

## Policy

The BR Row Safe Guide draws attention to the additional hazards of rowing or sculling in the dark or in poor visibility. However, it is recognised that highly competitive crews may need to row on weekdays as well as at the weekend and during the winter it may only be possible to do so by rowing after dark. Crews given permission to row in the dark must follow the procedure outlined below:

## Procedure

1. Crews wishing to row after dark **MUST** obtain the advance permission of one of the following club officers: Chair/Captains/Safety Officer. **Note:** advance permission is at least 7 days before the proposed outings or series of outings.
2. The Chair/Captains/Safety Officer are under no obligation to approve any outings taking place in the dark and will only do so if they are convinced that the crew is taking their safety seriously.
3. Once this permission is obtained the crew must text the person they have been given permission from (Chair/Captains/Safety officer before they boat) to confirm that the river conditions are safe and to give their expected time OFF the water. One member of the crew must text the Chair, Captains or Safety Officer to advise that the crew are off the water. **Note:** Permission may be revoked if weather conditions deteriorate during the day of the proposed outing.
4. Any boats on the water near sunset, dawn or after dark **MUST** have lights. One white light on the stern and a red light on the bow.
5. After dark only two crews will be allowed on the water at the same time.
6. Crews should have head torches to ensure that they can see the landing stage and get boats on and off the water without damage.
7. Junior crews may not row in the dark.
8. Single scullers may not row in the dark.

Your safety and that of other water users is the club's paramount concern. Therefore, club members failing to adhere to this water safety procedure may incur sanctions, including the suspension of club membership and compulsory attendance at a water safety course in order to resume club membership.