

- If you purchase a watercraft from an **out of state seller** and that watercraft has never been registered in South Carolina, you must contact SCDNR first. You will be billed by the Auditor's Office about 120 days later.

- All marine equipment tax information is provided to us by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. By law, the Auditor's office is required to tax from this information. Contact the Department of Natural Resources at:

**326 Little Brooke Ln
West Columbia, SC 29172
803-734-3857**

- Boat trailers are no longer taxed, however, the taxpayer may obtain a license tag from the Division of Motor Vehicles in order to allow the trailer to be pulled across the South Carolina state line. An exempt tax receipt may be obtained from the Auditor's Office.

- All marine equipment, which includes boats and motors valued at **\$500** or less is exempt from property taxes.



If you are active duty military, stationed in South Carolina and claim another state as your home of record, marine equipment in your name may be exempted from property taxes. A current Leave and Earning Statement (LES) must be filed with the Auditor's Office.

You may appeal the value of your marine equipment. Please contact the Auditor's Office for assistance.



**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
CONCERNING YOUR MARINE
EQUIPMENT INFORMATION**

**PLEASE CONTACT
CHRIS PRINCE**

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Donna W Lominack is the Newberry County Auditor. The Auditor's office is located in the Newberry County Auditor's and Treasurer's Building located at 1400 Martin Street, Newberry SC 29108. The Auditor holds an elected position. Mrs. Lominack was first elected in 2009.

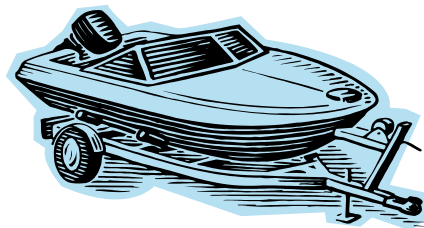
The Auditor's Office is responsible for administering all phases of the taxing and appealing process pertaining to ad valorem property taxes in accordance with South Carolina Laws, to provide accurate and timely information and to file for reimbursement of all funds due the county. It is the mission of this office to serve the

taxpayers of Newberry County in an efficient and professional manner. You, the taxpayer, are very important to us. This is your office. If you have any question, suggestions or comments please contact this office.



Property Taxes:

In 1915, South Carolina created the property tax on real and personal property. It is a main source of revenue for the state and local government, as well as public schools. All residents of South Carolina are asked to pay yearly ad valorem property taxes on real and personal property. Revenue generated is used by local government to provide the services in Newberry County.



Marine Equipment Information:

- **Effective tax year 2020**, all watercrafts are taxed in advance on a staggered 12 month scheduled based on the registration month. Each month the County will receive registration information from SCDNR on an import so that bills may be generated. For tax year 2020 forward, SCDNR will base the registration on the month of purchase. Current tax bills for boats will include a \$10 yearly SCNR renewal fee to renew the sticker.
- If you purchase a watercraft from a **private seller with a South Carolina title**, you will need to start the registration process by having a tax bill generated with the Auditor's Office. Our office will need the signed over title and your ID. The bill will be generated based on the month of purchase.
- If you purchase a watercraft from a **dealership**, the registration process will begin with SCDNR. After the watercraft is title to you, SCDNR will send the Auditor's Office information to create a tax bill. The bill will become due around 120 days after the registration date.