)	Make (Manufacturer)	Model	Length FT. IN.	Year Built	Mdl/Prog Year
<b>Hull Material</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum <input type="checkbox"/> Fiberglass <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic <input type="checkbox"/> Wood <input type="checkbox"/> Steel <input type="checkbox"/> Rubber/Vinyl/ Canvas <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<b>Predominant Color</b> <input type="checkbox"/> White/Beige <input type="checkbox"/> Gray/Silver <input type="checkbox"/> Brown/Tan/ Bronze <input type="checkbox"/> Black/ Dark Gray <input type="checkbox"/> Blue/Teal/ Turquoise <input type="checkbox"/> Red/Maroon <input type="checkbox"/> Green <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow/Gold <input type="checkbox"/> Orange <input type="checkbox"/> Purple/Pink <input type="checkbox"/> Camouflage/ Multi	<b>Propulsion Type</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Propeller <input type="checkbox"/> Waterjet <input type="checkbox"/> Sail <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Air Thrust <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<b>Fuel Type</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Gasoline <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Electric <input type="checkbox"/> None-N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<b>Vessel Use</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pleasure <input type="checkbox"/> Livery <input type="checkbox"/> Charter Fishing <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Fishing <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Passenger <input type="checkbox"/> Other Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Govt/Political Subdivision	
<b>Inboard, Sterndrive (I/O), or Pod Drive Only:</b>		<b>Engine Type</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Outboard <input type="checkbox"/> Inboard <input type="checkbox"/> Sterndrive (I/O)	<b>Vessel Type</b> <b>Motorized:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Open <input type="checkbox"/> Cabin <input type="checkbox"/> Houseboat <input type="checkbox"/> PWC/ Jet Ski <input type="checkbox"/> Airboat <input type="checkbox"/> Aux Sail <input type="checkbox"/> Pontoon <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<b>Non-Motorized:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Inflatable <input type="checkbox"/> Paddlecraft <input type="checkbox"/> Rowboat <input type="checkbox"/> Sail Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
<b>MOTOR #1</b>	Serial #	Sterndrive #	Horsepower	State of Principal Operation	
<b>MOTOR #2</b>	Serial #	Sterndrive #	Horsepower	<input type="checkbox"/> TX <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

**J. Previous Owner (Seller, Donor, Trader):**

Last Name or Company Name	Suffix	First Name	MI
Address	City	State	Zip Code
		Phone Number ( )	

**K.** If the vessel was acquired from a Texas Marine Dealer, Distributor or Manufacturer, enter the License Number: TX- \_\_\_\_\_ -AA

If acquired from a Dealer/Distributor/Manufacturer outside of Texas, check this box:

**TAX AFFIDAVIT:** Any alterations to Section L item 1, Section M or Section N items 1-3 in the Tax Affidavit area will void this application. The seller must complete the applicable items in the Tax Affidavit Section L item 1, Section M and Section N items 1-3. A complete bill of sale or invoice signed by the seller may be used in lieu of the seller completing the Tax Affidavit and signing below. See PWD 143 instructions for bill of sale or invoice requirements.

**TAXES & FEES CALCULATION**

**Qualifying Exemptions from Payment of Boat Tax**

**L.**

1. Ownership change is a result of gift, no tax owed. Complete Section N items 11-16.

2. New Texas resident, transferring title/registration from out of state. Complete Section N items 10-16 (new resident tax applies – \$15).

3. Applicant is owner, vessel purchased in Texas or first used in Texas prior to January 1, 2000. Complete Section N items 1 and 11-16.

4. Vessel acquired by a United States government, Texas state, county, or city government entity or qualifying Emergency Service Organization. Enter \$0 in item N16.

5. Canoes, kayaks, rowboats, inflatable rafts, punts or other watercraft designed to be propelled by paddle, oar or pole are excluded from boat and boat motor sales and use tax.

6. A ship or vessel greater than 65 feet in length of eight or more tons displacement, that is used exclusively and directly in a commercial enterprise and is sold by the vessel's builder. Applies only when purchased prior to September 1, 2019.

7. Vessels greater than 65 feet in length, and not eligible for exemption #6, are required to pay Texas Limited Sales, Excise and Use Tax to a permitted seller or directly to the Comptroller of Public Accounts. Applies only when purchased prior to September 1, 2019.

8. Vessel is being titled for resale purposes by a licensed Texas Marine Dealer, insurance company, lien holder, or pawnshop, and will not be used on Texas public waters (no registration will be issued).

**M. TRADE-IN INFORMATION (if any)**

VESEL/OUTBOARD MOTOR ONLY – NO TRAILER INFO	Make of Vessel/ Outboard Motor	Hull Identification or Serial Number	Year	Length/ Horsepower	Registration Number
					TX-

1. Date of TX sale or first use in TX: (mm/dd/yy) ____ / ____ / ____	9. Total tax, penalty and interest owed (add items 7 & 8)	\$
2. Sales price (do not include price of trailer)	10. New resident tax (\$15) if applicable	\$
3. Trade-in amount (Section M) if any	11. Title fee (see Fee Chart)	\$
4. Taxable amount (item 2 minus item 3)	12. Additional Certificate of No. ID Cards (see Fee Chart)	\$
5. Sales or use tax – multiply item 4 x .0625	13. Registration fee if new or expired (see Fee Chart)	\$
6. Tax paid previously to _____ (list state)	14. Ownership transfer fee if applicable (see Fee Chart)	\$
7. Total tax due Texas (item 5 minus item 6)	15. Game Warden inspection (\$25) if applicable	\$
8. Tax penalty and interest (if paid after due date – see form PWD 930 to calculate amount owed)	16. <b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b> (add items 9 through 15)	\$

**WARNING:** Falsifying information on documents is a punishable offense – Texas Penal Code Chapter 37, Section 37.10. Any person who knowingly makes a false entry in, or false alteration of a governmental record is guilty of a felony of the third degree, punishable by confinement in jail for any term of not more than 10 years or less than 2 years and punishable by a fine not to exceed \$10,000. I hereby certify that all statements in this document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**SIGNATURES**

**O. Seller(s), Previous Owner(s), or Lawful Representative – This individual is responsible for completing Section J and the applicable items in Section L item 1, Section M and Section N items 1-3.**

Company name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Owner signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-owner signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

**P. Applicant(s), New Owner(s), or Lawful Representative**

Company name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Owner signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-owner signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAGE 2 OF VESSEL/BOAT APPLICATION (PWD 143)

## Section I: Vessel Description.

- Complete each of the fields with the appropriate vessel information. For vessels with inboard motor(s) and pod drives, enter the motor serial number and the horsepower for each motor listed. For vessels with sterndrive (I/O) motor(s) enter the motor serial number and sterndrive number and the horsepower for each motor listed. If your vessel has an outboard motor, you must title the outboard motor separately by completing an Outboard Motor Application (PWD 144).

## Section J: Previous Owner (Seller, Donor, Trader).

- Provide the name, address, and phone number of the person(s) or company that previously owned the vessel. This would apply to the seller, donor, dealer, or trader of the vessel.

## Section K: Marine License Number (complete this section and Section C, third line).

- If the vessel was acquired from a Texas Marine Dealer, Distributor or Manufacturer, enter their license number in the space provided. Example: TX-0321-AA. If this vessel was not acquired through a Texas Marine Dealer, Distributor or Manufacturer, leave this blank.
- If the vessel was acquired from a Dealer, Distributor or Manufacturer from outside of Texas, check the box. If it was not, leave this box blank.

## TAX AFFIDAVIT: Sections L-P.

- **Any alterations in Section L item 1, Section M or Section N items 1-3 will void the application.**
- The seller must complete Section J and the applicable items in the Tax Affidavit Section L item 1, Section M and Section N items 1-3 and sign Section O.
- A bill of sale or invoice may be used in lieu of the seller completing the Tax Affidavit section and signing Section O. A bill of sale or invoice must contain the purchaser's name, description of vessel (make, year built, TX# or HIN), date of sale, sales price, and an original signature of the seller.

## Section L: Qualifying Exemptions from Payment of Tax.

If any of the following exemptions are checked, enter \$0 in Section N item 9.

1. If the ownership change is the result of a gift or inheritance, the donor must check this box. Complete Section N items 11-16.
2. If you are a new resident to Texas and are transferring title/registration from another state, check this box. Enter the new resident tax fee of \$15 in Section N item 10. Complete Section N items 11-16.
3. Tax will not be collected if the applicant purchased the vessel in Texas or first used the vessel in Texas prior to January 1, 2000 and is subject to assessment limitation. If this situation applies to you, check this box and complete Section N items 1 (date of sale or date first used in Texas) and 11-16.
4. If the applicant is a (U.S.) federal or Texas government entity (political subdivision), or a qualifying Emergency Service Organization who can claim a tax exemption, check this box. Enter \$0 in Section N item 16.
5. If this vessel is a canoe, kayak, rowboat, inflatable raft, punt or other vessel designed to be propelled by paddle, oar, or pole, check this box. Complete Section N items 11-16.
6. A vessel purchased from the builder (manufacturer), used specifically for commercial purposes, greater than 65 feet in length and has a displacement of eight or more tons. Applies only when purchased prior to September 1, 2019.
7. If this vessel is greater than 65 feet in length check this box. Texas Limited Sales, Excise, and Use Tax must be paid to a permitted seller or directly to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. Complete Section N items 11-16. Applies only when purchased prior to September 1, 2019.
8. If the applicant is a licensed Texas Marine Dealer that acquired the vessel for resale, an insurance company that acquired the vessel as a result of a claim, a lien holder or pawn shop that acquired the vessel as a result of a repossession or forfeiture and is required by a state or governmental entity to title for resale purposes only and not for use on Texas public waters, check this box. No registration will be issued. Complete Section N items 11-16.

## Section M: Trade-in Information.

- Trade-in Information – If you have traded a vessel or outboard motor towards the purchase of the vessel, the seller must complete Section M. Include the make, hull identification/serial number, year built, length and/or horsepower and, if applicable, the registration or TX number of the vessel/outboard motor traded in.  
**Any trade other than a vessel or outboard motor requires the seller to provide the value of the item traded as the sales price in Section N item 2.**

## Section N: Date of Sale, Sales Price, Taxes, and Fees Owed.

1. Date of Sale – The seller must fill in the date that the purchaser took delivery of the vessel in Texas or if purchased elsewhere, the date brought into Texas (proof is required).
2. Sales Price – The seller must fill in the sales price for the vessel.
3. Trade-in Amount – The seller must fill in the amount you were credited for a taxable vessel and/or outboard motor that was accepted as trade-in for the transaction.
4. Taxable Amount – Subtract the amount of the trade-in from the sales price and enter that value on this line. (Item 2 minus item 3)
5. Sales or Use Tax – Multiply the amount on item 4 by .0625 or use form PWD 930 to calculate this amount for you. Enter that amount here. Sales tax for vessels purchased in Texas on or after September 1, 2019 is capped at \$18,750.00. For additional information regarding sales or use tax, contact the Comptroller of Public Accounts at (800) 252-5555 or (512) 463-4600 or TTD at (800) 248-4099.
6. Tax Paid – If the applicant previously paid tax in Texas or in another state on this vessel, enter the abbreviation of the state where the tax was paid and the amount of tax paid. You will have to provide proof for any tax claimed under this item.
7. Total Tax Due Texas – Subtract tax previously paid to Texas or another state from Texas Sales or Use Tax. (Item 5 minus item 6)
8. Tax Penalty and Interest – If you do not owe a penalty, enter zero (\$0). If you have not paid sales or use tax by the due date, you will owe a tax penalty and interest may be due. To calculate the amount of penalty and interest owed, please use form PWD 930 which can be found at [www.tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/boat/forms](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/boat/forms). You will need to enter the date of sale, the sales price, any trade-in amount (Section N items 1-3), and any tax previously paid in Texas or another state (Section N item 6).
9. Total Tax, Penalty and Interest Owed – Add items 7 and 8 and enter the total on this line.
10. New Resident Tax – If you owned the vessel in another state where it was titled and/or registered, you will need to pay New Resident Tax of \$15.
11. Title Fee – If you are titling this vessel, enter fee for a regular title or enter bonded title fee if this is an application for a bonded title.
12. If you are registering, you will receive one (1) Certificate of Number ID Card. If you would like to purchase additional cards, enter the fee for the number of cards you are requesting.
13. If you are registering this vessel for the first time, or are transferring ownership with registration expiring within 90 days, or if the registration has expired, enter the appropriate registration fee according to the fee chart. Registration provides a set of decals for display on the vessel and expires after two years.
14. Ownership Transfer Fee – If ownership and registration of a vessel with a TPWD record is being transferred, then enter the ownership transfer fee on this line.
15. Game Warden Inspection – If you are paying for an inspection by a Texas Game Warden, enter \$25 on this line.
16. Total Amount to Be Paid – Add the amounts from items 9 through 15 and enter the total on this line. This is the amount you owe.

### A fee chart can be obtained:

- online at [www.tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/boat/forms](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/boat/forms)
- by telephone utilizing the Boat Information System (800) 262-8755
- at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Headquarters in Austin
- from any of the 28 TPWD Law Enforcement field offices across the state
- from any participating Tax Assessor-Collector office (contact your local tax office to confirm if they process boat registration titles)

## Section O: Seller(s), Previous Owner(s), or Lawful Representative – Original signatures are required, copies will not be accepted.

- The previous owner(s) must sign their name and date this section. A bill of sale or invoice may be used in lieu of the seller(s) completing the Tax Affidavit and signing this section. A bill of sale or invoice must contain the purchaser(s) name, description of vessel (make, year built, TX# or HIN), date of sale, sales price, and an original signature of the seller(s).

## Section P: Applicant(s), New Owner(s) or Lawful Representative – Original signatures are required, copies will not be accepted.

- The applicant(s) must sign their name and date this section.

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Additional forms and information may be obtained at [www.tpwd.texas.gov](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov) under the "Boating" category. For telephone assistance contact TPWD at (800) 262-8755 or (512) 389-4828. The form PWD 143 must be completed and submitted with any supporting documentation and appropriate fees to TPWD Headquarters in Austin, a TPWD local law enforcement office, or a participating County Tax Assessor-Collector office. Effective 1/1/94, all vessels/boats and outboard motors are required to be titled unless exempt. Registration is required for use on all Texas public waters. Outboard motors must be titled separately using PWD 144.

## Section A: Is the Vessel New or Used?

- 'New' is defined as: Brand new vessels purchased from a Dealer, Distributor, or Manufacturer; or a newly built homemade vessel. Typically, these vessels have not been used other than in a demonstration by the Dealer, Distributor or Manufacturer.
- 'Used' is defined as: Any vessel with an existing TPWD title or registration record, any vessel that is recorded in another state or country, any USCG documented vessel, or any vessel that is not currently on record and does not have a Manufacturers Statement of Origin or is not newly homemade.

## Section B: Is the Vessel From Out of State or USCG Documented?

1. If the vessel is coming from another state or country, check "yes," attach completed PWD 504, and enter the name of the state or country. Enter the title or registration number or if the vessel was not registered or titled, leave the "title/registration number" box blank. **If the vessel is titled in another state, you must submit the original out-of-state title with this application (form PWD 143). If the vessel is registered in another state that does not title vessels, you must submit the original out-of-state registration certificate with this application (form PWD 143).**
2. If the vessel is United States Coast Guard (USCG) documented, check "yes" and enter the USCG documentation number, vessel name, and the hailing port city and state. (Proof of documentation is required.)
3. If the vessel is coming from out of state or is USCG documented, check the box to indicate whether the ownership documentation is in the name of the applicant or the previous owner's name.

## Section C: Identify the Vessel.

- In the space provided, enter the vessel serial/hull ID number permanently affixed to the vessel. This is REQUIRED information and is typically found at the back of the vessel on the transom. The vessel serial/hull ID number can also be found on the title and Certificate of Number ID Card.
- If the vessel is currently recorded with TPWD enter the Texas registration number in the space provided. This number should be displayed on both sides of the forward half of the vessel. Example: TX-0001-GG. The vessel registration number can also be found on the Certificate of Number ID Card and on the title. If you do not have this number, leave this space blank.
- If the vessel was acquired from a Texas Marine Dealer, Distributor or Manufacturer enter their license number in the space provided. Example: TX-0321-AA. If this vessel was not acquired through a Texas Dealer, Distributor or Manufacturer, leave this blank.
- If the vessel was acquired from a Dealer, Distributor or Manufacturer from outside of Texas, check the box. If it was not, leave this box blank.
- If a Game Warden inspection is required, check the box. If the vessel is newly homemade, or if the vessel is manufactured but has no serial number, a Game Warden inspection is required. Your ownership documents and applications must be reviewed prior to requesting an inspection in order to verify that you have all the relevant and necessary information completed. Contact the nearest TPWD law enforcement office to review documents and make arrangements for an inspection. Attach a completed PWD 736 (obtained from the TPWD law enforcement office).

## Section D: How Did You Acquire this Vessel?

- Make one selection that best describes how the applicant acquired the vessel.

## Section E: Select the Type of Transaction You are Requesting.

Select one of the transaction options listed:

- **Title and Registration** – Titling a vessel provides a Certificate of Title, which is the legal documentation of ownership. Registration of a vessel is required when you want to use this vessel on Texas public waters such as lakes, rivers, creeks or coastal waters. Sailboats less than 14 feet, canoes, kayaks, punts, rubber rafts and rowboats are not required to be registered when they are paddled, poled, oared or windblown. Registration provides a set of decals for display on the vessel and expires after two years. Once registered, you will receive a registration renewal notice prior to expiration. **If you are transferring ownership of a titled vessel, you must submit the original title along with this application (form PWD 143).**  
**Note:** If a title correction is needed or if the applicant wishes to obtain extra Certificate of Number ID Card(s) for a vessel that has already been titled and registered in the applicant's name in the state of Texas, please use Vessel/Boat Records Maintenance (PWD 143M).
- **Title only** – Titling a vessel provides a Certificate of Title, which is the legal documentation of ownership. Selecting this option will not add or renew registration on a vessel. If the vessel has never been registered, no registration will be provided. If a vessel has been previously registered, the registration will remain in effect.
- **Registration for USCG Documented Vessel** – Effective 1/1/2004, vessels 115 feet or less in length that are documented with the United States Coast Guard are required to be registered if used on Texas public waters such as lakes, rivers, creeks or coastal waters. USCG documented commercial vessels engaged in coastal shipping (tugs, crew boats, pilot boats) are exempt from registration. Registration provides a set of decals for display on the vessel and expires after two years. Once registered, you will receive a registration renewal notice prior to expiration.  
**Note:** The purchaser of a vessel that is 115 feet or less in length is required to pay tax (6.25%) to TPWD. If payment for tax has already been made, verification of payment must be provided at the time of registration. Boat sales tax has been a state law since 10/1/1991.
- **Pay Sales or Use Tax Only** – This applies when the vessel is exempt from titling and registration or you have a qualifying reason to pay tax only. A qualifying reason must be chosen from the list provided. The seller must fill in the date of sale and sales price under the Tax Affidavit Section N items 1-3 and sign Section O.

## Section F: Applicant/New Owner.

- Provide the name, citizenship information, phone number, identification information [driver's license/state ID and date of birth for individuals, OR Employer Identification Number (EIN) for companies], email address, and mailing address for the primary owner to whom the vessel will be registered/titled or who is paying Tax Only. If the applicant is a business, or another entity other than an individual, list the citizenship status for the individual who is financially responsible for the business or entity.  
**NOTE:** Identification information (ID number and Date of Birth, or EIN) is required by federal law. (Code of Federal Regulations, Title 33 Navigation & Navigable Waters, Part 174)

## Section G: Co-Owner(s).

- Provide the name, citizenship information, phone number, identification information [driver's license/state ID and date of birth for individuals, OR Employer Identification Number (EIN) for companies], email address, and mailing address for the co-owner(s) of the vessel. If there's more than one co-owner, attach an additional sheet listing the additional co-owner's information.
- **Rights of Survivorship** – Indicates that both the owner and the co-owner(s) agree that the ownership of the vessel is to be held jointly and in the event of the death of any party the ownership of the vessel will belong to the survivor(s). To make this selection, check the Rights of Survivorship box on the application and attach a completed Rights of Survivorship Ownership Agreement for a Boat and/or Outboard Motor (PWD 790).  
**NOTE:** Identification information (ID number and Date of Birth, or EIN) is required by federal law. (Code of Federal Regulations, Title 33 Navigation & Navigable Waters, Part 174)

## Section H: Lien Holder(s).

- If you have financed the purchase of this vessel, provide the name, address, phone number, and the date the lien was issued for the first lien holder of the vessel. If there is a second lien holder, check the box and attach another sheet to the application that includes the lien holder name, address and the date the lien was issued. If you have not financed the purchase, leave this section blank.