

Installing Your Vinyl Boat Lettering

1. Clean your boat transom or the sides of your boat that will receive the decals.
2. Mix a solution of 1 cup of water and about 6-8 drops of Palmolive dish washing detergent. Place this solution in a spray bottle. Bring this along with your wet release boat name lettering or registration number decal and a Rubbermaid kitchen spatula or other rubberized straight edge.
3. Hold your decal into position and play with it with the backing still on until you get it in the exact position you want. Once in place, use black tape or any contrasting color tape to mark your position.
4. Now spray the boat with a good heavy coating of your solution mix. Also spray the decal (sticky side) as you pull the backing away. This will prevent the decal from immediately bonding to the boat or to itself if you should fumble finger the thing.
5. Place the decal in position. Slide it around until it hits your marks made in step 3.
6. Now starting in the center, gently squeegee out the solution first working to the right, then to the left. Once you are comfortable you have pushed out all the solution you can begin to push firmer and firmer. Go slow. The solution may be pushed out but the decal still has not bonded yet.
7. The application masking that holds your boat name letters in place should begin to turn milky and break down with the solution (the letters themselves are not water soluble, they bond firmer as they dry while the premasking breaks down). This process can take a few minutes to an hour or more. Take a break. Cover the whole decal with a moist towel or at the very least, shade it from the sun. Time and moisture will cause the premasking to release both from the boat and from the decal.
8. In about an hour, you should be able to pull the premasking off the decal and the letters will stay firmly in place.