

WASZP Class Support Vessel Regulations (SVRs) [DP] [SP]



1. General

- 1.1. The WASZP Class Support Vessel Regulations (SVRs) provide guidelines for safe, fair, efficient and effective management of coach and support boats in racing situations at WASZP events.
- 1.2. Consistent with the WASZP Class values and an underlying commitment to the safety of the fleet, all support vessels are required to provide assistance to any competitor if needed and/or as directed by the Race Committee. Conduct of support vessels is also bound by RRS 69.
- 1.3. These SVRs apply to all WASZP events unless otherwise stated in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.

2. Definitions

- 2.1. *Support Person* – includes any coach, team leader, parent or representative providing support to a competitor.
- 2.2. *Support Vessel* – is any vessel associated with a *Support Person*.
- 2.3. *Racing* - A boat is racing from her preparatory signal until she finishes and clears the finishing line and marks or retires, or until the race committee signals a general recall, postponement or abandonment.

3. Positioning and Conduct

- 3.1. Support vessels shall remain at least 150 meters from boats that are *racing*.
- 3.2. Support vessels shall minimize wash and shall not interfere with boats that are *racing*.
- 3.3. Support vessels may be required to position in Holding Areas as detailed in Section 7.

4. Support Vessel Requirements

- 4.1. Support vessels shall carry valid third-party liability insurance with coverage at least equal to that required of competitors.
- 4.2. All persons on board shall wear a personal flotation device that complies with applicable local regulations at all times while afloat as well as carry all other required safety equipment to include but not be limited to the following:
 - 4.2.1. Functioning kill cords or immobilizers in good working order (used at all times).
 - 4.2.2. First Aid Kit
 - 4.2.3. Sound signaling device
 - 4.2.4. Anchor and suitable tackle
 - 4.2.5. Operational VHF Radio
- 4.3. Drivers shall hold a valid powerboat operator's license or certificate of competence recognized by the relevant national authority.

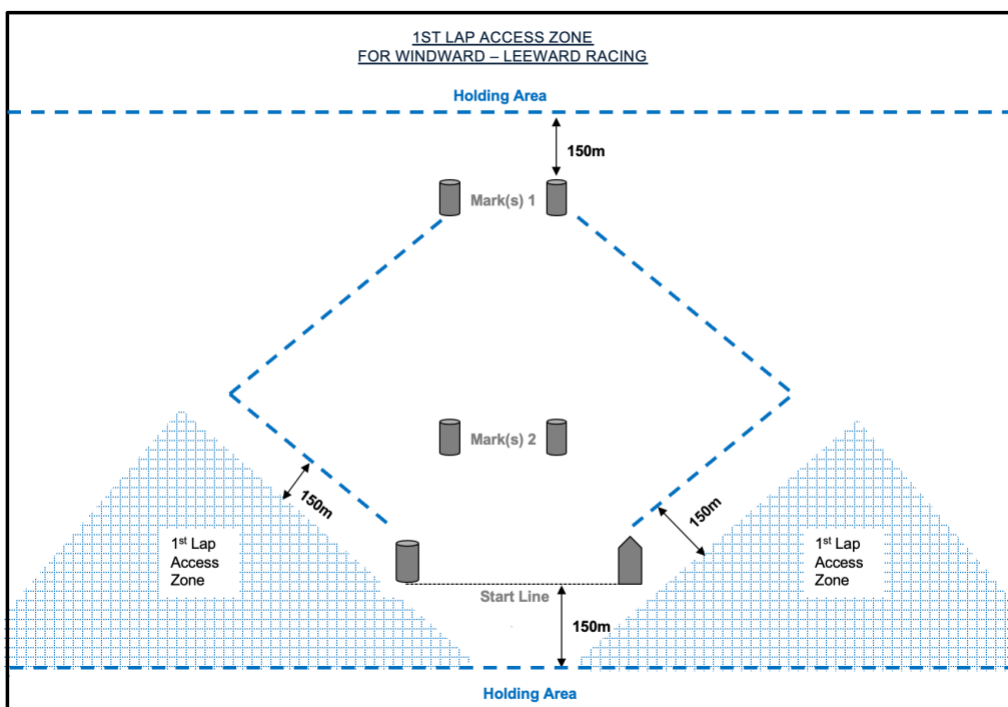
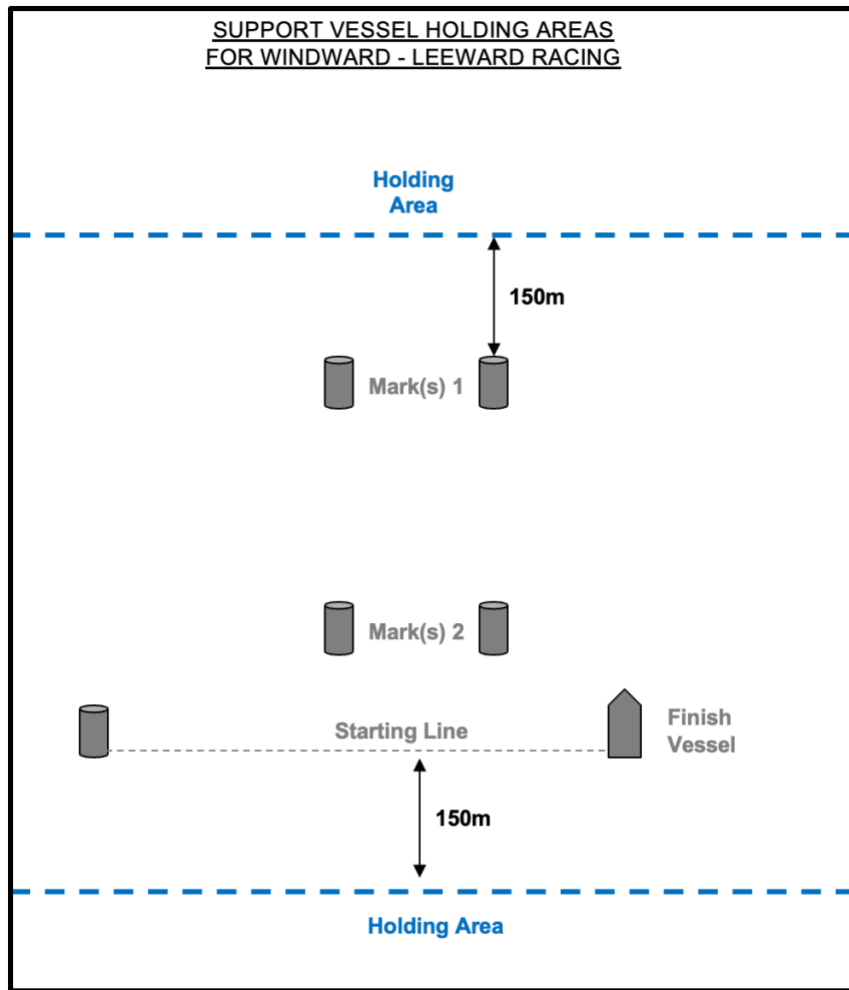
5. Recommended Equipment
 - 5.1. Support vessels are strongly recommended to carry:
 - 5.1.1. Tow line (minimum 15 meters in length and 10 mm in diameter)
 - 5.1.2. Backup VHF
 - 5.1.3. Safety knife
 - 5.1.4. Common boat parts
 - 5.1.4.1. Foil retaining pins and snail clip
 - 5.1.4.2. Soft shackles
 - 5.1.5. Basic WASZP [toolkit](#) to include but not be limited to the following:
 - 5.1.5.1. Metric allen key set
 - 5.1.5.2. Flat head screwdriver
 - 5.1.5.3. Phillips head screwdriver (#2)
 - 5.1.5.4. T30 torx key
 - 5.1.5.5. Tape
 - 5.1.5.6. Mallet
 - 5.1.6. At least 5 litres of drinking water
6. Identification
 - 6.1. Support vessels shall display identification flags when provided by the Organizing Authority.
7. Penalties and Protest Committee Authority
 - 7.1. A breach of these SVRs may be protested by the race committee, technical committee, or protest committee under RRS 60.
 - 7.2. The protest committee may also initiate a hearing under RRS 60.3.
 - 7.3. When the protest committee decides that a support vessel has breached these regulations, it may take any action permitted under RRS 64.4, including:
 - 7.3.1. Warning the support person
 - 7.3.2. or support vessel
 - 7.3.3. Imposing limitations on the activities of the support vessel
 - 7.3.4. Removing or restricting support vessel access to the racing area
 - 7.3.5. Applying a discretionary penalty to any boat associated with the support person, which may include a score penalty or disqualification if the associated boat benefited.
8. Support Vessel Holding Areas
 - 8.1. Holding areas to assist support vessels in safe positioning are defined in Appendix A.
 - 8.2. The Sailing Instructions may designate these holding areas as mandatory. Failure to comply may be considered a breach of Section 3.
 - 8.3. When these holding areas are enforced, support vessels shall stay within the holding areas whilst any boat is *racing*. Except:
 - 8.3.1. For windward/leeward courses, once all boats have started, support vessels may advance toward the windward mark while the fleet is on the first upwind leg,

provided they remain at least 150 meters below the laylines and no further than one quarter of the course length from the start line. Vessels must have returned to the pre-start holding area before the first boat rounds the leeward mark(s).

Appendix A – Support Vessel Holding Areas

Diagrams are not to scale. Holding Areas are indicated by dashed boxes. Distances shown are minimums.

Windward / Leeward



Reaching Start

