

GALWAY CORPORATION

JET-SKIS BYE-LAWS, 2001

**Made by the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Galway
on 17th September, 2001**

Galway Corporation, in accordance with the provisions of Part VII of the Local Government Act, 1994, hereby make Bye Laws regulating the use of jet-skis within the County Borough of Galway. These bye-laws shall come into force on 1st November, 2001.

1. INTERPRETATION

- (a) “Jet-ski” means a power operated pleasure craft propelled by water jet, normally capable of carrying one or more persons, at high speeds, which may constitute a danger to persons or, in, or adjacent to the water in any area, or a danger to surface craft in any area and shall include a personal water craft.
- (b) The “County Borough” means the County Borough of Galway.
- (c) “Employee of the Corporation” shall include every Inspector, Warden, Lifeguard or other Person employed by and duly authorised by Galway Corporation to administer and enforce these bye laws.
- (d) “Authorised Person” means a person authorised in writing by Galway Corporation for the purposes of these bye laws.
- (e) “Designated Area” means an area designated pursuant to Bye Law No. 2.
- (f) In these bye laws, any reference to a “jet-ski” shall be deemed to include reference to a personal water craft.

2. REGULATION OF JET-SKIS

- (a) Subject to bye-law No 2 (b), no person shall bring a jet-ski or fast power boat onto, or have a jet-ski or fast power boat under his or her control on any waters (other than private waters) within the County Borough of Galway.
- (b) Galway Corporation may designate areas within the County Borough (with the exception of any area on the River Corrib), and periods of time with respect to such areas, where and when the use of jet skis is allowed. Bye-law No. 2 (a) above shall not apply to areas and periods of time so designated under this bye law. Any designation under this bye-law shall be pursuant to a decision of Galway City Council.

3. OFFENCES AND ENFORCEMENT

- (a) Any person using a jet-ski or power boat in the County Borough who contravenes these Bye Laws must remove it from the water if so directed by an authorised person or employee of the Corporation or a member of An Garda Siochana.
- (b) Any person who contravenes a provision of these bye-laws shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £1,000 (€1,270.00).
- (c) If the contravention of a provision of these bye-laws is continued after conviction, the persons causing the contravention shall be guilty of a further offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £100 (€127.00) per day.
- (d) A person who obstructs or impedes or refuses to comply with a request of a member of An Garda Siochana or of an authorised person acting in the exercise of the functions conferred on an authorised person or an employee of the Corporation by these bye-laws shall be guilty of an offence.
- (e) Where an authorised person or an employee of the Corporation or a member of An Garda Siochana is of the opinion that a person is committing or has committed an offence to which these bye laws relate, the authorised person or the employee of the Corporation or the Garda Siochana, as the case may be, may demand the name and address of such person and if this demand is refused or the person gives a name or address which is false or misleading, the person shall be guilty of an offence.

4. EXCLUSIONS

These bye laws shall not apply to jet-skis or fast power boats kept by An Garda Siochana and wholly used by a member of An Garda Siochana in the execution of his/her duty, or kept or operated by the Irish Marine Emergency Service, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, the Western Regional Fisheries Board, or other craft which involved in bona fide emergency, enforcement, or rescue situations.