



SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR MANUALLY PROPELLED VESSELS



Manually propelled vessels without motors include (but are not limited to): Drift boats, canoes, kayaks, rafts, standup paddleboards (SUP's), sailboards, float tubes

Minimum requirements checklist:

- ✓ At least one Type I, II, III, or V personal flotation device (PFD) for **each person** on board that is U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved.

Besides being USCG approved, all PFD's must be:

- **In good and serviceable condition** - No rips, tears, broken straps or buckles, etc.
- **Readily accessible** - Within easy/immediate reach. Cannot be stowed in a compartment, still in plastic bag, buried underneath other gear or equipment, etc. to be considered readily accessible. For SUP's, use of specifically manufactured straps or Velcro can be used to attach the PFD to the board.
- **Proper size for the intended wearer** - Sizing for PFDs is based on body weight *and* chest size.

NOTE: For river and moving water activities, the use of a PFD specifically designed for that environment/activity is recommended. Check the USCG label for specific activity applications. The higher the buoyancy rating, the higher the jacket floats.

- ✓ Children 14 years of age and younger **must wear** a USCG approved life jacket/PFD when the vessel is underway.
- ✓ A sound producing device, whistle, or horn audible for at least one-half mile must be carried onboard. The most commonly used signal is 5 (or more) short, rapid blasts to signal danger.
- ✓ A flashlight or lantern must be onboard when operating at night or in poor weather conditions. Boaters should carry one at all times, as weather changes and an emergency can force them to be out longer than anticipated.
- ✓ You must purchase and display an Idaho Invasive Species Fund (ISFF) Sticker in order to launch and operate a vessel in Idaho. This requirement applies to:
 - **Any non motorized vessel** - Drift boats, canoes, kayaks, rafts, SUP's, sailboards, float tubes.
 - **Only inflatable, non-motorized vessels less than 10 feet in length are exempt from the IISF sticker requirements** - SUP's of any size or any construction are considered a vessel and must purchase an IISF sticker

Additional considerations: If recreating in cold water conditions, wear a wetsuit or drysuit, a helmet, appropriate PFD, gloves and boots as conditions and activity dictate.

For additional questions, please contact the Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation Boating Program at boatidaho.gov or your local County Sheriff's Marine Division