

Support Team Regulations

1. General

- 1.1 These Support Team Regulations (STR) shall always apply while support persons are at the event venue or on the racing area.
- 1.2 For the purposes of these regulations, a 'support person vessel' includes any vessel that is under the control or direction of a person who does or may provide physical or advisory support to an athlete, including the gathering of data that may be used later.
- 1.3 The organizing authority may inspect support person vessels at any time to ensure that they comply with these regulations, and the person responsible for the vessel shall facilitate such inspection.
- 1.4 An alleged breach of any of these regulations may be referred to the international jury for a hearing. As a result of the hearing the international jury may take action under RRS 64.4 or exclude the person from the event or venue or remove any privileges or benefits for a specified period or for the remainder of the competition. Note also, action may be taken under RRS 69.2.
- 1.5 The organizing authority may change these regulations at any time. Any changes will be posted on the official notice board.
- 1.6 The organizing authority may, at its discretion, refuse to register support person vessels not deemed to be suitable. Generally, open vessels more than 4.0m and less than 7.5m in length and having minimal or no superstructure (cabin, support house, bridge, etc.) are considered suitable.
- 1.7 Support person vessels and designated drivers shall be registered at the race office either before leaving the venue by water for the first time or by 09:00 am on the day of the first race of racing (Friday 18th 2024), whichever is earlier.
- 1.8 The person registering the support person vessel shall confirm that:
 - 1.8.1 a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage as required by the notice of race;
 - 1.8.2 each designated driver has a motorboat driving license recognized by a national authority appropriate to the shipping waters; and
 - 1.8.3 anyone who will be using a radio has an appropriate radio operation license recognized by a national authority.

2. Sailing Venue

- 2.1 Support person vessels shall use the designated slipway/area for launching. Once launched, trailers shall be moved immediately to the trailer park directed by the organizing authority.
- 2.2 When not in use, support person vessels shall be appropriately berthed at the sailing venue in the allocated areas for support person vessels.

3. Safety

- 3.1 Support person vessels shall carry on board:
 - 3.1.1 life jackets / personal flotation devices for all passengers and the driver
 - 3.1.2 adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth;
 - 3.1.3 operational engine kill cord (also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine immobilizer).
- 3.2 The number of passengers shall never exceed the maximum plated / certified passenger limits of the vessel.
- 3.3 At all times, support persons including the registered driver(s) of a support person vessel shall comply with directions given by or under the authority of a race official. This includes assisting in rescue operations when requested to do so.
- 3.4 Support persons shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 3.5 Support person vessels driver shall use the kill cord at all times while the engine is running.

4. General Restrictions

- 4.1 The registered driver(s) of a support person vessel shall be responsible for the control of the vessel at all times.
- 4.2 Support person vessels shall not leave any device, piece of equipment, buoy, marker or similar item permanently in the water. Temporary use of floating objects is allowed for current measurement. These objects shall be removed from the water as soon as the measurement has been taken.
- 4.3 Support person vessels shall take particular care to minimize their wash.
- 4.4 The use of drones, similar flying devices and other remote-controlled objects is prohibited.

5. Race Area Restrictions

- 5.1 Support person vessels shall not be positioned:
 - 5.2 Closer than 50 meters of any boat racing.
 - 5.3 Within 50 meters of the starting line and starting marks from the time of the warning signal until all boats have left the starting area, or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
 - 5.4 Between any boat racing and the next mark of the course.
 - 5.5 Within 50 meters of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark.
 - 5.6 Within 50 meters of the finishing line and finishing marks while boats are finishing.
- 5.7 In addition, support person vessels that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 meters from any boat racing.