



## **37<sup>th</sup> Mini Fastnet**

### **600 nm double handed**

### **06<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **FOREWORD**

#### **Prevention of violence and incivility**

Sporting events are, above all, a place for exchanges and sharing open and accessible to everybody.

As such, competitors and accompanying persons are asked to behave, in all circumstances, whether on shore or at sea, courteously and respectfully, regardless of origin, gender or sexual orientation of other competitors.

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat cannot protest (No Protest) against another boat when infringing this rule. This changes RRS RCV 60.1(a).

The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

### **1 ORGANIZATION**

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the **Winches Club**. The Mini Fastnet is organized from Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June to Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June in collaboration with Classe Mini, with the support of the Douarnenez Council and the Finistère Regional Council and under the FFVoile' aegis.

### **2 RULES**

The race will be governed by:

- The rules such as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 2022 Classe Mini official texts and its 2023 changes.
- National prescriptions translated for non-French speaking competitors (Appendix "Prescriptions")
- The FFVoile regulations.
- The rules of chapter 2 of the RRS apply between competitors in the zone of 25 nm from the start and 25 nm from the arrival. Between these two zones, application of RIPAM. For the application of the rules of part "B" section 2 of the RIPAM (helm and course rules), the minimum distance between two vessels must be five boat lengths. The ongoing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) - **category 2 race** event.

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

### 3 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The SIs will be available on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

### 4 COMMUNICATION

#### 4.1 Notice Board

The Official Notice board shall be in front of the “Maison du Nautisme”, quai de l’Yser, Douarnenez.

Information published on the Official Notice Board will also be published on WhatsApp.

To limit the environmental impact, the OA will print official documents (NOR, Sis, amendments and information) only at the specific request of the competitors.

#### 4.2 Onboard communication

(DP) (NP) When in race, except in case of emergency, a boat must not send or receive voice information or data that are not available to all boats.

### 5 ELIGIBILITY

The race “**Mini Fastnet**” is open to boats complying with 2023 Mini Rules.

The race is categorized as level B by Classe Mini.

Boats are conducted single-handed by a crew having been admitted to participate by the Organizer, the sporting and maritime authorities ([See Mini Class Rules, article R-2](#)).

Skipper must have complied with the qualification criteria for the level C events such as defined in [article R-8-a](#) of 2023 Mini Class Rules.

Each competitor must hold a licence **FFVoile** or his/her national authority equivalent (+ medical validation / medical certificate).

Competitors who are not member of the **FFVoile** shall present a supporting document to justify a third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €2 millions.

The Organizer reserves the right to accept or refuse an entry (RRS 76).

### 6 ENTRY

Number of participants shall be limited to 85 boats.

Registration will be considered only if the entry form is duly completed and entry fees paid.

Entry fees are **€410**. In the event of withdrawal, the OA will retain the sum of €20, amount of the non-refundable administrative costs.

No registration will be taken into consideration before the publication of this NoR.

#### 6.1 Tracker

All boats must be equipped with a tracker. The tracker’s rental is **€85**.

The tracker is imposed by the OA and provided by the Organizer. The tracker shall be returned at the end of the race. Any non-return, loss or damage attributable to the skipper will result in the immediate invoicing of the missing device (€600). In case of withdrawal or non-return to AO, the skipper shall return the device directly to the service provider at his/her own expense.

#### 6.2 Formalities

Registration received by midnight on February 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 at the latest are registered according to the order established with the order of preference system set up by Classe Mini. From February 25, registrations will be made in chronological order.

### 6.3 Terms of payment

Total amount: €495 (€390 registration fee + €20 application fee + €85 tracker's rental), payable online.

**From February 10<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> :** Registration according to the order of preference: as soon as the list drawn up by the Mini class is published (February 10), **competitors will have two weeks to confirm their registration on the main list / short-list or on the waiting list.**

- **Registration on the main list / short-list:** The Winches Club will send a registration link by email to the runners on the main list as well as to the first 10 on the waiting list (who will constitute the short-list). This link will allow you to complete the registration form and skippers will be asked to pay the full registration fee (€495) to validate their registration.

- **Registration on the waiting list:** competitors beyond the 10th place on the waiting list will receive a link to confirm their registration on the waiting list (registration form + €20 administration fee). Until February 24<sup>th</sup>, their date of registration with the Winches Club will not affect their place in the list.

**Warning! Skippers on the waiting list who have not confirmed their registration on the waiting list on February 24 will be considered withdrawn.**

**From February 25<sup>th</sup>: Registration in chronological order:** From February 25<sup>th</sup>, the order of preferences resulting from pre-registration with the Mini class will no longer apply. A waiting list registration link will be published directly from the race website. Registrations will then be recorded in chronological order of receipt of registration requests at the end of the waiting list.

Depending on the withdrawals on the main list, we will contact skippers benefiting from an opening to the short-list or the main list so that they complete the balance of their registration.

**Short-list:** From the notification of their passage to the **short-list** (date of the email from the AO), competitors have **10 days to finalize their registration** by paying the balance via the link received (or contact the AO if impossibility). **Skippers on the short-list who have not responded within this 10-day period will remain on the waiting list.**

The waiting list will be regularly updated on the Mini class website until the final registration deadline.

### 6.4 Withdrawals

« If a competitor cancels his/her entry to a race less than one month before the start of the race for reasons other than absolutely necessary, he/she will lose 100% of the entry fees (Article R-14-a of the 2023 Guide Mini 2023).

Reimbursement requests for force majeure must be sent with supporting documents to [courses@winchesclub.org](mailto:courses@winchesclub.org). These requests will be examined by a Winches Club internal committee the day after the start of the race. The €20 application fee is never refunded. Any person still on the "short-list" on the day of departure and who therefore cannot participate will be reimbursed €475.

It is each competitor's responsibility to monitor the evolution of his/her situation and to prompt the intervention of the organizing teams in good time.

## 7 RECEPTION

### 7.1 Berth

Boats registered in the Mini Fastnet will be freely berthed in Douarnenez marina from Saturday 03<sup>rd</sup> June to Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023. After 20<sup>th</sup> June, boats not registered in the Mini Calvados Cup and still in Douarnenez must, at the request of the harbor master's office, change location or in the absence of the skipper will be moved by the AO.

Skippers are asked to tell the OA and the marina their estimated time and date of arrival.

In any case, each boat registered will have to declare her arrival at the marina office as soon

as possible one she has arrived (DP).

Competitors shall be contactable and follow the instructions the marine office will have given during the whole stay (DP).

Boats must remain in the place they have been allocated when they are in the marina (DP).

We are lucky to be able to offer three races from Douarnenez. but we are encountering a problem of congestion in the reception dock, particularly with boats arriving before their berth period or remaining in Douarnenez after the berth period.

Please plan your arrival and departure well or plan a transfer to Port-Rhu or Morgat independently by contacting the harbor master's office.

## 7.2 Handling

Lifting is at the competitors' expense. Please contact the marina: tel 0033 (0)2 98 60 26 30 / email [port.de.plaisance@mairie-douarnenez.fr](mailto:port.de.plaisance@mairie-douarnenez.fr)

# 8 RULES

Boats must comply with the **2023 Mini Rules**.

A measurement session may occur before the reception period. Competitors must contact **Classe Mini** to book a test.

# 9 SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Boats' equipment shall comply to the **Classe Mini** requirements at the start of the race (See [table E-16 - 2023 Guide Mini](#)).

No boat will be allowed to take the start without having passed the safety checks.

Inspections visits will be organized during the reception period, the skipper's presence is mandatory.

A calendar to book appointments will be sent to all competitors no later than one week before the start of the reception period, we recommend you use it.

## 9.1 First aid kit

The minimum first aid kit must at least correspond to the Type B first aid kit available on the Classe Mini website. ([see 2023 Special Rules for events – E-12](#))

# 10 COURSE

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





(Non contractual document)

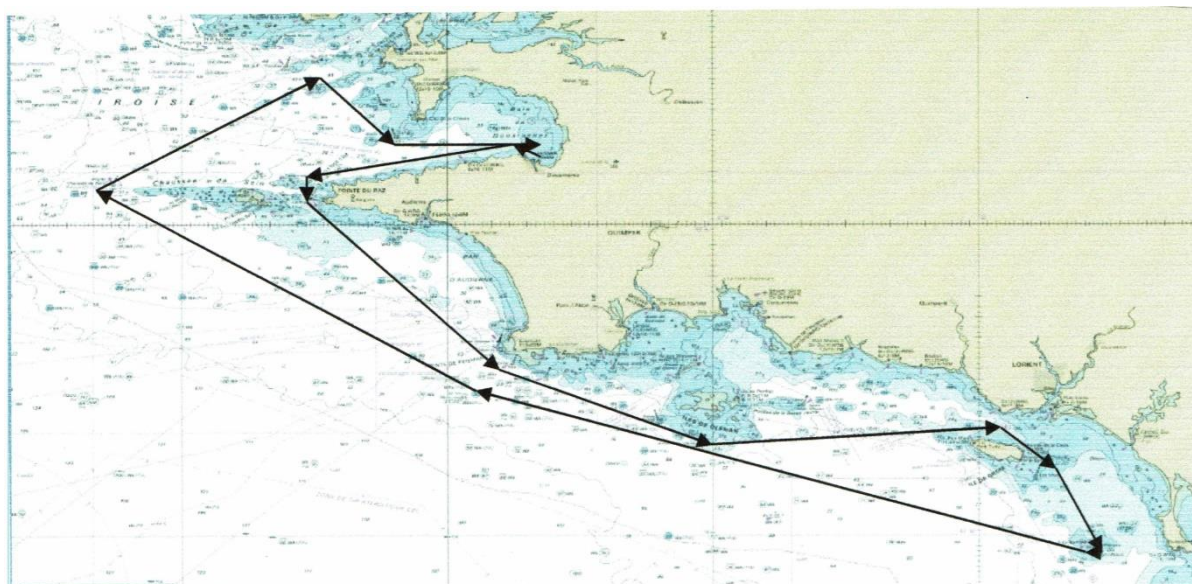
Alternative courses are possible ; especially a South course towards the Gironde estuary (towards the former BXA marker, now a virtual 'aton' AIS BXA, in case of bad weather in the Celtic sea, see map below).

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



(non contractual document)

Please note : former BXA mark – is now a virtual AIS 'aton' BXA



Non-contractual document.

Skippers must show the following documents and charts at the security check before the start of the race. French/foreign equivalents are accepted if adapted to coastal navigation.

#### 10.1 Nautical documents:

- The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS)
- Log book
- Tide table
- piloting book (areas concerned)
- lights book (areas concerned)

#### 10.2 Charts (paper version) (SHOM or equivalents accepted):

- Baie de Douarnenez – 7121 (L) – finishing line;
- from Pointe de Saint Mathieu to Chaussée de Sein - Iroise - 7172 (L) ;
- 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 Ile de Penfret to Plateau des Birvideaux - Abords de Lorient - 7031 (L).

Substitute courses may be set up depending on weather conditions.

Details on the course, mandatory charts and documents relating to safety checks will be online a few weeks before the race.

## 11 PROGRAM

The preparatory phase for the start of the Mini Fastnet will take place at Douarnenez-Tréboul Marina.

Depending on the weather conditions, the Race Direction may advance or delay the start. Competitors must be at the OA's disposal. Competitors will be informed of any change in the program by amendment up to 24 hours before the start.

Date	Hour	Program
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Saturday 03 <sup>rd</sup> June		Beginning of the free of charge berthing for the boat
Tuesday 06 <sup>th</sup> June	09h00	Safety controls Entry confirmations
Wednesday 07 <sup>th</sup> June	10h00	Deadline of compulsory arrival for boats and skippers. <b>Signing</b>
Friday 09 <sup>th</sup> June	18h00	End of Safety controls
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> June		Possible follow-up safety visits
		General briefing <b>Signing</b> – Skippers's presence mandatory
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> June		Compulsory Prologue in the Bay of Douarnenez
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> June		Departure briefing <b>Signing out</b>
		Start
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June		Results announcement*
		Reception*
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June		End of the free of charge berthing for the boat (Except Mini Calvacup subscribers)

\*Date and hour can be changed according to the arrivals of the competitors

## 12 ARRIVAL'S DEADLINE

Boats and skippers shall be at the OA's disposal no later than Wednesday 07<sup>th</sup> June at 10h00 in Douarnenez.

After this date, financial penalties may be applied: €80 for the first 24 hours, then €160 for the second day of delay ([See 2023 Mini Class Rules, article R-14- c](#)). The proceeds of this penalties will be donated to a sea rescue association.

The skipper must, upon arrival, report to the race secretariat to certify his presence as well as that of his boat. He must also imperatively complete an online form with the elements missing from the registration, in particular MMSI number, name displayed on the AIS, race name, EPIRB tracker number and personal(s), shore contacts, etc. The link to this form will be displayed on the official board, the security control office and the race website. This information is mandatory in order to be able to start.

The arrival procedure, a chart of the harbour and list of useful contacts will be posted on the [race's website](#) a few weeks before the event.

Boats and skippers that are not present at Douarnenez on Friday 09<sup>th</sup> June 12h00 **may not be authorized** to take the start.

## 13 ADVERTISING

Boats must carry the advertising chosen and provided by the OA. In case of a breach of that rule, World Sailing regulation 20.9.2 and [article R-18 of the 2023 Guide Mini shall apply](#) [DP].

The installation and maintenance of these supports are the skipper's responsibility who will have to replace them if necessary.

## 14 RANKINGS AND PRIZES

There will be a Proto and a Production boat ranking. Il sera effectué un classement Proto et un classement Série. They will be in real time, taking into account any penalties or bonuses/

Trophies will be awarded to the winner of each category.

« Goos perf » prizes will be awarded.

## 15 EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE

The Mini Fastnet must be ran without assistance, as defined in the 2023 Guide Mini. All boats must have the same crew on board at all times, except in the cases provided for in RRS 41.

Boats must sail the entire course independently and **must not deliberately sail together** or arrange for any accompaniment. During the race, the boat cannot have material contact with another ship or aircraft.

## 16 ENERGY SOURCE

### 16.1 Reminder of the RRS 42.1

Except when permitted in RRS 42.3 or 45, a boat shall compete using only wind and water to increase, maintain or decrease speed.

## 17 INSURANCE

Each participating boat must be covered with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 2 millions for competition.



(Competitors who are not member of **F.F.Voile** must present a supporting document to justify a third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 2 millions **Guide Mini R-12**)

## **18 OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMPETITOR**

### **18.1 Attendance requirement**

Competitors must attend the briefings and official receptions (see articles 8 and 11 of this NoR or specified by amendment to this NoR (DP)).

### **18.2 Responsibility after the race**

Short-handed sailing (single/double) over several days may lead to severe fatigue for all competitors. At the end of the race, any activity requiring vigilance and attention, **in particular driving a vehicle**, is to be avoided before significant recovery.

## **19 DATA PROTECTION**

### **19.1 Image and appearance rights :**

Participating in the competition, the competitor and his legal representative authorize the OA, the FFVoile and their sponsors to use free of charge his image and his name, to show at any time (during and after the competition) static or moving pictures, films or TV recording, as well as other reproduction from himself done during the competition, and this on any support and for any use related to the promotion of their activities.

### **19.2 Use of personal data of participants**

Participating in this competition, the competitor and his legal representatives agree to and authorize the FFVoile, its sponsors, as well as the OA to use and store, free of charge, his personal data. These data may be published by FFVoile and its sponsors. The FFVoile mainly, but also its sponsors may use these data for the development of softwares or with marketing purposes. In accordance with the « Règlement Général sur la Protection des Données (RGPD) » (General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)), any competitor having transmitted his personal data to the FFVoile, may exercise his right to access to his own data, have them modified, and, depending on the situations, have them deleted, limited, or to object them, sending an email to [dpo@ffvoile.fr](mailto:dpo@ffvoile.fr) or a letter to the Head Office of the Fédération Française de Voile, mentioning that the request is related to personal data.

## **20 RECOGNITION OF RISKS**

RRS 3 mentions: « The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone. » Participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledge the fact that sailing is potentially a dangerous activity with specific risks. These risks include strong winds and rough sea, sudden changes of weather conditions, failure of equipment, mistakes in boat handling, bad navigation of other boats, loss of balance on unstable surface, and causing increased risk of injury. The risk of material and/or physical damage is therefore inherent in the sport of sailing.

## 21 CONTACTS



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2023 Guide Mini including 2023 Mini Rules is available on Classe Mini website.

## **APPENDIX “NATIONAL PRESCRIPTIONS”**

FFVoile Prescriptions to RRS 2021-2024  
translated for non-French speaking competitors

### **FFVoile Prescription to RRS 25.1 (Notice of race, sailing instructions and signals):**

For events graded 4 and 5, standard notices of race and sailing instructions including the specificities of the event shall be used. Events graded 4 may have dispensation for such requirement, after receipt of FFVoile approval, received before the notice of race has been published.

For events graded 5, posting of sailing instructions will be considered as meeting the requirements of RRS 25.1 application.

### **(\*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 64.4 (Decisions on protests concerning class rules):**

The protest committee 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 or request related to damages arising from an incident occurred while a boat was bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing depends on the appropriate courts and cannot be examined and dealt by a protest committee. A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that such action, admit liability for damages.

### **(\*) 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 approval of the Fédération Française de Voile, received before publishing the notice of race. This approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

### **(\*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 76.1 (Exclusion of boats or competitors):**

An organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary reason.

### **(\*) 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 approval 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 (Changes to 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 not be changed in the notice of race and sailing instructions. (The official translation of the prescriptions, downloadable on the FFVoile website [www.ffvoile.fr](http://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 approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

### **FFVoile Prescription to APPENDIX R (Procedures for appeals and requests):**

Appeals shall be sent to the head-office of Fédération Française de Voile, 17 rue Henri Bocquillon, 75015 Paris – email: [jury.appel@ffvoile.fr](mailto:jury.appel@ffvoile.fr), using preferably the appeal form downloadable on the website of Fédération Française de Voile: <http://espaces.ffvoile.fr/media/127235/formulaire-dappel.pdf>