

WAC 352-70-020 What words and phrases are used in the state boating accident reporting program? Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(1) "Commission" means the Washington state parks and recreation commission.

(2) "Operator" means an individual who steers, directs, or otherwise has control of a vessel that is underway or exercises actual authority to control the person at the helm.

(3) "Owner" means a person who has a lawful right to possession of a vessel by purchase, exchange, gift, lease, inheritance, or legal action whether or not the vessel is subject to a security interest.

(4) "Use" means operate, navigate, or employ.

(5) "Vessel" means every watercraft used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on the water, other than a seaplane. However, it does not include inner tubes, air mattresses, and small rafts or flotation devices or toys customarily used by swimmers.

(6) "Waters of Washington state" means any waters within the territorial limits of Washington state.

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