



## Club Visibility Policy

### [1] Policy Summary

To help prevent boat collisions and reduce the risk of injury, bow persons, steers and single scullers who boat from the club shall wear a high-visibility top.

### [2] Introduction

1. Eton Excelsior wants to avoid boat collisions on the water to help reduce the risk of injury.
2. British Rowing (BR) is the National Governing Body (NGB) for our sport and Eton Excelsior is an affiliated club.
3. BR provides safety advice for clubs and rowers in its ['RowSafe'](#) document and compliance with 'RowSafe' guidance is one criterion required for Clubmark accreditation.<sup>1</sup>
4. 'RowSafe' states the following;

#### 3.2 Club Safety Plans and Safety Rules

*"Safety Rules should include instructions to rowers to be conspicuous and wear high-visibility clothing at all times when afloat other when they are required to wear club kit during competitions."*

5. The **March/April 2015 'Rowing & Regatta'** published 'See and Be seen!' which stated *"Be conspicuous: Wear a brightly coloured top. A long-sleeved high-vis top under an all-in-one will do"*. A supporting photograph shows two crews where both steers wear a high-vis bib.
6. [BR's August 2017 Safety Alert](#) "Collision Avoidance" said *"Wear clothing that makes you conspicuous. Wear hi-vis kit above the waist particularly if you are in a single or sculling or rowing at bow. Make yourself easy to see and make it easy for others to avoid hitting you."*

### [3] Policy Scope

This policy applies to **all** the following and **without exception**:

1. All members of Eton Excelsior Rowing Club,
2. Anyone who boats from the club,
3. All boat types when on the water,
4. Launch drivers.

### [4] Policy

1. **Single Scullers**: All single scullers shall wear a high-visibility top always when afloat.
2. **Eights**: Both the cox and bow person shall wear a high-visibility top always when afloat.
3. **Coxed Four**: The bow person shall wear a high-visibility top always when afloat.
4. **Bow and Steer**: In all other boats, the bow person or steer shall wear a high-visibility top always when afloat.
5. **Launch Drivers**: All launch drivers shall wear a high-visibility top when on the water.
6. **Competition**: This policy does not apply to club members who are competitors in a BR-affiliated event.

### [5] Definitions

1. **Colour**: A high-visibility top may be either fluoro-yellow or fluoro-orange.
2. **Type**: A high-visibility top shall be a separate garment and may have long or short sleeves. Square pieces of fluoro fabric, no smaller than 40cm X 40cm, may be pinned on the back of the outermost kit layer as an alternative.
3. **Visibility**: The high-visibility top shall be worn as the outermost layer of clothing when worn in a boat on the water.
4. **Fit**: The high-visibility top must be close-fitting to prevent interference with blade handles.

<sup>1</sup> Criterion 1.3 'Coaching & Competition'.