

# Memorandum

<b>To:</b>	Surf Boat Sweeps, Club Presidents, Club Directors of Surf Sports, Club Competition Managers
<b>Cc:</b>	Branch Directors of Surf Sports
<b>From:</b>	Rob Pidgeon, Sport Manager
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<b>Subject:</b>	Surf Boat Rowing & Navigation between Sunset and Sunrise

SLSNSW and Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) would like to remind all surf clubs in NSW of their responsibilities in relation to existing Maritime legislation and safety requirements, in particular, Surf Boats and rowing at night.

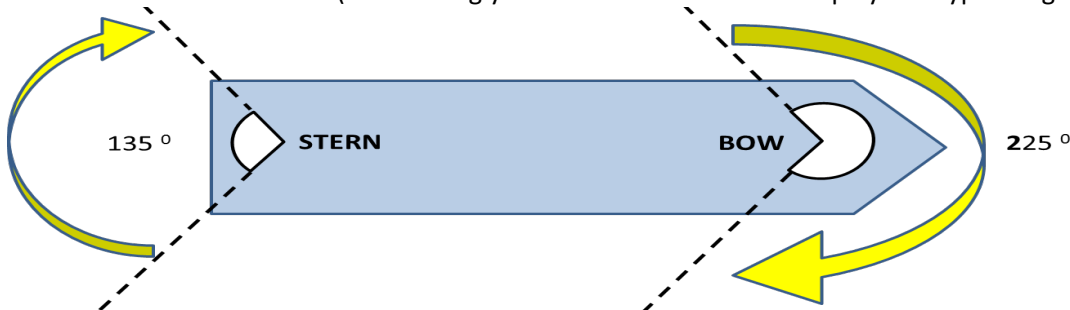
Surf Clubs are reminded to comply with the “Code of Conduct for Surf Boat Rowing” (effective 1 January 2013). Please refer to: <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/maritime/safety-rules/rules-regulations/codes-of-conduct/surf-boat-rowing.html>  
Failure to comply with this code and RMS’ recommendation may be viewed by the Courts as evidence of poor seamanship or negligence.

The Code of Conduct outlines the higher standard of lighting requirements for surf boats when operating in navigable water ways, (e.g. open and enclosed waters such as harbours and rivers) to reduce the level of risk associated with operating a surf boat in restricted visibility and between sunset and sunrise.

### Higher Standard of Lighting Requirements for Surf Boats

Despite the minimal lighting requirements set out in Rule 25 of the *International Regulations For Preventing Collisions At Sea* in relation to vessels under oars, RMS recommends that for safety reasons any surf boat, in restricted visibility and between sunset and sunrise, exhibit;

- A.** An all-round white light which displays an unbroken arc of 360 degrees and is visible in clear conditions from a distance of 1 kilometre (RMS strongly recommends surf boats display this type of light)



Or

- B.** A white light attached to the vessel at or near the forward end displaying an unbroken arc of 225 degrees, and a white light attached to the vessel at or near the aft end displaying an unbroken arc of 135

Or

- C.** Two all-round white lights, one attached to the vessel at or near the forward end, and one attached to the vessel at or near the aft end.

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### Suggested Supplier

Developed and assembled at the request of Mosman Rowing Club the lights are robust & waterproof. These lights have a 360 degree circumference to satisfy the code requirements of RMS and which require the use solely of LED lighting.

The lights are available with a suction cup mounting or with a bow holder to attach via the bow number holder on rowing boats/sculls and kayaks with number holders.

**Depth rating:** 300 meters water proof  
**Lamp:** 4 LEDS  
**Lamp life:** 10,000.00 = hours.  
**Burn time:** 50+ hours  
**Batteries:** 3 AA Alkaline  
**Visibility:** 360 degree  
**Range:** 1 KM+

#### Costs:

- Suction Cup mounted - \$65.00 each including GST batteries and tie cord.
- The above prices exclude postage.
- Payment is via cheque, cash on collection or EFT.



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NB: These lights are sourced direct from the manufacturer, David Wear is the authorised distributor.

*“SLSNSW is providing this supplier information to assist Surf Clubs to acquire compliant navigational lighting. There is no requirement to purchase from this supplier, nor does SLSNSW necessarily endorse this supplier.”*