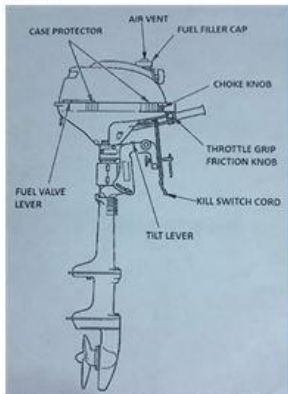


Boats & Outboards

Before transporting the outboard check the fuel filler cap is secure, air vent closed and fuel valve lever is in the closed position. It is advised to lay outboard on a protective sheet when transporting. LAAC will not be held liable for any damage caused by fuel leaks,

Outboards **MUST** be laid down with yellow "THIS SIDE UP" sticker facing upwards otherwise oil will run through the carburettor, curtailing your days fishing.

Outboards **MUST** be securely tied to boat using attached rope to prevent loss of outboard should it vibrate loose from transom. Users will be liable for the replacement cost of negligently lost outboards.



Prior to use open the air vent on fuel filler cap and switch fuel valve lever to **ON**. Use the choke knob if outboard is cold. Whilst in use the kill switch cord should be attached to the operator, so that in the event of falling overboard the engine will stop.

At the end of the fishing session close the air vent and switch fuel valve lever to **OFF**.

A life jacket or buoyancy aid **MUST** be worn at all times on LAAC waters.

Wheelie Boat

The club provides mobility impaired people with the opportunity and freedom to enjoy open water and a specialised "wheelie boat" allows wheelchair users to fish Loch Meig. Anglers are reminded that the outboard engine is started using a pull cord so either they or their companion must be able to do this. Arrangements for use of the wheelie boat require pre-booking with office bearers of the club to introduce the anglers to the boat, outboard and safe usage.

General

If you have concerns about safety contact staff at Contin Filling Station on 01997 421948.

And remember...

**ENJOY YOUR FISHING
AND TIGHT LINES!**



Loch Achonachie Angling Club

**GENERAL SAFETY
INFORMATION**



Please take your time to read over this important safety information

Survey each new stretch of water, your angling will be more successful as well as being safer. If possible, seek advice from a knowledgeable club member.

In addition to hazards in the water, look out for overhead power lines, irregularities in waterside paths, trailing wire and briers, steeply sloping slippery banks, quicksand, bogs, deep mud, and overhanging banks which could collapse when you stand on them.

Hydro generation on the Upper Conon can cause the river level to rise several feet in a few minutes so be alert and get out of the water if you see the level rising. **NO WARNING IS GIVEN.**

The following guidelines, whilst not catering for every eventuality, should help to avert at best discomfort, and at worst, tragedy.



Angling Safety - DO's

DO wear a life jacket or buoyancy aid at all times when in a boat or wading. *(If found not wearing a life jacket in boat your permit will be withdrawn.)*

DO protect your eyes by wearing spectacles or wrap-round sunglasses, especially when fishing on windy days.

DO wear adequate clothing. It can be much colder in a boat than onshore.

DO look around you for others to avoid hitting them whilst casting.

DO ensure boats seats are secure.

DO be aware of Lyme disease transmitted by ticks.

DO remember sunscreen just in case the clouds should move away.

DO switch off motor before removing any entangled line, rope or weed.

DO keep all body parts in the boat when approaching the shore or other boats to avoid any potential crush injuries.

DO ensure children are accompanied by an adult.

Angling Safety - DON'T's

DO NOT risk wading out of your depth while following a fish you have hooked.

DO NOT fish during a thunderstorm. Keep low and lay your rod horizontally on the ground or across the boat. Head to the bank immediately.

DO NOT drink alcohol when fishing. Your judgement and balance could be seriously affected. Wait until later when you're safe at home or in the bar.

DO NOT set campfires, BBQ's, etc.

DO NOT smoke when refueling or operating petrol outboard motors.

DO NOT take a boat close to the flow between the top of Loch Achonachie and Upper Conon entry weir.

DO NOT stand in boat when afloat, especially in rough waters.

DO NOT operate engine if there is someone close in the water.

Emergency Contact

Mobile phone reception is nonexistent in many areas of our waters. The closest public telephone box is opposite the entrance to Scatwell Estate.