

**6. ROWING RULES: APPLICATION, MODIFICATION OR REPEAL**

- 6.1 To provide an effective assessment the entire raft of regulation, observance and enforcement has to be considered as well as the specifics of the Rowing Rules.
- 6.2 Increased application of the present drafted Rowing Rules would increase risks of collision amongst rowers and this cannot be justified. The ambiguity at the change of tidal stream, whilst mitigated to some degree in practice is still a regulatory weakness and has contributed to or been the main cause of recorded incidents. This should be further mitigated.
- 6.3 The conflicts inherent in the drafted rules between rowers and other users due to positioning apparently required on the river has been shown to lead to regulatory weaknesses and increased in risks of collision.
- 6.4 The conclusion from the risk assessment is that the present situation cannot be justified for all river users nor for regulatory enforcement purposes. Options are discussed in the next section, including modification through to repeal and reversion to the Collision Regulations.
- 6.5 A summarized version of the hazard identification and risk assessment tables, highlighting the assessed differences between risks under the COLREGS (drive only on the right) and present Rowing Rules regimes are included in attachment E.