



## COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

*“Coaches” includes all competitor support personnel: for example parents, personal trainers, team leaders, National Authority coaches and boats personnel.*

### 1. RELATIONSHIP WITH REGATTA ORGANIZERS & OFFICIALS, and others

- 1.1. All shall establish and maintain a friendly and respectful relationship with event organizers, officials, fellow support personnel and competitors.
- 1.2. All should be aware of cultural and language differences. What might be considered normal and acceptable behaviour in one culture could be confronting or rude in another.
- 1.3. Coaches shall adhere to the following ethical standards, amongst others:
  - Respect for the rights, dignity and worth of others
  - Avoidance of any form of harassment
  - Accepting the guidelines and spirit of the rules
  - Adherence to the guidelines laid down by their governing bodies
  - Promotion of the positive aspects of the sport, and fair play
  - Providing a safe environment
  - Leading by example
  - Integrity
  - Safety
  - Prohibiting drug and alcohol use
  - Not carry out any coaching activities whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- 1.4. Any security problems observed should be immediately reported to the Race Committee.

### 2. COACH & SUPPORT BOATS

- 2.1. Boats shall stay well clear of the areas – 75 metres minimum - where boards are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, unless instructed otherwise by the Race Committee.
- 2.2. Boats shall clearly display their national 3 letter country code in black on a white background on a flag of a minimum of 50cm x 40cm in size or on the cover of their outboard engine.
- 2.3. Boats shall carry ground tackle and anchor line suitable for the depths of water expected at the venue.
- 2.4. Boats shall carry a separate tow rope 25m in length.
- 2.5. It is advised to carry an MCA approved flare pack suitable for inshore use.

### 3. KILL CORDS

- 3.1. You shall use a kill cord in the recommended manner.

#### **4. DOCUMENTATION**

- 4.1. You should carry your boat documents, evidence of insurance cover and your boat driver's licence.

#### **5. CALL SIGN**

- 5.1. Your regatta call sign is your 3 letter country code.
- 5.2. Where there is more than one coach boat from the same country, you are requested to advise the RC accordingly and agree your individual call signs with the PRO.

#### **6. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 6.1. For purposes of safety, coaches may monitor the Race Committee working channel, but are requested not to transmit on it unless in an emergency.
- 6.2. If you wish to send or receive, use the general marine 'calling' channel.

#### **7. BUOYANCY AIDS**

- 7.1. In accordance with the local Maritime Law you shall wear a buoyancy aid all time when afloat.

#### **8. FIRST AID**

- 8.1. It is recommended that you have first aid qualifications.
- 8.2. You are advised to carry an appropriate first aid pack.

#### **9. RESCUE**

- 9.1. When a White Flag with the Red Cross is displayed on the RC Signal Boat, a rescue operation is in progress; coach and other support boats shall collaborate with the RC in rescue tasks.

#### **10. TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 10.1. All personnel should avoid polluting or spoiling the land, water or shoreline by careless disposal of packaging, oils or fuels, and dispose of all refuse ashore in a responsible manner.