

# Out-of-Country Vessel Identification Document

Out-of-Country Vessel mooring in Washington State for personal enjoyment must obtain a permanent identification document prior to their 61<sup>st</sup> day in Washington. The permit is valid for the life of the boat. Their permit must be kept on the boat while in Washington waters in a location that is visible at all times from the outside of the vessel. Their permit must be protected from the weather.

It is very important that you understand the two terms, Out-of-Country owner and Non-Resident Foreign Vessel owner:

**“Out-of-Country Vessel”** A vessel registered or numbered by the laws of a country other than the United States.

**“Non- resident Foreign Vessel”** A vessel from another state within the United States which is registered in accordance with the laws of that state.

**Out-of-Country vessels**, used of personal enjoyment, can stay year round in Washington waters if they obtain their one-time identification permit in the amount of \$33.75.

**Non-resident foreign vessels** (boat from another state within the US) can only stay up to six months in Washington waters in any twelve-month period. At the end of their first 60-day stay in Washington waters, the vessel owner must purchase a \$28.75, 60-day permit to stay an additional two months. This permit can be purchased a second time, allowing a total of 180 days in Washington.

## Information required to obtain an Out-of-Country Identification Permit:

- Photocopy of current licensing or registration papers
- Out of state photo identification i.e.: driver’s license
- Date the vessel first entered Washington
- Year and make of vessel
- Hull material (wood, fiberglass, etc.)
- Type of vessel, propulsion, fuel type
- Length of vessel

## To obtain the permit immediately visit:

Whatcom County Auditors Office  
Whatcom County Court House  
311 Grand Avenue  
Bellingham, WA 98226  
(360) 676-6740

OR Cost Cutter (An additional \$4.00 is charged)  
1733 H Street  
Blaine, WA  
(360) 332-5909

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## Vessel Information Form

If you would like us to deliver (processing is not done at the Marina Office) your Out-of-Country Vessel Identification Permit to the Department of Licensing:

1. complete this form
2. submit all required documentation with the \$33.75 U.S. fee made payable to

**Department of Licensing – Vessel**  
311 Grand Avenue  
Bellingham, WA 98226.

### **Please complete the following information:**

License Number \_\_\_\_\_

Hull Identification Number (if registered) \_\_\_\_\_

Date Vessel arrived in Washington \_\_\_\_\_

Year and Make \_\_\_\_\_

Hull material (wood, fiberglass etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Propulsion (inboard, outboard, IO, sail) \_\_\_\_\_

Fuel type (gas, diesel) \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Vessel \_\_\_\_\_

### **Attach a photocopy of your current licensing or registration**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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