



VX-C/VX/VX Deluxe VX Cruiser VX Limited

OWNER'S/OPERATOR'S MANUAL

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warning: Operating, servicing and maintaining a recreational marine vessel can expose you to chemicals including engine exhaust, carbon monoxide, phthalates, and lead, which are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. To minimize exposure, avoid breathing exhaust, service your vessel in a well-ventilated area and wear gloves or wash your hands frequently when servicing this vessel. For more information go to www.P65warnings.ca.gov/marine

Read this manual carefully before operating this watercraft. This manual should stay with the WaveRunner if it is sold.

Important manual information

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To the owner/operator

Thank you for choosing a Yamaha watercraft. This owner's/operator's manual contains information you will need for proper operation, maintenance, and care. A thorough understanding of these simple instructions will help you to obtain maximum enjoyment from your new Yamaha. If you have any questions about the operation or maintenance of your watercraft, please consult a Yamaha dealer. In this manual, information of particular importance is distinguished in the following ways:

This is the safety alert symbol. It is used to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.

WARNING

A WARNING indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

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NOTICE

A NOTICE indicates special precautions that must be taken to avoid damage to the watercraft or other property.

TIP:

A TIP provides key information to make procedures easier or clearer.

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Engine data recording

This model's ECM stores certain engine data to assist in the diagnosis of malfunctions and for research, statistical analysis and development purposes.

Although the sensors and recorded data will vary by model, the main data points are:

Engine status and engine performance data

This data will be uploaded only when a special Yamaha diagnostic tool is attached to the engine, such as when maintenance checks or service procedures are performed.

Yamaha will not disclose this data to a third party except in the following cases. In addition, Yamaha may provide engine data to a contractor in order to outsource services related to the handling of the engine data. Even in this case, Yamaha will require the contractor to properly handle the engine data we provided and Yamaha will appropriately manage the data.

- · With the consent of the boat owner
- · Where obligated by law
- For use by Yamaha in litigation
- For general Yamaha-conducted research purposes when the data is not related to an individual engine or owner

Important manual information

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Because Yamaha has a policy of continuing product improvement, this product may not be exactly as described in this owner's/operator's manual. Specifications are subject to change without notice.

This manual should be considered a permanent part of this watercraft and should remain with it even if the watercraft is subsequently sold.

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Identification numbers

Record the Primary Identification (PRI-ID) number, Hull Identification Number (HIN), and engine serial number in the spaces provided for assistance when ordering genuine parts from a Yamaha dealer. Also record and keep these ID numbers in a separate place in case your watercraft is stolen.

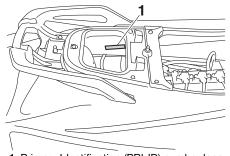
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Primary Identification (PRI-ID) number

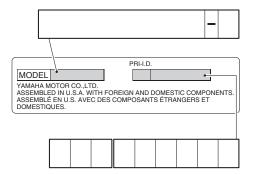
The PRI-ID number is stamped on a plate attached inside the engine compartment. (See page 48 for seat removal and installation procedures and page 53 for information on the removable watertight storage compartment.)

MODEL:

VX1050G-V (VX-C) VX1050C-V (VX) VX1050B-V (VX Deluxe) VX1050A-V (VX Cruiser) VX1050F-V (VX Limited)



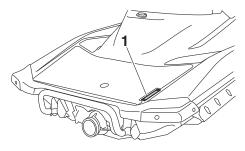
1 Primary Identification (PRI-ID) number location



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Hull Identification Number (HIN)

The HIN is stamped on a plate attached to the aft deck.



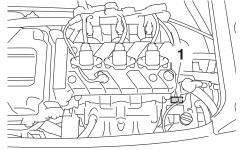
1 Hull Identification Number (HIN) location



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Engine serial number

The engine serial number is stamped on a plate attached to the engine unit. (See page 48 for seat removal and installation procedures.)



1 Engine serial number location



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Emission control information

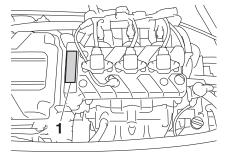
This engine conforms to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and/or California Air Resources Board (CARB) regulations for marine SI engines applicable at the time of manufacture.

This engine is certified to operate on regular unleaded gasoline.

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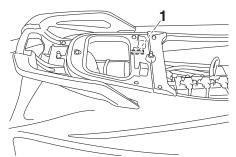
Approval label of emission control certificate

This label is attached to the top of the cylinder head and to the inside of the engine compartment. (See page 48 for seat removal and installation procedures and page 53 for information on the removable watertight storage compartment.)



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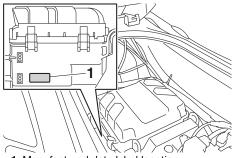
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Manufactured date label

This label is attached to the port side of the air filter case. (See page 48 for seat removal and installation procedures.)



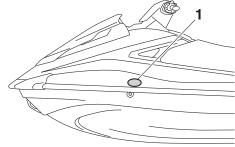
1 Manufactured date label location



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Star labels

This watercraft is labeled with a California Air Resources Board (CARB) star label. See below for a description of your particular label.



1 Star label location

One Star - Low Emission

The one-star label identifies engines that meet the Air Resources Board's Personal Watercraft and Outboard marine engine 2001 exhaust emission standards. Engines meeting these standards have 75% lower emissions than conventional carbureted two-stroke engines. These engines are equivalent to the U.S. EPA's 2006 standards for marine engines.



Two Stars - Very Low Emission

The two-star label identifies engines that meet the Air Resources Board's Personal Watercraft and Outboard marine engine 2004 exhaust emission standards. Engines meeting these standards have 20% lower emissions than One Star-Low Emission engines.



Three Stars - Ultra Low Emission

The three-star label identifies engines that meet the Air Resources Board's Personal Watercraft and Outboard marine engine 2008 exhaust emission standards or the Sterndrive and Inboard marine engine 2003-2008 exhaust emission standards. Engines meeting these standards have 65% lower emissions than One Star-Low Emission engines.



Four Stars - Super Ultra Low Emission

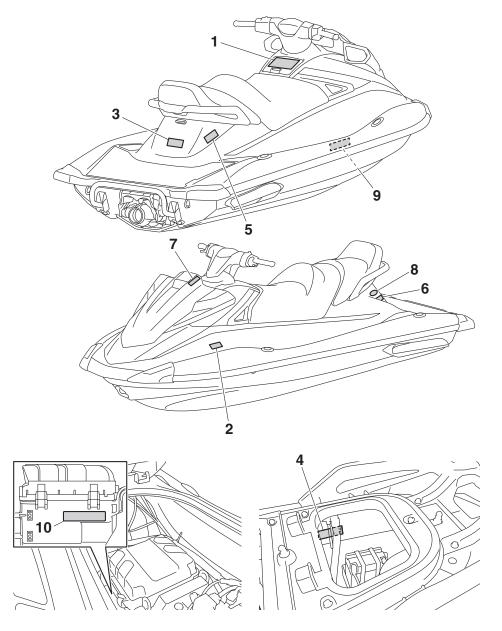
The four-star label identifies engines that meet the Air Resources Board's Sterndrive and Inboard marine engine 2009 exhaust emission standards. Personal Watercraft and Outboard marine engines may also comply with these standards. Engines meeting these standards have 90% lower emissions than One Star-Low Emission engines.



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Important labels

Read the following labels before using this watercraft. If you have any questions, consult a Yamaha dealer.



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Warning labels

If any of these labels are damaged or missing, contact a Yamaha dealer for replacements.

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↑ WARNING

Require Proper Operation of the Boat

Improper operation can result in severe injury or death.

Operators Must Be Qualified



Make sure operator is 16 or older and has taken a boater safety course. Your state (or province) may have additional requirements.

Operators Must Avoid Collisions

- Scan constantly for people, objects, and other watercraft.
- Stay far enough away from others so you can always safely coast to a stop.
- Do not release throttle when trying to steer away from objects – as with other powerboats, you need throttle to steer.



Read Operator's Manual

Protect All Riders

- Wear shorts with neoprene (wet suit material) and an approved PFD (personal flotation device) - see Rider Safety label at rear of craft. Tell riders to read the Rider Safety label and make sure they are dressed appropriately.
- Do not apply throttle when anyone is boarding or at rear of PWC.
- ✓ Be sure riders are properly seated and holding on.
- Avoid aggressive operation, sharp turns, and unexpected acceleration that can cause riders to be thrown off
- Do not jump waves or wakes jumping can cause injuries such as back or spinal injuries (paralysis).

Do Not Permit Reckless Operation

- Do not go near others to spray or splash them with water, go too close to other boats, or go too fast for traffic conditions.
- Never ride after consuming alcohol or drugs.

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AWARNING

Gasoline is highly flammable and explosive. A fire or explosion could cause severe injury or death. Shut engine off. Refuel in well ventilated area away from flames or sparks. Do not smoke. Avoid spilling gasoline. Wipe up spilled gasoline immediately. Remove all seats to ventilate fuel vapors from engine compartment before starting engine. Do not start engine if there is a fuel leak or a loose electrical connection.

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Falls Can Result in Severe Injury or Death

- Vou must wear shorts with neoprene (wet suit material) to keep water from being forcefully injected into rectum or vagina during a fall backward. Ridders not wearing neoprene shorts have received severe rectal, vaginal, and internal injuries resulting in permanent damage.
- ✓ You must wear an approved PFD (personal flotation device).
- Be sure you are properly seated and holding on. Riders can be thrown off PWC during unexpected acceleration or aggressive operation.
 Never ride after consuming alcohol or drugs.



Do not ride if you are not dressed appropriately.

Wear PFD
Wear Neoprene

See Operator's Manual

RIDER SAFETY

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A WARNING

Be sure to connect breather hose to battery. Fire or explosion could result if not connected properly.



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AWARNING

Do not use cleat or grips to lift PWC. PWC could fall, which could result in severe injury.

AWARNING

Do not board PWC if operator is applying throttle.

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Other labels

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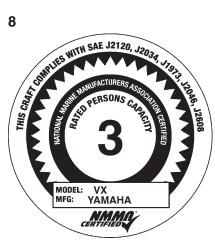
RATED PERSON CAPACITY:3 MAXIMUM LOAD:240 kg (530 lb)

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FIRE EXTINGUISHER CONTAINER

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THIS BOAT IS MANUFACTURED YAMAHA MOTOR CORPORATION, U.S.A. (6555 KATELLA AVENUE, CYPRESS, CALIFORNIA). PER 46 U.S.C. 4305 AND U.S. COAST GUARD GRANT OF EXEMPTION (CGB 86-039), THE COAST GUARD EXEMPTS THIS VESSEL FROM ONE OR MORE SAFETY REGULATIONS. CGB 86-039 STATES THAT CERTAIN REGULATIONS ARE INAPPLICABLE IN LIGHT OF THIS VESSEL'S CHARACTERISTICS AND THAT THE EXEMPTION WILL NOT HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY. THIS BOAT COMPLIES WITH U.S. COAST GUARD SAFETY STANDARDS IN EFFECT ON THE DATE OF CERTIFICATION. ALL PERSONS SHOULD WEAR A LIFEJACKET (PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE) WHILE OPERATING OR RIDING THIS WATERCRAFT.

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All applicable electrical system components installed as original equipment meet appropriate U.S.C.G. requirements for ignition protection.(Ref.33 CFR 183.410 and 183.440)

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⚠ Safety information

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The safe use and operation of this watercraft is dependent upon the use of proper riding techniques, as well as upon the common sense, good judgment, and expertise of the operator. Every operator should know the following requirements before riding the watercraft.

 Before operating the watercraft, read this owner's/operator's manual, the Riding Practice Guide, the Riding Instruction card, and all labels on the watercraft. Also, watch the WaveRunner Basic Orientation Video linked to the following QR code.



https://yamahawaverunners.com/orientation A DVD is also available at your nearest dealer for your convenience.

These materials should give you an understanding of the watercraft and its operation.

 Never allow anyone to operate this watercraft until they too have read this owner's/operator's manual, the Riding Practice Guide, the Riding Instruction card, and all labels, and, if possible, watched the WaveRunner Basic Orientation Video.

Showing them the video may help reinforce the information contained in these materials

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Limitations on who may operate the watercraft

 Make sure that the operator is 16 years of age or older and has taken a boater safety course.

Adults must supervise use by minors.

Your state (or province) may have additional requirements. You can find local rules by contacting the United States Coast Guard (USCG), the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, or your local Power Squadron.

This watercraft is designed to carry the operator and up to 2 passengers. Never exceed the maximum load limit or allow more than 3 persons (or 2 persons if a wakeboarder or water-skier is being pulled) to ride the watercraft at any time.



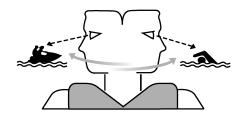
Maximum load: 240 kg (530 lb) Load is the total weight of cargo, operator, and passengers.

Do not operate the watercraft with any passengers on board until you have considerable practice and experience riding alone.
 Operating the watercraft with passengers requires more skill. Take the time to become accustomed to the handling characteristics of the watercraft before trying any difficult maneuvers.

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Cruising limitations

 Scan constantly for people, objects, and other watercraft. Be alert for conditions that limit your visibility or block your vision of others.



- Operate defensively at safe speeds and keep a safe distance away from people, objects, and other watercraft.
- Do not follow directly behind watercraft or other boats.
- Do not go near others to spray or splash them with water, go too close to other boats, or go too fast for the traffic conditions.
- VX-C: Take early action to avoid collisions.
 Remember, watercraft and other boats do not have brakes.
- VX-C: Avoid sharp turns or other maneuvers that make it hard for others to avoid you or understand where you are going.
- VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited: Take early action to avoid collisions. Remember, watercraft and other boats do not have brakes. In addition, the Reverse with Intuitive Deceleration Electronics (RiDE) system is not a braking device for avoiding dangerous situations. The RiDE system is an electronic system for controlling the engine speed and reverse gate, which is located near the jet thrust nozzle. The RiDE lever located at the left handlebar grip can

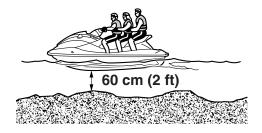
be used to change the direction of the jet thrust so that the watercraft moves in reverse or is in neutral. The RiDE system assists the operator when slowing down and during slow-speed maneuvering, such as launching, beaching, and docking.

- VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited:
 Avoid sharp turns, slowing down rapidly by
 squeezing the RiDE lever forcefully, and
 other maneuvers that make it hard for others to avoid you or understand where you
 are going.
- Avoid areas with submerged objects or shallow water.
- Do not release the throttle lever when trying to steer away from objects—as with other powerboats, you need throttle to steer. Always check throttle and steering controls before starting the watercraft.
- Ride within your limits and avoid aggressive maneuvers to reduce the risk of loss of control, ejection, and collision.
- This is a high performance boat—not a toy. Avoid aggressive operation, sharp turns, and unexpected acceleration that can cause you to be thrown off. Do not jump waves or wakes—jumping can cause injuries such as back or spinal injuries (paralysis), facial injuries, and broken legs, ankles, and other bones. Improper operation can result in severe injury or death.
- Do not operate the watercraft in rough water, bad weather, or when visibility is poor; this may lead to an accident causing injury or death. Be alert to the possibility of adverse weather. Take note of weather forecasts and the prevailing weather conditions before setting out on your watercraft.
- As with any water sport, you should not operate your watercraft without someone else

Safety information

nearby. If you operate further than swimming distance from shore, you should be accompanied by another boat or watercraft, but make sure you stay a safe distance away. It's good, common sense.

 Never operate in water that is less than 60 cm (2 ft) deep from the bottom of the watercraft, otherwise you increase your chance of hitting a submerged object, which could result in injury.



This watercraft is not equipped with lighting required for night operation. Do not operate the watercraft after sunset or before dawn, otherwise you increase the risk of colliding with another boat, which could result in severe injury or death.

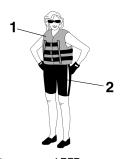


Follow navigation rules, and state/provincial and local laws that apply to watercraft.

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Operation requirements

- All riders must wear a personal flotation device (PFD) that is approved by the appropriate authorities and is suitable for personal watercraft use.
 - Wear protective clothing. Severe internal injuries can occur if water is forced into body cavities as a result of falling into the water or being near the jet thrust nozzle. You must wear shorts with neoprene (wetsuit material) to keep water from being forcefully injected into the rectum or vagina during a fall backward. Riders not wearing neoprene shorts have received severe rectal, vaginal, and internal injuries resulting in permanent damage. Normal swimwear does not offer adequate protection.



- 1 Authority-approved PFD
- 2 Wetsuit bottom
- Eye protection is recommended to keep wind, water, and glare from the sun out of your eyes while you operate your watercraft. Restraining straps for eyewear are made which are designed to float should your eyewear fall in the water.
 - Footwear and gloves are recommended.
- Helmets meeting Snell or DOT standards are required for IJSBA-sanctioned races.
 You must decide whether to wear a helmet while you ride for recreation. You should know that a helmet could help protect you

in certain kinds of accidents and that it could injure you in others.

A helmet is designed to provide some head protection. Although helmets cannot protect against all foreseeable impacts, a helmet might reduce your injuries in a collision with a boat or other obstacle.

A helmet may have potential safety hazards, as well. Falling into the water could risk the chance of the helmet catching water, commonly known as "bucketing", and the resulting strain on your neck could cause choking, severe and permanent neck injuries, or death. A helmet could also increase the risk of an accident if it reduces your vision or hearing, or if it distracts you or increases your fatigue.

How should you decide if a helmet's potential safety benefits outweigh its potential risks for you? Consider your particular riding conditions. Consider factors such as your riding environment and your riding style and ability. Also consider the likelihood of traffic congestion, and the water surface conditions.

If you decide to wear a helmet based upon your riding circumstances, choose one carefully. Look for a helmet designed for personal watercraft use, if possible. Consider a helmet meeting Snell or DOT standards. If you will be engaging in closed-course competition, follow the helmet requirements of the sanctioning organization.

- Never operate the watercraft after consuming alcohol or taking other drugs.
- For reasons of safety and proper care of the watercraft, always perform the pre-operation checks listed on page 63 before operating the watercraft.
- The operator should grip the handlebars firmly with both hands and the passengers

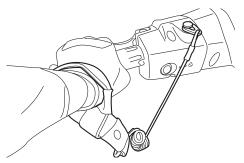
should hold on firmly, either to the person in front of them or to the handgrip provided.

• The operator and passengers should always keep their feet on the floor of the footwell when the watercraft is in motion. Lifting your feet increases the chances of losing your balance, or hitting objects outside the watercraft with your feet. Do not give a ride to children if their feet cannot reach the floor of the footwell.



- Never allow a passenger to ride in front of the operator.
- Always consult your doctor on whether it is safe for you to ride this watercraft if you are pregnant or in poor health.
- Do not attempt to modify this watercraft.
 Modifications to your watercraft may reduce safety and reliability, and render the watercraft unsafe or illegal for use.
- Attach the engine shut-off cord (lanyard) to your left wrist and keep it free from the handlebars so that the engine stops if you, the operator, fall off. After riding, remove the engine shut-off cord (lanyard) from the wa-

tercraft to avoid accidental starting or unauthorized use by children or others.



- Scan carefully for swimmers and stay away from swimming areas. Swimmers are hard to see and you could accidentally hit someone in the water.
- Avoid being hit by another boat. You should always take the responsibility to watch for traffic; other boaters may not be watching for you. If they do not see you, or if you maneuver more quickly than other boaters expect, you risk a collision.
- Maintain a safe distance from other boats and watercraft, and also watch for ski ropes or fishing lines. Obey the "Rules of the Road" and be sure to check behind you before making a turn or slowing down. (See "Rules of the Road" on page 19.)
- According to the USCG, boats under 6.1 m
 (20 ft) in length like your watercraft must carry a fire extinguisher of a B-1 classification, with a capacity of two pounds or more when navigating in waters under USCG jurisdiction. In addition, most state and local

boating laws also require that the fire extinguisher be approved by the USCG.



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Recommended equipment

The following items should be carried on board your watercraft:

- Sound-signaling device
 You should carry a whistle or other sound signaling device that can be used to signal
 other boats. See "Rules of the Road" for
 more information.
- Visual distress signals
 It is recommended that a U.S. Coast Guard approved pyrotechnic device be stored in a waterproof container on your watercraft. A mirror can also be used as an emergency signal. Contact a Yamaha dealer or the U.S. Coast Guard for more information.
- Watch
 A watch is helpful so you will know how long you have been operating the water-craft.
- Towline
 A towline can be used to tow a disabled watercraft in an emergency.

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Hazard information

- Never start the engine or let it run for any length of time in an enclosed area. Exhaust fumes contain carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless gas that may cause loss of consciousness and death within a short time. Always operate the watercraft in an open area.
- Do not touch the hot oil tank, muffler, or engine during or immediately after engine operation; they can cause serious burns.
- Do not place magnets or objects with a strong magnetic force near the throttle lever or RiDE lever (VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited). The electronic throttle mechanism of the levers can be adversely affected, which could cause loss of control. In addition, do not place objects susceptible to magnetic forces (i.e., credit cards, watches, etc.) close to the throttle lever or RiDE lever.

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Watercraft characteristics

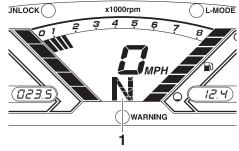
 Jet thrust turns the watercraft. Releasing the throttle lever completely produces only minimum thrust. If you are traveling at speeds above trolling, you will have rapidly decreasing ability to steer without throttle. This model is equipped with the Yamaha Engine Management System (YEMS) that includes an off-throttle steering (OTS) system. It will activate at planing speeds should you attempt to steer the watercraft after releasing the throttle lever. The OTS system assists in turning by continuing to supply some thrust while the watercraft is decelerating, but you can turn more sharply if you apply throttle while turning the handlebars.

The OTS system does not function below planing speeds or when the engine is off. Once the engine slows down, the watercraft will no longer turn in response to handlebar input until you apply throttle again or you reach trolling speed.

Practice turning in an open area without obstacles until you have a good feel for this maneuver.

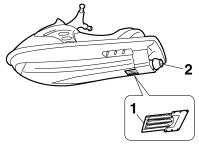
- VX-C: This watercraft is water-jet propelled. The jet pump is directly connected to the engine. This means that jet thrust will produce some movement whenever the engine is running. There is no "neutral" position.
- VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited:
 This watercraft is water-jet propelled. The
 jet pump is directly connected to the en gine. This means that jet thrust will produce
 some movement whenever the engine is
 running and the "F" (forward) or "R" (re verse) shift indicator is displayed. When the
 "N" (neutral) shift indicator is displayed, the
 forward and reverse thrust are balanced to

help keep the watercraft from moving in either direction, although some movement may occur.

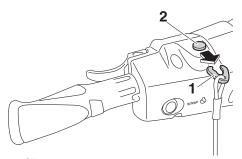


- 1 "N" (Neutral position)
- VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited:
 To avoid rear-end collisions while operating the watercraft, check behind you before using the RiDE lever to slow down or stop the watercraft. Make sure that there are no obstacles or people behind you before shifting into reverse.
- Keep away from the intake grate while the engine is on. Items such as long hair, loose clothing, or PFD straps can become entangled in moving parts, resulting in severe injury or drowning.
- Never insert any object into the jet thrust nozzle while the engine is running. Severe injury or death could result from coming in

contact with the rotating parts of the jet pump.



- 1 Intake grate
- 2 Jet thrust nozzle
- Stop the engine and remove the clip from the engine shut-off switch before removing any debris or weeds, which may have collected around the jet intake.



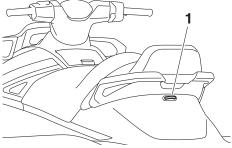
- 1 Clip
- 2 Engine shut-off switch

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Wakeboarding and waterskiing

You can use the watercraft for wakeboarding or water-skiing if it has the seating capacity to carry the operator, a rearward-facing spotter, and the wakeboarder or water-skier when he or she is not being pulled.

The watercraft must also have a cleat designed to pull a ski rope; do not attach the rope to any other location.



1 Cleat

It is the watercraft operator's responsibility to be alert to the safety of the wakeboarder or water-skier and others. Know and follow all state and local regulations in effect for the waters in which you will be operating.

The operator should be comfortable carrying passengers before attempting to pull a wake-boarder or water-skier.

The following are some important considerations for minimizing risks while pulling a wakeboarder or water-skier.

- The wakeboarder or water-skier should wear an approved PFD, preferably a brightly colored one so boat operators can see the person being pulled.
- The wakeboarder or water-skier should wear protective clothing. Severe internal injuries can occur if water is forced into body cavities as a result of falling into the water.

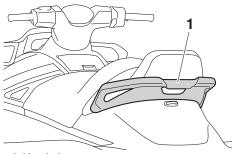
Normal swimwear does not adequately protect against forceful water entry into the rectum or vagina. The person being pulled should wear a wetsuit bottom or clothing that provides equivalent protection.

 A second person should be on board as a spotter to watch the wakeboarder or water-skier; in most states it is required by law. Let the person being pulled direct the operator's control of speed and direction with hand signals.

The spotter should sit astride the rear of the seat and hold onto the handgrip with both feet firmly on the floor of the footwell for proper balance while facing to the rear to watch the wakeboarder's or water-skier's hand signals and condition.



1 Handgrip



- 1 Handgrip
- Your control while pulling a wakeboarder or water-skier is affected by the wakeboard-

- er's or water-skier's ability, as well as water and weather conditions.
- When preparing to pull a wakeboarder or water-skier, operate the watercraft at the slowest possible speed until the watercraft is well away from the person being pulled and slack in the ski rope is taken up. Make sure that the rope is not looped around anything.

After checking that the wakeboarder or water-skier is ready and that there is no traffic or other obstacles, apply enough throttle to raise the person.

- Make smooth, wide turns. The watercraft is capable of very sharp turns, which could exceed the abilities of the wakeboarder or water-skier. Keep the person being towed at least 50 m (164 ft), about twice the distance of a standard ski rope, away from any potential hazard.
- The operators of boats and other watercraft may not be aware that you are pulling a wakeboarder or water-skier. Together with the spotter, pay attention to others around you and cruise at safe speeds.
- Be alert to the hazard of the ski rope handle snapping back at the watercraft when the wakeboarder or water-skier falls or is unable to get up.
- Towing heavy or bulky objects other than wakeboarders or water-skiers, such as another boat or watercraft, can cause loss of steering control and create a hazardous condition. If you must tow another boat in an emergency situation, operate slowly and cautiously.

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Rules of the Road

Your Yamaha watercraft is legally considered a powerboat. Operation of the watercraft must be in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the waterway on which it is used.

Just as there are rules that apply when you are driving on streets and highways, there are waterway rules that apply when you are operating your watercraft. These rules are used internationally, and are also enforced by the United States Coast Guard and local agencies. You should be aware of these rules, and follow them whenever you encounter another vessel on the water.

Several sets of rules prevail according to geographic location, but are all basically the same as the International Rules of the Road. The rules presented here in this owner's/operator's manual are condensed, and have been provided for your convenience only. Consult your local U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or Department of Motor Vehicles for a complete set of rules governing the waters in which you will be operating your watercraft.

Steering and sailing rules

Whenever two vessels on the water meet one another, one vessel has the right-of-way; it is called the "stand-on" vessel. The vessel that does not have the right-of-way is called the "give-way" or "burdened" vessel. These rules determine which vessel has the right-of-way, and what each vessel should do.

Stand-on vessel

The vessel with the right-of-way has the duty to continue its course and speed, except to avoid an immediate collision. When you maintain your direction and speed, the other vessel will be able to determine how best to avoid you.

Give-way vessel

The vessel which does not have the right-ofway has the duty to take positive and timely action to stay out of the way of the stand-on vessel. Normally, you should not cross in front of the vessel with the right-of-way. You should slow down or change directions briefly and pass behind the other vessel. You should always move in such a way that the operator of the other vessel can see what you are doing.

The General Prudential Rule regarding the right-of-way is that if a collision appears unavoidable, neither boat has the right-of-way. Both boats must avoid the collision.

In other words, follow the standard rules except when a collision will occur unless both vessels try to avoid each other. If that is the case, both vessels become give-way vessels.

Rules when encountering vessels

There are three main situations that you may encounter with other vessels which could lead to a collision unless the Steering Rules are followed:

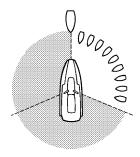
Meeting: you are approaching another vessel head-on

Crossing: you are traveling across another vessel's path

Overtaking: you are passing or being passed by another vessel

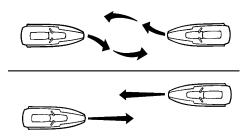
In the following illustration, your watercraft is in the center. You should give the right-ofway to any vessels shown in the white area (you are the give-way vessel). Any vessels in the shaded area must yield to you (they are the give-way vessels). Both you and the

meeting vessel must alter course to avoid each other.



Meeting

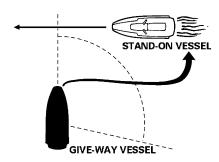
If you are meeting another power-driven vessel head on, and are close enough to run the risk of collision, neither of you has the right-of-way. Both of you should alter course to avoid an accident. You should keep the other vessel on your port (left) side. This rule does not apply if both of you will clear one another if you continue on your set course and speed.



Crossing

When two power-driven vessels are crossing each other's path close enough to run the risk of collision, the vessel which has the other on the starboard (right) side must keep out of the way of the other. If the other vessel is on your starboard (right) side, you must keep out of its way; you are the give-way vessel. If the other vessel is on your port (left) side, remember that you should maintain course and di-

rection, provided the other vessel gives you the right-of-way as it should.



Overtaking

If you are passing another vessel, you are the give-way vessel. This means that the other vessel is expected to maintain its course and speed. You must stay out of its way until you are clear of it. Likewise, if another vessel is passing you, you should maintain your speed and direction so that the other vessel can steer itself around you.

Other special situations

There are three other rules you should be aware of when riding your watercraft around other vessels.

Narrow channels and bends

When navigating in narrow channels, you should keep to the right when it is safe and practical to do so. If the operator of a power-driven vessel is preparing to go around a bend that may obstruct the view of other water vessels, the operator should sound a prolonged blast of four to six seconds on the whistle. If another vessel is around the bend, it too should sound the whistle. Even if no reply is heard, however, the vessel should still proceed around the bend with caution. If you navigate such waters with your watercraft, you will need to carry a portable air horn, available from local marine supply stores.

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Fishing vessel right-of-way

All vessels fishing with nets, lines, or trawls are considered to be "fishing vessels" under the International Rules. Vessels with trolling lines are not considered fishing vessels. Fishing vessels have the right-of-way regardless of position. Fishing vessels cannot, however, impede the passage of other vessels in narrow channels.

Sailing vessel right-of-way

Sailing vessels should normally be given the right-of-way. The exceptions to this are:

- When the sailing vessel is overtaking the power-driven vessel, the power-driven vessel has the right-of-way.
- (2) Sailing vessels should keep clear of any fishing vessel.
- (3) In a narrow channel, a sailing vessel should not hamper the safe passage of a power-driven vessel that can navigate only in such a channel.

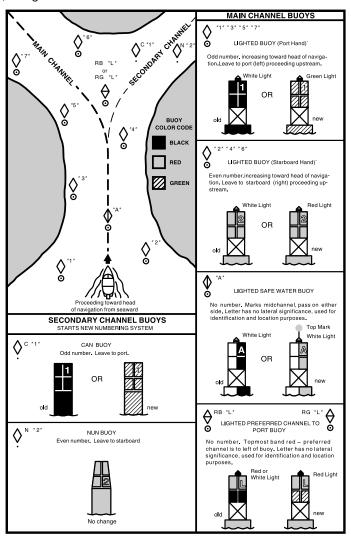
Reading buoys and other markers

The waters of the United States are marked for safe navigation by the lateral system of buoyage. Simply put, buoys and markers have an arrangement of shapes, colors, numbers, and lights to show which side of the buoy a boater should pass on when navigating in a particular direction. The markings on these buoys are oriented from the perspective of being entered from seaward (the boater is going towards the harbor). Red buoys are passed on your starboard (right) side when proceeding from open water into the harbor, and black buoys are to your port (left) side. An easy way to remember the meaning of the colors is the phrase "red right returning". When navigating out of the harbor, your position with respect to the buoys should be reversed; red buoys should be to port and black buoys to starboard.

Many bodies of water used by boaters are entirely within the boundaries of a particular state. The Uniform State Waterway Marking System has been devised for these waters.

This system uses buoys and signs with distinctive shapes and colors to show regulatory or advisory information. These markers are white with black letters and orange borders.

They signify speed zones, restricted areas, danger areas, and general information.



Remember, markings may vary by geographic location. Always consult local boating authorities before riding your watercraft in unfamiliar waters.

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To get more boating safety information

Be informed about boating safety. Additional publications and information can be obtained from many organizations, including the following.

United States Coast Guard

Consumer Affairs Staff (G-BC)
Office of Boating, Public, and Consumer Af-

U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters Washington, D.C. 20593-0001 http://www.uscgboating.org/

Other sources

You can find local rules by contacting the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, or your local Power Squadron.

Watercraft Education and Training

The Online Boating Safety Course, available through the watercraft section of the yamaha-motor.com website, is a free, 50 question learning course available to the public. Upon successful completion of 80 percent or better, the user can request a certificate of completion by mail or can download one immediately. The Online Boating Safety Course, provided by the Boat/US Foundation, is approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASB-LA) and recognized by the United States Coast Guard. This course meets the education requirement for those states that recognize non-proctored. NASBLA-approved courses.

Yamaha is the watercraft industry's leading manufacturer to build awareness and support for boating education. In 1997, Yamaha launched its GET W.E.T. (Watercraft Education and Training) initiative and has since reached out to over one million Americans promoting the benefits of boating education.

The Online Boating Safety Course: http://www.boatus.org/

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Enjoy your watercraft responsibly

You share the areas you enjoy when riding your watercraft with others and with nature. So your enjoyment includes a responsibility to treat these other people, and the lands, waters, and wildlife with respect and courtesy.

Whenever and wherever you ride, think of yourself as the guest of those around you. Remember, for example, that the sound of your watercraft may be music to you, but it could be just noise to others. And the exciting splash of your wake can make waves others won't enjoy.

Avoid riding close to shoreline homes and waterfowl nesting areas or other wildlife areas, and keep a respectful distance from fishermen, other boats, swimmers, and populated beaches. When travel in areas like these is unavoidable, ride slowly and obey all laws.

Proper maintenance is necessary to ensure that the exhaust emission and sound levels of your watercraft will continue to be within regulated limits. You have the responsibility to make sure that the recommended maintenance in this owner's/operator's manual is carried out.

Remember, pollution can be harmful to the environment. Do not refuel or add oil where a spill could cause damage to nature. Remove your watercraft from the water and move it away from the shoreline before refueling. Dispose of water and any fuel and oil residue in the engine compartment according to local regulations. And keep your surroundings pleasant for the people and wildlife that share the waterways: don't litter.

When you ride responsibly, with respect and courtesy for others, you help ensure that our waterways stay open for the enjoyment of a variety of recreational opportunities.

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Watercraft glossary

Trolling speed

"Trolling" is the lowest maneuvering speed. You are applying little or no throttle. The water-craft is down in the water, and there is no wake.

Sub-planing speed

"Sub-planing" is a medium speed. The bow of the watercraft is slightly up from the water surface, but you are still traveling through the water. There is a wake.

Planing speed

"Planing" is a faster speed. The watercraft is more level and is skimming on top of the water. There is a wake.

Bow

The front end of the watercraft.

Stern

The rear end of the watercraft.

Starboard

The right side of the watercraft when facing forward.

Port

The left side of the watercraft when facing forward.

Bilge water

Water that has collected in the engine compartment.

Yamaha Engine Management System (YEMS)

YEMS is an integrated, computerized management system that controls and adjusts ignition timing, fuel injection, engine diagnostics, and the off-throttle steering (OTS) system.

Reverse with Intuitive Deceleration Electronics (RiDE)

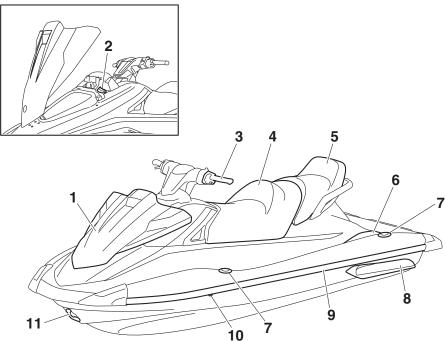
RiDE is an electronic system that controls the reverse, neutral, and deceleration operations of the watercraft.

Description

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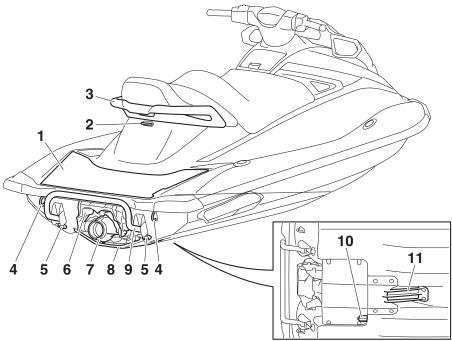
Location of main components

Exterior



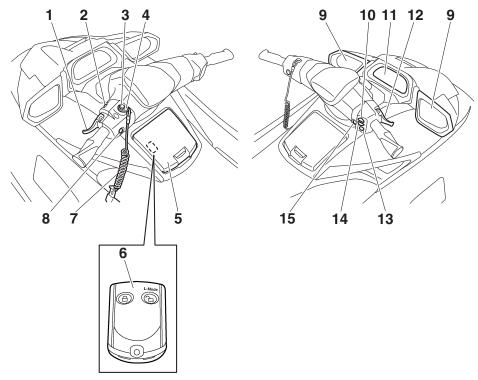
- 1 Hood
- 2 Fuel filler cap (page 55)
- 3 Handlebar
- 4 Front seat (page 48)
- 5 Rear seat (page 48)
- 6 Footwell
- 7 Pull-up cleat (VX Limited) (page 51)
- 8 Sponson
- 9 Gunwale
- 10 Cooling water pilot outlet (page 34)
- **11** Bow eye (page 50)

Description



- 1 Boarding platform
- 2 Cleat (page 50)
- 3 Handgrip (page 49)
- 4 Stern eye (page 50)
- 5 Stern drain plug (page 59)
- 6 Reverse gate (VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited) (page 36)
- 7 Jet thrust nozzle
- 8 Ride plate
- 9 Reboarding step (VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited) (page 49)
- 10 Speed sensor
- 11 Intake grate

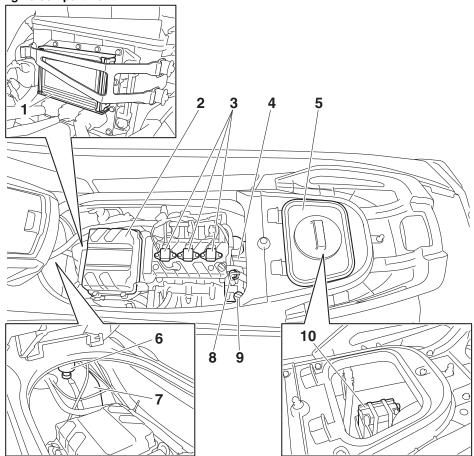
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- 1 RiDE lever (VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited) (page 36)
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- 8 Engine stop switch (page 32)
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- 10 Cruise assist up switch (VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited) (page 41)
- 11 Multifunction information center (page 43)
- 12 Throttle lever (page 33)
- 13 "SET" switch (VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited) (page 41)
- **14** Cruise assist down switch (VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited) (page 41)

15 "NO-WAKE MODE" switch (VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited) (page 39)

Engine compartment



- 1 Fuse box
- 2 Air filter case
- 3 Spark plug/Ignition coil
- 4 Oil tank
- **5** Removable watertight storage compartment (page 53)
- 6 Water separator (page 34)
- 7 Fuel tank
- 8 Flushing hose connector (page 86)
- 9 Oil tank filler cap/Dipstick (page 57)
- 10 Battery (page 66)

Control function operation

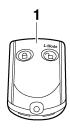
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Watercraft control functions

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Remote control transmitter (VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited)

The Yamaha Security System and Low RPM Mode settings can be selected by operating the remote control transmitter. (See page 31 for Yamaha Security System setting procedures and page 38 for Low RPM Mode activation procedures.)

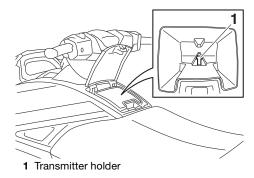


Remote control transmitter

Since the watercraft is programmed to recognize the internal code from this transmitter only, the settings can only be selected with this transmitter.

If you accidentally lose your remote control transmitter or if it is not operating properly, contact a Yamaha dealer.

When operating the watercraft, always keep the transmitter with you, such as by storing it in the transmitter holder in the glove compartment, so that it is not lost.



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NOTICE

- The remote control transmitter is not completely waterproof. Do not submerge the transmitter or operate it underwater. If the transmitter is submerged, dry it with a soft, dry cloth, and then check that it is operating properly. If the transmitter is not operating properly, contact a Yamaha dealer.
- Keep the remote control transmitter away from high temperatures and do not place it in direct sunlight.
- Do not drop the remote control transmitter, subject it to strong shocks, or place any heavy items on it.
- Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the remote control transmitter. Do not use detergent, alcohol, or other chemicals.
- Do not attempt to disassemble the remote control transmitter yourself. Otherwise, the transmitter may not operate properly. If the transmitter needs a new battery, contact a Yamaha dealer. Refer to local hazardous waste regulations when disposing of transmitter batteries.

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following

two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

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NOTICE

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the remote control transmitter.

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Yamaha Security System (VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited)

The Yamaha Security System functions to help prevent unauthorized use or theft of the watercraft. The lock and unlock modes of the security system can be selected by operating the remote control transmitter that is included with this watercraft. The engine cannot be started if the lock mode of the security system is selected. The engine can only be started if the unlock mode is selected. (See page 30 for information on the remote control transmitter.)

TIP:

The Yamaha Security System settings can only be selected while the engine is stopped. EJU36776

Yamaha Security System settings

The Yamaha Security System settings will be confirmed by the number of beeps when the remote control transmitter is operated, and by the "UNLOCK" indicator light of the multifunction information center. (See page 43 for information on the multifunction information center.)

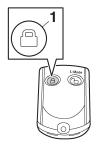
| Number of beeps | Yamaha Security System mode | "UN- LOCK" in- dicator light |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Lock | Goes off |
| | Unlock (normal operation mode) | Comes on |
| | Unlock (Low RPM Mode) | Comes on |

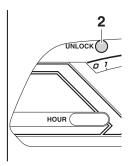
TIP:

- The beeper sounds two times for the normal operation mode or three times for the Low RPM Mode. (See page 38 for Low RPM Mode activation procedures.)
- If the remote control transmitter is operated while the multifunction information center is in the standby state, the center will perform the initial operation, and then the setting is selected.

To select the lock mode:

Push the lock button on the remote control transmitter briefly. The beeper sounds once and the "UNLOCK" indicator light blinks once, then goes off. This indicates the lock mode is selected.



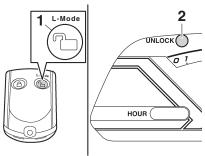


- 1 Lock button
- 2 "UNLOCK" indicator light

To select the unlock mode:

Push the "L-Mode" (unlock) button on the remote control transmitter briefly. The beeper sounds two or three times and the "UN-

LOCK" indicator light blinks two or three times, then comes on. This indicates the unlock mode is selected.

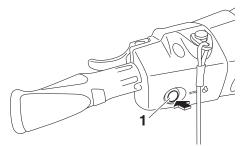


- 1 "L-Mode" (unlock) button
- 2 "UNLOCK" indicator light

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Engine stop switch "\(\)"

The engine stop switch (red button) stops the engine when the switch is pushed.



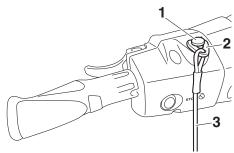
1 Engine stop switch

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Engine shut-off switch "&"

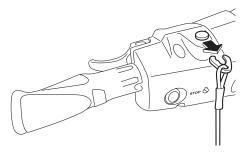
The engine shut-off switch automatically stops the engine when the clip, on the end of the engine shut-off cord (lanyard), is removed from the switch, such as if the operator falls off the watercraft.

Insert the clip under the engine shut-off switch before starting the engine.



- 1 Engine shut-off switch
- 2 Clip
- 3 Engine shut-off cord (lanyard)

When the engine is not running, remove the clip from the engine shut-off switch to prevent accidental starting or unauthorized operation by children or others.



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Start switch "()"

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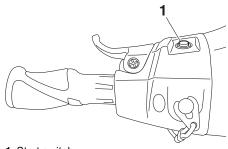
NOTICE

Do not run the engine over 4000 r/min on land. Also, do not run the engine for more than 15 seconds without supplying water, otherwise the engine could overheat.

The start switch (green button) starts the engine when the switch is pushed.

Release the start switch as soon as the engine starts to run. If the engine does not start

in 5 seconds, release the start switch, wait 15 seconds, and then try again. *NOTICE:* Never push the start switch while the engine is running. Do not operate the start switch for more than 5 seconds, otherwise the battery will be discharged and the engine will not start. Also, the starter motor could be damaged. [ECJ01041]



1 Start switch

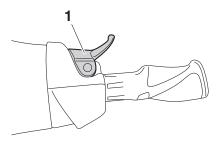
The engine will not start under any of the following conditions:

- Clip is removed from the engine shut-off switch.
- Throttle lever is squeezed.
- Throttle lever is malfunctioning.
- VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited:
 RiDE lever is squeezed.
- VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited:
 RiDE lever is malfunctioning.
- VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited: Lock mode of the Yamaha Security System has been selected. (See page 31 for Yamaha Security System setting procedures.)

EJU31212

Throttle lever

The throttle lever increases the engine speed when the lever is squeezed.



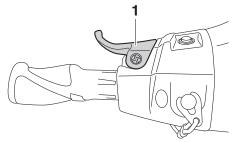
1 Throttle lever

The throttle lever returns automatically to its fully closed (idle) position when released.

EJU43342

RiDE lever (VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited)

When the RiDE lever is squeezed, the reverse gate lowers and the watercraft starts moving in reverse. If the watercraft is moving forward, the watercraft gradually slows down until it stops, and then the watercraft starts moving in reverse.



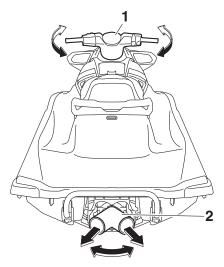
1 RiDE lever

When the RiDE lever is released, it automatically returns to its fully closed (idle) position and the reverse gate moves to the neutral position.

EJU31262

Steering system

By turning the handlebars in the direction you wish to travel, the angle of the jet thrust nozzle is changed, and the direction of the watercraft is changed accordingly.



- Handlebar
- 2 Jet thrust nozzle

Since the strength of the jet thrust determines the speed and degree of a turn, throttle must always be applied when attempting a turn, except at trolling speed.

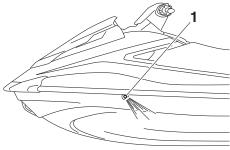
This model is equipped with the Yamaha Engine Management System (YEMS) that includes an off-throttle steering (OTS) system. It will activate at planing speeds should you attempt to steer the watercraft after releasing the throttle lever. The OTS system assists in turning by continuing to supply some thrust while the watercraft is decelerating, but you can turn more sharply if you apply throttle while turning the handlebars. The OTS system does not function below planing speeds or when the engine is off. Once the engine slows down, the watercraft will no longer turn

in response to handlebar input until you apply throttle again or you reach trolling speed.

EJU35975

Cooling water pilot outlet

When the engine is running, some of the cooling water that is circulated in the engine is discharged from the cooling water pilot outlet.



1 Cooling water pilot outlet

There is a cooling water pilot outlet on the port (left) side of the watercraft. To check for proper operation of the cooling system, make sure that water is being discharged from the cooling water pilot outlet. If water is not being discharged from the outlet, stop the engine and check the jet intake for clogging. (See page 100 for information on the jet intake.)

TIP:

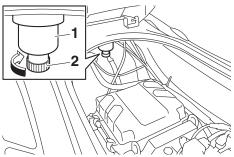
- It will take about 60 seconds for the water to reach the outlet after the engine is started.
- Water discharge may not be constant when the engine is running at idling speed.
 If this occurs, apply a little throttle to make sure that water discharges properly.

EJU40323

Water separator

The water separator prevents water from entering the fuel tank by collecting any water that has entered the fuel tank breather hose if the watercraft was capsized.

If water has collected in the water separator, drain it by loosening the drain screw.



- 1 Water separator
- 2 Drain screw

To drain water from the water separator:

- (1) Place a drain pan or dry cloth under the water separator.
- (2) Gradually loosen the drain screw to drain the water. Catch the draining water in the drain pan or soak it up with the dry cloth so that it does not spill into the engine compartment. If any water spills into the watercraft, be sure to wipe it up with a dry cloth.
- (3) Securely tighten the drain screw until it stops.

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Watercraft operation functions

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Shift system (VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited)

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WARNING

- Make sure that there are no obstacles or people behind you before shifting into reverse.
- Do not touch the reverse gate while the RiDE lever is being operated, otherwise you could be pinched.
- If the RiDE lever and throttle lever are being operated at the same time, do not release only the RiDE lever. Otherwise, the watercraft could accelerate more quickly than expected, which may lead to an accident.

The RiDE lever and throttle lever can be operated to change the forward or rearward movement of the watercraft only when the engine is running. When the RiDE lever is squeezed, the reverse gate lowers and deflects the water jet being discharged from the jet thrust nozzle so that the watercraft moves in reverse or is in neutral. When the throttle lever is squeezed, the reverse gate rises and the watercraft moves forward.

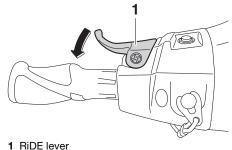
TIP:

- This model is equipped with a function which limits the engine speed in reverse.
- When the engine is started, the reverse gate automatically moves to the neutral position.

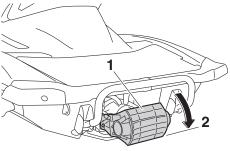
To shift into reverse:

- (1) Release the throttle lever.
- (2) Squeeze the RiDE lever. The reverse gate will lower, the engine speed will increase, the watercraft will start moving in

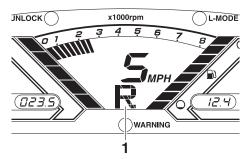
reverse, and the "R" (reverse) shift indicator will be displayed.



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- 1 Reverse gate
- 2 Reverse position

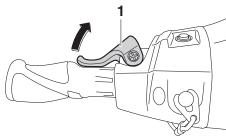


1 "R" (Reverse position)

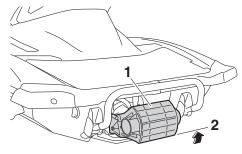
To shift into neutral from reverse:

Release the RiDE lever. The reverse gate will automatically return to the neutral position

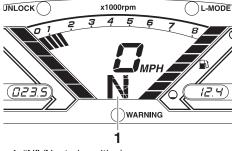
and the "N" (neutral) shift indicator will be displayed.



1 RiDE lever



- 1 Reverse gate
- 2 Neutral position



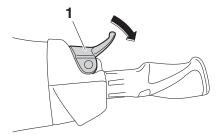
1 "N" (Neutral position)

TIP:

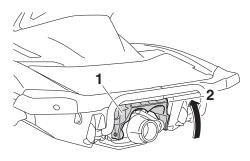
Although the neutral position helps keep the watercraft from moving even when the engine is running, some movement may occur.

To shift into forward:

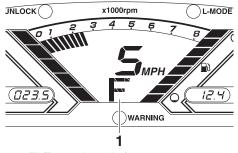
- (1) Release the RiDE lever.
- (2) Squeeze the throttle lever. The reverse gate will rise completely, the engine speed will increase, the watercraft will start moving forward, and the "F" (forward) shift indicator will be displayed.



1 Throttle lever



- 1 Reverse gate
- 2 Forward position



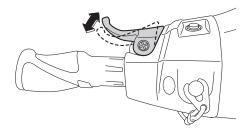
1 "F" (Forward position)

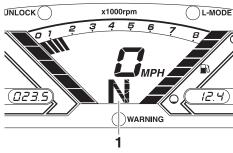
TIP:

If the RiDE lever is squeezed while the throttle lever is squeezed, the watercraft will slow down, and once stopped, move in reverse.

To shift into neutral from forward:

- (1) Release the throttle lever.
- (2) Lightly squeeze and release the RiDE lever. The "N" (neutral) shift indicator will be displayed.





1 "N" (Neutral position)

TIP:

If the RiDE lever is squeezed continuously, the reverse gate will move to the reverse position. EJU40002

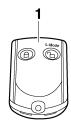
Watercraft operation modes

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Low RPM Mode (VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited)

The Low RPM Mode is a function that limits the maximum engine speed to approximately 90% of the maximum engine speed in the normal mode.

The Low RPM Mode can only be activated and deactivated by operating the remote control transmitter that is included with this watercraft. (See page 30 for information on the remote control transmitter.)



1 Remote control transmitter

TIP:

The Low RPM Mode can only be activated when the engine is stopped in the unlock mode of the Yamaha Security System.

Activating and deactivating the Low RPM Mode

Activation of the Low RPM Mode will be confirmed by the number of beeps when the remote control transmitter is operated, and by the "L-MODE" indicator light of the multifunction information center. (See page 43 for information on the multifunction information center.)

| Number of beeps | Low RPM Mode operation | "L-MODE" indicator light |
|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Activated | Comes on |
| | Deactivated | Goes off |

TIP:

If the remote control transmitter is operated while the multifunction information center is in the standby state, the center performs the initial operation, and then the setting is selected.

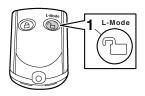
To activate the Low RPM Mode:

Push the "L-Mode" (unlock) button on the remote control transmitter for more than 4 seconds. Once the beeper sounds three times and the "UNLOCK" indicator light blinks three times, then comes on, the "L-MODE" indicator light comes on and the Low RPM Mode is activated.

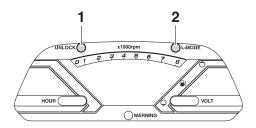
TIP:

If the Low RPM Mode is activated immediately after the information display turns off, the "L-MODE" indicator light will not come on.

The "L-MODE" indicator light will come on when the engine is started.



1 "L-Mode" (unlock) button



- 1 "UNLOCK" indicator light
- 2 "L-MODE" indicator light

To deactivate the Low RPM Mode:

Push the "L-Mode" (unlock) button on the remote control transmitter for more than 4 seconds. Once the beeper sounds two times and the "UNLOCK" indicator light blinks two times, then comes on, the "L-MODE" indicator light goes off and the Low RPM Mode is deactivated. When the Low RPM Mode is deactivated, the watercraft returns to the normal operation mode.

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No-wake mode (VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited)

The no-wake mode is a function that maintains the engine speed at a fixed setting for operating the watercraft at low speeds. This function can be used only for forward water-

craft operation or when the watercraft is in neutral.

TIP:

- The no-wake mode can only be activated after 5 seconds have elapsed since starting the engine.
- If the no-wake mode is activated when the watercraft is operating in neutral, the reverse gate will move to the forward position.

Activating and deactivating the no-wake mode

Activation of the no-wake mode will be confirmed by the number of beeps when the "NO-WAKE MODE" switch is pushed, and by the digital speedometer display of the multifunction information center. (See page 43 for information on the multifunction information center.)

| Number of beeps | No-wake mode oper- ation | Digital speedome- ter display |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| • • • | Activated | Starts blinking |
| • • | Deactivated | Stops blinking |

TIP:

The beeps and the blinking digital speedometer display also indicate the activation of the cruise assist. (See page 41 for information on the cruise assist.)

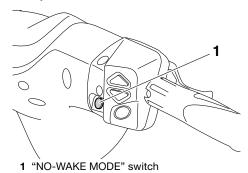
To activate the no-wake mode:

- (1) Release the throttle lever and let the engine speed return to idle.
- (2) Push and hold the "NO-WAKE MODE" switch. Once the beeper sounds three times quickly and "8" (when kilometers are selected) or "5" (when miles are selected) starts blinking in the digital speedometer display, the no-wake mode is activated. Keep the throttle lever

in the fully closed (idle) position when the no-wake mode is activated.

TIP:

The digital speedometer display blinks continually while the no-wake mode is activated.



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To deactivate the no-wake mode:

Perform one of the following operations. The beeper sounds two times quickly and the digital speedometer display stops blinking when the no-wake mode is deactivated.

- Push the "NO-WAKE MODE" switch.
- Squeeze the throttle lever.
- Squeeze the RiDE lever.

TIP:

The no-wake mode is also deactivated when the engine is stopped.

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Cruise assist (VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited)

The cruise assist is a function for maintaining a desired engine speed within a fixed range while operating the watercraft.

TIP:

- The cruise assist can only be set between engine speeds of approximately 4000 r/min and approximately 7000 r/min.
- The cruise assist cannot be activated in the Low RPM Mode. (See page 38 for Low RPM Mode activation procedures.)

Activating and deactivating the cruise assist

Activation of the cruise assist will be confirmed by the number of beeps when the "SET" switch, cruise assist up switch, or cruise assist down switch is pushed, and by the digital speedometer display of the multifunction information center. (See page 43 for information on the multifunction information center.)

| Number of beeps | Cruise assist operation | Digital speedome- ter display |
|-----------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| • • • | Activated | Starts blinking |
| • • | Deactivated | Stops blinking |
| • | Set engine speed increases or decreases | Continues blinking |

TIP:

The beeps and the blinking digital speedometer display also indicate the activation of the no-wake mode. (See page 39 for information on the no-wake mode.)

To activate the cruise assist:

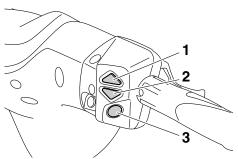
- Operate the throttle lever until the desired engine speed is reached.
- (2) When the engine speed reaches the desired cruise assist setting, push the

"SET" switch. Once the beeper sounds three times quickly and the digital speed-ometer display starts blinking, the cruise assist is activated. When the cruise assist is activated, slowly squeeze the throttle lever to keep it squeezed further than the position at which the cruise assist was set; releasing the throttle lever will deactivate the cruise assist.

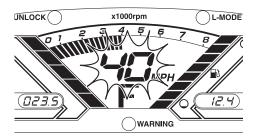
TIP:

The digital speedometer display blinks continually while the cruise assist is activated. Make sure that the beeper has sounded and the digital speedometer display is blinking before squeezing the throttle lever to the full throttle position. If the speedometer display is not blinking, the cruise assist is not activated

and the engine will respond normally to the throttle operation.



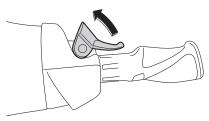
- 1 Cruise assist up switch
- 2 Cruise assist down switch
- 3 "SET" switch

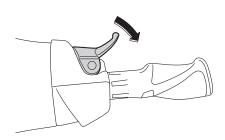


sound one time quickly and the set engine speed will change. However, the adjustment is limited to a maximum of five increments above or below the initial cruise assist setting.

To deactivate the cruise assist:

Relax your grip on the throttle lever. The beeper sounds two times quickly and the digital speedometer display stops blinking when the cruise assist is deactivated.





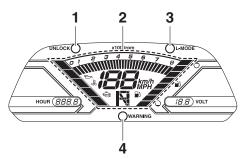
TIP:

Once the cruise assist is activated, the set engine speed can be increased by pushing the cruise assist up switch or decreased by pushing the cruise assist down switch. Each time a switch is pushed, the beeper will

EJU43760

Multifunction information center

The multifunction information center displays various watercraft information.



- 1 "UNLOCK" indicator light (VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited)
- 2 Information display
- 3 "L-MODE" indicator light (VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited)
- 4 "WARNING" indicator light

Multifunction information center initial operation

When the multifunction information center is activated, all of the display segments come on. After 2 seconds, the warning indicators in the information display go off, and then the center starts to operate normally.

If only the multifunction information center is activated, the "WARNING" indicator light blinks once.

TIP:

VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited: The "UNLOCK" indicator light also comes on as part of the initial operation.

The "UNLOCK" indicator light will go off when the engine is started.

Multifunction information center standby state

If the multifunction information center does not receive any operation input within 25 seconds after the engine stops, the center will turn off and enter a standby state. When the engine is started again, the displays return to their state before the center turned off, and then the center starts to operate normally.

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Information display

The information display shows watercraft operating conditions.

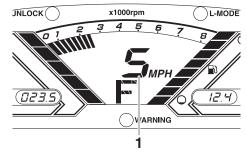


- 1 Tachometer
- 2 Speedometer
- 3 Oil pressure warning indicator
- 4 Engine overheat warning indicator
- 5 Check engine warning indicator
- 6 Shift indicator (VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited)
- 7 Fuel level warning indicator
- 8 Fuel level meter

FJU43832

Speedometer

The speedometer shows the watercraft speed against water.



1 Speedometer

By switching the display units, the speed can be shown in kilometers per hour "km/h" or miles per hour "MPH".

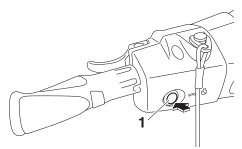
TIP:

"MPH" is selected as the display unit at the Yamaha factory.

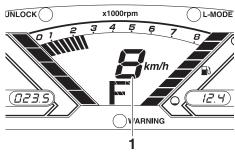
To switch the speedometer display units:

Start the engine, stop the engine, and then push the engine stop switch 3 times, pushing the switch for 0.4 seconds or more each time, before the multifunction information center turns off. The speedometer display units change.

To switch the speedometer display units again, repeat this procedure.



1 Engine stop switch



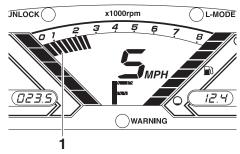
1 Speedometer

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Tachometer

The tachometer shows the engine speed.

The outer numbers \times 1000 r/min and display segments on the meter show the engine speed.

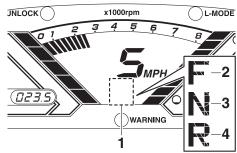


1 Tachometer

FJU43891

Shift indicator (VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited)

This indicator shows the reverse gate shift positions: "F" (forward), "N" (neutral), and "R" (reverse). (See page 36 for shifting procedures.)



- 1 Shift indicator
- 2 "F" (Forward position)
- 3 "N" (Neutral position)
- 4 "R" (Reverse position)

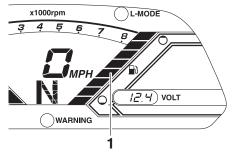
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Fuel level meter

The fuel level meter shows the amount of fuel remaining in the fuel tank. The amount of remaining fuel is shown using eight display segments, which disappear two at a time as the fuel level decreases.

TIP:

The accuracy of the fuel level meter varies depending on the operating conditions. Use this function as a reference only.

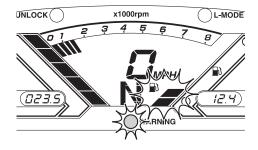


1 Fuel level meter

EJU44020

Fuel level warning

If the fuel remaining in the fuel tank drops to about 18 L (4.8 US gal, 4.0 Imp.gal), the lowest two fuel level segments, the fuel level warning indicator, and the "WARNING" indicator light blink, and the buzzer sounds intermittently for 30 seconds.



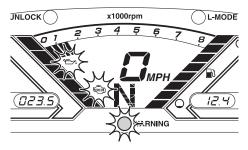
If the fuel level warning is activated, refill the fuel tank as soon as possible. (See page 55 for information on filling the fuel tank.)

After the fuel tank is refilled, the warning signals will be cleared when the engine is restarted.

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Oil pressure warning

If the oil pressure drops significantly, the oil pressure warning indicator, the check engine warning indicator, and the "WARNING" indicator light blink, and the buzzer sounds intermittently for 30 seconds. At the same time, the maximum engine speed is limited.

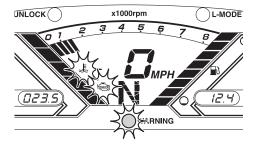


If the oil pressure warning is activated, immediately reduce the engine speed, return to shore, and then check the engine oil level. (See page 57 for information on checking the engine oil level.) If the oil level is sufficient, have a Yamaha dealer check the watercraft.

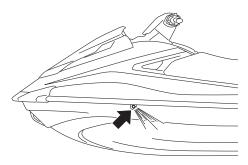
Engine overheat warning

If the engine temperature rises significantly, the engine overheat warning indicator, the check engine warning indicator, and the "WARNING" indicator light blink, and the buzzer sounds intermittently. After 5 seconds, the engine overheat warning indicator and the "WARNING" indicator light stop blinking and remain on, and the buzzer sounds continuously. After 30 seconds, the buzzer stops. While the engine overheat

warning is activated, the maximum engine speed is limited.



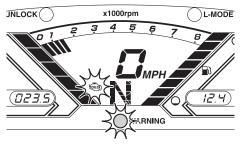
If the engine overheat warning is activated, immediately reduce the engine speed, return to shore, and then make sure that water is being discharged from the cooling water pilot outlet while the engine is running. If there is no discharge of water, stop the engine, and then check the jet intake for clogging. (See page 100 for information on the jet intake.) NOTICE: If you cannot locate and correct the cause of the overheating, consult a Yamaha dealer. Continuing to operate at higher speeds could result in severe engine damage. [ECJ00042]



EJU43731 Check engine warning

If a sensor malfunction or a short circuit is detected, the check engine warning indicator and the "WARNING" indicator light blink, and the buzzer sounds intermittently for 30 seconds.

If the engine is stopped after the check engine warning is activated, the information display will indicate an error code.



If the check engine warning is activated, immediately reduce the engine speed, return to shore, and have a Yamaha dealer check the engine.

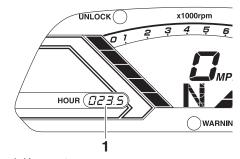
EJU43740

Hour meter

The hour meter shows the total number of hours that the engine has been running since the watercraft was new.

TIP:

The elapsed time will be kept even if the battery terminals have been disconnected.



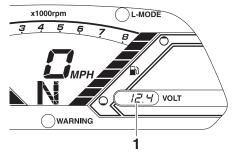
1 Hour meter

EJU43751

Voltmeter

The voltmeter shows the battery voltage. When the battery voltage is normal, the voltmeter displays approximately 12 volts.

If the battery voltage has dropped significantly, "Lo" is displayed on the voltmeter, and the information display, hour meter, and indicator lights turn off. If the battery voltage has risen significantly, "HI" is displayed. If "Lo" or "HI" is displayed, immediately return to shore and have a Yamaha dealer service the watercraft.



1 Voltmeter

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Equipment

EJU42203

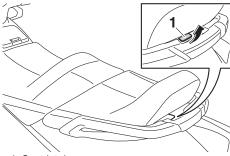
Seats

The front and rear seats are removable.

Remove the seats to access the engine compartment and removable watertight storage compartment.

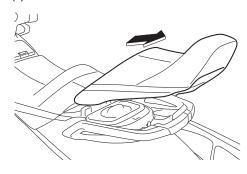
To remove the rear seat:

(1) Pull the rear seat latch up, and then lift up the rear of the seat.



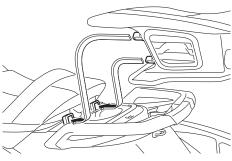
1 Seat latch

(2) Pull the seat rearward and remove it.

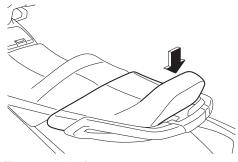


To install the rear seat:

(1) Insert the projections on the front of the seat into the stays on the deck.

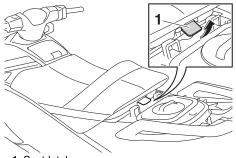


(2) Push the rear of the seat down to securely lock it in place.



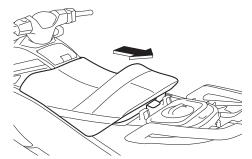
To remove the front seat:

- (1) Remove the rear seat.
- (2) Pull the front seat latch up, and then lift up the rear of the seat.



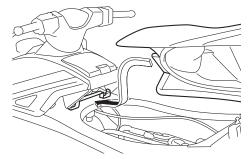
1 Seat latch

(3) Pull the seat rearward and remove it.

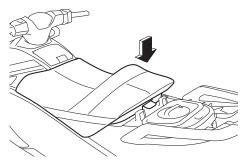


To install the front seat:

(1) Insert the projection on the front of the seat into the stay on the deck.



(2) Push the rear of the seat down to securely lock it in place.

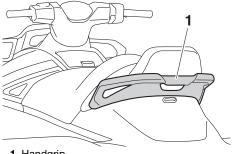


(3) Securely install the rear seat in its original position.

EJU31364

Handgrip

The handgrip is used when boarding the watercraft from the water and when the spotter is facing rearward. WARNING! Do not use the handgrip to lift the watercraft. The handgrip is not designed to support the watercraft's weight. If the handgrip breaks, the watercraft could fall, which could result in severe injury. [EWJOO022]



1 Handgrip

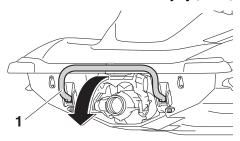
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Reboarding step (VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited)

The reboarding step is used to assist in reboarding the watercraft from the water.

When boarding the watercraft, push the reboarding step down until it stops. The step returns automatically to its original position when released. WARNING! Do not use the reboarding step to lift the watercraft. The reboarding step is not designed to support the watercraft's weight. If the reboarding

step breaks, the watercraft could fall, which could result in severe injury. [EWJ01212]



1 Reboarding step



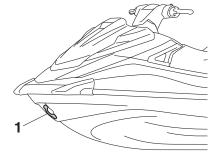
NOTICE

Use the reboarding step only to board the watercraft in the water. Do not use the reboarding step for any other purpose. The watercraft can be damaged.

EJU34873

Bow eye

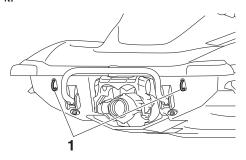
The bow eye is used to attach a rope to the watercraft when transporting, mooring, or towing it in an emergency. (See page 102 for information on towing the watercraft.)



1 Bow eye

Stern eves

The stern eyes are used to attach a rope to the watercraft when transporting or mooring it.

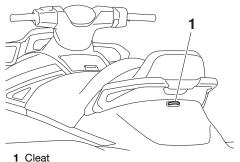


1 Stern eye

EJU40423 Cleat

The cleat is used to attach a ski rope to the watercraft when pulling a wakeboarder or water-skier. WARNING! Do not use the cleat to lift the watercraft. The cleat is not designed to support the watercraft's weight. If the cleat breaks, the watercraft

could fall, which could result in severe injury. [EWJ01511]

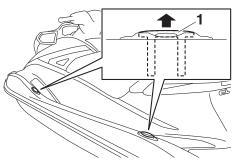


EJU34894

Pull-up cleats (VX Limited)

The pull-up cleats are used to attach a rope to the watercraft when mooring it.

To use a pull-up cleat, pull it up. The pull-up cleat returns automatically to its original position when released. WARNING! Do not use the pull-up cleats to lift the watercraft. The pull-up cleats are not designed to support the watercraft's weight. If the pull-up cleats break, the watercraft could fall, which could result in severe injury. [EWJ00822]



1 Pull-up cleat

FJU35148

Storage compartments

This watercraft is equipped with the following storage compartments.

Only the securely closed watertight storage compartment is waterproof. If you carry objects that must be kept dry, put them in a waterproof bag.

Make sure that the storage compartments are closed securely before operating the watercraft.

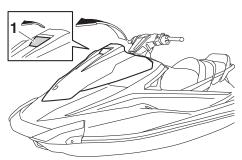
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Bow storage compartment

The bow storage compartment is located under the hood.

To open the bow storage compartment:

Pull the hood latch up, and then lift up the rear of the hood.



1 Hood latch



1 Bow storage compartment

Bow storage compartment: Capacity:

> 72.0 L (19.0 US gal, 15.8 Imp.gal) Load limit:

5.0 kg (11 lb)

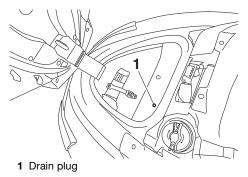
To close the bow storage compartment:

Return the hood to its original position, and then push the hood latch down to securely lock it in place.



To drain water from the bow storage compartment:

(1) Remove the drain plug on the bottom of the storage compartment to drain the water into the engine compartment.



(2) Securely install the drain plug in its original position.

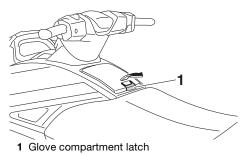
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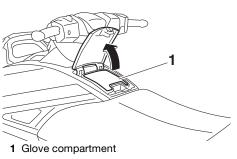
Glove compartment

The glove compartment is located in front of the seat.

To open the glove compartment:

Pull the glove compartment latch up, and then lift up the lid.

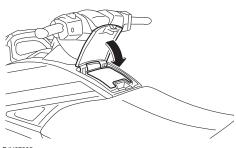




Glove compartment:
Capacity:
3.4 L (0.9 US gal, 0.7 Imp.gal)
Load limit:
1.5 kg (3 lb)

To close the glove compartment:

Push the lid down to securely lock it in place.



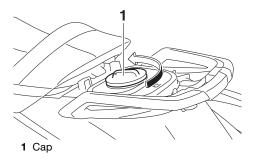
Removable watertight storage compartment

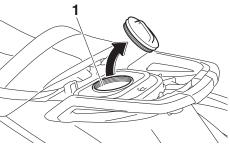
The removable watertight storage compartment is located under the rear seat.

The compartment is watertight when the cap is closed securely.

To open the removable watertight storage compartment:

 Remove the rear seat. (See page 48 for seat removal and installation procedures.) (2) Loosen the cap and remove it.





Removable watertight storage compartment

Removable watertight storage compartment:

Capacity:

5.8 L (1.5 US gal, 1.3 Imp.gal)

Load limit:

3.0 kg (7 lb)

To close the removable watertight storage compartment:

- Securely install the cap by tightening it until it stops.
- (2) Securely install the rear seat in its original position.

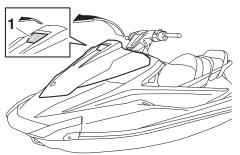
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Fire extinguisher holder and cover

The fire extinguisher holder and cover are located in the bow storage compartment.

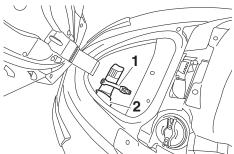
To use the fire extinguisher holder and cover:

(1) Pull the hood latch up, and then lift up the rear of the hood.



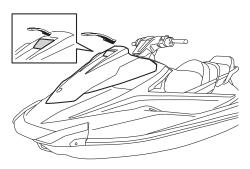
1 Hood latch

(2) Unhook the band and remove the fire extinguisher from the fire extinguisher cover.



- 1 Band
- 2 Fire extinguisher holder and cover
- (3) Place the fire extinguisher in the fire extinguisher cover, and then securely fasten the fire extinguisher with the band.
- (4) Return the hood to its original position, and then push the hood latch down to securely lock it in place. Make sure that

the hood is securely closed before using the watercraft.



EJU31823

Fuel requirements

Fuel EWJ00283

WARNING

- Gasoline and gasoline vapors are extremely flammable. To avoid fires and explosions and to reduce the risk of injury when refueling, follow these instructions.
- Gasoline is poisonous and can cause injury or death. Handle gasoline with care.
 Never siphon gasoline by mouth. If you should swallow some gasoline, inhale a lot of gasoline vapor, or get some gasoline in your eyes, see your doctor immediately. If gasoline spills on your skin, wash with soap and water. If gasoline spills on your clothing, change your clothes.

ECJ00322

NOTICE

- Do not use leaded gasoline. Leaded gasoline can seriously damage the engine.
- Avoid getting water and contaminants in the fuel tank. Contaminated fuel can cause poor performance and engine damage. Use only fresh gasoline that has been stored in clean containers.

Recommended fuel:

Regular unleaded gasoline with a minimum octane rating of

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(Pump octane number) = (R + M)/290 (Research octane number)

Gasohol

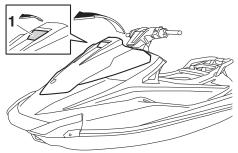
There are two types of gasohol: gasohol containing ethanol and that containing methanol.

Gasohol containing ethanol can be used if ethanol content does not exceed 10% and the fuel meets the minimum octane ratings. E-85 is a fuel blend containing 85% ethanol and therefore must not be used in this watercraft. All ethanol blends containing more than 10% ethanol can cause fuel system damage or engine performance problems.

Yamaha does not recommend gasohol containing methanol because it can cause fuel system damage and engine performance problems.

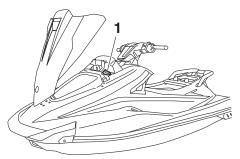
To fill the fuel tank:

- (1) Before refueling, stop the engine. Do not stand or sit on the watercraft. Never refuel while smoking, or while in the vicinity of sparks, open flames, or other sources of ignition.
- (2) Place the watercraft in a well-ventilated area and in a horizontal position.
- (3) Remove the seats, and then check the fuel level. (See page 48 for seat removal and installation procedures.)
- (4) Pull the hood latch up, and then lift up the rear of the hood.



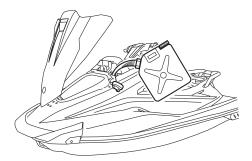
1 Hood latch

(5) Loosen the fuel filler cap and remove it.

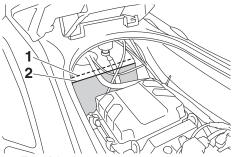


- 1 Fuel filler cap
- (6) Slowly add fuel to the fuel tank.

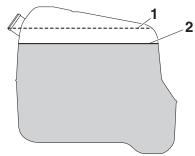
Fuel tank capacity: 70 L (18.5 US gal, 15.4 Imp.gal)



(7) Stop filling when the fuel level reaches approximately 50 mm (2 in) from the top of the fuel tank. Do not overfill the fuel tank. Because fuel expands when it heats up, heat from the engine or the sun can cause fuel to spill out of the fuel tank. Do not leave the watercraft with a full tank in direct sunlight.

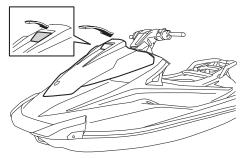


- 1 Top of the fuel tank
- 2 Approximately 50 mm (2 in) from top of the fuel tank



- 1 Top of the fuel tank
- 2 Approximately 50 mm (2 in) from top of the fuel tank
- (8) Wipe up any spilled fuel immediately with a dry cloth.
- (9) Securely install the fuel filler cap by tightening it until it clicks.
- (10) Return the hood to its original position, and then push the hood latch down to securely lock it in place. Make sure that the fuel filler cap and the hood are se-

curely closed before using the watercraft.



(11) Securely install the seats in their original positions.

EJU40291

Engine oil requirements

EJU43951

Engine oil

ECJ00282

NOTICE

Use only 4-stroke engine oil. Usage of 2stroke engine oil could result in severe engine damage.

Recommended engine oil:

YAMALUBE 4W or 4-stroke motor oil Recommended engine oil type:

SAE 10W-30, 10W-40, 20W-40, 20W-50

Recommended engine oil grade: API SG, SH, SJ, SL

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Checking the engine oil level

EWJ00341

WARNING

Engine oil is extremely hot immediately after the engine is turned off. Coming in contact with or getting any engine oil on your clothes could result in burns.

ECJ00392

NOTICE

- Do not run the engine with too much or not enough oil in the oil tank, otherwise the engine could be damaged.
- Make sure that debris and water do not enter the oil tank filler hole. Debris and water in the engine oil can cause serious engine damage.

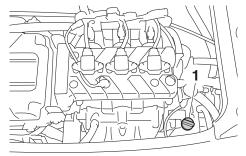
TIP:

- When checking the engine oil level on land, the engine must be running while water is being supplied to the cooling water passages. (See "Flushing the cooling water passages" on page 86 for information on supplying water.)
- When checking the engine oil level on water, moor the watercraft so that it will not drift away.

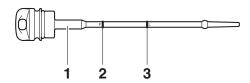
To check the engine oil level:

- (1) With the engine stopped, place the watercraft in a precisely level position on land or launch the watercraft.
- (2) Look in all directions, and then start the engine. (See page 74 for information on starting the engine.)
- (3) Run the engine at idling speed for 6 minutes or more. Run the engine an additional 5 minutes if the ambient temperature is 20 °C (68 °F) or less.
- (4) Stop the engine.
- (5) Remove the seats. (See page 48 for seat removal and installation procedures.)

(6) Loosen the oil tank filler cap and remove it, and then wipe the attached dipstick clean.



- 1 Oil tank filler cap/Dipstick
- (7) Screw the oil tank filler cap into the filler hole until it stops. Remove the oil tank filler cap again and make sure that the engine oil level is between the minimum and maximum level marks.



- 1 Dipstick
- 2 Maximum level mark
- 3 Minimum level mark
- (8) If the engine oil level is significantly above the maximum level mark, consult a Yamaha dealer. If the engine oil level is below the minimum level mark, slowly add engine oil.
- (9) Repeat steps 6–8 until the engine oil is at the proper level.
- (10) Securely install the oil tank filler cap and turn it until it stops.

(11) Securely install the seats in their original positions.

EJU40022

Draining the bilge water

ECJ01302

NOTICE

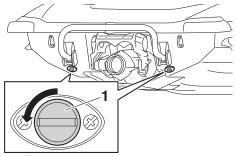
Do not run the engine at full throttle when bilge water remains in the engine compartment. The bilge water can splash into the engine, which can result in severe damage.

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Draining the bilge water on land

To drain the bilge water on land:

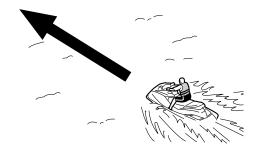
 Loosen the stern drain plugs and remove them.

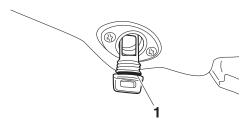


- 1 Stern drain plug
- (2) Raise the bow of the watercraft, such as by placing the watercraft on a slope, to drain the bilge water from the engine compartment.
- (3) After the bilge water has drained from the stern drain plug holes, wipe up any remaining moisture in the engine compartment with a dry cloth.
- (4) Check that the stern drain plugs and O-rings on the plugs are not damaged and that there is no foreign material on the threads or O-rings on the plugs. NOTICE: Before installing the stern drain plugs, clean the drain plug threads and the O-rings on the plugs to remove any foreign materials, such as dirt or sand. Otherwise, the stern

drain plugs could be damaged, allowing water to enter the engine compartment. Check the O-rings on the stern drain plugs and make sure that the plugs are tightened securely before launching the watercraft. Otherwise, water may flood the engine compartment and cause the watercraft to submerge. [ECJO0363]

engine compartment can splash into the engine, which can result in severe damage. [ECJ00554]





1 O-ring

(5) Securely install the stern drain plugs by tightening them until they stop.

EJU40535

Draining the bilge water on water

A small quantity of bilge water will remain in the engine compartment even after the bilge water is drained on water. To completely drain the bilge water, remove the watercraft from the water and drain the bilge water on land.

Jet vacuum bilge draining system

While the watercraft is operating, bilge water in the engine compartment is drawn in by the vacuum that is generated in the jet pump and discharged from the watercraft through the jet thrust nozzle.

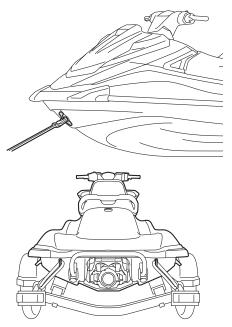
To drain the bilge water on water:

Operate the watercraft as straight as possible and above planing speed for at least 2 minutes. *NOTICE:* Do not run the engine at full throttle for at least 1 minute after the engine has been restarted. Bilge water in the

EJU42432

Transporting on a trailer

When transporting the watercraft on a trailer, secure the tie downs to the trailer through the bow eye and stern eyes. *NOTICE*: Do not attach ropes or tie downs to any part of the watercraft other than the bow eye and stern eyes to secure the watercraft to the trailer. Otherwise, the watercraft may be damaged. Wrap the ropes or tie downs with towels or rags where they touch the body of the watercraft to avoid scratches or damage. [ECJ02150]



First-time operation

EJU32786

Engine break-in

ECJ00432

NOTICE

Failure to perform the engine break-in could result in reduced engine life or even severe engine damage.

The engine break-in is essential to allow the various components of the engine to wear and polish themselves to the correct operating clearances. This ensures proper performance and promotes longer component life. To perform the engine break-in:

- Check the engine oil level. (See page 57 for information on checking the engine oil level.)
- (2) Launch the watercraft and start the engine. (See page 74 for information on starting the engine.)
- (3) For the first 5 minutes, operate with the engine at idling speed.
- (4) For the next 30 minutes, operate with the engine speed below 5000 r/min.
- (5) For the next 1 hour, operate with the engine speed below 6500 r/min.

After the engine break-in is complete, the watercraft can be operated normally.

EJU31982

EWJ00412



Failure to inspect or maintain the watercraft properly increases the possibility of an accident or damage to the watercraft. Do not operate the watercraft if you find any problem. If a problem cannot be corrected by the procedures provided in this manual, have the watercraft inspected by a Yamaha dealer.

EJU41235

Pre-operation checklist

Before using this watercraft, be sure to perform the checks in the following checklist.

| ITEM | ROUTINE | PAGE |
|--|--|------|
| PRE-LAUNCH CHECKS | | |
| Engine compartment | Ventilate the engine compartment. Check inside the engine compartment for damage. | 65 |
| Fuel system | Check the fuel system for leakage. Check the fuel level in the fuel tank. | 65 |
| Water separator | Check the water separator for water. | 66 |
| Engine unit | Check the exterior of the engine unit for damage. | 66 |
| Engine oil level | Check the engine oil level. | 66 |
| Bilge water | Check the engine compartment for bilge water. | 66 |
| Battery | Check the battery connections and electrolyte level. | 66 |
| Steering system | Check the steering system for proper operation. | 67 |
| RiDE lever (VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited) | Check the RiDE lever for proper operation. | 68 |
| Throttle lever | Check the throttle lever for proper operation. | 68 |
| Remote control transmitter (VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited) | Check the remote control transmitter for proper operation. | 68 |
| Engine shut-off cord (lan- yard) | Check the engine shut-off cord (lanyard) for damage. | 68 |
| Switches | Check the start switch, engine stop switch, and engine shut-off switch for proper operation. | 69 |
| Storage compartments | Check the storage compartments for damage and water. | 69 |
| Fire extinguisher holder, cover, and band | Check the fire extinguisher holder, cover, and band for damage. | 69 |
| Fire extinguisher | Check the condition of the fire extinguisher. | 70 |
| Safety equipment | Check that safety equipment meeting the applicable regulations is on board. | 70 |
| Hull and deck | Check the hull and deck for damage. | 70 |
| Jet intake | Check the jet intake for damage and clogging. | 70 |

Pre-operation checks

| ITEM | ROUTINE | PAGE | |
|---|---|------|--|
| Jet thrust nozzle and reverse gate (VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited) | Check the jet thrust nozzle and reverse gate for damage. | 70 | |
| Stern drain plugs | Check the stern drain plugs for damage and foreign material and check that they are securely installed. | 70 | |
| Hood | Check that the hood is securely closed. | 71 | |
| Front and rear seats | Check that the seats are securely installed. | 48 | |
| POST-LAUNCH CHECKS | | | |
| Cooling water pilot outlet | Check that water is discharged from the cooling water pilot outlet while the engine is running. | 71 | |
| Multifunction information center | Check the multifunction information center for proper operation. | 71 | |
| Shift system (VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited) | Check the shift system for proper operation. | 71 | |
| Engine idling speed | Check the engine idling speed. | 72 | |

TIP:

To ensure safety and reliability, pre-operation checks should be made each time the water-craft is used.

Pre-operation checks

EJU32282

Pre-operation check points

EJU42384

Pre-launch checks

Perform the pre-launch checks in the pre-operation checklist while the watercraft is on land.

To perform the pre-launch checks:

- (1) Remove the seats and removable watertight storage compartment. (See page 48 for seat removal and installation procedures and page 53 for information on the removable watertight storage compartment.)
- (2) Perform the checks and make sure that there are no malfunctioning items or other problems.
- (3) After completing these checks, securely install the removable watertight storage compartment and seats in their original positions.

EJU32334

Engine compartment check

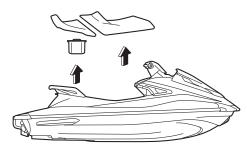
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WARNING

Failure to ventilate the engine compartment could result in a fire or explosion. Do not start the engine if there is a fuel leak.

Ventilate the engine compartment. Leave the engine compartment open for a few minutes to allow any fuel vapors to escape.

Make sure that there is no damage inside the engine compartment.



EJU34215

Fuel system checks

EWJ00382

WARNING

Leaking fuel can result in fire or explosion.

- · Check for fuel leakage regularly.
- If any fuel leakage is found, the fuel system must be repaired by a qualified mechanic. Improper repairs can make the watercraft unsafe to operate.

Make sure that there is no damage, leakage, or other problem in the fuel system.

Check:

- Fuel filler cap and seal for damage
- Fuel tank for damage and leakage
- Fuel hoses and joints for damage and leakage
- Fuel tank breather hose for damage and leakage

EJU36875

Fuel level check

Check the fuel level in the fuel tank.

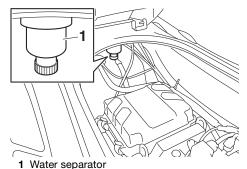
Add fuel if necessary. (See page 55 for information on filling the fuel tank.)

Pre-operation checks

EJU32424

Water separator check

Make sure that no water has collected in the water separator. If water has collected in the water separator, drain it. (See page 34 for information on draining the water separator.)



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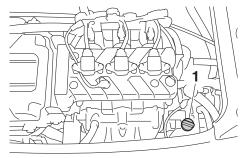
Engine unit check

Check the exterior of the engine unit for damage or other problem.

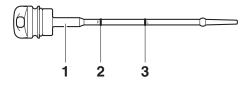
EJU41561

Engine oil level check

Make sure that the engine oil level is between the minimum and maximum level marks on the dipstick attached to the oil tank filler cap. (See page 57 for information on checking the engine oil level.)



1 Oil tank filler cap/Dipstick



- 1 Dipstick
- 2 Maximum level mark
- 3 Minimum level mark

EJU32456

Bilge water check

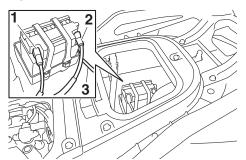
Make sure that no bilge water has collected in the engine compartment. If bilge water has collected in the engine compartment, drain it. (See page 59 for information on draining the bilge water.)

EJU32485

Battery checks

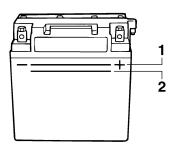
Make sure that the battery terminals and breather hose are not damaged and that the battery leads and breather hose are connect-

ed properly. WARNING! Fire or explosion could result if the breather hose is damaged, obstructed, or not connected properly. [EWJ000452]



- 1 Negative (-) battery terminal: Black lead
- 2 Positive (+) battery terminal: Red lead
- 3 Breather hose

Make sure that the electrolyte level is between the minimum and maximum level marks. WARNING! Never operate the watercraft if the battery does not have sufficient power to start the engine or if it shows any other signs of decreased power. Loss of battery power may leave you stranded. [EWJ01241]



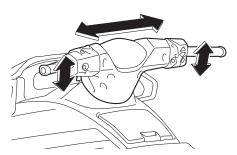
- 1 Maximum level mark
- 2 Minimum level mark

Make sure that the battery is securely held in place.

EJU32614

Steering system checks

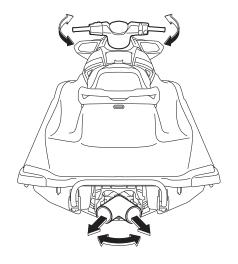
Turn the handlebars to the right and left several times to make sure that operation is smooth and unrestricted throughout the whole range, and that the free play is not excessive.

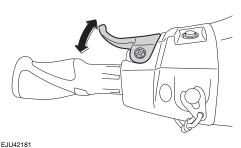


Turn the handlebars as far as possible to the right and left to make sure that the jet thrust nozzle moves as the handlebars are turned, and that there is no difference between the

right and left fully turned positions of the jet thrust nozzle.

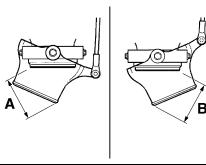
lever returns automatically to its fully closed position when released.

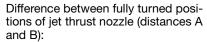




Throttle lever checks

Operate the throttle lever several times to make sure that operation is smooth throughout the whole range. Also, make sure that the throttle lever returns automatically to its fully closed (idle) position when released.



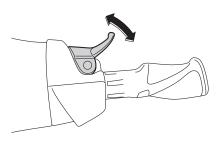


Maximum 5 mm (0.20 in)

EJU43213

RiDE lever checks (VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited)

Operate the RiDE lever several times to make sure that operation is smooth throughout the whole range. Also, make sure that the RiDE



EJU40113

Remote control transmitter check (VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited)

Make sure that the remote control transmitter operates properly. (See page 31 for Yamaha Security System setting procedures and page 38 for Low RPM Mode activation procedures.)

EJU32664

Engine shut-off cord (lanyard) check

Make sure that the engine shut-off cord (lanyard) is not damaged. If the cord is damaged, replace it. **WARNING!** Never try to repair the engine shut-off cord (lanyard) or tie it

together. The engine shut-off cord (lanyard) may not pull free when the operator falls off, allowing the watercraft to continue to run and cause an accident, [EMJ01221]



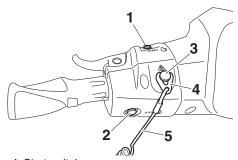
EJU32676 Switch checks

ECJ01311

NOTICE

Do not run the engine over 4000 r/min on land. Also, do not run the engine for more than 15 seconds without supplying water, otherwise the engine could overheat.

Check the start switch, the engine stop switch, and the engine shut-off switch for proper operation. (See pages 32 to 32 for information on operating each switch.)



- 1 Start switch
- 2 Engine stop switch
- 3 Engine shut-off switch
- 4 Clip
- 5 Engine shut-off cord (lanyard)

To check the operation of the switches:

- VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited: If the lock mode is selected for the Yamaha Security System setting, select the unlock mode. (See page 31 for Yamaha Security System setting procedures.)
- (2) Push the start switch to make sure that the engine starts.
- (3) As soon as the engine starts running, push the engine stop switch to make sure that the engine stops immediately.
- (4) Restart the engine, and then pull the engine shut-off cord (lanyard) to remove the clip from the engine shut-off switch to make sure that the engine stops immediately.

EJU40102

Storage compartment checks

Make sure that the storage compartments are not damaged and that water has not collected in the compartments. (See page 51 for information on the storage compartments.)

Fire extinguisher holder, cover, and band checks

Make sure that the fire extinguisher holder, cover, and band are not damaged and that the fire extinguisher is securely held in place using the band. (See page 53 for information on the fire extinguisher holder, cover, and band.)

EJU32534

Fire extinguisher check

Check that there is a full fire extinguisher on board.



To check the fire extinguisher, see the instructions supplied by the fire extinguisher manufacturer. Always keep the fire extinguisher secured in the holder with its cover in place.

Always carry a fire extinguisher on board. A fire extinguisher is not standard equipment with this watercraft. If you do not have one, contact a Yamaha dealer or a fire extinguisher dealer to obtain one meeting the proper specifications.

Fire extinguisher: Classification: B-1 Capacity: 2 lb or more

EJU40122

Safety equipment check

Check that safety equipment meeting the applicable regulations is on board.

FJU32353

Hull and deck check

Check the hull and deck for damage or other problem.

EJU32657

Jet intake checks

Make sure that the jet intake is not damaged or clogged with weeds or debris. If the jet intake is clogged, clean it. (See page 100 for information on the jet intake.)

EJU43221

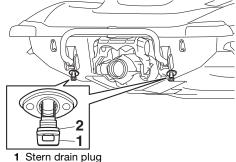
Jet thrust nozzle and reverse gate check (VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited)

Check the jet thrust nozzle and reverse gate for damage or other problem.

EJU44250

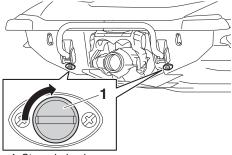
Stern drain plug checks

Loosen the stern drain plugs and remove them, and then make sure that the plugs and O-rings on the plugs are not damaged and that there is no foreign material on the threads or O-rings on the plugs. NOTICE: Before installing the stern drain plugs, clean the drain plug threads and the Orings on the plugs to remove any foreign materials, such as dirt or sand. Otherwise, the stern drain plugs could be damaged, allowing water to enter the engine compartment. Check the O-rings on the stern drain plugs and make sure that the plugs are tightened securely before launching the watercraft. Otherwise, water may flood the engine compartment and cause the watercraft to submerge. [ECJ00363]



- 2 O-rina

Securely install the stern drain plugs by tightening them until they stop.

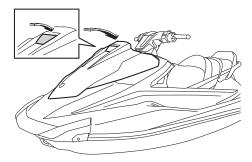


Stern drain plug

EJU43810

Hood check

Push down the hood latch and make sure that it is securely closed.



EJU40146

Post-launch checks

Perform the post-launch checks in the preoperation checklist while the watercraft is in the water and the engine is running.

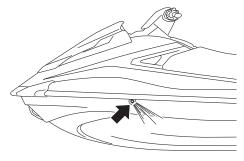
To perform the post-launch checks:

- (1) Launch the watercraft. (See page 74 for information on launching the watercraft.)
- (2) Perform the checks and make sure that there are no malfunctioning items or other problems.

EJU40553

Cooling water pilot outlet check

Make sure that water is discharged from the cooling water pilot outlet while the engine is running. (See page 34 for information on the cooling water pilot outlet.)



EJU32715

Multifunction information center check

Make sure that the multifunction information center operates properly. (See page 43 for information on proper operation of the multifunction information center.)

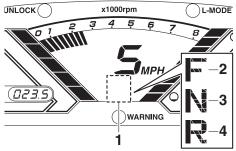


EJU43392

Shift system check (VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited)

Operate the throttle lever and RiDE lever, and check that the watercraft moves or does not move according to the displayed shift indicator. (See page 36 for shift system operation procedures.) WARNING! To avoid collisions, operate at safe speeds and keep a

safe distance away from people, objects, and other watercraft. [EWJ01860]



- 1 Shift indicator
- 2 "F" (Forward position)
- 3 "N" (Neutral position)
- 4 "R" (Reverse position)

EJU40172

Engine idling speed check

Start the engine and warm it up. Use the tachometer in the multifunction information center to make sure that the engine idling speed is not significantly above or below the specified range.

Engine idling speed: 1500 ±100 r/min

EJU32903

Operating your watercraft

EWJ00511



Before operating your watercraft, become familiar with all of the controls. Consult a Yamaha dealer about any control or function that you do not fully understand. Failure to understand how the controls work could cause an accident or prevent you from avoiding an accident.

EJU32959

Getting to know your watercraft

Operating your watercraft requires skills acquired through practice over a period of time. Take the time to learn the basic techniques well before attempting more difficult maneuvers.

Operating your new watercraft can be a very enjoyable activity, providing you with hours of pleasure. However, it is essential to familiarize yourself with the operation of the watercraft to achieve the skill level necessary to enjoy riding safely.

Before operating this watercraft, read this owner's/operator's manual, the Riding Practice Guide, the Riding Instruction card, and all labels on the watercraft. Pay particular attention to the safety information beginning on page 10. Also, watch the WaveRunner Basic Orientation Video linked to the following QR code.



https://yamahawaverunners.com/orientation A DVD is also available at your nearest dealer for your convenience.

These materials should give you an understanding of the watercraft and its operation. Remember: This watercraft is designed to carry the operator and up to 2 passengers. Never exceed the maximum load limit or allow more than 3 persons (or 2 persons if a wakeboarder or water-skier is being pulled) to ride the watercraft at any time.

Maximum load:

240 kg (530 lb)

Load is the total weight of cargo, operator, and passengers.

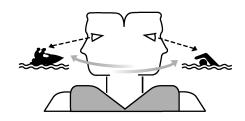
EJU32996

Learning to operate your watercraft

Before operating the watercraft, always perform the pre-operation checks listed on page 63. The short time spent checking the watercraft will reward you with added safety and reliability.

Check state and local laws before operating your watercraft.

Operate defensively at safe speeds and keep a safe distance away from people, objects, and other watercraft. Select a wide area to learn in, where there is good visibility and light boat traffic.



Use the buddy system—operate with someone nearby. Scan constantly for people, ob-

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jects, and other watercraft. Be alert for conditions that limit your visibility or block your vision of others.

You should grip the handlebars firmly and keep both feet on the floor of the footwell. Do not attempt to ride with passengers until your operating skills are fully developed.

EJU40212

Riding position

Operator riding position

The operator should grip the handlebars firmly with both hands and sit astride the seat with both feet on the floor of the footwell.



Passenger riding position

The passenger(s) should hold on firmly, either to the person in front of them or to the hand-grip provided, and sit astride the seat with their feet on the floor of the footwell. Never allow a passenger to ride in front of the operator. (See page 17 for information on the riding position when pulling a wakeboarder or water-skier.)



EJU32803

Launching the watercraft

When launching the watercraft, make sure that there are no obstacles around you.

If the watercraft is launched from a trailer, someone should make sure that waves do not push the watercraft into the trailer.

EJU36346

Starting the engine on water

EWJ01531

WARNING

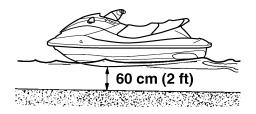
Do not apply throttle when anyone is at the rear of the watercraft. Turn the engine off or keep it at idle. Water and debris exiting the jet thrust nozzle can cause severe injury.

To start the engine:

- VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited: If the lock mode is selected for the Yamaha Security System setting, select the unlock mode. (See page 31 for Yamaha Security System setting procedures.)
- (2) Move the watercraft to an area that is free from weeds and debris, and has a water depth of at least 60 cm (2 ft) from the bottom of the watercraft. NOTICE: Never run the engine in water that is less than 60 cm (2 ft) deep from the bottom of the watercraft, otherwise pebbles or sand could be sucked into

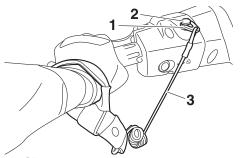
the jet intake, causing impeller damage and engine overheating. [ECJ00473]

engine. (See page 32 for information on operating the start switch.)



(3) Attach the engine shut-off cord (lanyard) to your left wrist, and then attach the clip to the engine shut-off switch. (See page 32 for information on operating the engine shut-off switch.) WARNING! Check that the engine shut-off cord (lanyard) is attached correctly. If the engine shut-off cord (lanyard) is not attached correctly, it may not pull free when the operator falls off, allowing the water-

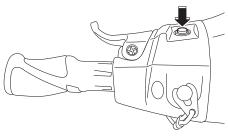
craft to continue to run and cause an



- 1 Clip
- 2 Engine shut-off switch

accident. [EWJ00582]

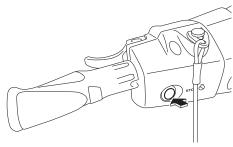
- 3 Engine shut-off cord (lanyard)
- (4) With the throttle lever released, push the start switch (green button) to start the



EJU32863

Stopping the engine

Release the throttle lever, and then push the engine stop switch (red button) to stop the engine. WARNING! You need throttle to steer. Shutting the engine off can cause you to hit an obstacle you are attempting to avoid. A collision could result in severe injury or death. [EWJO0602]



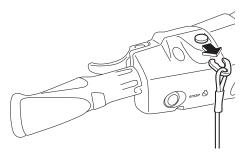
EJU32873

Leaving the watercraft

If leaving the watercraft, remove the clip from the engine shut-off switch to prevent acci-

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dental starting or unauthorized operation by children or others.



EJU44990

Operating the watercraft VX-C:

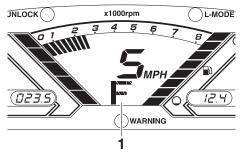
When the engine is running, the watercraft will move forward at trolling speed even if the throttle lever is in the fully closed (idle) position.



VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited:

When the throttle lever is squeezed, the "F" (forward) shift indicator will be displayed and the watercraft will move forward. While the "F" (forward) shift indicator is displayed, the watercraft will move forward at trolling speed even if the throttle lever is in the fully closed

(idle) position. (See page 36 for shift system operation procedures.)



1 "F" (Forward position)



EJU43423

Turning the watercraft

EWJ01783

WARNING

- Do not release the throttle lever when trying to steer away from objects—as with other powerboats, you need throttle to steer. A collision could result in severe injury or death.
- When operating at higher speeds, make gradual turns or slow down before turning. Sharp high-speed turns may cause the watercraft to slide sideways or spin, throwing the operator and passenger(s) overboard, which could cause an injury.
- VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited:
 Take early action to avoid collisions. The

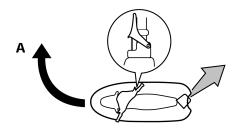
RiDE system is not a braking device for avoiding dangerous situations.

Steering control depends on the combination of handlebar position and the amount of throttle.

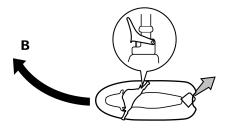
Water sucked in through the intake grate is pressurized by the impeller in the jet pump. As the pressurized water is expelled from the pump through the jet thrust nozzle, it creates thrust to move and steer the watercraft. The higher the engine speed, the more thrust produced.

The amount of jet thrust, in addition to the position of the handlebars, determines how sharply you turn.

A. More throttle produces higher thrust, so the watercraft will turn more sharply.



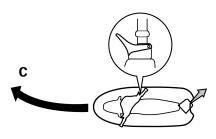
B. Less throttle produces lower thrust, so the watercraft will turn more gradually.



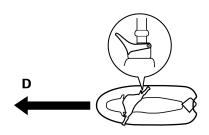
C. Releasing the throttle lever completely produces only minimum thrust. If you are

traveling at speeds above trolling, you will have rapidly decreasing ability to steer without throttle. You may still have some turning ability immediately after releasing the throttle lever, but once the engine slows down, the watercraft will no longer respond to handlebar input until you apply throttle again or you reach trolling speed.

At trolling speed, the watercraft can be turned gradually by handlebar position alone using just the amount of thrust available at idle.



D. If the engine is stopped while riding, there is no thrust. The watercraft will go straight even though the handlebars are turned.

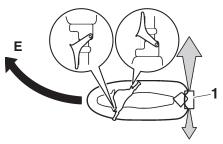


You need throttle to steer.

E. VX /VX Deluxe /VX Cruiser /VX Limited: If the RiDE lever is squeezed and the

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handlebars are turned when the watercraft is cruising at planing speed, the watercraft will turn gradually while slowing down.



1 Reverse gate

This model is equipped with the Yamaha Engine Management System (YEMS) that includes an off-throttle steering (OTS) system. It will activate at planing speeds should you attempt to steer the watercraft after releasing the throttle lever (see condition C above).

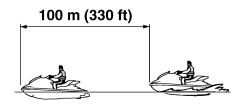
The OTS system assists in turning by continuing to supply some thrust while the watercraft is decelerating, but you can turn more sharply if you apply throttle while turning the handlebars. The OTS system does not function below planing speeds or when the engine is off. Once the engine slows down, the watercraft will no longer turn in response to handlebar input until you apply throttle again or you reach trolling speed.

EJU45001

Stopping the watercraft

The watercraft is not equipped with a separate braking system. The watercraft slows down by water resistance or, when operating in reverse, by the water jet. The watercraft slows down as soon as the throttle lever is released, but will coast for a distance before fully stopping. If you are not sure you can stop in time before hitting an obstacle, apply throttle and turn in another direction.

From full speed, the watercraft comes to a complete stop due to water resistance in approximately 100 m (330 ft) after the throttle lever is released or the engine is stopped, although this distance will vary depending on many factors, including gross weight, water surface conditions, and wind direction.



VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited: If the RiDE lever is squeezed to slow down, the stopping distance is approximately 30% shorter than when the RiDE lever is not used. However, this distance will vary depending on many factors, including gross weight, water surface conditions, and wind direction.

EWJ01793

WARNING

- Allow adequate stopping distance. Stay far enough away from others so you can always safely coast to a stop.
- Take early action to avoid collisions. Remember, watercraft and other boats do not have brakes.
- Operate defensively at safe speeds and keep a safe distance away from people, objects, and other watercraft to give you time to stop.
- Do not shut the engine off when slowing down in case you need engine power to steer away from a boat or other obstacle that comes into your path.

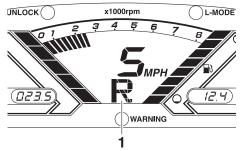
VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited:
 To avoid rear-end collisions while operating the watercraft, check behind you before using the RiDE lever to slow down or stop the watercraft.

EJU43445

Operating the watercraft in reverse or neutral (VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited)

Operating in reverse

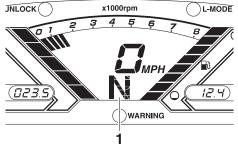
When the RiDE lever is squeezed, the "R" (reverse) shift indicator will be displayed and the watercraft will move in reverse. (See page 36 for shift system operation procedures.)



1 "R" (Reverse position)

Operating in neutral

When the RiDE lever is squeezed lightly and released, the "N" (neutral) shift indicator will be displayed and the watercraft will stop in its current location. (See page 36 for shift system operation procedures.)



1 "N" (Neutral position)





Make sure that there are no obstacles or people behind you before shifting into reverse.

TIP:

This model is equipped with a function which limits the engine speed in reverse.

EJU36087

Boarding the watercraft

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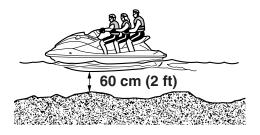
↑ WARNING

Be sure the operator and any passengers have practiced boarding from the water while still close to shore before riding. A person who has made many unsuccessful attempts to get back on the watercraft may become fatigued and suffer from exposure, increasing the risk of injury and drowning.

Board the watercraft in water free from weeds and debris and at least 60 cm (2 ft)

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deep from the bottom of the watercraft. NOTICE: Never run the engine in water that is less than 60 cm (2 ft) deep from the bottom of the watercraft, otherwise pebbles or sand could be sucked into the jet intake, causing impeller damage and engine overheating. [ECJ00473]



TIP:

VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited: This watercraft is equipped with a reboarding step, which can be lowered and used to assist in reboarding. (See page 49 for information on operating the reboarding step.)

EJU36354 Boarding alone

(1) From the rear of the watercraft, place both hands on the boarding platform, pull yourself up, and then grasp the handgrip with one hand.



(2) Pull yourself up to a kneeling position on the boarding platform, and then move to the seat and sit astride.



- (3) Attach the engine shut-off cord (lanyard) to your left wrist, and then attach the clip to the engine shut-off switch.
- (4) Grip the handlebars with both hands and place both feet on the floor of the footwell.



(5) Look in all directions, start the engine, and then start off slowly.

EJU43260

Boarding with passenger(s)

EWJ01800

WARNING

Severe internal injuries can occur if water is forced into body cavities as a result of being near the jet thrust nozzle.
 Do not start the engine until the passengers are seated with their feet on the floor of the footwell and are securely

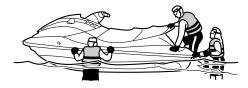
holding on to the person in front of them or to the handgrip provided.

 Before boarding the watercraft, make sure that the engine is stopped. If the engine is running, the reverse gate may move down and a person boarding could be pinched.

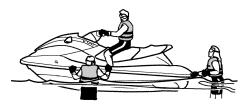
The heavier the total weight of the operator and passenger(s), the more difficult it will be to balance the watercraft. Do not operate the watercraft when the total weight exceeds 240 kg (530 lb) including any cargo.

To board with passenger(s):

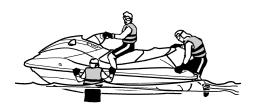
(1) Board as noted in the previous section "Boarding alone".



- (2) Grip the handlebars with both hands and place both feet on the floor of the footwell.
- (3) Have the first passenger move to the rear of the watercraft.



(4) Have the first passenger board using the same procedure as the operator, place their feet on the floor of the footwell, and securely hold on to the operator.



(5) Have the second passenger follow the same procedure. When the second passenger is boarding, try to balance the watercraft together with the first passenger.



(6) Make sure that the passenger(s) have their feet on the floor of the footwell and

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are securely holding on to the person in front of them or to the handgrip provided.



(7) Attach the engine shut-off cord (lanyard) to your left wrist, and then attach the clip to the engine shut-off switch.

(8) Look in all directions, start the engine, and then start off slowly.

EJU33084

Starting off

EWJ00713

WARNING

To avoid collisions:

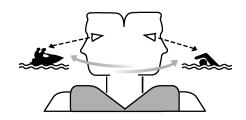
- Scan constantly for people, objects, and other watercraft. Be alert for conditions that limit your visibility or block your vision of others.
- Operate defensively at safe speeds and keep a safe distance away from people, objects, and other watercraft.
- Do not follow directly behind watercraft or other boats. Do not go near others to spray or splash them with water, go too close to other boats, or go too fast for the traffic conditions. Avoid sharp turns or other maneuvers that make it hard for others to avoid you or understand where you are going. Avoid areas with submerged objects or shallow water.
- Take early action to avoid collisions. Remember, watercraft and other boats do not have brakes. Do not release the throttle lever when trying to steer away

from objects—as with other powerboats, you need throttle to steer.

ECJ01341

NOTICE

Never run the engine in water that is less than 60 cm (2 ft) deep from the bottom of the watercraft, otherwise pebbles or sand could be sucked into the jet intake, causing impeller damage and engine overheating.



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Starting off from a trailer VX-C:

- Launch the watercraft, and then turn it around so that the bow faces the direction you wish to go.
- (2) Attach the engine shut-off cord (lanyard) to your left wrist, and then attach the clip to the engine shut-off switch.
- (3) Look in all directions, start the engine, and then start off slowly.

VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited:

- (1) Launch the watercraft.
- (2) Attach the engine shut-off cord (lanyard) to your left wrist, and then attach the clip to the engine shut-off switch.
- (3) Look in all directions, and then start the engine.
- (4) Squeeze the RiDE lever and move the watercraft back slowly. (See page 36 for RiDE lever operation procedures.)

EJU33114

Boarding and starting off from a dock

- (1) Board the watercraft from the side.
- (2) Attach the engine shut-off cord (lanyard) to your left wrist, and then attach the clip to the engine shut-off switch.
- (3) Push the watercraft away from the dock, grip the handlebars with both hands, and place both feet on the floor of the footwell.



(4) Look in all directions, start the engine, and then start off slowly.

EJU44210

Capsized watercraft

EWJ00672

WARNING

Improper uprighting can cause injury.

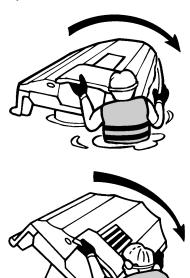
- Be sure to shut the engine off by pulling on the engine shut-off cord (lanyard) to remove the clip from the engine shut-off switch.
- Do not put your hands in the intake grate.

If the watercraft capsizes, turn it over immediately.

To upright the watercraft:

- (1) Remove the clip from the engine shut-off switch.
- (2) Swim to the rear of the watercraft. Turn the watercraft over by pulling on the ride plate with one hand while pushing down

on the gunwale with your other hand or your foot.



(3) Start the engine and operate the water-craft at planing speed to drain the bilge water from the engine compartment. (See page 59 for information on draining the bilge water. If the engine does not start, see "Towing the watercraft" on page 102 or "Submerged watercraft" on page 102.) NOTICE: Do not run the engine at full throttle for at least 1 minute after the engine has been restarted. Bilge water in the engine compartment can splash into the engine, which can result in severe damage.

[ECJ00554]

EJU44390

Beaching and docking the watercraftTo beach the watercraft (VX-C):

 Make sure that there are no boats, swimmers, or obstacles near the beach.

Operation

- (2) Release the throttle lever to reduce speed about 100 m (330 ft) before you reach the intended beaching area.
- (3) Slowly approach the beach and stop the engine just before reaching land. WARNING! You need throttle to steer. Shutting the engine off can cause you to hit an obstacle you are attempting to avoid. A collision could result in severe injury or death. [ENJOOSO2] NOTICE: Never run the engine in water that is less than 60 cm (2 ft) deep from the bottom of the watercraft, otherwise pebbles or sand could be sucked into the jet intake, causing impeller damage and engine overheating. [ECJOO473]
- (4) Get off the watercraft and pull it up on the beach.

To beach the watercraft (VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited):

- (1) Make sure that there are no boats, swimmers, or obstacles near the beach.
- (2) Release the throttle lever to reduce speed about 100 m (330 ft) before you reach the intended beaching area.
- (3) Slowly approach the beach using the throttle lever and RiDE lever to control the watercraft speed. *NOTICE:* Never run the engine in water that is less than 60 cm (2 ft) deep from the bottom of the watercraft, otherwise pebbles or sand could be sucked into the jet intake, causing impeller damage and engine overheating. [ECJU0473]
- (4) After reaching land, stop the engine, and then get off the watercraft and pull it up on the beach.

To dock the watercraft (VX-C):

 Make sure that there are no boats, swimmers, or obstacles near the dock.

- (2) Release the throttle lever to reduce speed about 100 m (330 ft) away from the dock.
- (3) Slowly approach the dock and stop the engine just before coming alongside it. WARNING! You need throttle to steer. Shutting the engine off can cause you to hit an obstacle you are attempting to avoid. A collision could result in severe injury or death. [EMJODGO2]
- (4) Come alongside the dock and get off the watercraft.

To dock the watercraft (VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited):

- Make sure that there are no boats, swimmers, or obstacles near the dock.
- (2) Release the throttle lever to reduce speed about 100 m (330 ft) away from the dock.
- (3) Slowly approach the dock using the throttle lever and RiDE lever to control the watercraft speed.
- (4) After coming alongside the dock, stop the engine, and then get off the watercraft.

EJU37194

Operating in weeded areas

Always avoid using your watercraft in areas where weed growth is thick. If operating in weeded areas is unavoidable, alternately squeeze the throttle lever and relax your grip on the throttle lever to vary the engine speed. Weeds tend to become clogged more when operating at a steady speed and at trolling speed. If weeds may have clogged the intake area, clean the jet intake. (See page 100 for information on the jet intake.)

EJU40242

After removing the watercraft from the water

ECJ01311

NOTICE

Do not run the engine over 4000 r/min on land. Also, do not run the engine for more than 15 seconds without supplying water, otherwise the engine could overheat.

After operating and removing the watercraft from the water, promptly discharge the remaining water from the cooling water passages.

To discharge water from the cooling water passages:

- Make sure that the area around the watercraft is clear, and then start the engine.
- (2) Discharge the remaining water out of the cooling water passages by alternately squeezing and releasing the throttle lever quickly for 10 to 15 seconds.
- (3) Stop the engine.

EJU37146

Post-operation care

EWJ00331

WARNING

Always place the watercraft upright in a horizontal position when storing it, otherwise fuel could leak out into the engine or engine compartment, which could create a fire hazard.

After using the watercraft, always take it out of the water, clean it, and store it. Leaving the watercraft in the water for extended periods will accelerate the rate of normal deterioration of the jet pump and hull. Marine organisms and corrosion are some of the conditions that can shorten the life of many watercraft components.

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Flushing the cooling water passages

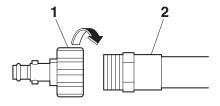
NOTICE

Do not run the engine over 4000 r/min on land. Also, do not run the engine for more than 15 seconds without supplying water, otherwise the engine could overheat.

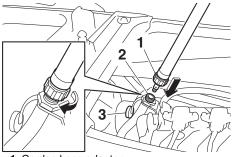
Flush the cooling water passages to prevent them from clogging with salt, sand, or dirt.

- (1) Place the watercraft in a horizontal position.
- (2) Remove the seats and removable watertight storage compartment. (See page 48 for seat removal and installation procedures and page 53 for information on the removable watertight storage compartment.)

(3) Connect the garden hose adapter to a garden hose.

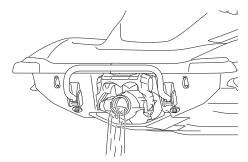


- 1 Garden hose adapter
- 2 Garden hose
- (4) Loosen the flushing hose connector cap and remove it. Insert the garden hose adapter into the flushing hose connector by pushing and twisting it until it is securely connected.



- 1 Garden hose adapter
- 2 Flushing hose connector
- 3 Flushing hose connector cap
- (5) Connect the garden hose to a water tap.
- (6) Make sure that the area around the watercraft is clear, and then start the engine. Immediately after the engine starts, fully turn the water supply on so that wa-

ter flows out continually from the jet thrust nozzle.



- (7) Run the engine at idling speed for about 3 minutes watching the engine condition. If the engine stops while flushing, turn the water supply off immediately and perform the procedure again from step 6. NOTICE: Do not supply water to the cooling water passages when the engine is not running. The water could flow back through the muffler into the engine, causing severe engine damage. [ECJ00123]
- (8) Turn the water supply off.
- (9) Discharge the remaining water out of the cooling water passages by alternately squeezing and releasing the throttle lever quickly for 10 to 15 seconds.
- (10) Stop the engine.
- (11) Remove the garden hose adapter, and then securely install the flushing hose connector cap by tightening it until it stops.
- (12) Securely install the removable watertight storage compartment and seats in their original positions.

FJU43931

Cleaning the watercraft

- (1) Remove the seats. (See page 48 for seat removal and installation procedures.)
- (2) If the watercraft will be stored for a week or more, rustproof the internal engine

- components to help prevent corrosion. (See page 90 for information on rust-proofing the internal engine components.)
- (3) Rinse the engine and engine compartment with a small amount of water. NOTICE: Do not use high-pressure water when rinsing the engine or engine compartment as severe engine damage could result. [ECJ00572]
- (4) Drain the water from the engine compartment. (See page 59 for information on draining the bilge water.)
- (5) Wipe the engine and engine compartment with a dry cloth.
- (6) Wash down the hull, deck, and jet pump with fresh water.
- (7) Wipe the hull, deck, and jet pump with a dry cloth.
- (8) Wipe all vinyl and rubber components, such as the seats and engine compartment seals, with a vinyl protectant such as Yamaclean Vinyl Dressing[™].
- (9) To minimize corrosion, spray metallic parts of the hull, deck, and engine with a rust inhibitor such as Yamalube Silicone Protectant & Lubricant.
- (10) Allow the engine compartment to air dry completely before installing the seats.
- (11) Securely install the seats in their original positions.

EJU41632

Battery care

If the watercraft will not be used for more than a month, remove the battery from the watercraft, check it, and then store it in a cool, dry place.

EWJ00792

WARNING

Battery electrolyte is poisonous and dangerous, causing severe burns, etc. Elec-

trolyte contains sulfuric acid. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, or clothing.

Antidotes

External: Flush with water.

Internal: Drink large quantities of water or milk. Follow with milk of magnesia, beaten egg, or vegetable oil. Call a physician immediately.

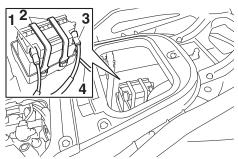
Eyes: Flush with water for 15 minutes and get prompt medical attention.

Batteries produce explosive gases. Keep sparks, flames, cigarettes, etc., well away. If using or charging the battery in an enclosed space, make sure that it is well ventilated. Always shield your eyes when working near batteries.

Keep out of the reach of children.

To remove the battery:

- (1) Disconnect the negative (-) battery lead.
- (2) Disconnect the positive (+) battery lead.
- (3) Disconnect the breather hose.
- (4) Unhook the battery bands, and then remove the battery from the watercraft.



- 1 Negative (-) battery terminal: Black lead
- 2 Battery band
- 3 Positive (+) battery terminal: Red lead
- 4 Breather hose

Checking the battery

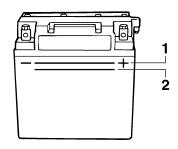
Make sure that the battery case is not damaged.

- Make sure that the battery terminals are not corroded or damaged.
- Make sure that the breather hose is not clogged or damaged.

Checking the electrolyte level

Make sure that the electrolyte level is between the maximum and minimum level marks.

If the electrolyte level is low, add distilled water to raise it to the specified level. *NOTICE:*Use only distilled water for replenishing the battery, otherwise battery life could be shortened. [ECJ00242]



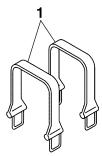
- 1 Maximum level mark
- 2 Minimum level mark

If distilled water was added, check the battery voltage.

It is recommended to have a Yamaha dealer check the battery voltage and charge the battery. If you charge the battery yourself, be sure to read and follow the instructions provided with the battery tester and charger you use. *NOTICE:* Do not attempt to charge a battery hastily. Battery life could be shortened. [ECJ00252]

Checking the battery bands

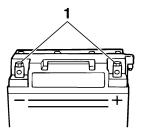
Make sure that the battery bands are not damaged.



1 Battery band

To store the battery:

- (1) Clean the battery case using fresh water.
- (2) If the battery terminals are dirty or corroded, clean them using a wire brush.



- 1 Battery terminal
- (3) Apply water-resistant grease to the battery terminals.

Recommended water-resistant grease: YAMALUBE MARINE GREASE

(4) Store the battery in a cool, dry place. NOTICE: Storing the battery in an uncharged condition can cause permanent battery damage. Check the battery periodically. [ECJO0103]

To install the battery:

- Place the battery in the battery compartment and hook the battery bands onto the holders.
- (2) Connect the positive (+) battery lead (red) to the positive (+) battery terminal. NOTICE: Reversal of the battery leads will damage the electrical parts. [ECJ00262]
- (3) Connect the negative (-) battery lead (black) to the negative (-) battery terminal.
- (4) Connect the breather hose to the battery. WARNING! Fire or explosion could result if the breather hose is damaged, obstructed, or not connected properly. [EWJ00452]
- (5) Make sure that the battery is securely held in place.

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Long-term storage

EWJ00331

MARNING

Always place the watercraft upright in a horizontal position when storing it, otherwise fuel could leak out into the engine or engine compartment, which could create a fire hazard.

Storage for long periods of time, such as winter storage, requires preventive maintenance to ensure against deterioration. It is advisable to have the watercraft serviced by a Yamaha dealer prior to storage.

However, the following procedures can be performed easily by the owner.

EJU40256

Cleaning

 Flush the cooling water passages. (See page 86 for information on flushing the cooling water passages.)

TIP:

If you will be storing the watercraft for a prolonged period, such as winter storage, top off the fuel tank with fresh gasoline and add one ounce of Yamalube Fuel Stabilizer & Conditioner Plus to each gallon of fuel in the fuel tank before starting the engine.

(2) Clean the watercraft. (See page 87 for information on cleaning the watercraft.) Wax the hull with a non-abrasive wax such as Yamalube Professional Polish.

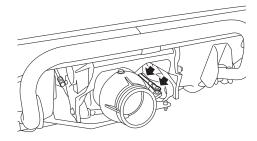
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Lubrication

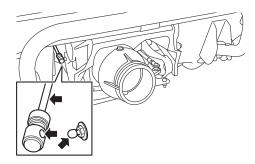
To keep moving parts sliding or rotating smoothly, lubricate them with water-resistant grease.

Recommended water-resistant grease: YAMALUBE MARINE GREASE

• Steering cable (jet thrust nozzle end)



VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited:
 Shift rod (reverse gate end) and ball joint



TIP:

Disconnect the shift rod from the ball joint before lubricating.

EJU44131

Rustproofing

Rustproofing the hull, deck, and engine Spray metallic parts of the hull, deck, and engine with a rust inhibitor such as Yamalube Silicone Protectant & Lubricant.

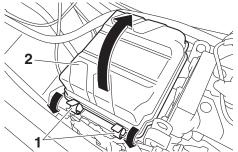
Rustproofing the internal engine components

Rustproof the internal engine components with a rust inhibitor such as Yamalube Stor-Rite Engine Fogging Oil.

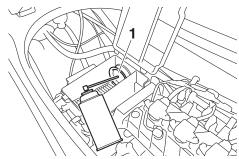
To rustproof the internal engine components:

- (1) Remove the seats. (See page 48 for seat removal and installation procedures.)
- (2) Release the hooks on the port side of the air filter case, and then lift up the air filter

case cover. **NOTICE:** Do not lift up the air filter case cover forcefully. Otherwise, the fuel hose that is secured to the air filter case cover could be damaged. [ECJ02620]



- 1 Hook
- 2 Air filter case cover
- (3) Spray a rust inhibitor such as Yamalube Stor-Rite Engine Fogging Oil into the intake opening for 3 seconds. WARNING! Do not spray flammable rust inhibitor products on engine surfaces while the engine is hot. The sprayed substance or propellants could catch fire. [EWJ00262]



- 1 Intake opening
- (4) Place the air filter case cover in its original position, and then fit the hooks onto the cover.

TIP:

Make sure that the air filter case cover is securely installed.

- (5) Make sure that the area around the watercraft is clear, and then start the engine in a well-ventilated area and let it run at idle for 15 seconds. (See page 32 for information on starting the engine.)
- (6) Stop the engine.
- (7) Securely install the seats in their original positions.

Maintenance

EJU33758

Maintenance

Periodic checks and lubrication will keep your watercraft in the safest and most efficient condition possible. Therefore, make sure to carry out the periodic maintenance. Safety is an obligation of the watercraft owner. Proper maintenance must be carried out to keep the exhaust emission and sound levels within the regulated limits. The most important points of watercraft inspection and lubrication are explained on the following pages.

See a Yamaha dealer for genuine Yamaha replacement parts and optional accessories designed for your watercraft.

Remember, failures that are the result of the installation of parts or accessories which are not qualitatively equivalent to genuine Yamaha parts are not covered by the limited warranty.

Maintenance, replacement, or repair of the emission control devices and system may be performed by any marine SI engine repair establishment or individual. Warranty repair, however, must be performed at an authorized Yamaha marine dealership.

EWJ00312

WARNING

Be sure to turn off the engine when you perform maintenance unless otherwise specified. If you are not familiar with machine servicing, this work should be done by a Yamaha dealer or other qualified mechanic.

A service manual is available for purchase through a Yamaha dealer for owners who have the mechanical skills, tools, and other equipment necessary to perform maintenance not covered by this owner's/operator's manual.

EJU43101

Periodic maintenance chart

The periodic maintenance chart gives general guidelines for periodic maintenance. Have a Yamaha dealer perform the checks in the following chart. However, maintenance may need to be performed more frequently depending on your operating conditions. If you have any questions, consult a Yamaha dealer.

This " $\sqrt{\ }$ " mark indicates items to be checked and serviced by a Yamaha dealer.

| | | Initial Thereafter every | | | | |
|---|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------|
| Item | Operation | 10 hours | 50 hours or 12 months *1 | 100 hours or 12 months *1 | 200 hours or 24 months *1 | Page |
| Fuel line | Check fuel hoses and clamps | | | V | | _ |
| Fuel filler cap/Wa- ter separator | Check O-rings for cracks and deformation | | | V | | - |
| Fuel tank | Check installation and straps | | | V | | ı |
| Water inlet strainer | Check for clogs and damage | | | V | | ı |
| Cooling water hoses | Check for damage and leakage, and check clamps | | | V | | 1 |
| Engine oil | Replace | √ | | √ | | 95 |
| Oil filter | Replace | | | √ | | 95 |
| Intermediate hous- ing | Lubricate | | | √ | | _ |
| Spark plugs | Check | √ | | √ | | _ |
| Battery | Check state of charge, terminals, bands, and breather hose | | | V | | Ι |
| Battery leads | Check terminals | | | √ | | _ |
| Steering master | Check operation and for looseness | √ | | √ | | _ |
| Steering cable | Check exterior and con- nections, and lubricate | | | V | | - |
| Shift rod and reverse gate (VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited) | Check exterior and con- nections, and lubricate | | | V | | - |
| Air filter element | Check for damage and dirt | | | √ | | _ |
| Air intake hoses | Check for damage, and check clamps | | | V | | _ |

Maintenance

| | | Initial | The | ereafter ev | ery | |
|-------------------|---|---------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------|
| Item | Item Operation | | 50 hours or 12 months *1 | 100 hours or 12 months *1 | 200 hours or 24 months *1 | Page |
| Throttle body | Lubricate throttle valve | | | √ | | _ |
| Exhaust system | Check for exhaust leakage, and check hoses and clamps | | | V | | Ι |
| Breather hose | Check breather hose and clamps | | | √ | | - |
| Impeller | Check for bends, damage, and foreign material | | | √ | | _ |
| Jet thrust nozzle | Check movement, and lu- bricate | | | √ | | _ |
| Jet vacuum bilge | Check hoses for clogs and damage, check clamps, and clean bilge strainer | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Stern drain plugs | Check O-rings | | | V | | _ |
| Anode | Check for corrosion, and clean | | | | √*2 | - |
| Valve clearance | Check and adjust | | | | √*2 | _ |
| Rubber coupling | Check for cracks, indentations, looseness, and noise | | | | V | |
| Engine mount | Check for damage and peeling | | | | √ | _ |

^{*1:} Whichever comes first.

Perform the pre-operation checks and post-operation checks before performing periodic maintenance.

^{*2:} Check every 200 hours.

EJU36943

Engine oil and oil filter

EWJ00341



Engine oil is extremely hot immediately after the engine is turned off. Coming in contact with or getting any engine oil on your clothes could result in burns.

ECJ00992

NOTICE

Do not run the engine with too much or not enough oil in the engine, otherwise the engine could be damaged.

It is recommended to have a Yamaha dealer change the engine oil and the engine oil filter. However, if you choose to change the oil and filter on your own, consult a Yamaha dealer.

Specifications

EJU45430

Specifications

Watercraft capacity:

Maximum people on board:

3 person

Maximum load capacity:

240 kg (530 lb)

Dimensions and weight:

Length:

3340 mm (131.5 in) (VX-C)

3350 mm (131.9 in) (VX / VX Deluxe /

VX Cruiser / VX Limited)

Width:

1220 mm (48.0 in)

Height:

1190 mm (46.9 in)

Dry weight:

314 kg (692 lb) (VX-C)

321 kg (708 lb) (VX)

301 kg (664 lb) (VX Deluxe)

303 kg (668 lb) (VX Cruiser / VX Limited)

Performance:

Maximum fuel consumption:

33.5 L/h (8.8 US gal/h, 7.4 lmp.gal/h)

Cruising range at full throttle:

2.09 hour

Trolling speed:

1500 ±100 r/min

Engine:

Engine type:

Liquid cooled 4-stroke, DOHC

Number of cylinders:

3

Engine displacement:

1049 cm³

Bore × stroke:

 $82.0 \times 66.2 \text{ mm} (3.23 \times 2.61 \text{ in})$

Compression ratio:

11.0:1

Valve clearance-intake (cold):

0.15-0.22 mm (0.0059-0.0087 in)

Valve clearance-exhaust (cold):

0.26-0.32 mm (0.0102-0.0126 in)

Lubrication system:

Dry sump

Cooling system:

Water

Starting system:

Electric

Ignition system:

T.C.I.

Spark plug (NGK):

CR9EB

Spark plug gap:

0.7-0.8 mm (0.028-0.031 in)

Battery capacity:

12 V, 19 Ah

Charging system:

Flywheel magneto

Drive unit:

Propulsion system:

Jet pump

Jet pump type:

Axial flow, single stage

Impeller rotation:

Counterclockwise

Jet thrust nozzle angle:

24+24°

Fuel and oil:

Recommended fuel:

Regular unleaded gasoline

Minimum octane rating (PON):

86

Minimum octane rating (RON):

90

Recommended engine oil:

YAMALUBE 4W or 4-stroke motor oil



Recommended engine oil type SAE:

SAE 10W-30, 10W-40, 20W-40, 20W-50

Recommended engine oil grade API:

API SG, SH, SJ, SL

Fuel tank total capacity:

70 L (18.5 US gal, 15.4 Imp.gal)

Engine oil quantity with oil filter replacement:

3.4 L (3.59 US qt, 2.99 Imp.qt)

Engine oil quantity without oil filter replacement:

3.2 L (3.38 US qt, 2.82 Imp.qt)

Engine oil total quantity:

3.7 L (3.91 US qt, 3.26 Imp.qt)

EJU34562

Troubleshooting

If you have any trouble with your watercraft, use the troubleshooting chart to check for the possible cause.

If you cannot find the cause, consult a Yamaha dealer.

Troubleshooting chart

Confirm the possible cause and remedy, and then refer to the applicable page.

| TROUBLE | POSSIBLE CAUSE | | REMEDY | PAGE | |
|--|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------|--|
| Engine does not start (Starter motor does not turn over) | Yamaha Se- curity System (VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited) | Lock mode selected | Select unlock mode | 31 | |
| | Engine shut- off switch | Clip not in place | Install clip | 32 | |
| | Fuse | Burned out | Have serviced by Yamaha dealer | _ | |
| | Battery | Run down | Recharge | 87 | |
| | | Poor terminal con- nections | Tighten as required | 87 | |
| | | Terminal corroded | Clean or replace | 87 | |
| | Starter motor | Faulty | Have serviced by Yamaha dealer | _ | |
| Engine does not | Throttle lever | Squeezed | Release | 32 | |
| start (Starter motor turns over) | | Faulty | Have serviced by Yamaha dealer | _ | |
| | RiDE lever | Squeezed | Release | 32 | |
| | (VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited) | Faulty | Have serviced by Yamaha dealer | _ | |
| | Fuel | Fuel tank empty | Refill as soon as possible | 55 | |
| | | Stale or contaminated | Have serviced by Yamaha dealer | _ | |
| | Fuel tank | Water or dirt present | Have serviced by Yamaha dealer | _ | |
| | Spark plug | Fouled or defective | Have serviced by Yamaha dealer | | |
| | Fuel injec- tion system | Fuel pump faulty | Have serviced by Yamaha dealer | _ | |

| TROUBLE | POSSIBLE CAUSE | | REMEDY | PAGE |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------|
| Engine runs irregu- larly or stalls | Fuel | Fuel tank empty | Refill as soon as possible | 55 |
| | | Stale or contaminated | Have serviced by Yamaha dealer | 1 |
| | Fuel tank | Water or dirt present | Have serviced by Yamaha dealer | 1 |
| | Spark plug | Fouled or defective | Have serviced by Yamaha dealer | _ |
| | | Incorrect heat range | Have serviced by Yamaha dealer | 1 |
| | | Gap incorrect | Have serviced by Yamaha dealer | 1 |
| | Electrical wir- ing | Loose connection | Have serviced by Yamaha dealer | _ |
| | Fuel injec- tion system | Faulty or clogged in- jectors | Have serviced by Yamaha dealer | _ |
| Warning light or in- dicator blinks or | Fuel level warning | Fuel tank empty | Refill as soon as possible | 55 |
| comes on | Oil pressure warning | Oil pressure dropped | Have serviced by Yamaha dealer | 45 |
| | Engine over- heat warning | Jet intake clogged | Clean | 100 |
| | Check en- gine warning | Faulty sensors | Have serviced by Yamaha dealer | 46 |

| TROUBLE | POSSIBLE CAUSE | | REMEDY | PAGE |
|--------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|------|
| Watercraft slow or loses power | Watercraft operation mode (VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited) | Low RPM Mode activated | Deactivate Low RPM Mode | 38 |
| | Cavitation | Jet intake clogged | Clean | 100 |
| | | Impeller damaged or worn | Have serviced by Yamaha dealer | 100 |
| | Engine over- heat warning | Engine speed reduction control activated | Clean jet intake and cool engine | 45 |
| | Oil pressure warning | Engine speed reduction control activated | Add oil | 45 |
| | Spark plug | Fouled or defective | Have serviced by Yamaha dealer | _ |
| | | Incorrect heat range | Have serviced by Yamaha dealer | _ |
| | | Gap incorrect | Have serviced by Yamaha dealer | _ |
| | Electrical wir- ing | Loose connection | Have serviced by Yamaha dealer | _ |
| | Fuel | Stale or contaminated | Have serviced by Yamaha dealer | _ |
| | Air filter | Clogged | Have serviced by Yamaha dealer | _ |
| | | Oil buildup | Have serviced by Yamaha dealer | _ |
| | Throttle lever | Faulty | Have serviced by Yamaha dealer | _ |

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Emergency procedures

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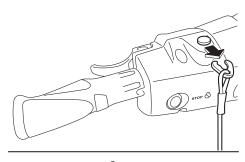
Cleaning the jet intake and impeller

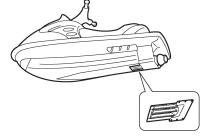
WARNING

Before attempting to remove weeds or debris from the jet intake or impeller area, shut the engine off and remove the clip from the engine shut-off switch. Severe injury or death could result from coming in contact with the rotating parts of the jet pump.

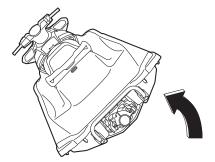
If weeds or debris gets caught in the jet intake or impeller, cavitation can occur, causing jet thrust to decrease even though engine speed rises. If this condition is allowed to continue, the engine will overheat and may seize. **NOTICE:** If weeds or debris gets caught in the jet intake, do not operate the watercraft above trolling speed until they have been removed. [ECJU00654]

If there is any sign that the jet intake or impeller is clogged with weeds or debris, return to shore and check the intake and impeller. Always stop the engine before beaching the watercraft.





(1) Place a suitable clean cloth or carpeting underneath the watercraft to protect it from abrasions and scratches. Turn the watercraft on its side as shown. NOTICE: When turning the watercraft on its side, support the bow so that the handlebars are not bent or damaged. [ECJ02690]



(2) Remove any weeds or debris from around the jet intake, drive shaft, impel-

ler, jet pump housing, and jet thrust noz-

If debris is difficult to remove, consult a Yamaha dealer.

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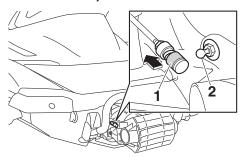
Raising the reverse gate (VX / VX Deluxe / VX Cruiser / VX Limited)

If the RiDE system malfunctions and the reverse gate remains in the lowered position, the watercraft will not be able to move forward

After raising the reverse gate so that the watercraft can move forward, immediately return to shore and have a Yamaha dealer service the watercraft.

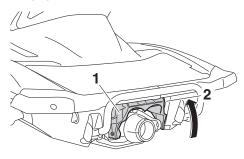
To raise the reverse gate:

- (1) Stop the engine and remove the clip from the engine shut-off switch.
- (2) Enter the water and move to the rear of the watercraft.
- (3) Slide the shift rod joint toward the bow, and then disconnect the shift rod joint from the ball joint.



- **1** Shift rod joint
- 2 Ball joint

(4) Raise the reverse gate to the forward position.



- 1 Reverse gate
- 2 Forward position

TIP:

- While the shift rod is disconnected, the reverse gate will not move to the neutral position or reverse position even if the RiDE lever is squeezed.
- If the RiDE lever is squeezed while the shift rod is disconnected, the watercraft will move forward.

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Jumping the battery

If the watercraft battery has run down, the engine can be started using a 12-volt booster battery and jumper cables.

EJU34664 Connecting the jumper cables

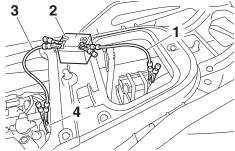
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WARNING

To avoid battery explosion and serious damage to the electrical system:

- Do not reverse the polarity of the jumper cables when connecting to the batteries.
- Do not connect the negative (-) jumper cable to the negative (-) terminal of the watercraft battery.
- Do not touch the positive (+) jumper cable to the negative (-) jumper cable.

- Connect the positive (+) jumper cable to the positive (+) battery terminals of both batteries.
- (2) Connect one end of the negative (–) jumper cable to the negative (–) battery terminal of the booster battery.
- (3) Connect the other end of the negative (–) jumper cable to an engine hanger.



- 1 Positive (+) jumper cable
- 2 Booster battery
- 3 Negative (-) jumper cable
- 4 Engine hanger
- (4) Start the engine, and then disconnect the jumper cables by reversing the steps above. (See page 32 for information on starting the engine.)

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Towing the watercraft

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WARNING

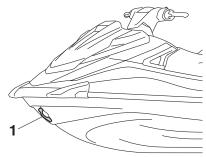
- The operator of the towing boat must keep speed to a minimum and avoid traffic or obstacles which could be a hazard to the operator on the watercraft.
- The towline should be long enough so that the watercraft will not collide with the towing boat when slowing down.

If the watercraft becomes inoperative in the water, it can be towed to shore.

To tow the watercraft:

Use a towline that is three times the combined length of the towing boat and the watercraft.

(1) Securely attach the towline to the bow eye of the watercraft being towed.



- 1 Bow eye
- (2) Sit astride the seat and hold on to the handlebars in order to balance the watercraft. NOTICE: The bow must be kept up out of the water during towing, otherwise water could flood the engine compartment or water could flow back into the engine, causing severe engine damage. [ECJO1331]

Tow the watercraft at 8 km/h (5 mph) or less. *NOTICE:* Tow the watercraft at 8 km/h (5 mph) or less, otherwise water could flood the engine compartment or water could flow back into the engine, causing severe engine damage. [ECJ01322]

EJU36156

Submerged watercraft

If the watercraft is submerged or flooded with water, drain the bilge water from the engine compartment. Then, have a Yamaha dealer service the watercraft as soon as possible.

If the watercraft was submerged:

 Remove the watercraft from the water and drain the water from the storage compartments. (See page 51 for infor-

- mation on draining the storage compartments.)
- (2) Drain the bilge water from the engine compartment. (See page 59 for information on draining the bilge water.)
- (3) Have the watercraft serviced by a Yamaha dealer as soon as possible. NOTICE: Be sure to have a Yamaha dealer inspect the watercraft. Otherwise, serious engine damage could result. [ECJ00792]

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Limited warranty

YAMAHA MOTOR CORPORATION, U.S.A. WAVERUNNER® WATERCRAFT LIMITED WARRANTY

Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. hereby warrants that new Yamaha WaveRunner watercraft purchased from an authorized Yamaha WaveRunner Watercraft Dealer in the United States (excluding its territories) will be free from defects in material and workmanship for the period of time stated herein, subject to certain stated limitations.

PERIOD OF WARRANTY. Any new Yamaha WaveRunner watercraft purchased for pleasure use will be warranted for a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase, subject to exclusions noted herein. Any Yamaha WaveRunner watercraft purchased and utilized for commercial applications will be warranted for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of purchase, subject to exclusions noted herein. The battery will be warranted against defects in material or workmanship for thirty (30) days from the date of vehicle purchase for either pleasure or commercial use. Replacement parts used in warranty repairs will be warranted for the balance of the applicable warranty period.

OBTAINING REPAIRS UNDER WARRANTY. During the period of warranty, any authorized Yamaha WaveRunner Watercraft Dealer will, free of charge, repair or replace, at Yamaha's option, any part adjudged defective by Yamaha due to faulty workmanship or material from the factory. All parts replaced under warranty will become the property of Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A.

THE CUSTOMER'S RESPONSIBILITY under this warranty shall be to:

- 1. Operate, maintain, and store the WaveRunner watercraft as specified in the appropriate Owner's/Operator's Manual, and
- Give notice to an authorized Yamaha WaveRunner watercraft dealer of any and all apparent defects within ten (10) days after discovery, and make the machine available at that time for inspection and repairs at such dealer's place of business.

GENERAL EXCLUSIONS from this warranty shall include any failures caused by:

- a. Racing or competition use, modification of original parts, abnormal strain.
- b. Lack of proper maintenance and off-season storage as described in the Owner's/Operator's Manual.
- c. Installation of parts or accessories that are not equivalent in design and quality to genuine Yamaha parts.
- d. Use of lubricants, oils, and fuels that are not suitable for WaveRunner watercraft use.
- e. Damage as a result of accidents, collisions, contact with foreign materials, or submersion.
- f. Growth of marine organism on motor or hull surfaces.
- g. Normal deterioration.
- h. Gel coat stress cracks
- i. Damage due to improper transportation.

SPECIFIC PARTS EXCLUDED FROM WARRANTY. Parts replaced due to normal wear or routine maintenance such as oil, spark plugs, fuel filters, impeller and liner, and anodes are not covered by warranty. Charges for transporting the WaveRunner watercraft to and from an authorized Yamaha WaveRunner Watercraft Dealer are excluded from warranty coverage.

EMISSION CONTROL WARRANTY.

Yamaha warrants to the ultimate purchaser and any subsequent owner, that the exhaust emission control components on this engine are designed, built and equipped so as to conform at the time of sale with applicable regulations under section 213 of the Clean Air Act and that this engine is free from defects in materials and workmanship which cause said engine to fail to conform with applicable regulations for 30 months from the date of purchase or 175 hours of operation, whichever comes first. For evaporative emission components, for a failure that will increase evaporative emissions, the warranty coverage is 2 years from the date of purchase. Some states may have different emission control warranty provisions. As these vary from state to state, consult your Yamaha dealer or contact Yamaha Customer Relations at 1-800-962-7926 for more information.

WARRANTY TRANSFER: To transfer the warranty from the original purchaser to any subsequent purchaser(s), it is imperative that the WaveRunner watercraft be inspected and registered for warranty by an authorized Yamaha WaveRunner watercraft dealer. In order for this warranty to remain in effect, this inspection and registration must take place within ten (10) days after transfer of ownership to the subsequent purchaser. A reasonable dealer-imposed fee may be charged for this inspection.

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WARRANTY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Q. What costs are my responsibility during the warranty period?
- The customer's responsibility includes all costs of normal maintenance services, non-warranty repairs, accident and collision damages.
- Q. What are some examples of "abnormal" strain, neglect, or abuse?
- A. These terms are general and overlap each other in areas. Specific examples include: Running the watercraft out of oil, operating the machine with a broken or damaged part which causes another part to fail, and so on. If you have any specific questions on operation or maintenance, please contact your Yamaha dealer for advice.
- Q. Does the warranty cover incidental costs such as transportation due to a failure?
- A. No. The warranty is limited to repair of the watercraft itself.
- Q. May I perform any or all of the recommended maintenance shown in the Owner's/Operator's Manual instead of having the dealer do them?
- A. Yes, if you are a qualified mechanic and follow the procedures specified in the Owner's/Operator's and Service Manual. We do recommend, however, that items requiring special or equipment be done by a Yamaha dealer.
- Q. Will the warranty be void or cancelled if I do not operate or maintain my new watercraft exactly as specified in the Owner's/Operator's Manual?
- A. No. The warranty on a new watercraft cannot be "voided" or "cancelled". However, if a particular failure is caused by operation or maintenance other than as shown in the Owner's/Operator's Manual, that failure may not be covered under warranty.
- Q. What responsibility does my dealer have under this warranty?
- A. Each Yamaha dealer is expected to:
 - Completely set up each new watercraft before sale.
 - Explain the operation, maintenance, and warranty requirements to your satisfaction at the time of sale, and upon your request at any later date. In addition, each Yamaha dealer is held responsible for his setup, service and warranty repair work.
- Q. Is the warranty transferable to second owners?
- 4. Yes. The remainder of the existing warranty can be transferred upon request. The unit has to be inspected and re-registered by an authorized Yamaha dealer for the policy to remain effective.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

If your watercraft requires warranty service, you must take it to any authorized Yamaha dealer within the continental United States. Be sure to bring your warranty registration card or other valid proof of the original date of purchase. If a question or problem arises regarding warranty, first contact the owner of the dealership. Since all warranty matters are handled at the dealer level, this person is in the best position to help you. If you are still not satisfied and require additional assistance, please write:

YAMAHA MOTOR CORPORATION U.S.A. CUSTOMER RELATIONS DEPARTMENT P.O. Box 6555 Cypress, California 90630

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The federal government requires each manufacturer to maintain a complete, up-to-date list of all first purchasers against the possibility of a safety-related defect and recall. This list is complied from the purchase registrations sent to Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. by the selling dealer at the time of your purchase.

If you should move after you have purchased your new watercraft, please advise us of your new address by sending a postcard listing your Yamaha model name, engine number, dealer number [or dealer's name] as it is shown on your warranty card, your name and new mailing address.

Mail to:

YAMAHA MOTOR CORPORATION, U.S.A. 1270 Chastain Road Kennesaw, Georgia 30144 Attention: Warranty Department

This will ensure that Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. has an up-to-date registration record in accordance with federal law.

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Keep your Yamaha protected even after your warranty expires with genuine Yamaha Extended Service (Y.E.S.).

- Y.E.S. is designed and administered by Yamaha Motor Corporation to provide maximum owner satisfaction. You get uninterrupted factory-backed coverage for extra peace of mind.
- Y.E.S. is flexible. You choose the plan that is right for you: 12 months, 24 months, 36 months, or (on four-stroke models) 48 months beyond your warranty period.
- Y.E.S. is designed and administered by the same Yamaha people who handle your warranty—
 and it shows in the comprehensive coverage benefits. There are no mileage limitations. Coverage is not limited to "moving parts" or the "drive train" like many other plans. And Y.E.S. covers manufacturing defects just like the warranty. See the sample contract at your Yamaha dealer to see how comforting uninterrupted factory-backed protection can be.
- You do not have to pay anything for covered repairs. There is no deductible to pay, and repairs
 are not "pro-rated." You do not have any "out-of-pocket" expenses for covered repairs.
- In addition, Travel and Recreation Interruption Protection (TRIP) is included at no extra cost. TRIP gives you up to \$250 reimbursement per occurrence for any reasonable expenses you incur because your Yamaha needs covered service: replacement vehicle rental, emergency towing, phone calls, even food and lodging when you are away from home. This superb coverage goes into effect when you purchase Y.E.S., so it applies to any warranty repairs as well as covered repairs during your entire Y.E.S. plan period.
- Y.E.S. coverage is honored at any authorized Yamaha dealer nationwide.
- Y.E.S. coverage is transferable to a new owner if you sell or trade-in. That can make your Yamaha much more valuable!

This excellent Y.E.S. plan coverage is only available to Yamaha owners like you, and only while your Yamaha is still within the Yamaha Limited Warranty period. So visit your authorized Yamaha dealer to get all the facts. He can show you how easy it is to protect your investment with Yamaha Extended Service.

We urge you to act now. You will get the excellent benefits of TRIP coverage right away, and you will rest easy knowing you will have strong factory-backed protection even after your Yamaha Limited Warranty expires.

A special note:

If visiting your dealer is not convenient, contact Yamaha with your Primary ID number (your Owner's Manual shows you where to find this number). We will be happy to help you get the Y.E.S. coverage you need.

Yamaha Service Marketing P.O. Box 6555 Cypress, CA 90630 1-(866)-YES-EXTD (1-866-937-3983)

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