



Notice #05/2026

CLASS RULES AMENDMENT**APPENDIX A – SUPPORT BOATS / RIBS**

Team support or coach boats shall not be permitted on the water starting from a first scheduled day of racing (Coach or Team support boats are permitted during practice race(s)). There shall be no transfer of crew, food/drinks or sails before or between races and after the completion of racing for a day before the boat has returned to their berth.

The purpose of this provision is to promote cost control and prevent an escalation of on-water support capabilities (“arms race”). It is not intended to prevent or discourage the participation of family members or guests, provided that such participation does not result in additional on-water support capabilities or otherwise circumvent the intent of this provision.

1. The following exceptions to the above rule are permitted without approval:
 - (a) Individual spectator boats for family members, guests and sponsors. These boats must remain more than 150 meters outside the racing area at all times. It is not permitted to have any persons on a spectator boat providing coaching or a person who has coached a team outside of the event.
 A declaration of who is onboard the family/guest rib has to be done for each racing day and posted on the ONB.
 The Class Secretary will carry out an investigation into each person declared as being onboard a family/guest or spectator RIB. Any person found to be actively involved with a team on a sailing basis, other than as a family member or guest, shall not be permitted to be onboard the RIB.
 The designated on-the-water team representatives shall be authorised to check, on a daily basis, the identity of the persons onboard the spectator boats in order to verify compliance with these provisions.
 - (b) Transfer of an Owner to and from the boat.
2. The following exceptions to the above rule, if approved, are permitted:
 - (a) A boat with a photographer or drone pilot whose sole purpose is to acquire images for communication, media publication or sponsor commitments. These boats must remain more than 150 meters outside the racing area at all times. A drone shall not be flown closer than 150m in any direction (including vertically) to any boat that is racing. Approval shall be requested from the 28CA. Additionally, the 28CA may give approval for a reduction in the 150m exclusion zone for a specific purpose which may include making the footage available to all participating teams for a fee to be agreed with the 28CA.
 - (b) An organization such as a sailmaker may apply for authorization to the ExCom via the Class Manager at least 14 days prior to the regatta to observe the racing and provide coaching to the fleet. They may acquire technical video or pictures of the racing, under the premise that all content is made available to any participating teams. Every day after the races these Videos or pictures will be publish in the ONB. These boats must remain more than 150 meters outside the racing area at all times. The person’s from the designated organization are not permitted to provide coaching support to an individual boat or boats either prior, during or following the regatta.
 - (c) An Owner or Charterer competing in their first CS28 Class Event may apply for authorization to the Class Manager for permission to have a coach boat supporting their team during the event.
 The request shall be submitted no later than 14 days prior to the start of the event and shall include the complete crew list of the boat concerned.
 If the request is approved, the approval, together with the relevant crew information, shall be published on the Official Notice Board.
 There shall be no transfer of crew, food/drinks or sails before or between races and after the completion of racing for a day until the boat has returned to their berth.

Infringements to the above will result in a penalty to any team associated with the infringing vessel. Penalties may result in either additional points to the overall classification or disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee.

This rule may be amended by a Notice of Race.