

## NOTICE TO MARINERS No.U17 of 2010

### **MAKING VESSELS UNDER OARS, KAYAKS AND, CANOES MORE VISIBLE TO OTHER RIVER TRAFFIC**

The low profile of rowing vessels and kayaks or canoes on a congested river where lines of sight are often fouled, either by vessel construction or structures such as bridges, piers and buildings makes them difficult to see by night or day and presents a significant hazard.

**This hazard is increased considerably at night as recent incidents have highlighted.**

As a result the PLA has published a guide for small unpowered leisure craft that draws on the results of a number of lighting trials and the suggestions of a number of experienced river users.

The guide called "*Be Safe – Be Seen!*" can be found on the PLA's leisure website – [www.boatingonthames.co.uk](http://www.boatingonthames.co.uk) (in the canoeing & rowing sections) and is also available in laminated A3 copy from the Harbour Master Upper's offices in London and Richmond Lock.

**Rowing Vessels** - This guide updates the advice given on rowing boat lighting as published in "*Rowing on the Tideway – A code of practice for rowing on the Tidal Thames above Putney 2009*". Rowers should ensure that they are familiar with the new lighting options, notably with regards to flashing lights.

The enforcement of these regulations has the support of British Rowing and the British Canoe Union.

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