

4.6 Marine Safety Program

Marine life

The Yaquina Bay is a diversified marine environment. Large mammals such as seals and sea lions use the shoreline habitat along with docks and will be encountered. Marine Mammals are wild animals and can be dangerous. Caution and distance should be maintained to avoid attack.

Water craft & work barges

Port owned watercraft will be operated by authorized personnel only. All boat operators must have a valid boater's education certificate and provide proof of practical skills of safe operations. Unless transiting Port owned vessels, there will be a minimum of two persons in the vessel for all work activities. PFD's will be worn at all times when on a port owned watercraft.

Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) OSHA 1926.106(a)

Personal Flotation Devices are to be worn any time there is a hazard of falling into deep water and anytime where the danger of drowning exists.

Specifically, it is mandatory to wear PFD's when:

1. Working on or in a water craft, boat or barge
2. Working on, over or adjacent to a water edge
3. Working near a water edge during high winds or storm weather

Safe Line Handling Docking and Mooring Procedures

While handling lines you must be very conscious of the placement of your hands and feet in proximity to the line. Never put your hand in the bight of the line at the bitt, and watch that you do not step into the bight of the line on the deck with your foot. If the boat surges you can be caught in an instant, resulting in serious injury or death.