

# Lights on Boats

*Lights are not only to be displayed just for the hours between sunset and sunrise, they should also be used in restricted visibility such as fog, rain or snow. A simple rule of thumb is that if street lights are on then you need lights out on the water.*

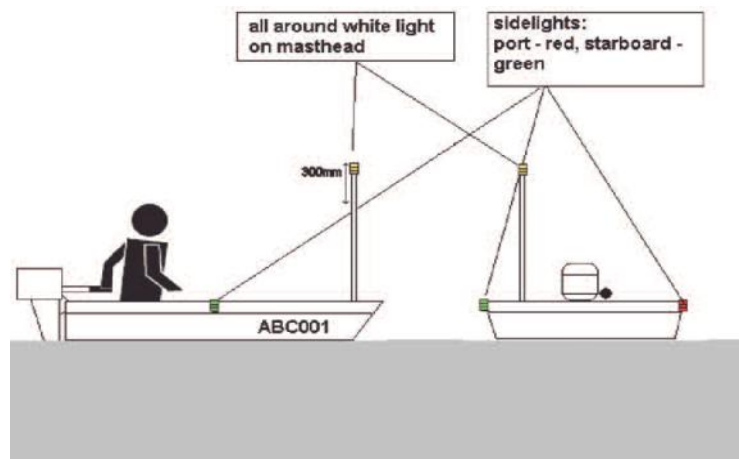
## Lights on Rowing Boats

All rowing boats should have a white light affixed to the boat by a secure permanent bracket or similar fixing in front of bow and behind the cox, visible from a minimum distance of 800m. It is recommended that lights designed specifically for rowing boats are used. The PLA now recommend that, upstream of Putney Bridge the Bow light should flash, allowing other river users to easily tell in which direction the vessel is travelling.



## Lights on Coaching Boats

Power driven vessels used for coaching should, as a minimum, display an all-round white light and, if proceeding at more than 7 knots, port and starboard navigation lights. It is recommended that the all-round white light is displayed from a masthead rather than the deck, as this not only guarantees 360° visibility but also distinguishes a power-driven vessel from a rowing boat. The masthead light must be at least 300mm higher than the top of the head of the master of the vessel and 1m higher than the sidelights.



## Useful Link

Sunrise and Sunset Times

<http://www.sunrisesunsetmap.com/>