

# Benelux Championships 2017

## Sailing Instructions

August 12 & 13, 2017

Venue, WV Scharendijke, Grevelingenmeer, near Scharendijke (NL)

### Organizing Authority:

The races will be organised by Watersport Vereniging Scharendijke,  
Royal Yacht Club van België and Koninklijke Watersport Vereniging De Kaag

**[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury.  
(NP) denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.**

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The prescriptions of the Dutch National Authority will apply, together with the Class Rules of the various classes entered. The Sailing Instructions may change some rules.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.3 Every person on board who has its domicile in the Netherlands shall have the required licenses. The licences will be checked before or upon registration.
- 1.4 Change of crew during the regatta is subject to approval by the race committee. Approval will not be given when the required licence cannot be shown.

### 2. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located near the race office.

#### LOCATION OF THE REGATTA OFFICE

- 2.2 WatersportVereniging Scharendijke  
Haven Kloosternol 5  
4322 AK Scharendijke (NL)
- 2.3 The Regatta Office will be open on;  
Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of August between 18:00 and 20:30 hours,  
Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of August between 8:00 and 11:30 & 16:00 and 19:00 hours,  
Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of August between 8:00 and 11:30 and from 15:00 hours.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the format or schedule of races will be posted by 21:00 on the day before it will take effect and any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect.
- 3.2 When any SI addendum is changed, an updated version of it will be posted on the Official Notice Board as part of these sailing instructions.

### 4. SIGNALS ASHORE

- 4.1 When a visual signal is displayed over an area, event or fleet flag, the signal applies only to that area, event or fleet. This changes the Race Signals preamble.
- 4.2 The signals ashore will be displayed from the flagpole near the Race Office.
- 4.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with: 'not less than 30 minutes'. This changes race signal AP.  
Flag AP over H displayed ashore means 'Boats shall not leave the harbour. Wait for further instructions.' This changes Race Signals AP over H.

## 5 FORMAT AND SCHEDULE OF RACING

- 5.1 The Benelux Championships 2017 will consist of 6 (six) races, 3 (three) races have to be completed to constitute a regatta  
The intention is that day 1 and day 2 there will be no more than 3 (three) races a day.  
If possible, the races will be sailed back to back with no time to go ashore between races.
- 5.2 The warning signal for the first race of each day are :   Saturday 12/08     11:55  
  Sunday 13/08     09:55
- 5.3 Races will not be sailed ahead of schedule or as a means of catching up races not completed on previous days except, and at the discretion of the Race Committee, to ensure that the minimum number of races are completed to constitute a regatta
- 5.4 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- 5.5 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an Orange starting line flag will be displayed on the starting vessel with one sound for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 15:00 for all Classes.

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
Flying Dutchman/Musto Skiff	E
470/Contender/RS 500	O
Finn	F
Flying Junior /420/Vaurien	D
Snipe	W
Solo/Europe	V
Laser/Laser R/ Laser 4.7	T

The composition of startgroups and sequence of starts may be subject to change and if so will be posted as amendement.

## 7. SAILING AREA AND STARTING AREA

- 7.1 The sailing area is shown in SI Addendum A.
- 7.2 The starting area will be defined as 50 meters to windward and to leeward of the start line and 50 meters on the extension of the starting marks.

## 8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in SI Addendum B show the courses, the course designations and the order in which marks are to be passed. Marks 1 to 5 are to be left on portside.
- 8.2 The course designation for each class will be displayed on the committee boat at or before the warning signal.

## 9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be Orange cylindrical buoys.
- 9.2 The starting marks will be a race committee vessel with an Orange flag at the starboard end and a race committee vessel with an Orange flag or a yellow spar buoy at the port side;  
the finishing marks will be a race committee vessel with a Blue flag on the starboard side and a yellow spar buoy or a race committee vessel with a Blue flag on the on port side.  
An Inner-Limit-Mark (yellow spar buoy) may be positioned on the port side of the starboard finishing vessel. In that instance competitors are not allowed to sail between that Inner-Limit-Mark and that committee vessel

## 10 RESERVED

## **11 THE START**

- 11.1 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line-flag will be displayed on the Starting Vessel with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 11.2 The races will be started according rule 26 (RRS), the warning signal of the next starting group will be given at least one (1) minute after the start of the previous starting group.
- 11.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Starting vessel at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel or the course side of a yellow spar buoy at the port end. An Inner-Limit-Mark (yellow spar buoy) may be positioned on the port side of the starboard finishing vessel. In that instance competitors are not allowed to sail between that Inner-Limit-Mark and that committee vessel
- 11.4 **[DP]** When a starting sequence is in progress, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as a rectangle 50 meters from the starting line and marks in all directions.
- 11.5 Boats starting 4 (four) minutes after their starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rules A4 and A5 (RSS).
- 11.6 **(NP)** The Starting vessel will fly the burgee of the WatersportVereniging Scharendijke.
- 11.7 **[DP]** A buoy may be attached to the race committee starting boat anchor line just below keel depth. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the race committee starting boat at any time. This buoy is part of the race committee starting boat ground tackle.

## **12. COURSE CHANGES**

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original Mark, Gate or Finishing Line to a new position. No signals will be made. This changes RRS 33a and 33b.
- 12.2 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

## **13. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard side and the course side of a yellow spar buoy or a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat on the port side of the line.

## **14. RESERVED**

## **15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 15.1 The time limit for all classes will be 75 minutes. Target time for all classes will be 50 minutes.
- 15.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit of 30 minutes the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **16. PROTESTS, PENALTIES AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 For each fleet, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Finish committee vessel has moored in the harbour after the last race of the day. Arrival time of the Finish committee vessel will be posted.

- 16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the Regatta Office beginning at the time posted. Hearings may be scheduled to begin up to 30 minutes before the end of protest time.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 A list of boats that have been penalized under Appendix P for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.
- 16.6 Penalties for breaches of RRS 55 (Trash Disposal), NoR 2.3, NoR 17 (Berthing), NoR 18 (Haul-Out Restrictions), NoR 19 (Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools), NoR 22 (Media Rights), class rules and rules in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions marked **[DP]**, are at the discretion of the protest committee. A boat may accept a discretionary penalty before a hearing concerning the same incident by completing a form available at the jury office.
- 16.7 Breaches rules in the SIs marked **(NP)** will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 16.8 For breaches of the SIs marked [SP], the race committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing. A list of these breaches and the associated standard penalties will be posted on the Official Notice Board. However, the race committee may protest a boat when they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate. This changes RRS 63.1 and Appendix A5.
- 16.9 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
  - (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 16.10 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

### **ARBITRATION**

- 16.11 All protests involving only 2 boats and a rule of RRS part 2 or RRS31, will be subject to arbitration.
- 16.12 RRS 44.1 is changed to permit a boat to take a 30% scoring penalty as calculated in RRS 44.3(c) during the arbitration hearing. However the penalty shall not exceed 15 points.
- 16.13 RRS 63.1 is changed by adding: "The arbitrator may allow a protest to be withdrawn without the approval of the Protest Committee".
- 16.14 After a written protest is delivered to the protest desk, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator unless the protestor requests that the protest be withdrawn. No witnesses will be allowed.
- 16.15 After taking evidence from each representative, the arbitrator will render his opinion:
  - a) The protest is invalid or no boat broke a rule. If the protestor agrees the protest may be withdrawn. If the protestor disagrees, the Protest Committee will hear the protest.
  - b) One or both boats broke a rule. The boat(s) breaking a rule may accept a penalty as mentioned in SI 22.12 and the protest may be withdrawn. If not the Protest Committee will hear the protest. For a boat, that accepts an arbitration scoring penalty, RRS 64.1(b) will be applicable.
  - c) The arbitrator decides a full protest hearing is required, in which case the Protest Committee will hear the protest.
- 16.16 The arbitrator will not be a member of the Protest Committee that hears the protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony given to the Protest Committee and offer testimony. This changes RRS 63.3(a).

16.17 The abbreviation ARB will be used for an arbitration scoring penalty. This is an addition to RRS A11.

## **17. SCORING**

17.1 Reserved

17.2 A boat's score shall be calculated in accordance with RRS A2, except:

(a) When 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 5 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores except her worst score.

17.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

17.4 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta

17.5 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available from the race office.

## **18. [DP] (NP) SAFETY REGULATIONS**

18.1 The race committee will protest a boat for a breach of these safety regulations.

18.2 Competitors should wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

18.3 Boats not leaving the harbour for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the Race Office.

18.4 A boat that retires from racing shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area, or if that is not possible, shall notify the race office as soon as possible after returning ashore.

18.5 Boats shall not leave the shore until **flag D** is displayed.

18.6 Boats not racing shall remain clear of boats that are racing and official boats.

## **19. [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee and shall comply with any restrictions in the Notice of Race.

19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **20. [DP] EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

Equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions. When instructed by an Event Equipment Inspector, a boat shall proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **21. RESERVED**

## **22. OFFICIAL BOATS**

22.1 Official boats will be marked as follows:

Race Committee	Event Flag or "RC"
Rescue/Marshalls	Red Flag with 'R'
Jury/Judges	Flags with 'Jury'

22.2 Actions by official boats, helicopters, drones or zeppelin shall not be grounds for requesting redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

**23. [DP] SUPPORT AND SPECTATOR BOATS**

- 23.1 Addendum C – Coach boats regulations shall apply to all support boats.
- 23.2 Addendum C – Coach boats regulations parts 4 and 5 shall also apply to spectator boats.

**24. [DP] TRASH DISPOSAL**

As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters.  
See RRS 55. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

**25 AND 26 RESERVED**

**27. [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the race committee. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

**28. PRIZES/TROPHIES**

- 28.1 Depending on the number of entries in each class there will be prizes:

1 up to 6 entries	:	1 prize
7 up to 9 entries	:	2 prizes
10 or more entries	:	3 prizes

- 28.2 Prizes can only be received personally at the prize giving ceremony.

- 28.3 The Schouwen-Duivenland Trophy will be awarded to winner in the class with the largest fleet in this year's regatta.

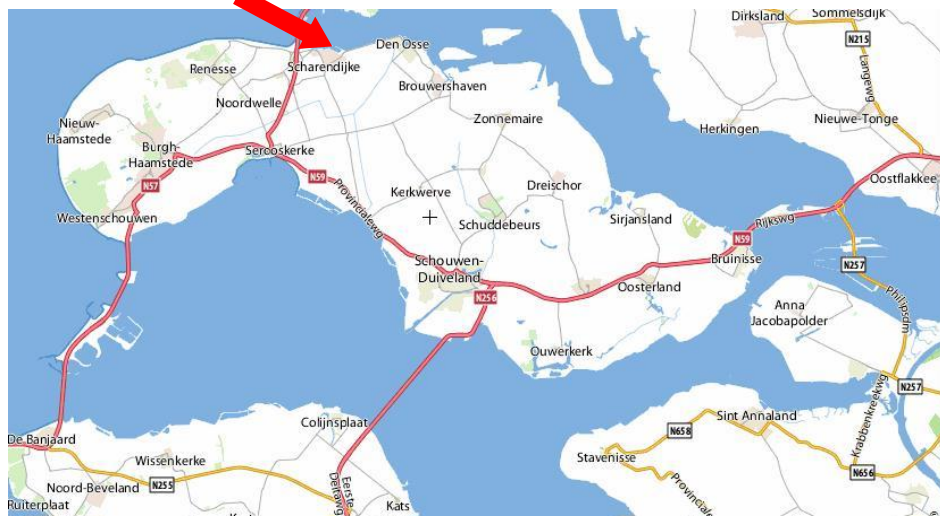
Previous winners are:

1972	470	E. Pels
1973	420	R.O. Hamerlynck
1974		<i>niet uitgereikt</i>
1975	F.J	R. Huisman
1976	470	J.A.C. de Kock van Leeuwen
1977	470	M. Lefebre
1978	Europe	Moner
1979	Laser	Alex Schakel
1980	„	A. Hummel
1981	„	Joh. De Ruyter
1982	„	A. Hummel
1983	„	H.P. Okker
1984	„	Joh. De Ruyter
1985	„	Cees Clemens
1986	„	H.J. Maas
1987	„	Sieb Schuur
1988	„	H. Duetz
1989	„	A.V. Bergeijk
1990	„	G. Florent
1991	„	X. van Elst
1992	„	Y. Bassette
1993	„	M. Vos
1994	„	Serge Kats
1995	„	Gillis de Lauwerier

1996	„	Koen Verhart
1997	„	Pico de Jager
1998	„	Wilmar Groenendijk
1999	Finn	Philippe Rogge
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2001	FD	Wim Langeslag
2002	Solo	Tony Lock
2003	Laser	Cesar Sierhuis
2004	Finn	Sander Willems
2005	Finn	Sander Willems
2006	470	Bernard Boime
2007	Snipe	Manu Hens en Charlotte Martot
2008	Snipe	Guy Celis en Natalie Hambrouck
2009	Snipe	Manu Hens en Jill Ponet
2010	FJ	Rolf de Jong en Esther Pothuis
2011	Laser	Lander Balcaen
2012	Finn	Nanno Schuttrups
2013	Snipe	Jan Peeters en Natalie Janssens
2014	FJ	Thorsten Willemsen, Stephanie Tauchert
2015	Snipe	Manu Hens en Victor Perez Campos
2016	Snipe	Manu Hens en Maj Borgen Hansen

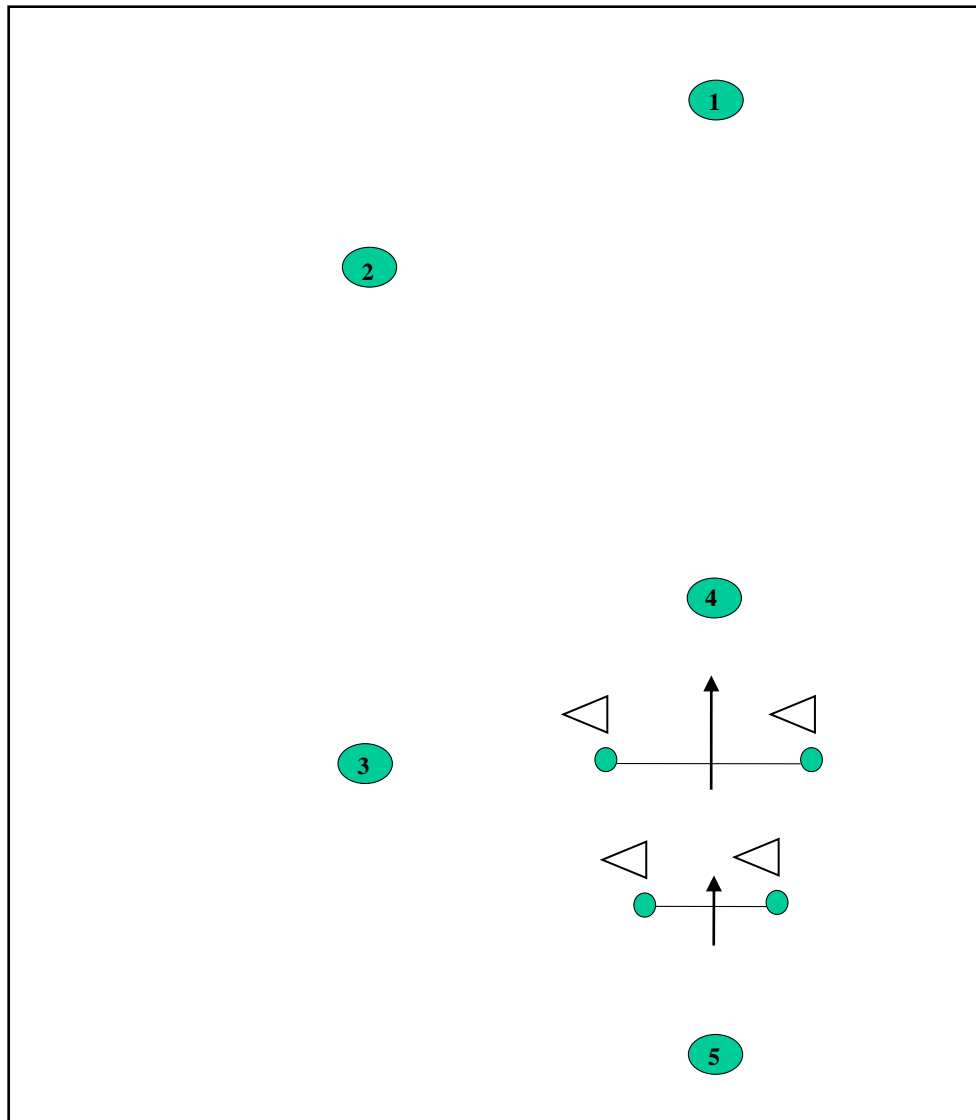
28.4 De prize giving ceremony will be held on Sunday as soon as possible at the Venue of WV Scharendijke.

# ADDENDUM A - LOCATIONS





## ADDENDUM B - COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS



Marks 1-2-3-4-5 are orange cylindrical.

Marks are to be left on portside.

Marks may or may not have the correct number displayed.

**Course 1** (Numerical pennant 1): **Start – 1 – 4 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 5 – Finish**

**Course 2** (Numerical pennant 2): **Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 5 – Finish**

**Course 3** (Numerical pennant 3):

**Start – 1 – 4 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 2 – 3 – 5 – Finish**

## **ADDENDUM C - Coach Boat Regulations**

### **1. General**

- 1.1. These Coach Boat Regulations (CBR) shall apply from 09:00 on Friday August 12th until 18:00 hours Sunday August 14th.
- 1.2. For the purposes of these regulations, a coach boat includes any boat that is under the control or direction of a person who is or may provide physical or advisory support to an athlete, including the gathering of data that may be used at a later time.
- 1.3. The Organizing Authority may inspect boats at any time to ensure that they comply with these regulations, and the person responsible for the boat shall facilitate such inspection.
- 1.4. An alleged breach of any of these regulations may be referred to the International Jury for a hearing. As a result of the hearing, the International Jury may instruct the Organizing Authority to withdraw accreditation and access rights from the offending party, with or without the option of substitution, either for a specified period or for the remainder of the competition.
- 1.5. The Organizing Authority may change these regulations at any time. Any changes will be posted on the Official Notice board and circulated to team leaders.
- 1.6. The Organizing Authority may, at its discretion, refuse to register coach boats not deemed to be suitable. Generally, open boats more than 4.0m and less than 7.5m in length and having minimal or no superstructure (cabin, coach house, bridge, etc) are considered suitable.
- 1.7. Coach boats and designated drivers shall be registered at the Regatta Office either before leaving the venue by water for the first time or by 18:00 on the day before the first race of the Event that it is supporting, whichever is earlier.
  - 1.7.1. Each boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of € 3,000,000 (or equivalent) per incident.
  - 1.7.2. Only an accredited coach may be a designated driver.
  - 1.7.3. The person registering the coach boat shall sign to confirm that:
    - he/she holds a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third party liability coverage as required by 1.7.1;
    - the designated driver has a motorboat driving licence recognised by a national authority appropriate to that boat; and
    - anyone who will be using a radio has an appropriate radio operation licence recognised by a national authority.
- 1.8. Coach boats shall be marked as follows:  
The three-letter NOC code shall be clearly displayed on both sides of the boat in strongly contrasting colours at all times while afloat. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200mm. The letters will not be provided by the Organising Authority.

### **2. Sailing Venue**

- 2.1. Coach boats shall use the designated slipway/area for launching. Once launched, trailers shall be moved immediately to the trailer park or as otherwise directed by the Organizing Authority.
- 2.2. Only coach boats that will be registered will be allowed into the sailing venue.
- 2.3. When not in use, coach boats shall be appropriately berthed at the sailing venue in the allocated areas for coach boats for the entire time that these CBR apply.
- 2.4. Coach boats shall not use the dinghy launching slipways or keelboat pontoons for any purpose whatsoever, including mooring, launching and retrieval, and loading and unloading of equipment.

### **3. Safety**

- 3.1. Coach boats and support boats shall carry onboard:
  - life jackets / buoyancy aid for all passengers and the driver (it is strongly recommended that they are worn at all times when afloat);
  - first-aid kit;
  - VHF radio;
  - device for making a sound signal;
  - compass;
  - adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth;
  - tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm thick);
  - operational engine kill cord (also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine immobiliser);
  - knife

- 3.2. It is strongly recommended that the kill cord is used at all times when the engine is running.
- 3.3. Coach boats shall never exceed maximum plated / certified passenger limits.
- 3.4. Team leaders are responsible for overseeing the safety of their coach boats on the water, including knowledge of who is afloat and ensuring their safe return to the venue.
- 3.5. At all times, the registered driver(s) of a coach boat shall comply with directions given by a Race Official. In particular, this includes assisting in rescue operations when requested to do so.
- 3.6. Coach boats shall comply with local harbour and marina regulations, in particular speed limits (on the lake max 15 km per hour).

#### **4. General restrictions**

- 4.1. The registered driver(s) of a coach boat will be responsible for the control of the boat 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 competition.
- 4.2. Coach boats 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. Coach boats should take particular care to minimise their wash when transiting the course areas.

#### **5. Coach Boat Zone**

- 5.1. Coach Boats shall not be positioned:
  - I. Closer than 50 metres of any boat racing
  - II. Within 50 meters of the starting line and marks from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have left the starting area, or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
  - III. Between any boat racing and the next mark of the course.
  - IV. Between the inner and outer trapezoid courses when boats are racing on both courses.
  - V. Within 50 meters of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark.
  - VI. Within 50 meters of the finishing line and marks while boats are finishing.
- 5.2. In addition, support boats that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150 meters from any boat racing.