



45th Singapore Laser Open

3rd, 4th December 2022

ILCA 4, ILCA 6, ILCA 7

NSRCC Seaports Centre, Singapore

COMBINED NOTICE of RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (NoR/SI)

The Organising Authority (OA) is the SAF Yacht Club (SAFYC) under the authorisation of the Singapore Sailing Federation (SSF).

The event website will be at: <https://www.safyc.org.sg/calendar/45th-singapore-laser-open-2022/>

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*. Other documents under RRS Definition: Rule (g) includes:
 - 1.1.1 [DP] The Support Team Regulations (STR) in NoR/SI Addendum C will apply.
 - 1.1.2 [DP] The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) Regulations wherever they might apply.
- 1.2 National authority prescriptions will apply. For RRS 40 Personal Floatation Devices, add on after the rule the following: "Singapore Sailing prescribes that every boat shall carry life-saving equipment conforming to government regulations that apply in the racing area."
- 1.3 In all rules governing this event, the notations:
 - 1.3.1 The notation [SP] means that a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the Protest Committee with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
 - 1.3.3 The notation [NP] means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.4 [DP] The penalty for a breach of the class rules may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than a disqualification.
- 1.5 [NP] The infringement of RRS Appendix G, IDENTIFICATION ON SAILS, shall not be grounds for protests by a boat.
- 1.6 RRS Appendix G3, CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS, will apply, subjected to the Race Committee approving her sail identification before the first race.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1

Pathway/Category	Class/Fleet	Dates
Junior Single-Handed Dinghy	ILCA 4	3,4 December 2022
Single-Handed Open Dinghy	ILCA 6	3,4,December 2022
	ILCA 7	

2.2 [NP] All Singaporean competitors are required to have at least an Opti-Racer certification or a Dinghy Proficiency Level 1.

2.3 The Organising Authority may cancel a class from racing if a minimum of (3) entries has not been received before the final registration day for the event. Competitors of cancelled classes will be notified of any cancellation. The entry fees for cancelled classes will be refunded.

2.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the electronic online form via the link below before the closing date, 1st December 2022. Late entries after the closing date may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

Public to register via : <https://www.safyc.org.sg/calendar/45th-singapore-laser-open-2022/>

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.

2.5 The required entry fees are as follows:

Category	Entry Fee	
	By 28 November 2022, 2359h	After 28 November 2022, 2359h
SAFYC Members	\$53.50	\$64.20
Non-SAFYC Members	\$74.90	\$85.60

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

3 [DP][NP] EVENT ADVERTISING

3.1 Competitor advertising will be restricted to World Sailing Advertising Code.

3.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

4 [NP] FORMAT

The event will consist of a Single Series.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 The schedule of activities will be as follows:

Date	Time	Activity	Location
3 December 2022	1030h	First warning signal for all classes	Racing Area
4 December 2022	1030h	First warning signal for all classes	Racing Area
4 December 2022	1730h	Prize Presentation and Lucky Draw	NSRCC Belly View

5.2 Number of Races:

Class/Fleet	Total number of races	Races per day
ILCA 4, ILCA 6, ILCA 7	8	Not more than 4

5.3 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1600h

6 [DP][NP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 6.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.
- 6.2 Reasonable actions by event officials to implement protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.
- 6.3 Boats not racing shall avoid the area where boats are racing and any race official vessels.

7 [DP][NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 7.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.
- 7.2 [SP] Check-Out and Check-In Procedures:
 - 7.2.1 Before launching on each scheduled racing day, a competitor from each boat shall individually Check-Out, by personally signing on the forms provided at the Race Secretariat desk in the respective zones. This also applies when boats are relaunched after returning ashore following the application of NoR/SI 7.4.
 - 7.2.2 Upon returning to shore after racing, a competitor from each boat shall individually Check-In, by personally signing on the forms provided at the Race Secretariat desk in the respective zones, as soon as possible but no later than the protest time limit. This also applies when boats return ashore following the application of NoR/SI 7.4.

Duplicate Check-Out and Check-In forms may be provided at the neighbouring National Sailing Centre (NSC) for the convenience of boats launching and recovering from the NSC.

- 7.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity before leaving the Race Area.
- 7.4 When flags AP over H or N over H are displayed from a Race Committee vessel in their respective Race Area, all boats in that Race Area shall immediately return ashore and wait there for further signals. This changes race signals AP over H and N over H.

8 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 8.1 Official Notice Board
 - 8.1.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located online at <https://www.safyc.org.sg/calendar/45th-singapore-laser-open-2022/>. All links on this page which open to subsidiary pages of the event using the racingrulesofsailing.org platform are also a part of the Official Notice Board.
 - 8.1.2 Notices may also be posted on a secondary physical notice board which will be nearby the Race Secretariat desk in the respective zones. Failure to post a notice on the physical notice board will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 8.2 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the displaying of flag D on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the end of the latest protest time limit on the day before it will take effect.

- 8.3 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagstaff located at the launching ramp at the NSRCC Seaspports Centre. Signals ashore may also be duplicated at the neighbouring National Sailing Centre (NSC) but the timing of any display or non-display of a signal will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). Add to the Race Signals preamble: “When a visual signal is displayed over a NSC Zone flag, the signal applies only to that zone.”
- 8.4 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 8.5 [SP][NP] Flag D with one sound means: “The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed, whichever is later. Boats shall not launch until this signal is made.”
- 8.6 [DP][NP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

9 CLASS/FLEET FLAGS

Class or fleet flags will be as follows:

<i>Class/Fleet</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Background Colour</i>
ILCA 4	ILCA	Yellow
ILCA 6	ILCA	Green
ILCA 7	ILCA	White

10 EVENT VENUE AND RACE AREA ASSIGNMENTS

- 10.1 The event venue will be hosted at the NSRCC Sea Sports Centre, which is located at: 11 Changi Coast Walk 499740.
- 10.2 NoR/SI Addendum A shows the location of the racing area and the assignment of classes or fleets to the Course Areas.

11 THE COURSES AND MARKS

- 11.1 The diagrams in NoR/SI Addendum B show the courses, the course designations, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 11.2 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will (a) lay a new mark, (b) move the finishing line, or (c) move the leeward gate. When a new mark is laid, the original mark will be removed as soon as possible. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.3 Marks will be as follows:

<i>Race Area</i>	<i>Marks 1, 2, 3, 4s/4p</i>	<i>New Mark</i>	<i>Starting Marks</i>	<i>Finishing Marks</i>
Alpha	Orange Conical Buoys	Red Buoy	Race Committee Vessels	Race Committee Vessel and Black Buoy

- 11.4 If only one gate mark is in position, that mark shall be rounded to port.

12 THE START

- 12.1 The starting line is between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.

- 12.2 [DP][NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races and shall stay 100 metres away from boats that are starting or manoeuvring around the starting area to prepare for the start.
- 12.3 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 12.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee vessel and the course side of the nearby finishing buoy.
- 13.2 [DP] When boats are finishing, boats who have finished shall avoid the finishing area, keeping well clear of all boats racing, and shall not act to interfere with a boat that has not finished.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for RRS 42, will apply as changed by NoR/SI 14.2.
- 14.2 RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
- 14.3 Penalties for breaches of rules marked [SP] will be 10% of the score for Did Not Finish (DNF) for each infringement, rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded upward). The scores of other boats shall not be changed; therefore, two boats may receive the same score. However, the penalty shall not cause the boat's score to be worse than the score for DNF. The Race Committee may protest a boat when they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate. A boat that has been penalised with a standard penalty can neither be protested for the same incident by another boat nor can another boat request redress for this Race Committee action. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and A5. See NoR/SI 16.5 for the scoring procedures of the [SP].

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), the Finishing Window and the race target times, in minutes, are as follows:

<i>Class/Fleet/ Division</i>	<i>Time limit</i>	<i>Mark 1 time limit</i>	<i>Finishing window</i>	<i>Target time</i>
ILCA 4, ILCA 6, ILCA 7	60	25	20	45

- 15.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 15.4 For the ILCA 6 and ILCA 7, boats failing to finish within the time stated in the finishing window after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.5 For ILCA 4 only, boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5 and A10.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute the event.
- 16.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's event score will be the total of her race scores. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's event score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

- 16.3 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may submit a scoring enquiry form available online via the event website. On the last day of racing, a scoring enquiry shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the results had been posted or by the protest time limit, whichever is later.
- 16.4 Scoring TLE as per NoR/Sl 15.5
A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window, but not worse than the score for DNF. This changes RRS A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 16.5 Standard penalties [SP] cannot be discarded and will be added to a boat's series score as the event progresses. A separate column titled "SP" on the results sheet will display the total standard penalty count for each boat.

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 Add to RRS 61.1(a), "To inform the Race Committee of the boat(s) being protested, the boat intending to protest shall approach the Race Committee vessel at the finishing line as soon as possible after finishing or retiring, and shall hail the protested boat(s) sail number(s).
- 17.2 For each class or fleet, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 17.3 Hearing request forms are available via the event website. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be submitted online via the event website, within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Jury room located at the NSRCC Seasports Centre beginning at the time posted.
- 17.5 A list of boats that have been penalised under Appendix P for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.

18 [DP][NP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless approved in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity by submitting an Equipment Replacement Request Form available online via the event website.
- 18.3 Repairs or replacements may be made on the water before or between races provided that the Race Committee afloat is notified, and approval granted by the committee before the next race. After the end of the day's racing, the substitution is still subject to the approval of the Race Committee given retrospectively.

19 [DP][NP] EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 19.2 When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

20 OFFICIAL AND SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 20.1 Official vessels will be identified as follows:

<i>Vessel</i>	<i>Identification</i>
Jury/Umpires	White flag with black letter "J"

- 20.2 Actions by official vessels, drones or helicopters shall not be grounds for requesting redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 20.3 [DP] Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels, shall comply with the Support Team Regulations (STR) in NoR/SI Addendum C.

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels. The use of 'single-use' plastic bottles or containers on shore or afloat is strongly discouraged.

22 PRIZES

- 22.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

Class/Fleet	Category	Prizes
ILCA 4	Open	1 st to 3 rd
	Female	1 st to 5 th
ILCA 6	Open	1 st to 3 rd
	Master & Above Age 45 and over	
ILCA 7	Open	1 st to 3 rd
	Master & Above Age 45 and over	

- 22.2 Other prizes may be awarded, such as for sportsmanship, exemplary behaviour and rules compliance during the event, at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 22.3 To be eligible for Master & Above prize, competitors must be age 45 and over as of 3rd December 2022.
- 22.4 If there are less than 3 entries for a category, only the top sailor will be presented with a prize.

23 [DP][NP] MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 23.1 By participating in this event, competitors and their support persons automatically grant to the Organising Authority 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.
- 23.2 Competitors and their support persons may be required for media interviews during the period of the event.

24 [NP] LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

- 24.1 The Singapore Armed Forces Yacht Club (SAFYC), owners, affiliates, officers, employees, agents, committee persons 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 the own risk.
- 24.2 The establishment of the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions 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.
- 24.3 All competitors shall maintain their boats in a safe and seaworthy condition.
- 24.4 A competitor shall be of good health and a competent sailor capable of racing in open water in all conditions including strong winds.

- 24.5 At-fault occurrences to other boats are the responsibility of the helmsman. Competitors are not covered by any liability insurance provided by the organising authority and should provide their own coverage for personal goods and liability protection. The organising authority recommends that competitors consult their own insurance carriers to assure they are covered at this event and regarding additional personal liability insurance coverage.
- 24.6 A competitor is recommended to have personal accident and health insurance that covers him while attending the event and while racing.
- 24.7 The Organising Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of certificates.

25 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.**

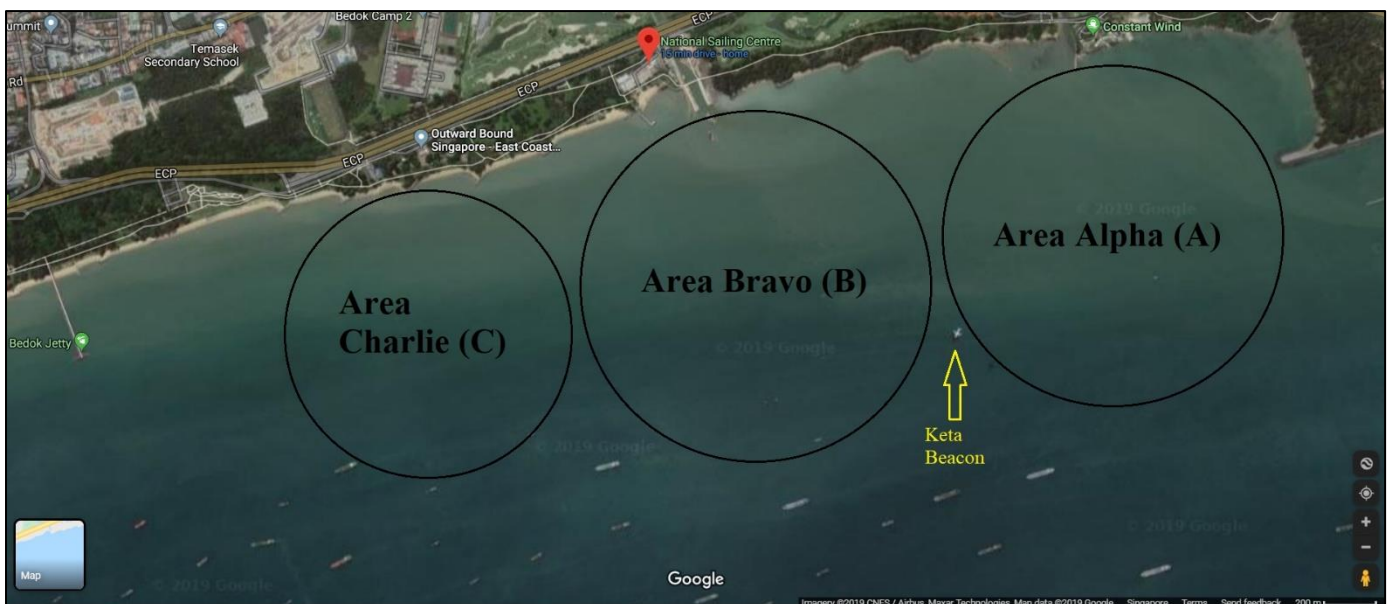
26 INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, each competitor agrees to indemnify and hold Singapore Armed Forces Yacht Club (SAFYC), owners, affiliates, officers, employees, agents, committee persons 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.

27 FURTHER INFORMATION

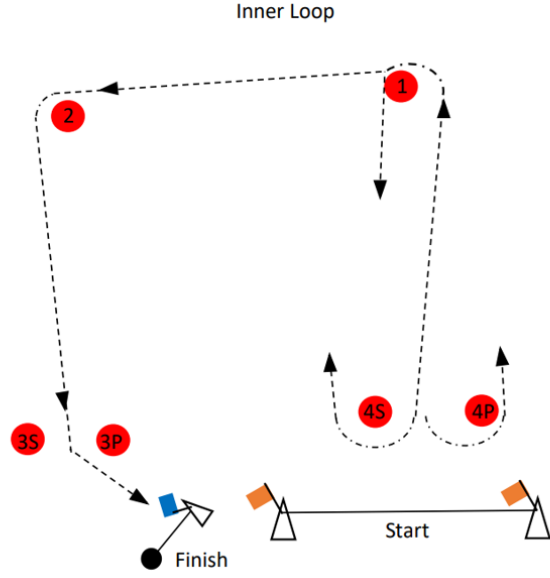
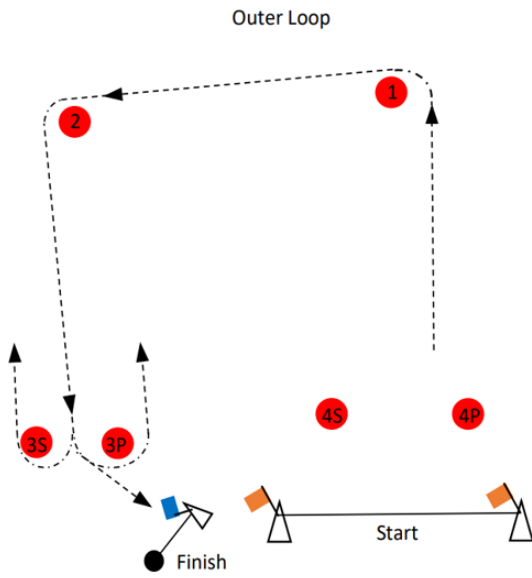
Please contact the SAF Yacht Club (SAFYC) for any question regarding this event via the following means:
 Email: seasports@safyc.org.sg

Addendum A – Racing Area and Course Area Assignments



<i>Area Alpha</i>	<i>Area Bravo</i>	<i>Area Charlie</i>
ILCA 4, ILCA 6, ILCA 7	NOT IN USE	NOT IN USE

Addendum B – The Courses



Signal	Mark Rounding Order
O2	Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – Finish
O3	Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – Finish
O4	Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
I2	Start – 1 – 4S/4P – 1 – 2 – 3P – Finish
I3	Start – 1 – 4S/4P – 1 – 4S/4P – 1 – 2 – 3P – Finish
I4	Start – 1 – 4S/4P – 1 – 4S/4P – 1 – 4S/4P – 1 – 2 – 3P – Finish

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 Organising Authority 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 60.3(d). Note also, action may be taken under RRS 69.
- 1.5 The Organising Authority may change these STR at any time. Any changes will be posted as per NoR/SI 8.1.
- 1.6 The person registering the support person vessel shall confirm that:
 - 1.6.1 A valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage has been obtained; and
 - 1.6.2 Each designated driver has a motorboat-driving license 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 Organising Authority 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.

4. GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

- 4.1 The driver(s) of a support person 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 Areas.

5. DRONES

The use of drone is prohibited.

6. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS RESTRICTED AREAS

- 6.1 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.

