

Boating Rules for Alabama Boaters:

Boat operators must obtain a Boater Certificate (*also known as a Boating License*) by completing a boat safety course and are qualified to operate a boat in Alabama. In order to obtain a Boater Certificate, you may successfully complete an online exam from one of the following sources:

Boaterexam.com: Offers an online course that can be taken on a desktop, tablet, or mobile device

Boat-Ed.com: Offers an online course that's approved by the ALEA Marine Police Division

Effective October 1, 2024: Nonresidents may operate a vessel upon the waters of this state only after obtaining a valid boater safety certification or vessel operator's certification issued in his or her home state or country, or after obtaining a Nonresident Alabama Boater Safety Certification upon examination and certification under the same terms and conditions as Alabama residents.

A copy of your Boater Certificate is required for renting the pontoon boat.

Important!

Everyone must have a properly fitted life vest when on the boat (all vests must be at least readily accessible). There are various sizes of life vests available at the property for guests to use, but it is recommended that you bring your own (pet included).

The boat operator must have the lanyard for the ECOS (Emergency Cut Off Switch) attached to their life vest when operating the boat.

Noncompliant boaters may be ticketed by Marine Patrol if pulled over.