

**Order on certification requirements for operators of certain  
engine-driven pleasure craft with a hull length below 4 metres  
(order on operators of personal watercraft)**

In pursuance of section 10a, section 18(2) and section 27(3) of the act on the manning of ships (*lov om skibes besætning*), cf. consolidated act no. 74 of 17 January 2014, the following provisions are laid down:

**Application, etc.**

**Section 1.** This order shall apply to operators of watercraft intended for recreational purposes with a hull length below 4 metres, which use a propulsion engine with a water jet pump as the main means of propulsion and which is intended for operation by one or more persons who are sitting, standing or kneeling on – rather than in – the hull.

*Subsection 2.* This order shall also apply to pleasure boating with air-cushion vessels and other engine-driven vessels of a similar nature that have been constructed for being propelled by persons sitting, standing or kneeling on – rather than in – the hull.

*Subsection 3.* The length of the vessel in metres is the hull length overall measured in accordance with the recreational craft directive<sup>1</sup> according to the relevant harmonised standard. Outboard rudders, outboard propellers and outboard engines, swimming platforms, bowsprits, fender lists and the like shall not be included.

*Subsection 4.* In case of doubt, the Danish Maritime Authority shall decide whether a vessel is covered by this order.

**Section 2.** Operators of vessels mentioned in section 1 shall:

- 1) have turned 16 years of age; and
- 2) have acquired a certificate for the operation of personal watercraft in accordance with the order on tests and certificates for yachtsmen issued by the Danish Maritime Authority.

**Section 3.** When operating the vessel, the operator shall have on his person the certificate required by section 2 and present it to the police or the Danish Maritime Authority upon request.

**Section 4.** Municipalities, regions or other authorities authorised to lay down regulations for rivers, lakes, streams and similar sheltered waters may – following an application to the Danish Maritime Authority – be permitted to exempt, in full or partly, the operation of the pleasure craft mentioned in section 1 in the areas under the responsibility of the authority from the provisions of the order.

*Penalty provision*

**Section 5.** Contraventions of section 2(1) and section 3 shall be liable to punishment by fine.

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<sup>1</sup> Council directive 94/25/EC on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to recreational craft, as amended by directive 2003/44/EC of the Parliament and of the Council.

*Entry into force*

**Section 6.** This order shall enter into force on 1 January 2018.

*Interim provision*

**Section 7.** Persons who complied with the requirements for operating a personal watercraft before 1 January 2018 shall have acquired a certificate for the operation of personal watercraft according to the order on tests and certificates for yachtsmen issued by the Danish Maritime Authority before 1 January 2020.

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