

PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST

Personal Watercraft



Trip Prep:

- Marine Weather Forecast
- Float Plan

Leave float plan with a responsible person.

Without navigation lights PWCs, cannot be legally operated between sunset and sunrise.

Pack:

- Lifejackets/PFDs
- Safety Equipment
- PCO Card & Picture ID
- Marine Charts
- Good to Have Items

One properly fitting, Canadian government-approved lifejacket/PFD in good condition for each person.

Inflatable PFDs are not legal for PWCs.

Safety equipment available at local Marine Retailers, Canadian Tire or Recreational Retailer.

Good to have:

- *Sunscreen and Protective Clothing*
- *Snacks and Water*
- *Compass & Portable Marine Radio*
- *Tools & Spare Parts (i.e. Hoses, clamps, spark plugs)*

Inspect:

- Safety Equipment
- Bilge for Water/Oil & Smell of Fuel
- Hoses
- Engine Oil Level
- Sufficient Fuel
- Intake Port for Clogs
- Fire Extinguisher

Cracks in hoses indicate potential failure.

Fuel Rule of Thumb: 1/3rd out, 1/3rd back, plus 1/3rd spare.

Brief Passengers:

- Put Lifejackets / PFDs on
- Duties, as applicable, including keeping watch
- Location / Use of Safety Gear

On Water:

Watch for:

- Hazards/Other Boats
- Cloud, Wind / Wave Changes

If a marine radio is available, check periodically for updated marine weather forecasts.

Watch for approaching storms.

End of Trip:

- Close Float Plan