



MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

PORT MARINE CIRCULAR
NO. 97 OF 1997

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To: Pleasure Craft Community
Harbour Craft Community
Shipping Community

SAFETY MEASURE FOR JET-SKIING IN SINGAPORE PORT WATERS

1 Port Marine Circular No. 40 of 1997 is hereby canceled. This is a reproduction of the circular with amendments.

2 Jet-skiing is fast growing in popularity as a sea sport. However such high speed craft poses risks to the skier, swimmers and other craft. For the safety of all concerned the following safety measures are to be adhered to with immediate effect:

- (a) Jet skis must keep well clear of all swimmers and should not proceed within 300 metres of the water's edge when skiing off beaches at Changi and Pasir Ris. The 300 metres clearance requirement is also applicable to other beaches where there are swimmers, other than at the East Coast beach where a 900 metres clearance requirement is applicable. (see chartlet);
- (b) Where jet skiers require to launch or recover their jet-skis from marinas or boatels located at Changi or Pasir Ris beaches, they shall proceed directly to and from the sea with extreme caution and at a speed that would not create any wake;
- (c) Off the East Coast beach, the jet-skiers are not to proceed within 900 metres of the water's edge and no landing, launching or recovery of jet-skis are permitted;
- (d) Jet-Skis are not permitted to tow any craft including aquaplaning craft, unless in an emergency;
- (e) Jet-skiing is strictly not permitted at night; and

- (f) Jet-skiers must don life-vest at all times when operating the skis.

3 In pursuant to regulation 6 (3) of the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (Pleasure Craft) Regulations 1997, the Port Master also directs that all jet-skis with a designed speed of more than 17 knots should be adequately insured for 3rd party liability and salvage. Owners are advised to inform their insurance companies so that the clause on speed warranty would be deleted from the policy.

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THE 300 AND 900 METRES CLEARANCE OFF BEACHES

