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The Summit County Sheriff's Office would like to remind all marina slip, mooring and paddle rack tenants of the state registration requirements for their vessel.

As per Colorado Boating Statues and Regulations, 33-13-103(1), *"It is unlawful for any person to operate or use a vessel on the waters of this state or to possess a vessel at a vessel staging area unless the vessel has been numbered and a certificate of the number, referred to in this article as a 'registration', has been issued to the vessel by the division [Colorado Parks and Wildlife]."*

In essence this means the following:

- It is unlawful for you to launch any motorized boat or sailboat on the reservoir until it is registered ***and numbered as required***. This applies even if your boat never leaves your slip or mooring. CL numbers and registration expiration stickers ***must be properly displayed on the vessel***.
- Marina staff persons cannot legally launch your boat until it is registered and numbered as required, and ***they do not register your boat for you as part of your marina services***. It is the boat owner's responsibility to register the vessel each year.

The following are some exceptions to Colorado vessel registration and numbering requirements:

- Human powered vessels (canoes, kayaks, standup paddleboards, rafts etc.) however they ***must be*** marked with the owner's ***name and current address*** in a legible, clearly visible and durable fashion. Though a phone number is not currently required, it is highly recommended;
- Vessels holding a valid marine document issued by the United States;
- Vessels currently registered and numbered from another state, ***as long as*** the vessel will not be on the water ***for more the 60 consecutive days***. For example, if your out-of-state boat is launched on June 1st and will remain on Dillon Reservoir in a slip or mooring beyond August 1st, it must be registered in Colorado;
- Any vessel defined as a "sailboard" however it must be marked in the same manner as a human powered vessel.
- A vessel with a Temporary Boat Permit (bill of sale), ***not to exceed 30 days*** from the date of purchase.

Please note these registration requirements apply to all vessels powered by a motor of any kind, or by sail. ***This includes motorized dinghies, anything with an electric motor***, kayaks or canoes with sail kits, etc.

Any violation of the above is subject to a \$100 fine per offense. Multiple violations could lead to a summons.

For further information, please refer to the Colorado Boating Statues and Regulations, the Colorado Boating Handbook or contact Colorado Parks and Wildlife.