



To obtain a
South Carolina
**Hobby Diver
License** to
collect fossils
and artifacts
in state
waters:

1. Read the summary of the South Carolina Antiquities Act of 1991 enclosed in this package. Keep this for your records.
2. Fill out the Hobby Diver Application form and sign it.
3. Read and sign your name to the Hobby Diver License and have your signature witnessed (it does not have to be by a notary public).
4. Mail the completed Application, License Form, and appropriate fee (make checks payable to SCIAA) to:

Hobby Diver License
SCIAA Maritime Research Division
PO Box 12448
Charleston, SC 29422
5. Use a Renewal Form if you have ever had a Hobby Diver License in the past.
6. Allow at least two weeks for processing.

If you have any questions about obtaining a Hobby Diver License or wish to make an appointment to apply for a license in person, contact Carl Naylor at (843) 762-6105.

For Office Use Only

License # _____ Type _____

Check # _____ Receipt # _____

Expiration Date: _____

HOBBY DIVER LICENSE RENEWAL

License # _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ (home) _____ (work)

E-Mail Address: _____

All requirements having been complied with to the satisfaction of the Institute in the exercise of the privileges of this license during the last license period, the license is hereby renewed at the request of the licensee for an additional period of:

Six-Months:

- In-State Resident (\$5.00)
- Out of State Resident (\$10.00)

Two-Years:

- In-State Resident (\$18.00)
- Out-of State Resident (\$36.00)

to begin on (date) _____. The appropriate fee accompanies this renewal.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Received By: _____ Date: _____

State Underwater Archaeologist _____

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Summary of the South Carolina Underwater Antiquities Act of 1991

The act declares as property of the state all submerged archaeological material, which has remained unclaimed for fifty years or more, and all paleontological material located on or recovered from submerged lands over which the State has sovereign control.

The South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology is the custodian of archaeological materials. The South Carolina Museum Commission is the custodian of paleontological materials.

The act provides that persons desiring to remove, displace, or destroy submerged archaeological historical property or paleontological property must first obtain a license from the Institute.

A license is not required to inspect, study, explore, photograph, measure, etc., or otherwise use and enjoy such property as long as the activity does not involve excavation, substantive injury or disturbance of the site or its environment, endanger other persons or property, or violate other laws.

Hobby Diver Licenses

A Hobby Diver License is required for persons wishing to conduct temporary, intermittent, recreational, small scale, non-commercial search and recovery of submerged materials.

It is a state-wide license.

Recovery of submerged property must be by hand and must not involve mechanical devices or excavation. Hobby Divers may recover a reasonable number of artifacts and fossils which are exposed or resting on the bottom sediments of submerged lands over which the state has sovereign control, but may recover only ten artifacts a day from a shipwreck site. Divers may not destroy the integrity of the ships' structure by removing or moving timbers, fittings, fastenings, or machinery.

The licensee must report his or her finds to the Institute (for artifacts) or the Museum (for fossils) within ten days following the end of the calendar quarter in which the activities took place, and within sixty days of receipt of the report, the Institute must release title to all finds to the licensee.

Exclusive Licenses

The Act provides that the Institute may issue two types of exclusive licenses for the disturbance or excavation of submerged property. An Intensive Survey License permits the licensee to carry out an intensive survey of a specific area that the applicant believes may contain submerged property. A Data Recovery License permits the licensee to conduct excavation and data recovery on submerged property, if the applicant has submitted positive results of an intensive survey. For more information on exclusive licenses, contact Chris Amer at (803) 777-8170.