

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES MARINE
POLICE DIVISION
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 220-6
BOAT REGISTRATION AND NUMBERING

220-6-.30 Examination For Boat Operator's Certification.

(1) The examination or test to be given applicants for boat operator's certification shall be of similar length and content as the motor vehicle driver license examination. The method and manner of giving the test and of ascertaining and reporting the results shall also be similar to the procedure followed for the motor vehicle driver license examination. Reports of all examinations shall be on forms provided by the Director of Public Safety and shall show whether or not the applicant passed the examination.

(2) The written examination used for testing applicants shall contain approximately 25 multiple choice questions. The examination shall be in at least four (4) different forms, which shall be utilized on a rotating basis. The general subject areas covered on the examination shall consist of the following areas:

(a) Knowledge of equipment requirements, such as PFDs, fire extinguishers, emergency cut-off switch, navigation lights, flame arrestors, Alabama regulations, sound devices, diver's flags, ventilation, mufflers, and other equipment;

(b) Knowledge of safe operation and waterway rules of the road, including such matters as operator awareness, overloading and overpowering, speed regulations, motorboat operator's age, reckless and careless operation, personal watercraft, DUI, operator's restricted vision, rules of the road, interference with navigation, rearview mirrors for personal watercraft, vehicular homicide, water skiing, and other related matters;

(c) Aids to navigation, including such matters as uniform state waterway marking system, federal waterway marking system, and other related matters; and

(d) Boating accidents, including such matters as requirements for submitting accident reports, and other related matters.

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