

Tourism Authority (Operation of Jet Ski) Regulations 2007

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THE TOURISM AUTHORITY ACT 2006

Regulations made by the Minister under section 129 of the Tourism Authority Act 2006

1. These regulations may be cited as the **Tourism Authority (Operation of Jet Ski) Regulations 2007**.

2. In these regulations -

"Act" means the Tourism Authority Act 2006;

"designated area" means such area of the sea outside the lagoon as may be specified in the tourist enterprise licence issued under section 26 of the Act in respect of the operation of a rental agency for jet ski;

"fish aggregating device" means -

(a) a device placed in water to attract fish; or

(b) a naturally floating object which attracts fish and to which a device has been placed to facilitate its location;

"lagoon" means the stretch of the sea from that portion of the seashore which is covered by the sea at high tide to the coral reef;

"licensed floating craft" means a floating craft licensed under section 59 of the Act;

"licensee" means a person who holds a tourist enterprise licence issued under section 26 of the Act in respect of the operation of a rental agency for jet ski;

"Marine Park" means that part of the sea, including any land found within that part of the sea, which is designated as a Marine Park under section 7 of the Fisheries and Marine Resources Act;

"official document" means a document issued by the Government of a country or an authority on its behalf;

"port" means the port area delimited in the Schedule to the Ports Act;

"safety craft" means a motorized pleasure craft used for surveillance and life saving activities.

3. No licensee shall rent a jet ski to -
 - (a) a minor under the age of 16;
 - (b) a minor aged 16 or above, unless the licensee has ascertained the age of the minor from an official document or a copy thereof.
4. No person shall allow a minor under the age of 16 to ride a jet ski, except as a pillion rider.
5. No minor under the age of 16 shall ride a jet ski, except as a pillion rider.
6.
 - (1) Every licensee shall provide to the person renting a jet ski, flotation devices for use by the rider and his pillion riders.
 - (2) No licensee shall provide a flotation device under paragraph (1), unless the flotation device has been approved by the Authority.
7. Every person who uses a jet ski, whether as a rider or a pillion rider, shall wear a flotation device approved by the Authority.
8. No licensee shall operate a safety craft unless -
 - (a) there is a pleasure craft licence in respect of that safety craft.
 - (b) the safety craft is equipped with safety devices approved by the Authority; and
 - (c) there is a crew of at least 2 persons on board the safety craft.
9. Every licensee shall at all times, operate in the vicinity of the area where the jet ski he rents is being used, a safety craft to provide assistance to -
 - (a) the rider and pillion riders of the jet ski, in the event of an emergency; and
 - (b) any other person involved in an accident with a jet ski.

- 10.** No person shall ride a jet ski -
- (a) outside a designated area;
 - (b) in a port;
 - (c) in a Marine Park;
 - (d) within a radius of 1 kilometre from any fish aggregating device localised by a buoy or demarcated area in the sea where fish or other aquatic organisms are reared; or
 - (e) between one hour before sunset and one hour after sunrise.
- 11.** Where a licensee rents a jet ski to a person, he shall deliver the jet ski to that person at a licensed floating craft.
- 12.** Every person who rides a jet ski shall start his trip from a licensed floating craft and, on completion of his trip, return to the same floating craft.
- 13.** Every licensee shall inform the person renting a jet ski, in writing and in a language the person understands, the provisions of regulations 4, 5, 7, 10 and 12.
- 14.** These regulations shall come into operation on 3rd December, 2007.

Made by the Minister on 27th November, 2007.