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**BOAT REGISTRATIONS
256-775-4803/Probate Office**

Alabama registers all mechanically propelled vessels (including electric and battery powered), sailboats, and vessels for hire.

**We are now online with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency
You can now renew your boat registration at <http://www.outdooralabama.com/boat-registration>**

The Alabama Marine Patrol Headquarters has a new number: 1-334-517-2950

Alabama does not have a title law on boats & does not require boat trailers to be licensed

Boat Fees are based on the length of the boat:

Less than 16 ft.	\$ 20.00
16 ft. but less than 26 ft.	\$ 25.00
26 ft. but less than 40 ft.	\$ 75.00
40 ft. and over	\$100.00
Transfer	\$ 5.00
Replacement	\$ 5.00
Duplicate	\$ 5.00

3% Sales Tax is added when purchasing boat

\$2.00 Mail Fee must be included when renewing boat by mail

Payment Methods

Cash, Check or Credit Card

**Please Note: All Checks require a Drivers License Number and Two phone numbers.
And Credit Card transactions charge a 2.5% processing fee. There is a minimum \$.50 cent charge for credit card transactions**

***A Bill of Sale and the Last Registration is required when transferring a boat*
A current State issued Drivers license is required to register or renew a boat**

If your boat is brought into Alabama from another state, and has never been registered in Alabama there will be no transfer fee charged. The boat will be issued a new Alabama number. Also, if previously registered in another state, you must surrender last state registration and title.

States That Require a Boat to be Titled

California, District of Columbia, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

WHEN TO APPLY

There is a 72 hour grace period for the registration of a new boat, however, the bill of sale, showing the date of purchase must be kept on board until registered.

If you buy a used boat that is currently registered with this state, you must make application for transfer within 15 days.

If you buy a used boat with an expired registration, you must currently register the boat before it is used. There is no grace period for registering a used boat.

If you buy a boat that was used for rental purposes, the old number will have to be removed from the boat and a new one issued. No transfer will be necessary in this case. There is no grace period for a used boat.

RENEWAL MONTHS:

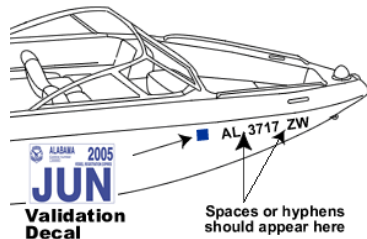
January	A, D
February	B
March	C, E
April	F, G, N
May	H, O
June	M, I
July	P, L
August	J, K, R
September	Q, S, T
October	U, V, W, X, Y, Z

And all boats registered under company names.

All dealer and rental boats must register with the Marine Police Division.

NUMBERING YOUR VESSEL

Your permanent registration number appears on the right-hand side of the certificate preceded by the letters AL. The number contains 1 to 4 digits plus the 2-letter suffix following the number. This number remains with the boat regardless of change of ownership within the state.



The registration number must be placed on each side of the bow of the vessel for which it was purchased, in such a position as will make it clearly visible at all times. The number must be displayed in three parts with a hyphen or space separating each part, i.e.: AL-1234-AA, and be of a color that contrasts with the background of the boat -- dark on light or light on dark. Numbers shall be BLOCK characters, not less than 3 inches in height, excluding borders and must be of good proportion. Characters of varying thickness, slanted characters, and scroll-type characters are not acceptable. No number other than the number issued shall be displayed on either side of the bow. The validation decal must be affixed within 6 inches before or after and in line with the registration number on port and starboard bow.

WHAT IS REQUIRED WHEN YOU SELL YOUR BOAT

1. Notify the Marine Police Division within 15 days of sale of vessel, specifying the name and address of the new owner and the registration number assigned to the vessel.
2. Provide new owner with the last registration certificate and a bill of sale.
Notify the Marine Police Division within 15 days when your boat is abandoned, lost, destroyed or stolen. Also, any change of address should be reported

HULL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER FOR MANUFACTURED VESSELS

All vessels manufactured after 1972 are required by Federal Law to have a hull identification number affixed to the vessel by the manufacturer. This 12 digit number is normally located on the outside stern of the vessel on the right side, below the gunwale. This number must be included on the registration certificate and application for registration as it is the permanent identifier of the vessel.

Boat owners with vessels manufactured prior to 1972 shall apply with the Marine Police Division for a hull identification number which will be affixed to the transom of their boat. It is necessary to give the date construction was completed. Application forms for a hull identification number can be obtained at the county office or through the Marine Police Division.

CERTIFICATION:

The Roberson/Archer act of 1994 requires every person 12 years of age or over who operates a motorized vessel on the waters of this State, must have a boater safety certification.

The boater safety certification will be incorporated with motor vehicle driver's license as an endorsement or class code.

ALABAMA RESIDENTS:

Alabama residents under 12 years old may not obtain boater safety certification and may not operate a vessel. Alabama residents who are 12 or 13 years old may operate a vessel if they have the boater safety certification and are supervised on board by a person at least 21 years old who has the boater safety certification and is in a position to take immediate physical control of the vessel.

Residents who are at least 14 years old and that have the boater safety certification may operate a vessel alone.

EXEMPTIONS ARE AS FOLLOW: (This does not include all exemptions)

Persons who were 40 (forty) years of age or over on APRIL 28, 1994, will be exempt from taking the examination for the boater safety certification.

For further questions contact your local Probate Office or the Marine Police

Alabama Boating Laws and Regulations pamphlet may be obtained at your local Probate Office-No charge

**Marine Police Division Headquarters
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