

USCG MSO TAMPA

SMALL PASSENGER VESSEL INFORMATION PACKAGE

Section I – Documentation and User Fees:

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Established	The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, P.L. 101-508, required the Coast Guard to establish user fees for Coast Guard vessel inspection services. The regulations regarding commercial vessel inspection user fees became effective on 01MAY95. These regulations require owners to pay the annual vessel inspection fee on or before the vessel's user fee anniversary date.
Entitlements	Payment of the annual vessel inspection fee entitles an owner to a full year of Coast Guard inspections. Hereafter, the annual vessel inspection fee will be due on the same date every year, namely the user fee anniversary date.
Contact Information	<p>Coast Guard vessel documentation and user fee payment is managed by the:</p> <p>National Vessel Documentation Center 792 T J Jackson Drive Falling Waters, WV 25419</p> <p>Telephone Numbers: Toll Free: (800) 799-8362 Main: (304) 271-2400 Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m (Eastern Standard Time)</p> <p>Fax Numbers: Main: (304) 271-2405 Credit Card: (304) 271-2415</p>
Website	Additional information, forms, instructions and fee schedules are available online at http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/vdoc/nvdc.htm
Verification	Payment of user fees will be verified by the attending Coast Guard marine inspector <u>prior</u> to the inspection of your vessel. Please retain your proof of payment to speed the resolution of any disparities that may arise.

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