

APPENDIX A - PWC SAFETY INSPECTION CHECKLIST

All personal watercraft that are intended to be raced in an APBA sanctioned competition event must be checked for safety compliance. Some, but not necessary all items to be inspected are:

1. Rider Protection Equipment -

- a) U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I or III personal flotation device must be inspected.
- b) Full coverage helmet must be inspected to see that it meets current D.O.T. or SNELL standards and does not have a face shield or guard attached.

2. Hull Inspection -

- a) Overall inspection of hull, handlepole, and hood for cracks or damage that could be hazardous.
- b) Inspect the sides of the hull for protruding objects that could be hazardous.
- c) Check for approved front bumper.
- d) Inspect numbers and background for color and visibility compliance (numbers must be a minimum of 7 inches high).
- e) Check to see if the Hull Identification Number (H.I.N.) is displayed or a suitable number to verify watercraft.
- f) Verify approved sponsor decals are affixed (if requested).
- g) Verify approved APBA decal is affixed on port and starboard sides of the watercraft above the waterline.
- h) Be sure that the water bypass fittings direct the water at an angle of not less than 45 degrees to that of the hull.

3. Handlebar Inspection -

- a) Make sure the steering mechanism is properly adjusted.
- b) Check that the throttle level works freely.
- c) Make sure that grips are secure.

4. Engine Compartment Inspection -

- a) Check to see that hose clamps must be secure.
 - b) Battery must fit in battery box and straps must be secure.
 - c) Gas tank straps must be secure.
 - d) Gas tank inside cap must be tight.
 - e) Approved flame arrestor must be installed.
 - f) Carburetor/fuel system must not leak and all fuel hoses must be secured with approved clamps or zip ties.
 - g) Tether kill cord must be checked to verify that it is in proper working order.
- Aftermarket:** A replacement part used in addition to the OEM part.