What do I need to bring to register a NEW vessel?	
	Bill of Sale from a licensed dealership; with the complete description of the vessel including the HIN, year, make and model serial number of the motor, horse power of the motor. It must include the amount paid for the vehicle, the date of sale, the name, address and signature of both buyer and seller. Sales tax must be itemized.
What do I need to bring to register a vessel purchased from an INDIVIDUAL in ALABAMA?	
	Bill of Sale that includes: (with seller's signature notarized; and complete description of the vessel including the HIN, year, make and model, serial number of the motor and horse power of the motor. It must include the amount paid for the vessel, the date of sale, the name, address and signature of both buyer and seller). For sales tax purposes, if a bill of sale declares "other valuable considerations" each consideration must be itemized on the bill of sale and have a value assigned.
	Supporting documents such as a registration in the previous owner's name, a previously issued proof of insurance for the vessel in the previous owner's name or other supporting documents of ownership by the previous owner.
What do I need to bring to register a HOMEMADE vessel?	
	Homemade boats are required to have a hull serial number . Boat owners registering a homemade vessel shall apply with the Marine Police Division for a hull serial number to the transom of their boat. It is necessary to give the date construction was completed. There will be a \$25.00 inspection fee for any homemade vessel requiring a hull identification number.
	Document showing that your vessel has been inspected by the Marine Police, including the stateassigned hull identification number that was assigned to your vessel.
	Statement prepared by owner stating that the vessel is homemade, the amount that was spent to build the vessel, the approximate date of completion and the owner's signature and current address.
	Completed application for boat registration transfer & replacement.

Note: An alteration of any kind on a title voids the assignment. Liquid paper voids the entire title and a replacement title must be issued. Any alteration on a notarized document voids that document.

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