



State of Ohio
 Department of Natural Resources
 DIVISION OF PARKS & WATERCRAFT
 2045 Morse Road, Building A • Columbus, Ohio 43229
 1-877-4BOATER (in Ohio only) • 614-265-6480 • 614-784-5987 (Fax)
 watercraft.ohiodnr.gov

APPLICATION FOR OHIO WATERCRAFT DEALER LICENSE

CALENDAR YEAR _____
<input type="checkbox"/> NEW
<input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL Current watercraft dealer license number: _____
OH- _____ -ZZ

Fees: \$50.00 per calendar year for both new and renewal applications.
 \$2.00 for each set of boat decals requested that are in addition to the 3 sets that come with the license. No more than 10 additional sets may be requested.

	Application fee:	\$	50.00
Additional sets of decals requested _____ x \$2.00	=	\$	_____
Total submitted (PAYABLE TO : ODNR DIVISION OF PARKS & WATERCRAFT)		\$	_____

Please print or type:

1. Applicant Name _____ Title _____

Business and/or DBA Name _____

DBA Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ County _____

Mailing Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (_____) _____ - _____ Ext. _____

Fax (_____) _____ - _____ Email _____

2. Type of Watercraft/Marine Business (CHECK ONE) Dealer Manufacturer Broker
3. Type of Ownership (CHECK ONE) Sole Proprietor Partnership Corporation
- LLC Other (PLEASE SPECIFY) _____
4. Type of Business Sales (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY) New Vessel Sales Used Vessel Sales
- Internet Vessel Sales Out-of-State Vessel Sales

List name, phone number, and title for each owner, partner, or officer of corporation.

Name	Phone Number	Title

Use additional sheet(s) of paper if necessary.

5. Identification of business: Provide the following applicable documents to assist Ohio Division of Parks & Watercraft to verify that you are an established place of business:

Attach a photograph of your company's establishment, a copy of your declaration page from your Marine Owners/ Operators Legal Liability coverage (MOLL), provide your businesses website _____, and legitimate documentation verifying an authentic place of business.

6. Please provide the following required tax information. By providing the requested information, you are in agreement that your dealer profession is current and in compliance with the tax requirements set forth by the State of Ohio tax laws. If you have tax questions regarding the State of Ohio tax requirements, please direct them to the Ohio Department of Taxation at 1-888-405-4039.

A. **Federal Tax Identification Number** _____

B. **Ohio Vendor's License Number** _____

By providing this information, you are confirming that your place of business is current with the filing and payments of taxes as required by the Ohio Department of Taxation.

Note: First-time applicants or current vendors with changes to business name and/or address must attach a copy of their vendor's license. It must match the name and location used on this application. To apply for a vendor's license, contact your local County Auditor's office. Direct questions to the Ohio Department of Taxation at 1-888-405-4039.

C. **Usage Tax Account Identification Number** _____ Used for temporary use of Watercraft and other untaxed taxable purchases. Used for filing and paying taxes as required by the Ohio Department of Taxation.

D. **Out-of-State Applicants only: Ohio Sellers Use Tax Certificate Number** _____
First-time applicants must provide a copy of an Ohio Sellers Use Tax Certificate of Registration. Direct questions to the Ohio Department of Taxation at 1-888-405-4089.

E. **Charter Number Issued by the Secretary of State** (IF APPLICABLE) _____ State of _____

F. **Manufacturers only:**

United States Coast Guard (USCG) Manufacturers Identification Code Number (MIC) _____

Also provide a letter on manufacturer's letterhead, acknowledging applicant as a representative of manufacturer or a copy of the letter received by the USCG that assigned your number.

THE OHIO WATERCRAFT DEALER APPLICATION IS NOT COMPLETE OR VALID UNTIL YOU HAVE SIGNED THE APPLICATION IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY.

7. Application Certification Statement (MUST BE SIGNED AND VERIFIED IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY)

I hereby certify that I am a bona fide Watercraft Dealer as defined by the Ohio Revised Code 1547.543, who is regularly engaged in the business of manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in vessels at an established place of business and that all the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that the tax information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also affirm I am following the Ohio Revised Code pertaining to the same.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PRINTED NAME OF APPLICANT

DATE

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this _____ day of

MONTH

_____, _____
YEAR

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires _____



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OHIO WATERCRAFT DEALER LICENSE PROGRAM INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in serving Ohio boaters. This information concerns the Watercraft Dealer License Program, proper use of the license, and highlights of the rules and regulations that govern the program.

Ohio Revised Code Section 1547.543 states: A bona fide watercraft dealer or manufacturer upon application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Parks & Watercraft may purchase, for each separate place of business, a dealer license assigning a dealer number for use while operating watercraft on the waters of this state.

Ohio Revised Code Section 1547.01(B)(27) defines a “watercraft dealer” as any person who is regularly engaged in the business of manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in vessels at an established place of business. “Watercraft dealer” does not include a person who is a marine salvage dealer or other person who dismantles, salvages, or rebuilds vessels using used parts.

The fee for an Ohio Watercraft Dealer License is \$50. The license expires the last day of December of each year. The fee includes:

1. A permanently assigned Ohio watercraft dealer license number.
2. A wall certificate in your name, or the name of your business, and address to display in your place of business.
3. Three (3) sets of validation decals to temporarily display on watercraft being operated in accordance with the law.
4. Three (3) pocket-size certificates. One certificate must be carried aboard the watercraft when it is in operation.

The certificate of number and validation decals must be temporarily displayed on the outside of the front half of the watercraft when it is in operation and in a way that is **CLEARLY VISIBLE** to other boaters from both sides (port and starboard) of the watercraft. We suggest that you attach the numbers and the validation decals to plaques that can be temporarily affixed to windows or rails on the front half of the watercraft.

You must comply with the law at all times to avoid criminal penalty, suspension, or restriction in any way. Ohio Revised Code Section 1547.543 states in part:

The dealer’s license/number are only valid on waters in Ohio. The dealer license number **shall not** be used for any commercial purpose such as the **rental or chartering of watercraft**. The dealer license number **shall not** be loaned to any person for the purpose of circumventing any law of this state. The dealer license number **shall not** be transferred to anyone and must be removed from the watercraft when that watercraft changes ownership or is used for purposes other than those permitted by the dealer license provisions.

When the watercraft changes ownership, the new owner must obtain a permanent certificate of number for the watercraft in his or her name. The new permanent certificate of number will then be the permanent number for that watercraft and must be displayed on the forward half of the watercraft on both sides.

Effective April 1, 1990: Dealers licensed with the ODNR Division of Parks & Watercraft, in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 1547.543, may be able to obtain trade-in credit on sales tax. **USE YOUR ASSIGNED WATERCRAFT DEALER NUMBER WHEN TRANSACTING TITLE BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS.** All questions regarding taxation should be directed to the Ohio Department of Taxation; businesses located within Ohio may call 1-888-405-4039; businesses outside Ohio may call 1-888-405-4089.

All applicants must provide proof of taxes paid on all vessel sales and usage. Direct questions to the Ohio Department of Taxation at 1-888-405-4089.

Note: ANY seller of a watercraft requiring a title must supply the buyer of that watercraft a title issued in the buyer’s name within 30 days of the sale (Refer to the Ohio Revised Code Sections 1548.03, 1548.06, etc.).

Questions regarding the Ohio Watercraft Dealers License Program can be directed to the program coordinator toll free at **1-877-4BOATER** (in Ohio only) or **614-265-6569**.