

Jetski and Personal Watercraft Guide

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



FOR ALL PWC ENQUIRIES
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JOINT OWNER DETAILS

* Surname/Company Name: _____

* First Name/Trading Name: _____

* Second Name: _____

* Date of Birth: _____

* Contact Phone Number: _____ (hm) _____ (wk) _____

* Street Address: _____

* Suburb: _____

* City: _____

Post Code: _____

* Email Address: _____ (mob) _____

* Date: _____

*JOINT OWNERS SIGNATURE _____ I certify all particulars are correct

PAYMENT DETAILS

New Registration of Personal Watercraft in the Auckland Region is \$35.00 incl GST. No cost applies to change of registration. Initial or replacement of registration labels cost an additional \$12.50 per set (2) incl GST. Please tick items you require:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration Fee	\$35.00 (new registration only)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration Labels Required	\$12.50 per set (black labels only, please stipulate if white is required)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dealer Plate	\$50.00

Total Fees: \$ _____

You are able to pay for registration by either cheque or money order made payable to AUCKLAND COUNCIL.

Use and Disclosure of Information

The information you have supplied is required by the Auckland Regional Council Navigation Safety Bylaw 2008 and will be used to maintain a register of personal watercraft using Auckland waters. Access to the information is confined to authorised users, including officials from the Auckland Council and Emergency Services.

Access and Correction

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

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. A large number of PWCs are stolen each year. The Auckland Council PWC database captures identification details reducing the number of craft being stolen and making it very difficult for stolen 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. Enforcement Officers can fine people on craft in breach of the bylaw. The fine is \$100.

KEY BYLAWS

Lifejacket/Personal Flotation Devices

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

Flagged Areas

Set aside for swimming, 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
- 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.

Waitemata Harbour Speed Limit

Between North Head and the harbour bridge, no power driven vessel may exceed 12 knots, (unless in designated areas).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I have to register my PWC or jetski?

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

What if I use my PWC in multiple 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 on attached form. The form must be completed and signed by the new owner.

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 Auckland Council holds these details on a database. Personal details are available to Auckland Council and emergency services only.

New Zealand Jet Sports Boating Association
The National Body representing PWC Owners
Phone: 021996420
nzjsba@xtra.co.nz
www.nzjetsport.org.nz

Auckland Council
Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau



PERSONAL WATERCRAFT REGISTRATION / CHANGE OF REGISTRATION FORM

Complete form and sign – post your application with payment to:

Auckland Council, Private Bag 92300, Auckland 1142

Find out more: phone 09 362 0397

Email: harbourmaster@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz
or visit www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/harbourmaster



Please Note:

All fields marked * MUST BE COMPLETED

REGISTRATION NUMBER

(if currently registered)

VESSEL DETAILS

* Make: _____ * Model: _____
* Hull Identification Number: _____
* Engine Identification: _____
Date of Purchase/Change of Ownership: ____/____/____

* CC Rating: _____
Primary Number: _____
Trailer Registration Number: _____
Year of Manufacture: _____
Colour: _____

* Photocopied identification must accompany this form

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