**MMSI Frequently Asked Questions**

1. How do I verify that the USCG has my MMSI number?

* You currently cannot. If you can verify that the provider (FCC, BOAT US, US Power Squadron, Shine Micro or Sea Tow) has accurate registration, then the USCG can access that information.

1. The used radio I bought already has an MMSI and I cannot contact the original owner to have its registration transferred. (Or, the radio’s MMSI is incorrect and I was told to correct it)

* You must contact the manufacturer to have the MMSI reset. That usually can be accomplished without having to remove the radio from the boat.

1. If an MMSI is obtained from Boat US, Shine Micro or Power Squadron is the MMSI and vessel information available to agencies and Coast Guard groups outside of the USA.  
     
   - No.
2. How do I obtain a MMSI?

* You came to the [right place](https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/maritime-mobile-service-identity)

1. My boat/radio has already been sold and I now realize I should have first transferred/cancelled my MMSI. How can I fix things now?
2. How can I recover my MMSI? I sold the boat and accidentally deactivated my registration.  
     
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3. Why do we allow inactivation/archive of MMSIs when they are supposed to follow the vessel? This process should only occur on disposal, not sale or transfer.