



# *Small Craft Adrift*

- **Each year the U.S. Coast Guard spends hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars engaged in search and rescue operations where small paddle craft are found empty and adrift.**



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# *Small Craft Registration*

- **Hull registration of small craft is not required by regulation; therefore, search and rescue operations often continue without need, simply because the vessel owner cannot be contacted.**



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# *Help I.D. Small Craft*

- You can help reduce unnecessary search and rescue operations by labeling your paddle craft.
- Plus, if your vessel is lost, it might be recovered and returned to you sooner.



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# *Label Your Paddle Craft*

- **By labeling your small paddle craft, you can help to ensure Coast Guard assets are available when they are truly needed – during genuine emergencies.**



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# *If Found – Contact Sticker*

- To assist with labeling your craft, the U.S. Coast Guard offers a **free** “*If Found – Contact*” sticker.
- For your free sticker, send a self-addressed and stamped envelope to the address below:

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 46 – Cape Ann  
17 Birch Grove Hts, Gloucester MA, 01930

(Limit 1 sticker per request and envelope.)

Vessel Identification Sticker for Canoe, Kayak or Rowboat

## IF FOUND - CONTACT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



 Use waterproof marker 

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