HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. COAST GUARD

RECREATIONAL BOAT POTENTIAL SAFETY DEFECT REPORT

Who should use?	Recreational boat owners, law enforcement, marine inspectors, boating law administrators, passengers/occupants or other (public), pertaining to potential recreational boat defects. Recreational boats are identified as inboard engines, outboard motors and sterndrive units.
What is this collection about?	This information collection enables recreational boat owners, law enforcement, marine inspectors, boating law administrators, passengers/occupants or other (public), pertaining to recreational boats, i.e., inboard engines, outboard motors and sterndrive units who believe one of these products either fails to comply with an applicable Federal safety standard or contains a defect that creates a substantial risk of personal injury to the public to report the problem to the Coast Guard (CG) for investigation.
Where do I find the requirements for this information?	46 U.S.C. 4307 prohibits the manufacture or sale of a recreational boat, an inboard engine, an outboard motor or a sterndrive unit unless it complies with Federal regulations and is free of defects that create a substantial risk of personal injury to the public.
When should information be submitted to the Coast Guard?	If a recreational boat, an inboard engine, outboard motor or sterndrive unit is less than 10 years old and has a problem that is: (1) safety- related; (2) might also involve similar boats or engines; and (3) could not be resolved under the manufacturer's warranty, the information should be submitted to the CG as soon as possible after discovery.
How is the information submitted?	By requesting a form – Recreational Boat Potential Safety Defect Report from Commandant (CG-BSX-23), U.S. Coast Guard stop 7501, 2703 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave SE, Washington, DC 20593-7501or by completing online at: <u>http://www.uscgboating.org/php-contact-form/consumer-safety-defect-report.php</u>
What happens when information is received?	Coast Guard engineers analyze the problem. If warranted, the Recreational Boating Product Assurance Branch will open an investigation to determine if a safety defect trend exists. Some of these investigations result in safety recalls.
For additional information, contact	Commandant (CG-BSX-23), U.S. Coast Guard stop 7501, 2703 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave SE, Washington, DC 20593-7501 or online at: <u>http://www.uscgboating.org/php-contact-form/consumer-safety-defect-report.php</u>

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