



SB20 World Championship 2026

16 – 23 October 2026
Organizing Authority
COYCH

Notice of Race (NOR) Version 1st august 2025

The Event Website and Official Notice Board can be accessed at: www.sb20worldshyeres2026.com

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS)*. Other documents under RRS includes:
 - 1.1.1. The World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code will apply to for competitors competing for the Corinthian prize.
- 1.2. RRS 40.1 will apply at all times while afloat.
- 1.3. SB20 class rules apply as available <https://www.sb20class.org/class-rules/> with the following changes under RRS 87:
 - 1.3.1. In accordance with Class rule C4.2, the following items are permitted:
 - a. *Mobile phones if they are not used for receiving or sending any information pertaining to racing. Taking photos between before and after racing is permitted.*
 - b. *GPS trackers if they are provided by the OA*
 - 1.3.2. *Class rule C.5.1 Mandatory Equipment is deleted entirely and replaced with the below wording:*
 - a. *One tow line, not less than 10m long.*
 - b. *Two paddles of combined minimum weight not less than 1 kg.*
 - c. *A functioning VHF radio*
 - d. *First aid kit in waterproof container*
 - e. *A knife or a multi-tool containing a knife*

- 1.4. If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI), the Sailing Instructions prevail. This changes RRS 63.5(c).
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text shall take precedence.
- 1.6. French national authority prescriptions will apply (Addendum B)

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available before 30 September 2026 on the Official Notice Board (ONB) at www.sb20worldshyeres2026.com.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online ONB is located at: www.sb20worldshyeres2026.com
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SI.
- 3.3. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat may make voice or data transmissions and may not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Regatta is open to all boats which are active members of SB20 class in their respective countries / districts.
- 4.2. On 1 March 2022, World Sailing published the following recommendations in reaction to the situation in Ukraine: <https://www.sailing.org/2022/03/01/world-sailing-statement-6/> . This position is unchanged at the date of publishing this NOR. To help preserve the integrity and safety of the 2026 SB20 World Championship, entries shall be open to competitors of all MNA's, but not to competitors holding only Russian or Belarussian nationality unless they are sailing as neutrals in accordance with World Sailing Neutrality Policy or they are sailing under a Residence Certificate issued by World Sailing in accordance with the World Sailing Eligibility Code. World Sailing may amend this rule following any further decisions made on the participation of Russian and Belarussian competitors.
- 4.3. Each boat shall produce passports of all her crew members at the time of registration and for weighing
- 4.4. Competitors must be 10 or over 10 years of age on the first day of the event.
- 4.5. Competitors under 18 years shall upload a signed and completed parent (or guardian) consent and declaration form. The forms are available for download from the ONB.
- 4.6. Eligible boats may enter by completing the electronic online form via the link below before the closing date, 1st September 2026: www.sb20worldshyeres2026.com
- 4.7. After the 1st of September 2026 and before the 10th of October 2026, boats who want to do a late registration should ask OA. Places should be allowed if possible.
- 4.8. The number of entries is limited to 80 boats. OA may extend the number at their discretion.

5. FEES & REFUNDS

- 5.1. Entry fees apply as per the table below. Youth team fee applies only if a team meets requirements of NOR 21.1.

Entry Period	Fee	Youth
Before 15 June 2026	850€	700€
From 15 June 2026 to 1 st September 2026	1000€	1000€
After the 1 st September 2026	At the discretion of OA if places available	At the discretion of OA if places available

- 5.2. The entry fee includes

5.2.1 Regatta entry.

5.2.2 On-water berthing, launching and recovery service at Base Nautique de Hyères.

5.2.3 Free entries for each crew member at the following events: Opening ceremony, snacking after races and closing ceremony.

*Refer to NOR 8 for schedule.

- 5.3. After the registration fee is paid, any request for withdrawal will result in a partial refund as follow:

5.3.1. Before 14 August 2026 the registration fee less 100€

5.3.2. From 15 August 2026 non-refundable

- 5.4. Full refund of the registration fee will be made by the OA if the event is cancelled.

- 5.5. Fees for support coach boats (only RIB < 8 meters available): 200€.

- 5.6. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

By entering the event, the competitors agree to be bound by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and by all other *rules* that govern this event.

6. [DP][NP] ADVERTISING

- 6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.
- 6.2. Boats may be required to display bow numbers as supplied by the Organizing Authority.
- 6.3. Event leaders (Ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd) may be required to wear colored bibs

7. FORMAT

- 7.1. The event will consist of a Fleet Racing Single Series.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1. The schedule of activities will be as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Friday 16 Oct	0900h - 1800h	Early arrival Equipment Inspection	Espace Nautique Hyères Base Nautique Hyères
Saturday 17 Oct	0900h - 1800h	Arrival, Registration Equipment Inspection	Espace Nautique Hyères Base Nautique Hyères
Sunday, 18 Oct	0900h - 1800h	Registration Equipment Inspection	Espace Nautique Hyères Base Nautique Hyères
	1400h	First warning signal - Practice Race	Race area
	1800	Skippers Briefing	Espace Nautique Hyères
	18h30	Opening Ceremony	Espace Nautique Hyères
Monday, 19 Oct	12h00	First warning signal - World Championship	Race area
Tuesday, 20 Oct	10h30	Skippers Briefing	Espace Nautique Hyères
	12h00	First warning signal -	Race area
Wednesday, 21 Oct	10h30	Skippers Briefing	Espace Nautique Hyères
	12h00	First warning signal -	Race area
Thursday , 22 Oct	10h30	Skippers Briefing	Espace Nautique Hyères
	12h00	First warning signal -	Race area

Friday, 23 Oct	09h30	Skippers Briefing	Espace Nautique Hyères
	11h00	First warning signal -	Race area
	18h00	Closing ceremony / Prize presentation	Espace Nautique Hyères
Saturday, 24 Oct	-	Packing and Departure	Base Nautique Hyères

8.2. Number of races:

Class	Total number of races scheduled	Races per day Maximum
SB20	13	4

8.3. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500h.

8.4. The OA and/or the RC reserve the right to modify the program due to weather conditions or other reasons. The proper communication will be posted the ONB by 20:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1. [DP] Boats shall be available for equipment inspection from 16 to 19 October.
- 9.2. [DP] A boat shall provide a minimum of 2 people to facilitate measurement.
- 9.3. Boats may be inspected at any time at the discretion of the Technical Committee.
- 9.4. [DP] Boats shall also comply with RRS 78.1 when presented for inspection.
- 9.5. Boats should be prepared for full inspection, including hull weight control, safety and equipment checks.

10. VENUE

- 10.1. The event venue will be hosted at the COYCH – Espace Nautique , 14 Avenue Docteur Robin 83400 Hyères (France).
- 10.2. NOR Addendum A shows the location of the racing area.

11. COURSES

- 11.1. The courses to be sailed will be windward – leeward with a spreader mark and a downwind gate if there is one fleet only.
- 11.2. Inner and outer loop trapezoid course (each with a downwind gate) will be used in the case of more than one fleet.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 12.2. Appendix T – Arbitration will apply to this regatta.
- 12.3. The intention is to appoint an international jury as provided in RRS 70.3.

12.4. Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.3.

13. SCORING

13.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2. (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS [DP][NP]

14.1. Support persons boats shall be marked with a numbered sticker available from registration following the payment of the support boat fee detailed in NOR 5.5.

14.2. Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels, shall comply with the Support Team Regulations (STR) in NOR Addendum C.

14.3. Drones are not allowed (see NOR 22.4)

15. BERTHING AND HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS [DP][NP]

15.1. Launching and recovery boat service will be made available at Base Nautique during the event but no later than 24 October 2026 1700h.

15.2. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbour. All boats participating in the World Championships shall be launched by 1800h on Sunday 18 October 2026.

15.3. Boats shall not be hauled-out during the regatta until the end of the last scheduled race of the series except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. While hauled-out, cleaning and polishing of the hull below the waterline will not be permitted.

16. DIVING AND PLASTIC POOLS [DP][NP]

16.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used by crew members or their support persons around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the last scheduled race of the series.

17. VIDEO AND TRACKING [DP][NP]

17.1. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the OA.

17.2. All boats may be required to carry GPS trackers supplied by the OA. Instructions for use of trackers will be provided at Registration.

17.3. Information from this equipment shall not be used by a boat as evidence in a hearing. This changes RRS 63.4.

18. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks.

These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable Platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

19. INSURANCE [DP][NP]

- 19.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 2 000 000€ or equivalent in another currency per incident.
- 19.2. Each boat shall produce at registration evidence of insurance cover, translated in french. OA is not responsible for ensuring validity of the insurance certificates.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1. The French SB20 Class Association, COYCH, owners, affiliates, officers, employees, agents, committee persons, volunteers and race officials acting in the official capacities do not accept liability for loss of life or property damage, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the event. Competitors take part in the event at their own risk.
- 20.2. The establishment of the NOR and SI in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of a competitor being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat he is sailing.
- 20.3. To the fullest extent permitted by law, each competitor agrees to indemnify and hold the French SB20 Class Association, COYCH, owners, affiliates, officers, employees, agents, committee persons, volunteers and race officials acting in the official capacities, harmless from any third-party claim to the extent arising from a competitor's acts or omissions.
- 20.4. All competitors shall maintain their boats in a safe and seaworthy condition.
- 20.5. A competitor shall be of good health and a competent sailor capable of racing in open water in all conditions including strong winds.
- 20.6. At-fault occurrences to other boats are the responsibility of the helmsman. Competitors are not covered by any liability insurance provided by the OA and should provide their own coverage for personal goods and liability protection. The OA recommends that competitors consult their own insurance carriers to assure they are covered at this event and regarding additional personal liability insurance coverage.
- 20.7. A competitor is recommended to have personal accident and health insurance that covers them while attending the event and while racing.

21. PRIZES

- 21.1. Prizes will be given as follows:

Prizes	Awarded	Remarks
Overall Winner	1st to 3rd	Overall top 3 teams

Corinthian Teams	1 st	Composed entirely of sailors holding a current World Sailing Group 1 categorisation valid as of the last day of the event.
Youth Teams	1 st	Min of 2 youth crew including the helm being 25 years old or younger as of the last day of the event.
Women Team	1 st	Minimum of 2 women, including one at the helm.
Master Team	1 st	The helm must be 50 years old or older, and the average age of the crew must be 50 years old or older as of the last day of the event.
Nation Cup	1 st	Awarded to the nation with the best combined score of its top three sailing teams, provided the nation has at least 3 participating teams.
Race Winner	1 st	Each day.

21.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

22. MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT [DP][NP]

- 22.1. By participating in this event, competitors and their support persons automatically grant to the OA and any event sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use, and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped, or filmed television and other reproductions of them during the period of the event without compensation.
- 22.2. The images may only be used for the promotion of the event, of the OA or the SB20 class.
- 22.3. Competitors and their support persons may be required for media interviews during the period of the event.
- 22.4. **Use of drone** :The flight of drones by individuals and professionals is prohibited in the Bay of Hyères, including on land around the Nautical Base (there is a military and civilian airport within 500 meters). Here is the official link to the prohibited areas: <https://www.geoportail.gouv.fr/donnees/restrictions-uas-categorie-ouverte-et-aeromodelisme>. Please strictly adhere to this prohibition; any violation may result in the cancellation of the event.

23 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 23.1 Other information will be available on the event website: www.sb20worldshyeres2026.com

23.2 For more information, please contact:

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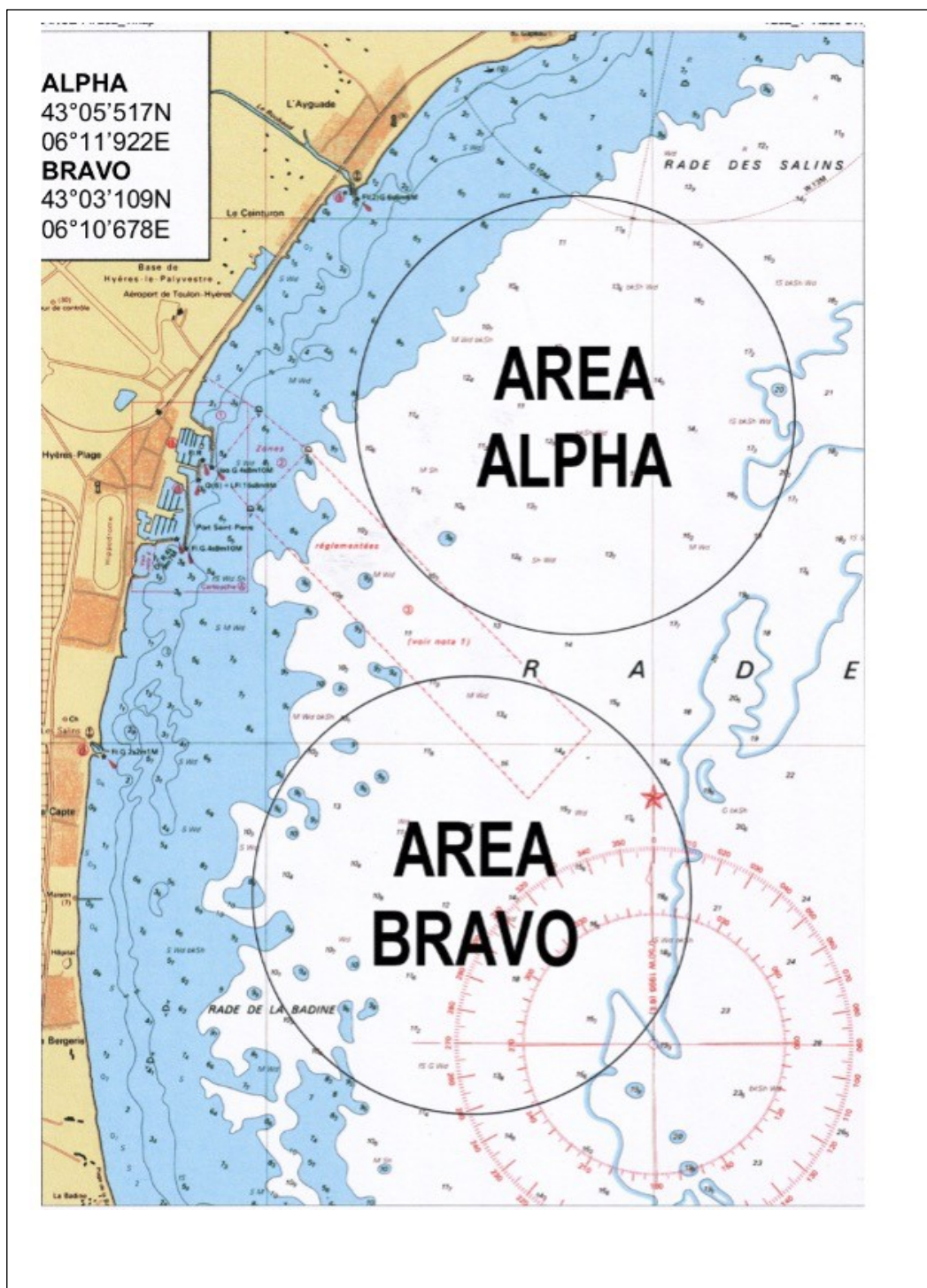
<https://www.provencemed.com/en/>

23.3 Each participant shall designate a person to be the official contact with the Organizing Authority and provide an email address

23.4	OA Event Chairman ;	Jacques ESPUNA
	Principal Race Officer	Nathalie PEBEREL
	Race Officer:	Corinne AUBERT
	Jury Chairman:	Ana SANCHEZ
	Technical Committee:	Davy TAYLOR

Addendum A – Racing Area and Race Area Assignments

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Addendum B – Prescriptions of the FFVoile

Prescriptions of the Fédération Française de Voile (FFVoile) Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 Version of 15th of October 2024
FFVoile Prescription to RRS 25.1 (Notice of race, sailing instructions and signals) For events graded 4 and 5, standard notices of race and sailing instructions including the specificities of the event shall be used. Events graded 4 may have dispensation for such requirement, after receipt of FFVoile approval, received before the notice of race has been published. For events graded 5, posting of sailing instructions will be considered as meeting the requirements of RRS 25.1 application. These standard documents can be downloaded on the “Arbitrage” website of FFVoile. https://arbitrage.ffvoile.fr
(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 60.5(d) (Decisions on protests concerning class rules) The protest committee may ask the parties to the protest, prior to checking procedures, a deposit covering the cost of checking arising from a protest concerning class rules.
(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 65.1 (Legal liability) Any question or request related to legal liability arising from an incident occurred while a boat was bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing depends on the appropriate courts and cannot be examined and dealt by a protest committee. A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that such action, admit legal liability.
(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 70.3(b) (Appeals and requests to a national authority) The denial of the right of appeal is subject to the written approval of the FFVoile, received at least 2 months before the event. This approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event
(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 76.1 (Exclusion of boats or competitors) An organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary reason.
(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 78.1 (Compliance with class rules; certificates) The boat’s owner or other person in charge shall, under his sole responsibility, make sure moreover that his boat complies with the equipment and security rules required by the laws, by-laws and regulations of the Administration.
(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 86.3 (Changes to the racing rules) An organizing authority wishing to change a rule listed in RRS 86.1(a) in order to develop or test new rules shall first submit the changes to the FFVoile, in order to obtain its written approval and shall report the results to FFVoile after the event. Such approval shall be mentioned in the notice of race and in the sailing instructions and shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.
(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 88.2 (Changes or deletions to National prescriptions) Prescriptions of the FFVoile shall not be changed or deleted in the notice of race and sailing instructions, except for events for which an international jury has been appointed. In such case, the prescriptions marked with an asterisk (*) shall not be changed in the notice of race and sailing instructions. (The official translation of the prescriptions, downloadable on “Arbitrage” website of FFVoile shall be the only translation used to comply with RRS 90.2(b)).
(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 91(a) (Minimum number of protest committee members) The protest committee shall be composed of a minimum number of committee members in accordance with the provisions of the federal regulations of the FFVoile, unless a derogation is granted by the FFVoile
(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 91(b) (Appointment of an international jury) The appointment of an international jury meeting the requirements of Appendix N is subject to prior written approval of the FFVoile. Such approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event
FFVoile Prescription to APPENDIX R (Procedures for appeals and requests) Appeals shall be sent to: Fédération Française de Voile, jury d’appel - 17 rue Henri Bocquillon, 75015 Paris – email: jury.appel@ffvoile.fr , using preferably the appeal form downloadable on the “Arbitrage” website of FFVoile.

Addendum C – Support Team Regulations (STR)

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 These Support Team Regulations (STR) shall apply at all times during the period of the event while support persons are at the venue, ashore or afloat on the field of play (Racing Area).
- 1.2 For the purposes of these STR, a support person vessel includes any vessel that is under the control or direction of a person who is or may provide physical or advisory support to a competitor, including the gathering of data that may be used at a later time.
- 1.3 The OA may inspect a support person vessel at any time to ensure that they comply with these regulations, and the person responsible for the vessel shall facilitate such inspection.
- 1.4 An alleged breach of any of these STR may be referred to the Jury for a hearing under RRS 62.1. Note also, action may be taken under RRS 69.
- 1.5 The OA may change these STR at any time. Any changes will be posted on the ONB.
- 1.6 All support person vessels and their designated drivers shall register at the Race Office on the first racing day before the first race and collect a sticker with a number as per NOR 14 which is to be conspicuously displayed at any time whilst afloat.
- 1.7 Designated drivers of all support person vessels shall attend any Coach or Team Leaders meetings scheduled by the OA.
- 1.8 The person registering the support person vessel shall confirm that:
 - 1.8.1 A valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage has been obtained; and
 - 1.8.2 Each designated driver has a motorboat-driving licence recognised by a national authority appropriate to that vessel or a valid MPA Powered Pleasure-Craft Driving Licence (PPCDL).

2. SAILING VENUE

- 2.1 Support person vessels shall use the areas designated by the OA for launching and recovery.

3. SAFETY

- 3.1 Life jackets or Personal Floatation Devices shall be worn at all times when afloat. The kill cord shall be securely attached to the driver at all times when the engine is running and in gear.
- 3.2 The maximum plated / certified passenger limits for the vessel shall not be exceeded.
- 3.3 At all times, support persons including the registered driver(s) of a support person 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. See RRS 1.1.
- 3.4 At all times support persons boats must be called on VHF.

4 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

- 4.1 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 the event.
- 4.2 Support person vessels 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.

- 4.3 Support person vessels should take particular care to minimise their wash when transiting the Race Area.
- 4.4 A boat shall receive no outside assistance from support persons boats or support persons or otherwise once she has left the dock for the day until the finish of the last race of the day, except in the case of emergency and/or towing where the Race Committee has communicated to the fleet that all competitors may accept a tow; to authorize towing, a Race Committee boat will display a T flag.

5.SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS RESTRICTED AREAS

- 5.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Such areas are defined as:
- (a) not closer than 50m to any boat racing (*except a boat in distress or requiring assistance*);
 - (b) within 50m of the starting line and marks;
 - (c) between any boat racing and the next mark of the course;
 - (d) between the inner and outer trapezoid courses when boats are racing on both courses;
 - (e) within 50m of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark;
 - (f) within 50m of the finishing line and marks while boats are finishing; and
 - (g) Support person vessel exclusion zone or boundary – 50m outside the area where boats may be racing bounded by all racing marks.
- 6.2 Support person vessels should proceed around the racing area in such a way to minimise the effect their wash will have on boats racing. Vessels that are motoring above five knots shall remain at least 100m from any boat racing.
- 6.3 When a Race Committee or Jury member instructs a support person vessel to move further away from the Race Area, the support person vessel shall do so immediately.