

CHAPTER 31
PARKS & WILDLIFE CODE
SUBCHAPTER E. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES
Sec. 31.128 DISPOSITION OF FINES

For TPWD Game Wardens: JP Courts -	85% of fine only
County Courts	80% of fine only
For all other Officers (Marine Safety Enforcement Officers):	
JP & County Court	60% of fine only

Mail fines collected along with an Arrest Disposition Report within 10 days of receiving fine monies to:

TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT
ATTN: REVENUE / FINES AND ARREST SECTION
4200 SMITH SCHOOL ROAD
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78744

*** FOR ALL CITATIONS AND ARRESTS LISTED BELOW RELATING TO THE TEXAS WATER SAFETY ACT (CHAPTER 31) PARKS & WILDLIFE CODE.**

VIOLATION CODES AND DESCRIPTIONS

Equipment Violations

- 100 Fail to wear PFD on PWC (PWC) 31.106
- 101 Lanyard or cut-off switch on PWC not attached to operator (PWC) 31.106
- 102 No flame arrestor or backfire trap (PWC) 31.068
- 103 Insufficient number of PFDs (PWC) 31.066, 31.073
- 104 PFD not readily accessible (PWC) 31.066, 31.073
- 105 Child not wearing PFD on Class A or Class 1 motorboat (PWC) 31.066
- 106 Improper lights on vessel (PWC) 31.064, 31.073
- 107 No or improper mirror or no observer 13 YOA or older (PWC) 31.071
- 108 No whistle or other sound producing device (PWC) 31.065
- 109 No or improper fire extinguisher (PWC) 31.067
- 110 Fire extinguisher not readily accessible or not serviceable (PWC) 31.067
- 111 Improper ventilation equipment (PWC) 31.069
- 112 No exhaust water manifold/muffler (PWC) 31.070
- 113 Give permission to operate without required equipment (PWC) 31.062
- 199 Any other water safety equipment violation Applicable cite

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VIOLATION CODES AND DESCRIPTIONS

Operational Violations

- 200 Operate PWC within a prohibited area (PWC) 31.106
- 201 Operate PWC between sunset & sunrise (PWC) 31.106
- 202 Boating while intoxicated (BWI) (PC) 49.06
- 203 BWI-Intoxication Assault (PC) 49.07
- 204 BWI-Intoxication Manslaughter (PC) 49.08
- 205 Reckless operation & excessive speed (PWC) 31.096 (Class B P&W Code)**
- 206 Operate vessel in restricted area (PWC) 31.102
- 207 Violate U.S. Coast Guard Inland Rules (PWC) 31.093
- 208 Reckless or negligent operation (PWC) 31.094
- 209 Excessive speed (PWC) 31.095 (minimum fine \$100.00 to \$500.00 maximum)**
- 210 Tow from ½ hr. after sunset to ½ hr. before sunrise (PWC) 31.103
- 211 Fail to tow skier in careful or prudent manner (PWC) 31.103
- 212 Interfere with markers or aids to navigation or boat ramp (PWC) 31.100
- 213 Hazardous wake or wash (PWC) 31.098
- 214 Obstruct passage in traveled portion of river, channel or boat ramp (PWC) 31.101
- 215 Circular course around fisherman or swimmer (PWC) 31.099
- 216 Swim or dive within 200 yards of excursion boat (PWC) 31.099
- 217 PWC operated within 50 ft. in excess of headway speed (PWC) 31.106
- 218 PWC operator under 16 years of age not accompanied by person 18 years of age (PWC) 31.106
- 219 Towing (ski, etc.) with a PWC designed to carry less than 2 persons(PWC) 31.106
- 220 PWC jumping a wake recklessly or too close to another vessel (PWC) 31.106
- 221 PWC-operator swerve at last moment to avoid collision (PWC) 31.106
- 222 Operate vessel within diver down flag area (PWC) 31.1021
- 223 Fail to reduce power for Police Water Safety Vessel (PWC) 31.123
- 299 Any other operational water safety violation Applicable cite

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VIOLATIONS CODES AND DESCRIPTIONS

Water Safety Registration/Titling Violations

- 300 Unregistered vessel (PWC) 31.021
- 301 Fail to have certificate of number on board (PWC) 31.028
- 302 Fail to show certificate of number to officer (PWC) 31.124
- 303** Fail to properly display valid registration number or validation decal (PWC) 31.032 **(b) minimum fine \$100.00 to maximum \$500.00)**
- 304** Operate or give permission to operate vessel with invalid registration number (PWC) 31.021 **(b) minimum fine \$100.00 to maximum \$500.00)**
- 305 Unauthorized number displayed on side of the bow (PWC) 31.033
- 306 Manufacturer or dealer-fail to apply for purchaser within 20 days after sale (PWC) 31.046
- 307 Deface or alter certificate of number or number on bow of a vessel (PWC) 31.033
- 308 Fail to notify of change in ownership within reasonable time (PWC) 31.037
- 309 Fail to notify of address change within reasonable time (PWC) 31.038
- 310** Possess vessel or motor with HIN or serial number destroyed, removed, altered or defaced (PWC) 31.043 **(Class B Parks & Wildlife Code)**
- 311 Destroy, remove, alter or deface HIN or O/B motor serial number (PWC) 31.043
- 312 No marine license (dealer, distributor, manufacturer) (PWC) 31.041
- 313 Marine license use violation (PWC) 31.041
- 314 Any other marine license violation Applicable cite
- 399 Any other titling/registration violation Applicable cite

Boat Livery Violations

- 400 Operate or give permission to operate vessel without required equipment (PWC) 31.062
- 401 Give permission to operate vessel without proper registration or without proper display of numbers (PWC) 31.021
- 402 Fail to obtain certificate of number for rented vessel (PWC) 31.040
- 403 Fail to keep rental records for 6 months (PWC) 31.040, 31.111
- 404 Operate vessel livery without liability insurance (PWC) 31.111
- 405 Rent vessel without providing required instruction to operator (PWC) 31.111
- 406 Fail to require operator signature on instruction acknowledgement form (PWC) 31.111
- 499 Any other boat livery violation Applicable cite

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VIOLATION CODES AND DESCRIPTIONS

Boat Accident Violations

500 Fail to render aid to affected persons (PWC) 31.104 (**Class A P&W Code**)*

501 Fail to exchange required information (PWC) 31.104 (**Class A P&W Code**)*

502 Failure to submit Boat Accident Report within 30 days (PWC) 31.105

***The operator of a vessel who is involved in a collision, accident, or other casualty that results in death or seriously bodily injury and fails to comply with 31.104 – commits a Parks & Wildlife Code Felony.**

Boater Education Violations

600 Violate Boater Education requirements (PWC) 31.106, 31.107, 31.109

601 Fail to complete Boater Education Course within 90 days (PWC) 31.131

Floating Cabin Violations

810 Damage Oyster Reef, Serpulid Reef or Seagrass Beds (PWC) 32.108

811 Rest on Bottom/Shoreline at High Tide (PWC) 32.108

812 Fail to Remove Cabin After Notice (PWC) 32.154

For additional information, assistance, or Arrest Disposition Report forms please call: (512) 389-4850, contact one of our local field offices, or your local game warden.