

SI ADDENDUM C – SUPPORT PERSON VESSEL REGULATIONS

These Support Vessel Regulations shall apply at all times whilst the boat is at the venue.

1. GENERAL

- 1.1. Support person vessels shall comply with local legislation, including the safety equipment to be carried. A copy of the regulations are available at [safety-equipment-for-powered-vessels](#).
- 1.2. Life jackets (minimum Level 50) must be worn by all persons onboard and Kill cords must be used by the driver when motor is operating.
- 1.3. Support person vessel drivers must hold a Power Boat Licence.
- 1.4. All support person vessels are required to carry a working VHF radio to monitor the advised frequency.
- 1.5. Support vessels must have a current insurance policy with a minimum value of \$5,000,000 for public liability insurance.
- 1.6. At all times, the registered driver(s) of a support vessel shall comply with directions given by a Race Official. This includes assisting in rescue operations when instructed to do so. RRS 37 - When a race committee displays code flag "V" with one sound, all boats and official and support vessels shall monitor the race committee communication channel for search and rescue instructions.
- 1.7. All support person vessels shall keep to leeward of the start line and its extensions between the preparatory signal and the start signal and more than 50 metres clear of any competing boat or mark of the course, between the start signal and the finish of the last boat, except when asked by the race committee to enter the course area or assist competitors.
- 1.8. Support boats 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.
- 1.9. Support boats shall take particular care to minimise their wash when transiting the course areas. Support boats shall not interfere with boats racing or official boats or create a wake that affects boats racing.
- 1.10. If an identifying number is supplied by the Organising Authority, it shall be clearly displayed on the support vessel at all times.
- 1.11. The Organising Authority may change these regulations at any time. Any changes will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.12. Penalties may apply to competitors that are associated with a support vessel that breaches any of these conditions.

2. SAILING VENUE

- 2.1. Only registered Support Boats will be allowed into the sailing venue. (Allocated berths or area will be provided at registration).
- 2.2. Support Boats shall use the designated boat ramps/area for launching – these may be a short distance from the venue. Once launched, trailers shall be moved immediately to a designated trailer park or as otherwise directed by the Organising Authority.
- 2.3. When not in use, support boats shall be appropriately berthed as directed by the Organising Authority in the allocated areas for support boats for the entire time that these Regulations apply.
- 2.4. Support boats shall not use the designated dinghy launching area for any purpose whatsoever, including mooring, launching and retrieval, and loading and unloading of equipment.

3. RACING AREA RESTRICTIONS

- 3.1. Support boats shall not be positioned on the course:
 - a) Closer than 50 metres of any boat racing
 - b) Within 50 metres of the starting line, its extensions and marks of the course 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.
 - c) Between any boat racing and the next mark of the course.
 - d) Between the inner and outer trapezoid courses when boats are racing on both courses.
 - e) Within 50 metres of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark.
 - f) Within 50 metres of the finishing line and marks while boats are finishing.
- 3.2. In addition, support boats that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 metres from any boat racing.

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3.3. Below is a diagram of race area restrictions.

Trapezoid Course

