Jet ski rental waiver

Rental and permitted use

I voluntarily choose to rent one or more jet skis or similar personal watercraft and related equipment from **[Jet Ski Rental Company Name]**.

The rental may include:

- One or more jet skis and any safety lanyard or ignition key
- Lifejackets or buoyancy aids for each person on board
- A pre-launch safety briefing and any on-water demonstration or guided session
- Launch and recovery from the rental company's beach, dock or marina
- Use of the permitted riding area shown or described by the rental company

I will use the jet ski only for recreational riding and only within the permitted area and rental period.

I will not lend the jet ski to anyone not declared to the rental company, use it for racing or commercial purposes, tow a person or object with it, or tamper with it, unless the rental company has agreed in writing.

The rental company may refuse, restrict or end a rental if it reasonably believes that the jet ski cannot be operated safely, that conditions are unsuitable or that I have failed to follow instructions.

Bookings, deposits and fees remain subject to the rental company's cancellation and refund policies, including any policy for rentals stopped because of weather or water conditions.

Operator eligibility and licensing

I confirm that I meet the rental company's minimum age and identification requirements and that I am legally able to enter into this rental.

I confirm that I and every other operator meet any minimum operating age, boating licence, safety certificate or similar requirement that applies to personal watercraft on the waters where the jet ski will be used. I will show proof of this if asked.

I understand that these rules vary between countries and waters, and that the rental company may set a higher minimum age or additional requirements of its own.

I confirm that I and each operator can swim and that any experience we have described to the rental company is accurate.

Nobody who does not meet these requirements may operate the jet ski, even for a short time and even with an adult on board.

Where I sign for a minor passenger or another person who cannot legally provide their own consent, I confirm that I am their parent, legal guardian or otherwise legally authorised to provide consent on their behalf.

Jet ski risks

I understand that a jet ski is a powerful, fast and fairly unstable motorised vessel, and that it can injure people on board and others on the water.

A jet ski steers using jet thrust. When the throttle is released or the engine stops, the operator may have little or no steering, which can make it harder to avoid a collision.

Possible risks include:

- Collision with another jet ski, boat, swimmer, buoy, dock, rock or submerged object
- Being thrown from the jet ski at speed, or being struck by it or by another craft after falling
- Head, neck, spinal, chest and limb injuries
- Serious internal injury from the high-pressure jet of water at the rear of the craft
- Hair, loose clothing, jewellery, straps, ropes or body parts being caught in the propulsion intake
- Burns from hot engine parts or exhaust, and injury from fuel or fumes
- Injury from impact with waves, boat wake or swell, including back injury
- Capsizing, or difficulty reboarding, leading to exhaustion, cold-water shock or hypothermia
- Drowning or near drowning
- Mechanical breakdown or running out of fuel, leaving me stranded or drifting
- Injury to a passenger caused by the operator’s handling of the craft
- Sunburn, heat illness and dehydration
- Serious injury, permanent disability or, in rare cases, death

I understand that the rental company cannot eliminate every risk associated with jet skis and may not be able to see, reach or assist me on the water.

I voluntarily accept the ordinary and inherent risks of jet ski use, and I accept that my own driving decisions may injure me or other people.

Lanyard, lifejackets and equipment

I agree that the operator will attach the kill-switch lanyard to their body or lifejacket before starting the engine and will keep it attached at all times while under way.

I understand that the lanyard stops the engine if the operator falls off. I will never remove, shorten, tie up or bypass it, and I will keep it attached when moving the craft even at low speed.

I agree that everyone on board will wear a correctly sized and fastened lifejacket or buoyancy aid at all times on the water.

I agree to wear any protective clothing the rental company requires, including a wetsuit or protective shorts, and any eye protection or footwear it recommends. Normal swimwear may not protect against injury from the jet of water if a person falls near the rear of the craft.

I will keep hair tied back and keep loose clothing, jewellery, straps and ropes away from the intake on the underside of the craft.

I will not put my hand, foot or anything else into the intake or jet outlet. I will switch off the engine before anyone goes near the rear of the craft, and I will contact the rental company if something is caught, rather than trying to clear it myself.

Riding rules and no-wake zones

I agree to attend the rental company's safety briefing and follow all instructions from staff, as well as all local boating rules.

I agree to:

- Stay within the permitted area and out of shipping channels, swimming areas and restricted zones
- Observe all no-wake and speed-limited zones, and travel at idle speed near shore, docks, moorings, marinas and anchored boats
- Keep a safe distance from other craft, swimmers, divers, paddlers, sailors and wildlife
- Follow the rules of the road on the water and give way when required
- Keep watching all around, and look behind me before turning
- Keep the throttle available when I need to steer, remembering that releasing it can reduce steering
- Slow down in waves, swell, poor visibility and when I am close to anything I could hit
- Avoid shallow water, which can damage the craft and draw sand, stones and weed into the intake
- Turn off the engine before beaching or reaching a dock if staff require it

I agree not to jump wakes or waves, chase or spray other craft, weave through traffic, perform stunts, ride at night or race.

The rental company may end a rental or recall a jet ski if it reasonably believes that safety rules are being ignored or that I am putting myself or others at risk, and may report unsafe operation to the authorities.

Falls, capsizing and reboarding

I understand that falling off is a real possibility and that I must be able to get back on board without help, or stay safely with the craft until help comes.

I confirm that I have been shown, or will ask to be shown, how to:

- Reboard from the rear of the craft, using the reboarding step or handle, with the engine off
- Turn a capsized jet ski upright in the direction marked on the hull, so that the engine is not damaged
- Restart the engine, including how to reattach the lanyard
- Signal for help using any method supplied by the rental company

If I fall off, I will swim to the jet ski from a position where I can see traffic, and will check that nobody is about to pass close to me. I will not climb back on if the engine is running.

If a passenger falls off, I will return slowly, approach from downwind or from the side, and switch off the engine before they come near the craft.

If I am tired, cold or unable to reboard, I will stay with the craft, keep my lifejacket on and signal for help.

Passengers and additional operators

I will tell the rental company who will operate or travel on each jet ski, and only declared people may do so.

Additional operators must meet the eligibility requirements in this form and must receive the safety briefing before operating the jet ski. Each additional adult operator or passenger should sign their own waiver unless the rental company has agreed otherwise.

I will not carry more passengers than the craft’s stated capacity or exceed its weight limit, and I will distribute weight as shown in the briefing.

Passengers must sit behind the operator, hold the grab handles or strap, wear a lifejacket and be told before the operator speeds up or turns sharply.

I confirm that any child passenger is large enough to hold on safely and can keep their feet on the footwells, that the rental company has approved them, and that a responsible adult will supervise them.

I understand that I may be held responsible for damage, loss or additional charges caused by my passengers and additional operators, to the extent permitted by law.

Inspection before use

I agree to inspect the jet ski and equipment before launching, with staff where they offer this.

My inspection will include checking for:

- Cracks, gouges or other damage to the hull, seat and steering
- A kill-switch lanyard that is present, undamaged and stops the engine when pulled
- A throttle and steering that move freely and return as they should
- A fuel level sufficient for the rental, and no smell or sign of a fuel leak
- An intake grate that is clear and has no rope or weed in it
- Lifejackets that fit and fasten properly

I will report any damage or defect before launching, and I will accept the rental company's record of existing damage or take photographs where this is offered. If I do not report damage, the rental company may treat the jet ski as having been in good condition when the rental started, unless the evidence shows otherwise.

I will not launch or continue using a jet ski that I know or suspect is unsafe, and I will tell the rental company as soon as I can if a warning light or alarm appears or if the engine behaves unusually.

Damage, loss and additional charges

I agree to look after the jet ski and equipment during the rental. I will moor or beach the craft only as the rental company has shown me, and I will keep the key and lanyard with me when I leave it.

To the extent permitted by law, I may be charged for:

- Repair of damage beyond ordinary wear, including hull, impeller and intake damage caused by collisions, grounding, shallow water or debris
- Engine damage caused by incorrect righting after a capsize or by ignoring a warning alarm
- The replacement value of a jet ski, key, lanyard, lifejacket or other item that is lost, stolen or not returned
- Reasonable costs of towing or recovering the craft, and any harm caused to other people's property
- Fuel, late return fees, cleaning fees and time out of service set out in the rental company's price list or rental terms
- Fines or penalties caused by breaking speed limits, no-wake rules or other local rules during the rental

I understand that any security deposit or damage cover offered by the rental company has its own terms, limits and exclusions, and that I should read these before launching.

I authorise the rental company to apply any deposit or the payment method I have provided to charges properly due under its rental terms, after telling me what the charge is for.

I will report any damage, collision, grounding, loss or injury to the rental company immediately, and to the authorities if the law requires it, and I will not leave the scene of a collision involving injury or damage without providing my details.

Rental period and return

I agree to return the jet ski and all equipment to the agreed return point by the end of the rental period and at idle speed through any no-wake zone.

I understand that I should watch the time and my fuel level and allow enough time for the return trip.

If I am delayed, broken down or cannot return safely, I will contact the rental company as soon as I can and stay with the craft. I will not take unnecessary risks to avoid a late fee.

If I am significantly overdue and cannot be reached, I authorise the rental company to contact the coastguard, rescue services or other authorities and to share my details and last known location with them.

The rental ends only when the rental company has received the jet ski, key, lanyard and equipment back. I understand that staff may check them on return, and may ask me to confirm any damage before I leave.

Physical condition and health

I agree to inform the rental company about any condition that may affect safe use of the rental, including:

- A current injury or physical limitation
- Back, neck or joint problems that may be worsened by impact
- Heart, circulation or blood-pressure conditions
- Epilepsy, seizures, fainting or loss of consciousness
- Limited vision or hearing, or balance difficulties
- Limited swimming ability or a fear of being in deep water
- Asthma or another breathing condition
- Diabetes or another condition that may need urgent treatment on the water
- Recent surgery, concussion or medical treatment
- Pregnancy or possible pregnancy
- Medication that affects coordination, judgment or alertness

- A restriction recommended by a healthcare professional

I understand that staff are not medical professionals unless expressly stated otherwise.

I will stop and inform a staff member if I experience pain, dizziness, breathing difficulty, unusual weakness or another concerning symptom.

Alcohol, drugs and impairment

I will not operate or use the rented equipment while impaired by:

- Alcohol
- Recreational or illegal drugs
- Medication that affects judgment, coordination or alertness
- Fatigue, illness or another condition that makes participation unsafe

I understand that the rental company may refuse or end use of the rental if it reasonably believes that a renter is impaired.

A jet ski is a motorised vessel, and laws on operating vessels while under the influence of alcohol or drugs may apply. The rental company may refuse or end a rental, even after it has been paid for and without a refund, if it reasonably believes that an operator or passenger has been drinking or using drugs.

Personal belongings

I understand that clothing and personal belongings may become dirty, wet, damaged, lost or stolen.

I am responsible for protecting phones, jewellery, glasses, clothing and other personal property.

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the rental company is not responsible for ordinary loss or damage to personal belongings unless caused by liability that cannot legally be excluded.

Emergency assistance

If the renter becomes ill or injured, I authorise the rental company and its staff to:

- Provide reasonable first aid
- Stop the renter from continuing
- Contact an emergency contact
- Contact emergency medical services

- Arrange transportation to an appropriate healthcare facility
- Share relevant information with emergency responders
- Take reasonable action to protect the renter’s immediate safety

I understand that the rental company cannot guarantee that an emergency contact will be reached before assistance is provided.

I accept responsibility for medical, ambulance and treatment expenses unless applicable law or legally established liability requires otherwise.

Assumption of risk

I knowingly and voluntarily accept the ordinary and inherent risks associated with jet ski use.

I accept responsibility for injuries, losses or complications caused or materially contributed to by:

- Relevant information I concealed or provided inaccurately
- Licence, age or experience details that were false or incomplete
- A health condition or limitation I failed to disclose
- My failure to attach the kill-switch lanyard or wear a lifejacket
- Speeding, stunts, or riding in a no-wake or restricted zone
- Allowing an undeclared or ineligible person to operate the jet ski
- Riding outside the permitted area or rental period
- The conduct of my passengers or additional operators
- My reckless, unlawful or prohibited conduct
- My operation of the jet ski while impaired or medically unfit

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Liability release

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, I release **[Jet Ski Rental Company Name]** and its owners, directors, rental staff, dock attendants, safety boat crew, instructors, employees, contractors and representatives from claims arising solely from:

- Ordinary and inherent jet ski risks knowingly accepted in this form, including falls, wave impact, capsizing and collisions
- Relevant information I concealed or provided inaccurately
- My failure to follow reasonable safety rules or instructions, including lanyard and no-wake rules
- Incorrect or unauthorised use of the jet ski or equipment
- Operation of the jet ski by an undeclared or ineligible person

- My reckless, unlawful or prohibited conduct
- The conduct of another water user where it was outside the rental company's reasonable control

This release does not exclude or limit liability that cannot legally be excluded or limited.

It does not apply to fraud, intentional misconduct, gross negligence, reckless conduct, breaches of mandatory safeguarding duties, violations of mandatory consumer rights or any other liability that applicable law prohibits the rental company from waiving.

Privacy and recordkeeping

I understand that the rental company may collect and retain information where reasonably necessary to:

- Register and identify renters
- Confirm consent and eligibility
- Manage bookings and activities
- Understand relevant health or support needs
- Maintain safety and incident records
- Respond to injuries, complaints or legal claims
- Meet insurance, safeguarding and legal obligations

Information will be handled according to the rental company's privacy notice and applicable data-protection laws.

Final declaration

By completing and signing this form, I confirm that:

- I have read and understood the entire waiver.
- The information provided is complete and accurate.
- I understand that operating or riding a jet ski may cause serious injury or death.
- I understand and accept the ordinary and inherent risks.
- All operators meet the age, licence and experience requirements that apply.
- The operator will attach the kill-switch lanyard and everyone on board will wear a lifejacket.
- I will observe no-wake zones, speed limits and local boating rules.
- I will keep clear of the propulsion intake and jet outlet and switch off the engine before reboarding.
- I have inspected the jet ski and equipment, or will do so before launching, and will report any defect.

- I understand that I may be charged for damage, loss, fines and late return under the rental terms.
- I will not operate the jet ski or ride on it while impaired or medically unfit.
- I authorise reasonable emergency assistance where necessary.
- I had an opportunity to ask questions before signing.
- This rental and my participation are voluntary.
- I understand that this form does not remove rights or protections that cannot legally be waived.

Renter completion

Contact details

First name *

Last name *

Phone

Email *

Operator experience and licence status (select all that apply) *

- [ ] First time operating a jet ski
- [ ] Have operated a jet ski or other powered craft before
- [ ] Hold a boating licence or safety certificate
- [ ] A licence or certificate is not required for these waters
- [ ] Will operate only under direct instruction from the rental company

Licence or certificate number, if one is required here (write “None” if not) *

Names of additional operators and passengers (write “None” if there are none) *

☐ I have read, understood and agree to the Jet Ski Rental Liability Waiver and Assumption of Risk above. I confirm that the information provided is accurate, that I am authorised to sign for any minor in my group where applicable and that I voluntarily accept the risks of jet ski use. *

Signature *