

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 *Port of Jersey Website *Radio & 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 e.g. 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 5kts within 200 metres of the waters edge *Familiarisation of the Harbours (Inshore Safety) (Jersey) Regulations 2012 and associated Directions and SOLAS V – www.portofjersey.je

TELL SOMEONE ASHORE OF YOUR INTENTIONS AND/OR DESTINATION

*Advise family or friends of your intentions i.e. type of activity, where you are doing your activity *Expected duration of activity

KNOW WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY

*Know how to handle currents & to signal for help *Ensure you are able to manage a capsized situation

If there are any concerns over safety whilst in and around the marine environment don't hesitate to contact Jersey Coastguard Tel: 447705 & VHF ch82