

Paris 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition

17 July – 9 August 2024

Support Team Regulations

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1. General

- 1.1 These Paris 2024 Support Team Regulations (STR) shall apply at all times while support persons are at the venue, ashore or on the field of play.
- 1.2 The Paris 2024 Support Team Regulations shall apply from 20 July 2024 to 10 August 2024.
- 1.3 In these Paris 2024 Support Team Regulations and the rules governing the regatta, the following definitions apply:
 - 1.3.1 "Support person" has the meaning given in the RRS.
 - 1.3.2 "Support team" means all the support persons associated with a NOC and its competitors.
 - 1.3.3 "Support 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 vessels including any electronic equipment listed in Paris 2024 Support Team Regulations 3 and Paris 2024 Support Team Regulations 8 at any time to ensure that they comply with these regulations, and the person responsible for the support 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 Support persons shall be registered online via the regatta website either before entering the sailing field of play in a support 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.
- 1.8 All Team Leaders and support team members, including P-accreditation holders will be required to sign a declaration that they will comply at all times with the Paris 2024 Support Team Regulations.
- 1.9 Support vessels, **including their electronics** and designated drivers shall be registered online via the regatta website **by the end of the Technical Meeting as scheduled in the Notice of Race**.
 - 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 vessels are permitted to carry one or more support persons from other competing National Olympic Committees.
- 1.10 Support vessels shall be marked with the responsible NOC's tri-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. A support vessel carrying support persons from more than the responsible NOC shall display the tri-code of each NOC who uses the vessel.
- 1.11 Each support vessel shall clearly display on the vessel a unique Paris 2024 sticker supplied by the Organizing Authority. The Organizing Authority define the installation and location of the Paris 2024 sticker. All other numbers, including old event stickers and teams' own identification numbers should be removed, hidden or covered.
- 1.12 The person registering the support vessel shall confirm that:
 - 1.12.1 Any French government requirements for operating a support vessel are met.
 - 1.12.2 A valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage as required by Paris 2024 Support Team Regulations 1.9.1 has been obtained; and
 - 1.12.3 Anyone who will be using a radio has an appropriate radio operation license recognized by a Member National Authority.
 - 1.12.4 Any support team personnel operating a support vessel shall have a valid operating certificate.

2. Sailing Venue

- 2.1 Only registered support vessels will be allowed into the sailing venue.
- 2.2 NOC vehicles or road trailers shall not enter or remain in the venue from 18 July 2024 until the day after the last competition day of the regatta. Vehicles with the appropriate Vehicle Access and Parking Permit (VAPP) will be permitted to enter the parking area only.

- 2.3 Support 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. All trailers shall have a sticker with country name and phone number.
- 2.4 When not in use, support vessels shall be appropriately berthed at the sailing venue in its allocated berth in the designed area for support vessels as shown in the Support 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.
- 2.5 Support vessels shall not use the dinghy launching slipways, beach, jetties or other pontoons outside the Support Vessel Area for any purpose whatsoever, including mooring, launching and retrieval, and loading and unloading of equipment except as permitted by these Support Team Regulations.
- 2.6 Support vessels may only be cleaned in the venue in the designated wash down area. NOCs are required to book in advance to use the wash down area. Water restrictions may limit the use of freshwater for cleaning.
- 2.7 The Organizing Authority may provide one support vessel hull cleaning opportunity during the regatta. The dates and times for this cleaning will be communicated at a Team Leader meeting and NOCs will be required to book in advance to use this service. The time will be from the venue opening time until 1 hour prior to the scheduled start time of that day and the dates will be towards the middle of the regatta. A small trolley will be necessary to set each support vessel on during cleaning as cleaning can't be done whilst on the crane.
- 2.8 Support vessels may permanently leave the venue by sea after completing the check-out process at the Support Vessel Cabin and removing the Paris 2024 stickers. Support vessels may be removed from the water in the venue after the last victory ceremony of the regatta while the venue is open; see Paris 2024 Support Team Regulations 2.2 limiting the access of vehicles and trailers.
- 2.9 Support vessels may be cleaned in the venue for shipping on the day after the last competition day of the regatta. A small trolley or trailer will be necessary to set each support vessel on during cleaning as cleaning can't be done whilst on the crane.

3. [DP] Safety

- 3.1 Support vessels shall carry on board:
 - 3.1.1 Personal Floatation Devices (life jackets / buoyancy aids) for all passengers and the driver. It is mandatory that Personal Flotation Devices shall be worn at all times when afloat;
 - 3.1.2 first-aid kit;
 - 3.1.3 VHF radio which shall be used only as permitted by Paris 2024 Support Team Regulations 7.2;
 - 3.1.4 Fire extinguisher;
 - 3.1.5 device for making a sound signal;
 - 3.1.6 compass;
 - 3.1.7 adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth;
 - 3.1.8 spill kit;
 - 3.1.9 tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm diameter);
 - 3.1.10 engine safety cut out switch and tether (kill cord), also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine immobilizer. 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;
 - 3.1.11 hand pump or bailer;
 - 3.1.12 knife; and
 - 3.1.13 any additional safety equipment required by local maritime law.
- 3.2 The maximum plated / certified passenger limits for the vessel shall not be exceeded.
- 3.3 Team leaders are responsible for overseeing the safe operation of their support vessels on the water, including knowledge of who is afloat and ensuring (recording) their safe return to the sailing venue.
- 3.4 At all times, support persons including the registered driver(s) of a support 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.
- 3.5 Support vessels shall comply with the local harbour and marina regulations including speed limits.

- 3.6 Support vessels shall sign out before going afloat for each journey and shall indicate the number of persons on board. The Organizing Authority may issue a tracking device to each support vessel when they sign out that is to be carried on the support vessel for the duration of the journey.
- 3.7 Support vessels shall sign in and return their tracking device within 30 minutes of their return to the marina after each journey.
- 3.8 The sign out / sign in for support vessels is located in the Support Vessel Cabin in front of Building 3.

4. General Restrictions

- 4.1 Only one support vessel per NOC is permitted **at one time** in a Race Area **where racing is scheduled**.
- 4.2 Support team members on board a support vessel shall be engaged in a function of supporting an athlete as required by Paris 2024 Support Team Regulations 1.3.1. Support vessels shall not be used for spectating purposes.
- 4.3 The driver(s) of a support 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.
- 4.4 Temporary use of floating objects are allowed for current measurement. These objects shall be removed as soon as the measurement has been taken.
- 4.5 Support vessels shall take particular care to minimize their wash when transiting the Race Areas.
- 4.6 Support vessels shall stay clear of any restricted areas of the venue and field of play as shown in the Support Vessel Restricted Area from the time flag D is first displayed ashore until all boats have returned to shore at the end of racing each day.
- 4.7 Support vessels may berth at the stop and go pontoon in Addendum A for a maximum of 15 minutes and the support vessel's designated driver shall remain on the support vessel or the stop and go pontoon for entire period the support vessel is alongside the pontoon.

5. Drones

- 5.1 The use of drones is prohibited.

6. Support Vessel Restricted Areas

- 6.1 The Support Vessel Zone is defined in Addendum C. The Support Vessel Zone applies when Support Vessel Zone marks are laid. However, the race committee may inform support vessels on the designated VHF channel that regardless of whether the marks are still laid, the Support Vessel Zone does not apply:
 - (a) for an upcoming race, or
 - (b) after a general recall, but only until the new warning signal is displayed.
- 6.2 The Support Vessel Zone marks are blue marks.
- 6.3 Support Vessel Zones will apply on all race areas. Support vessels shall move into the Support Vessel Zone no later than each warning signal.
- 6.4 Support vessels shall only leave the Support 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 signalled); or
 - 6.4.4 to leave the race area by moving away from the course.
- 6.5 Support 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 vessels in English according to the following table that will be completed by the 1 June 2024:

Race Area	Channel
Marseille	
Corniche	
Calanques	
Frioul	

Safety	
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- 7.2 When the race committee displays flag V with one sound, all official and support 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 Paris 2024 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 for general communication in and out of the venue to facilitate the pre- or post-race towing process.
- 7.4 When Support Vessel Zone marks are not in place, or the race committee has communicated that the Support Vessel Zone does not apply as per Paris 2024 Support Team Regulations 6.1, Support Team Regulations 7.5 to 7.7 apply.
- 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 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 vessels shall proceed around the Race Area in such a way to minimise the effect their wash on boats racing and official vessels. Support 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, Paris 2024 Support Team Regulations 7.5 and 7.6 cease to apply. If further racing takes place, support vessels shall comply with Paris 2024 Support Team Regulations 7.4 and 7.5 again at the next warning signal for the first fleet of the next race.

8. [DP] Use of Electronics and other Measurement Devices, Permitted and Not Permitted Actions on the Field of Play

- 8.1 Support vessels and support team members shall not carry or use whilst afloat any electronic devices unless they are specifically permitted by these Support Team Regulations.
- 8.2 The following devices, or actions, are permitted:
- 8.2.1 The items permitted by Paris 2024 Support Team Regulations 3.1
 - 8.2.2 Handheld GPS or GPS;
 - 8.2.3 VHF radios as required by Paris 2024 Support Team Regulations 3.1.3, which shall only be configured to use open and public international maritime frequencies. Radios configured to be able to use a code or encrypted frequency are not permitted;
 - 8.2.4 Digital watch or timer with limited GPS functionality;
 - 8.2.5 Electronic magnetic compass;
 - 8.2.6 Electronic binoculars;
 - 8.2.7 Handheld anemometer;
 - 8.2.8 Non-electronic current measuring device;
 - 8.2.9 Analog or digital camera used for capturing stills or videos;
 - 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 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 vessel's own speed and direction;
 - 8.2.12 A simple screen displaying the wind data or GPS position in real time. This device and its component parts must be easily removable for inspection;
 - 8.2.13 Any electronic device intended for field of play conditions measurement must be on the open market and widely accessible to anyone at a reasonable price; and
 - 8.2.14 Any other device as exceptionally permitted by the World Sailing Technical Delegates in writing that will be notified to support teams via the Official Notice Board.
- 8.3 The following devices, or actions are not permitted:
- 8.3.1 Computers, notebooks, laptops, smart phones, smart watches or tablets.
 - 8.3.2 Radios or VHF radios with coded or private channels or access to private channels;
 - 8.3.3 Communication tethering between other support vessels within the field of play and with other vessels located outside of the field of play;
 - 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 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 vessel;
 - 8.3.7 Historical data overlays, except for data collected on that specific day on that specific support team vessel;
 - 8.3.8 Modelled data forecasting;
 - 8.3.9 Electronic devices that measure current and log data and are attached to the support vessel;
 - 8.3.10 Access to any private, bespoke, or proprietary weather data; and
- 8.4 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 these Paris 2024 Support Team Regulations at any time.
- 8.5 A support team member shall comply with any inspection request and shall co-operate with any inspection.
- 8.6 Any electronic device which is considered by a Technical Delegate to be in breach of these Paris 2024 Support Team Regulations may be impounded and retained by the Organizing Authority until the end of the regatta.

Support Team Regulations Addendum A

Support Vessel Areas

To be published by 1 June 2024.

Support Team Regulations Addendum B

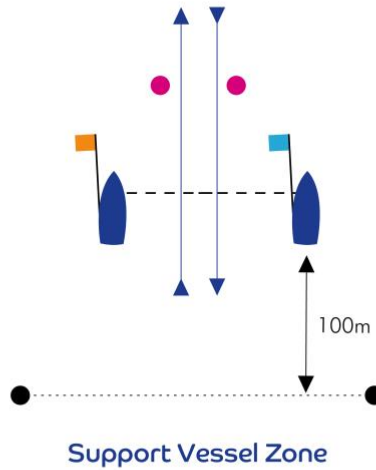
Support Vessel Berth Allocation

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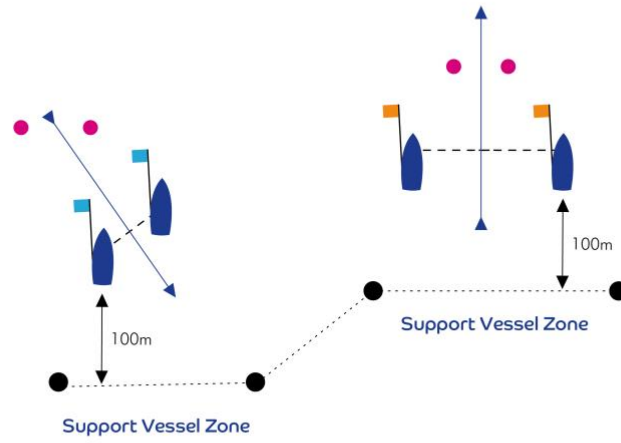
Support Team Regulations Addendum C

Support Vessel Zone

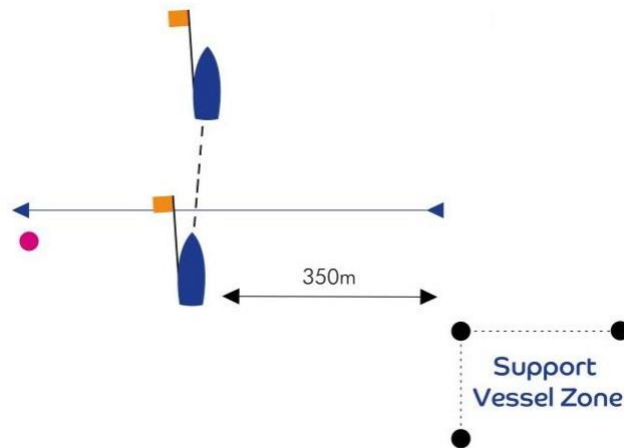
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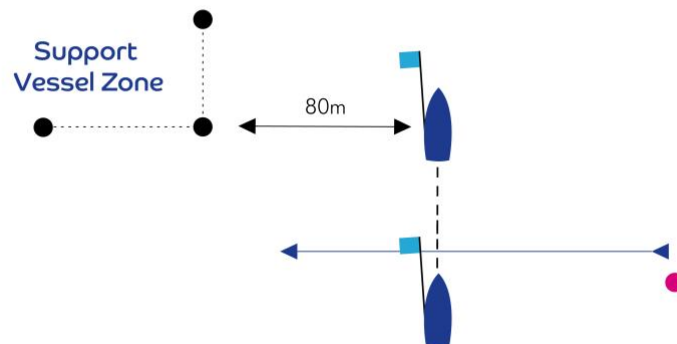
C2 Trapezoid Course



C3 For the following course: PD, SD, PM, SM



C4 Windward – Leeward Course with Reaching Finish



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