

RCW 79A.60.660 Operating motor-driven boat or vessel for teak surfing, platform dragging, bodysurfing—Prohibition—Exceptions—

Penalty. (1) No person may operate a motor-driven boat or vessel or have the engine of a motor-driven boat or vessel run idle while an individual is teak surfing, platform dragging, or bodysurfing behind the motor-driven boat or vessel.

(2) No person may operate a motor-driven boat or vessel or have the engine of a motor-driven boat or vessel run idle while an individual is occupying or holding onto the swim platform, swim deck, swim step, or swim ladder of the motor-driven boat or vessel.

(3) Subsection (2) of this section does not apply when an individual is occupying the swim platform, swim deck, swim step, or swim ladder for a very brief period of time while assisting with the docking or departure of the vessel, while exiting or entering the vessel, or while the vessel is engaged in law enforcement or emergency rescue activity.

(4) For the purposes of this section, "teak surfing" or "platform dragging" means holding onto the swim platform, swim deck, swim step, swim ladder, or any portion of the exterior of the transom of a motor-driven boat or vessel for any amount of time while the motor-driven boat or vessel is underway at any speed.

(5) For the purposes of this section, "bodysurfing" means swimming or floating on one's stomach or on one's back on or in the wake directly behind a motor-driven boat or vessel that is underway.

(6) A violation of this section is a natural resource infraction punishable as provided under chapter 7.84 RCW, however the fine imposed may not exceed one hundred dollars. [2006 c 140 § 1.]

Short title—2006 c 140: "This act may be known and cited as the Jenda Jones and Denise Colbert safe boating act." [2006 c 140 § 5.]