



NORMANDY CHANNEL RACE 2012

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NOTICE OF RACE

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1/ ORGANISATION

The NORMANDY CHANNEL RACE is organised from 2 to 9 September 2012 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 2 for monohulls, with the modifications made in the Class 40 measurement rules
- the current 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 Manager, 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. – Competitors are obliged to display the organiser's advertising:

- 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 from registration till 2 hours after the start of the race as well as 2 hours before the finish and through till the prize giving.

- dodger: 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.

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 REGISTRATION

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

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).

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 (2012 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 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 1st August 2012.

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 500 Euros if registration is received prior to 1 March 2012 or,
- at 1,000 Euros if registration is received between 1 March 2012 and 1 July 2012 or,
- at 1,500 Euros if registration is received after 1st July 2012

Any registration cheques received will not be cashed until the registration deadline which is set as 1 August 2012.

In the event of withdrawal prior to the registration deadline of 1 August 2012, 200 Euros from the non-refundable application fee will be collected by the organisation; no refund can be made if withdrawal occurs after 1 August 2012.

30% of the registration fees are 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 29 August at the latest. Boats will be berthed free of charge in the Bassin Saint-Pierre throughout the duration of the event.
- Thursday 30 August: scrutineering and registration formalities, welcome cocktail.
- Friday 31 August: scrutineering and registration formalities, skippers' dinner.
- Saturday 1 September: scrutineering and registration formalities, morning safety briefing, official skippers' presentation in the race village in the afternoon.
- Sunday 2 September: descent of the channel from Caen to the sea at the start of the afternoon, negotiation of the lock at Ouistreham, start of the race at 1700 hours off Hermanville.
- Friday 7 and 8 September: 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 arrivals on Sunday 9 September 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 organiser.

7 / CLASS MEASUREMENT

Each boat must supply a valid measurement certificate. Measurement scrutineering will be carried out by the race committee on Thursday 30 August to Saturday 1 September 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.
- 8.3.- One survival suit per person onboard.

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 Hermanville – harbour course from Ouistreham / Hermanville
Ouest 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 (52°12.2N .006°12.4W)
Fastnet Rock (Ireland) to be left to port
Island of Guernsey to be left to port
Finish line off Ouistreham

10.2. – The methods for changing the course 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 29th August at the latest and through to the start on Sunday 2 September.

- 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 should be present:

- at official briefings announced on the official race noticeboard, and in particular on the morning of the safety briefing on Saturday 2 September.
- at the official presentation of the skippers at the race village in Caen on the afternoon of Saturday 2 September.
- 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. The Inmarsat C system will be used for tracking the boats.

Each boat must be equipped with an Inmarsat C terminal in working order to enable polling.

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 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 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 be prepared for the 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, A4 and A5, 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 telephone 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)

22/ CONTACTS

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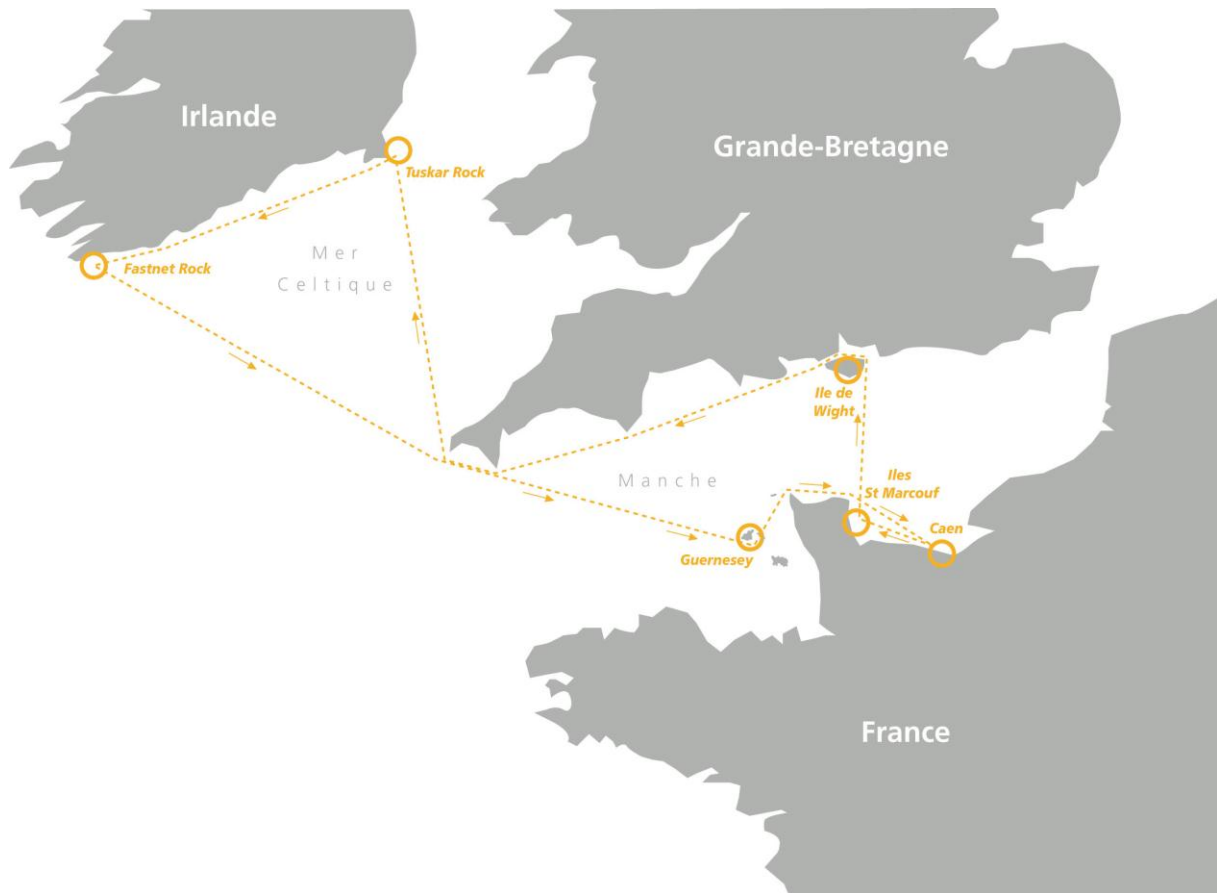
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APPENDIX 1 - COURSE MAP





APPENDIX 2: REGISTRATION SHEET
NORMANDY CHANNEL RACE 2012 – 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 August 2012

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

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