



CHELAN COUNTY ORDINANCE 7.20 WATERCRAFT RENTER LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The following is not a complete listing of all Washington State or local ordinance boating laws and regulations, rather a summary of the applicable rules that apply to boats and personal watercraft (PWC). Please take this time to become familiar with all the laws that apply to the type of watercraft that you are renting/leasing.

GENERAL RULES:

- Boats under sail and manually propelled boats generally have the right of way.
- Meeting head on: both boats should turn to the starboard right so that they will pass on the port left.
- Boat/PWC operation: do not operate a boat or PWC in such a manner that would endanger property, yourself, and others.

LOCAL ORDINANCES:

- Know the location of all no wake zones
 - All buoyed areas
 - Within a hundred yards of any shoreline or dock.
 - Within 100 ft of any other watercraft
- **DO NOT** operate a boat or PWC within a hundred feet of another watercraft unless both watercrafts are not traveling less than 5 mph.
- **DO NOT** jump the wake of another watercraft including another PWC within a hundred feet of that vessel. Do not go under the bridge in downtown Chelan, it could cause serious damage to the vessel and/or cause serious bodily harm.
- **Age restrictions:** it is unlawful for any minor under the age of 16 to operate a motor-driven boat PWC included unless:
 - Minor is 14 years of age or older and accompanied by an adult who is at least 18 years of age.
 - Minor is 10 years of age or older and the boat has an engine of 15 horsepower or less.
- **Identification:** operators of motor driven boats (PWC included) are required to carry photo ID when operating vessels on the Waters of Chelan County
- **Water skiing** is only permitted in Chelan County from sunrise to sunset. You must have a boat operator and qualified Safety Observer (not the same person) when pulling anything behind the boat or PWC and a skier down flag which must be used for skier safety.

BOAT LAWS & REGULATIONS:

- You must have a personal flotation device (PFD) which is in good condition, appropriate size, and easily accessible for each person on board.
- Children 12 years old and under must wear a PFD on any vessel less than 19 ft in length.
- It is illegal to exceed the maximum load capacity of your boat with people **or** equipment.
- Do not operate a boat under the influence of intoxicating liquor and/or drugs.

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT LAWS & REGULATIONS:

- A PWC is classified as a boat and must follow the same laws as other boats.
- PWC operators must be familiar with the operation of the PWC.
- You must wear a coast guard-approved PFD
- You may not operate a PWC between sunset and sunrise
- You may not operate a PWC while towing a person on water skis, kneeboard, inflatable craft, or any other device unless the PWC is rated by the manufacturer to carry at least three persons, and an operator and an observer are aboard the PWC.
- You may only tow one person behind a 3-seater PWC.

(PRINTED NAME)

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