Federal law requires a hull number on all vessels manufactured in 1973 or later. The hull number must be given on the application. If the vessel has a "CT" number (previous Connecticut number), that number stays with the vessel and must be entered on the application.

If a vessel has a US documented number or a Foreign Documented number then that vessel is not eligible to obtain a CT Title. You will receive a CT vessel registration using your documented numbers.

Vessels eligible for titles are vessels with a model year of 2017 and newer, or vessels that were previously documented either US or Foreign. Documentation from the Coast Guard is required to show that the Vessel was and is no longer documented.

A. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER OR DECAL AND TITLE (Form B-148)

B. MCO/ OUT OF STATE TITLE/OR PREVIOUSLY DOCUMENTED PAPERWORK FROM THE U.S. COAST GUARD OR FOREIGN ENTITY

C. IF THE STATE THAT THE VESSEL WAS CURRENTLY REGISTERED IN DOES NOT ISSUE TITLES, YOU MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING

1. Current out-of-state registration
2. Print out from that state declaring that they do not title Vessels

D. BILL OF SALE (The Following Information is Required):

1. Description of vessel
2. Previous number and state
3. Seller's name and address
4. Purchaser's name and address
5. Date of sale
6. Amount paid

E. PROOF OF PAYMENT OF SALES AND USE TAX OR TAX EXEMPTION

(Connecticut Sales/Use tax is 6.35%, effective July 1, 2018 any vessel purchased July 1 or after the Connecticut Sales/Use tax is 2.99%)

1. Complete all applicable information in the "Tax Exemption" section of the B-148 form (Application for Vessel Registration).
2. Vessels purchased from a dealer:
   a. Invoice must be submitted showing the amount paid and the amount of sales tax collected by the dealer.
   b. If purchased from an out of state dealer, credit of sales tax paid is allowed (total tax must be 6.35% or 2.99% if purchased on or after July 1,2018)
3. Vessels purchased from an individual:
   A bill of sale signed by the seller must be submitted showing the amount paid. The Connecticut sales tax is paid at the time of registration and is based on the purchase price

F. CERTIFICATE OF DECAL

1. Copy of document with the B-148 application. Document must be current and issued in the name of the applicant.
2. Current copy of the out-of-state registration must be submitted with the B-148 application.

G. IDENTIFICATION

1. State issued Driver's License or Identification card.
2. If non US resident, a foreign driver's license accompanied by an International Driving Permit if the license is not in English or Spanish.
An application for a certificate of title is not required and shall not be accepted, and no certificate of title will be issued, for:

1. A documented vessel;
2. A foreign-documentated vessel;
3. A barge;
4. An amphibious vessel for which a certificate of title is issued pursuant to chapter 247 of the general statutes or a similar statute from another state;
5. A vessel, other than motorboat, as defined in section 15-141 of the general statutes, less than 19 and one-half feet in length;
6. A vessel propelled solely by paddle or oar;
7. A vessel that operates only on a permanently fixed manufactured course and the movement of which is restricted to or guided by means of a mechanical device to which the watercraft is attached or by which the watercraft is controlled;
8. A vessel owned by the United States, a foreign government or a state, or a political subdivision thereof, which is used in the performance of government functions;
9. A vessel used solely as a lifeboat on another watercraft;
10. A vessel before delivery if the vessel is under construction or completed pursuant to contract;
11. A vessel held by a dealer for sale or lease;
12. A stationary floating structure as defined in Public Act no.14-63;
13. A vessel designated by the manufacturer as having a model year of 2016 or earlier, and any vessel manufactured or assembled prior to January 1, 2017, for which the manufacturer or assembler has not designated a model year;
14. A vessel for which a certificate of title has been issued by another state when this state has become the state of principal use for the vessel if one or more of the exceptions listed above apply to the vessel;