



## **Finn Australian Championship Support Vessel Regulations**

### **GENERAL**

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- 1.1 This Support Vessel Regulations (SVR) shall apply from first day of registration until the end of prize giving ceremony.
- 1.2 For the purposes of these regulations, a support vessel 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 All support vessels must conform to SA Boat Regulations, including safety equipment.
- 1.4 The organizing 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.
- 1.5 The organizing authority may change these regulations at any time. Any changes will be posted on the official notice board.
- 1.6 Support vessels and designated drivers shall be registered at the race office either before leaving the venue by water for the first time or by 1800 on the day before the first race of a competitor that it is supporting, whichever is earlier.
- 1.7 Each support vessel driver shall confirm registration of their vessels and submit the names and sail numbers of the boats they are supporting at the race office before the end of registration.
- 1.8 Each vessel shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of USD \$1,500,000 (or equivalent) per incident.
- 1.9 Only the registered person may be a designated driver.
- 1.10 The person registering the support vessel shall sign to confirm that:
  - 1.10.1 he / she holds a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage as required by SVR 1.8;
  - 1.10.2 the designated driver has a motorboat driving license recognized by a national authority appropriate to that vessel;
- 1.11 Support vessels shall be marked as follows:
  - 1.11.1 The three-letter MNA code shall be clearly displayed on both sides of the vessel in strongly contrasting colours at all times while afloat;
  - 1.11.2 The minimum height for the letters shall be 200mm. The letters will not be provided by the organizing authority;
  - 1.11.3 A Support Vessel Number label, if supplied by the organising authority, shall also be clearly displayed on the support vessel.

### **SAILING VENUE**

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- 2.1 Only support vessels that are registered will be allowed into the sailing venue.
- 2.2 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 SVR apply.

### **SAFETY**

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- 3.1 Support vessels shall comply with South Australian Boating Regulations and carry on board:
  - 3.1.1 Life jackets / buoyancy aid for all passengers and the driver;
  - 3.1.2 First-aid kit;
  - 3.1.3 VHF radio;
  - 3.1.4 Device for making a sound signal;
  - 3.1.5 Compass;
  - 3.1.6 Adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth;

- 3.1.7. Tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm thick);
- 3.1.8. Operational engine kill cord (also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine immobilizer);
- 3.1.9. Knife.
- 3.2. The kill cord shall be used at all times when the engine is running.
- 3.3. Support vessels shall sign on and off each day via means to be confirmed in the sailing instructions.
- 3.4. Support persons are responsible for overseeing the safety of their support vessels on the water, including knowledge of who is afloat and ensuring their safe return to the venue.
- 3.5. 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.

## **GENERAL RESTRICTIONS**

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- 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 should take particular care to minimize their wash when transiting the course areas.

## **SUPPORT VESSEL ZONE**

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- 5.1. Support vessels shall not be positioned:
  - 5.1.1. Closer than 100 meters of any boat racing;
  - 5.1.2. Within 100 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 or abandonment;
  - 5.1.3. Between any boat racing and the next mark of the course;
  - 5.1.4. Within 100 meters of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark;
  - 5.1.5. Within 100 meters of the finishing line and marks while boats are finishing.
  - 5.1.6. In addition, support vessels that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 meters from any boat racing.