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## **Regulations under the *Marine Act***

I, JOHN CHRISTOPHER ANICTOMATIS, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, make the following regulations under the *Marine Act*.

Dated 1 August 2002.

J. C. ANICTOMATIS  
Administrator

By His Honour's Command

K. VATSKALIS  
Minister for Transport and Infrastructure

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\* Notified in the *Northern Territory Government Gazette* on 7 August 2002.

**AMENDMENTS OF MARINE (PLEASURE CRAFT) REGULATIONS**

**1. Definitions**

Regulation 3 of Marine (Pleasure Craft) Regulations is amended –

- (a) by inserting after the definition of "operator" the following:

" 'personal floatation device' means a buoyancy aid that is worn on the body;

'personal water craft' means a water jet engine powered craft designed to be ridden on rather than in;";

- (b) by omitting "breadth." from the definition of "'V' distress sheet" and substituting "breadth;"; and

- (c) by adding at the end the following:

" 'water skier' means a person who is engaging in water skiing or a similar activity.".

**2. Minimum safety standards for pleasure craft or tender**

Regulation 4 of the Marine (Pleasure Craft) Regulations is amended –

- (a) by omitting from subregulation (2)(a) "jet ski,"; and

- (b) by omitting subregulation (2)(b) and substituting the following:

"(b) a sailing boat under 5 metres or with permanently closed hulls, or a personal water craft, where persons on or in the boat or craft are wearing approved personal floatation devices; and".

**3. New Part and Part heading**

The Marine (Pleasure Craft) Regulations are amended by inserting after regulation 5 the following:

**"PART III – WATER SKIERS AND PERSONAL WATER CRAFT**

**"5A. Water skiers**

"A water skier must wear an approved personal floatation device.

Penalty: 5 penalty units.

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**"5B. Ski observer**

"(1) The operator of a pleasure craft must not use it to tow a water skier unless there is in the craft with the operator a person who is responsible for watching the skier at all times and relaying the signals of the water skier to the operator.

"(2) The owner of a pleasure craft must not permit the craft to be used to tow a water skier unless there is in the craft with the operator a person who is responsible for watching the skier at all times and relaying the signals of the water skier to the operator.

"(3) A water skier must not permit himself or herself to be towed by a pleasure craft unless there is in the craft with the operator a person who is responsible for watching the skier at all times and relaying the signals of the water skier to the operator.

Penalty: 10 penalty units.

**"5C. Automatic engine cut out**

"(1) The owner of a personal water craft must not use the craft or permit the craft to be used unless it is fitted with an automatic engine cut out that is connected to a hand lanyard.

Penalty: If the offender is a natural person – 20 penalty units.

If the offender is a body corporate – 100 penalty units.

"(2) A person must not operate a personal water craft unless –

(a) it is fitted with an automatic engine cut out that is connected to a hand lanyard; and

(b) the hand lanyard is securely attached to the operator.

Penalty: 20 penalty units.

"(3) In this regulation –

'automatic engine cut out' means a device designed to stop the motor of a personal water craft in the event that the person who is operating it falls off.

**"PART IV – BOATING INSPECTORS AND OTHER MATTERS".**