

Tragic Indian Rocks Accident Highlights Risks of Personal Watercrafts

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An Indian Rocks man was killed in a tragic [personal watercraft accident](#) earlier this month. According to [reports](#), two men were riding a personal watercraft after sunset when they hit something in the water. Both were subsequently thrown into the Intracoastal Waterway. While one man survived, the other, sadly, did not.

This recent accident highlights the risks associated riding personal watercrafts, especially after dark. State law prohibits riding jet-skis and water scooters after dark. The latest crash is at least the second personal watercraft fatality so far this year in the Tampa Bay area to occur after dark.

In addition to observing the laws regarding safe personal watercraft operation, below are some additional tips to avoid a serious accident:

- As a personal watercraft user, you are in command of a boat. Attitude and awareness are key factors when you operate any boat, since most boating accidents result from operator error.
- When riding with a passenger make sure they know what to do if they fall off or the proper actions for any other circumstance that could occur on the water.
- It is very important that you read and understand your owners' manual before you operate your PWC. It is the best source of information about the operating characteristics of your PWC.
- Read and understand all the warning labels on your PWC.
- Do not put anything near the pump intake with the engine running. This is especially true of fingers, clothes, toes, etc. The water flowing into the intake will pull hair or anything loose into the jet unit.
- Don't operate your PWC- or allow anyone else to operate it – while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Both can impair balance, vision, and judgment – necessary components of safe boating.

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