

# THE GREEN BLUE

# personal watercraft checklist



## Wildlife

If you see whales and dolphins give them lots of space and reduce to a no wake, slow speed. Remember some species leap clear of the water and have caused fatalities in small craft. The law has changed recently with a stronger emphasis on 'reckless' disturbance. Stay the right side of the law and never chase or knowingly disturb wildlife.

## At the helm

Small craft like PW's can reach shallow, more sensitive areas. Take care not to disturb vegetation, wildlife and avoid stirring up the bottom. Be aware of your wash, especially around wildlife.

## Engine

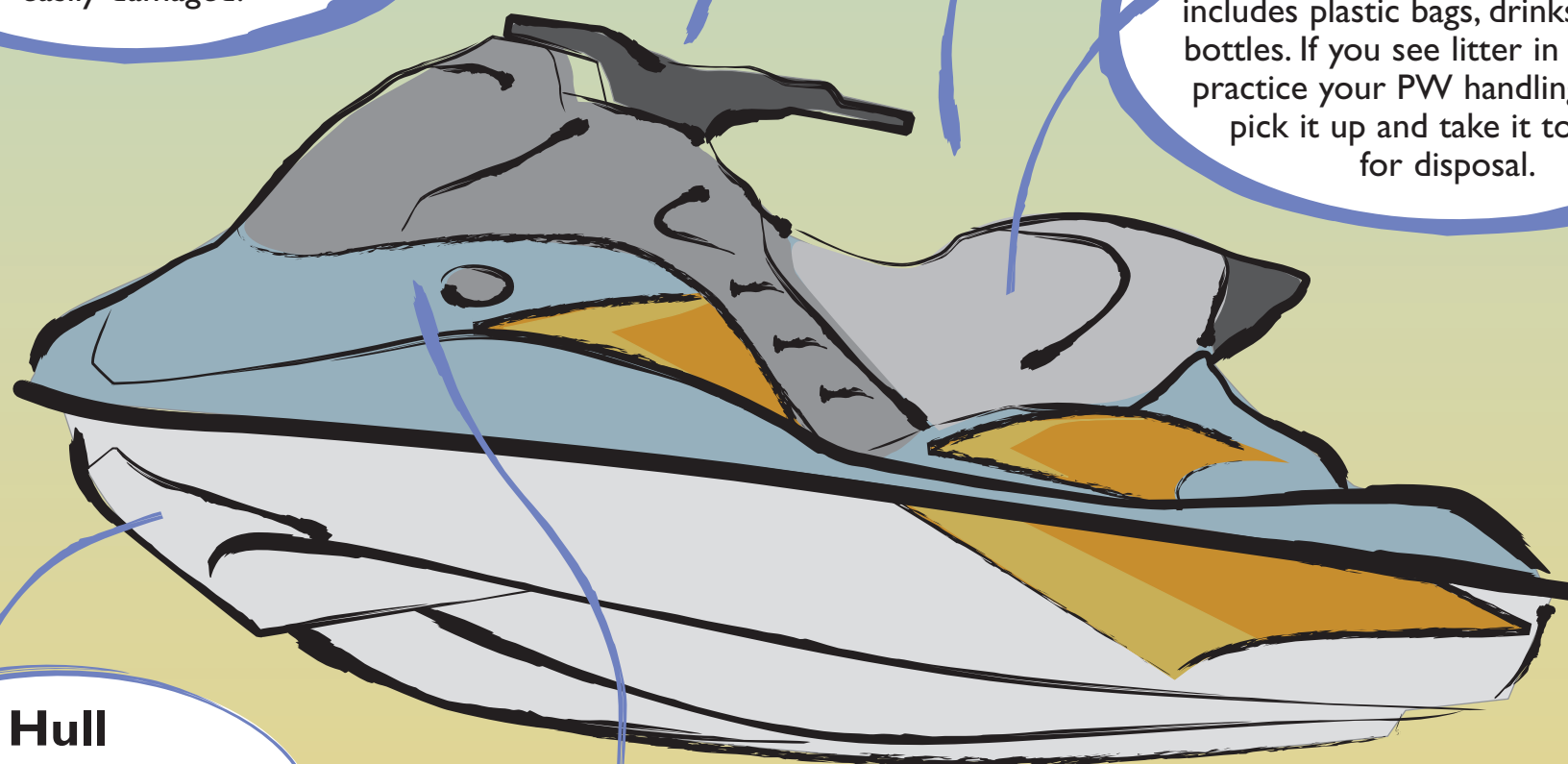
Use a four stroke instead of a two stroke engine to increase fuel efficiency, reduce noise and decrease emissions.

## Beaching and anchoring

When you go ashore try and use recognised landing places as shoreline and bankside habitats support a rich variety of wildlife and can be easily damaged.

## On board

Secure loose items so they don't accidentally go over the side; this includes plastic bags, drinks cans and bottles. If you see litter in the water practice your PW handling skills to pick it up and take it to shore for disposal.



## Hull

Choose environmentally friendly cleaning products and avoid those with chlorine and bleach.

## Re-fuelling

To help prevent spills, use a funnel or safety fill nozzle when pouring petrol and oil and keep a spill kit to hand.

## Trailer

Help prevent the spread of invasive species - drain and scrub all parts of the craft, trailer and equipment that came into contact with the water before leaving the area.



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