



## **FIXING HULL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER**

The following is an excerpt from 33 C.F.R. §181:

### **§181.27 Information displayed near hull identification number.**

If additional information is displayed on the boat within two inches of the hull identification number, that information must be separated from the hull identification number by means of borders or must be on a separate label so that it will not be interpreted as part of the hull identification number.

### **§ 181.29 Hull identification number display.**

- (a) The primary hull identification number must be affixed—
- (1) On boats with transoms, to the starboard outboard side of the transom within two inches of the top of the transom, gunwale, or hull/deck joint, whichever is lowest.
  - (2) On boats without transoms or on boats on which it would be impractical to use the transom, to the starboard outboard side of the hull, aft, within one foot of the stern and within two inches of the top of the hull side, gunwale or hull/deck joint, whichever is lowest.
  - (3) On catamarans and pontoon boats which have readily replaceable hulls, to the aft crossbeam within one foot of the starboard hull attachment.
  - (4) If the hull identification number would not be visible, because of rails, fittings, or other accessories, the number must be affixed as near as possible to the location specified in paragraph (a) of this section.

**NOTE: THE HULL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER MUST BE AFFIXED PRIOR TO OPERATION OF THIS BOAT ON ANY STATE WATERS.**