

Station Name: Life Jackets

Location: Under tent on beach side (opposite from registration)

Setup Items: Sanitized life jackets will be brought up from the shed and hung on the rail of the tent separated by size. The volunteer manning this station will be wearing a life jacket for demonstration. Volunteers will wear a mask while dealing with customers or when social distancing is not feasible.

Description: Volunteers will stay at least 6 feet away from customers while showing customers how to adjust their life jacket

- **UNDERSTAND LJ IMPORTANCE:** 84% of fatal boating accidents happen to people who were not wearing a life jacket. ASC requires that EVERYONE regardless of age or ability wear a life jacket while on or within 30 feet of the water.
- Check the coast guard approved label inside the vest for size and weight requirements. A volunteer will assist customers in selecting the proper life jacket. If the customer wants more floatation, consider a Type 1 Life Jacket instead of the typical Type III Life Jacket. Note, Type 1 Life Jackets are bulkier and often less comfortable when paddling. Make sure if a customer chooses a Type 1 Life Jacket, they must not loosen it while out paddling. Make sure that the size is large enough to zip and buckle fully, or small enough to be secured tightly.
- Start with loose straps then buckle or tighten front the bottom to top, then again. Make sure that all buckles are fastened and remember that many jackets have adjustments around the sides and at the shoulders as well. Have customers pull up the Life Jacket at shoulders and make sure it doesn't come up above the wearers mouth. If it does, tighten more or find a new jacket, depositing the used jacket in a "dirty" pile. The dirty pile will be taken to the Steramine canoe to be sanitized before being replaced on the rail.

Sanitizing:

- Any used life jackets that did not fit need to be taken to the Steramine canoe to be sanitized before being replaced on the rail.
- Encourage customers to only touch the life jacket they intend to wear

Cleanup:

- Replace all unused life jackets back into the shed at the end of each session.

