

PERSONAL WATER CRAFT

SAFETY CHECKLIST

RESPONSIBLE CHECKLIST



Always take a means of calling for help with you, such as a mobile phone in a waterproof pouch. This could save your life!



Get training – knowing more about your activity will allow you to do more and go further.



Always wear a life jacket or buoyancy aid when using personal watercraft.



Stay clear of areas where there are swimmers and always maintain a good look out.



Always wear a kill cord when using a personal watercraft!



Be aware of changing tides, especially in unfamiliar coastlines, and be vigilant for rip tides.



Essential personal kit includes: • Impact Resistant Buoyancy Aid • Wetsuit or Drysuit • Kill cord • Goggles • Whistle • Gloves • Foot Protection • Sunblock



Don't wave jump behind a boat. It's unnerving for the boat driver and dangerous.



Be considerate of others! Remember you are not the only one enjoying the water. Consideration for other users helps to create harmony for all.



Avoid sudden changes in direction and engine revving which can startle wildlife. Keep your movements steady and predictable.



Observe the speed limits



On the sea, watercrafts should keep at least 100m away from animals. Do not chase, touch or feed wildlife. Stay no longer than 15 mins.



Ensure that you have permission to launch and recover watercraft from your chosen location.



After use, check, clean and dry your equipment and clothing. Help stop the spread of invasive species.



Keep others safe by avoiding weaving in and out of anchorages at high speed. Always remember how your wake affects others.



Noise travels easily across water. Using a personal watercraft in one area for extended periods may annoy others.



Avoid damaging the foreshore by trampling, dragging equipment, or driving unnecessarily. Watch out for nesting birds!



Prevent the spray of sand or gravel by avoiding rev in shallow beach areas.

HAVE A PLAN AND KNOW YOUR LIMITS!

In the event of an emergency call 999 and ask for the Coastguard



Please respect the environment and take your litter home

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