

# Wilmette Boat Rentals

## Sea Doo 1800 User Check List & Boat Safety info.

As of 8-25-12

### First:

1. Boat Keys come with 2 keys on the Float ring
  - a. Ignition Key
  - b. Glove box & Black Storage Box keys in front of Driver and passenger side
2. Registration & a copy of these instructions are in the glove box
3. Store Wallets, Phones & Keys in the glove Box
4. Sea Cock plugs are in

### Gear included:

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| 1. Life Preservers    | 4. Flares        | 7. Fire Extinguisher |
| 2. Anchor & 100' line | 5. Docking lines | 8. Radio             |
| 3. First Aid Kit      | 6. Air Pump      |                      |

### Check Fuel & Oil before heading out

1. Make sure the gas tank is full, use regular gas ONLY. If you are on the water and need gas the only option on the north shore of Chicago is Wilmette Harbor by Bahai Temple in Wilmette open from 10AM to 5 PM Phone # is 847-251-4234
2. Engine /Oil compartment –The only way to open the compartment is by pulling the release in the black storage compartment on the driver's side above the steering wheel
3. Checking Gas, use gage, but for the most accurate way raise the engine cover and look at the tank to see exactly how much gas you have.
4. Check the oil level 2 cycle oil reservoir next to the gas tank in the back of the boat drivers side next to gas tank
5. Extra Oil is in the storage area above the oil res by the engine, use the funnel when adding

### Starting the boat

1. Always turn on the blower for a 1 minute before starting, the switch is above the steering wheel on the right side of the dash
2. Engine must be in neutral
3. Dead man switch must be in place
4. Turn Key to start, engine should start in just 1-2 seconds of holding key

### Boating notes

Practice with the shifter and gas before you head out to sea for 5 minutes; get the feel of the boat first.

When Docking get close and kill the engine, put out bumper. Have people fend off, to keep from ripping off the guard rails on the boat.

## Boating Safety Guidelines

**The safety of the passengers while at sea is the responsibility of the Captain/Lessee. Make sure all your questions about anything on this sheet or about the operation of this boat have been answered before leaving the dock. Do not leave the dock with any doubts about the safety, condition or operation of this boat or your ability or your knowledge of the area.**

### Weather

Please make sure you have checked the weather before you go out. Boating conditions on the North Shore of Chicago are best with west winds under 10 miles per hour, and seas less than 1 foot. With west winds the further you go out the rougher it gets. North or East winds over 15 MPH will create waves of 2-

4 feet and make for a bad day of boating. If you have a smart phone please download The WeatherBug or Wunderground.com website under Chicago marine Weather. If waves are larger than 2 feet high and you feel unsafe please head in. If a storm comes through the area please dock the boat and take cover until the storm has passed. Mornings most always have the calmest seas. Winds tend to pick up in the afternoons in Chicago so be aware of them.

### **Live Vests (PFD)**

Everyone on the boat must have a Life vest that fits properly; children under the age of 13 must wear it while the boat is under way. All children must wear life vest will swimming off the boat away from the shore. Extra PFD's are located under cooler in front of the passenger's seat. All children must wear their PFD's while on the dock and getting on and off the boat.

### **Loading**

Evenly disperse weight and passengers around the boat and do not overload. Wear flat non-slip shoes, no heels or clogs. All children must wear their PFD's while on the dock and getting on and off the boat.

### **Leaving the Dock & Shifting the engine into gear**

First check your surroundings and when clear push away from the dock with your hands and shift only when idling slowly. **Bring in all docking lines (The Jet impeller can suck them in and ruin your day before it event starts)** and Bumpers before leaving the dock, once you are away from the dock area and the No Wake Buoys slowly accelerate. Look for no wake zones with speed limits not to exceed 5 miles per hour. You are responsible for your wake.

### **Cruising**

*Stay at least 100 yards off shore; always look for swimmers in the water when near the shoreline or coming to the shore. Keep an eye out for Swimming area buoys.*

Harbors are marked with red and green buoys. Be sure to use them as your guide. Avoid shallow areas. Red buoys should be on your left when leaving the harbor and on your right when returning. Green buoys should be on your right when leaving and on your left when you return. “ **RED – RIGHT – RETURN** ”

### **Anchoring**

The anchor is located at the front of the boat under the cushions; it is a collapsible type so please extend it into the locked open position before using. Anchor boat in an open area away from other boat traffic. Always make sure anchor is secure before shutting off the engine. Always anchor off from the bow (front) of the boat. Let out about 5 times the depth of the water, thus in 10' of water let out at least 50' of line. Start your engine before pulling the anchor and avoid getting the anchor line caught in the impeller.

### **Beaching the boat**

Jet boats do not have an out drive so you can beach the boat but make sure you do it in very light waves under 1 foot and kill the engine once you get into 2' or less of water. When coming off the beach make sure you push the boat out to at least 2 ft of water before starting the engine and then go very slowly until you are in at least 5 ft of water.

### **Bimini Top**

On hot sunny days you can put up the canvas top to cover the cockpit area. Unzip the cover and clip the front & back tie downs to the clips.

### **Returning to the Dock**

Be sure you leave enough time to return to our dock before the end of your rental day.

Tie one line to a cleat on the front of the boat and another off the back of the boat before you head in. Put your bumpers out at this time as well.

**Practice low speed maneuvering for 5 minutes before coming back into the ramp/dock area.**

Reduce your speed before reaching the dock. It's always better to bump into a boat or the dock at a very

slow speed then fast. Be at a speed just fast enough to maintain control of the boat and be sure to compensate for wind.

When approaching the dock put the engine in neutral. Reverse is only to be used to slow your forward momentum not as “the Brakes”. Avoid racing the engine in reverse. Avoid touching the dock. Have someone throw a dock line to someone on the dock if possible, then kill then engine and float in.

**Most importantly as a reminder! Go slowly and use minimal throttle at the dock.**

**If you don't think you can dock the boat bring the boat into the nearest beach and we will dock it for you.**

***Engine failure.***

In case the engine stalls and will not start do not panic but follow these steps. Anchor the boat to avoid drifting into shallow water. Carefully check fuel level by looking at the gas tank. Follow the normal starting procedure, making sure the safety lanyard is attached to the kill switch. Do not remove the engine cover. Avoid over cranking and killing the battery. New engine technology allows for constant easy starting. **If you are unable to start your engine try to flag down a passing boat and ask for a tow to the closest dock or boat ramp or contact Wilmette Boat Rentals (847-716-3103) first and/or Sea Tow (1-800-888-4869) for assistance or U. S. Coast Guard Station Wilmette (847) 251-0185.**

**Somebody gets severely hurt:**

Call 911 tell them where you are, if you are not sure use a smart phone and Google maps to help you and head to shore. Also call or Radio the U. S. **Coast Guard** Station Wilmette Ch 9 or 16 or call (847) 251-0185.

***Safe Boating Rules***

**No Alcohol is permitted on board.**

Obey the capacity posted on the boat

Do not run the engine at full speed to avoid damaging the engine.

All boaters must stay seated while moving.

**Travel limits: Wilmette to Highland Park, at least 100 yds off shore, no more than a mile out.**

Watch for swimmers, floating objects and avoid shallow areas.

**Do not drive the boat into conditions that you feel your ability will not permit.**

***Water Skiing /Tubing Rules***

Must wear ski vest jacket.

Make sure you always know where your lines are, never let them get under the boat or the impeller will suck them in and it will ruin your day and you will have to pay to have it removed and or fix the impeller and you will not get a refund of your rental time.

Only one skier is permitted to be towed at a time.

There must be at least two people on board the boat when skiing/tubing, one driver and an observer facing the skier/tuber.

Turn off engine when picking up or changing skiers. Do not tie ski rope to cleats, use the tow post only. Proceed at safe speeds for the skiers/tubers abilities.

**Should you have any questions during the duration of your trip, do not hesitate to contact Wilmette Boat Rentals at 847-716-3103. Enjoy your day on the water, knowing that you are on a boat designed and built with your safety in mind.**

**Please acknowledge that you have read and understand this document**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_