

# ILYA Support Person Rules

## Goals

The ILYA Person Rules are used to ensure fair and orderly competition for participants. Support persons and the boats they operate shall not interfere with a boat that is racing or violate Racing Rule 41 – Outside assistance at any time.

## Definitions

Regatta Official – A person that is engaged in the operation of the regatta. These persons include but are not limited to:

- Organizing Authority Officials
- Host Club Officials
- Race Committee
- Judges/Protest Committee
- Umpires enforcing Racing Rules Appendix P
- Traffic Control Individuals
- Official Media Boats authorized by the ILYA
- Scorers
- Persons designated by the Organizing Authority or Host Club to distribute food or water
- Safety boats Operators

Coach – A person that is primarily engaged in coaching/instruction of competitors. To qualify as a coach, the person shall:

- Register as a coach during the official registration period
- Attend the Support Person Briefing immediately after the Competitor's Briefing
- Be no longer than 23' LOA
- Be constructed without tall structures that could block wind. A simple bimini top is permitted.
- Boats with greater than 23' LOA, pontoon boats, boats with fixed t-tops, and similarly constructed boats are not permitted for use by coaches because they block wind and/or are inherently not maneuverable.
- Present their vessel for inspection when requested by a regatta official at any time. Random inspections may occur during registration, during races, or at any other time during the regatta
- Always carry safety items including
  - A working and charged VHF Radio tuned to the channel designated at the support person briefing
  - USCG Approved PFDs worn by all persons aboard at all times while afloat, except briefly to change clothing
  - A fully stocked first-aid kit
  - A floating tow rope at least 30' long
  - An adequate anchor with at least 150' of anchor rode
  - A working "kill cord," attached to the primary operator at all times while afloat

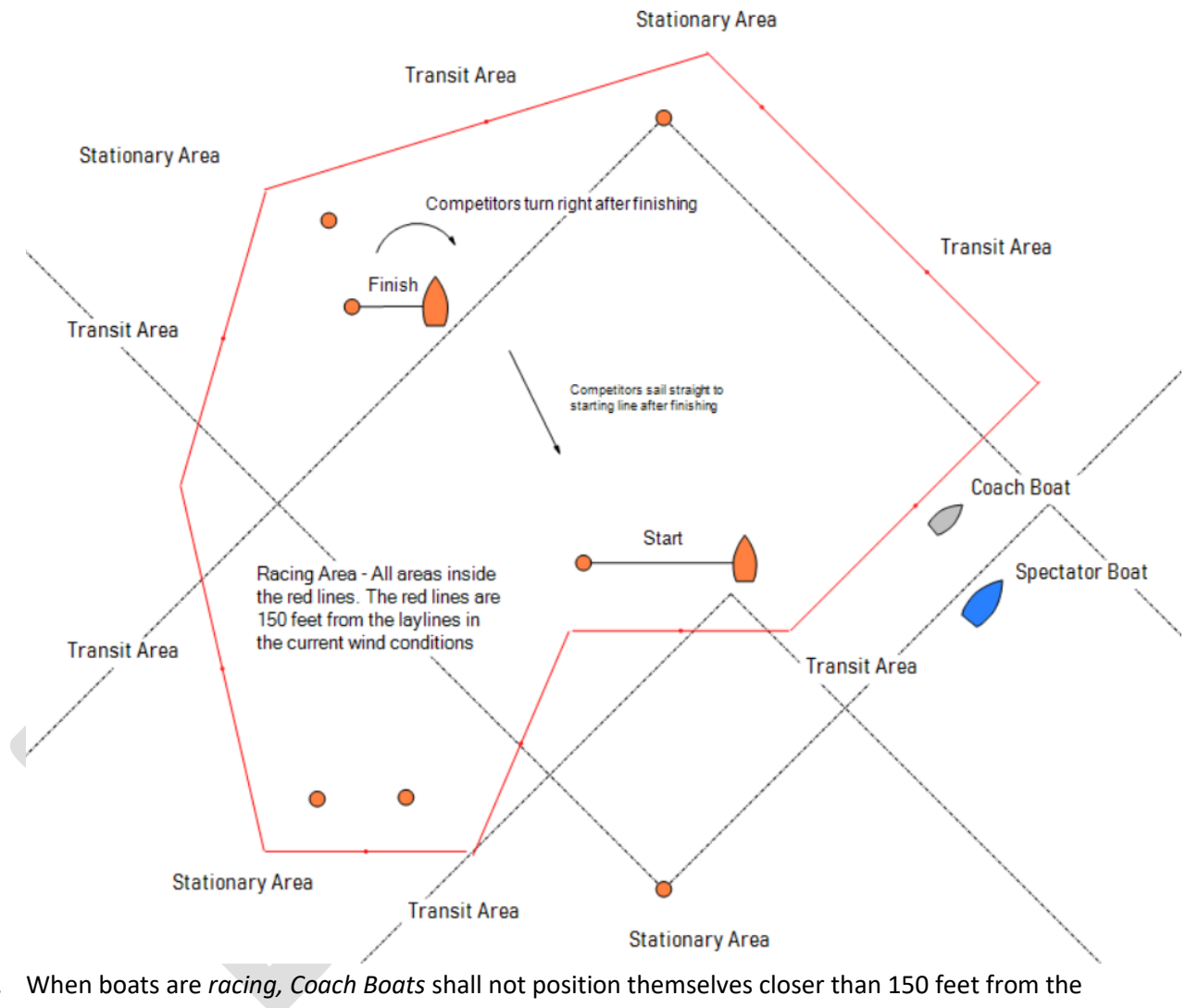
- Hand pump or bailer
- A readily accessible knife
- All equipment required by local maritime law. In most venues, this includes
  - Fire Extinguisher
  - A sound generating device like a horn
  - A “throwable” PFD
  - Current Registration
  - Battery securing device
  - Battery terminal cover(s)
- Carry adequate third-party insurance that covers the vessel and any operator of the vessel
- The maximum plated / certified passenger and weight limits for the vessel shall never be exceeded
- Comply with directions and reasonable request given from or under the authority of a Race Official. This includes assisting in rescue operations when requested to do so.
- Understand and comply with local lake, harbor, and marina regulations, including speed limits.

Spectator – A vessel that is watching the races and has aboard person(s) who meet the Racing Rules of Sailing definition of *support person* but not the definition of *Regatta Official* or *Coach*. These boats shall

- Register during the official registration period
- Attend the Support Person Briefing immediately following the Competitor’s Briefing.
- Comply with all regulations set forth in the Racing Rules of Sailing and this document.

## Coach and Spectator Boat Rules

1. All *Coaches* and *Spectators* agree to be bound by these *Support Person Rules* and *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
2. The area between all *marks* and including the laylines for each *mark* are considered the racing area. No *Coaches* or *Spectators* shall enter the racing area without permission from a Race Official or in an emergency. This diagram is not to scale and may not reflect the actual start and finish line configurations.

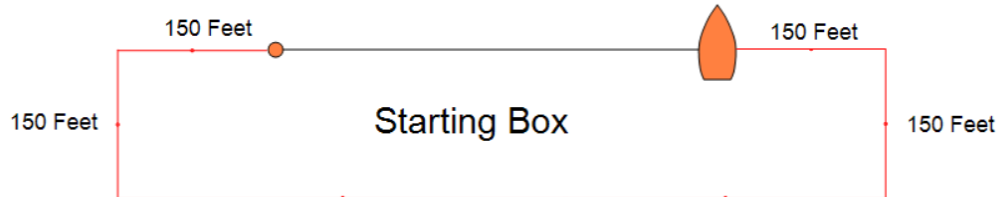


3. When boats are *racing*, *Coach Boats* shall not position themselves closer than 150 feet from the racing area
4. When boats are *racing*, *Spectator Boats* shall not position themselves closer than 200 feet from the racing area
5. Except in an emergency, *Coach Boats* and *Spectator Boats* shall operate at slow-no-wake when boats are *racing*, unless directed by a *regatta official*.
6. Except in an emergency, *Coach Boats* and *Spectator Boats* shall not motor in a manner that causes a boat that is *racing* to sail in or cross their wake or prop-wash, unless directed by a *race official*.

7. *Coaches* and *Spectators* shall not display any flags while afloat, including but not limited to, team flags, yacht club burgees, skull and crossbones. The only flags permitted are those provided by the organizing authority.

8. The Start

a. The *Starting Box* is an area extending 150 feet behind the starting line and 150 feet laterally from the starting line. This diagram is not to scale.



b. Except in an emergency or temporarily to avoid a collision, all vessel operation within the *Starting Box* shall be at speeds no greater than slow-no-wake

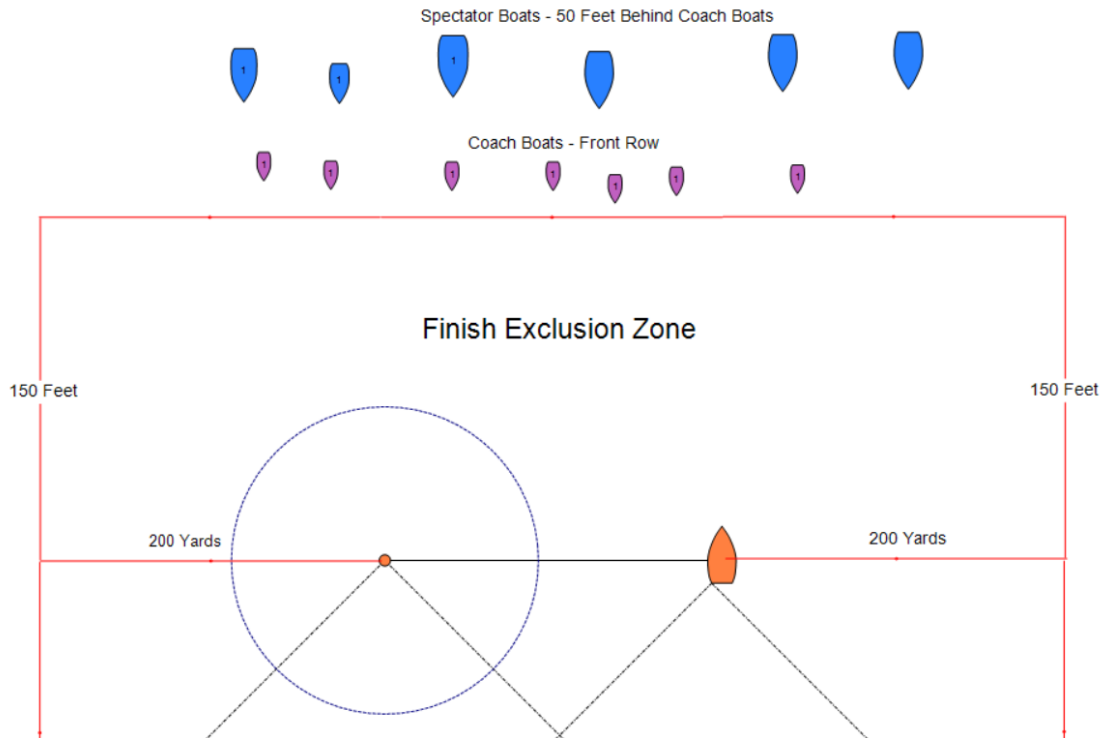
c. Except in an emergency, no *Spectator Boat* shall enter the *Starting Box*

d. Except in an emergency, *Coach Boats* are permitted to enter the *Starting Box* until the warning signal for a race or until a *Race Official* announces that the *Starting Box* is closed. At the moment of the warning signal or the announcement that, "The starting box is closed," *Coach Boats* shall proceed to leeward at slow-no-wake speeds until they exit the *Starting Box*.

e. If a race is postponed or recalled after the warning signal or the announcement of a closed *Starting Box*, the starting box shall remain closed until a *Race Official* announces that the *Starting Box* is open.

9. The Finish

a. The *Finish Exclusion Zone* is the area between the racing area and a line 150 feet to windward of the finish line and laterally 200 yards beyond the finish line. This diagram is not to scale.



- b. Except in an emergency, *Coach Boats* shall not enter the *Finish Exclusion Zone*
  - c. Except in an emergency, *Spectator Boats* shall remain 50 feet away from the *Finish Exclusion Zone*.
  - d. Except in an emergency, all support actions such as coaching, passing items between boats, and especially luffing sails of boats that have finished shall occur after sailing well clear of the *Finish Exclusion Zone*
10. Movement around the course
- a. Except in an emergency, all boat movement shall be at slow-no-wake speeds while boats are *racing*.
  - b. After the start, transit to the windward mark shall occur to the right of the *racing area*.
  - c. Exceeding slow-no-wake speeds will not be tolerated. If you want to be at a mark rounding, you should start motoring at slow-no-wake far prior to the boats *racing*.
  - d. Except in an emergency, boats shall only be stationary when they are the required distance from the racing area and near a *starting line, finish line, or mark*. Other areas are designated as areas for transit at slow-no-wake speeds only.

## Penalties

1. Per the Racing Rules of Sailing, a *competitor* may be penalized for the actions of their support person(s).
2. After observing or receiving a protest for a violation of Coach and Support boat rule(s), a protest hearing will be announced on the Official Notice Board. At that hearing, if it is determined that a rule was violated, the following penalties may be enforced:
  - a. Verbal Warning
  - b. Written Warning CC'd to competitors supported by the support person
  - c. Prohibition of support person going afloat for the next race

- d. Prohibition of support person going afloat for the remainder of the race day and/or the next race day
- e. Prohibition of support person from the venue for the duration of the event
- f. Penalty added to competitor's score
- g. Possible action against *support person(s) and/or competitors* under Racing Rules of sailing 2 or 69.

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