

Since about 1984, the format of the HIN (Hull Identification Number) has been standardized to the following (we'll use PCI00334K191 as an example):

Characters 1 - 3:	MIC (Manufacturer's Identification Code) (ex: PCI, not PC1)
Characters 4 - 8:	Vessel's production or Serial number (ex: 00334 also hull 334)
Characters 9 - 10:	Manufactured Date 9 = Month, based on A=1, B=2, C=3, etc. (ex: K is for November) 10 = Last digit of year (ex: in this case, 1 is for 1991)
Characters 11 - 12:	Model Year (ex: 91 is for 1991)