

California Boat Bill of Sale

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1. Parties

Seller full legal name

Seller address

Other seller or owner names

Buyer full legal name

Buyer address

Other buyer names

Contact telephone numbers (optional)

2. Item being sold

Boat model year

Boat manufacturer

Boat model

Hull identification number (HIN)

Existing boat registration number

Boat length and units

Hull material and color

Propulsion and intended use

Motor make, year, horsepower and serial number

3. Price and agreed terms

Sale date

Agreed price in US dollars

Payment and delivery terms

Condition and known defects

Express promises or warranties agreed by the parties

Liens, security interests and release arrangements

Additional agreed terms

Included motor price, if separately priced

Trailer included? Separate price and paperwork

The seller agrees to transfer the described item to the buyer on the stated payment and delivery terms. The parties must separately complete any required title, registration, disclosure or lien-release process.

The condition and defects recorded here are the parties' description of the item. This document does not disclaim a warranty or remedy that cannot lawfully be excluded, cancel an express promise or excuse fraud or misrepresentation.

The seller identifies the disclosed liens and title restrictions below. No statement in this record confirms that a lien has been paid, that an agency has transferred title or that a third party has consented.

4. Signatures

Read the full document and the execution notes before signing. A signature records the stated agreement; it does not complete an agency transfer. Add signature pages for every additional owner whose signature is required.

Seller printed name

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Additional seller(s) printed name

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Buyer printed name

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Additional buyer(s) printed name

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Agency checklist and sources

California's vessel-registration process needs the appropriate ownership documents; a private-sale bill supports the applicable transfer.

The reviewed agency source does not establish a universal notary or witness rule for a separate private-sale bill. Title, application, special-ownership and other documents can have their own execution requirements.

Check the powered-vessel and sailboat registration categories.

An assigned title or accepted origin evidence is separate from the bill.

Use separate vehicle paperwork for an included trailer.

Source checked 2026-10-01: <https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/vehicle-registration/new-registration/register-your-boat-vessel/>