



Girlguiding Buoyancy Aid and Life Jacket Requirements

Girlguiding water classification	Unclassified	Inland 1	Inland 2	BCU grade 2	Sea 1	Sea 2	Sea 3	Sea 4
Scout Association water classification	C	B1	B2	A	B2 tidal		B3	A
Windsurfing	n/a	Buoyancy aids worn	Buoyancy aids worn	n/a	Buoyancy aids worn	Buoyancy aids worn	Buoyancy aids worn	Buoyancy aids worn
Canoeing	n/a	Buoyancy aids worn	Buoyancy aids worn	Buoyancy aids worn	Buoyancy aids worn	Buoyancy aids worn	Buoyancy aids worn	Life jackets worn
Rowing/pulling boats	Not mandatory	Buoyancy aids worn	Buoyancy aids worn	n/a	Life jackets worn	Life jackets worn	Life jackets worn	Life jackets worn
Pulling boats (large)	Not mandatory	Buoyancy aids worn	Buoyancy aids worn	n/a	Life jackets carried	Life jackets carried	Life jackets carried	Life jackets worn
Dinghy sailing	n/a	Buoyancy aids worn	Buoyancy aids worn	n/a	Buoyancy aids worn	Buoyancy aids worn	Life jackets worn	Life jackets worn
Sail cruising	n/a	Buoyancy aids carried	Buoyancy aids carried	n/a	Life jackets carried	Life jackets carried	Life jackets carried	Life jackets carried
Narrow boating	n/a	Buoyancy aids carried	Buoyancy aids carried	n/a	Life jackets carried	Life jackets carried	n/a	n/a
Power cruising	n/a	Buoyancy aids worn	Buoyancy aids worn	n/a	Life jackets carried	Life jackets carried	n/a	n/a
Power boating (open planing)	n/a	Buoyancy aids worn	Buoyancy aids worn	n/a	Life jackets worn	Life jackets worn	Life jackets worn	Life jackets worn
Power boating (open displacement)	n/a	Buoyancy aids carried	Buoyancy aids carried	n/a	Life jackets carried	Life jackets carried	Life jackets carried	Life jackets worn
Tender to another vessel	n/a	Buoyancy aids worn	Buoyancy aids worn	n/a	Buoyancy aids worn	Life jackets worn	Life jackets worn	Life jackets worn
Rafting	Buoyancy aids worn	Buoyancy aids worn	Buoyancy aids worn	Buoyancy aids worn	Buoyancy aids worn	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dragon boating	n/a	Buoyancy aids worn	Buoyancy aids worn	n/a	Buoyancy aids worn	n/a	n/a	n/a
White water rafting	n/a	Buoyancy aids worn	Buoyancy aids worn	Buoyancy aids worn	Buoyancy aids worn	Life jackets worn	n/a	n/a

Some water classified as C by the Scout Association would be classed as Inland 1 by Girlguiding. If undertaking a joint activity, Girlguiding regulations must be followed by both Associations. Buoyancy aids and life-jackets do not need to be worn when travelling on public or licensed transport or when below decks