

3. No go PWC areas

There are some areas where PWC use is prohibited and they will be indicated by signs.



4. Designated swimming areas

In the case of surf beaches, a designated swimming area extends 500 metres out from the shore between surf patrol flags or signs. In all other cases a swimming area extends 60 metres out from the shore between signs for swimmers.

All vessels including PWC must not operate in these zones or within 60 metres either side of the flags or signs marking such zones.

**Penalty
\$250.**



Your PWC Checklist:

Before you go afloat, make sure:

- You have a current PWC licence
- Your PWC is registered
- Correct lifejacket is worn by all onboard
- Wear your safety lanyard
- PWC Behaviour Label is displayed
- Know where you can ride.

For further information please check with your local NSW Maritime Operations Centre or refer to the website www.maritime.nsw.gov.au

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FOR BREAKING THE LAW.**

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PERSONAL WATERCRAFT SAFETY



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THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU RIDE YOUR PWC

Personal Watercraft (PWC) are fast, powerful and challenging to operate.

**On the
spot fine
\$500.**

Before you head out there are some important things you need to know and observe, to ensure you have fun while staying safe, respecting other boaters and not breaking the law.

1. In NSW you must have a current PWC licence to drive a PWC at any speed. Your PWC Licence includes a General Boat Licence.



2. Your PWC **must** be registered at all times and clearly display the correct registration numbers and label.



3. When driving a PWC you must make sure you and all your passengers wear an approved lifejacket at all times. When operating offshore, a lifejacket type 1 or 2 must be worn, and a lifejacket type 1, 2 or 3 must be worn for enclosed waters.

4. Driving a PWC between sunset and sunrise is prohibited regardless of whether navigation lights are fitted.

5. It is compulsory to display a PWC Behaviour Label on your PWC in a position that can be seen clearly at all times by the driver.



6. When riding a PWC at 10 knots or more, you must keep a minimum distance of:

30 metres from any powered vessel (including other PWC), any riverbank or shore and any structures such as jetties or moorings, or if that is not possible, a safe distance.

60 metres away from people or non-powered vessels (sailing and passive) or, if that is not possible a safe distance.

7. You must obey rules prohibiting or restricting the operation of PWC in certain areas.



CHECK BEFORE YOU RIDE

1. PWC exclusion zone

PWC are prohibited in Sydney Harbour.

2. No driving in an irregular manner

A PWC cannot be operated in an irregular manner in:

- (a) A PWC Restriction Zone (see below); or
- (b) Elsewhere within 200 metres of the shoreline where one or more dwellings are located within 200 metres of the shoreline and visible from the water.

Irregular manner means:

- Driving in a circle or other pattern
- Weaving or diverting
- Surfing down or jumping over or across any swell, wave or wash

This means that generally a PWC must operate in a straight line within 200m of the shoreline.

Note: 'Driving in an irregular manner' does not apply when a PWC is towing a waterskier or aquaplaner. However, as soon as towing activity is finished, the 'irregular driving' rule comes into effect.

**Penalties
can range from
\$500 to \$1500
on the spot or
\$5500 maximum
court fine.**

**Penalty
\$250.**

PWC RESTRICTION ZONE

