

Contact Information for South Carolina Boaters

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Call 803-734-0166 to:

Contact the SC Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Tourism. Find out information about and location of state parks. Or check out the website at www.discoversouthcarolina.com.

Call 803-734-3833 to:

Locate public boat ramps. Find out where you can launch your vessel.

Reach the Fishing Information Hotline. Hear current fishing reports for major inland reservoirs and coastal marine waters. Or locate the nearest public landings, point of license sales, etc.

Call 843-953-9062 to:

Find pump-out station locations. Locate the closest pump-out and dump stations.

Call 843-953-9300 to:

Contact the Marine Resources Division to locate coastal fishing piers, public landings, marinas, and bridge areas. Find out where you can fish or launch your boat on the South Carolina coast.

Obtain saltwater fish records, regulations, and applications to report potential records. All tackle records are kept for most marine sportfish.

Obtain SC Governor's Cup Billfishing Series information. Help encourage the conservation of billfish through tag and release.

Find out about opportunities for saltwater anglers to tag fish. Awards are given annually for achievement in several categories of the Master Anglers Program.

Call 803-734-3891 to:

Obtain freshwater fish records, regulations, and applications to report potential records. All tackle records are kept for game fish.

Call 843-953-9302 to:

Obtain permits to hold tournaments, races, or regattas. Arrange for permits needed to hold marine events.

Get your free float plan form. Use this form to let others know where you are boating and when you plan to return.

Call 803-734-3857 (Columbia) or 843-953-9301 (Charleston) to:

Obtain boat titling and registration information and forms from DNR Titling & Registration. Vessel registration and boat and motor titling services are available through DNR offices in Columbia and Charleston. Renewals also can be accomplished at DNR offices in Clemson, and Florence.

Report stolen vessels or outboard motors. Or call your local Sheriff's department or police agency.

Call 1-800-277-4301 to:

Contact the DNR to stay up-to-date on new boating laws. Keep current on new boating laws.

Call 1-800-922-5431 to:

Contact Operation Game Thief to report violations of wildlife, boating, or litter laws. You can help the Department protect South Carolina's natural resources!

Call 1-800-922-5431 to:

Report distressed or stranded animals along the SC coast. Report whales or other marine mammals that are in distress or dead.

Call 803-737-8483 to:

Contact the SC Reel Kids aquatic education program. SC Reel Kids is an aquatic education program for youth under 16 years old. Catch fish, visit fish hatcheries, take your friends fishing, and win prizes. It's free, so sign up today!

SCDNR Law Enforcement Offices

Region 1

311 Natural Resources Dr., Clemson. . . . 864-654-8266, ext. 18

Region 2

2007 Pisgah Road, Florence. 843-661-4766

Region 3

1000 Assembly St., Columbia 803-734-4303

Region 4

217 Ft. Johnson Rd., Charleston 843-953-9307

The addresses shown above are the physical locations of the offices; mailing addresses may be different.

Protecting South Carolina's Waterways

Aquatic Nuisance Species

Introducing non-native species into South Carolina waters can upset the balance of the ecosystem, thereby harming the environment. Aquatic nuisance species, such as zebra mussels, quagga mussels, milfoil, and hydrilla, are most often spread between waterways by hitching a ride on vessels and trailers. When transplanted into new waters, these organisms proliferate, displacing native species and damaging the water resource.



To prevent spreading aquatic nuisance species:

- Inspect your vessel and trailer, and remove any plants and animals you see before leaving the landing area.
- Drain your motor, live well, and bilge on land before leaving the area.
- Empty your bait bucket on land. Never release live bait into a body of water or release aquatic animals from one body of water into another.
- Rinse your vessel, propeller, trailer, and equipment.
- Air-dry your vessel and equipment for as long as possible.

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, religion, disability, or age. Direct all inquiries to the Office of Human Resources, P. O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202.

Required Equipment Checklist

	Boat Less Than 16 Ft. (Includes PWCs)	Boat 16 Ft. to Less Than 26 Ft.	Boat 26 Ft. to Less Than 40 Ft.
Boater Safety Certification Card	Applicable if operator is under the age of 16 years. See page 27 for details.		
Certificate of Number On Board	Certificate of Number must be on board when vessel is in use.		
Validation Decals Displayed	Number and decal must be displayed as described on pages 22-23.		
PFDs: Type I, II, III, or V	One wearable PFD for each person on board. Those under 12 years must always <i>wear</i> PFD.	One wearable PFD for each person on board.	
PFD: Type IV	One Type IV required on boats 16 ft. or longer.		
Type B-I Fire Extinguisher	One B-I (when enclosed compartment)	Two B-I or one B-II	
Horn, Whistle, or Bell	Must carry a whistle or horn or some other means to make an efficient sound signal.		
Daytime Visual Distress Signals	Required if boating on coastal waters of South Carolina.		
Nighttime Visual Distress Signals	Required if boating on coastal waters of South Carolina between sunset and sunrise.		
Navigation Lights	Required if boating between sunset and sunrise and in periods of restricted visibility.		

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what is going on outdoors in South Carolina!

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