



PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (PWC) RULES, REGULATIONS, REQUIREMENTS & PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Pursuant to the June 26 approval of a 90 day pilot program, which was then extended through September 2016, authorizing the use of Personal Watercraft (PWC) on Lake Piru, the following rules and regulations shall govern and dictate the use of PWCs on Lake Piru. Park Service Officers are authorized to enforce these rules and regulations. PWCs will be charged the regular daily boat launching rate of \$13 per vehicle towing personal watercraft and \$13 per vessel (PWC) to launch.

PWC Rules Lake Piru Specific

- Speed Limit 35 mph
- Must observe all 5 mph zones; including coves, 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
- No more than 50 PWCs permitted on the water at one time
- Must wear a Personal Floatation Device at all times

Additional PWC Requirements (CA State Laws)

- 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)
- It is illegal to operate a PWC 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: Inflatable's not allowed) CA H&N 658.3(c)
- PWC must have a 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)
 - Jumping, or attempting to jump a wake within 100 feet of another vessel
 - Turning sharply as to spray another vessel, or person
 - Unsafe or reckless operation which requires another vessel to turn sharply to avoid collision
- 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)



PARKS MANAGEMENT COMPANY (PMC) IMPLEMENTATION OF GUIDELINES

1. PMC will initially charge the same as a boat fee for each PWC. That fee is \$13 per vessel. However, PMC plans to work with UWCD in the immediate future to evaluate an increase of the PWC fee to \$20.00. The proposed increase would be implemented after UWCD approval and pursuant to state review. The increase in fees is a result of PMC's evaluation that the cost of authorizing PWC requires greater labor costs to manage and the additional fees would cover the additional expenses. These expenses include the costs associated with monitoring the number of PWCs allowed at Lake Piru and the unidentified costs associated with post inspection/decontamination efforts. Furthermore, PMC believes the expected demand for PWC use warrants a higher fee.
2. Tracking the number of PWCs will be accomplished by a monitoring program as follows:
 - A. Each PWC entering the Lake Piru Facility will be issued a reusable sequentially numbered tag (Launch Tag) indicating their launch position. PWCs with numbers 1-50 will be allowed immediate access to the lake, PWCs with numbers greater than 50 will enter a waiting queue and be allowed access to launch as a PWC exits the lake (One Out/One In).
 - B. Since we do not have the capability at Lake Piru to have a long waiting line of PWCs at the front entrance, the waiting queue will be the North-West section of the parking lot (immediately south of the temporary Ranger Station). Vehicles towing PWCs will line up in that area and wait to be notified that it is their turn to launch.
 - C. On days when there is a waiting line for PWCs, PMC will have staff stationed at the launch ramp to monitor lake access. Vessels will arrive at the launch ramp and be required to present their Launch Tag before they are admitted to the lake. The PMC Launch Ramp Staff will be responsible for always having a correct count of the number of PWCs that are currently on the lake and they will assure the allowable number is not exceeded. When a PWC exits the lake, the next PWC in the queue will be notified and allowed access to the lake.
3. As described above, PWCs will be issued Launch Tags that are unique.
4. Initially, marketing will be conducted only through our webpage, social media and flyers given to recreationists at Pyramid Lake. If it is determined that more marketing is necessary and advisable, we will explore other media such as newspaper ads, etc.
5. PMC is willing and will make itself available to work with UWCD regarding post inspection and decontamination efforts.



FEE SCHEDULE

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Current Fees	Proposed Fee Increase
\$13 per Vessel Per Day \$13 per vehicle Per day	Up to \$20 per vessel per Day \$13 per vehicle per day

****PROPOSED INCREASE IS AT THE REQUEST OF PARKS MANAGEMENT COMPANY IN AN EFFORT TO OFFSET ADDITIONAL COSTS RESULTING FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM INCLUDING STAFFING & MATERIALS****