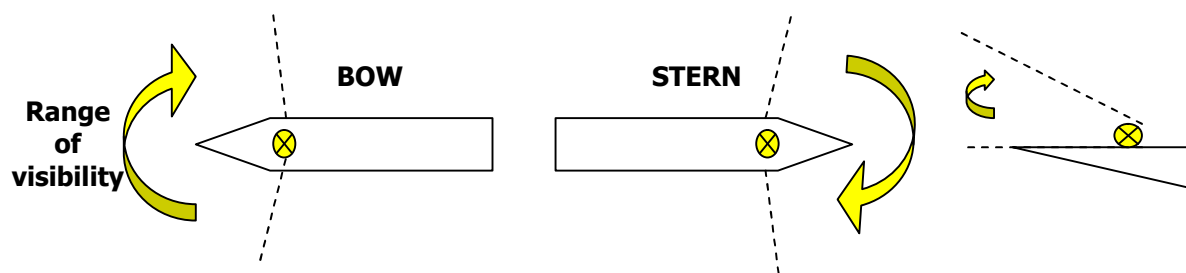


River Safety - Boat Lights

As per section 29 of the *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Regulation 2004* rowing craft are to display a flashing white all-round light whilst in operation on the Brisbane River between sunset and sunrise and during any other periods of low light.

Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) have granted an exemption also allowing rowing craft to display a minimum 180 degree white flashing light located on the centre line at the stern facing astern and a minimum 180 degree white flashing light on the bow facing forward (see the diagram below).



Authorities will be on the water enforcing lighting requirements.

In an effort to promote a safe recreational environment for rowers, ferry operators and passengers, Rowing Queensland (RQ) and the Brisbane City Council have partnered to assist Rowing Clubs and School Rowing Programs to provide consistent lighting on all rowing boats using the Brisbane River.

The program provides partially-subsidised lights to clubs, schools and RQ registered rowers. The lights used in the program meet the requirements of MSQ and the recommendations of RQ.

When purchasing the lights under the scheme rowers must agree to the following:

- Observe the Code of Conduct – Safe on-water conduct on the Brisbane River (can be found on the RQ website www.rowingqld.asn.au)
- Make an effort to wear clothing that is reflective to increase visibility
- And the use the lights in the following conditions:
 - Periods of low visibility, such as during heavy rain or periods of fog
 - Periods of low light, including heavily overcast skies
 - Period of time prior to and in the immediate time after sunrise
 - Immediate time prior to and any period of time after sunset

Each light has a retail value of \$160 (+GST), if purchased while the subsidy is still available rowers will be able to purchase the lights for less than half the retail price.

Please contact the Rowing Queensland office on (07) 3842 1200 or email tomh@rowingqld.asn.au to purchase the lights under the Brisbane City Council Subsidy.