

Boat Registrations and the Responsibilities

Sailing is a hobby and sport. This is supposed to be fun. This is meeting new people, visiting and sharing information. This is to satisfy our human interest in tinkering and the competitive spirit. And so in the having, sailing has become organized with a recorded history. It begins with a hull and a number. Due to continued questions and the sharing of incorrect assumptions at the lake here is a look into the process, policies and rules of EC12 boat registrations. This is not complicated but procedural to insure that all EC12 hull and boats are properly identified to create a lineage for the boat and its owners and known to all in the class and the marketplace...*Rick West, June 2004 and modified April 2005*

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Beginning the first of the year the boat registration process changed to become more convenient for the class. The purpose of this change was to coordinate the coming change in the hull manufacturing process, to standardize registrations, secure the lineage of the yacht and to pass forward a proposed rule change for integration that will insure class administration compliance in the future. What you will read here is much of what has been done in the past. However, there are some changes in terminology and there are some added controls for the future. It is a good read to learn what has been done for your yacht and what your responsibly will be. Here are the quick points:

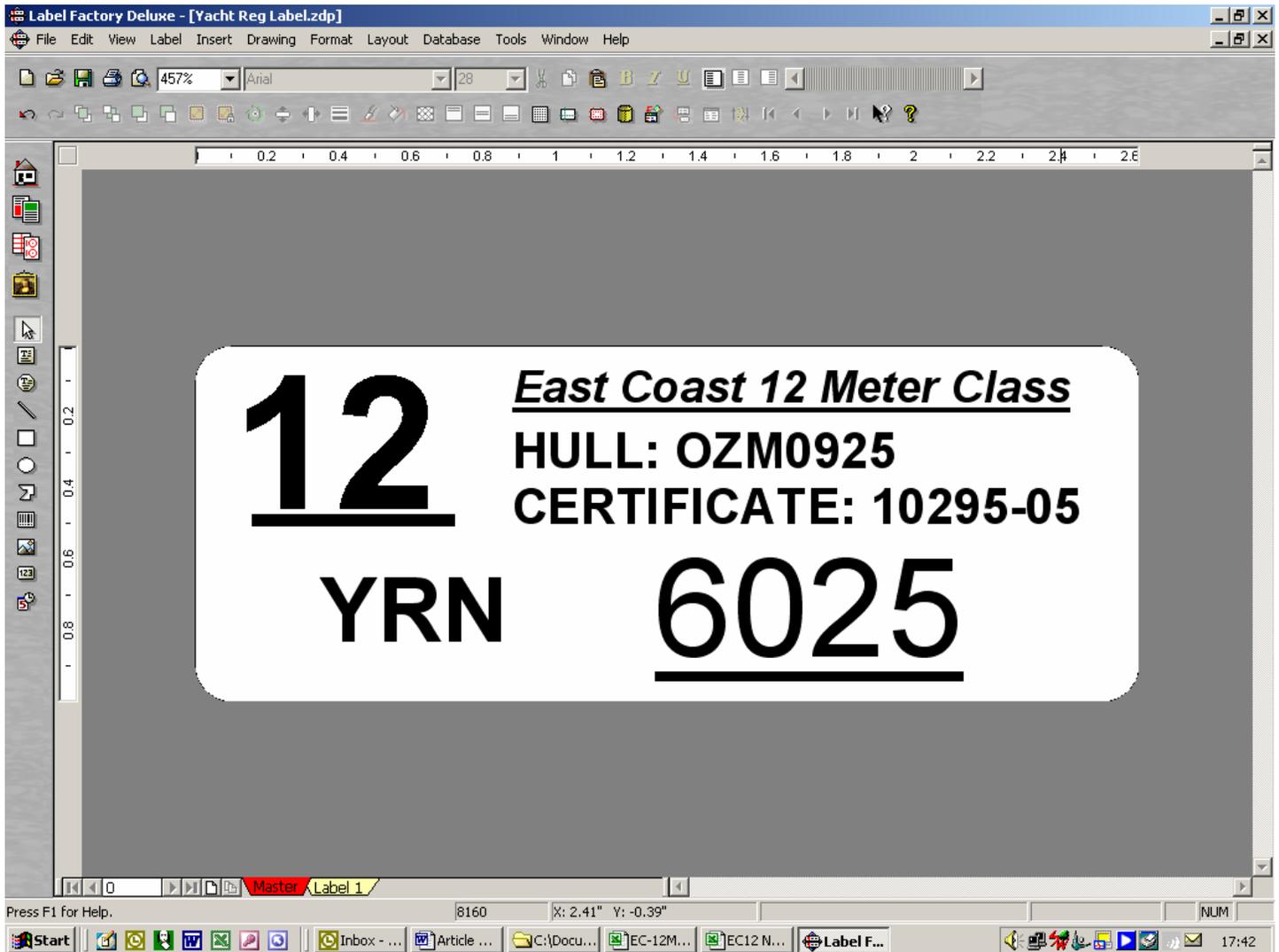
- New hulls will be registered with the class and to the buyer before the builder ships them. The fee is included in the price of the hull.
- New hulls will have a certificated label from the class molded into the hull before shipment and the buyer will receive a packet with a registration card identifying the owner to the information on the hull label.
- Once a hull is registered and labeled, it is not likely the class will change the label certification by owner requests.
- Boat transfers to another owner will be available online including payment. Fees will be seven dollars (\$7), as established by AMYA.

Buying a New Hull

The authorized manufacturers of hulls will deliver to buyers a certified hull. The certificate will be a label molded into the hull much like you have done before with the following information:

- Yacht Registration Number (YRN), formerly called "Sail Number."
- The manufacturer's designator, three letters and a four-digit serial number.
- A five-digit certificate number with two digits for the year of manufacture.

This is what it will look like:



The label is 1 x 2-5/8 inches. This is for an Ozmun hull with a serial number of 925. The certificate indicates that it was the 295th one registered since 1 January 2005. The YRN is what goes on the sails or just the 25 if you prefer.

That label will not be changed by the class administration for the life of the boat. This means that once all three numbers above are molded to the hull, it becomes a VIN and will be about as intractable as a road vehicle. This will provide you with the same ownership qualities as your car and will identify the boat in the marketplace for what it is. What does this mean to you when you order new a hull?

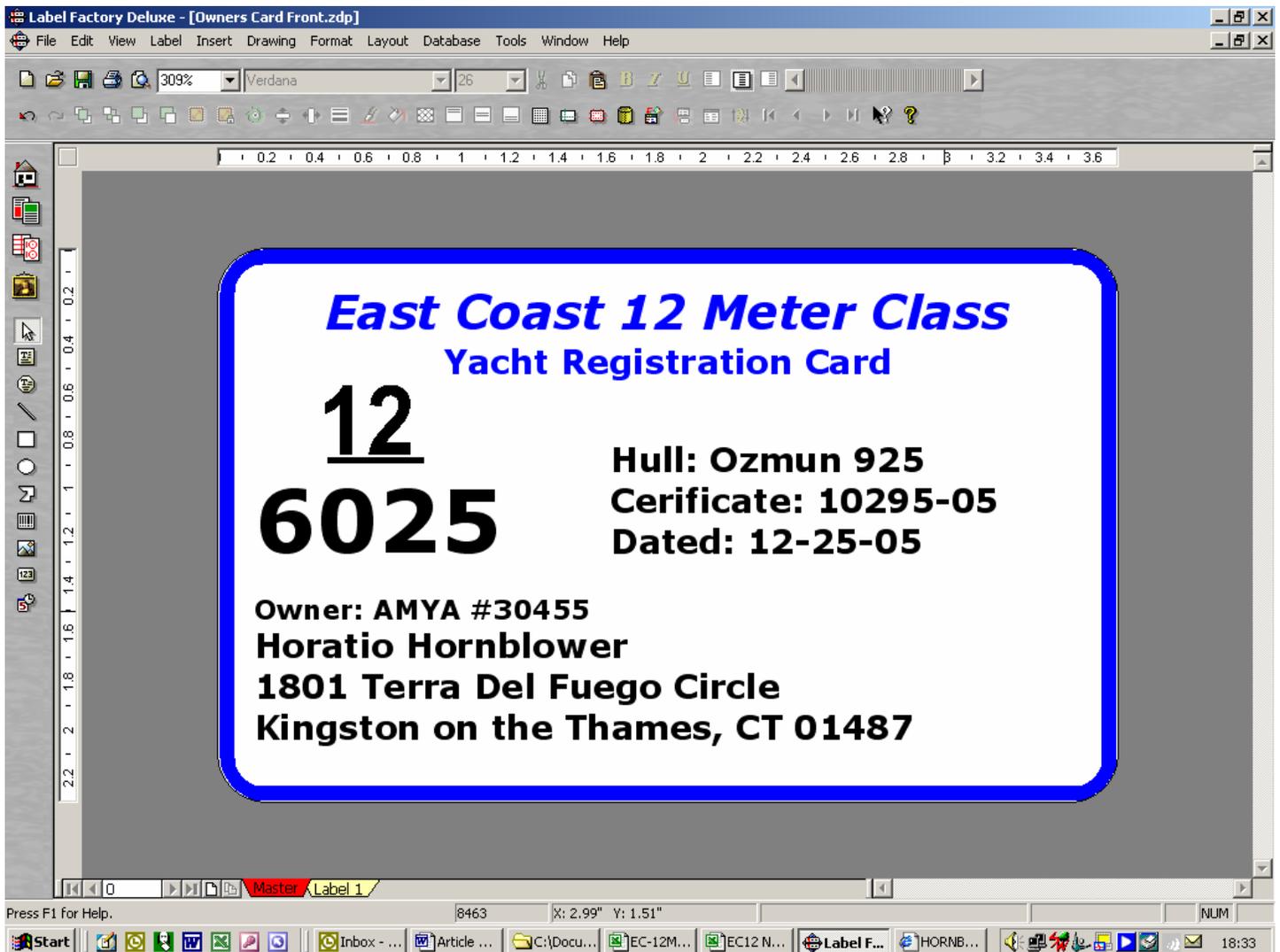
If you would like YRN consideration and availability, you should communicate this to the builder or the Class Secretary when the hull is ordered. Once the label is in the hull she is certified as such.

The manufacturer will send to the Class Secretary (CS) the personal information on the buyer that you will see on the registration card below. They may ask you to send that information via an electronic form on the class site. The manufacturer will then pay the class fees required in

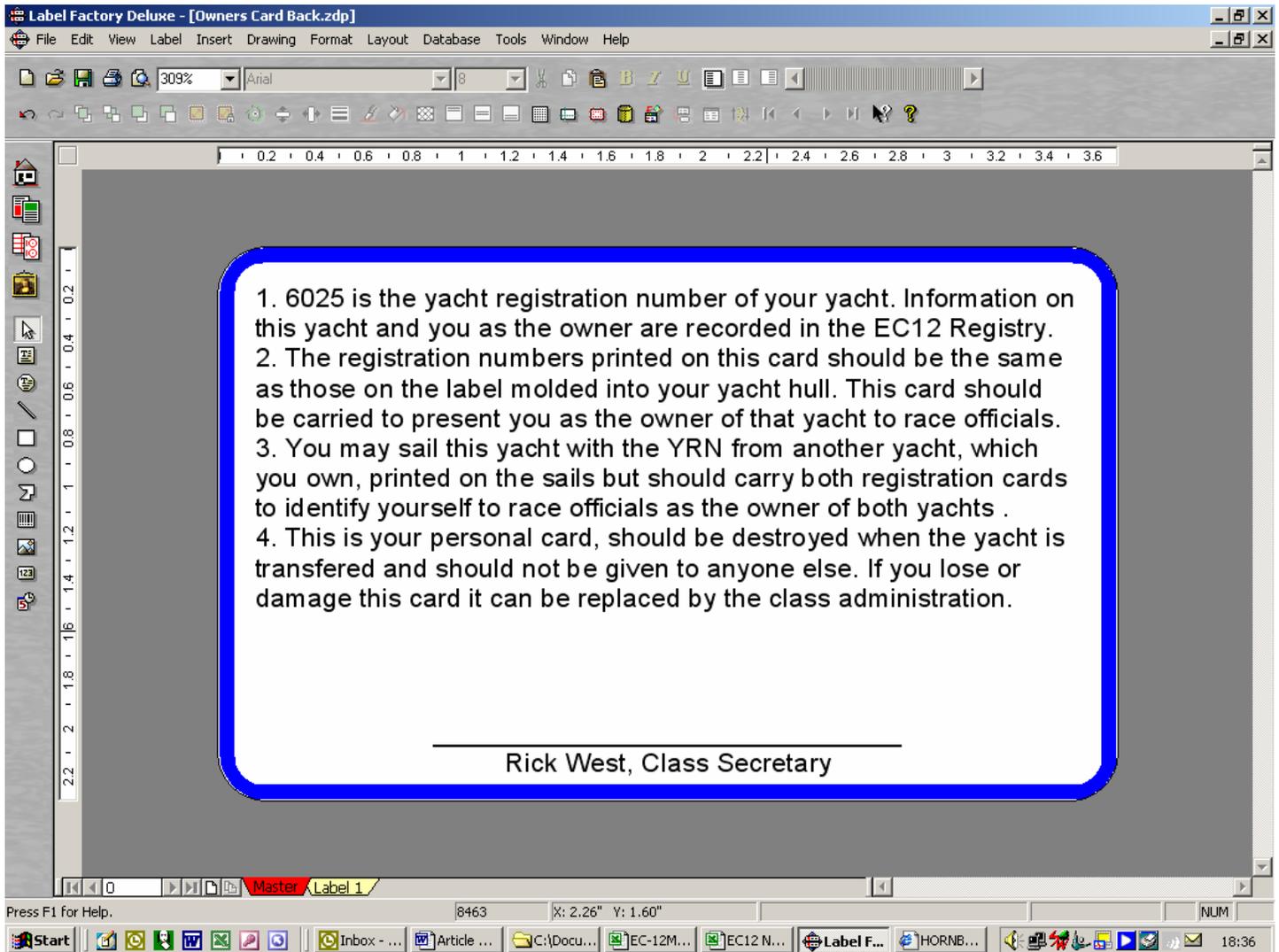
this process and charge you accordingly in the price of the hull. Hence, there are no transactions you need with the class. The CS will send to the manufacturer a completed label for the hull and to you a registration packet like that you have received before. It is most likely you will receive the packet before shipment of the hull.

During this process all the information about the owner and the hull will be entered into the class Registry. It does not matter if the buyer is a member of AMYA or not. The boat is to be certified and therefore be identified in the marketplace as such regardless of owner status.

The buyer will be issued a Yacht Registration Card (YRC) to identify the owner and the boat as being together. This card will come completed as you see and laminated into an airline bag tag that can be attached to you gear. There is a front and back to this card and there is the usual small print. When laminated the card is 4-1/4 x 2-1/2 inches. This is the front side:



Here is what the back will look like:



The use of this card is the same as in the past but will carry more information. It is your personal card and is not to be transferred to another. This card will identify you and the boat in the marketplace and before race officials at events where it is required.

Upgrading Cards

If you lose the YRC, or would like to have one of the new ones, they can be requested from the CS. Such cards will state the reissue date in red below the original registrations date. They will be \$2.00 and can be ordered and paid for online using the electronic form for boat registrations located on the class website. Complete the current contact information, boat information and your comments in the comment box including the date of registration on your card.

A Commissioned Boat

When you commission the building of a boat the hull will arrive as it would to you, registered to you and the certificate molded in the hull. Once again, there is nothing for you do and the process above will follow.

Salient Points

1. All new EC12 hulls will be certificated and registered before they are shipped from the manufacturer.
2. There will be no need for the buyer to register a new hull or boat after January 1, 2005.
3. Boats currently in the Registry and from now on may not have their information changed.
4. The YRC identifies the owner of the boat stated on the card and matches the label in the boat. The two are a legal unit at sanctioned events.
5. Read the back of the card for a convenient exception but you will see another YRC needs to be present with you at sanctioned events.

Buying and Selling (Transfers)

The process for transferring ownership in the class Registry from one owner to another has not changed. The buyer notifies the CS by completing the registration form on the class website and paying the fee. The CS will then send the buyer a registration packet with a YRC identifying the owner.

Business Transactions

To make the registration process convenient and with good communications, the class has provided an electronic form on the class website. The form is automatically emailed to the CS when filled out and submitted. It is important to fill out this form completely; all of the contact information, make sure your email address is correct and either the NEW section or the TRANSFER section for what you would like to do. If you have special requests or other information, please use the comment box at the bottom of the form. Shortly you will receive a confirmation from the CS. You currently have a traveling CS but response is usually within a day.

You can use this form for other things. Fill out the contact information and explain what you would like to do in the comment box.

You can pay online with a credit card through PayPal, an online money transfer company. There are no fees to use this service to the sender. All that is needed is to create an account and login. It is easy to do and convenient for other applications. Through this service you can send money to anyone with an email address.

Should you not like to use these services you can copy the form to your printer and mail it and the fee to the CS. All the information to do this either way is on the form.