

# **NORMANDY CHANNEL RACE 2020**

September 10 th / September 20 th 2020

11<sup>th</sup> Edition

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## **NOTICE OF RACE**

*Start on Sunday 13 September 2020 offshore of Ouistreham*

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## ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

The NORMANDY CHANNEL RACE is organised from September 10<sup>th</sup> to September 20<sup>th</sup> May by the company Sirius Evénements, an establishment affiliated with the FFVoile (French Sailing Federation), in partnership with the Town of Caen, the Port of Caen-Ouistreham, the Société des Régates de Caen-Ouistreham (SRCO Caen-Ouistreham Racing Society) and the Ligue de Voile of Normandie (Normandy Sailing League).

*“The comment “[DP]” in a NOR rule means the penalty for a breach of this rule can, at the jury’s discretion, be less than a disqualification.*

### 1 - RULES

The race will be governed by

- 1.1 The regulations as outlined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020 (RRS).
- 1.2 The Regulations of the French Sailing Federation (Fédération Française de Voile)
- 1.3 The prescriptions of FFVoile translated for foreign competitors in appendix 3.
- 1.4 World Sailing’s Offshore Special Regulations (OSR), category 2 monohulls
- 1.5 According to RRS 86.1 b), RRS 52 (Manual Power) is changed as follows: the boats are allowed to use an energy source other than manual force for the operation of an automatic pilot and to manoeuvre the ballast system
- 1.6 In case of translation of this NOR, the French text shall take precedence.

### 2 - ADVERTISING [DP]

- 2.1. **To enforce Regulation 20 of World Sailing (Advertising Code)**, such as that modified by the FFVoile’s (French Sailing Federation) regulations on advertising, boats will be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 2.2. Competitors are obliged to display the branding supplied by the OA:
  - 2.2.1 **Race logo block**: any participating boat shall display the race logo block inscribed in a circle measuring 1 metre 50 in diameter on the mainsail. The centre of this circle will be located at a height corresponding with a third of the way up the mast from the deck. The positioning and adhesion of the transfers being the skipper’s responsibility until the finish. The transfers can be posted to the crews at the latter’s request, by August 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 at the latest, at a package price of 20 Euros ex. VAT in France. For overseas dispatches, the OA will propose a price for transport.
  - 2.2.2 **Race flags**: any boat participating in the race will receive two race flags on its arrival, which it shall display in its rigging on each side of the boat from registration till the prize-giving, both dockside and at sea, according to the conditions set out in the Sailing Instructions.
  - 2.2.3 **Dodgers**: any boat participating in the race will receive two dodgers on its arrival, which it should display on each side of the boat from registration through to the prize-giving.
  - 2.2.4 **Forestay flags**: any boat registered for the race will, on its arrival in Caen, receive flags which shall be displayed on the boat’s forestay from registration until it leaves

the port of Ouistreham, then again once it has crossed the finish line through until the prize-giving.

### **3 ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION**

**3.1** The event is open to monohulls in order with the Class 40 measurement and rules (2020 subscription and measurement certificate).

**3.2** The race is to be sailed double-handed. Any boat must have the same two people aboard all the time, subject to RRS 1.1 and 41.

**3.3** Competitors (each member of the crew) who have an FFVoile licence shall present the following upon registration:

- their valid FFVoile Club ‘competition’ licence attesting to the earlier presentation of a valid medical certificate with no contraindications to the practice of competitive sailing
  - or their valid FFVoile Club ‘member’ or ‘practice’ licence accompanied by a valid medical certificate with no contraindications to the practice of competitive sailing, dating less than one year
  - parental authorisation for those aged under 18
  - authorisation for the boat to display advertising, if necessary,
  - the measurement certificate or certificate of conformity (for the skipper)
  - a valid World Sailing training certificate (Sea Survival course and PS Mer (Offshore First Aid) training) carried out at an approved World Sailing centre.
- Overseas competitors (each member of the crew) who do not hold an FFVoile (French Sailing Federation) licence must provide the following documents when they register:
- proof of membership for a National Authority that is a member of World Sailing,
  - the measurement certificate or certificate of conformity (for the skipper)
  - valid third party liability insurance for a minimum of 1.5-million Euros
  - a valid medical certificate with no contraindications to the practice of competitive sailing dating less than one year (written in French or in English) as well as parental authorisation for participants aged under 18.

Non-French skippers shall also provide:

- either valid World Sailing certificates (Sea Survival course and PS Mer (Offshore First Aid) training) carried out in an approved World Sailing centre,
- or sea survival certificates and First Aid certificates as required in OSR articles 6.01 and 6.05.2. This training shall be “World Sailing Approved”.

All the documents listed in 3.3 shall be transmitted to the OA by the date that registration closes on 1<sup>st</sup> august 2020 at the latest.

**3.4** The event is open to any person aged at least 18 years of age on the date of the start.

**3.5** A damages insurance certificate for the boat must be supplied for each participating yacht.

**3.6** Registrations are taken into account on publication of the Notice of Race on the website [www.normandy-race.com](http://www.normandy-race.com). The deadline for registration is set at 1<sup>st</sup> august 2020.

**3.7** The OA reserves the right to accept or refuse a registration (Rule 76.1 of the RRS).

## **4 FEES**

**4.1** Registration fees are:

- 2000 Euros ex.VAT (€2400 inc.tax) from publication of this Notice of Race and through until 31<sup>th</sup> march 2020.
- at 2400 Euros ex.VAT (€2880 inc.tax) between 1<sup>st</sup> april 2020 and 1<sup>st</sup> august 2020.

30% of the registration fees collected will be paid back to the Class 40.

**4.2** In the event of withdrawal from the race prior to the registration deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> august 2020, 700 Euros ex. VAT from the non-refundable application fee will be collected by the OA; no refund can be made if withdrawal occurs after 1<sup>st</sup> august 2020.

**4.3** A partner's pack is included in the registration's rights, and provide to each boat the following:

- 2 permanent access badges for the 2 skippers, included free drinks at the bar.
- 20 daily village access badges for sponsors of the team for all the event.
- 10% discount on all the catalogue of public relations, accommodation and following the start at sea

## **5 PROGRAMME**

**5.1** Event programme:

Date	Time	
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> september	20:00 hours	Deadline for boats to arrive in the Bassin Saint-Pierre in Caen
From Thursday 10 th september to Saturday 12th september	09H00 – 18H00	Scrutineering and registration confirmation
Saturday 12th September	10:00 hours	Safety briefing
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> september		Leave Caen around 06.00 or 14.000 according maritime works in progress at Ouistreham harbour; parade down the canal from Caen to the sea, pass through the locks in Ouistreham Race start offshore of Ouistreham around 12.00 or 18.00 – to confirm in SI
Friday 18 th september and Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> september		Arrival of the boats; the boats must make for the Bassin Saint-Pierre in Caen as soon as possible after their finish off Ouistreham and remain there till the prize-giving

## 5.2 Social programme:

Date		
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> september	19:00 hours	Reception cocktail
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> september	20:00 hours	Crew supper
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> september	16:00 hours	Official skipper presentation at the village
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> september	12:00 hours	Prize-giving following arrival of the finishers in Caen at the village.

**5.3** The following programme may be modified without notice by the OA according to the weather conditions or any other technical or sporting constraint.

**5.4** The OA may, as a result of force majeure, or if it is deemed necessary for the participants' safety, decide to cancel the running of the event. Cancellation for reasons of force majeure or for any other grounds outside the control of the organiser, will not incur any refunding of registration fees or compensation. The same scenario would also be true, though this list is in no way restrictive, in the event of exceptional weather conditions, armed conflict, requisition, fire, flooding, strikes or the blocking of facilities, whose origin is unknown and totally outside the control of the organiser.

## 6 CLASS MEASUREMENT

Measurement scrutineering and safety equipment checks will be carried out by the race committee from Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and at any other moment without notice by the Race Committee.

## 7 COMPULSORY SAFETY EQUIPMENT

7.1 One survival suit per person on-board.

7.2 Two personal AIS transmitters worn on a constant basis by each skipper and co-skipper.

7.3 A satellite phone

## 8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

The SIs will be sent to registered competitors once registration closes on 1<sup>st</sup> august 2020.

## 9 COURSE

### 9.1 Distance: around 975 miles

Start line off the harbour of Ouistreham – Ouistreham harbour course

West Saint-Marcouf mark to be left to starboard

Isle of Wight (England) to be left to port

Tuskar Rock (Ireland) to be left to port

Fastnet Rock (Ireland) to be left to port

Island of Guernsey to be left to port

Finish line off Ouistreham

9.2 Other marks, which may give rise to course modifications, can be added to the course in the SI. The methods for conveying these course changes during the race will be indicated in the SI.

## **10 SCORING**

- 10.1 A ranking will be established in elapsed time according to the order of arrival, where boats finish the race within the time limit.
- 10.2 An additional ranking will be established by extracting boats defined as Vintage by the Class40 from the overall ranking.

## **11 OBLIGATIONS OF PRESENCE FOR BOATS (DP)**

The boats must be present in the Bassin Saint-Pierre in Caen, unless they have special dispensation from the OA:

- from 20:00 hours on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> september at the latest and through to the start on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> september.
- as soon as possible on crossing the finish line at the end of the race and through to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> september at 17:00 hours.

## **12 OBLIGATIONS OF PRESENCE FOR CREW (DP)**

The skipper and co-skipper shall be present, unless they have special dispensation from the OA:

- at the safety briefing on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> september at 10:00 hours and at the official briefings announced on the official race noticeboard.
- at the official presentation of the skippers in the race village in Caen at 16:00 hours on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> september.
- at the prize-giving on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 12:00 hours in the race village in Caen.

## **13 POSITIONING AND ROUTING**

- 13.1 Each boat must be equipped with a positioning beacon supplied by the OA, for which a deposit will be requested.
- 13.2 Routing is forbidden through application of article RRS 41 (Outside assistance) and the class rules.

A signed declaration will be completed by the skipper and co-skipper on confirmation of registration in Caen.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 An infringement of the rules other than those in chapter 2 and articles 28 and 31 of the RRS may, following instruction, be punished by a time penalty that may ultimately lead to disqualification.
- 14.2 The decisions made by the international jury will be final as set down in article 70.5 of the RRS. The FFVoile's authorisation will be displayed on the official noticeboard.

## **15 BERTHING (DP)**

Boats will be berthed in the Bassin Saint-Pierre in Caen free of charge. The OA puts in place a mooring plan for the boats, which the crews are obliged to adhere to.

The boats are no longer permitted to leave port from 9th September 2020 at 20:00 hours unless they have written authorisation from Race Management and the Race Committee.

## 16. HAUL OUT LIMITATION [DP]

From 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020, 20:00 hours, the boats cannot be hauled out unless subject to and according to the terms of prior written consent from the Race Director or the Race Committee.

## 17. MEDIA CONTACTS [DP]

Each day between 12:00 and 13:00 hours local time, radio link-ups with Race HQ will take place. When possible mobile phone will be favoured for the link-ups.

## 18. TIME LIMIT

Boats failing to finish within 36 hours of the first boat of their category (General ranking/Vintage Ranking) to complete the course and finish are ranked as 'DNF'. This is a modification of RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## 19. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to each participant, with the exception of any cash prizes.

## 20. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ORGANISER AND COMPETITORS

- 20.1 Skippers participate in the event at their own risk and fully accept that choosing to do so is their own responsibility. **It is the sole responsibility of each skipper to decide whether or not to take the start of the event or continue with it, as regards his or her competence, the equipment at their disposal, the wind strength, the weather forecasts, etc.** Any information that any member of the OA is in a position to provide before or during the event, for example a gale warning, will constitute one detail among others upon, which the skipper may base his or her decision without the OA being accountable.
- 20.2 The responsibility of the OA and its partners is limited to ensuring the smooth running of the event; any further responsibility that the OA may agree to would have to be contractual and explicit. Furthermore, any checks the race committee undertakes, shall have the sole aim of ensuring that the current race rules and documents have been adhered to.
- 20.3 The monitoring, and in particular telephone monitoring, as well as fleet tracking that the OA might provide, should be considered by skippers as optional and uncertain, and under no circumstances as an extra safety measure which may be relied upon. Any request made to a member of the OA would not make the OA accountable unless the latter has expressly agreed to this request, either directly or through one of its official spokesmen/women. This particularly applies to various requests for help and even assistance at sea.
- 20.4 Skippers will be held personally responsible for any material or physical damage to themselves, their boat, other boats, or any third part or the property of a third party. Skippers shall be accountable to the OA for taking out all the necessary insurance to cover civil liabilities and damages incurred for the race. The absence of third party liability in no way makes the OA or its partners accountable.
- 20.5 Reminder of the RRS 1.1: all boats are compelled to offer all possible assistance to any other boat or person in danger, should they be in a position to do so, in accordance with rule 1.1 of the RRS and the international measures in force. In this case and after changing course, the skipper must immediately supply Race Management with all the



details required to ensure there is the possibility of the International Jury later awarding the time back for changing course.

## **21 USE OF RIGHTS**

The owner or user of the boat and any possible sponsor, by the sole fact of their participation, agree that the OA can use, for promotional purposes or other, any text, photo or video footage relating to their participation in the event to be published or broadcast via the press, television or internet (non exhaustive list)

## **22 CONTACTS**

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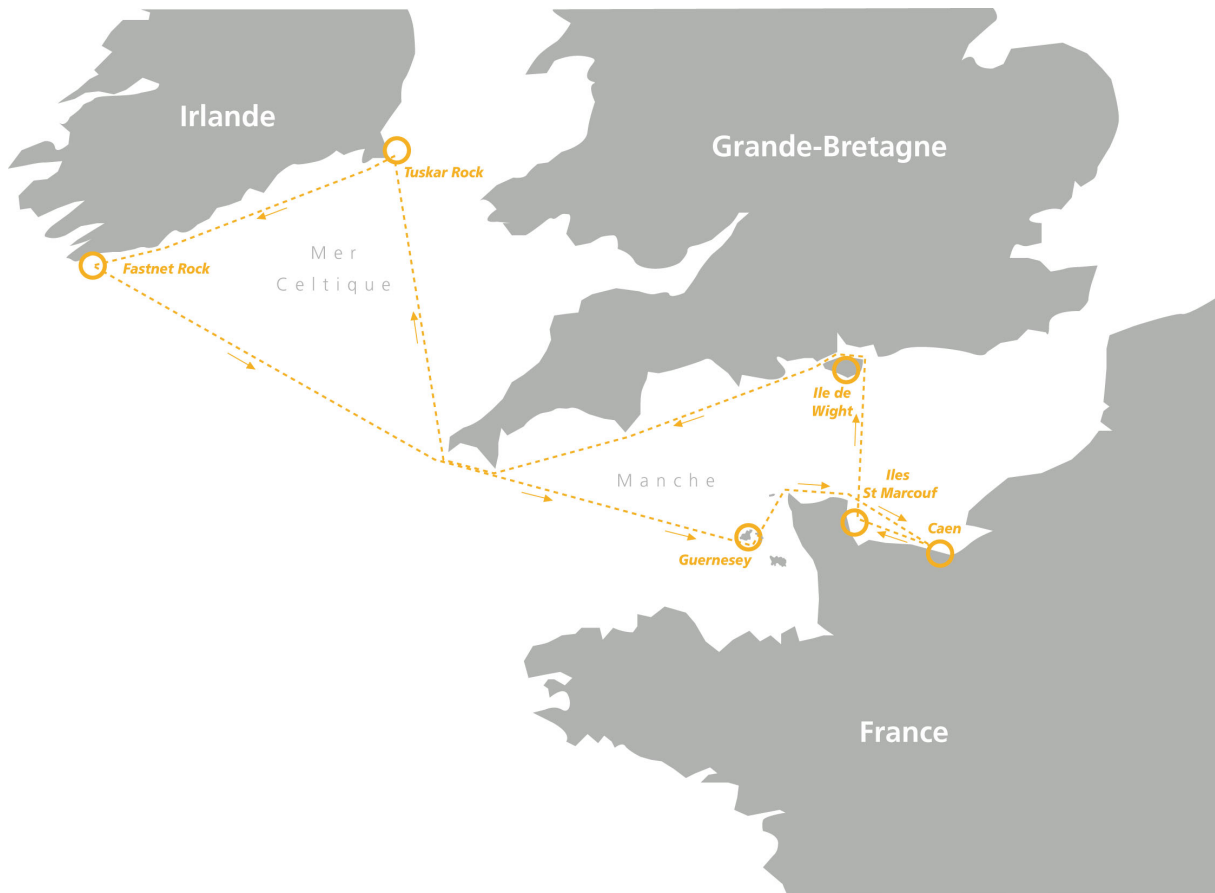
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APPENDIX 1 – THE COURSE



ANNEXE 2 – PRESCRIPTIONS OF THE FFVOILE - RACING RULES OF SAILING  
Translated for foreign competitors

(\* 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 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](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 authorization shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.