

## eFoils

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The Coast Guard refers to eFoils as mechanically propelled personal hydrofoils, but they are commonly referred to as eFoils or electric hydrofoils. The term eFoil is not intended for electric foiling boats even though the term may seem to apply.



Using the legal definition of vessel found in 1 USC 3, <https://law.justia.com/codes/us/title-1/chapter-1/sec-3/>, the Coast Guard has determined eFoils to be vessels. Therefore, they are subject to all laws and regulations pertaining to recreational vessels propelled by machinery

Hull identification numbers or HINs are not exempted and must be affixed as specified by 33 CFR 181.29 (c)., <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-33/chapter-I/subchapter-S/part-181/subpart-C>. eFoils, just like any other vessel, are required to have two identical HINs applied. The primary HIN is positioned on the aft right-hand side of the board and then a secondary HIN (sometimes called a hidden HIN) is placed at the discretion of the builder