



winches club

35th MINI FASTNET

**From Tuesday June 16th to
Saturday June 27nd 2020**



DOUARNENEZ – FASTNET LIGHTHOUSE – DOUARNENEZ

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANIZATION

The **Mini Fastnet race** will take place from **16 to 27 June 2020** and is organized by the **Winches Club** in association with the **Classe Mini**, and with the support from **the city of Douarnenez and the department of Finistère** under the auspices of the French Sailing Association (FFVoile).

2. RULES

The race will be governed by:

- The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (World Sailing) 2017-2020)
- The Offshore Sailing Regulations 2020 – **category 2** race.
- The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS)
- The 2020 Classe Mini rules (see the 2020Mini Guide).

If there is a conflict between languages, the French text will take precedence.

3. ADVERTISING

Advertising will be only allowed under the condition that the sailing boats are in possession of a valid card delivered by the French Sailing Federation (FFVoile) or the Sport Authority of their own country to authorize carrying individual advertising during the race.

In accordance with the article 20.3 (d) (i) of the Advertising Code (World Sailing), each boat may be required to display the advertising supplied by the Race Authority at registration. Applying the stickers and their maintenance are under the responsibility of the crew. They will have to replace it if necessary.

4. ADMISSION

- 4.1 The **Mini Fastnet** race is opened to all boats complying with the 2020 Classe Mini Rules and holding a valid 2020 Class Measurement Certificate. This race is classified as a **B Level Race** by the Classe Mini.
- 4.2 The race is a double-handed race with a skipper and his/her crew member having been admitted to participate in the race by the organization and the Sport and Maritime Authority (Cf. Classe Mini Rules article R-2).

- 4.3 Eligible boats can register by **filling the registration form online**. Registration fees can be paid online (preferable), or by bank transfer (IBAN: FR7612906000200209231000171), or by check payable to the Winches Club. **See paragraph 5.3.**
- 4.4 All competitors must hold a valid and signed license from the FFVoile or a valid certificate from the Sport Authority of their country (+ health certificate).
- 4.5 **At least one member of the crew (skipper or crew member) must hold a valid first aid certificate** (see article R-11 of the 2020 Guide Mini or article 6.05.2 of the 2020-2021 OSR).

Reminder: The survival course (World Sailing training) is compulsory for both members of the crew.

Info: For races of the category 2 of the RSO, results of a test of effort and results of a cardiac echography are optional but recommended.

- 4.6 The Race Committee reserves the right to accept or refuse any registration (R.76 of the RRS 2017 - 2020).

5. REGISTRATION

- 5.1 Registrations open on **February 24th 2020** on – The checking-in date is fixed on **February 24th 2020**, any registration received before will be registered on that very date.
- 5.2 The number of registration is restricted to **80 boats**.
However, the Organizer reserves the right to:
- accommodate additional boats to take part in the race;
 - refuse registrations.
- 5.3 The registration fee is **€465** (included a non-refundable handling fee of **€60**).

Terms of payment: to facilitate participation in the race, the registration fee did not increase this year; also competitors have the option to split the payment of the registration fees.

The minimum initial payment for pre-registration is 60€, corresponding to the non-refundable handling fee (except for those on the waiting list), and pre-validate the registration. **The remaining 405€ must be paid to the Winches club before April 1st, 2020, under the penalty of cancellation.** Cancellation fees related to late cancellations are described in paragraph 5.11. Please use the online payment option if possible. Links for online payment can be found in the registration form and can be provided on request (email).

- 5.4 **EACH PAYEMENT MUST INCLUDE THE SKIPPER'S NAME, THE NUMBER OF THE MINI, AND THE PAYMENT OBJET (pre-inscription, balance or full fee)**
- 5.5 The registration form, filled-in and signed, must be sent to the Winches Club **by post** (Maison du Nautisme, 59, quai de l'Yser – 29100 Douarnenez – France), **by email** (contact@winchesclub.org), or directly **filled-in online** on the Winches Club website.

5.6 For the registration to be validated at the date of the postmark or the email (waiting list included), all the mandatory fields of the registration form must be duly filled in.

5.7 **Order of registration**

Registrations received **before February 24th, 2020**, will be taken into account at the date of February 24th, 2020, and therefore handled equally and according to the order of preference (Article R-9 of the Guide Mini 2020).

Once the 80 first complete registration forms received, the following competitors willing to participate will be registered on the waiting list according to the chronological order of receipt of the full payment of the registration fees (date of the postmark or of the email as proof).

In case all the conditions defined in the preceding chapters are not satisfied, registrations will be validated at the date when these conditions are finally fulfilled.

5.8 Registration forms must be received by **Wednesday 20th of May 2020**, at the latest. Beyond this date, the Organizers have the right to refuse registrations.

5.9 Upon receipt of the registration form and payment, a registration confirmation will be sent by the Winches Club (by email or mail).

5.10 All the other administrative documents needed for registration (Article R-12 of the 2020 Guide Mini) must be sent to the Classe Mini.

5.11 **Withdrawals:**

In case of cancellation, the handling fee (60€) is non-refundable.

In addition, in case of cancellation less than:

- 45 days before the scheduled departure date, 150€ will be retained (in addition to the 60€ handling fee).
- 30 days before the scheduled departure date, the totality of the registration fees will be retained. Except in cases of justified force majeure.

5.12 The registration is completed and considered accepted when:

- the registration forms are complete;
- the full payment of the registration fee is done;
- the skipper receives the agreement from the Race Committee, the Measurement Committee, the Classe Mini and from the race organization.

Each skipper is responsible for keeping track of the progress of the registration procedure and to contact the Race Committee when necessary.

6. CHANGING CREW MEMBERS

All changes in the crew members **less than three days before the start of the race** will be submitted for agreement of the Race Committee.

7. HAUL OUT RESTRICTION

Haul out and dismasting/masting using the port services are at the skipper's expense. A preferential rate is offered to the skippers registered to the race of 25 euros per handling. Craning will be organized at low tide. Costs must be paid at the Harbour office before the craning. Craning for careening will not be allowed during the pre-race arrival. Any craning during this period is subject to the authorization of the President of the Race Committee and/or the Race Director. It is requested that skippers make an appointment with the Harbour office at least one week before any craning.

Contact the Harbour office of Tréboul:

tel 0033 (0)2 98 60 26 30 / email port.de.plaisance@mairie-douarnenez.fr

8. MEASUREMENT

Boats must comply with the 2020 Mini Rules.

A measurement session may be organized in Douarnenez before the race. Please take contact with the Classe Mini.

9. SECURITY CHECKS

Boats fittings out must follow the Classe Mini requirements at the starting date (see special rules for events of the 2020 Guide Mini). Please use the timetable that will be available on the race's website to book a time slot.

10. RACE :

**Douarnenez – Chenal du Four – Wolf Rock – bypass via north of the Scillies TSS
– Stags buoy - Fastnet lighthouse – Douarnenez**



(non-contractual document, alternative courses are possible in case of serious weather in the Celtic sea, see map below ; especially a South course towards the Gironde estuary (towards the former BXA marker, today virtual AIS "aton" BXA marker).

The marks of the selected course will be defined in the “Appendix – Course” given with the Race Instructions after confirmation of the registration.



(non contractual document.

Note: former mark BXA - today virtual AIS "aton" BXA mark)

11. NAUTICAL DOCUMENTS AND CHARTS

Skippers will have to show the following documents and charts at the security check before the start of the race (see 2020 Guide Mini – B level race). French/foreigners equivalents are accepted if adapted to shore and offshore navigation. Due to the possibility of an alternative South course (upon decision of the Race Director), **the nautical documents and charts for both courses are required and will have to be shown** during the security check and kept aboard till the race director confirms the selected course.

Nautical documents:

- International Regulations for Avoiding Collisions at Sea (COLREGS);
- Logbook;
- Tide tables;
- Sailing Directions for the concerned areas (France, United Kingdom, Ireland);
- Lights list for the concerned areas (France, United Kingdom, Ireland)

Charts (paper version) – Fastnet route (SHOM maps or equivalent accepted):

- Baie de Douarnenez - 7121 – Starting and finishing line;
- from Pointe Saint Mathieu to chaussée de Sein – Iroise – 7172 ;

- from Goulet de Brest à Portsall – île d'Ouessant – 7149 – chenal du Four ;
- Atterrages entrée de la Manche, mer Celtique – 7210 – (sailing) ;
- Côtes SW de Cornwall – 7340 or details of the entrances of Cornwall harbours on nautical documents or other nautical charts allowing safe access to these harbours (Penzance, Falmouth, Newlyn...) ;
- from Saint Agnes Head to Dodman Point - Isles of Scilly – 6967 ;
- from Kenmare River to port de Cork – 7336 - (atterrage Irlande).

Charts (paper version) - South route to the Gironde estuary (SHOM maps or equivalent accepted):

- Baie de Douarnenez – 7121 (L) - Starting and finishing line;
- from chaussée de Sein to Pointe de Penmarc'h - Baie d'Audierne – 7147(L) ;
- from Pointe de Penmarc'h to Pointe de Trévignon, archipel des îles de Glénan – 7146 (L);
- from l'île de Penfret to plateau des Birvideaux - Abords de Lorient – 7031 (L) ;
- from presqu'île de Quiberon to sables d'Olonne – 7068 (L) ;
- from l'île d'Yeu to pointe de la Courbe - plateau de Rochebonne – 7069 (L);
- from Saint Jean-de-Monts to Sables d'Olonne – 7402 (L) ;
- from plateau de Rochebonne to bassin d'Arcachon – 7070 or any nautical charts or documents covering the junction with the 7069 chart and allowing a safe navigation towards the Gironde estuary (virtual marker AIS "aton" BXA).

12. **PROGRAM**

The Mini Fastnet pre-race will take place in the harbour of Tréboul.

- **Boat arrivals:** - from Saturday, June 13th 2020
- **Start of the security checks and registration confirmations:** - Tuesday, June 16th, 9am
- **End of security checks:** - Friday, June 19th, 6pm
- **End of registrations:** - Friday, June 19th, 6pm
- **Compulsory Prologue in the Bay of Douarnenez:** - **Saturday June 20th**
(tests of trackers and VHF checking)
- **Skippers' official reception and buffet:** - Saturday, June 20th, 7pm
- **Start of the race:** - **Sunday, June 21st**
- **Race results and prize giving ceremony:** - **Saturday, June 27th, 7pm**
- **End of the free berth period in the harbour:** - Sunday, July 5th 2020

Please keep informed the Race Committee **and** the harbour office about your eventual intention to stay in the harbour after the race and/or about the parking of your trailer.

13. **PRE RACE**

- 13.1** Boats and skippers (or skippers' representative) must be available for the Race Committee at the latest on **Wednesday June 17th 2020 at 10am in Douarnenez.**
At that time at the latest and before starting the security check, the skipper (or its representative) must confirm his/her presence and the presence of the boat in Douarnenez to the Race Committee.

13.2 After Wednesday June 17th 2020 at 10am, the following penalties can be applied: €80 for the first 24 hours, then €160 after 48 hours of delay (see 2020 Mini rules, article R-14-c). These penalty fees will be donated to a Marine Search and Rescue organization.

13.3 Boats and skippers, which, after exemption of the article 13.1 granted by the race director, will not be in Douarnenez on **Friday June 19th 2020 at 12am** may not be allowed to take part to the race.

14. RANKING

There will be a Proto and a Serie ranking. Ranking will be done in real time including eventual penalties and bonuses.

15. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded to the winner of each category.

16. INSURANCE

Every boat taking part to the race must have a valid insurance and third party Civil Responsibility with a minimal cover of 2 million of Euros for the race.

(The competitors without a F.F.Voile license must provide a proof of insurance of a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 2.000.000 € - 2020 Guide Mini, article R-12).

17. BRIEFINGS AND RECEPTIONS

It is compulsory for competitors to attend the official briefings and receptions listed in the program described in the present Notice of Race.

18. USE OF RIGHTS

In accordance with n° 84-610 of July 16th 1984 about the organization and advertising sportive activities, modified by the n° 2003-708 of August 1st 2003, competitors taking part the MINI FASTNET race automatically give authorization to the organizing authority use and show, whenever they wish, their name and image of the boat and sponsors communicate on the race on any territory and support.

19. RESPONSIBILITY

Competitors participate at the event at their own risk and they alone shall be responsible for their participation.

It is the sole responsibility of each skipper to decide whether to take part in the event, to stop or continue the race at any given time according to his/her competences, the equipment at his/her disposal, the weather conditions, ...

The 2020 Mini Guide that includes the 2020 Mini measurement rules, the specific event rules for the 2020 events, and the Mini Class rules 2020 is available on the website of the Classe Mini.

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Prescriptions of the Fédération Française de Voile Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020

(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 64.3 (Decisions on protests concerning class rules):

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.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 67 (Damages):

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 cannot be dealt by the jury.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 70. 5 (Appeals and requests to a national authority):

The denial of the right of appeal is subject to the written authorization of the Fédération Française de Voile, received before publishing the notice of race. This authorization shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 78.1 (Compliance with class rules; certificates):

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

(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 86.3 (Changes to the racing rules):

An organizing authority wishing to change a rule listed in RRS 86.1(a) 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.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 88 (National prescriptions):

Prescriptions of the FFVoile shall neither be 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 neither be 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)).

(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 91(b) (Protest committee):

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 authorization shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.