



LYMINGTON TOWN SAILING CLUB

Support Boat Regulations

This document applies to all events where Lymington Town Sailing Club is the organising or joint organising authority. This includes all club and open events for both dinghies and yachts.

1. GENERAL

- 1.1. The Support Boat Regulations (SBR) apply to any support boat. A support boat is any RIB or motor vessel which is operating in the vicinity of the racing area and is providing support and assistance to one or more competitors
- 1.2. Support Boats shall comply with the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, including but not limited to, any local regulations, the Notice of Race, the sailing instructions and these SBRs.
- 1.3. An alleged breach of any of these regulations may be referred to the Protest Committee for a hearing. As a result of the hearing the Protest Committee may take action under RRS 64.4 or exclude the person from the event or venue or remove any privileges or benefits for a specified period or for the remainder of the competition. Note also, action may be taken under RRS 69.2.
- 1.4. The Organizing Authority may change these regulations at any time. Any changes will be posted on the Club Notice board and published on the LTSC website.

2. IDENTIFICATION

- 2.1. There is no specific identification required for a support boat other than as defined in SBR 1.1.

3. EQUIPMENT

- 3.1. Support boats shall carry the following equipment on board:
 - a) Lifejacket / buoyancy aids for all persons on board
 - b) Engine kill cord (if applicable)
 - c) VHF radio capable of communicating with the race committee
 - f) Compass
 - g) Adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth
 - h) Tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm thickness)
 - i) Knife

4. SAFETY

- 4.1. Kill cords, where applicable, shall be worn at all times whilst engines are running. The OA may, without a hearing, exclude any support person from the event who, in their sole discretion, is not complying with this regulation. Any support person so excluded, shall remove their support boat from the race area immediately. This amends RRS 60.3(d) & 64.4(a).
- 4.2. Suitable personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times except whilst briefly changing or adjusting clothing.
- 4.3. Support boats shall maintain a listening watch on the relevant course channel (channel 37 unless otherwise advised).
- 4.4. If requested to do so, by the race committee either instructing verbally on the radio or by displaying flag V and a repeated rapid sound signals, support boats shall assist with safety operations under the instructions of the Course Safety Leader.
- 4.5. Support boats shall comply with the reasonable instructions of any race official.

5. SUPPORT BOAT RESTRICTED AREAS

- 5.1. Support boats shall not be positioned
 - a) Closer than 100 metres of any boat racing
 - b) 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
 - c) Within 100 metres of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark
 - d) Within 100 metres of the finishing line while boats are finishing
- 5.2. When motoring around the course, boats shall be driven so as to create minimal wash, which will necessitate wither a slow passage or a wider berth.

6. FUELING

- 6.1. Refuelling of boats is the responsibility of the support boat owner.

7. INSURANCE

- 7.1. Each boat shall be insured with valid third-part liability insurance with a minimum coverage of £3,000,000 per incident

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RYA PRESCRIPTIONS

With effect from 1 January 2017, the RYA prescribes

Rule 3

Acceptance of the Rules Add new rule 3.6: 'Each competitor and boat owner shall ensure that their support persons comply with the rules.'