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1 General

- 1.1 These Support Vessel Regulations (SVR) shall apply at all times while the vessel is at the venue (RBYC)
Local marine regulations specify the safety equipment to be carried and conditions under which life jackets (PFD 1) are to be worn. A copy of the regulations is available at <http://www.transportsafety.vic.gov.au/maritime-safety/recreational-maritime/safety-equipment/safety-equipment-for-powered-vessels> and <http://www.transportsafety.vic.gov.au/maritime-safety/recreational-maritime/safety-equipment/personal-flotation-devices>
- 1.2 For the purposes of these regulations, a support vessel includes any boat 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 Organising Authority may inspect 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 instruct the Organising Authority to withdraw accreditation and access rights from the driver or person in charge, with or without the option of substitution, either for a specified period or for the remainder of the competition.
- 1.5 The Organising Authority may change these regulations at any time. Any changes will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.6 The Organising Authority may, at its discretion, refuse to register support 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, coach house, bridge, etc) are considered suitable.
- 1.7 Support vessels and designated drivers shall be registered at the Regatta Office either before leaving the venue by water for the first time or by 18:00 on the day before the first race of the Event that it is supporting, whichever is earlier.
 - 1.7.1 Each vessel shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of AUD \$10,000,000 (or equivalent) per incident.
 - 1.7.2 Only registered 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 motorboat driving licence recognised by a national authority appropriate to that boat; and
 - (c) anyone who will be using a radio has an appropriate radio operation licence recognised by a national authority.
- 1.8 Support vessels while afloat must display a numbered white flag supplied by the Organising Authority. To obtain this flag for the support vessel, a refundable deposit of \$50 is to be lodged with the Organising Authority.



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2 Sailing Venue

- 2.1 Support vessels 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 Organising Authority.
- 2.2 Only registered support vessels will be allowed into the sailing venue. (Allocated berths or area will be provided at registration)
- 2.3 When not in use, support vessels shall be appropriately berthed at the sailing venue in the allocated areas for support vessels for the entire time that these SBR apply.
- 2.4 Support vessels shall not use the dinghy launching slipways or keelboat pontoons for any purpose whatsoever, including mooring, launching and retrieval, and loading and unloading of equipment.

3 Safety

- 3.1 Support vessels shall carry on board:
 - (a) life jackets / buoyancy aid for all passengers and the driver;
 - (b) first-aid kit;
 - (c) VHF radio;
 - (d) device for making a sound signal;
 - (e) compass;
 - (f) adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth;
 - (g) tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm thick);
 - (h) operational engine kill cord (also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine immobiliser);
 - (i) hand pump or bailer;
 - (j) knife; and
 - (k) any additional safety equipment required by local maritime law.

It is recommended that life jackets be worn at all times when afloat. It is strongly recommended that the kill cord is used at all times when the engine is running. Refer to Instruction 1.1 for use of life jackets

- 3.2 The maximum plated / certified passenger limits for the vessel shall never be exceeded.
- 3.3 Team leaders are responsible for overseeing the safe operation of their support vessels on the water, including knowledge of who is afloat and ensuring their safe return to the venue.
- 3.4 At all times, the registered driver(s) of a support vessel shall comply with directions given by a Race Official. In particular, this includes assisting in rescue operations when requested to do so.
- 3.5 Support vessels shall comply with local harbour and marina regulations, including speed limits.

4 General Restrictions

- 4.1 The registered driver(s) of a support vessel 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 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 as soon as the measurement has been taken.
- 4.3 Support vessels shall take particular care to minimise their wash when transiting the course areas. Support vessels shall not interfere with boats racing or official vessels, or create a wake that affects boats racing.

5 Race Area Restrictions

- 5.1 Support vessels shall not be positioned:



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- 5.1.1 Closer than 50 metres of any boat racing
 - 5.1.2 Within 50 meters of the starting line and marks from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have left the starting area, or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
 - 5.1.3 Between any boat racing and the next mark of the course.
 - 5.1.4 Between the inner and outer trapezoid courses when boats are racing on both courses.
 - 5.1.5 Within 50 meters of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark.
 - 5.1.6 Within 50 meters of the finishing line and marks while boats are finishing.
- 5.2 In addition, support vessels that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 meters from any boat racing.
- 5.3 When the race committee displays flag V with repetitive sounds, all official and support vessels shall monitor the race committee radio channel for search and rescue instructions and not leave the race course until approved by the CRO.