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Exempt Action: Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	DWR
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)	4VAC15-380-30, 4VAC15-380-40
VAC Chapter title(s)	4VAC15-380. Watercraft: Motorboat Numbering
Action title	Boat numbering and display of numbering
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Brief Summary

Provide a brief summary (preferably no more than 2 or 3 paragraphs) of this regulatory change (i.e., new regulation, amendments to an existing regulation, or repeal of an existing regulation). Alert the reader to all substantive matters. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

The amendments are needed to align DWRs regulation regarding motorboat numbering with the Code of Federal Regulation (CFR). The amendments also put into regulation the current procedure the agency uses to identify rental boats.

Mandate and Impetus

Identify the mandate for this regulatory change, and any other impetus that specifically prompted its initiation (e.g., new or modified mandate, internal staff review, petition for rulemaking, periodic review, or board decision). For purposes of executive branch review, "mandate" has the same meaning as defined

in the ORM procedures, "a directive from the General Assembly, the federal government, or a court that requires that a regulation be promulgated, amended, or repealed in whole or part."

These amendments are necessary to avoid preemption of our regulations as the current regulation regarding motorboat numbering may be considered in conflict with CFR. Rental boat companies are required to provide renters with required equipment as outlined in § 29.1-736 and may utilize the dockside checklist in lieu of the operator taking a boating safety course.