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Dear Boating Vendor:

Please find enclosed a supply of boating applications and examples of the different Hull Identification number formats.

The US Coast Guard is asking States to verify the Hull Identification Number (HIN) on vessels being registered in Kansas. For KDWPT to comply, **we are asking for a photo or pencil tracing of the HIN to be submitted with registration paperwork for a New or Transfer application.** Vessels manufactured before 1973 often do not have a HIN, so KDWPT will assign one if necessary.

All boats manufactured after 1972, should have a HIN and this HIN will be identified during the boat registration process. If a HIN cannot be found, KDWPT will determine if an inspection is required.

The Hull Identification Number (HIN) is a 12-character number that uniquely identifies a boat and is formatted according to US Coast Guard standards.

Hull Identification numbers (HIN) are typically located:

- On sport and fishing boats, they can be found on the back right outside corner.
- On pontoons, they can be found on the right side of the frame above the pontoon, but below the deck.
- On personal watercrafts, they can be found under the seat as well as on the lip of the footrest.

The only change to the boat registration process is to include a photo or pencil tracing of the HIN.

Thank you for all your efforts, it is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call.

Sincerely,
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Boating Section
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