The Open Water Awaits...

Selling or purchasing a watercraft? Let us help make your titling experience as quick and efficient as possible!

Service is a key component of the work Auto Title Staff provides our customers. We want to ensure your title transaction is correct and complete. Call our DEDICATED TITLE HELP LINE. Talk with one of our customer service professionals. We want your watercraft title transfer to be accurate and processed here in Franklin County.

Thank you.

Maryellen O’Shaughnessy
Franklin County Clerk of Courts

What do I need to know?

1. No person is permitted to sell, purchase or otherwise acquire any of the following in Ohio without an Ohio certificate of title:
   - An outboard motor of 10 horsepower or greater;
   - A watercraft 14 feet or greater in length;
   - A watercraft less than 14 feet in length with a permanently affixed mechanical means of propulsion of 10 horsepower or greater.

2. All boats require a 12-digit HIN. If your boat does not contain a 12-character hull, please contact the Ohio Division of Watercraft.

3. Boat trailers must weigh at least 4,000 lbs or more to be titled in Ohio.
   Per ORC §1548.03 & §1547.65.

What do I need to do to sell my boat or outboard motor?

Seller must complete the assignment of ownership portion on the back of the title in the presence of a Notary Public before presenting it to the buyer. If the watercraft and/or motor was not previously titled, the seller must present proof of ownership to our office and establish an Ohio title in the seller’s name prior to the sale.

Call (614) 525-3090 for details.

What do I need to bring to transfer a boat or outboard motor into my name?

1. Physical Certificate of Title
   Dual ownership requires both parties to be present unless a power of attorney is provided. Social Security numbers for all parties are required. Photocopies of title are not accepted.

2. A valid government issued driver's license or identification card.

3. $15.00 title fee*
   *add $1.00 fee per notarization. We accept cash, check or credit card payments (with a 3% fee). Please make checks payable to: Franklin County Clerk of Courts.

Need Forms or Have Questions?
Call our DEDICATED TITLE HELP LINE at (614) 525-3090 or franklincountyautotitle.com.