

Day Glo Vests



The use of Day Glo vests is strongly recommended for rowers in coxless vessels, especially single scullers. In crew boats only the rower in the bow seat needs to wear one. They are also strongly recommended for any other rowing boats in which safe navigation might be affected. Novice crews or crews with novice coxes, non-local crews or inexperienced school children are all examples of such rowing boats. It is also recommended that novice coxes themselves wear day-glo vests.

The purpose of wearing these vests is two fold: firstly to increase safety on the river and reduce the incidence of collisions by making crews more visible, secondly to act as rowing “L plates”, especially with novices, inexperienced rowers or those unfamiliar with the Thames. It is expected that other river users will be more cautious around such crews and understanding in case of any errors.

The Thames Regional Rowing Council has established a colour code for these vests which can be viewed on their website (www.thames-rrc.org).

At present this is red for novices/ non-local / inexperienced school and yellow for all coxless boats.

Other river users will also be alerted to the meaning of a day glo vest, through their own guides to the Tideway.