



Marine Corps Base Hawaii Marina Ski Boat Rules

1. All boats are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.
2. Only operators 16 years of age (with a drivers' license) or over, licensed through this Marina may reserve and operate boats.
3. Reservations can be made up to 60 days in advance with a deposit of 1/2 the rental rate. This deposit is NONREFUNDABLE unless reservations are canceled before or no later than the close of business on the Wednesday prior. Reservations (without a deposit) are accepted no earlier than the Thursday prior to the desired rental date.
4. Reservations are held for 15 minutes only. If a patron is more than 15 minutes late for his/her reservation and has not called, they will be considered a "NO SHOW", the boat will be offered to the next patron, and all deposits will be lost. Three (3) "NO SHOW" violations will result in a thirty (30) day license suspension.
5. In variable weather conditions such as rainsqualls, waterspouts, thunderstorms or ANY other condition considered unsafe by the Marina Manager, ski boats will not be allowed out.
6. Ski boats are not allowed out during periods of poor visibility or rainsqualls. Should these conditions arise while you are out, return to the Marina or dock at the Ski Float until the condition passes. We reserve the right to recall our boats for safety reasons.
7. If the patron who is signing out the boat wishes to ski, a second licensed operator must show his/her license at the time of checkout.
8. The patron signing out the boat will be responsible for checking the condition of the boat, engine and all other equipment for damage before leaving the dock.
9. No more than six (6) people in the ski boat at any time. If you have more than six (6) people in your party, then you must shuttle the extra people out to the ski float.
10. When the ski boat is in operation, only five (5) people are allowed in the boat plus one (1) skier.
11. Minimum age of persons to be left on the ski float alone is sixteen (16) years old.
12. Only items designed to be towed by a ski boat may be used (i.e. no boogie boards, surfboards, etc).
13. No alcoholic beverages of any type or intoxicated personnel are allowed aboard MCCA ski boats (all coolers will be inspected).



14. At no time shall safety equipment be tampered with unless an actual emergency occurs.
15. Do not turn the boat around within the dock area. Back the boat out away from the pier until completely clear, then turn the boat around and proceed in the forward direction.
16. The speed limit for leaving or approaching the Marina area is "no wake." The Marina area begins at the "No Wake" buoy, which includes the buoy mooring area.
17. When changing from forward to reverse (or vice versa), you must pause in neutral for at least five (5) seconds. When varying speeds, do so at a slow and steady pace.
18. Don't operate the boat with any of the dashboard warning lights illuminated (i.e. Hot, No Oil, Low Oil or Check Engine).
19. The buoy mooring area is off limits and not for recreational boating.
20. Mooring area and reefs are off limits.
21. Sailboats and kayaks have the right of way at ALL times.
22. Standing in the ski boat while the boat is in operation is strictly prohibited. Do not sit on the bow or sides.
23. The ski boat must remain in sight of the Marina at all times.
24. After a skier falls, DO NOT MAKE A HIGH SPEED TURN. Push the throttle back to the first "click" and make a slow, wide counterclockwise turn. High-speed turns may cause propeller cavitations and result in serious damage to the engine and/or lower unit.
25. At no time will the operator (driver) of the boat turn around to watch the skier. The operator must watch in the direction of the ski boat at all times.
26. The skiing pattern in the ski area is counterclockwise. Under no circumstances will this pattern be changed.
27. All skiers must start at least two hundred (200) feet from any stationary object, including the ski float.
28. The person water-skiing must be able to swim and must wear a Coast Guard approved ski vest.
29. When the skier enters or exits the boat, it must be done using the swim step to the stern of the boat with the engine OFF.
30. Water skis/wakeboards will only be put on when both skis and the skier are in the water. The proper method is:
 - a. Adjust the heel all the way back.
 - b. Insert foot forward.
 - c. Adjust heel forward until snug.

DO NOT FORCE FEET INTO BOOT.



31. When putting the ski rope out, put the handle in the water then feed the line out slowly to prevent knots. Never throw the line out.
32. Do not shorten or tie knots in the ski rope.
33. Never put the engine in reverse when the ski rope is out.
34. While the boat is in operation, do not put ANYTHING near the engine.
35. Skiing within two hundred (200) feet of the ski float is prohibited. When the skier drops off, do not try to coast up to the ski float.
36. If you drop a ski to slalom, you do so at your own risk. If another boat runs over a ski, you are responsible for paying any damages.
37. The spotter must be at least thirteen (13) years of age.
38. The person acting as the spotter will sit in the seat provided or on the floorboard facing at the rear of the boat. The spotter will also control the ski rope to ensure it does not get near the propeller.
39. The spotter will raise a red flag or orange life vest whenever the skier falls and keep it raised until the skier is skiing or in the boat.
40. When you are down in the water and there are other boats in the area, hold one ski up so that other boats can spot you. MAKE YOURSELF VISIBLE.
41. In the case that the engine hits an object, reef or a line (ski rope, fishing, bow or stern) gets tangled in the prop, TURN THE ENGINE OFF. Under no circumstances is the engine to be started. If there is any damage and you run the engine, you'll only cause more. Wave, whistle or call for assistance, then wait for Marina personnel to arrive.
42. The skipper is responsible for all actions and safety of his/her crew/guest. Any discussion with Marina Staff concerning vessel operation will be conducted with the skipper ONLY.
43. If the HOT light becomes lit, turn off engine immediately, if the CHECK ENGINE light comes on, then reduce speed to no wake and return to the Marina immediately.
44. The patron must be back at the pier by the scheduled time of return. A late patron will be charged for operating time plus a \$10.00 late fee. A patron renting the boat in variable weather conditions will be responsible for returning the boat ON TIME.
45. All incidents and damage must be reported to the Marina Staff immediately upon return. The patron who signed for the equipment will pay for damage caused due to negligence.



46. Returning ski boats will return to the pier, the engine will be tilted up and inspected by the Marina Staff. All equipment will be rinsed and then returned to the Marina Counter Attendant. Any damage not noted when the boat was checked out becomes the responsibility of the patron who signed for the boat and equipment.
47. Any obvious display of poor seamanship which could endanger property, life or limb may result in automatic suspension or loss of license, i.e.:
 - a. Running aground
 - b. Failure to report any incident or damage
 - c. Operating in excessively shallow waters or dangerously close to reef, shoreline or buoy mooring area (within one hundred feet)
 - d. Inability to maneuver to or from the Marina without assistance
 - e. Operating in restricted waters
 - f. Disobeying Marina Staff instructions
 - g. Blatant unsafe or abusive operation
48. Never tow tubes at speeds in excess of 15 MPH
49. Follow all directions given by Marina Staff.
50. Violation of the aforementioned rules and procedures may result in suspension of a ski boat license.
51. Violation of three (3) or more of the aforementioned rules will result in a one (1) to six (6) months suspension or loss of license, to be determined by the Marina Manager.

