

## **Selection Committee Minutes**

*Wednesday, November 20, 2024, by videoconference.*

The Class40 Board of Directors received 4 applications for the Selection Committee.

In accordance with the rules of the Selection System (article 5), the Board appointed a Selection Committee made up of Miranda Merron, Jacques Fournier, Briec Maisonneuve, Gautier Nollet and Vanessa Boulaire.

As a preamble, we remind you that :

- The text of the selection system proposed by its drafters to the Board initially stipulated that the counting of miles would only begin once the text had been published.
- that the allocation of miles to one member would necessarily be to the disadvantage of another, who would fall back in the ranking: each decision must therefore be explicable and justifiable
- Decisions must be taken in line with the objectives stated in the introduction to the selection system.

### **Request n°1 - Achille Nebout**

« I'd just like to add a special case for replacement skippers. Indeed, if a skipper :

- who has the birth of his child planned during a race and wishes to be present with his partner for this important moment,
- who puts a replacement skipper on his boat to keep his project and the class alive,
- can mark the miles of the race in question.

In the hope that this particular case can be of use to others...»

### **Decision**

Considering that the boat, despite the absence of its skipper, took part in the Niji40 (class objective), considering that there must be equal treatment between men and women, considering that the rules of the selection system were not published until after the events,

By a majority vote, the Committee is in favor of awarding the Niji40 miles to Achille Nebout.

It should be noted that the Committee suggests that article 3 be rewritten to generalize the awarding of miles to a member whose child's date of birth is scheduled during a race slot in his or her program, on presentation of medical proof.

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### **Request n°2 – Sophie Faguet**

« I would like to send you this email regarding the regulations for counting the nautical miles required to qualify for the Route du Rhum 2026.

For over a year now, I've been putting together a project to take part in the Transat Jacques Vabre 2025 and the Route du Rhum 2026, as well as the preparatory races for the Class40.

For reasons of feasibility, my project started with a Figaro Tour Voile 2024.

At the same time, I responded positively to a request from a Class40 duo to take part in the Niji40, in order to gain my first experience of transatlantic racing in a Class40 and to see if the project was feasible from a sporting point of view.

We raced this transatlantic race as a 3-person team, and came 3rd. As far as this team format was concerned, there was no obligation for the 3 crew members to be Class40 members. As my 2024 budget was very limited, I was unfortunately unable to take out a membership. The skipper who called on me was under no obligation either, so he didn't take it.

In hindsight, a new rule came into being, announcing that if we didn't have our contribution, our nautical miles would not count towards qualification for the Route du Rhum Destination Guadeloupe 2026.

My 2024 contribution was finally taken to enable me to take part in the Normandy Channel Race (validation of this participation scheduled and validated only in August).

The Niji40 and NCR, which were objectives for me, were in no way assured at the start of the year and I couldn't anticipate them despite this final objective.

Today, our project is moving forward and I'd like to be able to obtain a waiver so that I can count my NMs towards my qualification for the Route du Rhum, because I did this Niji like my teammates, and from a sporting point of view I put in the same effort. I consider that in my project, these points are legitimate and should not be taken away from me.

I hope to obtain your agreement,  
I look forward to joining you in 2025 and 2026. »

#### **Request n°3 – Benoit Mariette**

« Following our discussion, I discovered that my membership had not been taken for the Transat Québec Saint Malo. Indeed, I had understood that Lalou Multi was supposed to take it, but obviously that wasn't the case.

So I didn't accumulate any miles for this race.

I am therefore asking the class to validate the miles for this race retroactively, provided that I take out my membership before the end of 2024.»

#### **Request n°4 – Guillaume L'Hostis**

« In anticipation of taking over the Alternative Sailing / Construction du Belon (FRA 196) Class40 project until the Route du Rhum 2026. I took part in the Caribbean 600 in February 2024 on the class40 Nestenn (FRA153).

Not knowing the urgency of joining the class to score miles, I waited for the Quebec-Saint Malo transat, the first race on my boat, to join.

I would like to know if it is possible to validate these miles for future qualification ?

Yours faithfully «

## **Decision**

Considering that the association's Articles of Association state that membership is by request and is not automatic, considering that it makes no sense to embark on a Class40 project without first ensuring its acceptance within the association, considering that it makes no sense to wait until the deadline for the first race to join, considering that the internal regulations state that membership is the very foundation of the association and that only Class40 members who are up to date with their membership fees will receive the information published by the association,

The Committee, by a majority vote, decided against awarding miles to the 3 requests.

It should be noted that the Committee suggests to the Board of Directors that the association's Articles of Association be amended to require every crew member in a Class40 race to be a member of the association.