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1 RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by:

- the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except rules 51 and 54
- the "class Mini" rules 2015

1.2 the national prescriptions that will apply for foreign competitors are stated below at the chapter "prescription" as far as necessary

1.3 The FFVoile regulations

1.4 Sailing rules will be changes as follow: part B /II of the COLREGS when it replace RRS chapter 2, between 9 pm and 7 am (local time for the duration of the race is UTC+2)

1.5 The O.S.R; 3rd category

1.6 Federal Licence

Each competitor must be in order with the national authority of his country of residence. French skippers have to possess a sailing licence valid until the term of the event, with a medical visa. Foreign sailors must produce a licence from their country or to be covered by an insurance equivalent to the FFVoile one (1.5 million euros) and a valid medical certificate less than one year old.

1.7 The official language is FRENCH. In case of translation French text will take precedence.

1.8 Racing rules of Sailing (2013 – 2016) modified by SI are : racing flags and RRS 32.2 (paragraph 8.5 and 8.6 of SI and appendix 2, shortening), individual recall RRS 29.1 (paragraph 11.6 of SI), time limit and ranking RRS 35, A4 and A5 (paragraph 15 of SI), Protest requirements RRs 61.1-b (paragraph 16.4 of SI) and RRS 61.1-a (paragraph 16.5 of SI), reopening a hearing RRS 66 (paragraph 16.6 of SI).

1.9 REGISTRATION

The competitors, whose registration is accepted by the class mini, shall confirm their intention to race to the organizing authority. The skippers in charge of boats with publicity must produce a valid authorization delivered by their national sportive authority (advertising fee) if needed.

Each competitor must be in order with the Class-Mini rules, and have to be able to provide the necessary documents (R11 of the Minis 2015 rules.

At the moment they will confirm their participation to the race, the skippers must produce to the Organization a valid copy of the measurement certificate of the boat

1.9.1 Each boat must be fitted out with the equipment required by the maritime authorities, the 2015 Guide Mini (E-15 article), the OSR for the 3rd category, and must satisfy all checks before the start.

1.9.2 Each competitor who participates to the race keeps all responsibilities about risks and dangers. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in the race or to continue racing is hers alone.

1.9.3 The competitors have to fix the dodger of the organisation on aft the starboard side of the boat. A 50 euros deposit will be required and given back as the dodger will be returned

1.9.4 A satellite tracking beacon is provided by the organization, a deposit of 500 euros will be requested from all participants, in case of loss of the beacon or no return of the beacon, the deposit shall be used.

An explanatory leaflet will be distributed during registration; operation of the beacon will be explained during the start briefing. **(Appendix 1)**

The beacon will be fixed on the pushpit (left or right), moved away from the solar panels.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board placed in the Race Office (CNBPP office of PORNICHET harbour).

Jury room and secretary will be at the CNBPP race office.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any modification to these notices of race will be posted at least 4 h before the Class Flag, Sound Signal (preparatory signal) Any change in the race schedule will be posted on the official notice board before 8 pm Friday 19th of April.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be hoisted on the mast in front the CNBPP race office at the port of PORNICHET.

4.2 The "AP" flag, supported by two sound signals, means "the race is postponed, competitors must stay down."

4.3 When the "AP" flag is brought down, supported by an acoustic signal, the competitor must immediately join the departure area.

There will be a minimum of 1h30 between the removal of AP" and the first warning signal.

4.4 The « L » flag is used in order to inform the competitors that a notice or an appendix is posted.

5 RACE schedule

5.1 Schedule

Tuesday, April 14th

- From 9 am to 6 pm, the race office welcomes for registration, and check of safety equipment.

Wednesday, April 15th

- From 9 am to 6 pm, the race office welcomes for registration, and check of safety equipment.

Thursday, April 16th

- From 9 am to 6 pm, the race office welcomes for registration, and check of safety equipment.

- 8 pm crew dinner on the north pier

Friday, April 17th

- From 9 am to 5 pm, the race office welcomes for registration, and check of safety equipment.

- 5:00 pm, general briefing: The attendance of the skippers is mandatory. Skippers will sign departure sheet (north pier)

- 6.00 pm, competitors registered for the first time or the second time at the PORNICHET Select will be invited at a

dedicated briefing (north pier)"

- 8:00pm crew party by HSD on the north pier

Saturday April 18th

- 7.45 at 9am breakfast for the skippers on the north pier". 9am weather report

- 13: 55 pm At Race Committee disposal for first warning signal.

Wednesday, April 22th

- Closure of the finishing line at 7:00 am

- 12:00 am prize giving ceremony on the north pier

5.2 To alert boats that a race or race sequence will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with a sound signal, five minutes at least before sending the warning signal .

6 RACE FLAG

The Class flag is the flag of the "Class Mini".

7 RACING AREA OF THE RACE

The starting area is located in the bay in front of Pornichet harbour.

8 THE COURSE

8.1 The course is defined in the **appendix 2**. It explains the order in which the marks have to be rounded or passed and on which side they have to be left.

Geodesy: WGS 1984

8.2 The approximate heading of the first mark could be posted on the Committee boat before the warning signal.

8.3 The start of the race will be a course built in Bay of PORNICHET as per appendix 3. (Pennant 1, pennant 2)

8.4 An official time recording will be made at the buoy "Nouch South Sables d'Olonne. An official boat will be at the mooring in the north of the buoy "Nouch South" at a distance of approximately 100 meters.

This official scoring will be considered as the final ranking if the Race Committee should stop the race after passing that mark.

This scoring will be taken into account when the competitor, after leaving the buoy to starboard, crosses the line defined by the buoy and the official boat's mast, identified by the CNBPP flag and the Second Substitute flag.

Competitors must report on VHF channel race (**Channel 77**) when they are 5miles of the buoy "Nouch south.

If the weather conditions happen to be too difficult to implement this system, competitors will note on their logbook the time of passing the imaginary line defined by the magnetic north and buoy "Nouch South." They will however be required to announce on VHF as well as the normal procedure, a VHF watch will be set up on shore.

8.5 Shortening Course: The "S" flag hoisted on an official boat parked next to a mark, with two sound signals, means: "after rounding the mark, go to the points 18, 19, 20 and 21 of the appendix 2. All other marks between that mark and the finishing line are cancelled. "

This procedure will be back up by information on VHF channel racing. Competitors must acknowledge receipt of this communication.

8.6 In cases of shortening course at the Nouch south mark, refer to the appendix 2 « shortening course Nouch south» with description of marks between Nouch south and finishing line.

8.7 Refer to the appendix « official scoring at a mark » in cases of shortening course identified by the second substitute flag

9 MARKS

- 9.1 - Starting, course and offset marks in the Bay buoy: conical orange buoys.
-Finishing line mark: yellow cylindrical buoy

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas designated as obstructions: see **Dangers en bay.** (Appendix 4).

11 STARTS

- 11.1 The starting line will be defined on starboard by the mast of the Race Committee boat, with an orange flag, and on the portside by the race side of the starting mark precised at the article 9.

An official boat will stay on the starting line in the prolongation of the starting line. This boat is an obstruction. In the last minute before the start, it's forbidden to sail between the starting mark and this official boat.

- 11.2 Start signal:

Warning signal: Class Flag = Class Mini.

- 11.3 The starting procedure: RRS 26 applies.

Signal	Flag and sound signal	Minutes before the start signal
Warning	Class Flag, Sound Signal	5
Preparatory	"P" or "I" or "Z" or black flag, Sound signal	4
One minute	Preparatory flag lowered with one long sound signal	1
Start	Class Flag lowered with one sound signal	0

- 11.4 The starting line will remain opened for 30 minutes after the starting signal.

- 11.5 In case of any technical and/or exceptional reasons a boat cannot start within the time prescribed above, she might be authorised by the race committee to re-start, only if the following conditions are respected :

- warning immediately the race committee about the technical problem
- precisising the delay that will be necessary to fix the problem.

The race committee could then give her permission to start, indicating her at what time she will be allowed to start. If necessary a new starting line and first mark to round can be given.

- 11.6 In case of individual recall, the X flag will remain displayed for 30 minutes after the starting signal (this changes RRS 29.1) or until the boats concerned have complied with RRS 30.1.

1 minute after the starting signal, the race committee may inform the boats concerned by VHF on race channel , and send, if possible, a fast boat flying the 'X' flag close to the competitors who did not repair. The lack of action by the race committee will not be grounded for request for redress.

12 MARKS CHECKING BOATS

Official mark boats could be placed near each mark.

Each competitor must do his self-checking time at his rounding of each mark. He must deliver them to the race office at the end of the race. **(appendix 7)**

- 12.1 Semaphore report

Each competitor has to report to the Semaphores on the V.H.F (Channel 16) when crossing the following points:

Island	Crossing Point	Semaphore	Type of watch
Groix	Pen Men	Beg Melen	Permanent
Belle-Île	Pointe du Talut	St Julien	Permanent
Yeu	Pointe du Châtelet	Saint Sauveur	Permanent

Lack of calls could be penalised by the jury after a hearing.

Competitors have to give in this order:

- Boat number
- The name of the last mark passed
- The name of the next heading mark
- And inform: "everything OK or not"

13 FINISH

- 13.1** Each skipper has to call the race committee on the VHF race channel at least 5 NM before crossing the finishing line and again when crossing the line. At night, the skippers must light their sail number while they cross the finishing line with a strong flashlight (refer to appendix 5).
- 13.2** The finishing line is located between the mast with an orange flag on the committee boat with an orange flare up light to be left to starboard and the race side of the finishing mark (Cylindrical yellow buoy) to be left to port. The position of the finishing line is N 47° 15' 400; W 02° 22' 200 in the middle of the Bay of Pornichet.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

The abbreviation DPI (for Discretionary Penalty Imposed) will be used.

- 14.1** Breaking a rule of part 2 of RRS:
 *recognized fault before instruction of the Jury: penalty = from 30 minutes to DSQ
 *recognized fault during instruction of the Jury: penalty = from 2 hours to DSQ
 *non-recognized fault: penalty = from 4 hours to DSQ
 Minimum penalty is +3 positions.
- 14.2** When the rules of the chapter 2 of the RRS does not apply, and are replaced by chapter B section II of COLREGS, RRS 44 does not applied.
- 14.3** Breaking other rules than part 2 of the RRS2:
 RRS 30.1 and 30.2: penalty of 2 hours without a hearing.
 RRS 30.3: penalty of 4 hours without a hearing.
 RRS 31: penalty minimum of 1 hour after a hearing.
 RRS 44.1-b: a boat responsible for a collision with serious damage or injury to any involved boat can be penalized from 4 hours to DSQ.
 If the damaged boat has to retire, the guilty boat must retire or will be DSQ.
 When a collision results in a serious damage, the right of way boat which could but didn't try to avoid the collision can be penalized from 4 hours to DSQ.
 Other rules: the penalty will be DPI.

15 TIME LIMIT AND TARGET TIMES

The boats not crossing the finishing line before Wednesday 24th of April, 7AM, will be DNF. This modified RRS 35 A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 16.1** Protests forms are available at the desk of the race office (PC Course of Pornichet). Protests, request for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2** Time limit for protest is 2 hours after arrival of the boat.
 In case of arrival between 10PM and 7AM local time, the limit time is postponed to 10AM.
 After 10AM Wednesday 16th of April, no more protest shall be accepted.
- 16.3** Notices will be posted no later than 2 hours after the time limit for protest to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room located at CNBPP race office, beginning at the time posted on the official board.
- 16.4** For the purpose of RRS 61.1(b), the number of the boats to be protested by the Race Committee or the jury will be posted on the official board within the time limit (SI 16.2)
- 16.5** Breaches of following instructions will not be grounded for a protest by a boat (this changes RRS 60.1(a)^{*}
 Start: waiting boat
 Safety rules (except rule for use of the « bowsprit»
 Advertisement
 Accompanying boats (support boats)
 Trash disposal
 Haul out restriction
 Diving equipment and plastic pools
- 16.6** Amendment to RRS 66:
 No request for redress will be accepted later than 2 hours after the notification of the claim.

17 RANKING

Ranking as per true time
 Two different rankings will be made: PROTO and SERIE.

18 SAFETY

18.1 Sign out and in: Sign out will be set up at the end of the briefing on April 17th.

Competitors have to depose starting declaration at the Race Office on Saturday 18th.

In addition, a "sign out" by VHF will be done on the starting zone before starting procedure April 18th.

Competitors shall also sign in after finishing at the north pier (Appendix 6).

18.2 Each boat must have on board the safety equipment required by current regulations (OSR Category 3 and Division 240). Each boat must have fixed VHF 25watts in perfect working order, on permanent watch on the race channel and channel 16.

18.3 Sealings: the liferaft will be sealed as well as the safety container

18.4 Measurement checks and safety equipment checks may be done at any time without notice by the Race Committee either on its own initiative or at the request of the organizing authority or the Jury. A sailboat which does not comply will be penalized after hearing.

18.5 Logbook and maps: after finishing, at sign in, each competitor must be able to provide to the organization his log and maps used for navigation.

The logbook should have at least twice a day the following data:

- heading
- loch
- Weather observations
- position
- Radio contacts with any other competitor, contacts and semaphores self-checking
- The list of maps required is specified in the Notice of Race.

18.6 Retirement: Any competitor who retires or stops in a harbour must report by VHF race Channel, when he is still sailing. As soon as possible after coming ashore, it is mandatory to phone the race director + 33 (0) 6 81 97 15 41 and at the race office + 33 (0) 2 40 61 80 12, or at the PRO +33 (0) 6 12 42 27 67. A boat which does not comply with this instruction might be penalized after a hearing.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

As per class mini rules

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer or equipment inspector to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20.2 Check of the liferaft.

Representatives of the « class mini » will check that the liferaft is able to be launched through the aft hatch.

21. EVENT ADVERTISING

Competitors shall display event advertising supplied by the organizing authority, according to the following instructions:
Dodger with Pornichet sticker

22. IDENTIFICATION OF THE OFFICIAL BOATS

Towing boats and boats of the organisation will wear a yellow pennant.

23. SUPPORT BOATS

Application of the "coach charter".

24. TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash shall be kept on board until back ashore.

25. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOL

Their use will be submitted to local regulations (harbour area, etc.).

26. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

27. RADIO AND PHONE COMMUNICATION

A boat shall not speak or receive communications which could not be heard by all the competitors. To use and to have on board cellular phones is forbidden all along the race.

The race V.H.F. channel is: 77

The clearance channel is: 72

Calls to Semaphore channel is: 16 (A clearance channel will be proposed by the person on duty)

The competitors are requested to be on watch on channel 12 in the "les Sables d'Olonne" area (Harbour channel).

Bad working order of the VHF or lack of communication will not be grounded for request for redress.

28. PRIZES

Prizes will be given during prize giving ceremony.

29. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. Consequently, accepting to participate in a race or to continue racing, the competitor disclaims the organizing authority of any liability for damage (material and/or personal injury).

COMPOSITION OF ARBITRATION TEAM

President of the Race Committee	Alex CORDIER
President of the Measurement Committee	Jean Noël Tourin
President of the Protest Committee	Loic Durand Raucher
Race Director	Mathias Lallemand

APPENDIX « PRESCRIPTIONS OF FFVoile »

FFVoile Prescriptions to RRS 2013-2016
Applying to foreign competitors

RRS 64.3 (*):

The jury may ask the parties to the protest, prior to checking procedures, a deposit covering the cost of checking arising from a protest concerning class rules.

RRS 67 (*):

Any question about or request of damages arising from an incident involving a boat bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing or International Regulation to Prevent Collision at Sea depends on the appropriate courts and will not be dealt by the jury.

RRS 70.5 (*):

In such circumstances, the written approval of the Fédération Française de Voile shall be received before publishing the notice of race and shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

RRS 78 (*):

The boat's owner or other person in charge shall, under his sole responsibility, make sure moreover that his boat comply with the equipment and security rules required by the laws, by-laws and regulations of the Administration.

RRS 86.3 (*):

An organizing authority wishing to change a rule listed in RRS 86.1 in order to develop or test new rules shall first submit the changes to the FFVoile, in order to obtain its written approval and shall report the results to FFVoile after the event. Such authorization shall be mentioned in the notice of race and in the sailing instructions and shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

RRS 88 (*):

Prescriptions of the FFVoile shall be neither changed nor deleted in the notice of race and sailing instructions, except for events for which an international jury has been appointed.

In such case, the prescriptions marked with an asterisk (*) shall be neither changed nor deleted in the notice of race and sailing instructions. (The official translation of the prescriptions, downloadable on the FFVoile website www.ffvoile.fr, shall be the only translation used to comply with RRS 90.2(b)).

RRS 91 (*):

The appointment of an international jury meeting the requirements of Appendix N is subject to prior written approval of the Fédération Française de Voile. Such notice of approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

APPENDIX R (*):

Appeals shall be sent to the head-office of Fédération Française de Voile, 17 rue Henri Bocquillon, 75015 Paris – email: jury.appel@ffvoile.fr

APPENDIX « OFFICIAL RANKING AT A MARK »

The Race Committee may interrupt a race because of a reason listed in the RRS 32.1, and consider it as completed, taking as finishing order the last rounding order at a mark precised in appendix (this changes RRS 32).

If a race committee boat displaying a 2nd substitute and the Class flag(s) of classes concerned (this changes Race Signals) is located near one of the marks listed below, the mark and the committee boat constitutes a gate, where an official rounding order of competitors is made.

Competitors shall pass through the gate, and continue their race.

If the Race Committee decides to interrupt the race afterward, he will display flags "S over H", with 2 sound signals, and if necessary the class flag(s) (this change Race Signals), meaning "the race is interrupted, and the last official rounding order will constitute the finishing order". The race committee will confirm, if possible, this information by VHF.

Anything that may be ground for protest or request for redress happening after the last official rounding order will not be taken in consideration, and no boat can be penalized, except for an action taken under a fundamental RRS or RRS 69.

List of the marks where an official rounding order can be made: "**Nouch South**"