



Class40 press release 16th December 2014

The Class40 confirmed in its strategic choices Class40 Campagne de France, winner of the 2014 Class40 Championship

- Results of the Route of the Rhum: attractivity and sporting interest largely confirmed for the Class40.
- "Campagne de France" co-skipped by Halvard Mabire and Miranda Merron, winner of the 2014 Class40 Championship.
- Presentation of the previsionnal 2015 racing calendar.

Exceptional participation with 43 skippers on the start line. Crossing in 16 days, 17 hours, 47 minutes and 8 seconds, for the winner, Spanish skipper Alex Pella (Tales 2 Santander).

An unprecedented podium. A top ten in the image of the diversity of the Class40, whether it be the skippers as their boats.

On this Route du Rhum - Destination Guadeloupe, the Class40 has shown that it was successful. Successful in its opening, successful in its attractiveness, successful in its sport side: the Class40 draw a positive balance in its 3rd Route du Rhum and can confirm its strategic choices, especially on the technical side.

What is the Class40 assessment of the Route du Rhum - Destination Guadeloupe ?

François Angoulvant, Class40

President : « *The first great satisfaction of this Route du Rhum - Destination Guadeloupe is the evidence of the attractiveness of the class and the success of the rigor of its boxrule. In the first 10 boats, we can see nine different designs, six architects represented and a gap of 6 years in the conceptions!*



On the skippers side, again, this top ten is frankly eclectic, with skippers from 53 to 34 years-old, from the Mini circuit, the Imoca, the olympics ... This top ten shows well the opening of the Class40. Thanks to this homogeneity of the fleet, that is, more than ever, the skipper or the crew who make the difference. Our goal is to work to maintain this homogeneity, to guarantee the interest of sports competitions to come»

Another striking fact of this Route du Rhum : the presence of famous renowned skippers ...

François Angoulvant : « *Nicolas Troussel's come back is an excellent news, the arrival of Kito de Pavant, the passage of Arnaud Boissière, are very rewarding and we are pleased to attract renowned skippers within the class. Kito de Pavant has, in addition, made a great race and has really enjoyed his passage in Class40.*»

There were also many young skippers among these 43 solo-handed sailors.

François Angoulvant: « *This again confirms the attractiveness and accessibility of the class. It was, by far, the*

fleet the more interesting to follow sportingly on this road of rum. There had been a genuine match at sea during these three weeks of the race and no prediction was possible before the start. »

Alex Pella (Tales 2 Santander) was very fast to cross the Atlantic, just after the last Imoca

François Angoulvant : « *The first Class40 has arrived just after the last Imoca. Last year already on the Transat Jacques Vabre, Class40 had remained close from the last Imoca. Some Imoca skippers begin to look at our fleet of a watchful eye ...*

In short, it goes in the right direction in terms of performance, this is part of the undeniable settings of the attractiveness of the class, we have to continue to ensure the rigor of the boxrule»

Class40Campagne de France, winner of the 2014 Class40 Championship

Pogo S2 « *Campagne de France* », sailed by Halvard Mabire and Miranda Merron (6th of the Route du Rhum) wins the 2014 Class40 Championship just in front Damien Seguin's Akilaria RC3 and Bertrand Delesne's Mach40 TeamWork40, rookie and already on the podium !

This ranking rewards the attendance and regularity of the results throughout the season.



2014 Championship ranking

In order to enhance the performance of the skippers evolving on first generation boats, a classification Vintage 2015 is currently being discussed.

2015 provisional calendar

1st – 4th May : Grand Prix Guyader
24th – 31st May : Normandy Channel Race
18th – 23rd June : Record SNSM
28th June – 26th July : Les Sables - Horta - Les Sables
16th - 23rd August : Rolex Fastnet Race
1st – 29th November : Transat Jacques Vabre

La Route du Rhum - Destination Guadeloupe 2014 ranking

4 boats were sailing in « vintage » category (1st generation boats with certain performance criteria) : Nb22 (skipper Rodophe Sepho), Nb31 (skipper Vincent Lantin), Nb 45 (skipper Maxime Sorel) and Nb57 (skipper Antoine Michel).

1	TALES 2 SANTANDER	Alex Pella	19/11/2014 07:47:08
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2	SOLIDAIRES EN PELOTON	Thibaut Vauchel-Camus	19/11/2014 18:33:41
3	OTIO - BASTIDE MEDICAL	Kito De Pavant	19/11/2014 19:07:03
4	IXBLUE - BRS	Stephane Le Diraison	19/11/2014 22:21:37
5	MATOUBA	Pierre Brasseur	20/11/2014 04:27:44
6	CAMPAGNE DE FRANCE	Miranda Merron	20/11/2014 17:17:25
7	LE CONSERVATEUR	Yannick Bestaven	19/11/2014 20:34:37
8	ERDF - DES PIEDS ET DES MAINS	Damien Seguin	20/11/2014 23:19:21
9	SNCF GEODIS - NEWREST	Fabrice Amadeo	20/11/2014 23:36:32
10	FANTASTICA	Giancarlo Pedote	21/11/2014 04:26:43
11	MAISON TIREL GUERIN	Valentin Lemarchand	21/11/2014 11:29:48
12	TEAMWORK40	Bertrand Delesne	21/11/2014 14:55:39
13	PICOTY - LAC DE VASSIVIERE	Jean-Christophe Caso	21/11/2014 15:53:11
14	L'EXPRESS - TREPIA	Pierre-Yves Lautrou	21/11/2014 18:16:30
15	VISIT BRUSSELS	Michel Kleinjans	21/11/2014 20:06:36
16	CAMPAGNE 2 FRANCE	Halvard Mabire	22/11/2014 04:09:56
17	REGION HAUTE NORMANDIE	Jean-Edouard Criquioche	22/11/2014 04:34:20
18	SERENIS CONSULTING	Jean Galfione	22/11/2014 13:19:32
19	EAU ET PATRIMOINE	Juliette Petres	22/11/2014 13:52:07
20	TERANGA	Emmanuel Hamez	22/11/2014 22:07:09
21	GROUPEMENT FLO	Brieuc Maisonneuve	23/11/2014 07:30:15
22	MARIE - GALANTE	Dominique Rivard	23/11/2014 13:19:46
23 1er Vintage	VandB / MS SAILING TEAM	Maxime Sorel	23/11/2014 18:42:00
24	KOGANE	Patrice Bougard	23/11/2014 19:24:06
25	APRIL	Lionel Regnier	23/11/2014 20:24:03
26 2e Vintage	VOILES 44	Rodolphe Sepho	24/11/2014 08:33:11
27	VILLE DE SAINTE ANNE - GUADELOUPE	Philippe Fiston	24/11/2014 20:04:48
28	GUADELOUPE GRAND LARGE 1001 PILES BATTERIES	Nicolas Thomas	26/11/2014 08:32:08
29	OBPORTUS - CONSEIL REGIONAL DE LORRAINE	Olivier Roussey	26/11/2014 22:01:21
30 3e Vintage	SETTI LTD	Antoine Michel	27/11/2014 01:13:05
31	BRUNEAU	Paul Hignard	27/11/2014

			21:35:10
32 4e Vintage	LE SLIP FRANCAIS	Vincent Lantin	03/12/2014 04:35:00
ABD	EXOCET	Alan Roura	
ABD	NORMANDIE SUSSEX	Christophe Coatnoan	
ABD	CREDIT MUTUEL DE BRETAGNE	Nicolas Troussel	
ABD	AEROCAMPUS DU RHUM AU GLOBE	Arnaud Boissieres	
ABD	ADVANCED ENERGIES CARAC	Louis Duc	
ABD	SWISH	Phillippa Hutton Square	
ABD	CAP WEST	Marc Lepasqueux	
ABD	GDF SUEZ	Sebastien Rogues	
ABD	WALLFO.COM	Thierry Bouchard	
ABD	CATPHONES - BUILT FOR IT	Conrad Humphreys	
ABD	TEAM SABROSA SR40 mk2	Francois Angoulvant	

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