

**§ 3.20**

**§ 3.20 Water skiing.**

(a) The towing of persons by vessels is prohibited, except in designated waters.

(b) Where towing is authorized, the following are prohibited:

(1) Towing between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

(2) Towing without one person (other than the operator) observing the progress of the person being towed.

(3) Towing a person who is not wearing a personal flotation device. If the person being towed is wearing a flotation device not approved by the United States Coast Guard, there must be an approved personal flotation device readily available in the towing vessel.

(4) Towing or being towed in channels or within 500 feet of areas designated as harbors, swimming beaches, or mooring areas, or within 100 feet of a person fishing or swimming, or a diver's marker.

**§ 3.21 Swimming and bathing.**

(a) The following are prohibited:

(1) Swimming or bathing in locations designated as closed.

(2) Swimming or bathing in violation of designated restrictions.

(3) Swimming from vessels which are underway, except in circumstances where a capable operator is on board and all propulsion machinery is off and/or sails are furled.

(b) The superintendent may prohibit the use of flotation devices, glass containers, kites, or incompatible sporting

activities within locations designated as swimming beaches.

**§ 3.22 Surfing.**

The use of surfboards and similar rigid devices within locations designated as swimming beaches is prohibited.

**§ 3.23 SCUBA and snorkeling.**

The following are prohibited:

(a) SCUBA diving and snorkeling within locations designated as swimming, docking, or mooring areas, except in accordance with conditions which may be established by the superintendent.

(b) Diving in waters open to the use of vessels, other than those propelled by hand, without displaying a standard diver flag.

**§ 3.24 Regulation of personal watercraft (PWC).**

(a) *Is personal watercraft (PWC) use prohibited in units of the National Park System?* Yes, the use of personal watercraft in units of the National Park System is prohibited, except in designated areas.

(b) *How will the National Park Service designate areas for PWC use?* We will designate areas for personal watercraft through the FEDERAL REGISTER, using special regulations, except for the park areas identified in the following Table 1, where personal watercraft use may be designated using the criteria and procedures of §§1.5 and 1.7 of this chapter:

TABLE 1—PARK DESIGNATED PWC USE

Name	Water type	State
Amistad National Recreation Area .....	Impounded Lake .....	TX
Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area .....	Impounded Lake .....	MT
Chickasaw National Recreation Area .....	Impounded Lake .....	OK
Curecanti National Recreation Area .....	Impounded Lake .....	CO
Gateway National Recreation Area .....	Open Ocean/Bay .....	NY
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area .....	Impounded Lake .....	AZ/UT
Lake Mead National Recreation Area .....	Impounded Lake .....	AZ/NV
Lake Meredith National Recreation Area .....	Impounded Lake .....	TX
Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area .....	Impounded Lake .....	WA
Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area .....	Impounded Lake .....	CA

(c) *How does the grace period apply?* For the park areas identified in Tables 1 and 2 of this section, this section provides a two-year grace period (April 20,

2000 to April 22, 2002) from the requirements of this section. During the grace period no authorizing administrative