



# **ACO Musto Skiff World Championships 2015 - Perth AUS**

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# **Musto Performance Skiff Australian Championships 2014/2015**

**2 to 9 January 2015**

## **SUPPORT BOAT REGULATIONS**



Regatta website [www.mustoskiff.com.au](http://www.mustoskiff.com.au)

The following **Support Boat Regulations** have been written to ensure fair competition for all competitors.

While Mounts Bay Sailing Club and the Australian Musto Performance Skiff Class Association understands and respects the important role of coach and support boats in the development and success of competitors, please understand that regulations must be put in place to ensure safety, fairness of competition and to allow the public the opportunity to engage with the sport.

## **1 GENERAL**

- 1.1** These support boat regulations shall apply from 0900 on Friday 2 January 2015 until 1800 on Friday 9 January 2015.
- 1.2** An alleged breach of these regulations may be reported to the protest committee/international jury for a hearing. As a result of the hearing, the protest committee/international jury may instruct the Organising Authority to withdraw accreditation and access to the regatta venue from the offending party, with or without the option of substitution, either for a specified period or for the remainder of the regatta. Please also note rule 69.3(a) as it relates to “other person involved”.
- 1.3** Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel are reminded that a competing boat may be disqualified for receiving help in breach of rule 41, Outside Help.
- 1.4** The Organising Authority may alter these regulations at any time. Changes will be posted on the official notice board and circulated to team leaders.
- 1.5** The Organising Authority may, at its discretion, refuse registration of boats not deemed to be suitable. Generally, open boats of more than 4 metres and less than 7.5 metres in length and having minimal or no superstructure (cabin, coach house, bridge, etc.) are considered suitable.
- 1.6** No item carried aboard a support boat shall protrude over the bow, stern or sides of the boat.
- 1.7** Support boats shall be registered with the Organising Authority, preferably at Registration on 2 and/or 4 January 2015.
- 1.8** Each support boat shall display a numbered flag issued by the Organising Authority. Please return the flag to the OA on conclusion of the regatta.
- 1.9** When not in use, support boats shall be berthed/stored/parked in their allocated place.
- 1.10** Support boats shall comply with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.
- 1.11** Support boats shall comply with speed restrictions in place or as directed by the Race Committee, regatta Safety Boats or local law enforcement authorities.

## **2 COMPETITION**

- 2.1** The registered driver of a support 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 of competition.
- 2.2** Support boats shall not leave any device, piece of equipment, buoy, marker or similar item permanently in the water. Temporary use of floating objects is permitted for the measurement of current. These objects shall be removed as soon as the measurement

has been taken. If this regulation is breached, and in addition to any penalty, any item left in the water may be removed by a race committee boat.

- 2.3** At all times, the registered driver of a support boat shall comply with directions given by the Organising Authority, race committee or safety boats and local law enforcement authorities. In particular, this includes assisting with rescues when requested to do so.
- 2.4** Support boats and personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Such areas are defined as “not closer than 100 metres to any boat racing (except a boat in distress requiring assistance) or to a mark, layline or rhumline, or inside the course area”.
- 2.5** Support boats when underway, should endeavour to minimise the effect of their wake on boats racing or in transit to/from the course area.

### **3 SAFETY**

- 3.1** Support boats shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of AUD10,000,000 or equivalent per event. Evidence of insurance shall be produced at the request of the organising authority at any time.
- 3.2** Support boats shall comply with all local laws and regulations and shall carry:
- Adequate anchor and tackle for the conditions and depth.
  - Tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm diameter).
  - Engine stop operational and deployable by Kill Cord.
  - Bailing device (commonly a 9l bucket) lashed to the boat.
  - VHF radio.
- 3.3** Support boats should not exceed plated/certified passenger limits.
- 3.4** It is strongly recommended that the Kill Cord is worn at all times while underway.

### **4 LAUNCH & RETRIEVAL**

- 4.1** Support boats may be launched and retrieved from the MBSC ramp. For larger boats, a public facility is available west from the Club along Australia II Drive.
- 4.2** Road trailers must be stored outside the Club grounds.

### **5 FUELLING**

- 5.1** Local regulations prohibit the refuelling of vessels from portable storage units in harbours and inshore waters. Support boats are encouraged to refuel ashore.
- 5.2** Unleaded and diesel fuel is available from the Caltex service station on the corner of Broadway and Stirling Highway in Nedlands.

### **6 COMMUNICATIONS**

- 6.1** Support boats are strongly encouraged to log on and off with “**Mounts Bay Base**” each day. The Club will maintain a listening watch from approximately 30 minutes prior to the commencement of racing on **VHF channel 71**.

- 6.2** Support boats should maintain a listening watch while afloat on VHF channel 71 to receive communications from the race committee when required.
- 6.3** Communication between support boats should be made on an alternative frequency.

## **7 SAFETY OPERATIONS PLAN**

- 7.1** Each registered support boat will be provided with a copy of the Regatta Safety Operations Plan.
- 7.2** In a safety, urgent or an emergency situation, support boats may be called upon to assist the race committee. Such assistance is appreciated.

## **8 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Support boats and personnel participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Additionally, the organising authority will not accept any liability for theft and/or damage to boats and/or equipment sustained at the regatta venue.