

JETSKI AND PERSONAL WATERCRAFT Guide

This guide explains the use and registration of Personal Watercraft (PWCs) in the Auckland region



JOINT OWNER DETAILS (NOTE: If there is a joint owner, fields marked * must be completed)

*Surname/company name: _____ *Street address: _____

*First name/trading name: _____ *Suburb: _____

Second name/company number: _____ *City: _____

*Date of birth: _____ Post code: _____

*Contact phone number: (hm) _____ Email address: _____

(wk) _____

(mob) _____

OWNER SIGNATURE(S) _____ DATE: _____

I certify that all particulars are correct

PAYMENT DETAILS

Registration of a personal watercraft in the Auckland region is \$35.00 incl GST. Initial or replacement of registration labels cost an **additional** \$12.50 incl GST (2 stickers per set). Please tick items you require:

Registration fee \$35.00

Registration stickers required \$12.50

Dealer plate \$50.00

Total fees: \$_____

Please pay by cheque or money order, made payable to **Auckland Regional Council**.

Use and disclosure of information

The information you have supplied is required by the Auckland Regional Council Navigation Safety Bylaws 2000 and will be used to maintain a register of personal watercraft using Auckland waters. Access to the information is confined to officials from the Auckland Regional Council and emergency services.

Privacy

Under the Privacy Act 1993, you have the right to access and request the correction of, information held by us concerning you.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to register my PWC or jetski?

If you use your PWC or jetski in the Auckland region, it must be registered.

What if I use my PWC in two regions?

You must register in one of those regions.

Do I have to display a number?

You must clearly display your registration number on each side of your PWC. You may choose to sign write your numbers in a colour and font of your choice - as long as they are the minimum height (90mm) and are clearly readable and visible.

How do I register?

Complete the attached registration form and send it to us at the address shown with your registration fee.

What happens if I sell my PWC?

You must register a PWC Change of Registration form. The form must be completed and signed by both parties. A PWC Change of Registration form can be obtained by phoning the Harbourmaster's Office on 09 362 0397 or visiting www.arc.govt.nz/jetski

What is the primary number?

Some PWCs can have both a primary and hull identification number. Some may only have one or the other. One or both of these numbers can normally be found around the stern (transom) on the craft.

What type of photocopied identification must accompany this form?

Either a copy of a driver's licence or passport.

Are my personal details held on a database?

Yes. The ARC holds these details on a database. Personal details are available to ARC and emergency services only.

FOR ALL PWC ENQUIRIES

Auckland Regional Council • Harbourmaster's Office

Ph: (09) 362 0397 • Fax: (09) 362 0399

harbourmaster@arc.govt.nz • www.arc.govt.nz/jetski

Watercraft Registration

Important Information

What is a personal watercraft?

A personal watercraft (PWC) is a power driven vessel with a fully enclosed hull. It does not take on water if capsized, and is designed to be operated by a person standing, sitting astride or kneeling on it but not sitting within it (i.e. a jetski).

Why do we register PWCs?

In 1999, after submissions from many local government agencies, including the Auckland Regional Council, a decision was made by central government allowing local authorities to pass navigation safety bylaws enforcing the registration of watercraft.

During 2000, a large number of PWCs were stolen. Due to the lack of identification, craft were very hard to track and few recovered. Along with the police, the ARC are confident registration will help reduce the number of craft being stolen, and make it difficult for 'hot' PWCs to be on-sold.

What happens if I don't register my PWC?

It is illegal to use unregistered craft in Auckland's waters. Maritime Officers can prosecute people on craft in breach of the bylaws. The maximum fine is \$500.

NEW ZEALAND JET SPORTS BOATING ASSOCIATION

The National Body Representing Personal Watercraft Owners
Phone/Fax 09 827 1054
nzjsba@xtra.co.nz
www.nzjetsport.co.nz



Key Bylaws

Lifejacket/Personal Flotation Devices

All craft must carry enough for everyone on board. These must be worn at all times when operating a PWC.

Obstruction

Do not obstruct access to any wharf, landing place, boat ramp, slipway, mooring, ferry lane or shipping channel.

Flagged Areas

Set aside for swimming and may not be used for other purposes (red and yellow flags).

Age

A person must be 15 years or over to navigate any powered vessel capable of speeds over 10 knots e.g. Personal Watercraft (jetskis).

Speed

Maximum of 5 knots when:

- within 50 metres of another vessel, craft or person (i.e. no wake riding close to vessels)
- within 200 metres of shoreline
- within 200 metres of vessel/craft flying the white and blue diving signal flag
- someone is sitting with their legs/arms hanging over the edge of the boat (bow riding)
- inshore of yellow buoys marking the 5 knot area.

Water-skiing

Remember it takes three to ski. No skiing between sunset and sunrise (hours of darkness).

Lookouts

A lookout is required when towing any person. The lookout must be 10 years or older.

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT REGISTRATION FORM

COMPLETE FORM AND SIGN - POST YOUR APPLICATION WITH PAYMENT TO:

Auckland Regional Council
Jetski Registration
Private Bag 92 012
Auckland

HELPDESK SUPPORT

PHONE: (09) 362 0397
FAX: (09) 362 0399
EMAIL: harbourmaster@arc.govt.nz
www.arc.govt.nz/jetski

PLEASE NOTE:

All fields marked * **MUST BE COMPLETED**

Photocopied identification must accompany this form

NZ Jet Sports Number:

VESSEL DETAILS

*Make: _____ *Model: _____ *CC rating: _____

*Hull identification number: _____ Primary number: _____

*Engine identification: _____ Trailer registration number: _____

Date of purchase: ____/____/____ Year of manufacture: _____

Colour: _____

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