

Check list new ski owners

Overview	
Insurance	Check various Insurance Companies
Lifejacket(s)	Know the difference between a 50N and a 150N Rating
New trailer's have 3 year WOF	<p>It pays every few months to check wheel bearings. Perhaps spray silicone on top of bearers at the same time.</p> <p>For security purposes - Buy trailer lock pin for use above tow ball (or other means of security)</p>
"Personal Watercraft Registration"	Administered by Harbourmaster's Office. 09 362 0397
Flushing	Can run freshwater only through motor but most people use product (for instance Saltaway) in a dispensing unit with freshwater after ski has been used. (Buy a dispenser)
Batteries maintenance	Batteries are likely to stay in condition if you use an appropriate charger that maintains good condition.
Fish Finder	<p>Set your fish finder to NOT automatically start if it has that function.</p> <p>Covers for fish finder are an optional extra of \$70</p>
Ski Care	Treat the hull of your ski with care. Avoid rocky beaching's, quietly ease onto sandy beaches.
Running in new ski	Know your running in plan for new Jet Ski.
Launching/Riding	<p>Read and understood the 11 Riding Instructions per laminated card that comes with the manual.</p> <p>When launching keep hands clear of winch mechanism and avoid placing feet, body or hands in any pinch points. Your body between ski and trailer is a pinch point. Avoid riding ski onto trailer until you are experienced enough to know pit falls of this.</p> <p>You may choose to have a light tow rope aboard and if you ever needed towing ask them to tow at only say 5 mph to avoid forcing water into engine when it is not running. (Never run your engine when a rope is under or near the jet unit.)</p> <p>You may find a sand bag or anchor of use when launching and retrieving on a beach.</p>

	<p>Do you need :</p> <p>A rope to act as a leash when launching.</p> <p>Water proof mat for under drivers (and passengers?) feet</p> <p>Waterproof cover for cell phone.</p> <p>Water proof cover over VHF radio.</p> <p>Get used to your ski riding one up first then later add a passenger. Master the ski before you try and start fishing from it.</p>
Towing	In the event of the need to have your ski towed on the water limit towing speed to 5 knots.
Servicing	After 10 hours an initial service is required. But read your manual re servicing. (100 hours or 12 months)

Preparing to go out	
Attaching Trailer	<p>Tow bar handle down on tow ball, pin in place. Drawbar safety chain on Lights connected and working Jockey wheel and pin in place or in vehicle Winch rope under tension Ski safety chain secured</p>
Before Leaving home	<p>Briefly start and stop ski. Seats back in place as ski has been aired Is there anything under in rear seat storage that needs attention. No breakable drink bottles etc in front storage. Ensure Rear ratchet tie down is above moveable part of Jet Unit. Avoid tying over top of ski as will mark it. Both bungs firmly in place Fuel tank full with Regular Petrol Lanyard in place or in glove box Remote Electronic Locks location and ON/OFF</p> <p>NOTE: If lanyard ever lost at sea can hold button up or jam something under it</p> <p>Check your phone and VHF radio are fully charged Check you know how to use VHF and that it works.</p>
Before departing ramp	<p>Sunglasses on lanyard and around neck Car keys (In zip lock bag?) into water tight storage. (You may choose to store electronic remote in special pouch.) Pull the nose of the ski around as opposed to pulling on the rear of the ski as you do not want to get material into the jet unit.</p> <p>If concerned wobble the rear of ski to wash out sand. Don't start ski with anyone in the water close to the ski. Push out to adequate depth of water then start and only idle the first 200 to 300 metres. Refer pages 20 & 21 Safety lanyard attached to you (Wrist!). Jet skis only steer if there is throttle applied. Don't pull the throttle in as starting the engine. Refer Pages 7 & 8 of your Riding Practice Guide Practice slow manoeuvring Keep well away from swimmers.</p>

When Retrieving your Ski	<p>If in doubt walk the ski nose first onto sand</p> <p>Trailer winch rope can be pulled out in advance when trailer has been backed into water.</p> <p>You can ride ski onto a bearer type trailer but in early days use the winch to pull it on.</p> <p>Secure safety chain onto front of ski at earliest possible time. After pulled up on flat secure straps on rear of ski and run motor for say 15 seconds to clear any water from exhaust system</p>
Clean up	<p>Rinse rear car wheels, ski and trailer with fresh water.</p> <p>Remove seats and sit in safe place where will not be damaged. (Preferably leave off or lifted slightly to allow ventilation/drying inside hull.</p> <p>Spray inside of motor. A rinse, not a drowning of water.</p> <p>Bungs out and let water flow out. May be necessary to rise front of trailer bar in controlled manner. Bungs back in.</p> <p>Later optional light spray of CRC or similar.</p> <p>Discuss with others as to what they do.</p>
Flushing Engine	<p>Have hose connected BUT ensure tap is NOT turned on. Start Ski motor. Turn tap on. 1 to 2 minutes then turn tap OFF. Then turn motor off.</p> <p>If using Saltaway attach flushing mechanism</p>