



Les Sables

Horta

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**Class'40**

**2011**

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3<sup>rd</sup> EDITION

**NOTICE OF RACE**



**The event Les Sables D'olonne – Horta – Les Sables d'olonne is exclusively for Class'40 boats. Only two-handed crews can race on this 2540 NM long course in the North Atlantic.**

## 1/ ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The city of Les Sables d'Olonne organises the race Les Sables d'Olonne – Horta – Les Sables d'olonne in partnership with the city of Horta in the Azores (Portugal), the Pays de la Loire Region, The Vendée General Council, the Class'40 and the French Federation of Sailing (other public and private partnerships are still to be executed).

## 2/ RULES

2.1 The event shall be governed by current texts of the following documents, complemented and eventually modified by the Sailing Instructions.

- 2.2
- The International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009/2012, referred to as RRS, except in the rules modified in § 2.3.
  - The rules of the Class'40 measurement for Class'40 monohulls.
  - The OSR rules, category 1, except for those amended by the rules of the Class'40 measurement for Class'40 monohulls.
  - Section B of the COLREGS,
  - The present Notice of Race and any possible amendments, ,
  - The Sailing Instructions and any possible amendments.

2.3- The following RRS have been modified :

- Part 2 rules (*When boats meet*) apply from the start till 30 NM after the starting line and then again at the arrival, starting 50 NM to the finishing line, if at day. Between those two points, they are replaced by Part B (*Steering & sailing*) of the International Regulations for the Prevention for Collisions at Sea (COLREGS).
- Rule 35 (*time limit*) : modified in §9.
- Rule 41 (*Outside Help*) : modified in §4.
- Rule 45 (*Hauling out, Making Fast, Anchoring*) : modified in §9.
- Rule 44.1 (*Penalties for breaking the Part 2*) : modified in the Sailing Instructions.
- Rule 47.1 (*Limitation on equipment*) : modified in §9.
- Rule 50.2 (*spinnaker poles, whisker poles*) shall not apply.
- Rule 54 (*Forestays and headsails tacks*) : shall not apply.
- Rule 61 (*Protest requirements*) : modified in the Sailing Instructions.
- Rule 62 (*Redress*) : modified in the Sailing Instructions.
- Rule 63 (*Hearings*) : modified in the Sailing Instructions.
- Rule 64 (*Decisions*) : modified in the Sailing Instructions.

2.4 The only documents having an official value are the documents mentioned in the §2.1, the notes and prescriptions written and signed by the president of the Race Committee, the Race Director and/or the president of the Jury.

2.5 - Official language is FRENCH, French text shall prevail.

## 3/ RACE COURSE AND EVENT SCHEDULE

The course of the event is located between Les Sables d'Olonne (France) and Horta, Faial Island ( the Azores, Portugal).

3.1 - **1st leg : Les Sables d'Olonne (France) / Horta (The Azores, Portugal) 1270 NM**

3.1/a – The start of the event will be in Les Sables d'Olonne on Saturday, July, 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011 at 7 :02 pm local time.

3.1/b – All entered boats must be berthed in Les Sables d'Olonne, in the Port Olona marina by Sunday, June, 26<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 7 :00 pm local time.

Any boat who would not be present at this date and cannot prove he was in the totally impossibility to be, could be considered as being registered at the end of the waiting list.

3.1/c –The following penalties of delay may apply :

\* 50 euros for the first day of delay

\* 100 euros for the second day of delay

\* 200 euros for each day after

The total amount of these penalties will be given to an association of Sea Rescue.

3.1/d – After Wednesday June, 29<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 12:00 pm local time, boats, skippers and crews who are not in Les Sables d'Olonne may not be authorised to take the start of the race.

3.1/f – Boats inspections and confirmations of entries will take place from Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>.

3.1/g – Each competitor must give his declaration of departure properly filled and signed before Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm local time. This declaration will be added to the Sailing Instructions.

3.1/h – A crew-handed prologue will take place on Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 2:00 pm local time.

## 3.2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> leg : **Horta (The Azores, Portugal) / Les Sables d'Olonne (France) 1270 NM**

3.2/a – The start of the second leg will be in Horta on Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:02 local time.

3.2/b – Arrivals in Les Sables d'olonne are estimated from July, 19<sup>th</sup>.

3.2/c – At the arrivals of both the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg, the Race Committee may check the boats, without previous warning, by its own decision or by request from the organising authority or the Jury. A boat which would not be in accordance with the rules may be, at the discretion of the Jury, penalized or disqualified.

## **4/ ELIGIBILITY**

4.1 – Entries shall be limited to 25 boats, subject to the agreement from the maritime authorities.

4.2 – The race is a two-handed crew race, without outside assistance. Any request for outside assistance (other than medical) shall result in the competitor being deemed out for the whole event.

Routing is forbidden.

4.3 – The race is open to all boats complying with the Class'40 measurement rules.

4.4 – Each competitor must comply with his national or place of residence authority, and especially for French skippers, hold a racing Sailing License from the FFVoile valid for the whole event, with medical certificate and to be in order with the Class'40 rules.

Foreign skippers who are not member of the FFVoile will have to give proof of a valid third part liability insurance for the minimum amount of 1,5 million euros.

4.5 – Each skipper will have to provide the organiser with a measurement book, a certificate of conformity for the set of sails and the mast of the boat, as well as the membership card delivered by the Class'40. Both crews have to be member of the Class'40.

4.6 – Each crew will have to provide the organiser with an approved ISAF survival training certificate. Both members shall have undertaken training within the five years before the start of the race.

4.7 – The skipper will have to complete both legs of the race. The change of crew at the stopover shall be submitted to the respect of the present Notice of Race eligibility conditions, especially articles 4.4 and 4.6. Except cases of "Force Majeure", any change of crew will have to be registered before the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> leg.

4.8 – In accordance with FFVoile medical rules, appendix 3, each competitor shall provide a medical file before May, 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011 including :

\*Inevitably, results of a test of effort less than 4 years old

\*Inevitably, results of an ultrasonic cardiography

This file shall be sent to the Organiser in a stamped envelope marked « Confidential – Medical file » to the attention of the Race “Les Sables – Horta – Les Sables” doctor

4.9 – In accordance with OSR, chapter 4.08.04, each competitor must hold a current Senior First Aid Certificate or equivalent. French AFPS of less than 5 years on January, 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 and PSC1 are accepted.

## 5/ ENTRY

5.1 – Entries will be registered in chronological order according to the document « Modalities of entry for the race « Les Sables d’Olonne – Horta – Les Sables d’Olonne » » enclosed in appendix.

5.2 – Once the 25 first complete files received, competitors wishing to apply will be on the waiting list as defined in the article 5.1.

**5.3 – Entry fees are determined at 1400 €.**

- Entry before March, 16<sup>th</sup> 2011 (as attested by date on postmark)
  - o One 600 euros check payable to « Trésor Public », credited when entering, (unrefundable).
  - o One 800 euros check payable to « Trésor Public », credited on March 16<sup>th</sup> 2011.
- 400 euros shall be paid back after the start of the second leg.
- Entry after March, 15<sup>th</sup> 2011 (as attested by date on postmark)
  - o One 1400 euros check payable to « Trésor Public »

**The 400 euros payback shall not be paid to boats having entered after March 15<sup>th</sup>.**

5.4 – If the competitor does not withdraw in writing before June, 1<sup>st</sup> 2011, 1400 euros entry fees shall be lost.

5.5 – The organiser reserves the right to refuse an entry.

5.6 – The deadline for registration is determined on June, 1<sup>st</sup> 2011.

## 6/ ADVERTISING

6.1 – The event is a category C Advertising according to article 20 of the ISAF rules such as modified by the FFVoile advertising rules.

6.2 – The distribution of advertising areas between the Class'40, the competitor and the Organiser will be jointly determined by the Class'40 and the organiser with a later amendment.

6.3 – Competitors shall have to hoist flags and advertising logos jointly determined by the Class'40 and the Organiser. Any infringement to this rule can be penalized by the Jury.

6.4 – The name of the boat can be written on both sides of the hull. The Organiser reserves the right to refuse a name he considers tasteless, chocking, improper or in contradiction to the object of the race and its partners : local authorities and enterprises.

6.5 – Each boat registered to the event shall be given the flag of the race. This flag will have to be hoist in the rigging as soon as given to the arrival of the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg in Les Sables d’Olonne. In case of infringement to this rule, the Race Committee can consider this action as withdrawal.

6.6 – Alongside the quay, skippers are authorized to hoist in their forestay any pennon or flag of different sizes, with the name of the boat, logotypes or brands, excluding slogans. Besides, the skippers commit themselves in hoisting in their boat's rigging the official Organisation's flags. They must hoist them in Les Sables d’Olonne from June, 27<sup>th</sup> to the start of the race, as well as after crossing the finishing line of the first leg to the start of the second leg and after the crossing of the finishing line of the second leg in Les Sables d’Olonne to the Prize

giving ceremony. If a competitor does not respect this rule, the Jury can require financial penalties from him.

## **7/ USE OF RIGHTS**

The owner or user of the boat and any possible sponsor, by the sole fact of their participation, agree that the organiser can use, for promotional purposes or other, anything in relation with their participation in the event.

### **RIGHT TO USE THE NAME AND APPEARANCE :**

Participating in the event, competitors automatically give the authorisation to the organising authority and sponsors of the event to use and show, whenever they wish, action or static pictures, films or video recording, and any other reproduction of themselves during the period of the competition called « Les Sables d'olonne – Horta – Les Sables d'olonne » they are participating and, to use with no compensation their image on any support related to the so-called event.

## **8/ RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ORGANISER, ITS PARTNERS AND COMPETITORS.**

8.1 – The responsibility of the Organiser and its partners is limited to ensuring a fair sport event. Any other responsibility the Organiser may agree to take would have to be contractual and explicit.

Especially :

· any check the Race Committee may undertake – by its own decision or by request of the Jury or any other authority – shall have the sole aim of ensuring that the rules, Sailing Instructions and their amendments have been respected.

· The watch the organizer might provide should be considered by the competitors 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 in the civil court 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.

8.2 – The event is a sportive event. Any sportive dispute will be judged according to the RRS. By registering, the competitor and his beneficiaries waive at any other jurisdiction than the sportive one for any sportive dispute. No request for damages and interests can be justified (RRS Fundamental rule #3).

8.3 – Whatever the legal bonds between the owner(s) of the boat, the partner(s), and the skipper, the skipper officially indicated on the entry form is the only one interlocutor responsible towards the Organisation.

8.4 – Competitors participate in the event at their own risk and they alone shall be responsible for their participation. 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 his disposal, the wind strength, the weather forecasts...

Any information that any member of the organisation is in position to provide before or during the event, as for example, a gale warning, will constitute one element on which the skipper can take a decision, but in no case it can engage the responsibility of the Organisation or its partners.

8.5 – Owners, partners or skippers are personally responsible for any material or human incident that may occur to them, their crew or their boat, or that they can provoke to any third person or any good belonging to any third person. It belongs to them to contract the necessary insurances covering those risks.

Specifically, each skipper is responsible towards the Organiser for subscribing all the necessary insurances to cover up the third part liability for a minimum amount at least equivalent to the ongoing international conventions. He must testify for this with an attestation in writing that he will give to the Race Committee on Friday, July, 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 at the latest.

The lack of third part liability insurance cannot engage the responsibility of the Organiser or its partners.

8.6 – As an essential condition of their participation, the partner and/or the owner and their insurer must provide the Organiser with the signed and dated declaration absolving the Organiser, service providers and insurers – as written in the appendix.

8.7 – A competitor can not require from the Organisation to set up a sea rescue operation from land. The sea rescue and assistance will be driven by International conventions in force.

8.8 – The current notice of race reminds the competitors that according to the RRS Fundamental rule #1, boats are compelled to offer all possible assistance to any other boat or person in danger, if in position to do so.

8.9 – Each competitor entering the race « Les Sables d'Olonne – Horta – Les Sables d'Olonne » accepts all its rules and accepts to totally respect the Class'40 measurement rules. Any infringement to this rule would mean a breach of the contract between the Organiser and the skipper and may lead to the expulsion of the event.

## 9/ TIME LIMITS

### 9.1. Time limits for stopover

9.1/**a** – Boats can stop where and when they want after having warned the Race direction. Once anchored or berthed in a harbour, people can come aboard, and victualling and repairs can be done. However, a boat can use his engine only when at less than 1,5 NM from a harbour, after having warned the Race direction, besides, he must not go in the direction of the finishing line of the leg. Towing is restricted to 1,5 NM and must not be executed in the direction of the finishing line of the leg.

9.1/**b** – The technical stopover can not be longer than 12 hours for each leg, starting the landing until the moment the boat will return into the race. If the skipper stays in technical stopover for more than this 12 hours delay, he will be no more considered in the race for the whole event.

9.1/**c** – Boats can take onboard spare equipment except new sail(s) during the race, if authorised in writing by the Race Committee.

### 9.2. Time limits for arrival

One boat that shall not cross the finishing line before the time limits shall be scored as DNF (modification to the RRS # 35).

Time limit for all competitors is 60 hours after the arrival of the first competitor. Time bonus the Jury can credit to a boat may be added to these time limits.

## 10/ RANKINGS

10.1 – There will be one ranking for each leg. The prize giving ceremony of the first leg will be held in Horta.

10.2 – The overall ranking will be established in time, according to the total time of both legs, increased by penalties or decreased by possible bonuses.

10.3 – The boat that will have the shorter cumulated time will be declared as the winner. In case of a tie, the time of the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg will decide between the boats.

## 11/ COMMUNICATION

11.1 – Each boat must be equipped with a system of satellite phone such as Iridium or equivalent with a fixed external antenna.

11.2 – Each boat must be equipped with a fix VHF of 25 watts minimum and one handheld VHF.

11.3 – Each boat must be equipped with an EPIRB such as « Cospas-Sarsat » emitting both on 406 and 121.5 MHz.

11.4 – In a safety concern, each competitor will have to take aboard a tracker. The Organiser will provide this tracker that will be fixed at the back of the boat before the start in Les Sables d'Olonne. A 1500 (one thousand five hundred) euros guarantee check will be asked to every

skipper. This check will not be credited and will be given back to the skipper when returning the tracker in Les Sables d'Olonne after the arrival of the race.

## 12/ PRIZE GIVING

The prize giving ceremony will be held in Les Sables d'Olonne on July, 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011.  
Prizes offered to competitors cannot be financial.

## 13/ COMPETITORS' OBLIGATION OF PRESENCE

Competitors' attendance is compulsory at the briefings and official receptions. The dates and times will be communicated at a later date.

The faulty competitor can be penalised for any infringement to this rule.

The organising authority reserves the right to amend the current Notice of Race if changes would occur necessary for the safety and/or sportive aspect of the event.

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