



## NOTICE TO ROWING CLUBS

With the rowing season now getting underway, Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST) would like to advise clubs, coaches, boat drivers and administrators of the requirements of operating a powered craft.

With such a large turnover of coaches and volunteers from season to season, especially in school rowing, so much knowledge can be lost. It is important therefore that newcomers are made aware of what is needed on board coaching and rescue boats.

### **Compulsory safety requirements for each power boat**

- Life Jacket (PFD) to be worn whilst under power
- Anchor rope and chain
- Auxiliary propulsion (oars)
- bailer or bilge pump
- Fire extinguisher
- Flares (if operating outside smooth waters)

### **Navigation Light Requirements – coach, rescue boats**

- Port and starboard side lights showing an arc of unbroken light of 112.5 degrees from the bow, (combined 225 degrees).
- An all round white light showing an unbroken light over an arc of 360 degrees **OR** a stern light and mast head light.

### **Light Requirements – rowing shells**

- Rowing boats should display a white light on the stern or bow of the shell.

### **Recommended equipment**

- Additional life jackets in case of emergency with shell.
- Communication – handheld VHF or mobile phone.

During the rowing season, MAST will be conducting on water checks to ensure the correct lighting is displayed when required and that the correct safety equipment is being carried. If your club would like your boats inspected to ensure you conform, please contact me.

All at MAST take this opportunity in wishing your club and members a successful 2011-2012 season.

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