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### **ALEA's Marine Patrol Division Offers Boating Basics and License Course**

**MONTGOMERY** -- On Friday, Feb. 25, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Marine Patrol Division announced upcoming available dates for prospective boaters to enroll in the Boating Basics and License Course that will be taught by Troopers within ALEA's Marine Patrol Division.

This course will allow citizens of Alabama to obtain a Boating Basics course certificate that may then be taken to their local Driver License Division Office to have the boater endorsement added to their driver's license. Children 12 years old or older are eligible for a vessel operator's license, however, they will not be able to operate alone until the age of 14.

Director of ALEA's Department of Public Safety Colonel Jimmy Helms said, "This course is an excellent opportunity for citizens to interact with their local Troopers while receiving hands-on education. It is our goal to ensure we are providing up-to-date information and scenarios that fully prepare all boaters for a safe and enjoyable season on the water."

Corporal Robert Ping from ALEA's Marine Patrol Division stated, "There is no better boater safety program, than the courses taught by Marine Patrol Troopers. Our classes allow students to interact directly with the instructor and are developed to address the issues Alabama boaters face on their local bodies of water. With summer boating season fast approaching, now is the time to get licensed so that you may safely enjoy the beautiful Alabama waterways."

For more information, or to enroll in a class, please see the schedule attached and contact the Marine Patrol instructor via the email provided. Class sizes will be limited to allow for Covid-19 protocols to be followed. A one-time application fee of \$5 cash will be charged. There will be a \$36.25 issuance fee for the license.

For additional information on ALEA's Marine Patrol Division and course information, please visit: [Boating Education and Operator Certification/License | Alabama Law Enforcement Agency \(alea.gov\)](https://www.alea.gov/Boating-Education-and-Operator-Certification/License).

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## **ALEA – MARINE PATROL DIVISION**

**REGION 4 – BOATING SAFETY / BOATER LICENSE CLASSES**

**March – April 2022**

<b>CITY</b>	<b>DATE / TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>INSTRUCTOR</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
<b>ARLEY</b>	March 12, 2022 8A - 4P	Arley Volunteer Fire Department 236 County Road 7, 35541	Tpr. Kyle Stephenson	<a href="mailto:joseph.stephenson@alea.gov">joseph.stephenson@alea.gov</a>
<b>CENTRE</b>	March 19, 2022 8A - 5P	Cherokee County EMA 260 Cedar Bluff Rd # 104, 35960	Tpr. Eric Watson	<a href="mailto:eric.watson@alea.gov">eric.watson@alea.gov</a>
<b>CENTRE</b>	April 16, 2022 8A - 5P	Cherokee County EMA 260 Cedar Bluff Rd # 104, 35960	Tpr. Micah Little	<a href="mailto:karl.little@alea.gov">karl.little@alea.gov</a>
<b>DECATUR</b>	March 5, 2022 9A - 5P	Wheeler Wildlife Refuge Visitor Ctr. 3121 Visitor Center Road, 35603	Tpr. Larry Adams	<a href="mailto:larry.adams@alea.gov">larry.adams@alea.gov</a>
<b>DECATUR</b>	April 2, 2022 9A - 5P	Fredricks Outdoors 1312 S. Bethel Road, 35603	Tpr. Larry Adams	<a href="mailto:larry.adams@alea.gov">larry.adams@alea.gov</a>
<b>FLORENCE</b>	March 22, 2022 9A - 6P	University of North Alabama 701 N. Pine Street, 35632	Tpr. Chad Dyer	<a href="mailto:chad.dyer@alea.gov">chad.dyer@alea.gov</a>
<b>FLORENCE</b>	April 16, 2022 8A - 5P	Cypress Creek Indoor Range 5060 Alabama Hwy. 157, 35633	Tpr. Cody Farrar	<a href="mailto:justin.farrar@alea.gov">justin.farrar@alea.gov</a>
<b>GUNTERSVILLE</b>	March 26, 2022 9A - 6P	Guntersville Rescue Squad 2350 Miller Street, 35976	Tpr. Kevin Hawkins	<a href="mailto:kevin.hawkins@alea.gov">kevin.hawkins@alea.gov</a>
<b>JASPER</b>	April 23, 2022 8A - 4P	Jasper Civic Center 204 19th Street East #100, 35501	Tpr. Bart Lindsey	<a href="mailto:bradley.lindsey@alea.gov">bradley.lindsey@alea.gov</a>
<b>KILLEN</b>	April 30, 2022 9A - 6P	Killen Town Hall / Volunteer Fire De 319 JC Mauldin Hwy, 35645	Tpr. Cody Farrar	<a href="mailto:justin.farrar@alea.gov">justin.farrar@alea.gov</a>
<b>SCOTTSBORO</b>	April 23, 2022 9A - 6P	Goosepond Civic Center 1165 Ed Hembree Drive, 35768	Tpr. James Young	<a href="mailto:james.young@alea.gov">james.young@alea.gov</a>