SUPPORT VESSEL REGULATIONS

Support Vessels 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 Vessel Regulations:

- Support Vessels 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 Vessels shall comply with all local regulations.
- Support Vessels 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 or when motoring at more than 10 knots.
- Support vessels shall not be positioned, except during rescue operations:
  - Closer than 100 metres of any boat racing,
  - Within 100 metres to leeward of the starting line and its extensions from two minutes after the orange flag attention signal until all boats have left the starting area for each race,
  - 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 vessels that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 metres from any boat racing.

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