

# Circular

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## **Compliance at West Lakes and the City of Charles Sturt permit conditions.**

The Rowing SA Safety and Training policy, Section 2 and Section 3, outlines the following requirements. We have had recent reports that these are not being adhered to.

### **Boat Lighting**

Lights make boats more visible to other water users and this reduces the risk of collisions, especially in conditions such as early morning/late evening when there is low light. This is a marine and safety Regulation and must be followed.

All crews rowing on any South Australian waterway must show light(s) if operating between sunset and sunrise or in periods of low light or restricted visibility.

This includes:

- Periods of low visibility, such as heavy rain or periods of fog.
- Periods of low light, such as overcast skies.
- The period immediately before and after sunrise and sunset.

In addition, lights must be on when the red light, located just above the clock in the finish tower, is on at West Lakes. This has a light sensitive switch, so will turn on in dark and low light conditions.


Navigation lights indicate the presence of a boat and can assist in showing the approximate direction of travel. This will aid in preventing collisions.

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### **Bike Use**

Due to the high dependency on bikes and cycling, particularly on shared 'off-road' paths, to carry out coaching activities the below information, originating from the DPTI publication 'Cycling and the Law (July 2017), has been included. This information outlines the legal requirements of cycling equipment and use of shared paths, such as those adjacent West Lakes and the Torrens Lake, and should be considered as Rowing SA's policy on the use of bikes.

Cyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as other road users; Cyclists need to consider each other and share the roads and footpaths safely.



### All bikes must:

- Be properly constructed and equipped, as well as properly maintained so that it does not present any danger to the rider or other road users and pedestrians.
- Have at least one effective brake.
- Have a functioning warning device within easy reach.
- When visibility is reduced (in low light, after sunset, before sunrise, or in hazardous weather conditions) all bikes or riders must have:
  - A flashing or steady white light that is clearly visible at least 200 metres from the front of the bicycle.
  - A flashing or steady red taillight that is clearly visible at least 200 metres from the rear of the bicycle.
- A red rear reflector that is clearly visible for at least 50 metres from the rear of the bicycle when light is projected on to it by a vehicle's headlight on low beam.

### 3.1 Noise Management

- Excessive noise and/or offensive language by participants is not permitted.
- Instructions to crews is not permitted in front of residential properties before 7am and after 6pm,
- Instructions to crews is in front of residential properties discouraged at all times that the permit applies.
- Instructions to crews should be provided from Reserves along the lake to minimise adverse noise impacts to residents.
- If a coach is talking at a regular level (eg similar level to people walking) and simply walking past a resident's property, then this would unlikely cause any adverse noise impact, therefore this is not the general intent of the condition, but standing in front of a home and providing coaching is what the condition is attempting to prevent.
- All on water athletes (including coxswains) must keep all noise to a minimum.
- All path users and coaches must keep all noise to an absolute minimum.

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As per the policy, Rowing SA will be required to issue fines to the member club or school found not complying with, the relevant rules and safety procedures as outlined above and in accordance with the policy.

Thank you for your co-operation and support of these requirements. Our members safety is our top priority. We wish you the best of luck for the rest of the racing season.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

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