

Minnesota Personal Watercraft Laws

You Must...

- Wear a USCG approved life jacket.
- Travel at slow-no wake speed (5 mph or less) within 150 feet of: non-motorized boats, shore (unless launching or landing skiers directly to or from open water), docks, swim rafts, swimmers or any moored or anchored boat.
- Operate only from 9:30 a.m. to 1 hour before sunset.
- Use the cutoff lanyard properly.
- Obey operator age/permit laws for those younger than 18 years old.

You May Not...

- Chase or harass wildlife.
- Jump the wake of another boat within 150 feet of the craft.
- Operate a personal watercraft in a manner that endangers life, limb or property.

Protect Your Sport

- Respect your neighbors...don't operate for long periods in the same area or near occupied boats or shore.

This is only a summary of the laws as of January 2014 and is required to be visible to the operator on all personal watercraft in Minnesota. For more information contact:



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