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NORMANDY CHANNEL RACE

13th/ 23rd May 2010

1st Edition

NOTICE OF RACE

Start on Sunday 16th May 2010 in Caen / Ouistreham



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1/ ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The NORMANDY CHANNEL RACE is organised from 13th to 23rd May 2010 by the company Sirius Evénements, an establishment affiliated with the FF. Voile (French Sailing Federation), in partnership with the Town of Caen, the Caen Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Société des Régates de Caen-Ouistreham (SRCO Caen-Ouistreham Racing Society) and the Ligue de Voile de Basse-Normandie (Lower Normandy Sailing League).

2/ RULES

2.1. – the event is governed by:

- the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 – 2012 (RRS). As a modification of the RRS 52 Manual Power: 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.
- the Class 40 measurement rules and regulations, as well as the Class 40 safety testing document
- the OSR Category 1 for monohulls, with the modifications made in the Class 40 measurement rules
- part B of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS)
- the current Notice of Race and any subsequent amendments
- the Sailing Instructions and any subsequent amendments

2.2. – Solely the documents listed in 2.1, the notes and amendments written and signed by the President of the Race Committee and the President of the Jury will be deemed official.

2.3. – The official language is English.

3/ ADVERTISING

3.1. – Boats are permitted to display advertising in accordance with article 20 of the ISAF advertising code.

3.2. – The displaying of the organiser's advertising logos is mandatory:

- race logo block: any participating boat shall display the race logo block inscribed in a circle measuring 1 metre 50 in diameter in the mainsail. The centre of this circle will be located at a height corresponding with a third way up the mast from the deck. The transfers will be supplied by the organiser, the positioning and adhesion of the transfers being the skipper's responsibility until the finish.
- race flags: any boat participating in the race will receive two race flags on its arrival, which it should have hoisted in its rigging on each side of the boat till the start of the race, and again after crossing the finish line.
- Dodger: any boat participating in the race will receive two dodgers on its arrival, which it should attach to each side of the boat throughout the duration of the race.

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3.3. - Penalties will be applied in the event that article 3.2 is not respected. These will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

4/ ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. – The event is open to monohulls in order with the Class 40 regulations and rules measurements.

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

4.3. – Each crew member must supply the organisation with the following documents:

- an ISAF sea survival training certificate dating back to within the past 5 years
- a current Senior First Aid Certificate or equivalent. Reminder of the OSR 4.08.4 and the FFVoile instruction “Both skippers shall hold a current Senior First Aid Certificate or equivalent and should be familiar with the management of medical emergencies that may occur at sea, including hypothermia, and radio communications operations for obtaining medical advice by radio ”(AFPSs and PSC1s dating back to within the past 5 years are accepted).
- for the skipper and the co-skipper, a physical test dating back to within the past 4 years and a cardiac echocardiography.

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

4.5. – All French participants must have in their possession a valid competition licence (2010 licence with a medical certificate).

4.6. – Overseas participants must have in their possession a document, which is the equivalent of a French sailing licence or covered by the boat’s insurance (UK); the amount of civil liability insurance must be a minimum of 1.5 million Euros.

4.7. – A damages insurance certificate for the boat must be supplied for each participating yacht.

4.8. – Registrations are taken into account from the publication of the notice of race by filling in the registration sheet in the appendix, accompanied by payment of the registration fee. Registration can also be done via the website www.normandy-race.com.

The deadline for registration is set for 15th April 2010.

4.9. – The organiser reserves the right to accept or refuse a registration (Rule 76.1 of the RRS).

5 / FEES

Registration fees are fixed at 800 Euros prior to 1st March and 880 Euros from 1st March 2010.

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6 / SCHEDULE

6.1. – Event programme:

- The boats must be in the Bassin Saint-Pierre in Caen by 0800 hours on Thursday 13th May at the latest. Boats will be berthed free of charge in the Bassin Saint-Pierre throughout the duration of the event.
- Thursday 13th May and Friday 14th May: measurement scrutineering and registration formalities.
- Saturday 15th May: morning descent of the channel from Caen to the sea, negotiation of the lock, prologue in the form of a coastal course from Ouistreham / Côte Fleurie. Any number of crew are permitted for the prologue, with a guest from the organisation aboard each boat.
- Return to Caen at the end of the afternoon; official soirée in Caen.
- Sunday 16th May: morning descent with the rest of the fleet from Caen to the sea, negotiation of the lock, start of the race at 1500 hours off Ouistreham.
- Friday 21st May and Saturday 22nd May: predicted arrival of the boats. The boats should make for the Bassin Saint-Pierre in Caen as soon as possible after arriving in Ouistreham and should remain there until the prize-giving.
- prize-giving according to those finishing by Sunday 23rd May at 1700 hours in Caen.

6. 2. – The following programme may be modified without notice by the organiser according to the weather conditions or any other technical or sporting constraint.

6.3. – The organiser may, as a result of force majeure or if it is 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 organisers, 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 organisers.

7 / MEASUREMENTS

Each boat must supply a valid measurement certificate. Measurement scrutineering will be carried out by the race committee on Thursday 13th May and Friday 14th May and at any other moment without notice.

8 / ADDITIONAL MANDATORY SAFETY MATERIAL

8. 1. – An active AIS transponder and AIS target data visualisation software with an external aerial at the correct height.

8. 2. – A dual frequency, long-life Sarsat-Cospas EPIRB (121.5 Mhz and 406 Mhz) lasting a minimum of 48 hours.

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9 / SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be delivered to participants after confirmation of their registration with the Race Secretary.

10 / COURSE

10. 1. – Distance: around 975 miles

Start line off Ouistreham

Îles Saint-Marcouf (Manche, Lower Normandy) to be left to starboard

Bell Fairway mark (UK / West of the Isle of Wight) to be left to port

Tuskar Rock (Ireland) to be left to port (52°12.2N .006°12.4W)

Fastnet Rock (Ireland) to be left to port

Les Sept Îles (Côtes d'Armor, Brittany) to be left to port

Finish line off Ouistreham

10. 2. – The course may be modified by an amendment to the current notice of race.

11 / RANKING

A ranking will be established in elapsed time according to the order of arrival, where boats finish the race within the time limit.

12 / OBLIGATIONS OF PRESENCE FOR BOATS

12. 1. – In accordance with the programme presented in chapter 6, the boats must be present in the Bassin Saint-Pierre in Caen:

- from 0800 hours on Thursday 13th May at the latest and through to the start, with the exception of any movements linked to the prologue on Saturday 15th May.

- as soon as possible on crossing the finish line at the end of the race and through to the end of the prize-giving at 1200 hours on Sunday 23rd May.

12. 2. – Penalties may be applied should the obligation of presence for boats not be respected.

13/ OBLIGATIONS OF PRESENCE FOR CREW

13. 1. – The skipper and co-skipper should be present:

- at official briefings announced on the official race noticeboard, with particular importance placed on the safety briefing and start briefing on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th May
- for the prologue on Saturday 15th May
- at the official soirée in Caen on Saturday 15th May
- at the prize-giving in Caen on Sunday 23rd May

13. 2. – Penalties may be applied should the obligation of presence for crew not be respected.

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14/ POSITIONING AND ROUTING

14. 1. The Inmarsat C system will be used for transmission of messages and tracking of the boats.

Each boat must be equipped with an Inmarsat C terminal in working order. The latter must have a GPS card and be equipped with software enabling polling and data reporting.

14. 2. Routing is forbidden through application of article 41 of the ISAF rules and in accordance with the class measurement rule: a boat must not receive any outside assistance.

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

15 / COMPLAINTS

With the authorisation of the international jury, decisions made by the international jury will be final as set down in rule 70.5 of the RRS.

16 / BERTHING

Boats will be berthed in the Bassin Saint-Pierre in Caen according to the conditions defined in article 6.

17 / MATERIAL AND RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

17.1. - Each boat must be equipped with:

- a system of satellite telephone with a fixed external aerial. The external aerial should be installed according to the product's instruction manual. Any installation which doesn't conform will be refused.
- a minimum of a 25 watt 56 channel VHF in accordance with OSR (3.29.1 b)

This apparatus must be in perfect working order and installed in such a way as to prevent their deterioration.

17.2. - Each day between 1200 and 1330 hours, competitors must check in/ perform a telephone link-up with Race HQ.

18 / TIME LIMIT

The finish line shall close 36 hours after the arrival of the first boat. As a modification of RRS 35, any boat finishing once the time limit is up will be ranked as DNF.

19 / PRIZES

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

20/ RESPONSIBILITES 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 organisation 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 decision without the organiser being accountable.

20.2. – The responsibility of the organiser and its partners is limited to ensuring a fair sports event; any further responsibility that the organisation may agree to would have to be contractual and explicit. Any checks in particular that the race committee undertakes, shall have the sole aim of ensuring that the sporting rules, the current notice of race, the sailing instructions and their appendices and amendments have been respected.

20.3. – The vigil, and in particular the radio and or Inmarsat C watch, as well as fleet tracking that the organiser 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 organisation would not make the organiser accountable unless the latter has explicitly agreed to this request, either directly or through one of his 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 will be responsible to the organiser 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 organiser or its partners accountable.

20.5. – The current notice of race reminds participants that 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 time for changing course.

20.6. – As an essential condition of their participation, skippers must, along with their complete entry pack, provide the organiser with the signed and dated declaration absolving the organiser, his partners and insurers of all liability.

21 / USE OF RIGHTS

The owner or user of the yacht and any possible sponsor, by the sole fact of their participation, agrees that the organiser 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)

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22/ CONTACTS

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APPENDIX 1 : COURSE MAP



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APPENDIX 2: REGISTRATION SHEET

NORMANDY CHANNEL RACE 2010- REGISTRATION FORM

Boat name

Boat's race name

Club.....Country..... Sail No.:.....

Forename/Surname of skipper.....Licence No. (France):
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Address: Tel:

..... Mobile:.....

Email:

Forename/Surname of co-skipper.....Licence No. (France):
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Address: Tel:

..... Mobile:.....

Email:

I declare that I am aware of the event regulations and agree with them.

I will participate in the event at my own risk and responsibility in accordance with the regulations in force. It will be down to me alone to deem, on the basis of my training and the condition of my boat, and according to the circumstances and weather forecasts, whether or not I should head out to sea or continue to participate in the event.

I agree to be subject to the ISAF ruling and any other ruling governing this event.

Signed in: On:

Signature of skipper:

(Preceded by the phrase "read and approved" "participation agreed and accepted")

Closure of registration: 15th April 2010

The signed form is to be returned with payment, in the form of a cheque, payable to SIRIUS EVENEMENTS:

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75016 PARIS
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Payment by international transfer:

International Account Bank Number (IBAN): FR 36 3000 2004 1500 0043 1152 J 20
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