



THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR INTENDED PLEASURE VESSELS IN TEMPORARY COMMERCIAL USE AT SEA

Part 2: Intended Pleasure Vessels in Temporary Commercial Use at Sea
as Race Support Boats

Definitions

Intended Pleasure Vessel (IPV)

- For Part 2 of this Code of Practice, Intended Pleasure Vessel means any vessel intended to be used or normally in use as a Pleasure Vessel but which is used at sea as a Race Support Boat.

At Sea

- At Sea and/or To Sea mean in both cases beyond UK Categorised Waters, as defined in [MSN1837](#), as amended.

Race Support Boat

- a vessel used for Race Support Activities in a race affiliated to the National Governing Body of Sport.

Definitions

Race Support Activities

- laying, adjusting and collecting of racing course and boundary markers at sea, or
- monitoring the safety of a race at sea, or
- assisting race participants in difficulties at sea, or
- providing support to competitors while afloat at sea (including coaching), or
- adjudicating a race at sea, or
- marshalling the race participants and spectators at sea, or
- tidal and meteorological forecasting for a race at sea, or
- any similar activity which is in direct support of the sporting participants taking part in a race at sea.

Racing Event

- a series of races affiliated to the National Governing Body of Sport. A series of races is to be held over no more than 7 consecutive days

Definitions

Pleasure Vessel (according to SI1998/2771) means: -

(a) any vessel which at the time it is being used is:

(i)

(aa) in the case of a vessel wholly owned by an individual or individuals, used only for the sport or pleasure of the owner or the immediate family or friends of the owner; or

(bb) in the case of a vessel owned by a body corporate, used only for sport or pleasure and on which the persons on board are employees or officers of the body corporate, or their immediate family or friends; and

(ii) on a voyage or excursion which is one for which the owner does not receive money for or in connection with operating the vessel or carrying any person, other than as a contribution to the direct expenses of the operation of the vessel incurred during the voyage or excursion; or

(b) any vessel wholly owned by or on behalf of a members' club formed for the purpose of sport or pleasure which, at the time it is being used, is used only for the sport or pleasure of members of that club or their immediate family, and for the use of which any charges levied are paid into club funds and applied for the general use of the club;

Applicability

The intent is to provide a proportionate and appropriate level of safety for IPVs used as a Race Support Boat

It is not intended to be more onerous than would be expected of usual race management practice in the UK for Race Support Boats.

Applicability

The IPV Code is applicable to vessels:

- Up to 15m in length,
- Operating as a Race Support Boat at Sea,
- Which fall outside of the Pleasure Vessel definition,
- Which are not already certificated under the existing Codes of Practice,

For up to 10 Racing Events per year

Impact on Clubs

It is not intended to be more onerous than would be expected of usual race management practice in the UK for Race Support Boats.

Size of vessel – up to 15m

Limitation of 10 Racing Events per year may impact a small number of individuals or clubs

Safety Management System

The IPV Code requires a Safety Management System is put in place to manage and mitigate the risks involved in vessels operating at sea.

This is likely covered by clubs own, existing safety policies for Race Support Boats; however should include:

- The limits to the area of operation.
- limiting conditions that should be observed whilst each RSB is at sea. Due regard should be given to weather forecasts to ensure that the Race Event and therefore Race Support Activity is only undertaken in daylight and favourable weather.

What are the Requirements?

Section 6 – Conditions of Compliance

- Radio & Navigation
- Bilge Pumping
- Fire Safety
- Life-Saving
- Construction & Machinery
- Manning
- Self-declaration

Implementation

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Any Questions?

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