

DNR plans free boat inspections across SC

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COLUMBIA — To help keep people and waterways safe over the Independence Day weekend, the S.C. Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will be holding free boat inspections at public boat landings around the state.

This weekend is one of the busiest boating times of the year across the

state, the agency said, and officers want to do "everything possible to keep everyone's weekend fun and safe."

DNR officers will check for required safety equipment and proper boat and motor registrations. Anyone who isn't in compliance with safety or registration regulations won't be given a ticket during the inspection, DNR said, but instead will

have the chance to correct the issues before launching their boat.

DNR will be performing inspections at the following area locations:

- July 1: Twin Lakes Landing, 799 Twin Lakes Road, Pendleton, from 10 a.m.-noon.
- July 2: South Cove County Park Landing, 1099 S. Cove Road, Seneca, from 10 a.m.-noon.
- July 4: Devils Fork

State Park Landing, 161 Holcombe Circle, Salem, from 8-10 a.m.

DNR officers will also answer questions and give boaters tips on how to stay safe on the water.

For a copy of South Carolina's boating regulations, to find out about local boating safety courses or to obtain a free float plan form, contact the SCDNR boating safety office at 1-800-277-4301.