

Important Information



To ensure compliance to Council and State regulations, and to ensure safe and enjoyable use of the Mater Water Ski Park, a boat permit is **MANDATORY** for any powered vessel, including jet skis. This form needs to be completed prior to access being granted.

Form 1: Boat Permit Application

- **Owner, contact details and vessel.**
 - All fields are to be completed.
- **Insurance details.**
 - Your insurance cover may expire during your permit period; it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to ensure that it is current AT ALL TIMES. It is not the Club's responsibility to ensure your policy remains current. In the event that you change companies, you must advise the Moree Water Ski Club, so that your file can be updated.
- **Expiry date of insurance.**
 - Insurance is required for access to the Park. It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to ensure that it is current AT ALL TIMES. It is not the Club's responsibility to ensure your policy remains current.
- **Third Party insurance.**
 - Please ensure you have third party property insurance on your policy. Third Party Insurance will cover you in the event of you damaging another vessel with your vessel. The amount of cover should be detailed on you policy; please note this on the form. If in doubt, ask your insurance provider and refer to their PDS.
- **Public Liability insurance.**
 - You **MUST HAVE** at least \$10 million public liability insurance to cover you against claims due to your negligence. NB: the standard amount on many policies is \$5 million, with an option to increase to \$10 million.
You must also ensure that your public liability policy is endorsed for waterskiing as many policies have this as an option. If in doubt ask your insurance provider and refer to their PDS.
- **Vessel condition checklist.**
 - It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to ensure your vessel remains in a safe operating condition at all times. The checklist and accompanying notes will help you to carry out your own inspection. The checklist is a guide only, and if any other safety-related faults are identified, these must be rectified in a tradesman-like manner. If in doubt, have your vessel inspected and signed off by a suitably experienced person.
- **Declaration.**
 - THIS MUST BE SIGNED; this is your declaration that you will ensure your vessel will remain insured and in a safe operating condition at all times while ever your Boat Permit is current. Failure to comply will place you, your family, your guests, and other Park users at significant financial and personal risk.

Form 2: Moree Water Ski Club Lake & Boat Rules

- **Please print 2 copies of Form 2, read carefully, and sign.**
 - One copy will be submitted with the Boat Permit Application, and one is to be kept in your vessel or vessel support vehicle.
- **ALL VISITORS – members or otherwise – MUST COMPLY with these rules.**
 - The owner of the vessel must ensure their guests comply with all the Park Rules.
NB: some operational rules are more stringent, and slightly different, to general RMS boating rules.
- **Please note the following rules:**
 - Rule 5 & 6 – limitations of operational boats on each lake; an operational boat is a boat under power on the lake, a non-operational boat is considered to be a boat on the water's edge, or waiting in the water.
 - Rule 7 – insurance cover must be current at all times; please see 'Boat Permit Application' conditions above.
 - Rule 11 – children 10 years of age or younger, **MUST WEAR** buoyancy vests when under the care of a boat permit owner, and on the water in an operational or non-operational vessel.
 - Rule 12 – the **MAXIMUM** number of water skiers or tube riders at one time is TWO.
 - Rule 16 – towable floatation devices are only allowed on the Circuit Lake (Lake 2); the East-West Lake (Lake 3) and North-South Lake (Lake 1) are not to have towable floatation devices, i.e. tubes etc. on them.

Form 3: Indemnity Clause & Liability Waiver

- Please read the form carefully, and when in agreeance sign and submit all forms.

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Once all forms are completed, please submit the following:

- Completed and signed 'Boat Permit Application'.
- Attach a copy of your vessel's insurance policy.
- Attach a photo of your vessel.
- Signed copy of the 'Lake & Boat Rules'.
- Signed copy of the 'Indemnity Clause & Liability Waiver'.
- Payment by cheque or EFT – (Westpac) BSB 032-556 ACC 202-448. Please reference MWSC and vessel rego.
- Submit forms via email to moreewaterskiclub@gmail.com or post to MWSC, PO Box 3041, Moree NSW 2400.

Please allow 14 days for forms and membership to be processed.

Boat membership stickers will be mailed out at the beginning of each season, once renewal payment has been received.

Form 1: Boat Permit Application

Owner & Vessel Details

Vessel Owner's Name _____

Type of Vessel _____ Licence No. _____

Address _____

Vessel Make _____ Year _____ Motor _____ Inboard/Outboard _____

Vessel Name _____ Rego _____ Size _____ m

Insurance Company _____ Expiry Date _____

Third Party Cover \$ _____ Public Liability Cover \$ _____

Please note: a copy of your vessel registration and insurance policy must be in your boat at all times, and available for inspection on request. **Your policy MUST HAVE a minimum of \$10 million Public Liability Insurance, and be endorsed for waterskiing.**

Vessel Condition Checklist

	✓ or N/A		✓ or N/A
1. Registration & Licence	<input type="checkbox"/>	12. <i>Boating Act</i> safety items	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Third Party Insurance cover	<input type="checkbox"/>	13. Waterproof torch	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Steering controls	<input type="checkbox"/>	14. Life jackets	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Fuel lines are secure (no leaks)	<input type="checkbox"/>	15. Fire extinguisher	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Fuel tank	<input type="checkbox"/>	16. Paddles x2	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Neutral start isolator	<input type="checkbox"/>	17. Bailing bucket – with lanyard	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Throttle system	<input type="checkbox"/>	18. Ski pole mount is secure	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Covers & guards over all moving parts	<input type="checkbox"/>	19. High pole & straps (if fitted)	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Engine cover is secure	<input type="checkbox"/>	20. Photo of vessel	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Exhaust/muffler is secure	<input type="checkbox"/>		
11. Battery mounting & clamps	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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Membership Number		
Membership Year	Amount	Date Paid

Declaration

As the vessel's owner, I _____ agree to all the Moree Water Ski Park's rules and regulations, I will keep this vessel in a seaworthy conditions and insured in accordance with the terms and conditions of the MWSC and the Moree Water Ski Park.

Signed _____ Date _____

Non-compliant vessels will not be permitted on the lakes until the defects are rectified. Please contact the President or Secretary if you have any questions regarding the checklist.

Boat Safety Check Policy & Procedures

Purpose

1. To define the procedures relating to the points to be checked when the owner of the vessel carries out a Boat Safety Check.
2. To ensure by means of these procedures, the safety of all Moree Water Ski Club members and visitors as far as the condition of boats using the Moree Water Park waters is concerned.
3. To ensure by means of these procedures that Boat Safety Checks are carried out to a standard form of interpretation of checkpoints by the owner of the vessel.

The Boat Scrutiny Check Sheet

This is the form provided by the Moree Water Ski Club for the purposes of obtaining a launching permit – i.e. Boat Permit.

The owner of the vessel is to complete this form using the following guidelines.

Scrutineering Items

1. Registration & Licence

- 1.1. ALL boats must have current registration label displayed.
- 1.2. ALL permits require the boat licence details of the owner.
- 1.3. Provide a copy of all documentation.

2. Third Party Insurance Cover

- 2.1. To ensure all club members and visitors are covered against accident or damage caused by club members' vessels, either through accident or negligence, by boat owners or drivers.
- 2.2. All boats MUST have a minimum \$10 million third party waterskiers liability.
- 2.3. Provide a copy of all documentation.

3. Steering Cables & Pulleys

- 3.1. Cables MUST be free from corrosion and broken strands.
- 3.2. Cables MUST be taut at all steering positions.
- 3.3. Pulleys MUST be free running on their bearing surface.
- 3.4. Pulleys MUST be free running on their cable surface, i.e. no flat spots.

4. Fuel Lines

- 4.1. Fuel lines should be in good condition, not perished.
- 4.2. No leaks at any connection points.
- 4.3. Should not be able to foul on moving points.

5. Fuel Tank

- 5.1. MUST be firmly mounted to hull.
- 5.2. Outboard removable tanks must be fastened so as to not move around.
- 5.3. No leaks at welded joints or fuel line connections.

6. Neutral Start Protection

- 6.1. Engine starter motor MUST NOT be allowed to engage in gear – forward or reverse.
- 6.2. Pull-start engines must not be allowed to start when in gear – forward or reverse.

7. Throttle System

- 7.1. Foot-operated throttle systems must have a strong positive return system fitted.
- 7.2. Hand-operated throttle systems should require constant hand control.

8. Covers & Guards over moving parts

- 8.1. ALL moving parts MUST be covered.

9. Engine Cover

- 9.1. It is a safety requirement to guard against accidental burns, against exhaust or hot engine parts.
- 9.2. Air cleaner hole permitted in engine cover, provided hole is of similar dimension to the air cleaner as to not permit articles falling in.

10. Mufflers

- 10.1. Approved marine-type mufflers MUST be fitted to all inboard-powered boats.
- 10.2. Mufflers MUST be effective in reducing noise levels.
- 10.3. Rubber connecting tubes must be in good condition and not perished.
- 10.4. Spray boxes and balancing tubes are NOT mufflers.
- 10.5. A noise test may be required if unsure. Contact a club executive member to arrange an inspection.

11. Battery Mounting & Clamps

- 11.1. Battery and clamping unit MUST be mounted solidly to the hull of the boat.

12. Boating Act Safety Items – statutory requirement.

13. Waterproof Torch

- 13.1. Waterproof torch in working order is required on all boats.

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14. Life Jackets.

- 14.1. Lifejackets, now known as Personal Floatation Device (PFD).
- 14.2. One PFD1 or PFD2 (buoyancy vest) for each person on board, or being towed IS REQUIRED.
- 14.3. Life jackets should be located in a reasonably accessible position.

15. Fire Extinguisher

- 15.1. Inspect extinguisher – if unsure of its condition, replace the unit.
- 15.2. Dry powder type is required, as per Australian Standard Specification.
- 15.3. Check pressure gauge and service date – if unsure have extinguisher professionally checked.
- 15.4. Visually inspect working of trigger mechanism, i.e. free from rust seizure.
- 15.5. Should be located in easily accessible position close to driver.
- 15.6. Permanent mounting is not required.

16. Paddles

- 16.1. Motor boat regulation requires TWO paddles MUST be carried at ALL times.

17. Bailing Bucket – with lanyard

- 17.1. Motor boat regulation requirement – even if the boat has a mechanical bilge pump.
- 17.2. Should be strong useful instrument for the bailing of water.

18. Ski Pole Mounts

- 18.1. Ski pole mounts and bolts are checked and are free from corrosion.

19. High Pole & Straps

- 19.1. High pole mounts and bolts are checked and are free from corrosion.
- 19.2. High pole straps are checked for wear.

20. Photo of Vessel

- 20.1. Please provide colour side-view photo of your vessel.

Form 2: MWSC Lake & Boat Rules **MOREE WATER SKI CLUB**

NB: A copy of this form must be kept in the boat at all times.

1	All vessels must have a current MWSC boat/jetski permit, as per Form 1.
2	All drivers must hold a current boating/PWC licence as required by NSW Boating Regulations.
3	All vessels must adhere to More Water Ski Club's permits terms and conditions, as per declaration, at all times.
4	All vessels must purchase a current permit PRIOR TO launching the boat/jetski – annual permit sticker to be fixed beside rego numbers in clear view.
5	Maximum number of boats/jetskis permitted on the Circuit Lake (Lake 2) at any one time is FIVE.
6	Maximum number of boats permitted on the Slalom Lakes (East-West, North-South) at any one time is ONE.
7	All boats must have Third Party Waterskiers Liability Insurance: minimum public liability cover of \$10 million . Please check your policy to ensure it covers you for you activities. Some policies DO NOT cover barefoot waterskiing. If you barefoot, check your policy.
8	Boat drivers must be licenced and the owner of the boat is to ensure they are proficient.
9	Minimum age for observers must be in accordance with NSW RMS rules. When waterskiing there must ALWAYS be an appropriately aged observer in the boat.
10	All waterskiers must wear an APPROVED BUOYANCY suit or vest when waterskiing.
11	ALL children under the age of 10 years old MUST wear a life jacket whenever they are swimming or in/on a vessel.
12	Maximum number of skiers being towed behind the vessel at any one time is TWO.
13	All vessels and skiers must stay as close as practicable to the just right of centre of the lake, and travel in an anti-clockwise direction. NEVER ski across the lake; when overtaking or being overtaken mters.ove as far apart as practicable.
14	When a skier falls, pull the rope into the boat and proceed back to your skier. NO POWER TURNS.
15	Boom bars are NOT to be left out when not in use.
16	Tubes and other 'non-controllable' 'water toys' are not permitted on Lake 1 and Lake 3 (North-South, East-West).
17	Outgoing (or stationary) vessels MUST ALWAYS give way to incoming (or moving) vessels.
18	When skiing or dropping a skier in from of the boat dock, keep you boat as far away from the dock as possible, and maintain your speed past the end of the dock, to avoid damaging the other vessels against the dock.
19	If there are non-powered vessels using the lakes, stay as far away from them as possible. Non-powered vessels ALWAYS have right of way on the Circuit Lake (Lake 2), even if they are in the wrong.
20	Always obey the instructions of the Lake Coordinator, a member of the Police Force, or a representative of the Water Park.
21	No refuelling your boat whilst on the Lake waters.
22	No ballast or wake enhancement devices to be used on Lake 1 and Lake 3 (North-South, East-West). Limited use is allowed mid-water of the Circuit Lake (Lake 2) away from the banks – to protect them.
23	Vessels must be launched and retrieved only on the boat ramps and all rubbish taken from the site or placed in bins if provided.
24	All equipment and facilities at the Water Park are to be respected and not to be damaged.
As with any other waterski area, it is the responsibility of each skier and driver to become aware of the surroundings and take due care when involved in any water-based activities.	

Declaration

As the person signing this form, I _____ have read, understand and agree to the terms and conditions of the MWSC and the Moree Water Ski Park.

Boat Owner's Name _____ Boat/Jetski Licence No. _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Form 3: Indemnity Clause & Liability Waiver

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Acceptance of Risk and Responsibility

I acknowledge that I have an obligation to myself and others to act in a safe and responsible manner, and follow the rules of the Moree Water Park and Moree Water Ski Club.

I agree that the Moree Water Ski Club and Moree Plains Shire Council are absolved from all liability arising from injury or damage caused by my or others' actions. Waterskiing and wakeboarding (and in particular, competitions) are inherently dangerous. Serious accidents can happen which may result in death or injury.

I acknowledge that by participating in any of the activities at the Moree Water Park that I am exposed to the risks and dangers, including, but not limited to:

- I, or my guests, may be physically or mentally injured, impaired, maimed, or killed;
- Other participants may act dangerously or with lack of skill;
- Conditions may be hazardous, and may vary without warning or predictability;
- My property may be damaged, lost or destroyed.

Water sport activities are all physical activities, which can be extremely strenuous on the body. Participants with pre-existing injuries, such as back, shoulder, heart problems, etc., should refrain from these activities.

I have voluntarily read and understood this warning and accept and assume the inherent risks.

Vessel owner's name _____

Vessel owner's signature _____ Date _____

Parents or Guardian's signature _____ Date _____
(for participants under 18 years of age)

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Signed off on _____