

Registering And Titling A Vessel In Florida For The First Time

A vessel that is registered with another state may be used in Florida for no more than 90 days.

An out-of-state vessel owner who does not plan to become a permanent Florida resident but plans to operate a currently registered vessel in Florida waters for more than 90 days must obtain a temporary registration from the Tax Collector's office.

Not all states require a vessel to be titled, however, Florida does require a title. See the table below for a list of states which require vessel titles, which may be used to transfer to a Florida title and registration.

Title States

California	Michigan	North Carolina (opt)	Vermont
District of Columbia	Minnesota	Ohio	Virginia
Florida	Mississippi	Oklahoma	Washington
Idaho	Missouri	Oregon	West Virginia
Illinois	Montana	Pennsylvania	Wisconsin
Indiana	Nebraska	Rhode Island	
Iowa	Nevada	South Carolina	
Kentucky	New Jersey	South Dakota	
Maryland	New Mexico	Texas	
Massachusetts	New York	Utah	

To permanently register a vessel in Florida, you must present the following information:

- Current registration for the state where the vessel is registered.
- Title Document for the state where the vessel is titled (if a title state - See Table above).
- Proof of Sales Tax will be credited if vessel was purchased less than 6 months prior to registration.
- We highly recommend that you visit the Florida Vessel Title & Registration website for complete and up-to-date information.