



SUPPORT PERSON CODE OF CONDUCT

Any person who

(a) provides, or may provide, physical or advisory support to a competitor, including any coach, trainer, manager, team staff, medic, paramedic or any other person working with, treating or assisting a competitor in or preparing for the competition, or
(b) is the parent or guardian of a competitor. (WS Definition)

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. Support Persons 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.