



SUPPORT TEAM REGULATIONS

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1. General

- 1.1. These Support Team Regulations shall apply at all times while support persons are at the venue or on the field of play.
- 1.2. For the purposes of these regulations, a support boat includes any vessel that is under the control or direction of a person who is or may provide physical or advisory support to an athlete, including the gathering of data that may be used at a later time.
- 1.3. The Organizing Authority may inspect support boats at any time to ensure that they comply with these regulations, and the person responsible for the boat shall facilitate such inspection.
- 1.4. An alleged breach of any of these regulations may be referred to the Protest Committee for a hearing. As a result of the hearing the Protest Committee 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 boats 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, coach house, bridge, etc.) are considered suitable.
- 1.7. Support persons, support boats and designated drivers shall be registered with the Organizing Authority by 1800 hours on the day before the first race, or as outlined in the Notice of Race / Sailing Instructions.
 - 1.7.1. Each support boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance as specified in the NoR/SI.
 - 1.7.2. Only accredited persons may be designated drivers.
 - 1.7.3. The person registering the support boat shall confirm that:
 - a) a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage as required by 1.7.1 has been obtained;
 - b) each designated driver has a driving license recognized by a national authority appropriate to that vessel.
- 1.8. Support boats shall be marked with the applicable national sail letters (RRS G1.1) clearly displayed in strongly contrasting colors at all times while afloat.

2. Regatta Venue

- 2.1. Support boats shall use the designated slipway/area for launching. Once launched, trailers shall be moved immediately to the trailer park or as otherwise directed by the Organizing Authority.
- 2.2. Only registered support boats will be allowed into the regatta venue.
- 2.3. When not in use, support boats shall be appropriately berthed at the regatta venue in the allocated areas for support vessels for the entire time that these STR apply.

2.4. Support boats shall not be berthed in front of the launching area.

3. Safety

3.1. Support boats shall carry on board:

- a) life jackets / buoyancy aid for all passengers and the driver;
- b) first-aid kit;
- c) VHF radio or communication device according to the local law of the venue;
- d) device for making a sound signal;
- e) adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth;
- f) tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm thick);
- g) operational engine kill cord (also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine immobiliser);
- h) knife; and
- i) any additional safety equipment required by local maritime law.

3.2. The maximum plated / certified passenger limits for the support boat shall never exceed.

3.3. Team leaders are responsible for overseeing the safe operation of their support boats on the water, including knowledge of who is afloat and ensuring their safe return to the venue.

3.4. At all times, support persons including the registered driver(s) of a support boat 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.

3.5. Support boats shall comply with local harbor and marina regulations, including speed limits.

4. General Restrictions

4.1. The registered driver(s) of a support boat will be responsible for the control of the vessel at all times and will be held responsible for any inappropriate behaviour, dangerous actions or improper practices, or actions affecting the fairness or safety of competition.

4.2. Support persons 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 as soon as the measurement has been taken.

4.3. Support boats shall take particular care to minimize their wash when transiting the course areas.

4.4. The use of drones is prohibited at all times.

5. Support Boat Areas

5.1. Support boat Areas are defined in Addendum A.

5.2. After the first warning signal of the day, support boats shall move to the support vessel area, until all racing has been completed, postponed, or abandoned for that course area, unless instructed to do otherwise by the Race Committee.

5.3. If the Race Committee instructs a support boats to leave the support vessel zone, the support boat shall restrict their speed to five knots, keep clear of all official boats and kiteboards, and avoid any propeller wash in areas where kiteboards may be racing.

5.4. Between sequences of racing, or when all racing for that course area has been postponed or abandoned, support boats may enter the course area but shall restrict their speed to five knots. If further racing is to take place, support boats shall then comply with the applicable STR.

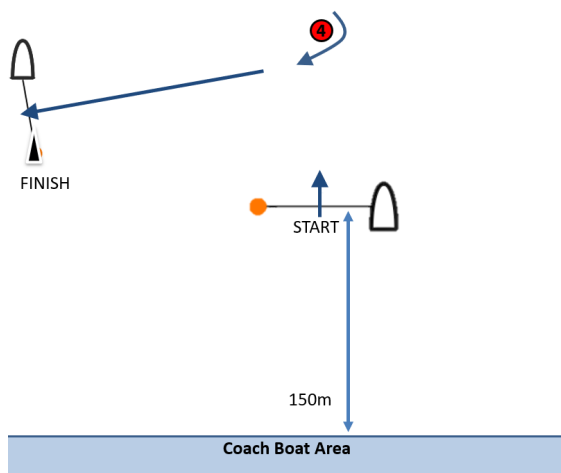
6. Special Support Boat Rules (Victor Flag System)

6.1. For safety reasons, the Race Committee signal vessel may display flag V to signal that STR 6 applies.

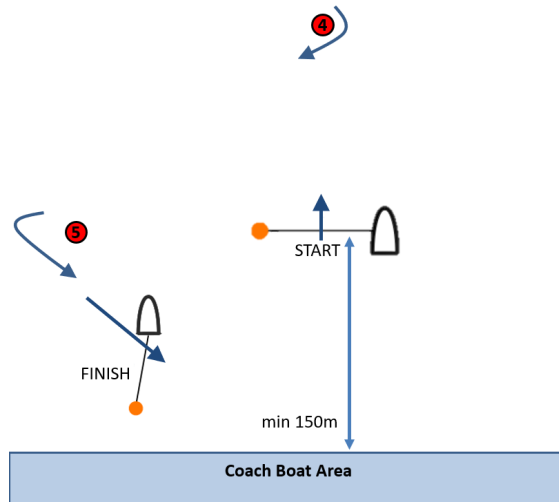
- 6.2. From the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all kiteboards have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, support boats shall stay outside areas where kiteboards may be racing. Such areas are defined as:
- Not closer than 150m to any kiteboard racing (except a kiteboard in distress or requiring assistance);
 - Within 150m to leeward of the starting line, marks and extensions, from the time of the preparatory signal until all kiteboards have left the starting area or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment;
 - Between any kiteboard racing and the next mark of the course;
 - Between the inner and outer trapezoid courses when kiteboards are racing on both courses;
 - Within 150m of any mark of the course while kiteboards are in the vicinity of that mark; and
 - Within 100m of the finishing line and marks while kiteboards are finishing.
- 6.3. The VHF radio or other communication device required in regulation 3.1 shall be switched on and used for safety communication on the Race Committee radio channel
- 6.4. Support boats shall proceed around the racing area in such a way to minimize the effect their propeller wash will have on kiteboards racing. Except in an emergency, they shall restrict their speed to 5 knots.
- 6.5. Between sequences of races, following a general recall or when all racing for that Course Area has been postponed or abandoned, support boats may enter the Course Area but shall restrict their speed to five knots. If further racing is to take place, support boats shall then comply with the applicable STR.

Addendum A – Support Boat Areas

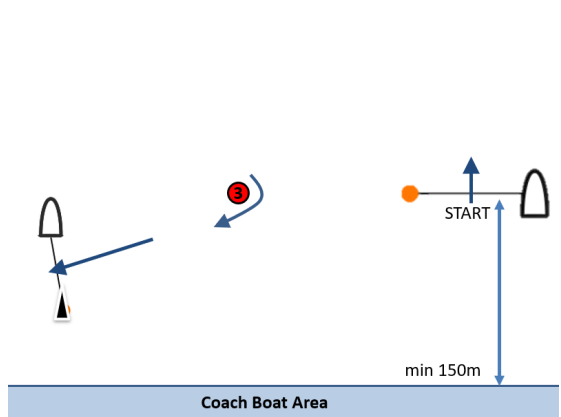
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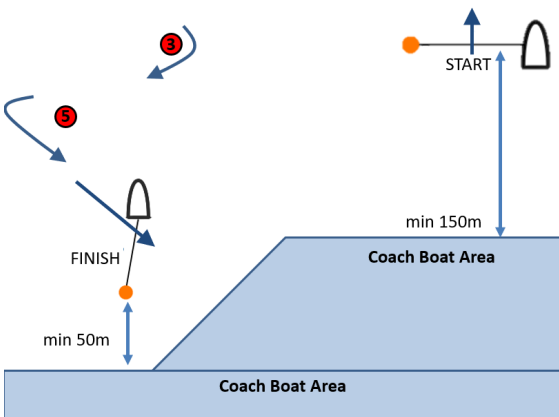
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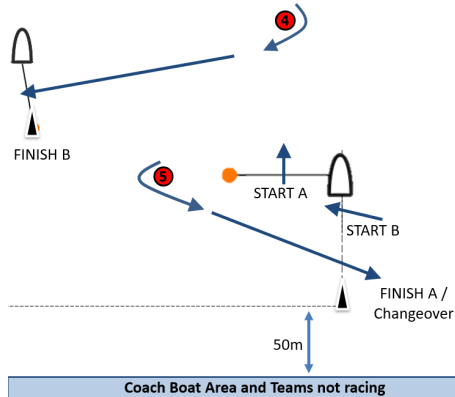
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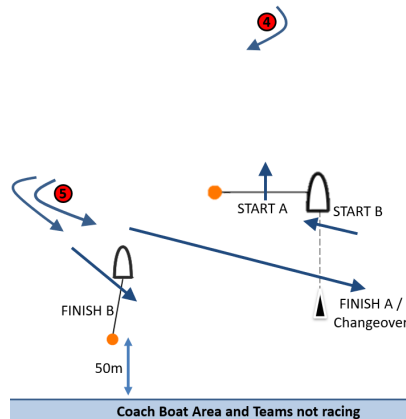
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