

High speed craft safety information guide

Category B' (Public use)

OWNER'S OBLIGATIONS

- I am aware and in full compliance with the provisions of the relevant legislation
- I hold the Ownership Title/ Note of Record, the Small High Speed Operator's License and the Foreshore Permit (from the local Authority)
- I inform the competent Authority (Shipping Deputy Ministry) for any alteration, major modification on the craft and take up action as required
- I arrange for the inspection of the craft and take action to ensure I obtain the Circulation License on time, every year
- I place on a prominent point on the craft the Operator's Placard which highlights the most important provisions for safe navigation of Small High Speed Craft
- In case the user/operator does not hold an Operator's License, I can rent out a boat / jet ski on the condition that I have rightly informed and assessed the renter and I conclude to consider him /her able to safely operate the craft and proceed to issue a Binding Declaration which is signed by both parties
- I keep a record/ log book for recording required data of the operators for all the craft rented out, taking into consideration the legislative framework for Personal Data
- I am aware of the prohibition to use/ operate a small high speed vessel towing a parachute at a distance less than 300 meters from the nearest coastline and I fully comply with all the provisions of legislation for this type of craft
- I am aware of the prohibition to use/ operate a small high-speed vessel towing a surface object like banana, sofa, skier, at a distance less than 200 meters from the nearest coastline and a distance of 100 meters from the buoys marking to outmost distance for swimmers, parallel to the coastline. I fully comply with all the provisions of legislation for this type of craft
- I have joint responsibilities with the operator for the operation of the craft
- I make sure that the parachute and the smoke signals as well as the First Aid items have not expired. I check on a regular basis the operation of all lifesaving and firefighting equipment
- I maintain in a good condition both the craft and engine including of course the electrical installation
- I do not allow anyone to operate/ use the craft if he / she is under the influence of alcoholic drinks, drugs or psychotropic substances

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR JET-SKI

- I refrain to rent out jet skis when the sea is rough (waves taking a more pronounced long form), when the prevailing winds have a speed higher than 16 knots and when the visibility is less than one nautical mile
- I undertake the responsibility to have a look out on the rented jet skis with the use of a remote control device that can interfere and can send out sound signals or can immobilize the craft when the user / operator is not following the provisions of the legislation
- I fully comply with all the provisions of the legislation in connection with jet skis including the provisions for the seasonal use and specific operating hours

OPERATOR'S OBLIGATIONS

- I am fully informed and diligently apply the provisions of the legislation and the instructions of the craft's owner
- I am over 18 years old or more, I hold an Operator's License and I carry it with me on the craft
- In case I do not hold an Operator's License and wish to rent a craft, I have to be fully informed about the navigation rules and the international "Rules of the road at sea" in order to secure a Binding Declaration
- I always have the "kill cord switch" connected
- I behave with prudence and I do not attempt risky maneuvers of the craft
- I operate the craft with all possible diligence and never put at risk the life or property of other people
- I take all measures to avoid collision with other crafts. I comply with the Rules for the prevention of collision and advise the owner or his employee for any incidence while I use the craft
- I use the appropriate lifejacket while on the craft and make sure all persons on board also use lifejackets appropriate for the area of operation and that they are sitting at the designated seats (appropriate lifejacket for recreational craft navigating up to 6 nautical miles from shore must be 100 N buoyancy and bear CE mark)
- I never enter into the swimmers' area
- I never operate the craft at a speed higher than 3 knots, within a sea channel or at a distance less than 100 meters from shore or according to owners or his employee instructions
- I never smoke near a fuel tank
- I protect the marine environment and never throw garbage or other polluting substances into the sea
- I never operate a craft under the influence of narcotic or psychotropic substances
- I am aware that flag "A" of the international code of flags and the square red flag with a diagonal white stripe indicates a diver in the areas and that crafts should keep a safe distance and sail at a low speed

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR JET-SKI

- I never operate at a distance beyond the line of sight of the Water Sports Center (700 meters)
- I am allowed to use a buoyancy aid of 50 N bearing CE mark (instead of a lifejacket of 100 N) provided that I am a competent swimmer
- I avoid executing dangerous maneuvers
- I am aware that the manager of the Water Sports Centre may use a tele-control device in order to stop the craft in case I do not comply with the above

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SWIMMERS

- I do not swim out of the swimmers' area, designated by buoys
- I never swim in sea corridors designated for the passage of crafts
- In case I swim in an area which is not designated as a swimmers' area, I take the necessary precautions such as swimming with a red or orange buoy, in order to be visible from a distance
- In case I wish to report a non-compliance with rules, I make sure I can provide detailed and justified information about the incident

The Shipping Deputy Ministry advises all interested parties to comply with the above instructions and take all necessary precautions so as to avoid any accidents. Persons observing violations in connection with the obligations for Small High-Speed Craft, putting the safety of operators or swimmers at risk, are encouraged to call the Cyprus Port and Marine Police to the 24/7 line on **25805374**

Always remember that...

"The sea covers almost 75% of the surface of the earth, it is the most significant source of oxygen and irreplaceable source of food and nutrition as well as a means of transporting goods and recreational activities and is an endless source of growth. The use of crafts and generally all marine activities should be done with full responsibility and utmost respect for the marine environment. The sea must be protected, as it is priceless!"

A High-Speed Craft is a mechanically propelled vessel of a length not exceeding fifteen (15) meters which can attain a speed of at least fifteen (15) knots.

Jet Ski is a small high-speed watercraft less than four (4) meters, using an internal engine with water propulsion carrying maximum 3 persons (operator plus up to 2 passengers) sitting, standing or kneeling on the craft.



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