

BIAC Launch Safety/Life Jackets Policy

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BIAC cares about safety, for our staff, participants and those of our affiliated programs. To that end, everyone is required to wear a life jacket while driving or sitting in a safety/coaching launch.

It is the launch driver's responsibility to ensure that all passengers are wearing a life jacket, including athletes and guests.

All BIAC launches have a kill switch lanyard, the driver of BIAC launches must properly attach the lanyard while driving the boat. Affiliated programs are required to do the same.

For coached rowing sessions, there are bags of nine PFDs that should be placed in and removed from the whalers each time the boat is used. The Stillwater has nine kept under the console.

Note that California law requires children under the age of 13 to wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved PFD while underway in a recreational vessel of any length.