

Paris 2024 Test Event - Sailing

7-16 July 2023

SUPPORT TEAM REGULATIONS

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Change Log

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 These Support Team Regulations (STR) shall apply at all times while support team persons are at the venue, ashore or on the field of play.
- 1.2 The Support Team Regulations shall apply from 0800 on 3 July to 1800 on 16 July 2023.
- 1.3 In these Support Team Regulations and the rules governing the regatta, the following definitions apply:
 - 1.3.1 "Support team person" has the meaning given in the RRS.
 - 1.3.2 "Support team" means all the support team persons associated with a National Authority and its competitors;
 - 1.3.3 "Support team vessel" means any vessel that is under the control or direction of a support team member.
- 1.4 The penalties available under RRS 64.5(a)(3) include instructing the Organizing Authority (OA) to withdraw accreditation and access rights for specific periods.
- 1.5 The Organizing Authority may inspect support team vessels and any electronic equipment listed in Support Team Regulations 3 and Support Team Regulations 8 at any time to ensure that they comply with these regulations, and the person responsible for the support team vessel shall facilitate such inspection.
- 1.6 The Organizing Authority may change these regulations at any time. Any changes will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.7 The Organizing Authority may, at its discretion, refuse to register support team vessels not deemed to be suitable. Generally, open vessels more than 4.0m and less than 6.5m in length and having minimal or no superstructure (cabin, coach house, bridge, etc.) are considered suitable.
- 1.8 Support team persons shall be registered online either before leaving the sailing venue in a support team vessel for the first time; or by 1000 on the day before the first race of each event that they are supporting, whichever is earlier.
- 1.9 Support team vessels and designated drivers shall be registered at the Sport Information Desk either before entering the Field of Play (FOP) for the first time or by 1800 on the day before the first race of the Event that it is supporting, whichever is earlier.
 - 1.9.1 Each vessel shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of €2,000,000 (or equivalent) per incident.
 - 1.9.2 Only accredited support team members may be designated drivers.
 - 1.9.3 Support team vessels are permitted to carry one or more support team persons from other competing Member National Authorities (MNAs) that do not have a registered support team vessel for that Event.
- 1.10 The person registering the support team vessel shall confirm that:
 - 1.10.1 Any French government requirements for operating a support team vessel are met.
 - 1.10.2 A valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage as required by 1.9.1 has been obtained; and
 - 1.10.3 Anyone who will be using a radio has an appropriate radio operation license recognized by a MNA.
- 1.11 Support team vessels shall be marked with the applicable MNA codes clearly displayed on both sides of the vessel in strongly contrasting colours at all times while afloat. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200mm. The letters will not be provided by the Organizing Authority.
- 1.12 Support team vessels shall display only the supplied identification number on both sides of the vessel. All other numbers, including old event stickers and teams' own identification numbers should be removed, hidden or covered.
- 1.13 All Team Leaders and support team members will be required to sign a declaration that they will comply at all times with the Support Team Regulations.
- 1.14 Support team members shall not provide any outside help unless permitted by RRS 41.

2. SAILING VENUE

- 2.1 Only registered support team vessels will be allowed into the sailing venue.

- 2.2 Support team vessels shall use the designated slipway/area for launching. Once launched, trailers shall be moved immediately to their assigned trailer parking place, removed from the venue or placed in a container.
- 2.3 When not in use, support team vessels shall be appropriately berthed at the sailing venue in its allocated berth in the designed area for support team vessels as shown in the Support Team Vessel Area in Addendum A, or as directed by the Organizing Authority for safety reasons, for the entire time that these Support Team Regulations apply.
- 2.4 Support team vessels shall not use the dinghy launching slipways, jetties or other pontoons outside the Support Team Vessel Area for any purpose whatsoever, including mooring, launching and retrieval, and loading and unloading of equipment except as permitted by the Support Team Regulations.
- 2.5 Following the completion of the Opening Series or the medal stage for which a support team vessel is registered, the support team vessel may be lifted out of the water and may permanently leave the venue by sea with written approval from the Organizing Authority.

3. [SP] [DP] SAFETY

- 3.1 Support team vessels shall carry on board:
 - 3.1.1 Personal Floatation Devices (life jackets / buoyancy aids) for all passengers and the driver;
 - 3.1.2 first-aid kit;
 - 3.1.3 VHF radio which shall be used only as permitted by Support Team Regulations 7.2;
 - 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 diameter);
 - 3.1.8 engine safety cut out switch and tether (kill chord), also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine immobilizer;
 - 3.1.9 hand pump or bailer;
 - 3.1.10 knife; and
 - 3.1.11 any additional safety equipment required by local maritime law.
- 3.2 It is mandatory that Personal Floatation Devices shall be worn at all times when afloat.
- 3.3 The engine safety cut out switch and tether (kill chord) shall be securely attached to the driver at all times when the engine is running and in gear. It is strongly recommended that the kill cord is used at all times when the engine is running.
- 3.4 The maximum plated / certified passenger limits for the vessel shall not be exceeded.
- 3.5 Team leaders are responsible for overseeing the safe operation of their support team vessels on the water, including knowledge of who is afloat and ensuring (recording) their safe return to the sailing venue.
- 3.6 At all times, support team persons including the registered driver(s) of a support team 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.
- 3.7 Support team vessels shall comply with Competition Area Regulations (CAR) including the local harbour and marina regulations including speed limits.
- 3.8 Support team vessels shall check out before going afloat for each journey and shall indicate the number of persons on board. Increasing or decreasing the number of persons on board shall constitute a new journey.
- 3.9 The Organizing Authority may issue a tracking device to each support team vessel when they check out that is to be carried on the support team vessel for the duration of the journey.
- 3.10 Support team vessels shall check in and return their tracking device within 30 minutes upon their return to the marina after each journey.

4. GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

- 4.1 The driver(s) of a support team 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 team members shall not leave any device, piece of equipment, buoy, marker or similar item permanently in the water.
- 4.3 Temporary use of floating objects is allowed for current measurement. These objects shall be removed as soon as the measurement has been taken.
- 4.4 Support team vessels shall take particular care to minimize their wash when transiting the Race Areas.
- 4.5 Support team vessels shall stay clear of any restricted areas of the venue as shown in the Support Team Vessel Area from the time flag D is first displayed ashore until all boats have returned to shore at the end of racing each day.
- 4.6 On a competition day, only one support team vessel per entry is permitted in a Race Area.
- 4.7 From 3 July, support team vessels shall only carry registered support team members or the athletes the support team vessel is supporting.
- 4.8 Support team members on board a support team vessel shall be engaged in a function of supporting an athlete as required by Support Team Regulations 1.3.1. Support team vessels shall not be used for spectating purposes.

5. DRONES

- 5.1 The use of drones is prohibited.

6. SUPPORT TEAM VESSEL RESTRICTED AREAS

- 6.1 The Support Team Vessel Zone is defined in Addendum C. The Support Team Vessel Zone applies when Support Team Vessel Zone marks are laid. However, the race committee may inform support team vessels on the VHF channel for the Race Area that the Support Team Vessel Zone does not apply for an upcoming race (even if the marks are still laid).
- 6.2 The Support Team Vessel Zone marks will be defined by 1 July 2023.
- 6.3 Support Team Vessel Zones will apply on all race areas. Support team vessels shall move into the Support Team Vessel Zone no later than each warning signal.
- 6.4 Support team vessels shall only leave the Support Team Vessel Zone:
 - 6.4.1 after the last boat in the race has finished;
 - 6.4.2 if instructed to do so by the Race Committee;
 - 6.4.3 if racing has been postponed or abandoned (but not if a general recall has been signaled); or
 - 6.4.4 to leave the Race Area permanently by moving away from the course.
- 6.5 Support team vessels servicing their athletes in or around the starting area shall restrict their speed to five knots.

7. SPECIAL SAFETY RULES

- 7.1 The Race Committee may communicate race and safety information to support team vessels in English according to the following table:

Race Area	Channel
Marseille	Defined by 1 July 2023
Corniche	
Calanques	
Frioul	
Maire	

The signal vessel may display the VHF channel it is using.

- 7.2 When the race committee displays flag V with repetitive sounds, all official and support team vessels shall monitor the race committee channel for that Race Area for search and rescue instructions. The race committee will announce "Flag Victor" using the designated VHF channel.
- 7.3 The VHF radio permitted in Support Team Regulations 3.1.3 shall be switched on whilst afloat and may only be used:
 - 7.3.1 for any safety related communications; or
 - 7.3.2 to receive information from the race management team; or

- 7.3.3 or for general communication in and out of the venue to facilitate the pre- or post-race towing process
- 7.4 When Support Team Vessel Zone marks are not in place, Support Team Regulations 7.4 to 7.6 applies.
- 7.5 From the time of the warning signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment, support team vessels shall stay outside areas where boats are racing. Such areas are defined as:
- not closer than 100m to any boat racing (except a boat in distress or requiring assistance);
 - within 100m 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;
 - between any boat racing and the next mark of the course;
 - between the inner and outer trapezoid courses when boats are racing on both courses;
 - within 100m of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark; and
 - within 100m of the finishing line and marks while boats are finishing.
- 7.6 Support team vessels shall proceed around the Race Area in such a way to minimise the effect their wash on boats racing and official vessels. Support team vessels that are motoring above five knots shall remain at least 150m from any boat racing.
- 7.7 Between sequences of races, or when all racing for that Race Area has been postponed or abandoned, Support Team Regulations 7.4 and 7.5 cease to apply. Support team vessels servicing their athletes in or around the starting area shall restrict their speed to five knots. If further racing takes place, support team vessels shall comply with Support Team Regulations 7.4 and 7.5 again at the next warning signal for the first fleet of the next race.

8. [SP] [DP] USE OF ELECTRONICS AND OTHER MEASUREMENT DEVICES, PERMITTED AND NOT PERMITTED ACTIONS

- 8.1 Support team vessels and support team members shall not carry or use whilst afloat any electronic devices unless they are specifically permitted by Support Team Regulations 8.2.
- 8.2 The following devices, or actions, are permitted:
- 8.2.1 The items permitted by Support Team Regulations 3.1
 - 8.2.2 Electronic positioning equipment supplied by the Organizing Authority;
 - 8.2.3 VHF radios as required by Support Team Regulations 3.1.3, which shall only be configured to use open and public international maritime frequencies. If a radio is configured to be able to use a code or encrypted frequency it ceases to be legal;
 - 8.2.4 Digital watch or timer with limited GPS functionality;
 - 8.2.5 Electronic magnetic compass;
 - 8.2.6 Handheld anemometer;
 - 8.2.7 Non-electronic current measuring device;
 - 8.2.8 Analog or digital camera used for capturing stills or videos;
 - 8.2.9 Smart phone or cell phone. See Support Team Regulations 8.4;
 - 8.2.10 Wind measurement equipment that is limited to measurements of wind speed and direction but not extending horizontally beyond the edge perimeter of the support team vessel and 2.5m above the water. This device and its component parts must be easily removable for inspection;
 - 8.2.11 Wind measurement equipment capable of factoring the support team vessel's own speed and direction;
 - 8.2.12 A tablet or simple screen offering the wind data in real time. This device and its component parts must be easily removable for inspection; and
 - 8.2.13 Any other device as exceptionally permitted by the World Sailing Technical Delegates in writing (which will be notified to support teams via a sport communication)
- 8.3 The following devices, or actions are not permitted:
- 8.3.1 Radios or VHF radios with coded or private channels or access to private channels;
 - 8.3.2 Smart phone or cell phone communication between support team vessels and/or shore unless for the purposes of an emergency;

- 8.3.3 Communication tethering between other support team vessels within the FOP and with other vessels located outside of the FOP;
 - 8.3.4 Communication tethering to any team base or similar function ashore;
 - 8.3.5 Any device that gathers wind data from beyond the physical extensions of the support team vessel or a radius of 1.5m or whichever is smaller;
 - 8.3.6 Any computational functionality that offers anything more than numerical or graphics output of information (wind direction, wind speed) gathered on that specific day on that specific support team vessel;
 - 8.3.7 Historical data overlays and modeled data forecasting;
 - 8.3.8 Electronic devices that measure current and log data and are attached to the support team vessel;
 - 8.3.9 Electronic devices that measure current and log data and are free-floating and able to be launched from the support team vessel;
 - 8.3.10 Access to any private, bespoke, or proprietary weather data; and
 - 8.3.11 Any electronic device intended for FOP conditions measurement must be on the open market for a minimum of at least twelve months and widely accessible to anyone at a reasonable price.
- 8.4 Smart phone requirements, permitted and not permitted actions:
- 8.4.1 All devices must be declared to and logged by the Organizing Authority;
 - 8.4.2 The use of camera for taking video and photo stills is permitted;
 - 8.4.3 The use of verbal communication is only permitted in the event of an emergency;
 - 8.4.4 The use of text communication is only permitted in the event of an emergency;
 - 8.4.5 The use of common, publicly available weather and current apps are permitted, but only if no fee is associated for purchase or subscription;
 - 8.4.6 Private applications are forbidden; and
 - 8.4.7 Any pay-for-service weather or current data application is forbidden.
- 8.5 The Organizing Authority may supply an electronic position system for each support team vessel. These shall be carried at all times whilst afloat in accordance with any instructions issued by the Organizing Authority.
- 8.6 A World Sailing Technical Delegate, or any race official acting under their authority, may require any electronic devices in possession of a support team member to be inspected for compliance with the Support Team Regulations at any time.
- 8.7 A support team member shall comply with any inspection request and shall co-operate with any inspection.
- 8.8 Any electronic device which is considered by a Technical Delegate to be in breach of the Support Team Regulations may be impounded and retained by the Organizing Authority until the end of the regatta.

Support Team Regulations Addendum A

Support Team Vessel Areas

1. SUPPORT TEAM VESSEL BERTHING AREA

1.1 The support team vessel berthing area will be published no later than 1 July 2023.

2. SUPPORT TEAM VESSEL RESTRICTED AREA

2.1 Areas that support team vessels are restricted will be published no later than 1 July 2023.

Support Team Regulations Addendum B

Support Team Vessel Berth Allocation

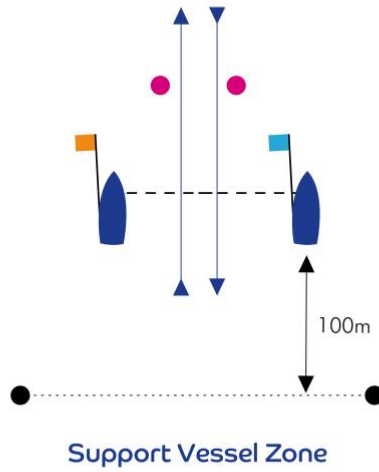
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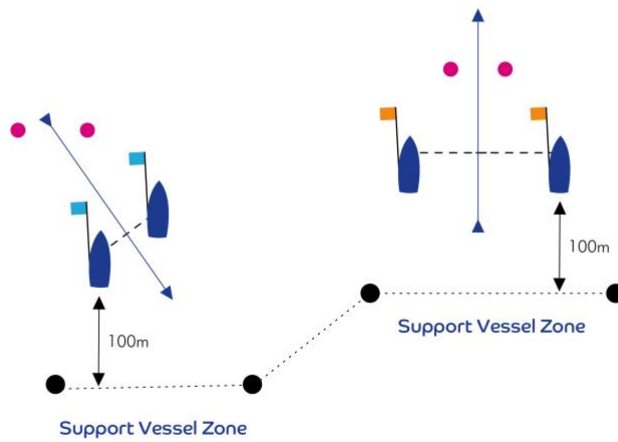
Support Team Regulations Addendum C

Support Team Vessel Zone

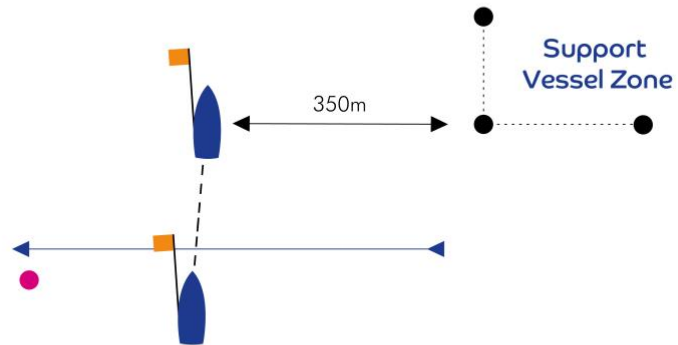
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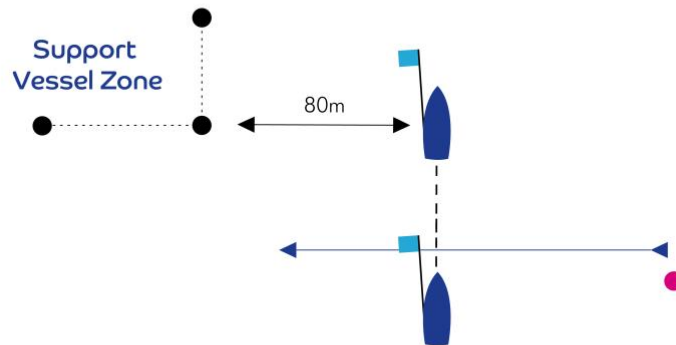
2. Trapezoid Course



3. Windward – Leeward Course with Reaching Start



4. Windward – Leeward Course with Reaching Finish



Additional Support Team Vessel Zones may be added to Addendum C.