

Section 7 PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (PWCs) (11/06)

- 4-7-1 Personal Watercraft shall mean a vessel, propelled by a water jet pump or other machinery as its primary source of motor propulsion, which is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than being operated in the conventional manner by a person sitting or standing inside the vessel. [323 CMR 4.02]
- 4-7-2 Personal watercraft operations within the Town of Truro shall be governed by the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 90B, Section 9A; No person shall operate a jet ski, surf jet or wet bike (a) on the waters of the Commonwealth unless the person is sixteen (16) years of age or older; (b) within one hundred fifty feet of a swimmer, shore or moored vessel, except at headway speed; (c) on waters of the Commonwealth of less than seventy-five (75) acres; (d) without wearing an approved personal floatation device; or (e) between sunset and sunrise. For the purposes of this section, the term "headway speed" shall mean the slowest speed at which a personal watercraft, jet ski, surf jet or wet bike can be operated and maintain steerage way. In addition, the following regulations shall apply;
- 4-7-3 Operation of personal watercraft is prohibited within or from the Pamet River and Pamet Harbor, except that personal watercraft may use the marked channels of the Pamet River only from the launching ramp through the jetties as a means to exit or enter the Pamet Harbor. There will be absolutely no wake in the anchorage or mooring area. Speed will not exceed 5 mph, or the minimum speed required for steerage, from the entrance jetties, throughout the channel and inner harbor.
- 4-7-4 Personal watercraft shall be launched only from the public ramp at Pamet Harbor. (Before the initial launch, operator to receive copy of regulations, for which he/she will sign.)
- 4-7-5 Personal watercraft are prohibited on Town-owned beaches.
- 4-7-6 Buffer Zone: Except for traveling directly from its launch point to the ¼ mile limit, and except for returning directly from that limit, no personal watercraft shall be operated within ¼ mile of the shoreline of Truro (as measured from mean low water).
- 4-7-7 Operation of personal watercraft is prohibited in the waters of the Town of Truro within the boundaries of the [Cape Cod National Seashore](#) as set forth in Public Law 87-126, dated 7 August 1961, and as most recently surveyed by the U. S. Department of the Interior.
- 4-7-8 A personal watercraft may be operated on the waters described above for the purpose of enforcement, search and rescue, training, or other emergency, provided it is under the direction of a duly authorized federal, state or local law enforcement or emergency response agency.
- 4-7-9 Criminal complaint. Any violation of this Bylaw shall be punishable by a fine as established in Appendix A for each offense. Each day on which a violation occurs or continues shall be deemed a separate offense, subject to the penalties stated herein.