



LOUGH REE YACHT CLUB
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Guidelines for rescue and support boats

Thank you for participating as a support boat for the event. The principle objective is to insure the safety of all sailors and we ask that everyone coordinates their efforts to that end.

- VHF channels used: Regatta fleet 71, Main fleet 72.
- Each boat has been issued with a flag at registration. These flags have been colour coded according to the boats function; jurors (yellow), rescue (pink) and visiting boats (white).
- Each visiting boat has an I.D. number on the flag that it's issued with. This is the number you will use to identify yourself for radio communications. E.g. white flag with number '9' → Visiting boat 9
- The race officer has requested that an exclusion zone of 200 metres be observed around the race area and marks. Please be very clear that this exclusion will be enforced.
- During racing support boats must not create a 'wash' anywhere on the lake that could affect the sailors. On the lake a boat's wash can travel many kilometres.
- Boats may be asked to assist in a rescue. In this event, please follow the direction of the race officer or rescue coordinator.
- Do not assist a boat unless specifically requested to do so by either the sailor or race organisers as this will disqualify the sailor involved.
- The racing rules of sailing regarding communication between competitors and support boats must be respected.
- We advise that the crew of all support boats familiarize themselves with local navigational guidance. Areas of concern will be highlighted during the support boats' briefing.



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- A number of 'mother boats' will be stationed around the race area. These should be used as a repository for children/boats in a rescue situation if required, sailors' or for toilet breaks.

Should a rescue situation arise, sailors (unless in need of immediate medical assistance) should be brought to the mother boats rather than escorting them back to the club.-After completing assistance/rescue, the safety boat should advise the safety coordinator of the situation and following instructions given.