



Dockside Safety Checklist



Mandatory For All Persons Operating A Rental Motorboat (Includes Personal Watercraft & Sailboats):

New Mexico Law (66-12-18.1) requires that a person born after January 1, 1989 who operates a motorboat on the waters of this state shall have received, as an authorized operator of a rented or leased motorboat, instructions regarding the safe operation of the motorboat and summary of the statutes and rules governing the operation of a motorboat from a person in the business of renting or leasing motorboats. New Mexico Administrative Code (18.17.4 NMAC) requires that anyone operating a rental motorboat **Review, Initial and Sign** the dockside safety checklist in the rental agent's presence before they operate the rental motorboat and must carry their issued copy of this dockside safety checklist onboard while operating.

Name of Rental Agency _____ Reg. # _____ - _____ - _____

Vessel Operator Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Date of Rental _____

Body of Water _____ Rental Agent _____

Note: Those operating a motorboat other than a Personal Watercraft (PWC) may skip the PWC Only section. Those operating a PWC must complete all sections. Local regulations may impose additional requirements for operating a rental motorboat.

Protective Clothing / Equipment Know Your Boat...continued

Life jackets Don't Work If You Don't Wear Them

Operators Initials

There are the appropriate numbers and sizes of U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved wearable lifejackets in the boat for the number and sizes of the people on board. Children 12 and younger **MUST** wear their lifejackets at all times while the vessel is on the water (and is underway.)



Operators Initials

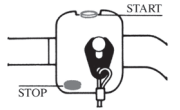
PWC ONLY Anyone onboard or persons towed will wear an appropriate USCG approved wearable lifejacket at all times. Additional protective equipment should be worn such as eyewear and footwear.



Know How to Start and Stop the Engine

Operators Initials

I have been shown the procedure to safely start and shut off the engine (start/stop button and lanyard shut down). I will make sure no person is in the water within the vicinity of the vessel before starting and while running the motor.



Operators Initials

I have been shown how to open the engine compartment to vent gas vapors and how to refuel this boat and understand the 1/3 rule: 1/3 of fuel going out, 1/3 of fuel coming back in and 1/3 of fuel in reserve.

Operators Initials

I have been shown the fuel reserve switch and how to read the fuel gauge if equipped. I have been shown how to re-fuel. I have been shown the location of the certificate of number on board.

Know Operational Controls

Operators Initials

The throttle controls your speed. Apply the throttle lever to accelerate and release or pull down to slow down. On PWCs and other waterjet-powered vessels, you need throttle to steer. I have been shown the proper use of the gear-shift lever and throttle controls. I

Keep Lanyard Attached- Required by state law.

Operators Initials

PWC ONLY I have been shown where and how to operate the ignition cut-off (kill) switch and location of the fuel shut off (if equipped).



Know Your Boat

Don't Overload Your Boat

Operators Initials

The maximum number of persons in the pleasure craft will not exceed _____, the amount stated on the capacity plate. Persons and supplies cannot exceed _____ lbs. I am aware of the proper way to distribute weight in the pleasure craft for a safe and comfortable ride and I will keep my passengers in the safest positions at all times - always seated inside the vessel and in their seats while underway.



Operators Initials

PWC ONLY A child seated between an adult operator and the steering is in a position to sustain injury or great bodily harm should the PWC stop suddenly. Any child with hands on steering or controls must have a boaters education card in addition to being under the onboard supervision of an adult.

Know How to Operate Safety Devices on Your Vessel

Operators Initials

I have been shown the use and location of the other safety equipment required. Operating a vessel without the required safety equipment is prohibited.



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A Throwable Flotation Device is on board and will be immediately accessible while the vessel is on the water. I have been shown and will show my passengers how this device is used. Not required on a PWC.

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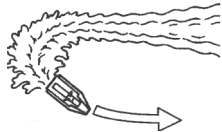
I have been shown and will show my passengers how this device is used. Not required on a PWC.

Avoid Collisions and Other Accidents

Take Early Action to Avoid Collisions

Operators Initials

Remember boats do not have brakes. I understand my responsibility in vessel crossing, overtaking and head-on situations.



Waterjet-Powered Motor Vessel and PWC

Operators Initials

Do not release throttle when trying to steer. You need throttle to Steer.

Boat Safe = Boat Sober!

Operators Initials

It is illegal to operate a vessel, or to permit others to do so, when under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Anyone being towed may not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Operating under the influence is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 and up to a year in jail.



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Operate Defensively

Operators Initials _____

I am aware of how to depart and approach the dock in a safe and proper manner. I have been shown the lines to use and how to properly secure the boat. Courtesy docks have a 10 minute stay limit.



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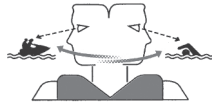
I understand operating in "No Wake" zones in the marina and launching areas and others marked by "No Wake" buoys. "No Wake" speeds are observed within 150' of docks, mooring lines, beached or anchored vessels within 150' of shore, swimmers present (including water skiers or others on towed devices) or persons fishing. Operating within 150' of areas/vessels with "Divers Down" flags is prohibited. No towing of devices or water skiers may be done in any "No Wake" area.

I will not follow directly behind PWC's or other boats. It is prohibited to go 150' or nearer other boats to jump wakes or to spray or splash boats or persons in the water. Aggressive maneuvers are considered to be operating in a reckless or negligent manner endangering life or property.

Scan Constantly

Operators Initials _____

I must scan constantly for people, objects and other boats (including PWC's). I understand tunnel vision effects and the need to be alert for conditions that limit operational visibility or can block vision of others. I have demonstrated glancing, a quarter head rotation and looking over ones' shoulder prior to and during a turn.



Know Appropriate Accident Response

Operators Initials _____

In an accident, I must stop, offer assistance and give my identity. I must fill out a Boating Accident Report to New Mexico State Parks within 48 hours and report the accident immediately.



Operators Initials _____

I am aware of how to respond to grounding, capsizing, and reboarding from the rear.

Operators Initials _____

I have been given a New Mexico Boaters Handbook when available. I have been shown the location of the certificate of number.



I am aware of how to call for assistance and signal for help in the event of an emergency.

Other Hazards

Operate Responsibly – Avoid Aggressive Maneuvers

Operators Initials _____

PWC ONLY Avoid sharp turns and other dangerous maneuvers that make it difficult for others to understand where you are going. Making such sharp turns or other maneuvers increase the risk of back/spine injury (paralysis), facial injuries and broken legs, ankles or other bones.



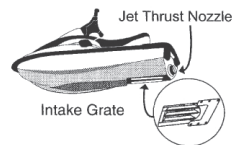
I will maintain a proper lookout at all times for other boats, navigational hazards and weather. I have been told what the daily weather forecast is for today's rental period and what to do when caught in a storm.



Keep Away From Intake Grate or Propeller

Operators Initials _____

PWC ONLY The kill switch, or shut-off cord/ lanyard must be securely attached to your wrist or life jacket (as told) and worn at all times. Then if you fall off, the engine will stop. Do not apply throttle when anyone is at the rear of the PWC since hair, clothing or PFD straps can become entangled in moving parts resulting in severe injury or drowning. Applying the throttle while anyone is standing or swimming toward the rear of the PWC can cause water and/or debris to exit the jet thrust nozzle causing serious injury.



PWC Riders and Operators

Operators Initials _____

PWC ONLY I have been shown boarding from the rear and the proper way to turn over the capsized personal watercraft from the rear and understand that failure to do so in the proper direction can result in the sinking of the PWC.

Other Rules and Safety Information

Practice Safe Towing With Watersports

Operators Initials _____

To tow a watersport participant, the vessel must carry the operator, an observer and person being towed. The observer (a person other than the driver of the vessel) must continuously observe the person(s) being towed. The observer must display a red / orange flag when the skier is in the water, preparing to ski or has fallen. Waterskiing, tubing, etc. is prohibited from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise. Any person being towed must wear their lifejacket.



Know the Waters

Operators Initials _____

I am aware of the local navigational aids and their meaning, as well as local hazards and the area I will be operating in. I have been given a map of the lake and understand where my rental is allowed to operate including the location of "No Entry" zones.



Operators Initials _____

I have been given a map of the lake and understand where my rental is allowed to operate including the location of "No Entry" zones.

Operators Initials _____

I will only allow people to operate the boat who have also completed and signed an additional Dockside Safety Checklist, valid during this rental or have other proof of competency. Persons without proof of competency / age may be cited.

YOU MUST CARRY THIS ON BOARD WHEN OPERATING A RENTED MOTORBOAT. PERSONS WHO OPERATE A MOTORBOAT WITHOUT COMPLETING THE DOCKSIDE SAFETY CHECKLIST MAY BE CITED. DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR MOTORBOAT AND ITS OPERATION?

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Rental Agency Copy

I have been instructed on and understand the rules and information provided in this motorboat dockside safety checklist. I will follow all rental agency rules and boating laws when operating this motorboat. Depending on circumstances, the Owner's Manual and product labels on the motorboat may have relevant information not covered in this dockside safety checklist. I will follow additional warnings and other instructions that may apply. I have been given the option to view a renter orientation video/DVD if available.

Operator Name _____

Name of Rental Agency _____

Operator Signature _____

Initials of Rental Agent _____

Gender ___ M ___ F D.O.B. _____

Issue Date _____ Time/Date Due _____