

Age and ID Requirements

The operator **MUST** be at least 14 years of age - 18 years of age if rented.

Operators 21 years of age or younger **MUST** have a Florida Boating Safety card. The card and a picture ID must be carried while operating the PWC or any other vessel with 10 HP or more.

Operate Your PWC Safely

PWCs must be operated in a reasonable and prudent manner.

PWC operation one half-hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise is prohibited.

It's dangerous and may result in a boating citation and fine if you:

- ◆ Weave your PWC through congested waterway traffic.
- ◆ Swerve at the last possible moment in order to avoid collision (as in spraying another person, vessel or playing "chicken")
- ◆ Jump the wake of another vessel unreasonable or unnecessarily close to that vessel or when visibility is obstructed.



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Personal Watercraft Safety Tips and Regulations



Personal Watercraft Are Class A Motorboats

Personal watercraft must carry all equipment required of a Class A motorboat. (Anchor, anchor-line and paddle or oar not required)

*MUST have a fire extinguisher on board, USCG approved for marine use.

*MUST have a horn or whistle readily accessible.

*MUST have a copy of the current registration on board.

If the vessel is equipped with a engine shut off lanyard, it must be attached to the operator.



The vessel registration numbers must be properly displayed on the front half of the hull and on both sides of the hull. The registration decal must be displayed within 6" (six inches) in front or back of the registration on the port (left) side.



The operator and passengers must wear a USCG approved personal flotation device. (Type I, II or III)

Requirements for Towing Skiers



All persons being towed behind a vessel on water-skis or any other device must wear a USCG approved Type I, II, III PFD. Inflatable PFDs and ski belts are not approved PFDs for water-skiing.

Every vessel towing a person(s) on water-skis; aquaplane or similar device, other than a parasail, must have either:

A person on board, in addition to the operator, observing the towed person(s) at all times OR

A wide-angle rearview ski mirror designed to allow the operator to observe the towed person at all times.

NOTE: Factory-installed mirrors on PWCs often do not meet this requirement.

Do not operate a PWC with more passengers than is allowed by the manufacturer recommendations.