



Community Notice for Jet Ski Operators

The Small Craft Control Act No. 14 of 2015 came into force on 1st January 2016 and The (Small Craft Control) Regulations 2016 will be enacted with a related Code of Practice, for the guidance of small craft operators.

The Antigua Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping (ADOMS) are now the Authority with full responsibility for Registration, Licensing and Regulation of all small pleasure craft and small commercial vessels.

This area of work is now fully integrated with the existing inspection and certification conducted by ADOMS, in order to simplify the procedures for both the owners and operators of these vessels.

In the context of these new regulations, a small pleasure craft is less than 24 metres in length and includes boats, canoes, dinghies, kayaks, pontoons and jet skis, operating near shore and within the protected and coastal waters of Antigua and Barbuda.

A recent incident with a jet ski has again highlighted the need for these particular operators to be aware of the new regulations and the required safety inspection, for issue of a Small Craft Safety Certificate and Licence.

In its enforcement role, the ABDF Coast Guard are now carrying out spot checks and jet ski operators should be in compliance.

For further information please contact the ADOMS office on, telephone number 462 1273 asking for the Technical Department, or you can email direct to technical@abregistry.ag.