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It would be helpful if the field for the registration number of another vessel (the second vessel in a accident involving two vessels) could be made more visible. Perhaps a new section could be included titled ACCIDENT DETAILS - OTHER VESSEL. An option would be to modify an existing section and re-title it ACCIDENT DETAILS - OTHER KEY PEOPLE/OTHER VESSEL(S) or words to that effect.

The vast majority of the current accident report form is geared to the operator of one vessel reporting on his/her own vessel. There is no strong prompt for identifying information on a second vessel (or others) that may have been involved.

I represent a State and enter data into the USCG's Boating Accident Report Database. We offer this USCG accident form to all boaters when there is a need. When the report form returns to us, having the vessel registration number of all vessels involved in an accident allows me to access physical attributes of the vessels from our registration database for entry into the BARD. It is to our advantage to make the request for that key data more prominent.