

BIAC Membership Now Includes Access to Kayaks and SUPs

Updated: May 15, 2020

In our current situation with the COVID pandemic requiring everyone to be in solo boats, BIAC's board has decided that BIAC's base membership fee will include access to our plastic kayaks and SUPs. These will be available to all members in good standing with any membership level that includes water access.

Kayak and SUP use will be subject to the following requirements:

- Scheduled paddling programming will have priority access to the equipment.
- Certification in the equipment is required and will cover use of the equipment, proper handling, required storage procedures and locations, and any restrictions for safety or scheduled use.
- **PFDs (lifejackets) are required, but must be supplied by the member**
- BIAC's [safety rules](#) must be followed, with particular emphasis:
 - Lights - members must provide their own lights for bow and stern in the dark
 - Please wear hi-viz clothing and carry a cellphone
- Children under 18 must be closely accompanied by an adult member while on the water (see below)

Note the PFD requirement - MEMBERS MUST SUPPLY THEIR OWN PFD

1. During the pandemic, there is no way to adequately sanitize soft materials without damage so you must bring your own.
2. PFDs are not expensive and are subject to issues like fit and comfort so it is best to have your own.
3. Note that there are various PFDs stored around BIAC but they are dedicated for other uses.

Guest Policy - same as our longtime guest policy

- Current BIAC members may invite a guest to use BIAC facilities up to three times per year.
- All guests are required to sign a [Liability Release](#) prior to using BIAC facilities or services.
- BIAC members bringing invited guests are responsible for payment of the \$10 single-day use fee for each guest visit.
- Guests under 18 years of age must have their release signed by their parent or legal guardian.

Children - Rules for offspring membership add-on

- Child must have a member parent as their adult sponsor
- Child must be minimum age of 10 years old to kayak, minimum 14 years to SUP, but under 18 (18 year olds are adults and must join as members)
- Child must remain within 10 meters of the parent at all times on the water. Close supervision is required, which means they are within visual sight and verbal contact.
- Child may not launch or paddle in the dark even with parent
- Child must wear a Personal Flotation Device ("life jacket"). Because PFD fit varies and is critical to performance, BIAC will not supply PFDs for children, the parent must find an appropriate PFD.

- Child must meet certification criteria and comply with BIAC equipment use rules, like other BIAC members, for the boat type being rowed.

For readability above, “parent” shall mean “parent or legal guardian” and in all cases must be an adult legally responsible for the child.

To sign up for child add-on

During the membership application/renewal process, the Child Family Addition will be enabled. It is only enabled during membership application/renewal, outside those times please email membership@gobair.org for assistance.

MM/DD/YY

Rowing or paddling specifics

* **Rowing Equipment Fee**

I do not use BIAC shells. \$0.00 (USD)

I use BIAC shells. \$300.00 (USD)

Select whether you use BIAC equipment.

Child family addition x \$50.00 (USD) = \$100.00 (USD)

Enter number of children of adult members who row or paddle with their parent(s). See Child Rowing Policy for more details on important restrictions.

Rack Rental Agreement [I have read and I accept the terms of this agreement.](#)

Click the link to read the Agreement; if you accept its terms, check the box. Then print it out, complete it, and send it to BIAC Treasurer, 1450 Maple Ave, Redwood City, CA 94063.