

● SKIPPER:

FABIEN DELAHAYE

40 YEARS OLD - SAILOR - LARMOR-PLAGE



TRACK RECORD IN BRIEF

- Winner CIC Normandy Channel Race 2024
- 3rd The Transat CIC 2024
- 22nd Transat Jacques Vabre 2023
- 3rd CIC Normandy Channel Race 2023
- 5th Solitaire du Figaro 2021
- 2nd Transat Jacques Vabre 2019
- Winner of the Volvo Ocean Race Dongfeng Race Team 2017-18
- 2nd Transat AG2R 2014
- Winner Transat Jacques Vabre 2013
- Winner of the Tour de France à la Voile & 2012 French ocean racing crewed champion
- 2nd in the Solitaire du Figaro & French Solo Ocean Racing Champion 2011
- Winner of the Transat AG2R 2010

7th participation in the CIC Normandy Channel Race

● CO-SKIPPER:

PIERRE LEBOUCHER

44 YEARS OLD - SAILOR - LORIENT



TRACK RECORD IN BRIEF

- Winner Niji 40 2024
- Jules Verne Trophy attempt on Sodebo
- 3rd Spi Ouest France 2023
- 4th Tour Voile 2023
- 4th Double-handed Transat 2021
- 1st National Figaro 2021
- 470 World Vice-Champion 2021
- 7th London 2012 Olympic Games

2nd participation in the CIC Normandy Channel Race

● SKIPPER'S MOTIVATION

Fabien Delahaye: It's been a big year for the CIC Normandy Channel Race, with the Class40 line-up virtually complete. Over the past two years, we've scored two podium finishes, with a 3rd place in 2023 alongside Corentin Douguet, and a victory in 2024 with Benjamin Schwartz. Naturally, when you come back as title holders, the desire to do well is even stronger. This time, it's the first race of the season for us - unlike last year when it was the last - and it'll also be our first as a duo with Pierre Leboucher. We're approaching this event with a lot of desire, clearly aiming for a podium finish. But it's also an important stage for us to get our bearings, build up our partnership and, above all, do everything we can to defend this title which is so close to our hearts.

Pierre Leboucher: The main objective for this first race is to get the boat running well. We've got quite a few little things to validate after the winter refit, and this regatta will be the perfect opportunity to see if everything's working. There's a high level of competition and a lot of people on board, so we'll be able to compare ourselves and measure the work we've done. I prefer not to set myself a place objective, but rather work objectives. If we sail cleanly, the place will come naturally. For me, the ambition for this CIC Normandy Channel Race is really to validate the boat's performance and to get a good feeling on the water. It's going to be a fun race, with a high level of competition and a high density, and that's something I'm really looking forward to. A good performance is obviously the goal, especially when you consider that Fabien has only finished on the podium in this race... That puts a bit of pressure on me!

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TYPE: LIFT V2

NAVAL ARCHITECT: MARC LOMBARD YACHT DESIGN

SHIPYARD: V1D2

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