

# **NORMANDY CHANNEL RACE 2015**

21<sup>st</sup> May / 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015

6<sup>th</sup> Edition

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## **NOTICE OF RACE**

*Start on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2015 offshore of Ouistreham*

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## **1/ ORGANISATION**

The NORMANDY CHANNEL RACE is organised from 21<sup>st</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015 by the company Sirius Evénements, an establishment affiliated with the FFVoile (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 Regulations such as outlined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013 – 2016. 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 Regulations of the French Sailing Federation (Fédération Française de Voile).
- The requirements of the French Sailing Federation.
- the Class 40 measurement rules and regulations, as well as the Class 40 safety testing document.
- The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) category 2 monohulls with modifications specific to the Class40 measurement rule, and with the modification to rule 5.01.1: add “Each yacht shall carry at least 1 spare kit (spare gas cylinder plus a spare activation head) for every gas inflatable lifejacket”.
- this Notice of Race and any subsequent appendices.
- the Sailing Instructions and any subsequent appendices.

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

**2.3.** – The official language is French; all the official documents will also be distributed in English.

## **3/ ADVERTISING**

**3.1.** – **To enforce Regulation 20 of ISAF (Advertising Code)**, such as that modified by the FFVoile’s (French Sailing Federation) regulations on advertising, boats will be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

**3.2.** – Competitors are obliged to display the advertising supplied by the organisation:

- **race logo block**: any participating boat shall display the race logo block inscribed in a circle measuring 1 metre 50 in diameter on 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, with 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 shall display in its rigging on each side of the boat from registration till the prize-giving.
- dodgers: any boat participating in the race will receive two dodgers on its arrival, which it should display on each side of the boat throughout the duration of the race.
- forestay flags: any yacht registered for the race will, on its arrival in Caen, receive flags which it shall display on the boat's forestay from registration until it leaves the port of Ouistreham, then again once it has crossed the finish line through until the prize-giving.

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

#### **4/ ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION**

**4.1.** – The event is open to monohulls in order with the Class 40 measurement and rules (2015 subscription and Measurement certificate).

**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.** – The skipper and co-skipper 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 FFVoile's instruction for OSR 6.05: "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", (an AFPS, PSMer or PSC1 dating back to within the past 5 years is accepted).

**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 (2015 FFV 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 be 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 on publication of the Notice of Race on the website [www.normandy-race.com](http://www.normandy-race.com) or by filling in the registration form in the appendix, accompanied by payment of the registration fee.

The deadline for registration is set at 1 May 2015.

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

## **5 / FEES TO BE PAID**

Registration fees are fixed:

- at 1000 Euros ex.VAT (€1,200 inc.tax) from publication of this Notice of Race and through until 28 February 2015.
- at 1,500 Euros ex.VAT (€1,800 inc.tax) if registration is received between 1 March 2015 and 30 April 2015.

Any registration cheques received will not be cashed until the registration deadline, which is set at 1 May 2015.

In the event of withdrawal from the race prior to the registration deadline of 1 May 2015, 400 Euros including all tax from the non-refundable application fee will be collected by the organisation; no refund can be made if withdrawal occurs after 1 May 2015.

30% of the registration fees collected will be paid back to the Class 40.

## **6 / PROGRAMME**

**6.1.** – Event programme:

- The boats must be in the Bassin Saint-Pierre in Caen by 2000 hours on Wednesday 20 May at the latest. Boats will be berthed free of charge in the Bassin Saint-Pierre throughout the duration of the event.
- Thursday 21 May: scrutineering and registration formalities, welcome cocktail.
- Friday 22 May: scrutineering and registration formalities, skippers' dinner.
- Saturday 23 May: scrutineering and registration formalities, morning safety briefing, official skippers' presentation in the race village in the afternoon.
- Sunday 24 May: leave Caen from 1200 noon, descent of the channel by the fleet from Caen to the sea, negotiation of the lock at Ouistreham, start of the race at 1600 hours offshore of Ouistreham.
- Friday 29 and Saturday 30 May: estimated arrival of the boats. The boats shall make for the Bassin Saint-Pierre in Caen as soon as possible after arriving in Ouistreham and shall remain there until the prize-giving.
- prize-giving according to arrivals on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 1700 hours in the race village 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 organiser.

## **7 / CLASS MEASUREMENT**

Each boat must supply a valid measurement certificate. Measurement scrutineering and safety equipment checks will be carried out by the race committee from Thursday 21 May to Saturday 23 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 aerial located on the masthead, registered with the boat's MMSI.
- 8.2.** – A dual frequency, long-life handheld Sarsat- Cospas EPIRB 121.5 Mhz and 406 Mhz lasting a minimum of 48 hours.
- 8.3.** – One survival suit per person on-board.
- 8.4.** – Two personal AIS transmitters worn on a constant basis by each skipper and co-skipper.

## **9 / SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be published on the event website on 1 May 2015.

## **10 / COURSE**

### **10.1. – Distance: around 975 miles**

Start line off the harbour of Caen – Caen harbour course  
West Saint-Marcouf mark to be left to starboard  
Isle of Wight (United Kingdom) to be left to port  
Tuskar Rock (Ireland) to be left to port  
Fastnet Rock (Ireland) to be left to port  
Island of Guernsey to be left to port  
Finish line off Ouistreham

**10.2.** – Other marks, which may give rise to course modifications, can be added to the course in the Sailing Instructions. The methods for conveying these course changes during the race will be indicated in the Sailing Instructions.

## **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 2000 hours on Wednesday 20 May at the latest and through to the start on Sunday 24 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.

**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 shall be present:

- at the safety briefing on the morning of Saturday 23 May and at the official briefings announced on the official race noticeboard.
- at the official presentation of the skippers in the race village in Caen on the afternoon of Saturday 23 May.
- at the prize-giving.

**13.2.** – Penalties may be applied should the obligation of presence for crew not be respected.

## **14/ POSITIONING AND ROUTING**

**14.1.** Each boat must be equipped with a positioning beacon supplied by the organisation, for which a deposit will be requested.

**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 on confirmation of registration in Caen.

## **15 / PROTESTS**

With the authorisation of the FFVoile (French Sailing Federation), 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 terms 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. This telephone should have a sufficiently audible ringtone inside the boat and remain switched on throughout the race.
- a minimum of a 25 watt 56-channel VHF in accordance with OSR (3.29.1 b). The skippers must monitor dual VHF channels throughout the race, namely Channel 16 and the race channel.

This apparatus must be in perfect working order and installed in such a way as to prevent its deterioration. It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure this is the case.

**17.2.** - Each day between 1200 and 1300 hours local time, telephone link-ups with Race HQ will take place.

## **18 / TIME LIMIT**

Boats failing to finish within 36 hours of the first boat to complete the course and finish are ranked as 'DNF'. This is a modification of RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **19 / PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded 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 or her 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 monitoring, and in particular the telephone and or Inmarsat C monitoring, 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 its 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.** – This 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.

## **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)

## **22/ CONTACTS**

### **SIRIUS EVENEMENTS**

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75116 PARIS

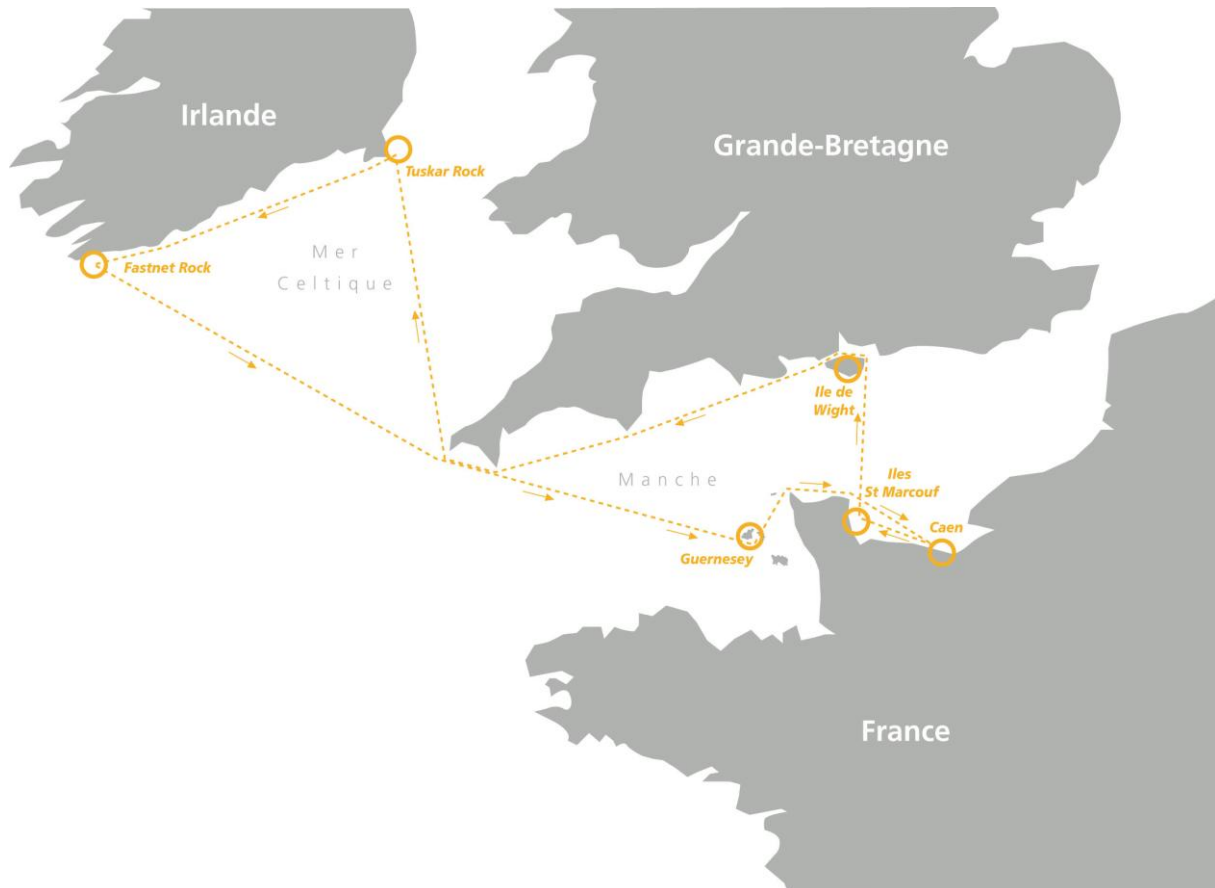
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APPENDIX 1 - COURSE MAP



APPENDIX 2: REGISTRATION FORM

**NORMANDY CHANNEL RACE 2015 – REGISTRATION FORM**

Boat name .....

Boat's race name .....

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

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

Address: ..... Tel: .....

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

Email: .....

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

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: 1 May 2015**

**Online payment on the website [www.normandy-race.com](http://www.normandy-race.com) or by sending back the registration form which is to be returned signed, with payment in the form of a cheque payable to SIRIUS EVENEMENTS:**

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 75116 PARIS  
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 Email: [contact@sirius-events.com](mailto:contact@sirius-events.com)  
 Website: [www.normandy-race.com](http://www.normandy-race.com)

**Payment by international transfer:**

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

**APPENDIX 3: TIDE TIMES IN OUISTREHAM**

<b>DATES</b>	<b>COEFFICIENT</b>	<b>L.W./Height of water</b>	<b>H.W./Height of water</b>
20/05/15	97/94	07H23/0.39m 19/44/0.70m	00H22/8.09m 12H46/7.91m
21/05/15	90/86	08H05/0.63m 20H24/1.04m	01H03/7.92m 13H28/7.67m
24/05/15	59/55	10H08/1.88m 22H30/2.35m	03H18/6.90m 15H55/6.62m
28/05/15	46/48	01H28/3.01m 14H01/2.79m	07H36/6.25m 20H07/6.43m
29/05/15	51/55	02H38/2.82 15H05/2.56m	08H28/6.43m 20H54/6.66m
30/05/15	59/63	03H36/2.47m 15H57/2.23m	09H14/6.67m 21H37/6.93m
31/05/15	67/72	04H23/2.06m 16H52/1.86	09H55/6.94m 22H15/7.20