

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW **BEFORE YOU GO...**

WHO CAN RIDE?



MANUFACTURERS RECOMMEND OPERATORS BE 16 YEARS OLD. CHECK STATE LAWS



RIDERS WHOSE FEET REACH THE FOOTWELL FLOOR



THOSE WEARING APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT INCLUDING:



USCG APPROVED PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE (PFD)

A WET SUIT BOTTOM OR CLOTHING THAT PROVIDES AN EQUIVALENT LEVEL OF PROTECTION



THOSE WHO ARE ABLE TO HOLD ON TO HANDHOLDS OR PERSON IN FRONT OF THEM



FIND OUT MORE:



USCG

**United States Coast Guard
Office of Boating Safety
www.uscgboating.org**



NTSB

**NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
www.nts.gov**



NASBLA

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOATING
LAW ADMINISTRATORS
www.nasbla.org**



NSBC

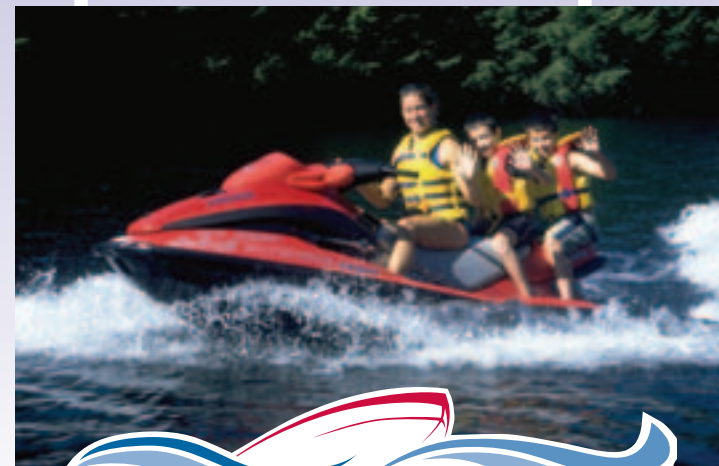
**NATIONAL SAFE BOATING COUNCIL
www.safeboatingcouncil.org**



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**KNOW...
BEFORE YOU GO!**

Children & Personal Watercraft



YOU'RE IN COMMAND
BOAT RESPONSIBLY



**OWNED...
RENTED...
BORROWED...**

**WHAT YOU
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...BE EDUCATED.



“Too often we are seeing instances where an adult will rent a personal watercraft and then family and friends operate it with little or no regard to age or boating education and training.”

*- Office of Boating Safety -
USCG*



TAKE A BOATER EDUCATION CLASS WITH YOUR CHILDREN



BE AWARE OF ALL MANUFACTURERS' RECOMMENDATIONS & LOCAL LAWS CONCERNING USE BY CHILDREN

SAFE OPERATION:



ALWAYS ATTACH ENGINE SHUT-OFF LANYARD



NEVER ALLOW PASSENGERS TO RIDE IN FRONT OF THE OPERATOR



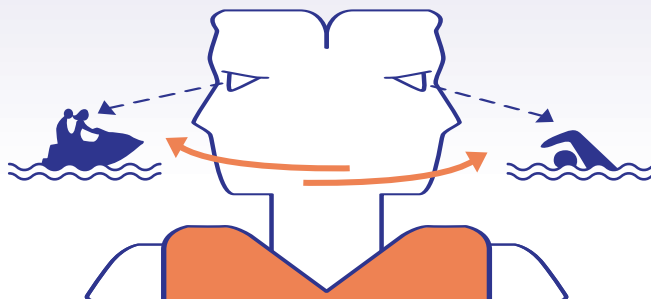
ALWAYS STAY CLEAR OF INTAKE GRATE & WATER JET



ENSURE YOUR CHILD UNDERSTANDS A PWC IS NOT A TOY



SCAN CONSTANTLY FOR PEOPLE, OBJECTS AND OTHER WATERCRAFT



NATIONAL STATISTICS SHOW:



IN ONE YEAR 112 CHILDREN UNDER 12 WERE INJURED ON PWCS

25% OF THESE WERE OPERATORS IN VIOLATION OF STATE LAWS AND MANUFACTURERS' RECOMMENDATIONS

80% OF THESE OPERATORS DID NOT HAVE FORMAL TRAINING



LACK OF EXPERIENCE AND EXCESSIVE SPEED CAUSED 60% OF THE ACCIDENTS WHEN THE OPERATOR WAS 12 OR LESS



COLLISIONS RESULT IN MORE INJURIES AND DEATHS THAN ANY OTHER TYPE OF PWC ACCIDENT



MOST PWC ACCIDENTS OCCUR IN THE FIRST 20 HOURS OF OPERATION