



# *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:

**FSO/MA 2-1  
20 Beverly Lane  
Gorham, ME 04038-2476**

Vessel Identification Sticker for Canoe, Kayak or Rowboat

## IF FOUND - CONTACT

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

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

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



 **Use waterproof marker** 

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