

BSC members serving on Race Committees may drive the Club's power boats and are required to have the Boat Operators Certification. BSC sponsors an Alabama Boating Basics course taught by the Alabama Marine Police every year or two.

ALABAMA BOAT OPERATORS CERTIFICATE INFORMATION

Who must be certified? All persons 12 years of age and older who operate a motorized vessel on Alabama waters.

NOTE: The Boating Safety Enhancement Act of 2001 effective **January 1, 2002**, changed the legal age to operate a vessel alone to 14 with the following exceptions:

- 1) An Alabama resident who was 12 years old or older on January 1, 2002 may, after obtaining a vessel license, operate alone.
- 2) An Alabama resident who has obtained a vessel license prior to January 1, 2002, regardless of age, may operate alone.
- 3) A non-resident, 12 years old to 14 years old, who has obtained a vessel license either in this state or his home state prior to January 1, 2002, or is 14 years old or older may operate alone.

Proof of Age: All minors must furnish a certified copy of their birth certificate, their original social security card, and a certified statement from the superintendent of the school which the person attends containing name, date of birth and address.

Cost of Certification: A one time fee of \$5.00 (five dollars) cash will be charged as an application fee if you have a current Alabama driver's license. If you are a non-resident or non-licensed driver, the cost is \$23.00 (twenty-three dollars) for the issuance fee.

How to Obtain Boat Operators Certification:

1. Applicant must go to Department of Public Safety Driver's License Examining Office in county of residence.
2. Make application and pay appropriate fee.
3. Answer medical questions.

4. Successfully complete written/oral exam, or show proof of exemption.

5. Take proper form to Probate or License Commissioners office to have the "V" endorsement placed on driver's license at the time of renewal.

Exemptions From Examination Requirements:

1. Holder of a valid United States Coast Guard Motorboat Operator's License.

2. Person submitting a valid certificate of successful completion of:

A) United States Power Squadron Boating Course

B) United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Boating Course

C) Any state of Alabama Marine Police Division approved boating course:

a) Alabama Boating Basics course.

b) state approved Boat-Ed on-line boating course

D) Any boat operator who was born prior to April 28, 1954.

NOTE: Boating course certificates or motor boat operator's license must be presented to the license examiner at the time of making application.

NOTE: The operator certification must be in possession at time of operation.