



CORK / SAIL KINGSTON

SUPPORT TEAM REGULATIONS

1. General

- 1.1. These regulations apply to all Support Persons (RRS Definitions "*Support Persons*").
- 1.2. These regulations shall apply at all times while support persons are at the venue or in the areas of Lake Ontario south of Kingston while training or competing with their teams.
- 1.3. Support personnel and support vessel drivers are responsible for the control of their vessel at all times. They will be held responsible for any inappropriate behaviour, dangerous actions or improper practices, or actions affecting the fairness or safety of competition. Support vessels shall take particular care to minimize their wake when transiting any course areas.
- 1.4. Support persons shall comply with reasonable directions or requests of a Regatta Official.
- 1.5. The protest committee may call a hearing based upon information received from any source to consider whether a support person has broken a rule. As a result of the hearing the protest may take action under RRS 62.1
- 1.6. Support personnel shall not leave any device, piece of equipment, buoy, marker or similar item permanently in the water. Temporary use of floating objects is allowed for current measurement. These objects shall be removed as soon as the measurement has been taken.
- 1.7. Support vessels shall accept reasonable trash/refuse from competitors, to facilitate competitors' compliance with RRS 47.
- 1.8. Support Persons may be requested to support athletes that do not have a support person.

2. Changes to these Regulations

- 2.1. The organizing authority may change these regulations at any time. Any changes will be posted on the official notice board by 0900 on the day the changes will take effect.

3. Registration and daily sign out-in

- 3.1. Support persons and vessels shall register online at event registration and pay the support person event vessel fee.
- 3.2. Support vessels shall display a numbered CORK coach flag, mounted in a manner that it is clearly visible to other vessels. CORK coach flags may be ordered online for pickup during registration or purchased on-site from the CORK office at registration.
- 3.3. Support persons shall complete the in person onsite check in process by providing their name, CORK flag number, and club at the CORK Regatta Desk before leaving the venue by water for the first time.
- 3.4. A support vessel shall sign-out and list the number of persons on their vessel at the Race Office prior to leaving the harbour. After the last race of the day, all vessels shall return directly to the harbour and shall sign-in.
- 3.5. The organizing authority may, at its discretion, refuse to register support vessels it does not deem to be suitable. Suitable vessels are generally open vessels more than 4.0m and less than 7.5m in length, and having minimal or no superstructure, i.e., cabin, coach house, bridge, etc.

4. Support vessel requirements

- 4.1. Each vessel shall verbally confirm that they have met the following requirements at the time of registration:
 - 4.1.1. Each support vessel shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 CAD (or equivalent) per incident.
 - 4.1.2. Each support vessel shall have readily available:
 - a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on Ship-to-Ship International channels;
 - a floating tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm thick);
 - a first-aid kit;
 - a knife, suitable for cutting the rigging or sails used on the class of vessel supported;
- 4.2. The organizing authority may request to inspect a support vessel at any time to ensure that they meet these requirements. The person responsible for the vessel shall facilitate such inspection.

5. Canadian boating laws

- 5.1. Support persons are advised that federal, provincial and local laws specify required safety equipment. These laws are enforced by federal, provincial and local agencies and violations may result in required court appearances and fines. Required equipment may include: PFDs for all passengers, bailers,

paddles, anchors, buoyant heaving lines, sound signaling devices, fire extinguishers, compass, charts, navigation lights, flares, etc. Details are specified in the (Canada) Safe Boating Guide, available at:

https://tc.canada.ca/sites/default/files/2024-03/tp_511e.pdf

5.2. Canadian law also requires:

- 5.2.1. Persons driving a pleasure vessel in Canada to have a motorboat driving license appropriate for their country of residence,
- 5.2.2. Anyone using a VHF radio to have a maritime radio operator's certificate appropriate for their country of residence.

6. Portsmouth Olympic Harbour Venue

- 6.1. Support vessels shall use the designated ramps for launching. Once launched, trailers shall be moved immediately to the trailer park or as otherwise directed by the organizing authority.
- 6.2. When not in use, support vessels shall be berthed at the sailing venue in the specific area allocated to them by the Regatta office for the time that these Support Team Regulations apply (see Appendix A).
- 6.3. Support vessels shall give priority to competitor boats when launching or retrieving.
- 6.4. Support vessels shall comply with local harbour and marina regulations, including speed limits and wake restrictions.

7. Safety

- 7.1. Team leaders are responsible for knowing who is afloat and ensuring their safe return to the venue.
- 7.2. If the support vessel is equipped with a kill switch device, when the support vessel engine is running drivers shall be connected to this device (e.g. "kill cord") that will stop the engine if the driver falls out of the vessel or steps away from the engine controls.
- 7.3 Support persons and other crew on board the vessel shall wear a personal flotation device except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

8. Drones

- 8.1. The use of drones is prohibited unless specific permission is requested and granted by the CORK Office. It should be noted that the venue and sailing areas are close to an airport and permits from Transport Canada will also be required.

9. Restricted Areas and Movement

- 9.1. Support vessels shall stay outside areas where boats are racing and shall not be:
 - 9.1.1. closer than 50m to any boat racing;

- 9.1.2. within 50m to leeward of the starting line or within 50m of its marks from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have left the starting area; however, when the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment, and until the next preparatory signal, support vessels may enter the area to leeward of the start line and its extensions to service their athletes but shall restrict their speed to 5 knots;
- 9.1.3. between any boat racing and the next mark of the course;
- 9.1.4. between the inner and outer trapezoid courses when boats are racing on both courses;
- 9.1.5. within 50m of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark;
- 9.1.6. within 50m of the finishing line and marks while boats are finishing.
- 9.2. Support vessels should proceed around the racing area in such a way to minimize the effect their wash will have on boats racing and on race committee vessels. Vessels that are motoring above five knots shall remain at least 150m from any boat racing and race committee vessels.

Appendix A: Venue Map showing Launch Ramps and Support Vessel mooring Areas.

