

JETSKI VESSEL SAFETY CHECKLIST



Please complete this section prior to the Vessel Safety Check. This page is retained by the Office.

Member Details

Name: Phone:
Email:

Vessel Details

Jetski Registration #: Make:
Model: Colour:
LOA: VHF
Length Overall Call sign:
Trailer Rego:

Names of co-owners/alternative skippers: Note: OBC membership required for all owners.

Owner 1: Owner 2:
Owner 3: Owner 4:

Note: Where there are multiple owners/skippers using this vessel, each user must undergo a trailer reversing competency check. The named member above must sign the declaration below on behalf of all named users of the vessel.

Disclaimer/Declaration

All vessels are required to complete and pass the OBC Vessel Safety Check. The OBC vessel safety check is not an assessment of vessel structure, any systems, engine(s) or auxiliary equipment. Once passed as the owner of the vessel named above, I agree on behalf of the others listed above to maintain / update the safety equipment to the required standard:

Name: Signature: _____
Date:

*The following pages to be retained by the Primary Skipper of the vessel.
The OBC recommends all members hold a Coastguard Membership.*

Note: Standup single person type not approved – Inspection should not proceed if Jetski does not meet approved criteria.

1. Length Overall

Jetski length (To be entered on page 1).

2. Jetski Registration. For more information, [ref. page 5.](#)

The registration number must be displayed on both sides and be legible by day from a distance at least 50 meters.

The registration number must be displayed on the left side of the trailer draw bar looking from the rear.

3. Jetski Trailer

Trailer must have a current WOF.

Winch and cables must be in good working condition, the cable must not be frayed or rusty.

4. Navigation Lights. For more information, [ref page 6.](#)

Navigation and lights must be working and conform to MNZ rules.

5. Anchor. For more information, [ref. page 5.](#)

Anchor should be of a suitable size for jetski and the area/depth the jetski will be operating. Anchor and line must be in a good condition.

6. Docking Line

Suitable docking line. Recommended to be 1.5 times the length of the jetski. Spliced loops are recommended, not required.

7. Kill Cord

Kill cord attached to kill switch and should be used at all times.

8. First Aid Kit. For more information, [ref. page 6.](#)

A suitable first aid kit must be available.

9. Emergency Beacons & Flares (EPIRB and/or PLB required). For more information, [ref. page 5.](#)

EPIRB or Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) Carried.

Two currently dated red distress flares and one daytime orange smoke flare in watertight plastic container.

10. Life Jackets. For more information, [ref. page 5.](#)

Suitable lifejackets supplied for all people aboard.

Note: Lifejacket should be worn at all times.

11. Navigation Aids, Charts and Literature. For more information, [ref. page 6.](#)

A form of navigational aid must be carried on board the vessel:

GPS navigation unit fixed to vessel.

Or:

Mobile device with navigation application (eg: Navionics).

Publication dealing with safety at sea is recommended, not required.

12. Robust Knife

A sheathed robust knife.

13. Torch/Flashlight. For more information, [ref. page 6.](#)

A torch powered independently of the Jetski battery.

14. Compass. For more information, [ref. page 6.](#)

A hand held compass is recommended, not required.

15. VHF Radio, VHF Call Sign and Horn. For more information, [ref. page 6.](#)

VHF marine radio (Handheld recommended).

Registered call sign.

Callsign must be displayed on VHF radio.

A VHF marine radio operator's licence.

Radio test call to Coastguard completed.

A horn is recommended, not required.

16. Battery Mounting & Health

Battery secured with straps or brackets to prevent it from breaking free under rough sea conditions.

Battery terminals clean, dry and corrosion free.

17. Jetski Launch & Retrieval Evaluation. For more information, [ref. page 5.](#)

Demonstrate the ability to launch and retrieve your vessel safely.

Additional Notes & Recommendations to Jetski Safety Checklist

Jetski Registration

All Jetskis must display a registration number on both side visible from a minimum of 30m away. (refer to the Auckland Council Navigation Bylaw 2021)

Make sure the name transfer supplier/signwriter knows of this requirement.

Emergency Beacons (EPIRB and/or PLB)

A Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) 406 MHz OR EPIRB, 406 MHz (marine) must be carried on all trailer and amphibious boats at the club.

The EPIRB or PLB should be fitted with GPS and must have a minimum of 12 months battery life remaining.

The 406 MHz EPIRB and/or PLB must be registered with the Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand (RCCNZ) at www.beacons.org.nz. (**Note:** the old 121.5 MHz EPIRB is no longer supported.)

Life Jackets

All foam filled life jackets should comply with NZS 5823 or you must provide proof of MSA approval. (Kapok filled jackets are not acceptable.) Inflatable life jackets must be marked with either: NZ, Australian, European, or US Standards. All life jackets must have a flotation collar. It is recommended a pea-less whistle is also attached. Buoyancy vests are not acceptable as life jackets. Small children's life jackets must have a crotch strap fitted.

A life jacket must be worn by each person onboard the vessel and must be in good condition. Unconscious people will respond better if they hear their name called.

Launching and Retrieving Jetski's at the OBC

Ensure you prepare your Jetski for launching well clear of the ramps to avoid traffic congestion.

Please do not launch or retrieve your Jetski with the aid of the motor.

No persons are permitted to be on board the Jetski while the it is on a trailer and the trailer is moving.

You should be able to remove your Jetski safety chain at the ramp without the aid of pliers or a spanner. Rollers and pads should be regularly checked and lubricated. Your boat should move freely off and on to your trailer. It is advisable to keep the wheel hubs clear of the salt water if possible. "Bearing Buddy" type protectors are also advisable to protect bearings.

All boats should be suitably secured to the trailer including boat safety chain before moving away from the ramp.

All jetskis must be reversed away from the launching ramp. Please do not turn jetskis around at the ramps. When retrieving your jetski ensure all mooring lines are inside your jetski before towing your jetski and trailer out of the water, also ensure that mooring lines are inside the jetski before leaving the jetty and heading out to sea.

Jetski maybe launched from the far Eastern ramps and Tamaki Drive side of club house.

Anchors and Chains

The anchoring system for your jetski should suit the areas and depths you will be operating in. Sand bag, folding grapnel, nylon, screw and small fluke anchors are acceptable for Jetski. The depth of the water you will be operating will determine how much anchor line you require. 30m is recommended.

Navigation Lights

Always check to see that all lights are still working prior to using the boat. Navigation lights must be used in times of restricted visibility and not only during the hours of darkness.

For details on the rules refer the "Safety in Small Craft".

Docking Lines

It is recommended docking lines be a minimum rope diameter of 10 mm, as thin ropes can more easily cause skin burns. All cleats should be checked regularly and be strong enough to hold mooring lines in all weather conditions. It is recommended to also carry spare lines for emergencies.

First Aid Kit

The severity of any accident cannot be pre-determined prior to the accident, extra bandages, plasters and sterile pad are recommended. Check the expiry dates of the contents carried in the kits. All boats should carry and you should be familiar with a copy of "Hypothermia First Aid" (available from Water Safety NZ, also covered in "Safety in Small Craft").

Navigation Aids, Charts and Literature and Horn

Current marine charts should be carried and updated in either digital or hard copy form.

If in doubt about a buoy, marker, symbol, light, flag or what action to take, check charts or book immediately. A highly recommended reference is "Safety in Small Craft – by Mike Scanlan".

Vessel Seaworthiness

If your jetski is not in good condition or you suspect damage or rot etc, you are encouraged to have it marine surveyed. The jetski may fail the jetski inspection if the inspector doubts its sea worthiness.

Torch/Flashlight

The torch is to be independently powered for use in times when the boat's batteries have failed. We recommend spare bulbs stow the in the first aid kit. A second operational powerful torch is a better standby than a spare bulb and battery.

Compass

It is recommended that all vessels should carry a reliable compass for use in foggy or low visibility conditions. For jetski's a handheld compass is recommended.

VHF Radio, VHF Call Sign

A Marine VHF radio (hand held or fitted) is compulsory for all types of boats. Other boats are likely to hear a distress call over the radio (e.g. VHF channel 16), whilst mobile phones are limited to the person being called, effectively a "collective security". Call Signs are available from Coastguard Boating Education.

It is recommended you lodge trip reports with Coastguard using your VHF or the Coastguard App.

Club Pennant and Identification Stickers

Club Jetski's should display the club logo decal at all times when at sea once passed the Vessel Safety Check. Be proud of the club and the high level of safety at sea we represent.

OBC membership stickers should be placed on the left side of your car windscreen, Jetski, and trailer drawbar.

Tool Kit

All boats going to sea should carry a tool kit, spare fuses, spark plugs etc. Your type of boat will dictate your tool kit.

Refuelling

Club by laws and resource consent prohibit refuelling within the club boundaries apart from at the designated fuel jetty accessible only by water at the end of "B" pier.

Club House

The clubhouse and facilities are available to all Club members for your use. Please leave the clubhouse clean and tidy for others.

For safety reasons it is essential that you carry out regular maintenance on your Jetski and all its equipment.