

Rental PWC Safety Checklist

All individuals renting a personal watercraft are required to complete a Rental PWC Safety Checklist. Those required to complete a rental PWC safety checklist, must carry on board the co-signed (customer and renter) section of the Rental PWC Safety Checklist as proof of competency for the duration of the rental.

PLEASE INITIAL EACH BOX ON THE FORM AS THE SUBJECT IS COVERED BY THE RENTAL OPERATOR / OUTFITTER.

Protective Clothing / Equipment for Operators and Passengers

Wear PFD and Other Protective Clothing/Equipment

- You must wear an appropriate personal flotation device (PFD) at all times.
- Wear a wetsuit (or wet suit bottom) while operating the PWC. Normal swimwear does not adequately protect against forceful water entry into the lower body opening(s) of both male and females. Severe internal injuries can occur if water is forced into body cavities as a result of falling into water or being near a jet thrust nozzle.
- Additional protective equipment (such as footwear, eyewear) may be needed.

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PWC Controls

Keep Lanyard Attached

- Securely attach engine shut-off (lanyard) to your wrist or PFD (as directed) and wear it at all times. Then if you fall off the PWC, the engine will stop.

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Know How to Start and Stop the Engine

- To start the engine, be sure that the lanyard is attached and push the start button.
- To stop the engine, push the stop button. Stopping the engine **will not** stop the forward motion of the PWC and **will** result in loss of steering.

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Know Operational Controls

- The throttle controls your speed. Apply the throttle lever on the handle to accelerate and release it to slow down.
- The handlebars move the jet thrust nozzle directing thrust in different directions to steer the PWC. **Without thrust you cannot steer the PWC.**

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Avoid Collisions - Most PWC Injuries and Death Results from Collision

Do Not Release Throttle when trying to Steer

- **You need throttle to steer.**

Take Early Action to Avoid Collisions

- Remember, PWC's and other boats **do not have brakes.**

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Scan Constantly

- Scan constantly for people, objects and other boats (including PWCs).
- Be alert for conditions that limit your visibility or block your vision of others.

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Operate Defensively

- Operate at safe speeds.
- Keep a safe distance away from people, objects and other boats (including PWCs).
- Do not follow directly behind PWCs or other boats.
- Do not go near others to spray or splash them with water.
- Avoid sharp turns and other maneuvers that make it difficult for others to avoid colliding with you or that make it difficult for others to understand where you are going.

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Other Hazards

Avoid Aggressive Maneuvers

- This is a high-performance boat - it is not a toy.
- Ride within your limits and avoid aggressive maneuvers to reduce the risk of loss of control, ejection, and collision.
- Sharp turns or jumping wakes or waves can increase the risk of back/spinal injury (paralysis), facial injuries, and broken legs, ankles or other bones.
- Do not jump wakes or waves.

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Do Not Apply Throttle when Anyone is at the Rear of the PWC

- Items such as long hair, loose clothing, or PFD straps can become entangled in moving parts resulting in severe injury or drowning.

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Do Not Apply Throttle when Anyone is at the Rear of the PWC

- Do not apply the throttle when anyone is standing or swimming toward the rear of the PWC. Water and/or debris exiting jet thrust nozzle can cause serious injury.

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Know How to Right the PWC in Open Water

- If you capsize in open water, swim to the rear of the PWC and turn it upright - be sure to turn it in the proper direction. Then board it from the rear.

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Other Rules and Safety Information that May Apply to your Situation

Follow Rental Agency Rules and Boating Laws

- Review all rental agency rules and applicable boating laws.
- Do not overload PWC. Do not tow unless the PWC is designed and equipped for towing. Know and follow all State requirements related to towing.

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Know the Waters

- Know the area in which you will be operating and observe all navigational markers and signs.

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Follow the Additional PWC Warnings and Instructions that May Apply

- Depending on the circumstances, the Owner's Manual and product may have relevant information not covered in this basic orientation.

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Final Check

- Do you understand that you should scan constantly, operate defensively and avoid aggressive maneuvers?
- Do you understand that PWCs do not have brakes?
- Do you understand that you should **not** release the throttle when you are trying to steer away from people, objects, or other boats (including PWCs)?
- Do you have any questions about the PWC or its operation?

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I have been instructed on and understand the rules and information provided in the orientation.

PWC Description : _____

Maximum Number of Persons / Weight Permitted in Boat : _____

Start Date of Rental : _____

End Date of Rental : _____

Duration of Rental : _____

Customer Signature : _____

Date : _____

Rental Representative Signature : _____

Date : _____