



## Ohio Administrative Code Rule 1501:47-3-02 Definition of terms.

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Whenever used in any division of parks and watercraft rules, the following terms, unless otherwise expressly defined, mean and include each of the meanings as provided herein.

- (A) "Air propelled powercraft" means any powercraft propelled by machinery which produces a current of air for the purpose of locomotion and direction control on water or marsh areas.
- (B) "All purpose vehicle" as used in these rules has the same meaning as set forth in section 4519.01 of the Revised Code.
- (C) "Closed Zone" means any water area wherein the presence or operation of any recreational vessel is prohibited, and is marked as provided in section 1547.08 of the Revised Code.
- (D) "Danger zone" means that water area wherein are located navigational hazards requiring reduced operating speeds.
- (E) "Department" means the state of Ohio, department of natural resources.
- (F) "Division" means the state of Ohio, department of natural resources, division of parks and watercraft.
- (G) "Dock" means that part of any structure over or on the water of the division which may be used for the moorage of one or more vessels.
- (H) "Horsepower" means the horsepower rating published by the manufacturer for the power unit involved.
- (I) "Ice boat" means any contrivance used or designed to skim over frozen bodies of water and which is driven along by sail, propeller, motor, or jet engine.



(J) "Lock" means the lock walls, chamber, gates and the adjoining areas in the immediate vicinity of any enclosed part of a canal, river, stream or other waterway, equipped with gates so that the level of the water in the chamber can be changed to raise or lower boats from one level to another.

(K) "No motor zone" means any water area wherein the operation of powercraft is unlawful. No motor zone buoys will display text stating "No Motors."

(L) "Operator" means any person who operates or is in actual physical control of a vehicle which includes but is not limited to a snowmobile or all purpose vehicle, motor vehicle, bicycle, recreational vessel or recreational vessel and detachable motor.

(M) "Owner" includes any person, firm, association, partnership or corporation, owning, leasing, operating, or having the exclusive use of a vehicle, watercraft, animal, or any other property under lease or otherwise, or any of the above who claims lawful possession by virtue of legal title or equitable interest therein which entitles him to such possession.

(N) "Person" includes any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, company, association, or body politic, or any combination of individuals, except the United States and the state of Ohio, and includes any agent, trustee, executor, receiver, assignee, or other representative thereof.

(O) "Shore zone" means that water area of a uniform width of three hundred feet lying parallel with and contiguous to the shoreline, except that as it pertains to lake White, Salt Fork lake, lake Loramie, Dillon lake, and Delaware lake, where "shore zone" means that water area of a uniform width of one hundred feet lying parallel and contiguous to the shoreline.

(P) "Ski zone" means any water area whereon towed watersports activities are permitted within the buoys so placed to designate the zone. Ski zone buoys will display text stating "Ski Zone."

(Q) "Special water ski zone" means a ski zone designated for public use and wherein equipment or facilities for trick skiing may be placed or acrobatic skiing by more than one person acting together may be performed.



(R) "Speed zone" means any water area wherein powercraft may be operated at such a speed as is reasonable, having due regard to traffic, surface and any hazardous conditions then existing. Speed zone buoys will display text stating "Speed Zone."

(S) "Unzoned area" means any water area that has not been zoned.

(T) "Water" and "water area" means any and all bodies of water in a liquid or frozen condition which are administered by the division.