



# MCRD SAN DIEGO PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RULES (WAVE RUNNERS)

MCRD Boathouse Phone Number (619) 524-5269

**Applies to:** Personal Watercraft (Wave Runners)

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## Capacity and Operating Boundaries:

- **Wave Runners:** 1–2 persons (adult and/or child) 352 lbs. total maximum
- **Operating Area:** Limited to Ballast Point to Coronado Bay Bridge only

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## Rental Qualifications:

To rent and operate personal watercraft, the renter must:

1. Renter must be at least 18 years old with valid driver's license and current MCRD Boathouse license
2. Renter is responsible for all equipment and passengers in their rental party
3. Parents or legal guardians may rent a Wave Runner for children aged 16–17 to operate independently. The child must have a valid driver's license and a current MCRD Boathouse license. Minor operators are only permitted to carry passengers who are 18 years of age or older.

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## Safety Rules & Requirements:

- Passengers must be at least 8 years of age and with parent/legal guardian
- Renter must comply with all applicable California state and federal boating regulations, including "Rules of the Road" for navigation
- Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs):
  - A U.S. Coast Guard-approved PFD must be worn by all participants on wave runners (regardless of age) provided by Boathouse. Watercraft safety helmets are available upon request
- Do not pick up additional passengers after leaving the dock
- Alcoholic beverages and driving under the influence are prohibited
- Always keep your hands, feet and clothes away from the pump intake
- Be wary of weather conditions; heavy fog, rain, or lightning. Rentals may be delayed, cut short, or canceled in the event of hazardous weather. Boathouse staff will determine when conditions are unsafe. Refunds or credits may be issued at management's discretion.
- Make sure you are securely connected to the Wave Runner's start/stop kill safety lanyard
- The renter agrees to be personally and financially responsible for all rental fees and for any damage to boats or equipment during the rental period, regardless of who caused the damage
- All renters must be a qualified patron and in possession of a current DoD ID
- No beaching, towing, fishing or swimming from the vessel
- All rentals must return by the assigned time. A \$50 late fee applies for every 15 minutes past the agreed return time. No grace period is provided.
- In the event of an emergency or equipment malfunction, remain with the watercraft and call the MCRD Boathouse immediately at (619) 524-5269.



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- Fuel is included with your rental. If you run out of fuel due to improper use or extended operation outside the designated area, you may be responsible for recovery fees.
- Obey all posted speed limits and no-wake zones. Excessive speed or unsafe operation near other vessels, docks, or swimmers is strictly prohibited.
- Any reckless, dangerous, or non-compliant behavior may result in immediate termination of your rental with no refund and possible suspension of rental privileges.
- The Boathouse is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged personal belongings during your rental.
- All participants must wear proper water-appropriate attire, such as swimwear or quick-dry clothing. Cotton garments and jeans are strictly prohibited, as they become heavy when wet and pose a safety hazard. Loose or baggy clothing is not recommended. Footwear is optional but must be secure if worn. Wetsuits or rash guards are encouraged for added comfort and protection.
- Exiting the designated operating area is prohibited and may result in immediate termination of rental and additional penalties
- Docking at any location other than the MCRD Boathouse is strictly prohibited
- Operating in shallow water or close to shore is prohibited and may result in equipment damage, injury risk, or termination of your rental. Maintain a minimum 100-foot distance from swimmers, shore and docks always

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## **End-of-Rental Responsibilities:**

- Remove all personal items and trash from the watercraft
- Return all equipment (PFDs, etc.) to Boathouse personnel
- All gear must be returned in good condition and properly stowed
- Any accidents, injuries, or damage must be reported immediately to Boathouse staff

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Failure to follow any of the rules, safety requirements, or operating guidelines may result in immediate termination of your rental without refund and may lead to suspension of future rental privileges.