

## **Personal Watercraft (Jet-Ski) Code of Conduct**

### **Stay safe, Ride responsibly and Reduce your Impact**

**Observe these basic rules to make sure you stay safe on the water and have as little impact as possible on wildlife as possible**

- ⇒ Be considerate to other beach/water users and to local communities.
- ⇒ Be aware of and observe the national & local byelaws.
- ⇒ Park responsibly. Don't block access for emergency vehicles - don't leave vehicles parked on beaches.
- ⇒ Use defined open water access corridors where stated.
- ⇒ Do not exceed 6 knots within 200 metres of the shore.
- ⇒ Do not use watercraft near swimmers and other water users.
- ⇒ Avoid areas where fishermen's pots are visible.
- ⇒ Wear suitable clothing, a Personal Flotation device (PFD) and carry appropriate safety equipment.
- ⇒ Make sure you are adequately insured with at least public liability cover.
- ⇒ Take part in an approved training course for Personal Watercraft. (PWC)
- ⇒ Consider joining a club. It may provide access to training courses and local knowledge as well as a social network.
- ⇒ Be aware of nesting birds at launch and recovery sites and throughout your journey
- ⇒ Don't land on a beach or area where you may disturb wildlife who may be with their beach young or resting.
- ⇒ Slow down around marine wildlife and give them a wide berth of at least 200 metres.
- ⇒ Avoid the shallows other than at launch and recovery. The underwater seabed may be sensitive to erosion.
- ⇒ Dispose of rubbish or contaminants ashore in a proper facility

### **REPORT INCIDENTS**

**In an emergency call 999 or 112 and ask for the "Coast Guard"  
If you see any PWC rider acting irresponsibly , endangering other  
water users or wildlife,  
Call 999 or 112 and ask for the "Police/Gardai"**