

Regulations for the Activity of Renting Jet-Skis and WaterCrafts used in Water Sports.

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1. Definitions

- 1.1. UAE: The United Arab Emirates.
- 1.2. Emirate: The Emirate of Dubai.
- 1.3. DMA: The Dubai Maritime Authority.
- 1.4. Executive Director: The executive director of the DMA.
- 1.5. Vessel: Any vessel of any type or structure whatsoever operated on the Waters of the Emirate to transport Passengers or Goods for personal, commercial, sports, or tourism purposes.
- 1.6. Activity: Renting Jet-Skis and Personal WaterCrafts used in Water Sports.
- 1.7. Establishment: A company or sole proprietorship authorised to conduct the Activity in the Emirate.
- 1.8. Permit: A document issued by the DMA authorising an Establishment to conduct the Activity in the Waters of the Emirate.
- 1.9. Trainer: A natural person who is licensed by the DMA to train individuals on practising water sports in accordance with this Regulation.
- 1.10. Licence: A document issued by the DMA authorising a Trainer to train and monitor the individuals on practising water sports.
- 1.11. Waters of the Emirate: The waters of the Emirate lying between the Dubai-Sharjah border and the Dubai-Abu Dhabi border and extending to the exclusive economic zone, including the internal waters of the Emirate and all ports, marinas, canals, and waterways.
- 1.12. Prohibited Areas: Areas demarcated by the DMA and concerned entities in the Emirate where the use of Vessels is prohibited.
- 1.13. Berths: Vessel anchorage and berthing facilities, including marinas, water sport clubs, fishing harbours, private harbours, marine stations, and other permanent or temporary berths within the Waters of the Emirate.

2. Application of the Regulation

- 2.1. No natural or legal person may conduct the Activity in the Emirate unless that person is authorised to do so by the DMA.
- 2.2. No natural person may conduct the activity of water sports training in the Emirate unless he is so licensed by the DMA.

3. Maritime Activity Permit General Procedures and Requirements

- 3.1. The applicant for the Permit must submit his application, accompanied by the required supporting documents, on the form prescribed by the DMA for this purpose and using the methods it adopts in this respect. (BY Sending Email to: RAL.Services@pcfc.ae).
- 3.2. The DMA will consider the application from a technical perspective to verify that it meets all relevant conditions and requirements.
- 3.3. The DMA will issue its initial approval of the Permit application within two (2) working days. The applicant must, within a period not exceeding six (6) months from the date of the initial approval, meet the following requirements:
 - a. Obtaining Licences from the DMA for the Vessels that will be used in conducting the Activity. The applicant must have at least one (1) Vessel at the time of submitting his Permit application;
 - b. Obtaining permits from the DMA for the Vessel crews. The applicant must have at least one (1) Vessel crew at the time of submitting his Permit application;
 - c. Obtaining at least one (1) Trainer Licence for every five (5) Vessels used in water sports;
 - d. Providing a complaint and suggestion system available in Arabic and English;
 - e. Providing information signs demonstrating the safe use of the Vessels used in conducting the Activity and displaying service timings and tariffs in Arabic and English; and
- 3.4. The DMA will issue the Permit within ten (10) working days from the date of submission of the application and meeting all the requirements, after conducting a field inspection of the Establishment and its facilities to verify that it meets all prescribed requirements and technical standards for conducting the Activity. The DMA will then instruct the applicant to pay the prescribed fees.
- 3.5. Where the application is rejected, the DMA will notify the applicant of the reasons for rejection. An applicant whose application is rejected may submit to the DMA another Permit application.
- 3.6. The Permit will be valid for a period of one (1) year, renewable for the same period. A renewal application must be submitted within thirty (30) days from the date of expiry of the Permit validity.

4. Maritime Activity Permit Initial Approval Requirements

The applicant for the Permit shall submit the followings to DMA:

- 4.1. Copy of the family book and the passport or Emirate identity card for local, or a copy of the passport and valid residency in the UAE or the Emirate identity card for non-local.



- 4.2. A copy of the commercial license issued by the Department of Economic Development or the Authorities of Special Development Areas.
- 4.3. Plan of the rental area for the jet skis or WaterCrafts used in water sports; including the operations and berthing locations.
- 4.4. A description of the types, specifications and numbers of jet skis or water sports equipment to be used for renting. Jet Skis with turbochargers are not licensed by the Authority except for specific uses.
- 4.5. Copy of ownership or charter agreement from a club, marina or hotel regarding the berthing of jet skis or WaterCrafts used in water sports, and allowing activity to be carried out from the same place.
- 4.6. Undertaking not to practicing the activity prior the completion of the site inspection by DMA staff and issuing the final approval.

5. Maritime Activity Permit Final Approval Requirements

The following requirements shall be met by the applicant prior practicing the activity:

- 5.1. Approval of all zones and operating routes by the Authority.
- 5.2. Licensing of the jet skis or WaterCrafts used in water sports from the authority.
- 5.3. Licensing of trainers of the jet skis or WaterCrafts used in water sports from the authority.
- 5.4. Availability of complaints and suggestions system, so that the forms used in both Arabic and English.
- 5.5. Availability of clear information in the place of renting about the availability of the service includes time and cost in both Arabic and English.
- 5.6. Availability of protective and safety equipment and first aid in the areas of renting jet skis or WaterCrafts used in water sports
- 5.7. Availability of guidance boards or brochures to explain the safe use of jet skis or WaterCrafts used in water sports in both Arabic and English languages.
- 5.8. Availability of maps identifying the areas allocated for practicing the activity and the restricted areas.

6. Trainer's License Requirements

- 6.1. A Trainer's Licence will be issued subject to the compliance with the following requirements:
 - 6.1.1. The Trainer must be at least twenty (20) years of age.
 - 6.1.2. The Trainer must hold a certificate of proficiency in assistance, rescue, and first aid.
 - 6.1.3. The Trainer must hold a training certificate for the Safe use of Personal WaterCrafts designated for water sports issued by DMA or a training centre recognised by it, and must have at least one (1) year experience in training.
 - 6.1.4. The Trainer must be acquainted with local maritime navigation rules, speed limits, and Prohibited Areas.
 - 6.1.5. The Trainer must pass the medical tests prescribed by the DMA for this purpose.



6.2. The Trainer must submit his Licence application on the form prescribed by the DMA for this purpose and using the methods it adopts in this respect. The application must be accompanied by the following supporting documents:

- 6.2.1. a recent passport-size photograph with a white background;
- 6.2.2. a certificate confirming that an Establishment wishes to appoint the applicant as a Trainer;
- 6.2.3. a copy of any documents or certificates required by the DMA;
- 6.2.4. a medical fitness certificate, as per the standards specified in the MED2 form adopted by the DMA in this respect;
- and
- 6.2.5. a certificate of good conduct issued by the competent entities in the Emirate.

6.3. A Licence will be valid for a period of five (5) years, renewable for the same period. A renewal application must be submitted within thirty (30) days prior to the date of expiry of the Licence validity.

7. Tracking and Remote-Control System

7.1. All Jet-skies / Watercrafts used in Water Sports Rental Activities, must be equipped with an Automated Supervision and Remote-Control System, subject to the following minimum requirements:

- 7.1.1. The system shall report the Jet-skies / Watercrafts position and status (throttle, Speed, fuel level, etc.) in real time.
- 7.1.2. The system shall keep track of every trip and to automatically reduce speeds of Jet-skies/watercrafts when entering the zones identified by DMA as (a Restricted Speed Zones).
- 7.1.3. The system shall limit the speed of Jet-skies/watercrafts to the minimum manoeuvrable speed in all Restricted Speed Zones, so as it is safe and steerable speed.
- 7.1.4. The system and all its components shall be Examined, Conformity Assessed and be Type Approved, where Declaration of Conformity and Assessment Certificates are issued to the product.

8. Safety & Operational Requirements

The Company for which the Permit is issued to it, must at all times comply with the followings:

- 8.1. Prepare an emergency response plan including towing operation and practice a regular training for the workers. The drills to be documented and submitted to the authority when required.
- 8.2. Maintain the jet skis or WaterCrafts used in water sports according to the maker's recommendation and keep copy of the maintenance records.
- 8.3. Maintain a record that includes trips timing and the names of the users and their ages and keep this information for a period not less than three years or allow the authority to access the electronic system if available.



- 8.4. Do not use any trainer unless he is qualified and licensed to the training by the authority
- 8.5. Not to rent jet skis or WaterCrafts used in water sports for those under the age of sixteen years of age.
- 8.6. Verification of medical fitness for renters and competence to operate the Jet Ski or WaterCrafts used in water sport
- 8.7. Provide an explanation of each renter by a qualified trainer on how to use jet skis or WaterCrafts used in water sports, and safety appliances on it and the borders of the activity practicing.
- 8.8. Not allowing the use of jet skis or WaterCrafts used in water sports after sunset.
- 8.9. Requiring the users jet skis or WaterCrafts used in water sports to wear lifejackets and use of protective clothing and to connect kill switch cable during practicing.
- 8.10. Stop jet skis or WaterCrafts used in water sports operators immediately when driving recklessly.
- 8.11. Checking the jet ski or WaterCraft used in water sport before being delivered to the renter and ensure safety and suitability.
- 8.12. Not allow to load the Jet Skis or WaterCrafts used in water sports more than permitted in the license.
- 8.13. Maintain of the environment and do not allow waste to throw or what would pollute the seawater.
- 8.14. Not allow exceeding the speed limit specified by the concerning authorities in the practice areas.
- 8.15. Not to enter the restricted places specified by the Authority.
- 8.16. Comply with the safe navigation rules and not causing the damage of navigational marks.
- 8.17. Not making a noise and disturbing others or exposing their lives to risk.
- 8.18. Berth the jet skis or WaterCrafts used in water sports in the place allocated for their berthing.
- 8.19. Not allow to participate in the marine marches and races or used in advertising or for any other activity unless obtaining permission from the authority.
- 8.20. Not carry out a major maintenance for the jet skis or WaterCrafts used in water sports in the berthing areas.
- 8.21. Not supplying jet skis or WaterCrafts used in water sports with fuel or oil at the sea except in the emergency cases.
- 8.22. Provide suitable communication aids between the operation location and the activity practicing area.

- 8.23. Maintain safe passages through the swimming areas if the operating from hotels berths or berths on the beach.
- 8.24. Provide continues control in the areas of practice activity to help and rescue to users when needed.
- 8.25. launching jet skis or WaterCrafts used in water sports in the water through slipway
- 8.26. Providing a trainer for each five jet skis or five WaterCrafts used in water sports.
- 8.27. Provide a certificate of ownership or a readable sealed copy instead of and inform the renter about its place and the provision of the original copy for the regulators upon request within a period not exceeding two working days.
- 8.28. Practicing the activity in the license area only and within the coordinates specified by the authority.
- 8.29. The number of jet skis in each location should not exceed 5 jet skis.
- 8.30. Compliance with all safety requirements of any other WaterCrafts used in water sports.
- 8.31. Use of supercharged jet skis is limited for use by trainers or fly-board operating or renting to qualified renters who have received training certificates from accredited centres.
- 8.32. The employees wear unified uniforms determined by each establishment showing the name and logo of the establishment, in addition to the identification card of each employee.
- 8.33. Distinguish trainers and observers by printing TRAINER or OBSERVER on the uniforms of water sports training employees or persons used for observation in areas of activity.
- 8.34. Fixing the jet ski numbers on both sides in accordance with the standards approved by the Authority.
- 8.35. Print the company name and logo in a visible place on the Jet Ski
- 8.36. Jet Skis not permitted to exceed distance of (2) two nautical miles from a shore.
- 8.37. Not permitted to install additional fuel tanks to jet skis.

9. Restricted Speed Zones

- 9.1. The restricted speed zones are specified in Dubai Maritime Authority Map (<https://dmca.ae/Data//Files/Dubai%20Marine%20Graphic%20Map%20-%20Sep%202022%20min.pdf>) and as listed below:
 - 9.1.1. Any area within any Marinas' limits is a Restricted Speed Zone.
 - 9.1.2. Any area within any Ports' Limits is a Restricted Speed Zone.

- 9.1.3. Any area within Dubai Inland Waters (Dubai Canal & Dubai Creek) is a Restricted Speed Zone.
- 9.1.4. Any area within any Bays or Islands is a Restricted Speed Zone.
- 9.1.5. Any area within the beach Marker Buoys or within 500 meters from any beach, whichever is applicable, is a Restricted Speed Zone.
- 9.1.6. Any other area that might be specified by DMA as Restricted Speed Zones in the future,
- 9.1.7. For the updated Restricted Speed Zones, please contact DMA (<https://dmca.ae/en/contactus.aspx>).
- 9.2. All Jet-skies / Watercrafts used in Water Sports Rental Activities, must not exceed the safe speed or the minimum manoeuvrable/ steerable speed required to keep a safe passage.
- 9.3. The TRACKING AND REMOTE-CONTROL SYSTEM shall be programmed to limit the speed of the Jet-skies / Watercrafts in compliance with these specific zones.