

§13052. Commissioner's powers and duties regarding watercraft

1. Register watercraft. The commissioner shall annually register watercraft and issue certificates, licenses and permits as provided in this chapter.

[PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

2. Promote safety; education courses. The commissioner shall promote safety for persons and property in connection with the use and operation of watercraft. The commissioner, in accordance with section 13051, shall implement the boater safety and education course or equivalency exam requirements of this chapter.

[PL 2023, c. 206, §3 (AMD).]

3. Federal grants. The commissioner may participate in such federal grants in aid as may be forthcoming to the State from the federal Boat Safety Act of 1971, Public Law 92-75, as amended.

[PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

4. Coast Guard report. The commissioner shall make an annual report to the Coast Guard as required under federal law of the certificates of number issued by the commissioner.

[PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

5. Registration list distribution. The commissioner shall distribute a list of registrations issued as follows.

A. When the legal residence of an applicant is a municipality within the State, the commissioner shall mail annually a list of registrations to the tax collector of that municipality. [PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

B. When the legal residence of the applicant is outside of the State and the boat is situated within a municipality in the State, the commissioner shall mail annually a list of registrations to the tax collector of that municipality. [PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

C. In all other cases, the commissioner shall send a list of registrations annually to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services. [PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

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6. Information to federal officials or agencies. The commissioner shall transmit any information compiled or otherwise available to the commissioner pursuant to sections 13069-A, 13069-B and 13069-C to an authorized official or agency of the United States, in accordance with any request duly made by that official or agency.

[PL 2005, c. 436, §2 (AMD).]

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