

# PIERREVAL FONDATION GOOD PLANET



**NORMANDY**  
Channel RACE

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CLASS40



## ● SKIPPER:

### VINCENT RIOU

54 YEARS OLD - SAILOR - LOCTUDY



#### TRACK RECORD IN BRIEF

- 3 participations in the Vendée Globe including a victory in 2004
- 10<sup>th</sup> Spi West France 2025
- 6<sup>th</sup> CIC Normandy Channel Race 2024
- 13<sup>th</sup> Transat Quebec Saint Malo 2024
- 1<sup>st</sup> World Championship Class40 2022
- 4<sup>th</sup> Route du Rhum 2018
- Double winner Transat Jacques Vabre 2013 and 2015

6<sup>th</sup> participation in the CIC Normandy Channel Race

## ● CO-SKIPPER:

### GÉRALD VENIARD

55 YEARS OLD - SAILOR - TOULOUSE



#### TRACK RECORD IN BRIEF

- Guyader Bermudes 1000 Race - 7<sup>th</sup> 2023
- Tour de France à la Voile - 4<sup>th</sup> 2013
- Tour de France à la Voile - 4<sup>th</sup>
- Transat AG2R - 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012
- AG2R Transat - 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010
- Solitaire du Figaro - 7<sup>th</sup> 2007
- Solitaire du Figaro - 3<sup>rd</sup> 2006
- Tour de France à la Voile - 4<sup>th</sup> 2002

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

## ● SKIPPER'S MOTIVATION

*Vincent Riou: It's always a real pleasure to return to Caen and the CIC Normandy Channel Race. It's a fantastic event on the Class40 calendar. The course is really demanding. We're sailing through areas full of pitfalls, with strong coastal effects, currents and traffic. This year, I'm very pleased to have Gérald Vénard on board, who brings a wealth of expertise. We know each other well, he's already sailed aboard Pierreval - Fondation GoodPlanet, so we should have a great time. As every year, the competition is fierce. The race is fully booked and will once again be a fantastic contest.*

*Gérald Vénard: The CIC Normandy Channel Race is a really great race. Every year, there are surprises. As it's a double-handed race, it's always more demanding than the solo version. It's a very intense 1,000-mile race with currents, wind shifts and Channel crossings. Sometimes certain sections lead to some fantastic downwind runs. It really is brilliant! I love it! The field is very strong; the Class40s are machines that are constantly evolving, so it's difficult to make predictions even though we have experience and are well prepared with Vincent. Realistically, we can hope to finish in the Top 10, but above all we want to have a good time. The aim is also to help Vincent prepare for the Route du Rhum. In short, I'm going into it relaxed but determined to give my best alongside Vincent, with whom I get on well.*

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**TYPE:** POGO S4

**NAVAL ARCHITECT:** GUILLAUME VERDIER

**SHIPYARD:** STRUCTURES

**YEAR:** 2024

