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Department of Tourism

Directorate of Tourism

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The Government of Goa is hereby pleased to frame the following guidelines for registration and regulation of boat rides and watersports activities on rivers, lakes in the State of Goa and also on sea along the coast of Goa.

1. *Objectives.*— These guidelines aim at registering and regulating boat rides and watersports activities and running of such activities in accordance with provisions of law as in force in the State of Goa.

2. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) These guidelines may be called the Goa boat rides and watersports activities guidelines, 2003

(2) They shall come into force with immediate effect.

3. *Permission for running boat rides/watersports activities.*— (1) Every operator of boat rides or watersports activity in the rivers, inland waters and lakes shall obtain due permission from the Captain of Ports.

(2) Every operator of boat rides or watersports activity in the sea along the coast shall obtain permission from the Mercantile Marine Department for operation of the vessel in the sea.

4. *Other requirements.*— (1) No objection certificate shall be obtained from the Mormugao Port Trust if any boat ride or watersports activity is to be operated within or has to transit through the jurisdiction of Mormugao Port Trust.

(2) No objection certificate shall also be obtained from the Department of Fisheries and/or the Department of Water Resources, as the case may be if any boat ride or watersport activity is to be operated either in the river, lake or sea along the coast. N.O.C./Licence from concerned local body if required by law shall also be obtained.

(3) Those watersports equipment not requiring licence or certification either from the Mercantile Marine Department or the Captain of Ports, will require certification from National Institute of Water Sports (NIWS) Caranzalem or any other agency approved by Government of Goa, Department of Tourism.

(4) The operator/applicant shall produce to the Department of Tourism, Government of Goa proof regarding insurance of the passengers as per the capacity of the boat/equipment, to the extent of atleast Rs. 2.00 lakh per passenger.

(5) All life saving equipment as required by the Competent Authority must be made available on board, or at the bank/beach, as the case may be.

(6) The applicant shall produce a certificate issued by N.I.W.S., or Captain of Ports or M.M.D. as the case may be, showing that the crew have been trained for (a) manning and operating the boat/equipment; (b) life saving techniques.

(7) Registration Number plate for a specific boat/equipment shall be obtained through the Department of Tourism at the cost of the operator and prominently affixed at a place on the boat/equipment to be specified by the Department.

(8) Capacity of the boat as certified by the Mercantile Marine Department/Captain of Ports/National Institute of Water Sports shall be mentioned in the registration Number Plate and complied with strictly.

(9) Area of operation shall be clearly specified by the operator as per permission obtained from the Captain of Ports or Mercantile Marine Department and the same shall be strictly followed for the activity.

(10) The watersports activity shall be operated in the specified/earmarked area only and within visual range.

(11) The registration certificate shall be made available on board at all times.

(12) The registration shall be valid for one year only.

(13) All safety norms prescribed by the Competent Authority and all the norms specified in the booklet "Safety Norms for Watersports" issued by Ministry of Tourism, Government of India shall be strictly adhered to at all times.

(14) The period and hours of operation as specified in the permission shall only be allowed.

5. *The watersports activities that are to be operated.*— (a) *Boat rides/water scooters:* from jetty or ramp where embarkation and disembarkation of passengers can be carried out safely.

(b) *Parasailing:* In specially marked areas of the beach/sea/river.

(c) *Jet ski:* In well defined areas beyond normal swimming and watersports areas.

(d) *Water skiing & fun rides using powerboat:* outside the swimming areas of the beach/water body.

(e) *Windsurfing & Dinghy, Kayaking & Canoeing, and Sailing:* In clearly marked areas and within the visual range of the rescue boat driver.

6. *Fees for registration of the boat/equipment/activity.*—

1. Tourist Boats	Tourist Boats and launches carrying	Fees
	1 - 5 pax	Rs. 1000
	6 - 12 pax	Rs. 1500
	13 - 50 pax	Rs. 2500
	51 pax and above	Rs. 5000

2. Water sports	Water scooters	Rs. 500 per scooter
	Water skiing	Rs. 200 per equipment
	Para sailing	Rs. 1000 per equipment
	Jet ski	Rs. 1000 per equipment
	Kayaking/ /Canoeing/ /rafting	Rs. 500 per equipment
	Scuba diving	Rs. 1000 per equipment
	Wind surfing & Dinghy sailing	Rs. 5000 per equipment
	Any other	Rs. 1000 per equipment

7. *Penalty.*— In the event of breach of any of the conditions specified in the permission or these guidelines, the registration shall be liable to be cancelled/withdrawn.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

N. Suryanarayana, Director of Tourism & ex officio Joint Secretary.

Panaji, 23rd June, 2003.