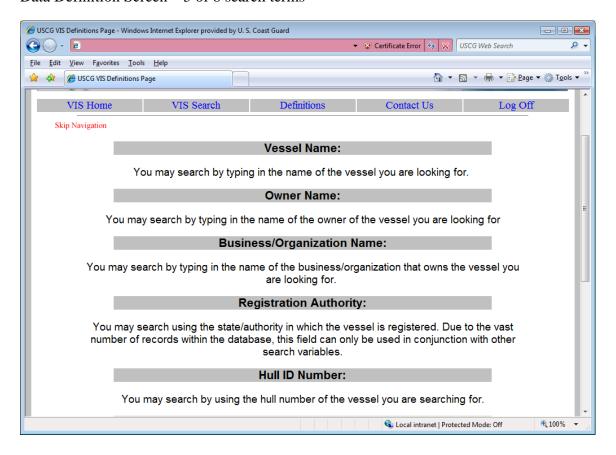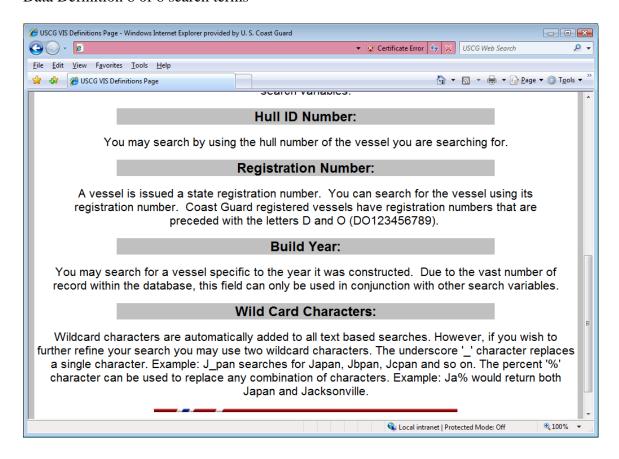VIS Definitions Button and the VIS User Guide link provide explanation of each search fields, Owners First Name, Owners Last Name, Business organization Name, Vessel name, Registration Authority, Hull ID Number Registration Number, Build Year.

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Owner Name:

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Business/Organization Name:

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You may search using the state/authority in which the vessel is registered. Due to the vast number of records within the database, this field can only be used in conjunction with other search variables.

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Search Variables:

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Registration Number:

A vessel is issued a state registration number. You can search for the vessel using its registration number. Coast Guard registered vessels have registration numbers that are preceded with the letters D and O (DO123456789).

Build Year:

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