

NORMANDY CHANNEL RACE : A NEW OFFSHORE CHALLENGE FOR CLASS 40

Start on Sunday 16th May.

A genuine sporting challenge

A course spanning around 1,000 miles in the English Channel and Irish Sea, which translates as 6 days at sea at an average speed of 7 knots. (see chart on the following page). A double-handed enabling the sailors to exploit the true potential of their yachts.

A varied course, half of which involves a coastal course in France, England and Ireland, the other half centring on offshore racing in the English Channel and the Irish Sea.

A demanding course through some complicated racing zones, enabling all manner of tactical games, doubtless coloured by a very high pace to the race.

As well as a fabulous course from Normandy to Ireland, via SW England and Northern Brittany, guaranteeing racers an enjoyable competition.

An International Event.

Through its position in Normandy and the English Channel, it is particularly geared towards French crews in the English Channel, as well as enabling easy access to the maximum number of crews from the UK, Belgium and Germany.

Through its course, it is also divided between French, English and Irish waters.

The reception of foreign crews will be favoured: English as official language, translation of all documents, translation of briefings, promotion in the UK press. Partnerships with International media will also be sought (Yachts and Yachting magazine, The Daily Sail, Seahorse....)

An entertainments programme.

Berthing for the Class 40s in Caen's town centre ; a site which attracted big crowds during the Solitaire du Figaro event; installation of a race village comprising marquees erected along the quayside, entertainments programme, soirée for both skippers and the general public on Saturday 15th May.

On Sunday 16th May : fleet procession from the Caen channel out to sea ; weekend entertainment after the arrivals, prize-giving on Sunday 23th.

A company specialises in nautical event

It relies on the experience of its teams and its Director, Manfred Ramspacher, President of the Tour de France à la Voile from 1998 to 2005. SIRIUS EVENTS has notably organised the following events over recent years: Deauville International Week, Medcup event in France, BMW Sailing Cup....

SIRIUS will call upon Sylvie Viant team to manage the race, a very experienced race director that worked before on Vendee Globe, Route du Rhum, Transat Jacques Vabre, Tour de France à la Voile.

