

**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 directive¹ 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.

¹ 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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