

# VESSEL RENTAL ORIENTATION CHECKLIST

## Life Jacket Requirements and Safety Equipment



- You must have one wearable life jacket for each person on board vessel.
- Children under age 13 must wear a life jacket while on a moving vessel, except inside a closed cabin.
- Life jacket must be the appropriate size and in good working condition.
- Life jackets must be readily accessible and NOT stored in a locked compartment.
- You must have one throwable ring buoy or square cushion on all vessels over 16' in length.
- You must have a fire extinguisher on all vessels with gas tank.
- You must have an observer or wide angle mirror to tow skiers.
- You must have navigation lights on during hours of darkness or low visibility.



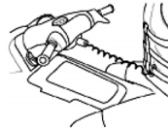
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## PWC Operation and Responsibility

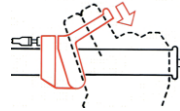


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PFD



- You must wear an appropriate personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while operating a PWC.
- Securely attach engine shut-off cord (lanyard) to your wrist or PFD (as directed) and wear it at all times. Then if you fall off the PWC, the engine will stop.
- Stopping the engine **will not** stop the forward motion of the PWC and **will** result in loss of steering.
- The throttle controls your speed. **Without thrust you cannot steer the PWC.**
- Only tow skiers with a 3 person PWC. You must have an observer on board to watch skier.
- PWC's are NOT allowed to operate during hours of darkness. Sunset today is at \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ PM
- Must be 12 years old to operate a PWC with Boat Education card **OR** with an adult.



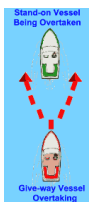
## Do Not Release Throttle when trying to Steer

- You need throttle to steer.
- Remember, PWC's and other boats **do not have brakes.**
- Keep **100 feet** away from people, objects and other boats.



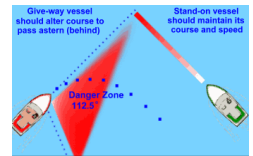
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## Navigation Rules of the Road for Boating



### Proper Lookout

- Scan constantly for people, objects and other boats on the water.
- Be alert for conditions that limit your visibility or block your vision of others
- Vessels on your right have the right of way, slow down and let them pass.
- Vessels approaching head on should pass each other on the right side safely.
- If you pass another vessel, allow enough room in case vessel makes a turn.
- Motorboats must yield to non-powered vessels, like a sail boat or canoe.



Yield to Vessels on Right

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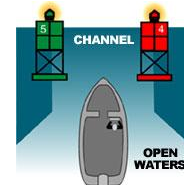
**DIAMOND CROSS**  
This is a restricted area



**CIRCLE**  
This is a controlled area



**DIAMOND**  
This is a hazard area



**Red on your Right**  
Returning up River

## Boat Sober Don't Drink and Drive

### Boating Under the Influence

- Using alcohol, drugs and prescription medication may impair my ability to operate this boat safely.
- I will not operate this boat or allow anyone else to operate this boat while under the influence.
- I understand that a skier or person on a tube can be arrested for skiing under the influence.

### Operator Responsibility

- Operate at a safe speed. NO horseplay or reckless operation while operating a vessel.
- Keep **100 feet** away from people, objects and other boats if operating over idle speed.
- Do not jump wakes or waves around other vessels or persons in the water.
- Operate on the right side of narrow river channels or blind spots.
- Slow NO WAKE means idle speed!
- Must be 16 years old to operate any vessel 16 feet and longer, and must have a picture ID.
- Anyone born after January 1, 1998 must complete a Boat Education Course before operating a vessel.



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**I have watched the required boat rental safety video, and I have been instructed on and understand the rules and information provided in this orientation.**

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Signature of Vessel Renter

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Signature of Boat Livery / GA Livery #

Type of Vessel Rented \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_