



## PWC RULES, REGULATIONS, REQUIREMENTS & PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Pursuant to the June 26 approval of a 90 day pilot program authorizing the use of PWC's on Lake Piru, the following rules and regulations shall govern and dictate the use of PWC's on Lake Piru. Park Service Officers are authorized to enforce these rules and regulations. PWC's will be charged the regular daily boat launching rate of \$13 per vehicle towing personal watercraft and \$13 per vessel (PWC) to launch.

### PWC Rules Lake Piru Specific

- Speed Limit 35 mph
- Must observe all 5 mph zones; including coves, the Marina and the Narrows at the north end of the reservoir
- Must Operate in a Counter clockwise rotation
- Not allowed in swim beaches
- Not allowed to be operated between sunset and sunrise
- Not allowed within 5 mph buoy line at the Santa Felicia Dam
- No more than 50 PWC's permitted on the water at time
- Must wear a PFD at all times

### Additional PWC Requirements (CA State Laws)

- No person under the age of 16 may operate a PWC, unless a person who is at least 18 years is on board, and be attached to PWC's lanyard engine cutoff device. CA H&N 658.5(a)
- It is illegal to operate a PWC from sunset to sunrise CA H&N 655.7(d)
- operation within 100 feet of a bather, and within 200 feet of a beach, passenger landing area CA H&N 665.2
- All persons aboard a personal watercraft, or being towed behind a vessel, must wear a Type I, II, III, or V US Coast Guard – approved Life Jacket (Note: Inflatable's not allowed) CA H&N 658.3(c)
- US Coast Guard – approved Fire Extinguisher on board and readily accessible. CA Harbors and Navigation CCR Title 14, Section 6569
- A PWC is required to be equipped with a manufacturer lanyard-type engine cutoff switch, which must be attached to the operator of the PWC CA H&N 655.7 (a)
- PWC operators must operate in a reasonable and prudent manner. Maneuvers which are unreasonable and unnecessary include: CA H&N 655.7 (c)
  - Jumping, or attempting to jump a wake within 100 feet of another vessel
  - Turning sharply as to spray another vessel, or person
  - Unsafe or reckless operation which requires another vessel to turn sharply to avoid collision
- Alteration of a self-circling or throttle device installed by manufacturer, which causes PWC from operating in its intended manner, is prohibited. CA H&N 655.7(b)