

WATER-SKIING & TOWED DEVICES

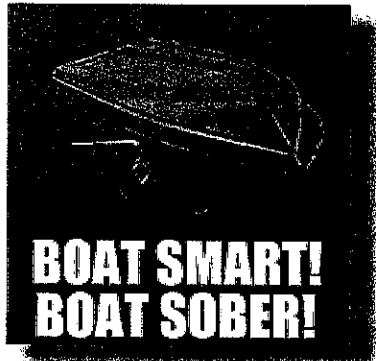
- ◆ The skier must be wearing an approved life-jacket.
- ◆ There must be a competent observer on-board, in addition to the driver.
- ◆ A "skier-down" flag must be displayed, visible for 360 degrees, when a skier is in the water.
- ◆ When attempting a dock start, the tow boat must head straight away from shore for at least 100 yards before turning.
- ◆ Both the boat, and the skier, must maintain a safe distance away from other boats/persons in the water.
- ◆ Skiing is prohibited from **sunset to sunrise**.

SWIMMING

- ◆ Swimming is restricted to within 100 feet from shore, unless accompanied by a boat.
- ◆ When SCUBA/skin diving more than 100 feet from shore, a boat must accompany the divers (and display a diver down flag).
- ◆ SCUBA diving/skin diving is prohibited within 300 ft. of any public boat launch, pier, or dock.

OPERATOR REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ The operator of a personal watercraft must be at least 14 years of age.
- ◆ It is illegal to operate a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.



NEGLIGENCE

- ◆ **Negligent Operation** is operating in a manner that is likely to endanger life or property.

RECKLESSNESS

- ◆ **Reckless Operation** is operating with a willful and wanton disregard for the safety of others.

ACCIDENTS

- ◆ If involved in an accident, the operator must render assistance, if needed. He/she must identify themselves to the involved parties, and file a State Accident Report with the local jurisdiction if: there was a death, injury that requires medical treatment, or damage over \$500.

RIGHT-OF-WAY

- ◆ All watercraft are regulated under the International Rules of the Road (U.S.C.G. COLREGS.).
- ◆ Upon the approach of an emergency vessel showing blue lights or sounding a siren, all watercraft must yield and/or stop.
- ◆ Attempting to elude a police vessel is a criminal offense.

LITTERING

"Don't Trash The Waterways"

- ◆ The discharge of oil, fuel or sewage into the water is strictly prohibited.

MISCELLANEOUS

- ◆ Boats are not permitted within 100 ft. of a swimming area.
- ◆ It is illegal to moor at a private dock without permission.



Boating Regulations for the Cities/Towns of:

Mercer Island
Medina
Renton
Hunts Point
Yarrow Point

City of Mercer Island
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