

# HIRSCH CENTRAKOR



**NORMANDY**  
Channel RACE

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CLASS40



## ● SKIPPER:

**MIKAËL MERGUI**

45 YEARS OLD - SAILOR - HYÈRES



### TRACK RECORD IN BRIEF

- 15<sup>th</sup> Trin40 2026
- 12<sup>th</sup> Transat Café l'Or 2025
- 12<sup>th</sup> 40 Malouine 2025
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Porquerolle's Race 2025
- 1<sup>st</sup> Paprec 600 2025
- 2<sup>nd</sup> CIC Med Channel Race 2025
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Middle Sea Race 2024
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Med Max 2024
- 12<sup>th</sup> Transat Jacques Vabre 2023
- 13<sup>th</sup> CIC Normandy Channel Race 2023

**3<sup>rd</sup> participation in the CIC Normandy Channel Race**

## ● CO-SKIPPER:

**BENOIT HANTZPERG**

42 YEARS OLD - SAILOR - LORIENT



### TRACK RECORD IN BRIEF

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Globe40 2025-2026
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Armen Race 2025
- 6<sup>th</sup> CIC Normandy Channel Race 2024
- 12<sup>th</sup> Transat Quebec-Saint-Malo 2024
- 8<sup>th</sup> Transat Jacques Vabre 2023
- 4<sup>th</sup> Transat Jacques Vabre 2021
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grand Prix Guyader 2019

**2<sup>nd</sup> participation in the CIC Normandy Channel Race**

## ● SKIPPER'S MOTIVATION

*The CIC Normandy Channel Race holds a special place in my heart. It was in this race that I competed in my first Class40 event in 2021 – the one that inspired me to take the plunge and set up my own project.*

*It's a highly technical race, with numerous strategic passages that you simply can't afford to miss. I'm approaching it with great seriousness and enthusiasm.*

*I'm also really delighted to have Benoît on board. We get on really well ashore, and I really appreciate his incredibly determined mindset, always accompanied by a touch of madness and humour, which is a real asset in a project like this.*

*He's also a brilliant sailor, having just returned from the Globe40 on a boat very similar to mine. His recent experience is a real bonus and gives me fresh confidence as I approach this race. This time, everything seems to be falling into place.*

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**TYPE:** LIFT V2

**NAVAL ARCHITECT:** MARC LOMBARD YACHT DESIGN

**SHIPYARD:** GRAND LARGUE COMPOSITE

**YEAR:** 2022

