

London 2012 Paralympic Sailing competition

Coach Boat Regulations

1. General

- 1.1. These Coach Boat Regulations (CBR) shall apply from 09:00 on Wednesday 22 August 2012 until 18:00 on Thursday 6 September 2012.
- 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 or may provide physical or advisory support to an athlete, including the gathering of data that may be used at a later time.
- 1.3. The Organising Authority may inspect boats at any time to ensure that they comply with these regulations, and the person responsible for the boat shall facilitate such inspection.
- 1.4. 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 from the offending party, with or without the option of substitution, either for a specified period or for the remainder of the competition. Note also, action may be taken under RRS 69.
- 1.5. The Organising Authority may change these regulations at any time. Any changes will be posted on the Official Noticeboard and circulated to team leaders.
- 1.6. The Organising Authority may, at its discretion, refuse to register coach boats not deemed to be suitable. Generally, open boats more than 4.0m 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, nor should any mast or equipment exceed a height of 4.0m from the waterline.
- 1.8. No more than one coach boat per National Paralympic Committee (NPC) per Event entered may be registered.
- 1.9. When one or more Events are in progress on the Course Area, coach boats shall remain outside the Course Area, unless they have an athlete entered in one of those Events. Other coach boats shall remain within 20 metres of the boundaries of the Competition Area whilst racing is under way.
- 1.10. An NPC is allowed one coach boat in the Course Area for each Event where it has a competitor entered.
- 1.11. Coach boats and designated drivers shall be registered at the Sport Information Desk either before leaving the Paralympic Sailing Venue by water for the first time or by 18:00 on Thursday 30 August, whichever is earlier.
 - 1.11.1. Each boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of £1,500,000 (or equivalent) per incident.
 - 1.11.2. The person registering the coach boat shall sign to confirm that:

- he/she holds a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability coverage as required by 1.11.1;
- 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.

1.11.3. 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 in writing to the Organising Authority at registration. All radios shall comply with UK radio equipment regulations, and will be subject to checking by the United Kingdom independent communications regulator, Ofcom, during the Sailing competition.

1.12. Coach boats shall be marked as follows:

1.12.1. The coach boat shall meet the requirements of Paragraph 2 (Identification and Advertising) of the Notice of Race.

1.12.2. The three-letter NPC code shall be clearly displayed on both sides of the boat in strongly contrasting colours at all times while afloat. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200mm. The letters will not be provided by the Organising Authority.

1.12.3. Each coach boat shall clearly display on both sides of the boat (tubes, hull or console) a three-digit number at all times when afloat. The numbers will be supplied by the Organising Authority.

1.13. Coach boats may fly the national flag and / or the national maritime flag. No flag should have a hoist longer than 75cm. No other flags or burgees may be flown.

1.14. Coach boats shall carry only accredited personnel.

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

1.16. Coaches who do not have a coach boat but who will go afloat in another coach's boat shall register at the Sport Information Desk either before leaving the Sailing Venue by water for the first time or by 18:00 on Thursday 30 August, whichever is the earlier.

2. Weymouth and Portland Sailing Venue

2.1. Coach boats shall use the designated slipway for launching. Once launched, trailers shall be moved immediately to the trailer park or as otherwise directed by the Organising Authority. All trailers shall have the boat or owner's name and NPC marked on the trailer.

2.2. Only coach boats that will be registered will be allowed into the Weymouth and Portland Sailing Venue.

- 2.3. When not in use, coach boats shall be appropriately berthed at the Weymouth and Portland Sailing Venue in the allocated areas for coach boats for the entire time that these CBR 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 (it is recommended that they are worn at all times when afloat);
 - first-aid kit;
 - VHF radio capable of receiving instruction on VHF radio channel 60;
 - device for making a sound signal;
 - compass;
 - adequate anchor and tackle for conditions and depth;
 - tow rope (minimum 15m long and 10mm thick);
 - operational engine kill cord (also known as a safety lanyard or automatic engine immobiliser);
 - knife; and
 - additional safety equipment as required by English maritime law for locally chartered boats, as detailed in the charter agreement.
- 3.2. It is strongly recommended that the kill cord is used at all times when the engine is running.
- 3.3. Coach boats shall never exceed maximum plated / certified passenger limits.
- 3.4. Team leaders are responsible for overseeing the safety of their coach boats on the water, including knowledge of who is afloat and ensuring their safe return to the Venue. They should notify Race Control (call sign 'Bridge') on VHF radio channel 60 if they are concerned about the safety of any of their coach boats.
- 3.5. At all times, the registered driver(s) of a coach boat shall comply with directions given by a Race Official. In particular, this includes assisting in rescue operations when requested to do so.
- 3.6. Coach boats shall comply with local harbour and marina regulations. In particular:
- Speed limits shall be respected in the marina (Dead Slow) and inside the yellow harbour buoys (six knots); and
 - Coach boats shall obey instructions from any race marshal, security or government marine safety official.

4. Competition Area restrictions (22 August – 6 September)

- 4.1. The London 2012 Paralympic Sailing competition Competition Area Regulations (CAR) apply to all coach boats from 22 August 2012 to 6 September 2012.

- 4.2. All coach boats shall remain within the Competition Area whilst on the water at all times.
- 4.3. During the competition period, 31 August to 6 September, only registered athlete boats, coach boats, Race Official boats and accredited personnel (collectively known as Paralympic traffic) are allowed in the Competition Area.
- 4.4. During the training period, 22 to 30 August, non-accredited coach boats or sailing boats may not enter the Weymouth and Portland Sailing Venue but may be launched elsewhere. They may enter the Competition Area and engage with Paralympic traffic.
 - 4.4.1. Any non-Paralympic traffic that enters the Competition Areas may be subject to a search by security personnel.

5. General restrictions

- 5.1. 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, or actions affecting the fairness or safety of competition.
- 5.2. 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.
- 5.3. Coach boats should take particular care to minimise their wash in the Portland Harbour Course Area. When fleets are racing in this area, coach boats may have to stop and wait until an opportunity arises to pass the racing boats with the minimum of disturbance.

6. Coach Boat Zone

- 6.1. The Coach Boat Zone is defined in Attachment 1.
- 6.2. The Coach Boat Zone may be positioned to one side to maximise the Course Area available for racing. Coaches should always remain on the non-course side of the coach boat marks wherever they are set.
- 6.3. After the first warning signal of the day, coach boats shall retire to the Coach Boat Zone until all racing has been completed, postponed or abandoned for the Course Area, unless instructed to do otherwise by the Race Committee.
- 6.4. Between sequences of racing, or when all racing for the Course Area has been postponed or abandoned, coach boats may enter the Course Area to service their athletes, but shall restrict their speed to five knots. 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.

7. Special safety rules

- 7.1. For safety reasons, the Race Committee signal boat may display flag V to signal that the following coach boat rule applies. From the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, coach boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing. Such areas are defined as:
- not closer than 100m to any boat racing (except a boat in distress or requiring assistance);
 - within 100m 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;
 - between any boat racing and the next mark of the course;
 - between the inner and outer trapezoid courses when boats are racing on both courses;
 - within 100m of any mark of the course while boats are in the vicinity of that mark; and
 - within 100m of the finishing line and marks while boats are finishing.
- 7.2. If flag V is displayed on the Race Committee signal boat, the VHF radio permitted in regulation 3.1 shall be switched on and used for safety communication on VHF radio channel 60.
- 7.3. Coach boats should proceed around the racing area in such a way to minimise the effect their wash will have on boats racing. Boats that are motoring above five knots shall remain at least 150m from any boat racing.
- 7.4. 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 five knots. If further racing is to take place, coach boats shall immediately move outside the racing area and into the Coach Boat Zone at the warning signal for the first race of the next racing session and remain in the Coach Boat Zone until after the starting sequence has been completed for one or more starts in a session.

8. Equipment

- 8.1. It is prohibited to carry any electronic device on board a coach boat, including mobile telephones, except:
- items listed in 3.1;
 - any device for time-keeping;
 - devices for measurement of wind (wind speed and bearing only), depth, compass bearing and boat speed and heading;
 - 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);

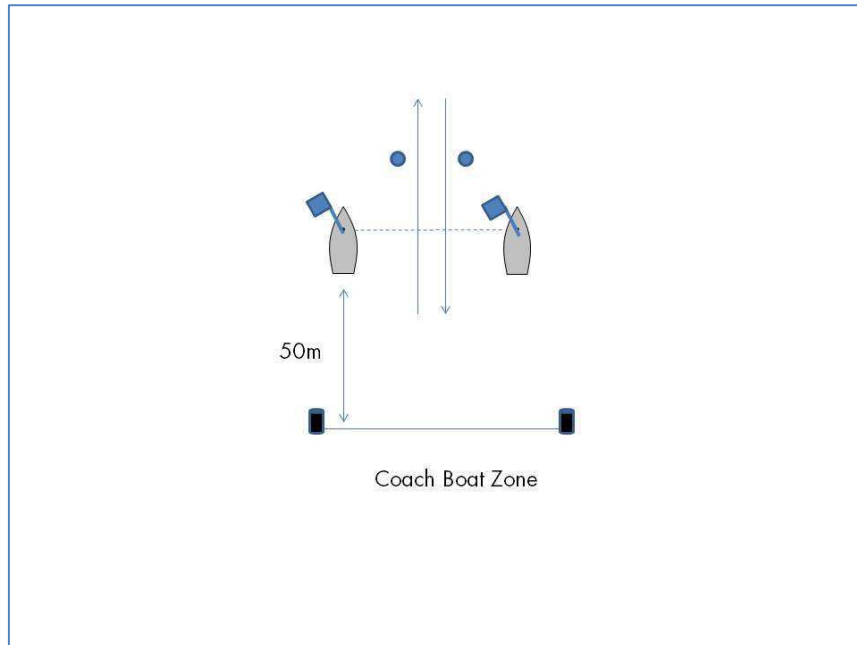
- electronically stabilised binoculars;
 - a GPS receiver; and
 - a commercially available stand-alone GPS plotter, which may be interfaced only to a GPS receiver.
- 8.2. Weather data may be logged on board a coach boat. However, the coach boat shall not carry on board any equipment capable of viewing or analysing the logged data.
- 8.3. If any prohibited kit is permanently installed in a coach boat, the coach boat shall only be permitted to go afloat if the kit is disabled so as to render it completely inoperable for the duration of the Sailing competition.
- 8.4. 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 regulations 3.1 and 8.1. The use of private radio channels whilst afloat is prohibited; Ofcom monitoring will be used to police this restriction.
- 8.5. While on the water, any communication equipment carried in accordance with regulations 3.1 and 8.1 shall not be used to discuss any technical sailing, weather or tidal information.
- 8.6. When the Race Committee displays flag V with repetitive sounds, all coach boats shall monitor VHF radio channel 60 for search and rescue instructions and comply with these instructions if safe to do so.

Attachment 1: Coach Boat Zone

A Coach Boat Zone will be marked with black buoys, 1.6m high x 1.2m diameter.

A Coach Boat Zone may be positioned to one side of the course to maximise the Course Area available for racing. Coaches should always remain on the non-course side of the coach boat marks, wherever they are set.

Windward – Leeward Course



Trapezoid Course

