

About Jetski Safaris

Jetski Safaris is the UK's largest Jet ski Training Centre which also conducts onboard RYA Jet ski Training for Superyacht Crew. Onboard Superyacht Training includes RYA Jet ski (PWC) Instructor Courses and consultancy services to assist with the setup of a Yacht as an RYA Training Centre.

Setting up as a Superyacht Jet ski Licence Training Centre

With the increase in Jet ski regulations worldwide and more specifically in the Mediterranean the ability to train and certify Crew, Owners and Guests onboard has aided the safe running of Jet ski operations onboard and reduced conflict with maritime authorities.

When successfully setup Superyachts are able to run the RYA Introduction to Jet ski (PWC) safety course which takes approximately 1 hour and certifies guests for the duration of their charter. The Certificates are widely recognised and have a range of languages on the back for quick interpretation by the authorities.

To become a RYA Training Centre a vessel specific RYA (PWC) Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and safety manual will need to be produced. Whilst putting this document together can be done by senior crew, many Yachts will choose to outsource this process to ourselves to save time and make sure they have a compatible document ready for their RYA Inspection.

We have staff which are very familiar with this process, consulting with the Yacht and efficiently running through the below process. Further information and consultancy services at : www.jetskiandpowerboattraining.co.uk

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Mediterranean and Europe

Country	Age Restrictions	Licence Required	Special Notes	Local Information (Downloadable link)
Croatia	16+	Yes	<p>The users must wear a buoyancy aid. Registration and insurance papers of the Jet ski must be available. The Jet ski driver and any passenger must be recorded onto a users list.</p> <p>Jet skis are prohibited in National Parks. The Jet ski driver must keep a distance of 300 meters from the shore. There is no speed limit outside of 300 meters. Idle speed must be maintained within 300m of shore.</p> <p>Each Jet ski must have a 'VIGNETA' (Croatian Permit). This will cost approximately 50 Euros for the permit and a further 50 Euros for local insurances.</p>	
Denmark	16+	Yes	<p>You must have a license for operating personal watercraft, and bring it when sailing.</p> <p>Do not operate within a 300-metre zone from the coast.</p> <p>A blood alcohol content of max. 0.5 promille.</p> <p>Life jackets or swim jackets must be available for everyone on board.</p> <p>The regulations for preventing collisions at sea apply also to personal watercraft.</p> <p>Observe local navigational regulations. within Danish sea territory.</p>	Link to Danish Maritime Authority

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France	16+	Yes	<p>The Jet ski driver must keep a distance of 300 meters from the shore. The Jet ski can only be used in daylight and not after 20:00</p> <p>The Jet ski must have "tender to..." written on it and can only be used in sight of the "Yacht"</p> <p>The users must wear a 50N buoyancy aid with a water activated light with a battery life of a minimum of 6 hours. (regulation issued in 2012)</p> <p>Carry: 1 towing device, Anchor, 1 x scoop/bucket/hand pump. 1 x watch.</p> <p>A light must be fitted to each PFD (day or night).</p>	
Gibraltar	18+	Yes	<p>The Jet ski driver must keep a distance 150 meters from shore, and a maximum speed limit of 5 knots within the port area.</p> <p>Jet skis must not be over 200hp and must not exceed 6m in length</p>	
Greece	16+	Yes	<p>The Jet ski driver must keep a distance of 500 meters from the shore when driving over 5 knots regardless of the presence of swimmers. and not exceed 5 knots within the port, until reaching the 300 meter border.</p> <p>Jet skis cannot be used between 1330 – 1800 hrs, in built up areas.</p> <p>Towing individuals using any type of Personal Water Craft, e.g. Jet Ski, for other water sports activities such as Water Ski, Water Sleds, Rings, etc., is strictly forbidden</p>	Safewatersports.com

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Holland		Yes	<p>Restricted to certain areas - marked by yellow buoys or signs stating E.22 or A.19. The speedlimit is 20km/h unless specified. By law you must have a licence, carry a first extinguisher, paddle (sit-downs), registration papers and wear a buoyancy aid. Your craft must have its identification (hull ID or T/T) clearly marked. There is mismatched information depending on the area as to whether you need to register the Jet ski and about carrying sections of "Bootalmansch" (local charts & regulations). Brielse Maas, Haringvliet, Oosterschelde and Westerschelde are open to Jet ski use. Jet ski use is banned in areas like Grevelingermeer.</p>	
Italy	18+	Yes (needs to be issued by EC Country)	<p>A distance of no less than 500 metres / 1 mile must be kept from any shore</p> <p>Strictly no Jet ski use is permitted near ferry routes, near the coast or beaches, near military bases, at the mouth of rivers, canals, and in the bathing prohibited areas, or in the reserves and other protected areas.</p> <p>In some areas there are further restrictions on the use of Jet skis, it is recommended to contact the Local harbour office or Guardia Costiera.</p> <p>Use in designated areas only</p>	

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Malta		Yes	<p>The PW and tender driver is required to hold a licence recognised by the Malta Maritime Authority, and covered by a policy of insurance with a third party.</p> <p>The PW driver must not exceed 10 knots whilst in a harbour, and keep a distance of 300 meters from the shore.</p> <p>This applies to driving craft with engines greater than those described below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Two Stroke inboard or outboard petrol engines of greater than 750cc 2. Four stroke petrol outboard greater than 1000cc 3. Four Stroke petrol inboard greater than 1300cc 4. Diesel Engines greater than 2000cc 5. ALL Engines of greater than 40.8 horsepower (30kw) At present PW's regulations are according to flag state. 	
Montenegro	18+	Yes	<p>All riders must have safety equipment onboard, wear a helmet, killcord and a buoyancy aid.</p> <p>Any tenders and jetskis that are used have to be issued a Vignette. A Vignette can only be issued to tenders/jetskis that have an individual certificate of registry and/or are listed in the yacht inventory list with full details and are covered by third party liability insurance which includes Montenegro (worldwide/Med/Adriatic coverage). Tenders listed as 'safety equipment' cannot be issued a Vignette.</p> <p>The Jet ski driver is required to hold a Jet ski licence, and any "minor" (under 18) must be accompanied by an adult possessing a Jet ski licence. In addition, must wear a</p>	

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Spain	18+, 16+ (need written consent by adult)	Yes	<p>Legal requirements:</p> <p>Registration to a Maritime Authority (or T/T mother vessel) is compulsory</p> <p>Public liability insurance</p> <p>Rider licence</p> <p>Licence, registration, insurance documents and updated payments must be kept onboard at all times.</p> <p>Each individual must carry government issued ID with them at all times</p> <p>Rider and passenger must wear certified buoyancy aids at all times</p> <p>The number of persons onboard must not exceed the maximum stated by the manufacturer</p> <p>Navigation rules:</p> <p>Do not use private Jet skis near Jet ski rental areas or regatta areas.</p>	

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<p>Balearic Islands (Mallorca, Menorca, Ibiza)</p>			<p>In addition to the generic Spanish regulations above, the Balearic islands have some additional byelaws:</p> <p>You must stay 200m offshore and 100m from any other vessel before exceeding 5 knots</p> <p>A method of communication must be carried at all times (i.e. mobile phone / VHF)</p>	

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Sardinia		Yes	<p>During the period from April to November the speed of all units that navigates within 500 meters from the coast, and 1.000 m from the beaches, cannot exceed 10 knots</p> <p>Jet skis must stay within a distance of 1000m from the base unit (meaning in this case the vessel to which they belong)</p> <p>3 knots during getting in and out of ports, docks or slides within 200m from the coast</p> <p>10 knots during navigation in the stretch of water included in 500 m, during the Summer season, or 300 m and 1000 m, during the rest of year.</p> <p>It is forbidden navigation in bathing areas within 200m from the coast</p> <p>It is forbidden navigation within the Maritime District of Alghero under the distance of 500 from the port</p> <p>It is forbidden navigation during night time and during bad weather condition</p>	MARITIME DISTRICT OF ALGHERO RULES & REGULATIONS;
Turkey	N/A	N/A	In addition to the generic Spanish regulations above, the Balearic islands have some additional byelaws:	

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Caribbean and Americas

Country	Age Restrictions	Licence Required	Special Notes	Local Information (Downloadable link)
Antigua & Barbuda	16+	Currently no regulations regarding training or licencing	<p>Jet ski use only allow in authorised areas:</p> <p>North side of Falmouth Harbour – by the mangroves but not near the marinas</p> <p>West Side of Antigua from Carlisle Bay to Dickenson Bay and Nonsuch Bay</p>	Link to Regulations Website

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Anguilla			Jet skis are not allowed	
Bahamas			<p>Buoyancy aids must be worn.</p> <p>Jet ski not to be within 200 ft from any shore and 100ft from any divers down flag.</p> <p>Boarding and disembarking ashore must only occurs in designated areas (Port Controller).</p> <p>Wake and wave jumping is prohibited.</p> <p>Keep an adequate distance from anchored vessels</p>	
Barbados	16+		<p>Restricted to locally registered craft.</p> <p>If pre-planned you are able to locally register the Yachts Jet skis which would then allow their legal use in Barbadian waters.</p> <p>Alternatively, local operators can hire out Jet skis to your vessel on a temporary basis.</p> <p>Jet skis not to be within 200m from any shore.</p>	Barbados Port Authority Regulations
British Virgin Islands			Jet skis are not allowed	

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Dominican Republic			Can be used in designated areas only	
Grenada			Jet skis are not allowed	
Saint Lucia			Stay more than 150m from shorelines and moored boats. No use inside Ports other than for transit purposes. Jet ski use is permitted in the areas surrounding large hotel locations: Rodney bay, Choc bay, Marigot bay and Castries. Restrictions around Marine Park areas (i.e. Soufriere)	SLASPA Link
St Barts	16+		Jet skis may only be used over 350m from any beach/shore	
St. Martin (St Maarten)			All harbours, bays, inland waters are closed to Jet skis when there is a warship, large yacht, passenger/cruise ship at anchor or moored in the area. Jet skis are prohibited in: Waters off the Eastern seaboard of St Maarten; including Oyster pond, Mullet pond, Flamingo pond, Man o War Shoal Marine Park.	
St Vincent & Grenadines			Jet skis are not allowed	

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US Virgin Islands	14 – 18 course required		<p>Any person between the ages of 14 to 18 who will operate and/or ride a personal watercraft must complete a safe boating course approved by the Department of Planning & Natural Resources and obtain their Boating Safety Education Card.</p> <p>The Virgin Island Boating Safety Education Card is proof that you have met the mandatory boat safety education requirements for the U.S Virgin Islands.</p>	Link to boaterexam.com
USA Florida	Area Specific	Area Specific	<p>Restricted areas:</p> <p>Jet ski are not allowed within three National Refuge Areas of the Lower Keys: Key Deer National Refuge, Great White Heron National Refuge, and the Key West Refuge. It is legal to operate Jet skis along the shoreline parallel to U. S. Highway One (“Overseas Highway”), for the purpose of allowing “transportation” from one point to the next. United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFW) regulates these areas - find more information on page 20 & 21 of this leaflet.</p> <p>General Rules:</p> <p>Each person operating, riding on, or being towed behind a personal watercraft must wear an approved non-inflatable Type I, II, III, or V personal flotation device. Inflatable personal flotation devices are prohibited.</p>	

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			<p>The operator of a jet ski must attach the engine cut off switch lanyard (if equipped by the manufacturer) to his/her person, clothing, or PFD.</p> <p>Jet skis may not be operated from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise.</p> <p>Manoeuvring a Jet ski by weaving through congested vessel traffic, jumping the wake of another vessel unreasonably close or when visibility around the vessel is obstructed, or swerving at the last possible moment to avoid collision is classified as reckless operation of a vessel (a first-degree misdemeanour).</p> <p>Each person operating or riding on a Jet ski must wear an approved Type I, II, III, or V personal floatation device. Inflatable personal floatation devices are prohibited. The operator of a personal watercraft must attach the engine cut off switch lanyard (if equipped by the manufacturer) to his/her person, clothing, or PFD.</p>	
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Rest of Word

Dubai	16+	?	<p>300m buffer zone around Dubai Marina, Umm Suqeim 1 and 2 and Jumeirah 2 and 3 to keep Jet ski out of swim zones.</p> <p>Operation within daylight hours only.</p>	Link to RTA.AE Website
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Egypt	?	no	The tender should carry registration and insurance details, but a licence is not required by the tender driver. No formal legislation is in place for use of Jet skis.	

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