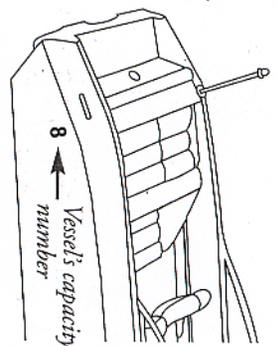


## Display of Vessel Capacity

- ◆ The passenger capacity of a vessel must be painted on or attached to the starboard (right) side of the vessel within 9 inches of the transom and clearly visible above the waterline when fully loaded. The displayed passenger capacity must conform with the passenger capacity designated on the Registration Certificate.

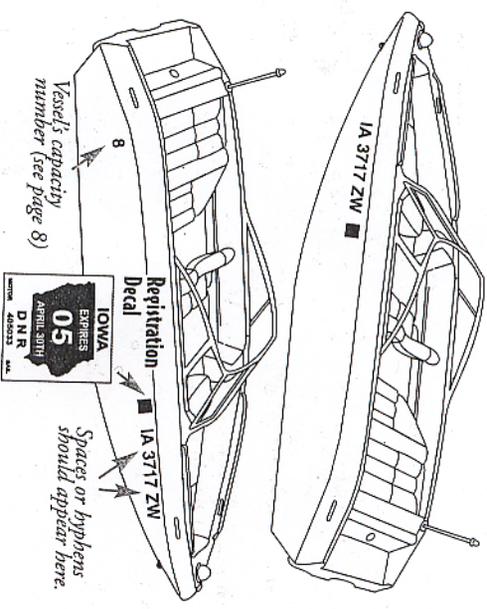
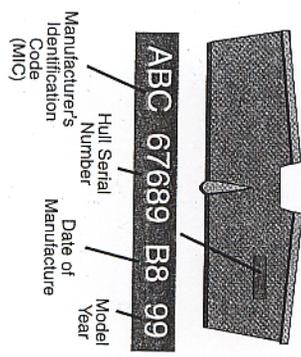


- ◆ Most vessels have a U. S. Coast Guard or manufacturer's plate that shows capacity in number of persons (see page 30). This is the capacity that must be placed on the Registration Certificate and displayed on the right side of the vessel. If a vessel does not have a capacity plate, the capacity of the vessel is "operator's responsibility" and the letters "OR" must be placed on the Registration Certificate and displayed on the vessel instead of capacity.
- ◆ The displayed capacity number (or "OR") must be the same size as the registration number on the bow.
- ◆ It is illegal to deface, destroy, remove or alter a vessel's capacity plate.

## Hull Identification Number

The Hull Identification Number (HIN) is a unique, 12-digit number, assigned by the manufacturer, to vessels built after 1972.

- ◆ Hull Identification Numbers distinguish one vessel from another. They are engraved or stamped in the hull transom, on a metal plate attached to the transom, or printed on inflated rafts and kayaks.



- Number's color must contrast with its background.
- Letters must be separated from the numbers by a space or hyphen: "IA 3717 ZW" or "IA-3717-ZW."
- No other numbers may be displayed on either side of the bow.
- Decals must be affixed on each side of the vessel, toward the stern of the registration number, 4 inches from and in line with the number.
- ◆ If your vessel requires registration, it is illegal to operate or allow others to operate your vessel unless it is registered and numbered as described above.

**Where to Register** The Registration Certificate and registration decals are obtained by presenting the proper application form and fee to the County Recorder in the county of residence of the owner or the county where the vessel is principally used.

**Registration Questions?** Call the Iowa Department of Natural Resources at 1-515-281-5918.

