

# Here is What You Must Do To Comply with Boat Law

By DUANE RAYER

Raleigh—On June 17, 1959, the North Carolina General Assembly passed the Motorboat Safety Act. It contains the best thinking available on boating safety. Perhaps it isn't perfect and may well undergo change in the next several years, but it is law and it's up to all concerned to make it effective.

If you own a boat powered by machinery of more than 10 horsepower and operate it in North Carolina water, you must have it registered with and numbered by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission in Raleigh. Further, your boat must be equipped and operated in accordance with this law.

The only exemptions to the numbering provisions of this act are vessels which are documented or those owned by the federal government, a state or political subdivision thereof, or used as ships' lifeboats.

Confusion may arise as to just what is a "documented vessel". Some applications for Coast Guard numbers in the past have been made through US Bureau of Customs houses and numbers issued by the Coast Guard through these houses. The vessels so numbered are NOT documented.

A vessel must measure 5 net tons or more before it is eligible for documentation, or be yachts used exclusively for pleasure. The Coast Guard will NOT number documented vessels and these vessels are exempt from North Carolina's numbering system. To qualify for documents, a vessel's minimum dimensions are 3 1/2 feet roughly at 32 feet long, 8 feet wide, and 3 feet deep—or over. A documented vessel carries its number carved into the main beam and must display its name and home port on its stern.

Considerable confusion has arisen covering boats now or previously numbered by the US Coast Guard; ALL COAST GUARD NUMBERS in North Carolina ARE NOW OBSOLETE and must be replaced by numbers assigned by the Wildlife Resources Commission. The Coast Guard is changing its numbering system nationwide so the numbers in North Carolina would have had to be replaced by new ones even if there were no state law.

Your first responsibility, if you own a boat powered by a motor of more than 10 horsepower (regardless of boat length) is to get a boat number application from a hunting and fishing license agent, fill

it out completely and send it with \$3 to the address on the application.

There is no need to send your Coast Guard certificate. You will NOT receive a "license plate" or metal number; you WILL be sent a certificate of number assigning a number to your boat.

It's up to you to paint or otherwise attach the number to each side of the boat's bow in characters at least three inches high and in a color contrasting to the background. No other number can be displayed on the bow of your boat.

If you have a commercial fishing license, this must be placed "abaft the beam." Your boat's name may appear on the bow, however, in addition to your new number.

Along with this certificate which must be carried in the boat at all times, you will receive two informational pamphlets: the Coast Guard's "Pleasure Craft" and the Wildlife Commission's "Motorboat Owners Guide."

These contain almost all you need to know to comply with the law. Read them, study the provisions, then obey the law. If there is any question about what you are to do, ask your Wildlife Protector, the Coast Guard or write the Wildlife Commission in Raleigh.

The Coast Guard is still very much on the job in North Carolina waters and the only thing they will not now do is number Tar Heel boats. The enforcement of the safety sections (not the numbering provision, Section 21) of the Federal Motorboat Act of 1940 and the Federal Motorboat Act of 1958 is still a job of the Coast Guard. Your boat still must meet their requirements.

The lighting and safety equipment provisions of the Coast Guard are the same as those of the state act except that in the federal law the requirements apply to all motorpowered craft in navigable waters, but in the state act only vessels powered by machinery of more than 10 horsepower operated in public waters are covered.

By state law, if your boat of over 10 horsepower, is less than 26 feet

long and is operated between the hours of sunset and sunrise, it must have a 20-point combination lantern on the bow showing red to port and green to starboard, and a 32-point white stern light.

The Class A and Class 1 boats (less than 16 feet in length and 16 to less than 26 feet, respectively) are required to carry one Coast Guard-approved life preserver for each person.

Class 1 boats must have a whistle or horn capable of producing a blast of at least 2 seconds' duration and audible for at least 1/2 mile.

If your boat is 26 feet in length or more (classes 2 and 3), some specific equipment requirements prevail; check the law thoroughly.

Safe boat operation is also covered in the state law and reckless and negligent operation is a misdemeanor and may carry a \$500 fine or six months imprisonment or both. This phase of the law applies to all vessels regardless of horsepower.

Violations of the other sections of the act are misdemeanors and carry stiff fines. Cases can be tried swiftly in all state courts in the county where the violation occurred. The law is enforceable by wildlife protectors, and every other law enforcement officer of the state. Read the law carefully.

The law is designed to promote boating safety and for no other purpose. It's not a money-making proposition, say Wildlife officials, since funds received from boat registration must (by law) be spent only for boat law administration, enforcement and safety education. Therefore all funds collected will go right back into the boating program.

Know the law, obey it; do your part to make boating safer.

### Wants a New Name

Milwaukee (AP)—People have so much trouble pronouncing George Gaieck's name he doesn't even know he is being paged. That was the reason Gaieck gave in petitioning circuit court to change his name to Nolan.

## Good News About 4-H

By David Warrick, 4-H Advisor



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Each year a week is set aside for the observance of 4-H Clubs in this great nation of ours. March 5-12 is the week designated as National 4-H Club Week for the year 1960. During this week 4-H'ers throughout the nation, as well as in Carteret county, will be highlighting 4-H Club work.

One of the main purposes of National 4-H Club week is to acquaint the public with the 4-H program and its value to 4-H club members.

In observing National 4-H club week, the 4-H'ers here will be appearing on radio and tv, and will be writing articles in the Carteret County News-Times about 4-H Club work.

Many interesting phases of the 4-H program will be brought out during the week of March 5-12.

So why don't you 4-H Club members, who stand about 1,200 strong in Carteret County, ask your parents and friends to join you in observance of National 4-H Club Week?



David Warrick

The 4-H County executive board

### Camp Glenn WSCS Sells Barbecue 11 to 7 Today

The Women's Society of Christian Service of Camp Glenn Methodist church will sell barbecue from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. today at the church.

Plates are 50 cents and a dollar. Bulk barbecue is \$2 per pound. Persons who would like barbecue delivered should call PA6-3984 or PA6-5564.

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### Troop Scoop

## Girl Scouts, Brownies Report Recent Activities

Brownie troop 189 met Thursday afternoon at the Scout building with our leader, Mrs. Bob Slater. We elected officers.

Scotti Young was elected president, Jeanne Guthrie, secretary; and Debbie Hancock, scribe. Judy Thomas and Rita Duncan of the Girl Scouts, met with us and helped us finish our paper bag puppets. We turned in our cookie money. Cathy Grant was hostess.

Brownie troop 153 of Beaufort met Thursday, Feb. 18. Betty Lou Willis collected dues. We talked about going on a hike.

Marcia Vernberg led us in games and served refreshments. We closed our meeting with a friendship circle.

Brownie troop 180 met Feb. 22. We opened the meeting by giving our Brownie promise. Then the chapter from our handbook about Juliette Lou was read to us. She is the founder of the Girl Scouts in the United States.

After dues were collected, we had refreshments. Then we painted with finger paints before we were dismissed.

Brownie troop 267 met Monday, Feb. 22, at Morehead City school lunchroom. The meeting was called to order. At roll call we answered with the names of presidents. Our leader then read us a story about George Washington.

We are now working on our tentfoot requirements. Carol Gilman served us refreshments. We then formed a friendship circle and were dismissed.

Versatile Housewife  
Bellevue, Ohio (AP)—You can get expert discussion on a wide range of topics at the home of Dr. Paul Gilman. His wife, Bernadine, recently was admitted to the bar. Already a concert violinist, mathematics and English teacher, Mrs. Gilman received her law degree this year from the College of Law at the University of Toledo.

### Town Board to Consider Change in Zoning Law

Morehead City town commissioners will hear a request for a change in the zoning ordinance at 7:30 Tuesday night in the courtroom of the municipal building.

The town has been asked to rezone as business section the southwest corner at 24th and Arendell Streets. A gas station is located on the north corner opposite the lot. Homes are located on the other two corners.

Town commissioners will hold their regular meeting following the hearing.

## Beaufort THEATRE

Last Time Today

A DRAMA OF BIBLICAL TIMES!

THE BIG FISHERMAN  
THE STORY OF JESUS PETER OF GALILEE  
STARRING: BOBBI LEE  
"THE BIG FISHERMAN"  
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Saturday — Double Feature

"Blood and Steel"  
Starring  
John Lupton • James Edwards  
— and —

ROBERT TAYLOR  
LOUISE BRACKLEY  
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Sunday — Monday

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### SCORCHY SMITH

I JUST CONTACTED BABS' FATHER ON THE RADIO!

HE'S GOT TWO DOCTORS WAITING AT THE HOUSE... BROUGHT THEM ALL THE WAY FROM SAN FRANCISCO!

IF HE THOUGHT IT WOULD HELP BABS, HE'D MOVE ALL OF SAN FRANCISCO UP HERE!!

THERE'S BUCK NOW... HE'S COME OUT TO MEET US!

SCORCHY... NOW'S BABS... IS SHE OKAY? WE'VE GOT A REGULAR HOSPITAL SET UP AT THE HOUSE FOR HER!

WHILE SCORCHY AND BABS' FATHER WERE TALKING, CARSON BAILEY LEAPED FROM THE JEEP, GRABBED BUCK'S CAR AND TOOK OFF BEFORE ANYONE NOTICED HIM!

SO CARSON BAILEY TRIED TO BUMP YOU OFF AT 77-NOW HE'S LAMMED IN MY CAR!!

SHALL I GO AFTER HIM, BUCK?

LET HIM GO... HE'S HEADING FOR THE AIRPORT WHERE HE'LL STEAL ONE OF MY PLANES... BUT IT'S A CHEAP WAY OF GETTING RID OF THE BUM!

BABS MAY NOT REALIZE IT FOR A WHILE, BUT GETTING RID OF HIM THIS EASILY WILL MAKE THIS WHOLE NIGHTMARE WORTH WHILE!

### Doctors Wait

### OAKY DOAKS

G-GOSH, POMPONA! I KNOW IT'S HOT, BUT... I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND...

AND A FEW MILES LATER... OAKY!

WATER!

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STAY RIGHT THERE TILL I GET BACK!

MISTER! I'VE GOT TO HAVE WATER!

HASSAN'S SERVICE

THAT'S TH' WELL! HELP YERSELF!

I DON'T WANT IT FOR ME!

— A MAN AND A HORSE ARE OUT COLD ON THE HOT SAND!

HASSAN'S SUPER SERVICE IS ALWAYS READY TO HELP MAN OR BEAST!

BUT WHEN IT COMES TO WOMEN...

YIPPEE!

I TOLD YOU!

NELLIE NEEDS A DRINK TOO!

NELLIE! SHE'S A FEMALE NAME!

HOPE SHE APT GETS A DRINK!

### Desert Disaster