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Subject: vessel & aircraft station licenses

The "no license" approach works fine domestically, but falls apart for recreational boaters and aviators who travel to other countries. Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean nations are the most obvious examples, though individual boats and aircraft often find their way to Europe and the Pacific.

The past fees have borne zero relationship to service provided, or to costs of issuance.

No one would object to a reasonable fee of say, \$10 or \$20 for a license issued for the duration of ownership of a vessel or aircraft. This would make international travel much easier, with respect to use of radio equipment, since other countries will likely maintain bureaucratic requirements.

Thank you for the web page. It is a HUGE improvement in communications.

Incidentally, in preparing to renew a license, I found the boilerplate language and the estimate to time to apply, very offensive. It took several hours of fruitless investigation to try to determine why the application had been sent as it was. The result was, we simply quit trying, so I believe you are headed in the right direction with simplification and cost reduction.

Capt Phil Graf

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Dear Sirs,

I just read today in "The Log", then checked the Internet. that a = license is no longer required for recreational boats. I own a Catalina =

22 sailboat and sail regularly off the coast, either cruising or racing. =

I have held off buying a VHF radio for my boat because I felt first = that the original \$115 dollar, then the \$75 dollar fee, was a little too = much to spend after purchasing the radio. Other boats I sail with have = them but I instead chose, each time I considered a radio, to spend my = money on other, more essential, equipment. I am planning a coastal = cruise for next weekend but now I will definitely buy a VHF radio and = have it installed before I go. This will make my family (2 children) = extremely happy as they always have a fear of getting in trouble with no = way to contact help. I just wanted to say thanks for making safety a = real concern of our government and would encourage the full = implementation of the license fee change. My son and daughter and wife = thank you, too!

Regards, (and sailing safer now)

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