



**Rules of
Department of Public Safety
Division 80—Division of Water Safety
Chapter 4—Identification Numbers
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PURPOSE: The Department of Public Safety shall establish a uniform manner of displaying identification numbers for motorboats and vessels as prescribed in section 306.030, RSMo.

- (1) The identification number awarded to a boat or vessel shall be painted on or attached to each side of the forward half of the vessel in a position to provide clear legibility, that is, dark numbers on a light background or light numbers on a dark background providing a sharp contrast in color.
- (2) The identification numbers shall read from left to right and shall be in block characters of good proportions not less than three inches (3") in height. The numbers must be divided into parts. The letters, prefix and suffix, shall be separated from the numbers by two (2)-inch spaces. A hyphen may be placed within the two (2)-inch space.
- (3) No number other than the identification number awarded to a boat or vessel or granted reciprocity shall be painted, attached or otherwise displayed on either side of the bow of the boat or vessel.

*Auth: section 306.030, RSMo (1986).
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