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Licensing of Boats on Long Lake owned by Central Base Fund,  
Loring Air Force Base

You have asked whether subject boats should pay license fees under the boating law.

The law exempts a "motor boat whose owner is the United States." Concerning an Alabama statute which exempted "boats owned by the United States," the Judge Advocate General of the Army ruled that nonappropriated fund activities are instrumentalities of the United States, and accordingly boats purchased by such activities are "owned by the United States" and are exempt from licensing under the statute.

I can find no case law to the contrary, and I am, therefore, of the opinion that the State cannot require that these boats be licensed.

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