

At GhettoWorks Marine & More, we want you to get the most out of your SeaDoo Personal Watercraft or SeaDoo Sport Boat. Together with our service department, we have gathered up some helpful hints to keep in mind when you are maintaining and operating your unit. As a SeaDoo Dealership, we specialize in selling and servicing SeaDoo Brand Personal Watercraft and Boats. But many of these helpful tips can be followed with most any brand of Personal Watercraft or Boat. Keep these helpful tips in mind when operating your Personal Watercraft or Boat, and help keep your unit ON the water and OUT of our shop!

- 1) Know your machine!** It may be a boring read, but your owner's/operator's manual can be your best friend. Keep your operator's manual handy at all times for some very helpful tips on maintaining and operating your unit. If you no longer have your manual, or you purchased used and never received a manual, you may still be able to get access to the owner's/operator's manual for your unit. If you have a SeaDoo Brand Personal Watercraft or Boat, SeaDoo has made all the previous and current model year manuals available online in easy to use .PDF format. You can access the website for downloadable owner's manuals [HERE](#). Make sure you have the correct model and year of your unit, as maintenance and operation can vary widely depending on year and model!
- 2) Keep a timely maintenance schedule!** Bombardier Recreational Products (BRP) has worked hard to build Personal Watercraft and Sport Boats to last. But everything needs regularly scheduled maintenance to keep it running in top shape! Be it routine items that you can take care of yourself before and after each use, or regular maintenance that is best performed by a BRP Certified Technician, regular maintenance is very important. Keep track of how much ride time you have accumulated on your unit and know what maintenance needs to be performed as your unit gets older/accumulates more ride time.
- 3) Prepare for winter!** As summer rolls to an end and you finally can't endure the cold to go out on your Watercraft, you will want to make sure you use the proper storage procedures. Newer model SeaDoo PWC's take less preparation to prepare to store for winter, but whether you have a newer model SeaDoo or an older model SeaDoo you will need to make sure you use the proper procedures. All years of SeaDoo require winterization procedures; you must take care with older model 2-stroke SeaDoo's in particular. If you do not insure proper winterization of your 2-stroke SeaDoo, you will be at risk for having a cracked engine block. Don't risk an expensive engine repair! Unless you will be keeping your SeaDoo indoors in a constantly heated area, you will need to insure proper winterization is completed either by your or a certified SeaDoo technician; a small dip in temperature could put a big dent in your wallet!
- 4) Beware of ethanol in your gasoline!** When you are gassing up your unit, try to be aware of the amount of ethanol that is in the gasoline. Ethanol has proven to be very harmful over time to all brands of watercraft and boats. Ask around and try to gas up at stations with the least amount of ethanol (or better yet NO ethanol!). However, **DO NOT USE GAS ADDITIVES IN YOUR PERSONAL WATERCRAFT.** You may think using additives to try to combat against the ethanol is a good idea, but most additives are really NOT meant for marine vehicles. If you feel the need to use any kind of additive, the only thing that is recommended for marine vehicles is a fuel stabilizer known as Marine Sta-bil. We have Sta-bil available here at GhettoWorks, and it is the **ONLY** thing we recommend you use; we particularly recommend use of Sta-bil if you are going to be storing your unit for a length of time. **DO NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, USE SEA-FOAM OR HEAT IN YOUR PERSONAL WATERCRAFT.** Sea-Foam and Heat are NOT formulated for most personal watercraft. We have seen a high number of units that, when using Sea-Foam or Heat, have caused damage to the carburetor(s), causing the unit to require an expensive carburetor rebuild to get it water ready once more. Ethanol, Sea-Foam, and Heat are just about your carburetor's worst enemies. Know what is safe to put in your personal watercraft and what is not; if you have any questions about whether something is safe for use with your personal watercraft, please do not hesitate to give our service department a call.
- 5) Keep your unit clean!** Keeping your personal watercraft or boat clean is a very important part of keeping it healthy and running in top notch condition. Consider getting a cover for your unit to keep it clean and free from debris when not in use; your cover will easily store in your front storage compartment when you are using your machine. Be sure to thoroughly clean and wash out your personal watercraft after every use. It is especially important, if you plan to run your personal watercraft in salt water or foul water, to be sure to follow the simple flushing procedures after each use of your machine. Be mindful of the conditions of the water you are in. Debris such as trash, sticks, rocks, etc are another of your personal watercraft's great enemies. If you feel like you may have ridden through some debris be sure to address it just as soon as you get back on shore; keep your unit clean and it will stay healthier for much longer!

6) **Don't start your personal watercraft too close to shore!** If you start up your machine right at the shore, you risk sucking up items such as sticks and rocks that can cause damage to your unit. Try to get as far from shore as possible when starting your personal watercraft. You should take care to try to idle and drift out away from the shore before opening your SeaDoo up to higher speeds.

7) **Play safe!** Above all, knowing how to safely operate your machine is a big part of your unit's maintenance. Personal Watercrafts are not meant to be operated at night. Always wear coast-guard approved life vests/flotation devices when operating in the water whether you are the operator of the watercraft, a passenger on the watercraft, or whether you are being pulled behind the watercraft on skis/in a tube. You should attach the safety lanyard which acts as a key to your personal watercraft to your life vest; making sure to attach your safety lanyard to yourself will insure that your unit will shut off should you fall off the unit. Never overload your machine with more passengers than recommended. Only pull tubes/skiers/etc when it is safe and legal to do so; you are required to have at least a 3-seater watercraft to legally pull tubes/skiers behind your watercraft in Arkansas. Different states may have different laws. Follow safety procedures outlined in your owner's manual to avoid hazards such as rolling your unit/causing your unit to sink or take on water. If your unit does become flipped upside down or sunk, know that there is a proper procedure for turning your unit upright again; the procedure is generally outlined on a sticker/decal on your unit which is designed to be readable if the unit has been flipped upside down. Your unit will remain capsized unless it is properly flipped back over. Make sure your engine is off when attempting to right a capsized machine. If you have gotten water inside your unit/inside the engine, **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CRANK YOUR UNIT**. If you have taken on any substantial amount of water, do not start up your unit. Get your unit immediately to an authorized service department for unswamping procedures. Failure to have your engine unswamped in the proper procedure in a timely manner could cause engine failure.

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