



## **BOAT LIGHTS**

- All boats in the water before sunrise and after sunset must have working bow and stern lights.
- Bow lights must be mounted on the bow of the boat with red/green lighting.
- Stern lights must be mounted on the stern of the boat or on the person with a white light.
- All private boat owners are responsible for outfitting their own boats.

## **LIGHTNING**

- Before rowing check local radar. Identify which direction the weather pattern is moving. If weather is moving towards the boathouse; calculate when it is expected to arrive (miles away / speed of storm). **DO NOT LAUNCH** if it will arrive during your practice time.
- Check for lightning spike locations:
  - If lightning is within 15 miles and the weather system is moving towards the boathouse - **DO NOT ROW**
  - If lightning is within 15 miles away and the weather system is moving away from the boathouse, wait for 15 minutes to confirm system is still moving away. Then you can launch.

## **WIND**

- USRowing and Vero Beach Rowing recommends extreme caution is used rowing in high winds.
- DO NOT ROW if wind is over 12 mph from the North/South without a safety launch.
- If sudden winds come up, return to the boathouse if the trip is safe, or take the boat to the nearest shore and wait for the winds to calm down.

## **FOG**

- DO NOT ROW in fog with less than 150 yards visibility. As a point of measure, the distance from the dock to the entrance of the boat basin is 150 yards.
- Be sure to have land reference points, which can help the athletes get oriented as to their location and proximity to the boathouse.
- If fog sets in while you are on the water, move slowly, and be prepared to stop quickly. Use a sound making device (cox box, horn, or whistle) to advise other boats of your location as you take your boat to shore, following the shore back to the boathouse.

## **COLD WEATHER**

- DO NOT ROW when the air is below 50 degrees.

## **BUILDING ACCESS**

- FOBs can be assigned to the Board of Directors, staff, master captains, and private boat owners. The Boathouse Manager has the authority to assign FOBs at their discretion.
- There is a \$20 fee for the FOB.
- Members with existing FOBs are able to maintain their FOB assignments.