SUPPORT BOAT REGULATIONS

Support Boats shall carry the following Equipment on board:

- Life jackets / buoyance aids for the driver and all passengers,
- Engine kill cord (also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine immobiliser) with a spare kill cord on the support boat,
- VHF radio capable of receiving instruction from Safety or Race Committee,
- First-aid kit,
- Device for making a sound signal,
- Compass,
- Adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth,
- Tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm thick),
- Knife.

Support Boat Regulations:

- Support Boats shall be registered with the Organising Authority and shall be marked with their applicable national sail letters clearly displayed, the minimum height for these letters is 200mm.
- Support Boats shall comply with all local regulations.
- Support Boats shall follow Race Committee instructions on the designated VHF channel.
- Kill cords shall be worn at all times when the engine is running.
- Life jackets / buoyance aids - it is recommended that they are worn at all times when afloat and shall be worn in winds of over 10 knots.
- Support boats shall not be positioned,
  - Closer than 100 metres of any boat racing,
  - Within 100 metres of the starting line from the warning signal until all boats have left the starting area or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment,
  - Within 100 metres of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark,
  - Within 100 metres of the finishing line while boats are finishing,
  - In addition, support boats that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 metres from any boat racing.

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