

WATERCRAFT RENTALS

PWC SAFETY CHECKLIST



Oregon law requires that anyone who plans to operate this watercraft on their own, or who will be supervising other operators, must read and understand the information on this form or have an Oregon Boater Education Card. Anyone operating a rental watercraft who has not completed this checklist or does not have proof of completing this checklist on board when operating the rental watercraft will be in violation of state law and may be cited.

Rental Agency's Name _____

Operator's Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Watercraft # _____

Date of Rental _____

LIFE JACKETS

_____ I understand that the operator and passengers are required to wear their life jacket at all times.

_____ I understand that children 12 and younger must wear a properly fitted, U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket whenever the boat is underway, and it must be approved for the _____ type of use.

OPERATION OF THE PWC

_____ I understand the maximum number of persons on this boat will not exceed _____ people.

_____ I understand the location of and how to use the whistle or manufactured horn and fire extinguisher.

_____ I understand you are required to be 16 or older to operate the PWC alone.

_____ I understand that youth age 12-15 are required to be under direct supervision and onboard with an adult (18 years of age) when operating the PWC.

_____ I understand that no person under age 12 may operate the PWC.

BOAT SAFE

_____ I will operate within my limits; I understand aggressive maneuvers could cause loss of control, ejection, and/or collision.

_____ I understand that it is illegal to jump waves and wakes.

_____ I understand Oregon law states that you must not operate a PWC:

- closer than 200' behind a water skier or other towed device; and
- in excess of 10 mph when approaching within 100' of another powerboat or sail boat underway.

_____ I will operate at a slow-no wake speed (operating a boat at the slowest speed necessary to maintain steerage and that reduces or eliminates waves that appear as white water behind the boat):

- within 200' of a swimmer, surfer, diving flag, bank or wading angler; dock, swim float, ramp, pier, marina, floating home, or boathouse;
- within 100' of any anchored or non-motorized boat; and
- within 200' of shoreline on all lakes and reservoirs.



OPERATION OF THE PWC

OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITY

- _____ I understand that I am responsible for my wake and any damage it may cause other boats, docks, people, wildlife, or the environment.
- _____ I will not chase, harass, or disturb wildlife.
- _____ I will not operate while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. I know it is dangerous and illegal and punishable by a fine of up to \$6,250 and up to one year in jail.
- _____ I understand the area in which I will be operating and will observe all navigational markers and signs.
- _____ I understand I need to scan constantly for other watercraft, people, or objects in the water and be alert for conditions that limit my visibility.

OPERATING THE PWC

- _____ I understand how to safely start and stop the engine on the PWC.
- _____ I understand to make sure no person is in the water within the vicinity of the boat before starting and while running the engine.
- _____ I understand shutting off the engine will not stop the forward motion of the PWC and will result in loss of steering.
- _____ I understand how to use the throttle to control speed and that you need throttle to steer. I must use the engine cut-off switch lanyard at all times.
- _____ If the PWC capsizes, I need to swim to the rear of the PWC and turn it upright in the proper direction; then board from the rear.

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR WATERCRAFT AND ITS OPERATION?

NAVIGATION RULES

- _____ When there is a possibility of a collision, it is my responsibility to slow down, stop, or steer away.
- _____ When two boats are approaching each other, I understand both boats should steer to their right side (starboard).
- _____ When overtaking another, I understand I should pass on the left (port) side if safe. Otherwise I will need to pass on their right (starboard) side.
- _____ When crossing a path of another boat, I understand I need to yield to a boat on my right (starboard) side.

ACCIDENT REPORTING

- _____ I understand as the operator I MUST report any incident involving:
- Damage to a boat and other property totaling \$2,000 or more;
 - Injuries to any person requiring treatment beyond first aid;
 - Complete loss of any boat; or
 - Death or disappearance.
- _____ I understand any incident resulting in death or injury MUST be reported within 48 hours and incidents involving only damage must be reported within 10 days to the Oregon State Marine Board.

TOWING RESPONSIBILITIES

- _____ I understand in order to tow a water-skier, the watercraft must be designed to carry the operator, an observer (a person other than the operator), and person(s) being towed.
- _____ I understand that the red or orange skier-down flag must be raised when skier is in the water.
- _____ I understand any towed watersport is prohibited from sunset to sunrise.

I have been instructed on and understand the rules and information provided in this watercraft rental safety checklist. I will follow all rental agency rules and boating laws when operating this watercraft.

OPERATOR

Operator Name _____

Operator Signature _____

Gender Male Female X DOB _____

Hair Color _____ Eye Color _____

RENTAL AGENCY

Name of Rental Agency _____

Name of Rental Agency Employee _____

Issue Date _____ Time/Date Due _____

OR # _____

**YOU MUST CARRY THIS ON BOARD WHEN OPERATING RENTED WATERCRAFT.
PERSONS WHO OPERATE WATERCRAFT WITHOUT COMPLETING THE SAFETY CHECKLIST MAY BE CITED.**