

NauticEd Jet Ski / PWC License Validation

Instructions for the Captain or First Mate of the Charter Vessel

Purpose: This one-page instruction sheet applies when a charter client arrives with a NauticEd Jet Ski / PWC license that has been completed by the student but is not yet signed by the captain or first mate. The student has already completed the NauticEd theory course. The vessel team's role is to brief, observe, assess on the water using the official NauticEd rubrics, and sign only if the client demonstrates safe practical competence.

1. NauticEd recognition and vessel role

NauticEd is a U.S. Coast Guard / American National Standards approved education and licensing body. NauticEd is also listed by the Croatian Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure on the official licensing list; line 40a identifies NauticEd International Sailing Education and the International Sailing License and Credentials (SLC) as acceptable.

The captain, or first mate, must be STCW or commercial equivalent approved. The vessel **does not need** to be a NauticEd school or training center. The required on-board step is a practical on-water assessment by the Captain or First Mate before the unsigned license is signed and activated.

2. Simple process on board

Step	Action
1	Client presents filled but unsigned SLC-jetski paper license. Confirm the student information is complete with matching photograph.
2	Local Rules Briefing. Cover the local vessel specific rules for jet ski/PWC operations. Local no-wake/swimmer/diver zones, return procedure, weather/sea-state limits, and emergency expectations.
3	Assess on the water. Use the official NauticEd Jet Ski Practical Assessment Rubrics and observe the client operating safely under the rubrics and vessel's conditions and limits.
4	Sign only if satisfied. If the client demonstrates safe and competent operation, the captain or first mate signs and dates the license. The signature validates/activates the license.

3. Signing standard

By signing, the captain or first mate signature confirms that the named student was observed on the water by the captain or first mate (not a regular crew member), assessed using the NauticEd rubrics, and judged practically competent to operate the jet ski/PWC within the limits set by the captain, charter company, equipment, weather, sea state, and local authorities.

4. If competence is not demonstrated

Do not sign the license if the client cannot demonstrate safe control, judgment, lookout, rule awareness, emergency response, or compliance with local/vessel restrictions. Provide additional supervised practice if appropriate and reassess only if conditions and time allow. The captain may restrict or prohibit use regardless of the client's completed theory course or unsigned license.