

Weymouth and Portland International Regatta 2011

Coach Boat Regulations Final draft - 28 June 2011

1. General

- 1.1. These Coach Boat Regulations shall apply from 18:00 on Saturday 30 July 2011 until 18:00 on Saturday August 13 2011.
- 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 providing physical or advisory support to an athlete, including the gathering of data that may be used at a later time. The regulations also apply to spectator boats.
- 1.3. 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 Organising Authority to withdraw accreditation and access rights to the Weymouth and Portland venue and the course areas from the offending party without the option of replacement during the Regatta. Note also racing rule 69.2(a) as it relates to 'other person involved'.
- 1.4. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel are reminded that a competing boat will be disqualified for receiving help in breach of racing rule 41 (Outside Help).
- 1.5. The Organising Authority may change these regulations at any time. Changes will be posted on the Official Notice Board and circulated to the team leaders.
- 1.6. The Organising Authority may, at its discretion, refuse coach boats not deemed to be suitable. Generally, open boats with more than 4m and less than 7.5m in length and having minimal or no superstructure (cabin, coach house, bridge, etc) are considered suitable.
- 1.7. No item carried on board a coach boat shall protrude over the stern, bow or sides of the boat.
- 1.8. No more than one coach boat per Member National Authority (MNA) per Event entered may be registered.
- 1.9. When an MNA has a competitor in an Event, the MNA is allowed one coach boat for that Event in the course area while that Event is in progress.
- 1.10. All coach boats shall be registered at the Sport Information Desk by 17:30 on the evening before the practice race for the Event that it is supporting.
 - 1.10.1. Each boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of £1,500,000 (or equivalent) per incident.
 - 1.10.2. The person registering the coach boat shall sign to confirm that:

- Such insurance is in place;
- 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.

1.10.3. Any radio device including VHF marine transceivers and boat-mounted VHF transceivers that may be carried or used in the coach boat shall be notified to the organisers at registration. All radios shall comply with UK radio equipment regulations, and may be subject to checking by the United Kingdom independent communications regulator, Ofcom, during the Regatta.

1.11. Coach boats shall be marked in compliance with NoR 17.3.

1.12. Coach boats shall carry only accredited personnel.

1.13. Coach boats are permitted to carry one or more coaches or other support personnel from other competing nations that do not have a registered coach boat for that Event.

1.14. Coaches who do not have a boat but who will go afloat in another coach's boat shall register at the Sport Information Desk before 17:30 on Saturday 30 July 2011.

2. Weymouth and Portland venue

2.1. Coach boats shall use the designated slipway for launching. Once launched, trailers shall be moved immediately to the trailer park. All trailers shall have the boat or owner's name marked on the trailer.

2.2. Only registered coach boats may berth on the pontoons allocated for coach boat use.

2.3. When not in use, coach boats shall be appropriately berthed at the Weymouth and Portland venue in the allocated area for coach boats for the entire time that these Coach Boat Regulations 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 shall carry on board:

- Life jackets / buoyancy aid for all passengers and the driver;
- First-aid kit;
- VHF radio;
- Compass;
- Adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth;
- Tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm thick);
- Operational engine kill cord; and
- Knife.

- 3.2. Coach boats shall never exceed maximum plated / certified passenger limits.
- 3.3. It is strongly recommended that the kill cord is used at all times when the engine is running.
- 3.4. Coach boats shall comply with local harbour and marina regulations. In particular:
 - The North Ship Channel shall be used to depart and enter Portland Inner Harbour at all times;
 - However, the East Ship Channel may be used for an exit or an entry if authorised by a race official;
 - Boats shall avoid commercial traffic and shall cross shipping channels as nearly as practicable at right angles; and
 - Speed limits shall be respected in the marina (Dead Slow) and inside the yellow harbour buoys (6 knots).

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 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. In case this regulation is broken, and in addition to any penalty, any item left in the water may be removed and destroyed for safety reasons.
- 4.3. At all times, the registered driver(s) of a coach boat shall comply with directions given by the Race Committee. In particular, this includes assisting in rescue operations when requested to do so.

5. Coach Boat Zone: Non Medal Races except for Nothe Course

- 5.1. Unless otherwise instructed by the Race Committee, coach boats shall not be positioned:
 - 5.1.1. Closer than 50m to any boat racing;
 - 5.1.2. Within 50m 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;
 - 5.1.3. Between any boat racing and the next mark of the course;
 - 5.1.4. Between the inner and outer trapezoid courses when boats are racing on both courses;
 - 5.1.5. Within 50m of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark; and
 - 5.1.6. Within 50m of the finishing line and marks while boats are finishing.

- 5.2. Coach boats should proceed around the race area in a way to minimise the effect their wake will have on boats racing. Boats that are motoring above 5 knots shall remain at least 150m from any boat racing.
- 5.3. Between sequences of races or when all racing for that course area has been postponed or abandoned, coach boats may enter the course area to service their athletes, but shall restrict their speed to 5 knots. If further racing is to take place, coach boats shall immediately move outside the racing area at the warning signal for the first race of the next racing session.

6. Coach Boat Zone: Medal Races and Nothe Course

- 6.1. After the first warning signal of the day, coach boats shall retire to the Coach Boat Zone shown in Addendum A until all racing has been completed, postponed or abandoned for that course area, unless instructed to do otherwise by the Race Committee.
- 6.2. When all racing for that course area has been postponed or abandoned, coach boats may enter the course area to service their athletes. If further racing is to take place, coach boats shall immediately retire to the Coach Boat Zone at the warning signal for the first race of the next racing session.
- 6.3. Any further restrictions for Medal Races will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

7. Equipment

- 7.1. It is prohibited to carry any electronic device on board a coach boat except:
 - A public VHF radio;
 - Any device for time-keeping;
 - Devices for measurement of wind (wind speed and bearing only), depth, boat speed and compass bearing;
 - Electronic equipment strictly related to the safe operation of the boat and engine;
 - Photo camera(s);
 - Video camera(s);
 - Tape or digital voice recorder(s);
 - Electronically stabilised binoculars; and
 - A GPS receiver.
- 7.2. While on the water, a coach boat shall not carry equipment capable of making radio transmissions or receiving radio communications, except for equipment allowed by regulation 7.1.
- 7.3. While on the water, any communication equipment carried in accordance with regulations 3.1 and 7.1 shall not be used to discuss any technical sailing, weather or tidal information.
- 7.4. When the Race Committee displays flag V with repetitive sounds, all coach boats shall monitor VHF radio channel 60 for search and rescue instructions.

Addendum A: Medal Race and Nothe Course coach boat zones

Diagrams of restricted 'box' shaped Coach Boat Zones will be included in final version:

- Coach-Boat Restricted Zone - Trapezoid
- Coach-Boat Restricted Zone - Windward-Leeward