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Setting up a selection mode for the next Route du Rhum

The Route du Rhum destination Guadeloupe 2018 was a great success for the Class40 with 53 Class 40 participants for more than 57 projects pre-registered before registration closes on March 31, 2018. If the organization had planned to limit the number to 40 in its Race Notice, faced with massive entries, it had increased it by 10 boats in January before accepting 3 more just a few weeks before the start. The announcement of a waiting list had further discouraged some late projects.

In view of the enthusiasm generated by this race and the renewal of quota per class for the 2022 edition, the Class40 wanted to invest in the management of the future list of pre-registered applies more. It has thus proposed to OC Sport a selection process that is more relevant and adapted to class development.



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Priority rules process

This selection system only provides priorities in the event of exceeding the limit on the number of boats that will be set by the organization. The main objective is to give priority to runners who participate in class races on a regular if not ad hock basis, who are used to the Class 40s and are therefore comfortable with the support from the point of view of safety and performance, establishing a criteria of miles travelled in the race by the skippers concerned. Furthermore, to correct the possible pernicious or inequitable effects for class development, Class40 built from mid-2021 will automatically be awarding a place to not slow boat buildings. Moreover, the Class40 is

proud to have a lot of members who do not live in Europ. To be allocated a place without entering this system of miles, a non-European skipper will have had to participate in a Class40 transatlantic between 2017 and the closing of registrations.

The full selection mode is available in the **Races** section of the Class 40 website www.class40.com