

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT OPERATIONAL CHECKLIST

Operation characteristics and instruction

- Fire extinguisher in large storage in front hatch; vessel registration and whistle in small compartment between your legs
- Life vest must be worn by all on watercraft at all times
- Safety lanyard must be worn by operator on wrist or attached to life vest at all times during operation
- Start - red button. Stop- red button or pull lanyard from ski
- Throttle- right hand squeeze. Slowly compress to increase speed.
- Brakes- left hand squeeze. Brakes don't stop you, just slow you down!!
- Turning- Left is left, right is right, BUT- increased throttle will help control while turning
- Idle speed only from dock to center of channel. Once in center of channel, go left under Ocean Isle Beach bridge; stay between Ocean Isle bridge and Sunset Beach bridge (8 miles). DO NOT go into tributary creeks off main waterway- very shallow and you will either eject yourself or get stuck. LATE FEE or RECOVERY FEE APPLY
 - **IF YOU RUN AGROUND-** turn ski off immediately. Get off, push to deeper water, hop on and then press start. DO NOT use the throttle to try to dig your way to deeper water, it will make it worse and possibly damage the ski- \$\$\$.
- Scan constantly for people, objects and other watercraft (including behind you). Take early action
- Right an overturned ski by grabbing grate on underside of ski and putting feet on rub rail and lean back.
- If you fall off, re-enter ski from the back, climbing forward.
- Docking- wait for Jet Ski OIB attendant to direct you. Circle near dock until you are directed to dock- **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DOCK UNTIL DIRECTED BY STAFF**
- **ABSOLUTELY NO OCEAN OPERATION IS PERMITTED & NO TOWING OF ANYTHING BEHIND THIS WATERCRAFT IS PERMITTED.**

What to do in the event of an accident

1. Stop and render assistance to minimize any danger resulting from the accident.
2. Contact Jet Ski OIB agent and notify of accident and they will contact Wildlife if necessary.

Local and State Operation Laws

- PWCs must be operated at all times in a reasonable and prudent manner. **Maneuvers that endanger people or property constitute reckless operation.**
- **No person shall operate a personal watercraft at greater than no-wake speed within 100 feet** of an anchored or moored vessel, a dock, pier, swim float, marked swimming area, swimmers, surfers, persons engaged in angling, or any manually operated propelled vessel.
- When two vessels approach each other from opposite directions **"heads on", each must alter course to the right** to avoid collision.
- When one vessel passes another going in the same direction, the craft being overtaken must maintain course and speed, and the passing vessel must keep a sufficient distance to avoid collision or endangering the other craft from its wake.
- **All vessels must be operated at reasonable speeds for given situations** and must be under the
- Jet Skis must operate at **"idle speed" while in canal.**

****THUNDER & LIGHTNING- SEEK SAFE REFUGE AND/OR RETURN TO DOCK**

**** \$100/HR RECOVERY FEE FOR STRANDED EQUIPMENT OR PASSENGER RETRIEVAL**

FINAL REMINDER: This equipment is incredibly fun until you forget that can also be very dangerous. You risk your own life, the lives of those around you and at minimum financial loss with reckless operation of this Jet Ski. PLEASE BE CAREFUL! DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING OPERATON OF THIS WATERCRAFT?