

BIAC Swim/PFD Policy

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BIAC cares about safety. To that end, members, staff, and all participants are required to attest that they are able to swim 100 meters non-stop, or agree per BIAC's amended Rules and Regulations to wear a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) at all times while on the water.

Because PFDs vary in their comfort and fit, particularly for an active sport like rowing or paddling, members who require a PFD should find an appropriate one of their own to use.

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, and as such are required to wear a PFD while on the water in any type of boat (rowing, paddling, launch) regardless of their swimming ability.