WHAT DO I NEED TO REGISTER MY BOAT?

1. Proof of ownership – Current registration or bill of sale. A bill of sale must contain a description of the boat, including the hull identification number, year, make, horsepower and amount of sale. It must be dated and signed by the buyer and seller. If a trailer is included, it must be itemized on the bill of sale (for tax purposes) or be on a separate bill of sale.

2. Proof from county assessor showing that the boat was assessed or listed for assessment for the current year.

3. Proof that personal property taxes due by previous Oct. 10 have been paid.

4. Proof of $50,000 liability insurance for all personal watercraft and motorboats powered by engines of more than 50 horsepower.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2017, the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration shall not renew or update ownership of a motorboat without verification that the hull identification number complies with federal requirements. When renewing a motorboat or applying for registration for a newly purchased new or used motorboat, the applicant must present verification that the hull identification number complies with federal law. Verification may be a legible pencil rubbing or a legible printed photograph of the number.

If a boat does not have a hull identification number or was manufactured before 1972 and does not have a factory hull identification number, contact Capt. Stephanie Weatherington, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, 501-223-6379.