



## WELCOME

We hope you and your guests enjoy the racing of America's Cup Class yachts in the Louis Vuitton Cup.

Here are some things you can do to help us make each day safe and enjoyable for spectators and competitors alike:

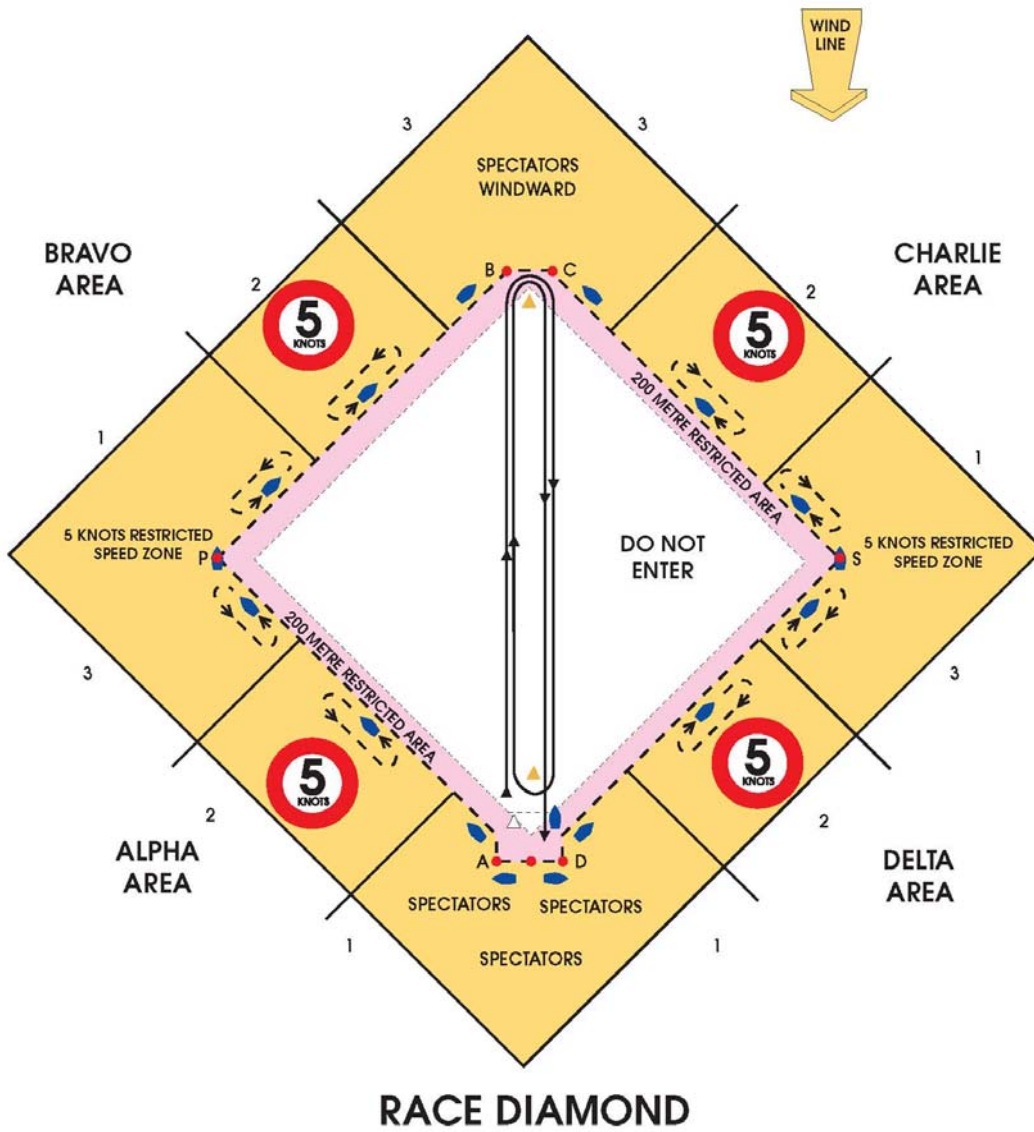
- Listen to **VHF Channel 77** for official information from the Race Committee and the Course Marshal.
- Comply with all instructions received from the Course Marshal or the boats marked "Security".
- Stay outside of the boats marked "Security" and the red (tomato) buoys at all times.
- Observe a 5 knot speed limit when near the race course, observe the "Rules of the Road", and use "Common Sense" at all times.
- Be aware that the racing yachts are very fast and will make radical maneuvers and sharp turns. They may even sail into the spectator fleet. If you are approached by one of the racing yachts, **hold your position and let the racing yacht avoid you.**
- Do not anchor in the Race Area at any time.
- Be aware that all branding, advertising or promotional activities not previously authorized by the Event Organizer are not allowed in the Race Area. This means that any hulls, sails, flags, signs, and any other visible objects that include commercial brands and/or advertising or promotional messages not previously approved by AC Management are forbidden. No commercial association (including advertising) of any vessel with the America's Cup is permitted without the express written permission of AC Management.
- In case of emergency, first call the usual local emergency services on **VHF channel 16**, and then advise the Course Marshal on **VHF channel 77** if time permits.
- You can listen to a running commentary of the racing on VHF Ch 71 in English; and on FM radio 87.8 (Spanish) and FM 99.2 (English).
- **Obey the instructions of the Guardia Civil del Mar at all times**

NZL Emirates Team New Zealand, Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron

ITA Luna Rossa Challenge, Yacht Club Italiano

**Thank you for your cooperation**

W.H. Dyer Jones  
Regatta Director



## **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS for FLAGGED SPECTATOR VESSELS**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Special flags are issued to some spectator vessels by AC Management, the Event Organizer of the 32<sup>nd</sup> America's Cup. These so-called "**Flagged Vessels**" are under the direction of the Course Marshals and the Security Boats when in the "Restricted Area" of the Race Diamond; and they assist the Course Marshal in defining the line beyond which other spectator boats may not proceed into the Race Diamond.

The Flagged Vessels to which these Instructions apply are:

***Bona fide*** Spectator Boats of Competitors  
Spectator Boats of others accredited by AC Management

Additional Instructions will apply to:

Competitor's Chase Boats and Weather Boats  
Special Event Authority Spectator, Media, TV, & Photographer Boats

Failure to follow these Instructions or other directions of the Course Marshal will result in the immediate removal of the vessel's flag privilege.

All other spectator vessels, including those of Competitors, must remain outside of the Race Diamond perimeter defined by the Security Boats and the red (tomato) buoys.

**Obey the instructions of the Guardia Civil del Mar at all times.**

### **APPLICATION - For Spectator Vessels**

Each Competitor may apply for flags for its ***bona fide*** Spectator Vessels. These vessels shall not exceed 35 metres LOA, and shall be of a type suitable for spectators to view the races.

Team support vessels such as tenders, chase boats, and weather boats will not be issued with flags as spectator vessels.

### **BRIEFING**

A representative of each Competitor requesting a flag(s) shall accompany the Captain of each vessel when attending a Briefing with the Race Committee and Course Marshals. The Flag will not be issued unless the Captain and Competitor representative attend this Briefing. The Briefing(s) will be held in the Jury Hearing Room at the Edificio Varadero.

### **RULES OF CONDUCT**

#### **Advertising**

No Flagged Vessel is to display any signage on or around the race course without the approval of AC Management. The only signage that is permitted is that of the sponsors of the Event and the signage on Competitor's vessels in compliance with the Terms of Challenge. The Event Organizer may approve other signage in its sole discretion.

#### **Filming & Photographs**

In order to ensure that the rights of the Event Organizer and the Competitors are protected, the Captain of each Flagged Vessel will ensure that no one on that Flagged Vessel uses:

- any type of equipment for electronic range finding (including so-called laser guns) directed towards the competitors;
- any type of telemetry listening device, or any other device which could pick-up telemetry signals from the competing yachts; or any other device capable of determining the exact or relative positions or speed of the competing yachts;
- any video recording or broadcast equipment in competition with the credentialed rights holders.

Still cameras and home-type video cameras are permitted for personal use only. No commercial exploitation in television, print, Internet or any other media (as news coverage or otherwise) of photographs or video taken aboard a Flagged Vessel, or transmission of any audio commentary of the races (including mobile telephone) from a Flagged Vessel, may be made without the written permission of AC Management except by credentialed media with rights to exploit such photographs, or video, or audio commentary, subject to the restrictions imposed on such media.

### **Other Race Courses**

All vessels must be aware that during the match racing of the Louis Vuitton Cup there will be 2 Race Diamonds. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Race Diamond may be used by the Defender. Therefore, when transiting to and from Port America's Cup, DO NOT CROSS another Race Diamond, and please slow down to 5 knots when passing around another area where racing is being conducted.

### **USE, ISSUE, RETURN, & CARE OF FLAGS**

- Each flag is issued to a specific vessel for specific days and may not be sold or bartered.
- Flags will not be issued to vessels engaged in selling spaces to the public within the Venue.
- Flags may not be transferred to another vessel without the written consent of the Regatta Director and a briefing of the vessel captain by the Course Marshal. On a daily basis, the Regatta Director will advise the Capitan Marítimo and the Guardia Civil del Mar of the name and flag number of each Flagged Vessel and its captain's name.

Flags shall be displayed prominently only when in the vicinity of the Race Diamond. If Security Boats or the Guardia Civil cannot see your flag, you can expect to be asked to move from your position. The flag must be removed or secured when running to or from the harbor or at the dock.

**Note that all flags must be returned immediately following the last race of the Finals.**

All flags remain the property of AC Management and are to be returned in person to the Course Marshal. The Flag shall be returned before 19h30 on the last racing day of the Finals. Any Competitor that does not return a Flag issued to its nominated vessel will incur a charge of **€500 per flag** missing or lost.

Lost Flags will not be replaced. Captains must ensure that it is properly secured and not stolen.

### **SAFETY GUIDELINES & SPEED RESTRICTIONS**

**Responsibility.** The captain is responsible for the safety and control of his vessel and all persons on board; and for the conduct of his vessel in accordance with maritime law and good seamanship. Vessels must be operated safely at all times.

**No transfers.** No vessel of any type is to pick-up or drop-off passengers from or to a Flagged Vessel in the restricted areas designated for use by Flagged Vessels. The Race Committee and Course Marshals do not consider these transfers-at-sea to be prudent or safe.

**Speed restrictions** are necessary in the vicinity of the Race Diamond for two reasons:

- (i) To enhance safety for the spectator fleet, and
- (ii) To reduce the wake effect on Competitors.

The speed restriction of 5 knots shall apply around the Race Diamond out to a distance of one-half (1/2) Nautical Mile from the perimeter. See Race Diamond diagram.

This speed restriction will apply from 15 minutes before the Warning Signal to 15 minutes after the finish of the last yacht.

**Be aware that the Defender, Alinghi, also will be training/racing on many days when the Challengers are racing for the Louis Vuitton Cup. It is imperative that no vessels cross the race course set by Alinghi. Divert your course and go around their training area.**

**OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS for Flagged Vessels (please refer to attached diagrams)**

A Course Marshal is with the Race Committee. The Course Marshal will give instructions to Flagged Vessels from: Security Boats or Race Operations Boats by voice or hand signs, and by radio on **VHF Channel 77**. This channel must be **monitored at all times** when the Flagged Vessel is in the vicinity of the Race Diamond.

**Before & During the Starting Sequence**

The flags issued to most Flagged Vessels are colored RED (Port) and GREEN (Starboard) and numbered.

**The Flagged Vessels are to line-up in numerical order in a straight line** on their assigned side of the Start Box (see diagram "Start Box") astern of the respective Port (Flag # 1) and Starboard (Flag # 2) Escort Vessels. Flag Vessels shall not change sides or position.

At least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled Attention Signal of each race, all Flagged Vessels shall be in their assigned position.

Flagged Vessels shall maintain this position throughout the entire starting sequence, unless the Race Committee shifts the Starting Line if there is a change of wind direction.

Security Boats, assisted by vessels of the Guardia Civil, will endeavor to create a "restricted zone" between the columns of Flagged Vessels and the public spectator fleet. This is to permit space for the Flagged Vessels and racing yachts to maneuver.

When in the vicinity of the Start Box, all captains are warned to keep a safe distance from other vessels **and BE AWARE that the competing yachts may enter your area. If they do, you must HOLD STATION and let the racing yachts maneuver in accordance with the applicable Rules.**

**Team Chase Boats**

At the Preparatory Signal for their yacht, the flagged Team Chase Boat shall be in the position shown in diagrams "Start Box" or as instructed by the Race Committee. At all times, Team Chase Boats must ensure they do not impede any racing yachts.

No other Team Chase Boats, Tenders, or support boats are to be inside the perimeter of the Race Diamond except as permitted by the Notice of Race.

**Official Event Photo & TV Boats**

Prior to the Attention Signal, Photo & TV Boats shall remain outside of the Race Diamond. At the Attention Signal they will assume their initial assigned positions. At any time the position of these boats may be adjusted at the discretion of the Race Officer or Course Marshal. These boats may proceed upwind to either end of an extension of the Starting Line following the Preparatory Signal of each match.

**After the Start**

After both yachts have crossed the Starting Line, the Port and Starboard Escort Boats will proceed slowly up the perimeter of the Race Diamond passing near the Outer Perimeter Buoys (red buoys "P" or "S"). Flag Vessels will follow in column line astern in numerical order.

Follow at a safe distance and at no more speed than your respective Port or Starboard Escort Boat. Watch for other spectator boats and Security Boats.

If you leave the Flag Vessel fleet you:

- must notify the Course Marshal on VHF Ch 77,

- proceed outside the Restricted Area, and remain outside the perimeter of Security Boats,
- must remove your special Flag,
- may not return to the assigned Flag position during the remainder of that race, and
- may assume that other Flagged Vessels astern will move-up into your position.

The Port and Starboard Escort Boats will decide when to turn the Flagged Vessel fleet to return to the Leeward Mark area, or towards the Windward Mark area.

When turning the Flagged Vessel fleet, turns will be away from the Race Diamond, and the fleet is to follow in column line.

When in the vicinity of the Windward or Leeward Marks, or the Finish Area, ensure that you conform to the positions depicted on the diagrams for the respective areas.

Official Photo & TV Boats - Do not block the view of each other. Never pass between the turning mark and any Race Committee Boats (Signal Boat, Port Judge, Windward Judge, or Umpire or Jury Boats).

**At the Finish**

When the Course Marshal directs that the Finish Box is to be set, all boats in the vicinity of the Leeward Mark must move to positions outside of the Finish Box.

All boats must remain clear of the exit of the Finish Area corridor as shown in the diagram Finish Box until **all racing yachts** have departed the Race Diamond.

The team vessel used for towing the race yacht may enter the Finish Box just prior to the finish in order to take the yacht under tow. This procedure may be escorted by vessels of the Guardia Civil.

**DEPARTING OR ENTERING THE DARSENA**

All vessels entering the External Marina are required to obtain permission to enter by radio from Port America's Cup Master Traffic Control (call sign "Master Traffic control") using **VHF Channel 67**. Once in the External Marina, vessels that wish to enter the Canal and the Interior Dársena will have to switch to **VHF channel 68**, and communicate their movements.

The reverse procedure will apply when departing.

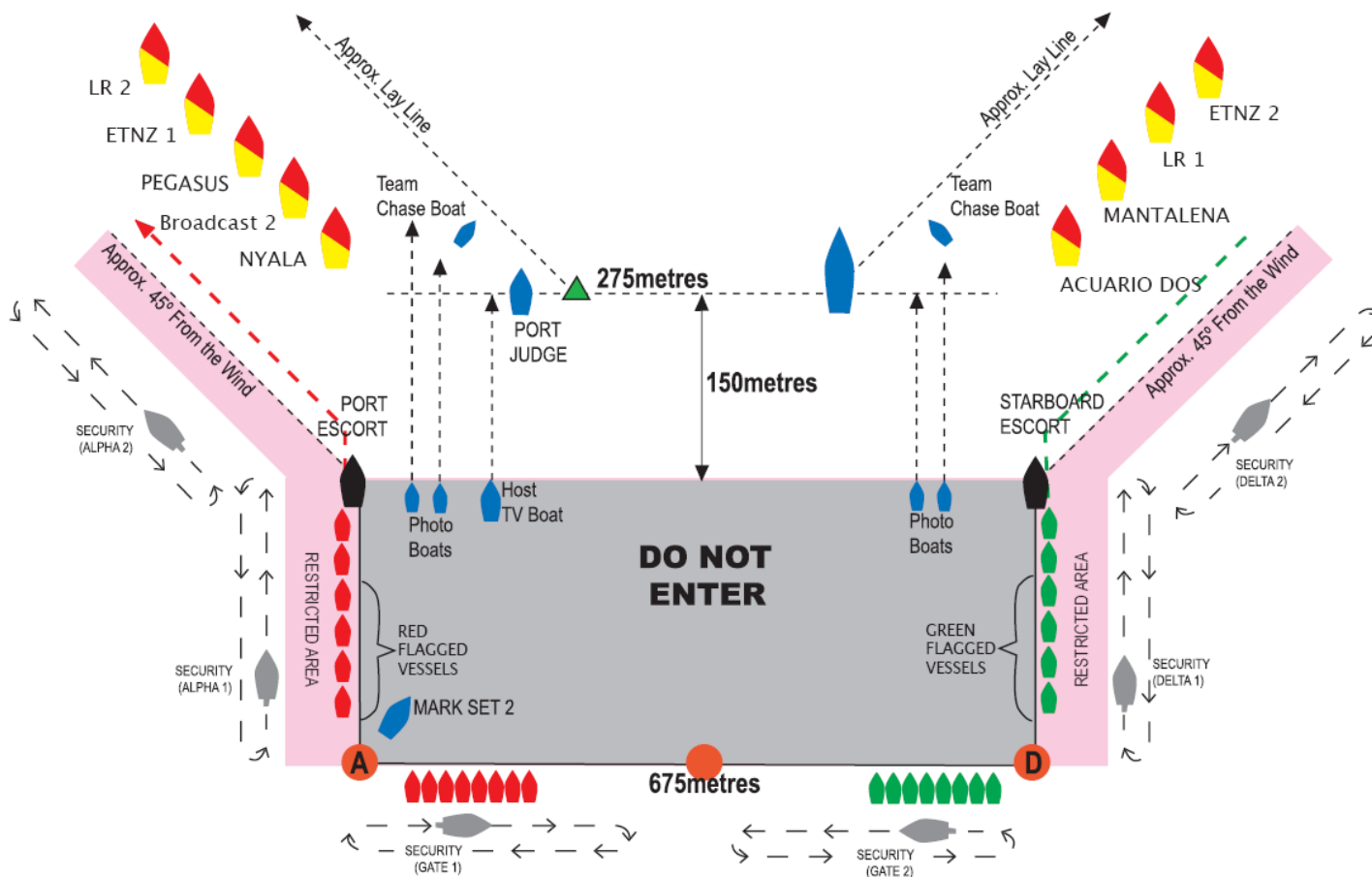
Please observe the 3 knot speed restriction required by law, which is in effect in all parts of Port America's Cup, the External Marina, the Canal, and the Dársena Interior; and obey the instructions of the Guardia Civil del Mar and observe the "The Rules of the Road" at all times.

**EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

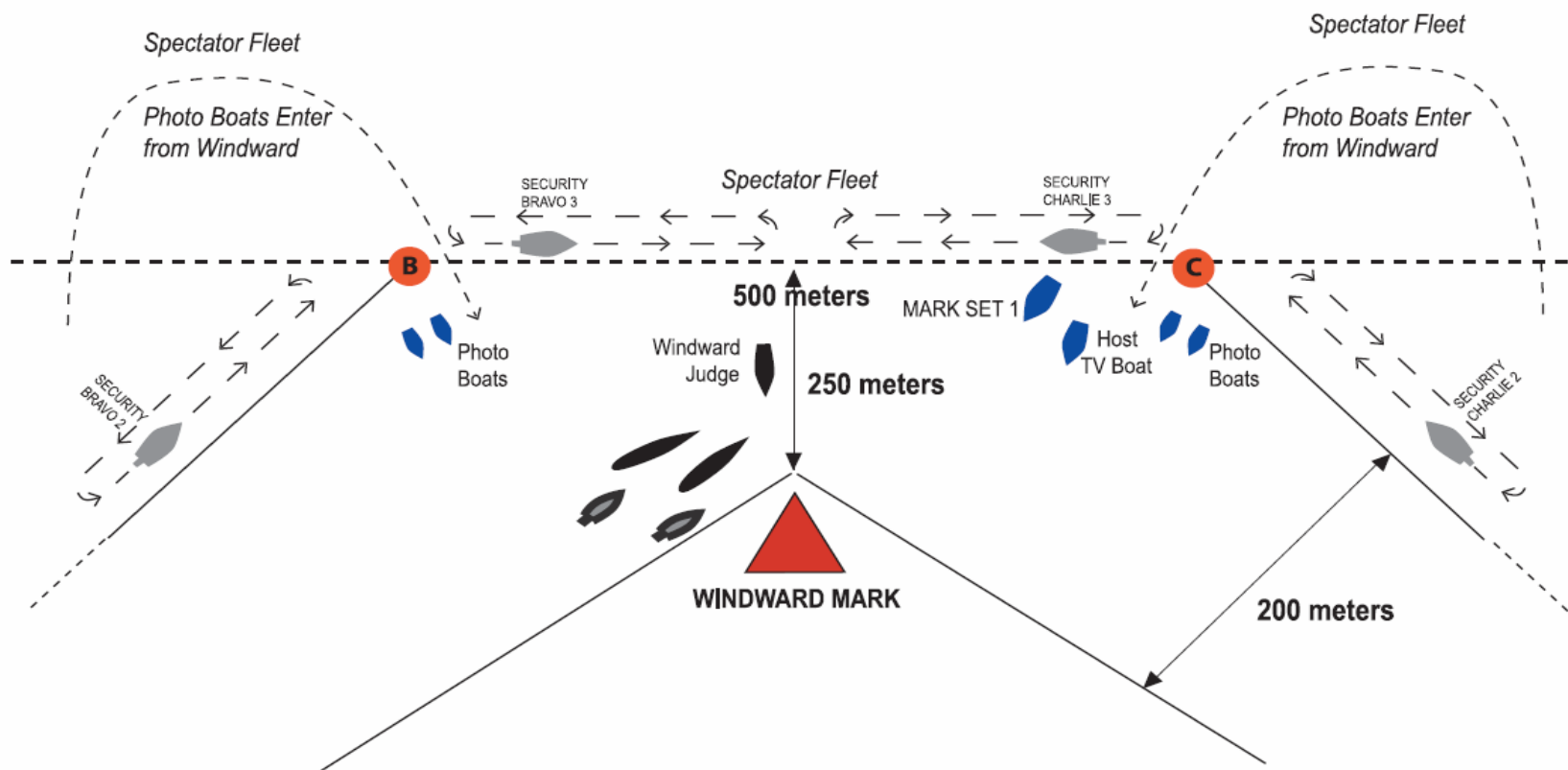
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|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Valencia Traffic Control | Port Operations   | 10                 | 963 679 302 / 204  |
| Guardia Civil - COS      | Public Safety     | 16                 | 963 172 372        |
| Red Cross                | Medical Emergency | 73                 | 963 677 375        |
| Salvamento Marítimo      | Accident at Sea   | 10                 | 900 202 202        |

Please keep in mind that the above are responsible organizations working with us who can deal with almost any development.

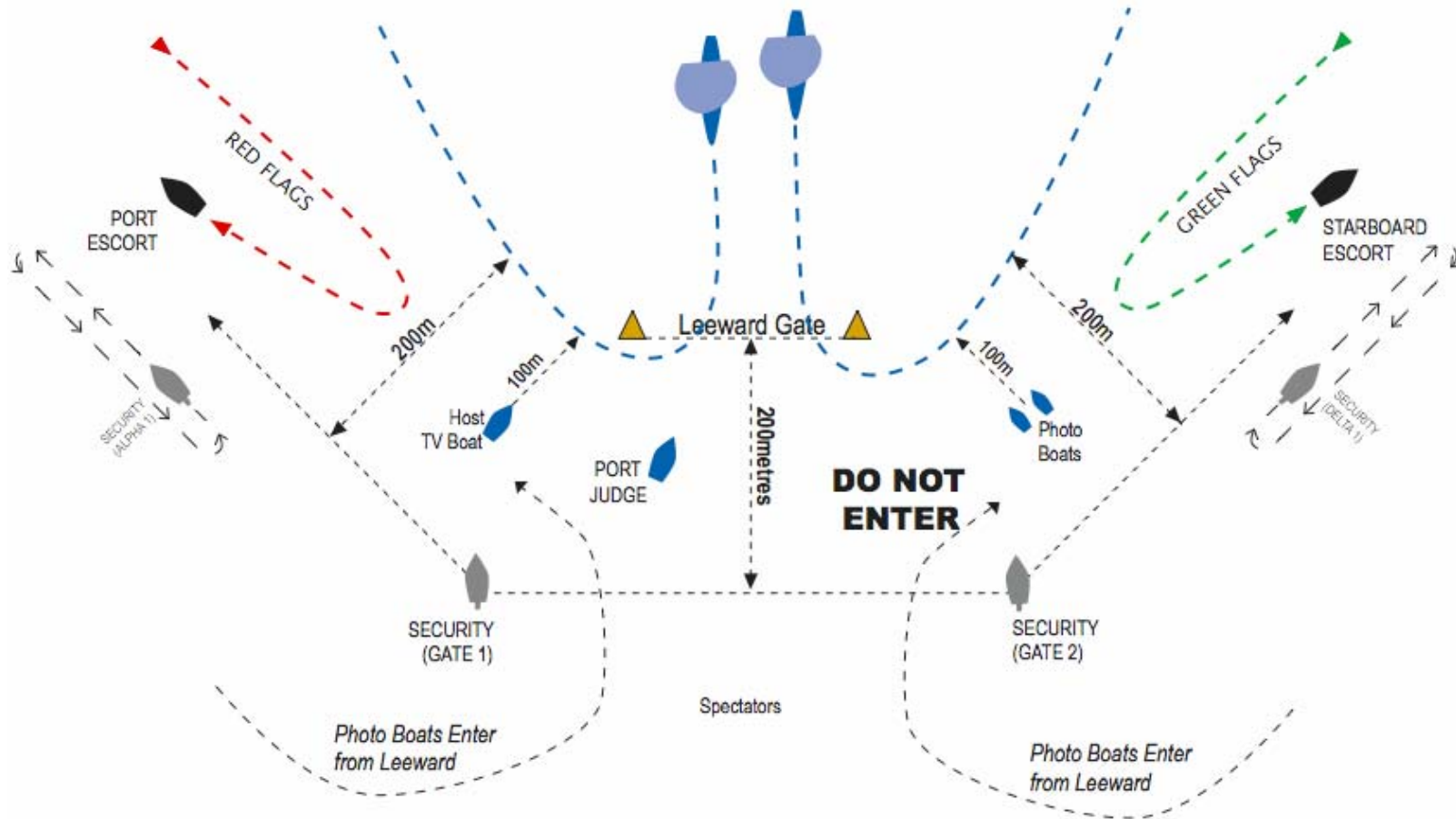
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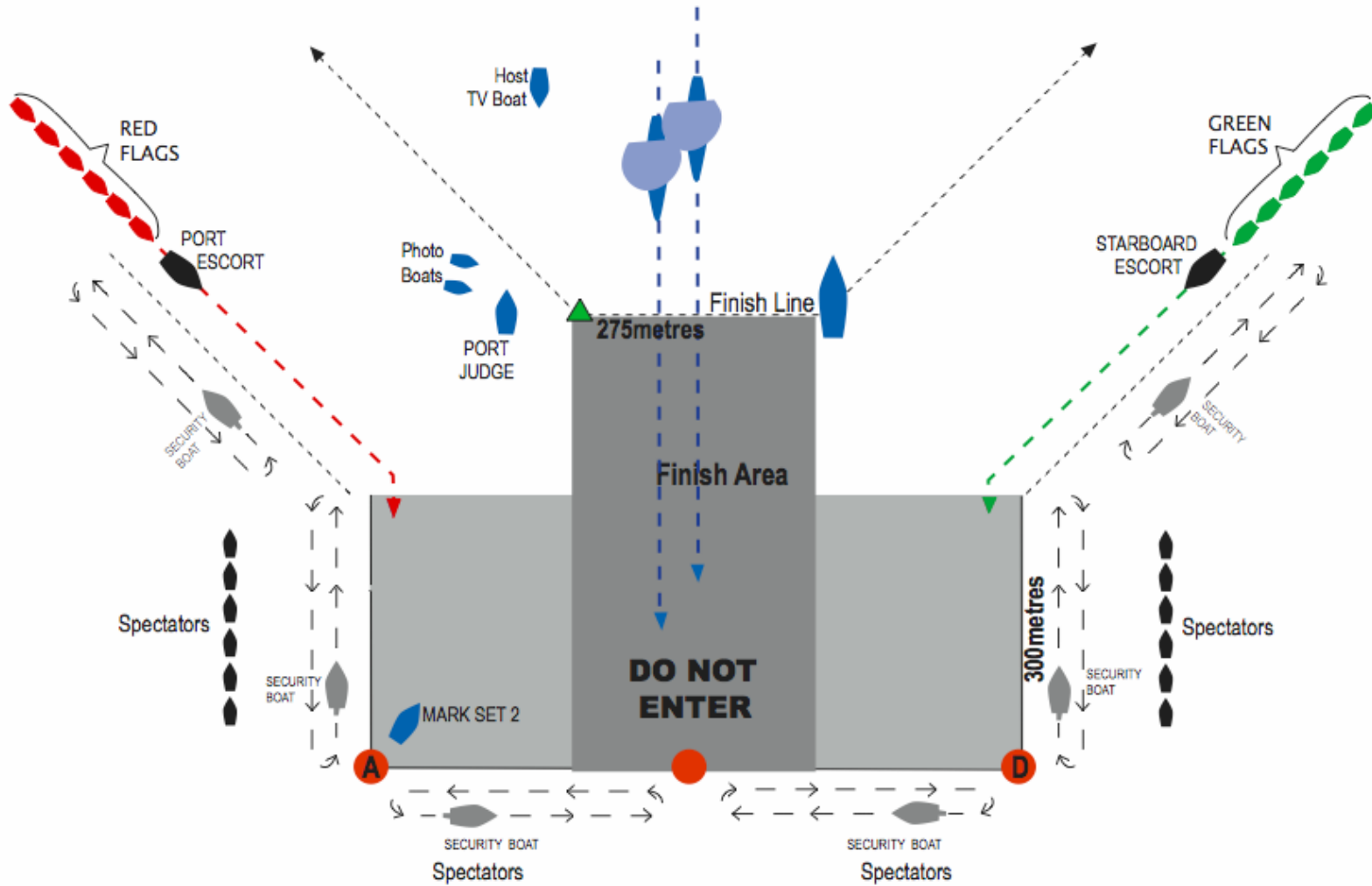
# Match Racing - Windward Mark



# Leeward Mark/Gate Rounding



# Finish Box



## APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

For Flagged Vessel

Please Print Clearly

To: Regatta Director  
C/o AC Management  
[dyer.jones@acregatta.org](mailto:dyer.jones@acregatta.org)

Competitor Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

We request a special spectator vessel flag for the vessel described below.

We acknowledge that we have read the Course Marshal Instructions for the 2007 Finals of the Louis Vuitton Cup. We agree to be bound by these Instructions (including amendments as they may be issued from time to time) and verbal instructions from the Race Committee, Course Marshal, or Security Boats; and understand that if we fail to do so, the flag privilege provided to this vessel may be revoked.

In addition, we agree that this vessel will be operated in accordance with the Rules for Prevention of Collision at Sea, and in compliance with other applicable maritime rules.

Name of Team Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address – Team Rep.: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Vessel: \_\_\_\_\_ Type: Power \_\_\_\_\_ Sail \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Vessel (Overall in Metres): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Vessel Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address – Vessel Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Final Series dates requested: All days \_\_\_\_\_ Only for the following date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Flag # Issued: \_\_\_\_\_