

Safety Plan Acknowledgement for Water Related Concessions

Legal Name of entity/business submitting the application:

(_____) _____ - _____ Owner's Name Phone Number
_____ Physical Street Address
_____ City State Zip Code
_____ will always provide the following items
and/or actions to assure the safety of all customers renting personal watercraft under
_____.

Concessionaire Personnel

1. All the _____ employees shall submit proof of successful completion of a boating safety course approved by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for any personnel who will be renting the personal watercraft to customers.
2. All _____ shall abide by all federal, state and local statutory laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and guidelines of the United States Coast Guard and the Texas Safety Act.
3. _____ will not operate during conditions deemed unsafe by the Galveston Beach Patrol and agree that all decisions made by the Galveston Beach Patrol shall be final. Personal watercraft will not be rented while the Galveston Beach Patrol is flying a "red flag" due to dangerous surf, high winds, or strong currents.
4. _____ will not rent personal watercraft on the Gulf beach front except between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
5. As approved Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, _____ employees will provide adequate instructions to all operators before renting personal watercraft. Before renting personal watercraft, the customer will sign a statement detailing operator's understanding of all rules, regulations, city ordinances, and state laws regarding the operation of personal watercraft.
6. _____ shall provide to all renters, appropriately sized personal flotation devices that are in good condition.
7. _____ shall not permit any person to operate a personal watercraft within 100 yards of the shoreline except for ingress and egress.
8. _____ shall not permit more than four (4) personal watercrafts to be operated within a water course at the same time.

Watercourse Requirements

1. _____ will establish a watercourse, which shall be triangular in design, and shall mark all watercourses with buoys which are minimum of twenty-four inches (24") in diameter, international orange, in accordance with the United States Coast Guard guidelines.
2. _____ will have clearly designated points of ingress and egress by uniform buoys which are a minimum of twelve inches (12") in diameter, and international

orange. Ingress and egress channels shall be designated by two parallel and straight buoys lines running perpendicular from the shoreline to fifty (50) yards offshore. The distance between the two buoys shall be no less than 10 (10) yards width. Adjacent buoys in the buoy lines shall be equidistantly spaced no more than fifteen (15) feet apart. Both ingress and egress channel shall be clearly designated by signage which is made of permanent material, two feet by two feet (2' x 2') in size, implanted at the shoreline in front of the ingress and egress channel. The ingress and egress channel will be kept clear of swimmers and waders.

Vessel Livery, if applicable

1. _____ will always obtain and keep on hand, a certificate of the number for all vessels being used as motorboats and jet skis to rent or let for hire.
2. _____ will keep a record of the name and address of the person hiring any vessel operated as a motorboat, the vessel's certificate of number and time of return. The record shall be retained for at least six (6) months.
3. _____ will maintain liability insurance from an insurer licensed to do business in the State of Texas. The liability insurance will list each individual hull identification number.
4. After _____ providing the instruction required and before releasing possession of the rented vessel, each operator shall sign an acknowledgment form indicating that the operator has received the required instruction. The form will be retained for at least six (6) months.

Personal Watercraft Requirements

One (1) watercraft shall be available at all time to assist disabled watercraft.

All watercraft rented shall:

- Have a sound-producing device
- Be equipped with governor which limits the maximum speed of the watercraft to 30 mph
- Have a valid certificate of numbers correctly displayed
- Have a usable fire extinguisher
- Have an engine cutoff lanyard

Operators (Renters) of Personal Watercraft

1. Will be of legal age to operate a personal watercraft in Texas
2. Will wear a personal floatation device
3. Will wear a lanyard-type engine cutoff switch
4. Will only operate the personal watercraft at headway speed during ingress or egress within 100 yards of the shoreline
5. Will stay at least fifty feet (50') away from any other vessel, person, stationary platform or other object, or shore, except at headway speed

6. Will not jump the wake of another vessel recklessly or unnecessarily close to other vessel; or not operate the personal watercraft in a manner that requires the operator to swerve at the last possible moment to avoid collision.

7. Will abide by the United States Coast Guard inland rules to operate the personal watercraft

8. Will not operate the personal watercraft in a reckless or negligent manner

9. Will not operate the personal watercraft at a rate of speed greater than is responsible, prudent, having due regard for the conditions and hazard, actual and potential, then existing, including weather and density of traffic, or greater than will permit him/her in the exercise of reasonable care, to bring the watercraft to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead

10. Will not operate the personal watercraft in a circular course around people fishing or swimming

11. Will not operate the personal watercraft on a triangular course in a single direction, i.e. clockwise or counter clockwise depending on prevailing water conditions

Vendor Printed Name

Vendor Signature

Date

Approved By:

Park Superintendent

Beach Patrol