

Rule No. (3) of 2008
Governing
Use and Licensing of Jet Skis in the Emirate of Dubai

We, H.H. Hamdan Bin Mohamed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, crown prince of Dubai and chairman of Dubai Executive Council.

After learning of Law No. (3) of 2003 on enactment of establishing Dubai Executive Council,

Law No. (17) of 2005 on enactment of establishing Roads & Transportation Authority (RTA),

Law No. (18) of 2006 on enactment of Management and Realization of Public Funds of the Government of Dubai,

Executive Council's Resolution No. (8) of 2006 on enactment of establishing associations affiliate to Roads and Transportation Authority and approval of the organizational and regulatory structure of such associations,

And

Local Decree No. (4) of 1998 on enactment of censorship on use and rent of jet ski in Emirate of Dubai.

Therefore, we hereby issue the below-mentioned Rule:

Article (1)

This Rule shall be entitled as "**Rule governing use and licensing of jet skis in the Emirate of Dubai No. () of 2008**".

Article (2)

Unless otherwise specified or where the context otherwise requires, the following words and phrases shall have their respective meanings as assigned to them:

State: United Arab Emirates

Emirate: Emirate of Dubai

Authority (RTA): Roads and Transportation Authority

Association (MTA): RTA Marine Transport Association

Administration in charge: Association's Registration and Licensing Department

Jet Ski: Any maritime mechanically-run or steam-driven vehicle, capable of floating and penetrating water for the use of individuals.

Article (3)

The Rule governing the use and licensing of jet skis in the emirate of Dubai prohibits any natural person or corporate body to use or practice the business of renting jet skis without obtaining a prior permit from the RTA, within the maritime areas specified by the RTA. Jet skis could be used in any maritime zone specified by the RTA, if they were licensed by a competent body in any emirate of the UAE

Article (4)

The Jet Ski driver must comply with the following:

- 1- The driver of the Jet Ski shall not be of less than 14 years of age, unless escorted by a custodian or a qualified coach.
- 2- The jet ski driver has the mental and physical strength to drive these jet skis.
- 3- The jet ski driver shall also be knowledgeable in operating and driving these jet skis.
- 4- The jet ski driver shall wear the specified clothing including a life jacket.
- 5- The jet ski driver shall comply with safety stipulations and requirements, herein determined in the conditions and specifications provided for in the Rule.

Based on the aforementioned, the rental offices have to verify that the jet ski users shall meet the herein above mentioned qualifications.

Article (5)

The jet ski that shall obtain license in conformity with the Rule conditions and specifications shall be hereby registered at the MTA.

Article (6)

The license holder shall provide comprehensive insurance coverage of the jet ski against accidents and civil liability from one of the licensed insurance companies in the Emirate.

Article (7)

The validity of the license shall be two years for individual use of jet skis, and one year for practicing the business of renting jet skis by companies and rental offices. The license is renewable for similar periods under the same terms and conditions, provided the renewal application is submitted to the concerned department within 30 days of the date of license expiry

Article (8)

The license holder shall, before abdicating or dealing in the license by any means, notify the competent authority.

Article (9)

The concerned department in the MTA may issue temporary permits to jet skis taking part in Jet Ski races in conformity with the measures which the Rule conditions and specifications shall hereby determine

Article (10)

Areas within which the use and renting of jet skis is permitted should be specified, along with the conditions to be provided at the specified locations for practicing this business in accordance with the conditions and specifications of the Rule.

Article (11)

The RTA, in return of the herein mentioned services, shall receive the fees hereunder mentioned in Schedule No. (1), annexed hereby.

Article (12)

1. Any person violates the terms and provisions of this Rule or its Implementation Chart, without violating any stricter penalty stated by another regulation, shall be subject to and come under the penalties hereunder mentioned in Schedule No. (2) and Schedule No. (3), annexed hereof. Fines prescribed for the herein mentioned penalty shall be tripled in the event in which the penalty shall occur for the forth time and frequently within a year.
2. The RTA in coordination with concerned local authorities and departments shall have the right to take one or more of the herein below mentioned procedures against the one in violation of the Rule:
 - A. To temporarily or permanently suspend the trade license.
 - B. To close the rental office.

Article (13)

1. The MTA shall have the authority to draw up the conditions and instructions necessary for monitoring, surveillance and inspection of rental offices of jet skis, along with their locations and jet skis fleet so as to verify their compliance with the conditions and specifications provided for in the Rule.
2. The MTA employees shall be entitled to act in the capacity of judicial administrators in establishing actions and offences in breach of conditions and specifications provided for in the Rule. The MTA employees shall be entitled also to have the right to edit required arrest warrants, tickets and shall further seek the help of police officers and coast guards

Article (14)

Fees and fines stipulated in the aforementioned Rule shall be paid to the RTA's safe.

Article (15)

Owner of jet ski rental office shall have the right to file a complaint in objection of the penalty within two weeks of notice by virtue of a petition that shall be submitted to Grievance Committee that the MTA shall found for such a purpose. The Committee shall make a decision in the complaint within 15 days of its submission.

Article (16)

Owners of the jet ski that shall be subject to the hereof provisions shall conform with the terms and provisions of this Rule within two months maximum of the issuing date.

Article (17)

RTA chairman and executive manager shall issue the Rule Implementation Chart that shall specify terms, conditions and specifications required to register and licensing the jet ski, further with the alike hereof mentioned in such Rule.

Article (18)

Local Decree No.(4) of 1998 on the enactment of censorship of the use and rent of jet ski in Emirate of Dubai shall be made null and void as any other content in another regulation that shall contradict the terms and provisions of this Rule.

Article (19)

Such a Rule shall be published in the official newspaper and shall be effective since date of publishing.

signature

Hamdan Bin Mohamed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum
Crown prince of Dubai
Chairman of Dubai Executive Council.

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Schedule No. (1)
Schedule of Fees

S. N.	Statement	Fees Amount
1	Issuing/ renewing license for jet skis rental offices	Dhs. 5000
2	Licensing/ renewing registration of jet skis owned by individuals	Dhs. 500
3	Licensing/ renewing registration of jet skis owned by rental offices	Dhs. 3000
4	Licensing/ renewing license for a coach in rental office	Dhs. 1000
5	Technical testing of jet skis	Dhs. 200
6	Technical testing of racing jet skis	Dhs. 500

Schedule No. (2)**Fines and Offences related to Jet Ski Users**

S. N.	Kind of Offence	1st measure	2nd measure	3rd measure
1	Driving unregistered jet ski	Dhs. 500 + impounding the jet ski for two weeks	Dhs. 1000 + impounding the jet ski for one month	Dhs. 1500 + impounding the jet ski till registration license shall be issued
2	Not wearing a life jacket	Dhs. 200	Dhs. 400	Dhs. 600
3	Driving outside the specified areas	Dhs. 500	Dhs. 1000	Dhs. 1500 + impounding the jet ski for one month
4	Driving rashly, and paying no attention or care while driving	Dhs. 500	Dhs. 1000	Dhs. 1500
5	Driving a jet ski with a registered license expired since more than a month	Dhs. 200	Dhs. 400 + impounding the jet ski for two weeks	Dhs. 600 + impounding the jet ski till renewing the license
6	Exceeding jet ski capacity	Dhs. 500	Dhs. 1000 + impounding the jet ski for one week	Dhs. 1500 + impounding the jet ski for two weeks
7	Driver of jet ski is under legal age or not escorted by a custodian	Dhs. 200	Dhs. 400 + impounding the jet ski for one week	Dhs. 600 + two-impounding the jet ski for two weeks
8	Not complying with driving jet ski in the specified time	Dhs. 500	Dhs. 1000 + impounding the jet ski for one week	Dhs. 1500 + impounding the jet ski for one week
9	Use of jet ski for purposes other than those which jet ski was designed for	Dhs. 300	Dhs. 600 + impounding the jet ski for one week	Dhs. 900 + impounding the jet ski for two weeks
10	Black smoke emissions of jet ski motor	Dhs. 300	Dhs. 600 + impounding the jet ski for one week	Dhs. 900 + impounding the jet ski for two weeks
11	DUI/ DWI/ OUI /OWI/ OUIL, or drunk driving of jet ski	Dhs. 500 + impounding the jet ski for one week	Dhs. 1000 + impounding the jet ski for two weeks	Dhs. 1500 + one-impounding the jet ski for one month

Schedule No. (3)

Fines and Offences related to Jet Ski Rental Offices

S. N.	Kind of offences	1st measure	2nd measure	3rd measure
1	Practicing the business of renting without license	Dhs. 2000	Dhs. 4000	Dhs. 6000
2	Not registering/ renewing jet ski license one month after it is expired.	Dhs. 300 + impounding the jet ski for one week	Dhs. 600 + impounding the jet ski for tow weeks	Dhs. 900 + impounding the jet ski till registration license shall be issued
3	Not renewing the coach's license	Dhs. 200	Dhs. 400	Dhs. 600
4	Unavailability of guide signs and maps for specified areas in rental offices	Dhs. 200	Dhs. 400	Dhs. 600
5	Renting jet ski for underage individual	Dhs. 500	Dhs. 1000	Dhs. 1500
6	Not complying with areas determined for practicing the business of renting	Dhs. 2000 + suspension of practicing the business in the unlicensed area	Dhs. 4000 + impounding the jet ski for one week	Dhs. 6000 + impounding the jet ski for tow weeks
7	Taking no registered record of jet ski legal documents, names of coaches, names of users and their personal data	Dhs. 1000 + registering documents within a week	Dhs. 2000 + registering documents within a week	Dhs. 3000 + registering documents within a week
8	Jet ski board is not fixed or clear	Dhs. 100 + impounding the jet ski till the board shall be fixed	Dhs. 200 + impounding the jet ski till the board shall be fixed	Dhs. 300 + impounding the jet ski till the board shall be fixed
9	Allowing drivers driving jet skis without wearing life jackets, and its unavailability in the rental areas	Dhs. 500	Dhs. 1000 + impounding the jet ski for one week	Dhs. 1500 + impounding the jet ski for tow weeks
10	Non- immediate suspension of rash drivers	Dhs. 500	Dhs. 1000 + impounding the jet ski for one week	Dhs. 1500 + impounding the jet ski for tow weeks

S. N.	Kind of offences	1st measure	2nd measure	3rd measure
11	Exceeding the jet ski capacity	Dhs. 500	Dhs. 1000 + impounding the jet ski for one week	Dhs. 1500 + impounding the jet ski for tow weeks
12	Performing maintenance of jet skis in the rental areas	Dhs. 500	Dhs. 1000 + impounding the jet ski for one week	Dhs. 1500 + impounding the jet ski for tow weeks
13	Use of jet ski for purposes other than those the jet ski was designed for.	Dhs. 500	Dhs. 1000 + impounding the jet ski for tow weeks	Dhs. 1500 + impounding the jet ski for tow weeks
14	Smoke emission	Dhs. 500 + suspending the jet ski for one week	Dhs. 1000 + suspending the jet ski for one week	Dhs. 1500 + suspending the jet ski for one week
15	DUI/ DWI/ OUI /OWI / OUIL, or drunk driving of jet ski	Dhs. 1000 for the company + user is suspended	Dhs. 2000 for the company + user is suspended	Dhs. 3000 for the company + user is suspended