

Willamette Rowing Club Safety Policy

Rowing Safety is a fundamental value of Willamette Rowing Club (WRC).

WRC will have a Safety Committee Chair appointed by the Board.

The Safety Committee will review the Safety Policy and Safety Procedures annually, make recommendations to the Board, and arrange for training on Safety Procedures to members as needed.

A copy of the WRC Safety Policy and the WRC Safety Procedures will be posted in the boathouse, available at the WRC website, and issued in the New Member Package.

All rowing members, coxswains, and coaches will annually review the WRC Safety Policy and be familiar with WRC Safety Procedures.

All members will be "swim certified" when joining WRC (consisting of swimming/treading water for ten minutes and donning a life vest while in the water).

Emergency phone numbers will be posted in the boat house.

A regional map of the Willamette River with rowing directions and hazards will be posted in the boathouse.

All crews and scullers must log on/off the water before/after workouts. A permanent club logbook will be available for this purpose.

Rowers interested in using club-owned singles must be certified/approved to do so by the coaches/captains after demonstrating ability to carry, launch, dock a single in addition to passing a flip test.

Safety/coaching launches will comply with local and federal regulations Launch drivers will carry a valid Oregon boater education card.

Launch drivers will have additional training on handling emergency situations.

Each individual is responsible for inspecting equipment for safety before launching.

At least one person per boat must carry a cell phone on the water in case of emergencies.

Members are responsible for reporting any equipment damage and/or safety incidents in writing as specified in the Safety Procedures.

Relevant water and weather conditions will be assessed prior to launching, and appropriate precautions taken. The coach is responsible for assessing conditions during team practices, and all rowers are responsible for assessing conditions during independent practices. See water conditions policy for specific guidelines.