

Jet-ski riders and water-skiers

As the summer season is upon us, Jersey Coastguard would like to promote the following safety advice for those who enjoy the challenge and speed of water-skiing and jet-skiing.

CHECK THE **WEATHER FORECAST** AND SWELL CONDITIONS

The Shipping forecast can be obtained from the following sources:

- Jersey Met website
- Ports of Jersey website
- Radio and television



CHECK THE **TIDE**

- Times of high and low water

ENSURE YOU HAVE **SUITABLE EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING**

- Life jacket
- Wet-suit
- Sun cream
- Sunglasses
- Warm clothing for after your activity



CHECK YOUR **EQUIPMENT** TO ENSURE IT IS IN GOOD WORKING ORDER

- Service the engine, check the expiry/service dates of all safety equipment, eg flares
- Know the limitations of your vessel

BE AWARE OF OTHER **WATER USERS**

- Ensure you are clear of the designated swimming areas
- Do not exceed 5 knots within 200 metres of the waters edge
- Be familiar with the Harbours (Inshore Safety) (Jersey) Regulations 2012 and associated Directions and SOLAS V (www.ports.je)

TELL SOMEONE ASHORE OF YOUR INTENTIONS AND/OR DESTINATION

- Advise family or friends of your intentions, ie type of activity, where you are and expected duration

KNOW WHAT TO DO IN AN **EMERGENCY**

- Know how to handle currents and to signal for help
- Ensure you are able to manage a capsize situation

If there are any concerns over safety whilst in and around the marine environment, don't hesitate to contact Jersey Coastguard Tel: 447705 and VHF channel 82



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