

**RULES
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**CHAPTER 1660-02-10
RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING
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- (1) "Personal Watercraft" shall mean a vessel propelled by machinery which is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than being operated by a person sitting or standing inside the vessel. It shall include, but not be limited to, jet skis, wet bikes, waverunners, sea-dos, and similar craft.
- (2) No person shall operate a personal watercraft unless each person aboard is wearing a wearable personal flotation device as approved by the United States Coast Guard and in accordance with the approval label.
- (3) No person shall operate a personal watercraft between sunset and sunrise.
- (4) Personal watercraft shall not be operated in such a manner as to endanger life, limb, or property. Maneuvers such as, but not limited to, weaving through congested vessel traffic, jumping the wake of another vessel unreasonably or unnecessarily close to said vessel or when visibility around said vessel is obstructed, or riding unreasonably or unnecessarily close to ramps, docks, or the shore shall constitute unsafe or reckless operation.
- (5) Exemptions: the provision of these rules shall not apply to a person's participation in an event authorized by permit in accordance with T.C.A. § 69-10-211.

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