



# **XXV Central American and Caribbean Games Santo Domingo 2026 – Sailing Competition**

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**Central American and Caribbean Sailing Confederation**

**Santo Domingo 2026 Organising Committee**

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## **SUPPORT TEAM REGULATIONS**

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### **1. GENERAL**

- 1.1 These Support Team Regulations (STR) will apply at all times while support persons are at the sailing venue, ashore or on the racing areas.
- 1.2 The STR will apply from 09:00 on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July 2026 until 18:00 on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2026.
- 1.3 In these STR and in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the following definitions apply:
  - 1.3.1 "Support person" has the meaning given in the Racing Rules of Sailing;
  - 1.3.2 "Support team" refers to all support persons associated with an NOC and its competitors;
  - 1.3.3 "Support vessel" means any vessel that is under the control or direction of a member of the support team. [DP] If applicable, boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park.
- 1.4 An infringement of any of these rules may be referred to the International Jury for a hearing. As a result of the hearing, the International Jury may take action under RRS 62.4, including excluding the person from the event or the venue or removing any privileges or benefits for a specified period or for the remainder of the regatta. Also note

that action may be taken under RRS 69.

- 1.5 The Organising Authority may inspect support vessels at any time to ensure they comply with these regulations, and the persons responsible for the support vessel will facilitate such inspection.
- 1.6 The Organising Authority may modify these regulations at any time. Any amendment will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.7 The Organising Authority may, at its discretion, refuse to register support vessels that are deemed unsuitable. Generally, open vessels under 7.6 meters in length, with minimal or no superstructure (cabin, cockpit, bridge, etc...) are considered suitable.
- 1.8 All support vessels must be pre-registered with the Santo Domingo 2026 Central American and Caribbean Games Organising Committee (Jorge Antonio Abreu at [fdvtecnica@gmail.com](mailto:fdvtecnica@gmail.com)) no later than the 29<sup>th</sup> of July 2026, and confirm their registration at the Race Office no later than 16:00 on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2026.
- 1.9 Support persons must confirm their registration at the Sports Information Desk/Race Office from 09:00 on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July until 16:00 on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July.
  - 1.9.1 Only accredited support team members may be designated drivers;
  - 1.9.2 The person registering the support vessel will confirm that:
    - (a) Each designated driver has a motorboat driving license appropriate for that vessel recognized by a national authority;
    - (b) A valid insurance certificate showing proof of liability coverage has been obtained as required by NOR 24.2; and
    - (c) Anyone using a radio must have an appropriate operating license recognized by a national authority.
- 1.10 As per Notice of Race 16.6, support vessels must be marked with the applicable nationality letters (RRS G1.1), which will be clearly displayed on both sides of the vessel or engine in highly contrasting colors at all times while afloat. In addition, support vessels will display any identification number provided by the Organising Authority.
- 1.11 By registering as a member of the support team and receiving accreditation each person on the support team agrees to be bound by the rules defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

## 2. SAILING VENUE

- 2.1 Only registered support vessels will be allowed entry to the sailing venue.

## 3. SAFETY

- 3.1 Support vessels shall carry on board:
  - 3.1.1 Life jacket/flotation aid for all passengers and driver;
  - 3.1.2 First aid kit;
  - 3.1.3 VHF radio (to be programmed only on international marine VHF channels);
  - 3.1.4 Device for making a sound signal;

- 3.1.5 Compass;
- 3.1.6 An anchor and tackle suitable for the conditions and depth;
- 3.1.7 Towing rope (minimum 15 m long and 10 mm in diameter);
- 3.1.8 Engine kill cord (also known as safety cable or automatic engine immobilizer);
- 3.1.9 Hand pump or bailer;
- 3.1.10 Any additional safety equipment required by local marine legislation.
- 3.2 Support vessels or support team persons may carry on board and use:
  - 3.2.1 Electronic timepiece;
  - 3.2.2 Optimized binoculars;
  - 3.2.3 GPS;
  - 3.2.4 Video and/or photography cameras (including mobile phones to be used as a camera for video/photos only, without any capability to transmit or receive data).
  - 3.2.5 Simple wind indicators (anemometer) without transmission functions.
- 3.3 **[DP]** Buoyancy aids shall be worn all times when afloat.
- 3.4 The engine kill cable must be connected to the driver at all times when the engine is running.
- 3.5 The maximum certified passenger limits for the vessel will not be exceeded.
- 3.6 Team leaders are responsible for overseeing the safe operation of their support vessels on the water, including knowing who is afloat and ensuring their safe return to the venue.
- 3.7 At all times, support persons, including registered drivers of a support vessel, must comply with instructions given by or under the authority of a race official. This includes assisting in rescue operations when requested to do so.

#### 4. GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

- 4.1 The driver of a support vessel will be responsible for its control at all times and will be held accountable for any inappropriate behavior, dangerous actions or improper practices, or actions that affect the fairness or safety of the competition.
- 4.2 Support team members shall not leave any device, equipment, buoy, marker or similar item permanently in the water.
- 4.3 The temporary use of floating objects for current measurements is permitted. These objects must be retrieved as soon as the measurement has been taken.
- 4.4 Support vessels must take care to minimize their speed when passing through the racing areas.

#### 5. DRONES

- 5.1 The use of drones is prohibited.

## 6. RESTRICTED AREAS FOR SUPPORT VESSELS

- 6.1 The Support Vessel Area is defined in Addendum A. The windward limits of this area shall be delimited by red buoys.
- 6.2 Support vessels shall always remain on the off-course side of the marks, wherever they are positioned.
- 6.3 After the warning signal for a race in their area, support vessels shall move to the Support Vessel Area until the race has been completed, postponed, or abandoned, unless otherwise directed by the race committee.
- 6.4 Between races, or when all events for that race area have been postponed or abandoned, support vessels may enter the racing area to support their athletes, but their speed shall be restricted to five knots. If a new race is to be run, support vessels shall immediately move to the Support Vessel Area at the first warning signal of the following session of races.

## 7. SPECIAL SAFETY RULES

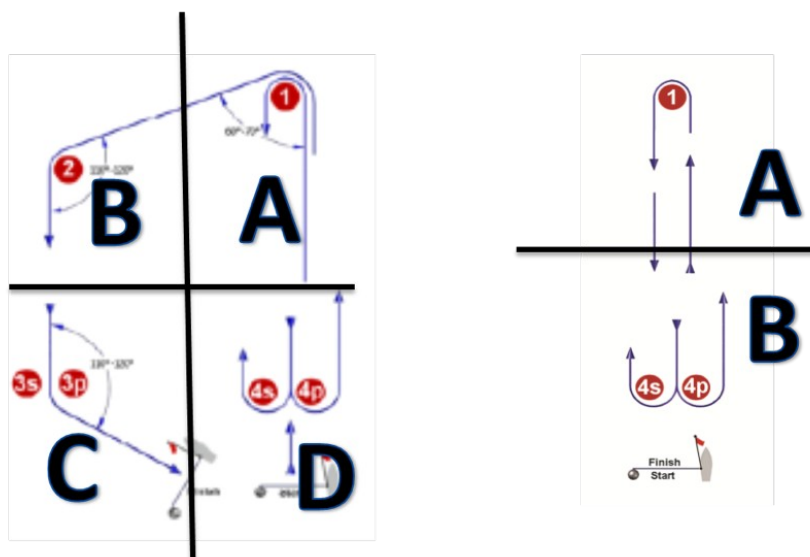
- 7.1 For safety reasons, the race committee's signal vessel may display flag F to indicate that STR 7 applies.
- 7.2 From the time of the preparatory signal for the start of a fleet's first race until all boats have finished or retired, or the race committee signals a postponement, general call, or abandonment, support vessels may leave the Support Vessel Areas defined in Addendum A but they shall remain outside the areas where boats are racing. Such areas are defined as:
  - 7.2.1 No closer than 100 m to any competing boat (except a boat in distress or requiring assistance);
  - 7.2.2 Within 100 m to leeward of the starting line, marks, and extensions, 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;
  - 7.2.3 Between any competing boat and the next course mark;
  - 7.2.4 Between the inner or outer trapezoid courses, when boats are competing on both courses;
  - 7.2.5 Within 100m of any course mark while the boats are in the vicinity of that mark; and
  - 7.2.6 Within 100m of the finish line and the marks while the boats are finishing.
- 7.3 The VHF radio permitted in rule 3.1.3 must be switched on and used for safety communication on the race committee channel, as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.4 Support vessels must proceed to and from the racing area and around it in such a way as to minimize the effect of their waves on the racing boats. Vessels operating at speeds above five knots must remain at least 150 meters from any prohibited racing area.
- 7.5 Between sequences of races or when all races for that race area have been postponed or abandoned, support vessels may enter the racing area to attend their athletes, but their speed will be restricted to five knots. If a new race is to be run, support vessels will immediately move out of the racing area and into the Support Vessel Area at the warning signal for the first race of the next session of races and will remain in the Support Vessel Area until after the start sequence has been completed for all starts in a session.

## 8. ELECTRONICS ON SUPPORT VESSELS

- 8.1 Support team members shall not provide any external assistance in accordance with RRS 41.
- 8.2 Support vessels shall carry VHF radios as required by STR 3.1.3. These shall be used only as permitted in these STR.
- 8.3 The use of coded/encrypted radio communications is prohibited. Only open and publicly available VHF frequencies shall be used.
- 8.4 Any other electronic equipment not permitted in these STR, including mobile phones (except as permitted in STR 3.2.4), laptops, and tablets, is prohibited on board support vessels (this includes any equipment capable of transmitting, receiving, or collecting any type of data).

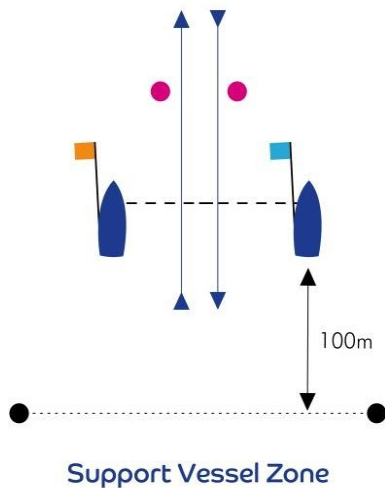
## 9. SEARCH AND RESCUE INSTRUCTIONS – FLAG V (RRS 37)

- 9.1 When RRS 37 (Flag V) is in effect, the search and rescue areas will be as follows (follow the instructions on the race committee VHF channel):

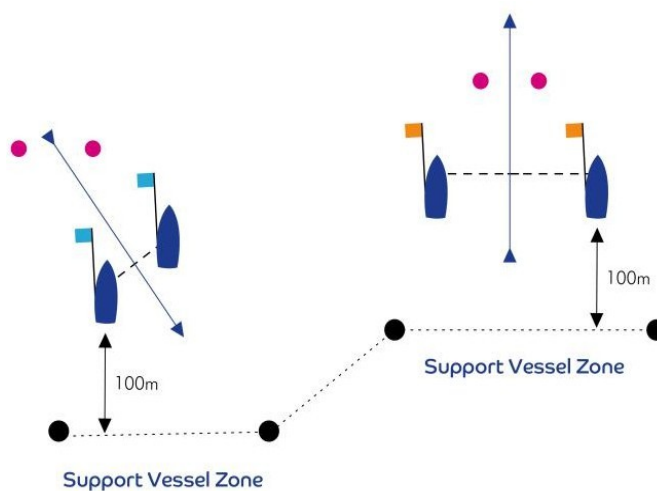


## ADDENDUM A – Support Vessel Areas

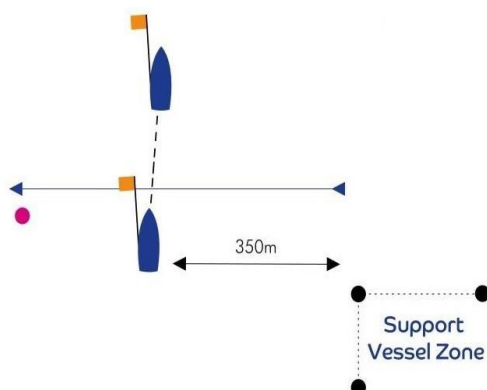
### 1.1 Windward Leeward course:



### 1.2 Trapezoid course:



### 1.3 For reaching starts:



## 1.4 Windward Leeward with reaching finish:

