



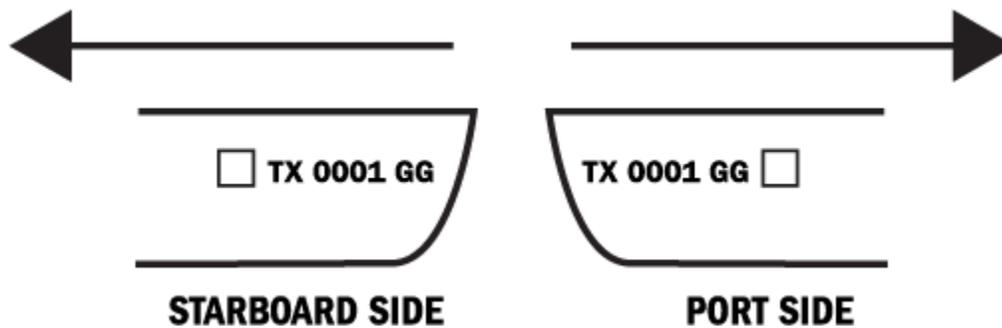
Quick Guide to Registering your motorized Kayak in Texas

- All motorized vessels, regardless of length (including any kayak with an auxiliary engine) must be **registered and titled** with the Texas Parks and Wildlife.
- The Title fee is a **one-time \$27**, and the Registration fee for vessels under 16 feet is **\$32 every 2 years.**
- **Form PWD 143** Vessel/Boat Application- complete this two-page form for the Title and Registration.
 - *****Note:** on page 2 in the Tax affidavit section, you only need to select section L, #5 which qualifies that the kayak is exempt from paying sales tax. No other section should be filled out under the Tax section, so you can ignore section M,N and also ignore section O. Sign under section P
 - TPW will issue the boat's TX number and then once you know your number, you will need to either paint on or place the decals: "TX", 4 alpha and 2 numeric for each side of the vessel. They need to be block letters at least 3" tall and contrasting colors to the vessel. (See Diagram below on page 2 of these instructions.)
- *For New vessels*, you will need to show the **MSO** (Manufacturer's Statement of Origin). This should come with your paperwork issued by the manufacturer, and lists the kayak, the hull number, the owner's name, the retail seller and is notarized. Also, you must have a **Bill of Sale**. This is usually the receipt from the dealer, and must show your price paid, and include all the information about the vessel.
- *For Used vessels*, if you do not have an MSO, you will need to complete the one-page form Verification of Vessel Serial Number (**form PWD 504**), **Form PWD 314** Affidavit of Fact, and a **Bill of Sale** (can be a handwritten note) which must include:
 - Your name and signature
 - The date of sale and the sale price
 - The type of vessel (for example, a 12' Hobie Outback 2019)
 - The Hull Number (usually found on at the rear hull)
 - The Seller's name and signature

For more information or to download and print **Forms PWD 314, PWD 143, PWD 504**, see TPW website: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/boating/title-registration-id-requirements>

Numbers and Decals on Vessels

Placement of TX Number and Decal on Vessels



Expires on the last day of the month indicated.

- The TX number must be painted on, or otherwise attached to, each side of the forward half of the vessel, in such position as to provide easy identification.
- The TX number must read from left to right, be in BLOCK characters of good proportion not less than three inches in height and be of a color that contrasts with the background.
- The numerals must be separated from the prefix and the suffix by hyphens or equivalent spaces such as the following examples: TX 0001 GG or TX-0001-GG.
- The validation decal must be affixed in line with and three (3) inches towards the rear of the boat from the TX number.
- The number printed on the decal must match the number listed on the certificate of number card issued for the vessel described on the card.
- Vessels registered as antique boats are permitted to display the registration decal on the left portion of the windshield. In the absence of a windshield, the registration decal must be attached to the certificate of number and made available for inspection when the boat is operated on public water.