



Tuna Club of Tasmania Fishing Rules for PWC For Fishing Competitions and Rally's

Personal water craft are classified as a motor boat under the Marine and Safety (Motor Boats and License's) By-laws 2013

Safety Regulations

Must ensure that all competing PWC are equipped with safety equipment as required by the state authority MAST and is up to date for open waters.

All entry forms for events contain a checklist of MAST required safety items that must be checked off from a committee member.

PWC is equipped with a waterproof "Safety Grab Bag" that contains an EPIRB, a set of flares (2 red hand-held and 2 hand held smoke signals and 2 parachute flares) to the MAST standard and a hand-held VHF radio.

These grab bags should be in a prominent position on the PWC that is easily accessible.

All PWC are to be equipped with a tow line, fire extinguisher (1x 0.75kg with 5BE Rating), Hand held compass, box cutter or knife to be kept in close reach of the angler, and VHF radio, capable of contacting Tuna Base at Pirates Bay, or relay via Tas Maritime Radio or Another Vessel.

VHF skeds are 10 past the hour on channel 73. PWC must give location and number of fish caught after they have been called. After TAS MARITIME has called on the sked and still no response then all PWC must stop fishing until PWC is found. Once found and then that PWC is deemed to have faulty VHF and must return to base with buddy.

As soon as radio is deemed faulty then PWC must return to base (Cannot use one radio per buddy system)

All PWC riders must wear PFD 1 mast requirement and in high vis colour.

PWC is to carry extra fuel.

PWC requires an apartment to put the fish in.

If fish is too large for compartment you must either off load to support boat or return back to Tuna base and off load fish to land must stay with your buddy at all times. (Please see buddy System below)

PWC can only be operated from sunrise to sunset.



Number of Rods and Maximum Line Class

Max two rods per ski (Includes hand lines or teasers)

Maximum line class is no greater than 15Kg.

Weather Conditions

Winds no greater than 10-15 knots.

Seas no greater than 1.5 meters.

Fishing areas for PWC are from The Sisters (North of Pirates Bay) to the lighthouse on Tasman Island.

This area is weather dependent which the Tuna Club will decide on the day.

Support Boat

Support boats needs to be within eye sight at all times.

Support boat has to have capability to take on an extra two passengers if needed.

Have the capacity to tow PWC's if required.

Buddy System

2 PWC to team up as buddies.

Must stay in 100 meters radius of each other at all times.

Must keep line of sight at all times.

If one jet ski is hooked up the other must stop fishing and be on standby in case of emergency.