INSTRUCTIONS FOR AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT FOR APPLICATION FOR TITLE FOR WATERCRAFT/OUTBOARD MOTOR

1. Complete Affidavit in Support For Application For Title For Watercraft/Outboard Motor Form.

2. Write a **DETAILED STATEMENT** stating the circumstances of how the watercraft/outboard motor was obtained.
   
   A. The **DETAILED STATEMENT** should include the following:
   
   1) **NAMES** of everyone who is involved in the acquisition of said watercraft and/or outboard motor, (IF AVAILABLE)
   2) **ADDRESSES** of the people that are involved, (IF AVAILABLE)
   3) **PHONE NUMBERS**, (IF AVAILABLE)
   4) **DATE OBTAINED**
   5) **PURCHASE PRICE OR STATEMENT OF HOW OBTAINED**

3. Location of where watercraft/outboard motor can be inspected.

☐ Check if you want to be present when watercraft/outboard motor is inspected.

4. If you have **ANY** of the following paperwork that was included with the acquisition of said watercraft and/or outboard motor, please send in copies. **DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL PAPERWORK.**

**CHECK BELOW IF COPIES INCLUDED:**

B. ☐ Titles
   - ☐ Registration Card
   - ☐ Bill of Sale(s)
   - ☐ Any other paperwork:

C. **Need pictures of Watercraft. See diagrams on reverse side.**
   - ☐ Bow – Port (Left)
   - ☐ Bow – Starboard (Right)
   - ☐ Transom of Watercraft
   - ☐ Whole Boat
   - ☐ Hull Identification number on Transom, if not legible we need a pencil tracing, if traceable.

D. **Need pictures of Outboard Motor. See diagram on reverse side.**
   - ☐ Transom Bracket
   - ☐ Cover of Motor
   - ☐ Serial number/model number on the Transom Bracket, if serial number is removed, tampered with, illegible or faded or not legible we need a pencil tracing, if traceable.
   - ☐ Power Head Serial Number/model number, if transom bracket serial number is removed, tampered with, illegible or faded.

5. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN ANY FEES AT THIS TIME.**

SEE REVERSE SIDE
Use diagrams to help in locating where identification numbers on your watercraft and/or outboard motor should be.

**Please write in spaces provided.**

**Hull Identification Number:**

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**Registration Number:**

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**Expiration Decal:**

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**Port**

(Left side)

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**Starboard**

(Right side)

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**Cover of Motor**

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**Horsepower**

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**Make**

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**SC DNR Decal**

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**Serial Number**

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**Title Number**

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**Transom Bracket**

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**Model Number**

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Affidavit In Support For Application For Title For Watercraft/Outboard Motor

Complete Below:

Check One: ☐ Applicant’s Legal Name ☐ Business Name

| Name: ____________________________ | DOB: ____________________________ |
| Last | First | Middle | M | D | Y |
| Address: ____________________________ |
| City: ______________ State: __________ Zip Code: __________ County: __________ |
| Phone No. – H: (_______) ______-_______ W: (_______) ______-_______ C: (_______) ______-_______ |

**Watercraft Description**

| Reg. Number: ____________________________ | Expiration Date on Decal: ____________________________ |
| Title Number: ____________________________ | Length: __________ Year: __________ |
| Make: ____________________________ | Construction: ____________________________ |
| Hull ID Number: ____________________________ | Model: ____________________________ |

Please check if these apply to the Hull Identification Number:

☐ None ☐ Removed ☐ Tampered With ☐ Illegible ☐ Faded

**Outboard Motor Description**

| Title Number: ____________________________ | Make: ____________________________ | HP: __________ |
| Year: __________ Model Number: ____________________________ | Serial Number: ____________________________ |

Serial Number Tag: ☐ Metal ☐ Adhesive

Please check if these apply to the Serial Number Tag:

☐ None ☐ Removed ☐ Tampered With ☐ Illegible ☐ Faded

Power Head Serial Number/Model Number needed if checked above: ____________________________

I consent to have an examination of the above watercraft/outboard motor by the S.C. Department of Natural Resources

FALSE INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN THIS AFFIDAVIT IS PUNISHABLE PURSUANT TO SECTION 50-23-270 WITH PENALTIES UP TO $470.00 OR 30 DAYS IN JAIL

__________________________________________
(APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE)

__________________________________________
(DATE)

__________________________________________
(DRIVER’S LICENSE NUMBER)

__________________________________________
(STATE OF ISSUANCE)

(SEE REVERSE SIDE)

12/11/2008
PLEASE WRITE THE DETAILED AFFIDAVIT BELOW.

Upon completion of the investigative portion of your paperwork, we will be sending you a set of instructions that will inform you of the next step in the titling process which is outlined in the law below.

S.C. CODE OF LAW


Any person coming into possession of a watercraft or outboard motor without proper proof of ownership must apply to the department for a title using the form prescribed by the department. The application must be supported by an affidavit setting forth the circumstances under which the watercraft or outboard motor was acquired. The applicant must attempt to notify the last known titled or registered owner and any lien holder of record by certified mail of the application. The applicant must provide the department with proof of mailing.

The applicant must publish an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of residence of the last known owner of record for three successive issues. If there is no prior owner of record, the advertisement must be published in the county where acquired. The advertisement must be as prescribed by the department in the application. Proof of advertising must be submitted to the department.

Thirty days after the date of the last advertisement if no claim of interest or ownership is made and the item has not been reported stolen, the department shall issue a clear title. If the item is reported stolen, the department shall dispose of the item according to law.

If there is a claim of interest adverse to the applicant, the department shall not issue a title until the issue is resolved. The parties may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for resolution.

RETURN ALL FORMS TO THE ADDRESS BELOW IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE:
MARINE THEFT INVESTIGATION SECTION
P.O. BOX 167 COLUMBIA, S.C. 29202
PHONE: (803) 734-3699
www.dnr.sc.gov

Signature
Date

12/11/2008