

LAKE PIRU RECREATION AREA

PWC GUIDELINES



Name	PWC Rules, Regulations, Requirements & Program Guidelines	
Approval Authority	General Manager	Adopted: 04/25/2023
Responsible Executive	Chief Park Ranger	Revised:
Responsible Office	Park & Recreation	Contact: Bernard Riedel Jr.

Pursuant to the United Water Conservation District's Board of Directors' action, the use of personal watercrafts (PWC) on Lake Piru, the following rules and regulations shall govern and dictate the use of PWC's on Lake Piru. Authority to administer the use of PWC's on Lake Piru is granted to the Chief Park Ranger through the General Manager.

Park Rangers are authorized to enforce these rules and regulations, along with California boating safety regulations. PWC's will be charged the regular daily boat launching rate of \$14 per vehicle towing personal watercraft, and \$8 per vessel (PWC) to launch.

Personal Watercraft Rules for Lake Piru

- Speed Limit 35 mph.
- Must observe all 5 mph zones; including the Marina and the Narrows at the north end of the reservoir.
- Must Operate in a Counterclockwise rotation.
- Not allowed in swim beaches.
- Not allowed to be operated between sunset and sunrise.
- Not allowed within 5 mph buoy line at the Santa Felicia Dam.
- Not allowed within 5 mph buoy line at Santa Felicia cove.
- No more than 20 PWC's permitted on the water at time. (However, the Chief Park Ranger may restrict this to fewer based on lake levels, parking conditions and safety concerns).
- Must wear a United States Coast Guard Approved PFD at all times.
- Must observe all boating regulations associated with United Water Ordinance 15-Rules and Regulations of Lake Piru.
- Must observe all California boating rules, regulations and laws.
- All operators under the age of 45 years old must provide proof of possession of a California Boater ID card.
- No person under the age of 16 may operate a PWC, unless a person who is at least 18 years is on board, and be attached to PWC's lanyard engine cutoff device. CA H&N 658.5(a).
- It is illegal to operate a PWC from sunset to sunrise CA H&N 655.7(d).
- Operation within 100 feet of a bather, and within 200 feet of a beach, passenger landing area CA H&N 665.2.
- All persons aboard a personal watercraft, or being towed behind a vessel, must wear a Type I, II, III, or V US Coast Guard – approved Life Jacket (Note: Inflatables not allowed) CA H&N 658.3(c).
- US Coast Guard – approved Fire Extinguisher on board and readily accessible. CA Harbors and Navigation CCR Title 14, Section 6569.

- A PWC is required to be equipped with a manufacturer lanyard-type engine cutoff switch, which must be attached to the operator of the PWC CA H&N 655.7 (a)
- PWC operators must operate in a reasonable and prudent manner. Maneuvers which are unreasonable and unnecessary include: CA H&N 655.7 (c).
- Alteration of a self-circling or throttle device installed by manufacturer, which causes PWC from operating in its intended manner, is prohibited. CA H&N 655.7(b).