

FOREIGN BUILT VESSELS

Any foreign built **recreational vessel** may be registered and/or titled if not documented.

Foreign built commercial fishing vessels **greater than 5 net tons may not be registered.**

Foreign built commercial fishing vessels **under 5 net tons may be registered with one of the following notarized supporting documents:**

- Official ad measurement report completed indicating vessel is less than 5 net tons
- Builder's certificate indicating vessel is less than 5 net tons
- Copy of vessel plans indicating vessel is less than 5 net tons
- Tonnage Certificate from the American Bureau of Shipping indicating vessel is less than 5 net tons

Any vessel US built and over 5 net tons used in Commercial Fishing or Coastwise Trade **MUST BE DOCUMENTED WITH THE US COAST GUARD.**

Questions pertaining to admeasurements or documentation of vessels can be directed to the United States Coast Guard, Marine Safety Office (617) 223-8439 or the Vessel Documentation Service located in Plymouth (508) 746-3055 and New Bedford (508) 997-6210.

Application for Simplified measurement forms are available via United States Coast Guard's website at <http://www.uscg.mil>

General questions regarding the state registration of foreign built fishing vessels can be answered at our Marine Theft Bureau in Boston at (617) 626-1666.