



USCG Vessel Docs Renewal Fees - as of November 2014

In August we sent you an enews re: an important heads up from MMTA's federal lobbyist, Larry Innis, as well as our friends at the American Vessel Documentation Association, that the USCG has issued a FINAL RULE authorizing an annual user fee to fund administrative costs to manage paperwork for documented recreational vessels. According to the Federal Register posting, *"The Coast Guard is amending its regulations to separately list an annual fee for renewals of endorsements upon the Certificate of Documentation. We are required to establish user fees for services related to the documentation of vessels. This final rule will separately list a fee of \$26 to cover the current costs of the vessel documentation services provided by the Coast Guard."*

Please click 'Read More' below to access the USCG press release. [Facts to note:](#)

- The fee goes into effect November 10, 2014.
- The fee is \$26 (subject to \$5 late fee after 30 days).
- All commercial and recreational vessels are subject to the fee.
- Electronic payment is not yet available and may not be by the effective date. Anticipate using a check, money order or credit card for the time being.
- Payment must accompany the CG1280 Application for Renewal.
- The fee is in addition to non-refundable application fees.

[Read more](#)

Nonprofit Seeking Dust Collection System

Greetings generous MMTA members! We are still seeking donations of a BANDSAW, a SANDER and a DUST COLLECTOR for a nonprofit boat builder of small craft. Kindly contact Ed Lofgren at 3A Marine Service, Hingham at 781-749-3250 or at erl@3amarine.com if you are able to assist. Thank you.

EPA Announces Grant Opportunities to Reduce Diesel Emissions at Ports

EPA has announced its second grant competition to focus on reducing emissions at ports under the Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA). EPA anticipates awarding between two and five assistance agreements. **Applicants, which may include private sector partnerships with ports,** may request up to \$2 million in funding toward eligible projects. Port authorities, governmental or quasi-governmental public agencies that operate ports, and state and local governments with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality are eligible to apply. Community groups, terminal operators, shipping carriers, and other related entities are encouraged to participate through partnerships with eligible applicants. Projects may include drayage trucks, marine engines, locomotives, and cargo handling equipment at marine or inland water ports. Funding is limited to projects at ports located in areas of poor air quality, as determined by the Administrator. The list of eligible areas for this RFP can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/ports/documents/fy14-ports-county-area-list.pdf>.

All proposals must be received by December 11, 2014. For more information and to access the Request for Proposals and other documents, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/ports/ports-dera-rfp.htm>.

