

Selection Committee Minutes

Thursday 31 July 2025, by visioconference.

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 Jacques Fournier, Briec Maisonneuve, Patrice Carpentier, Gautier Nollet and Vanessa Boulaire.

As a preamble, we remind you that :

- 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 #1 – Quentin Le Nabour

"X is a member in 2024 and earns miles by participating in races on the calendar.

X does not take part in any races in 2025 and does not renew their membership.

X becomes a member again in 2026 to participate in a race.

Does X retain the miles accumulated in 2024 and add to them in 2026, or, since they were not a member in 2025, do they lose the miles earned in 2024?"

Décision

The selection system's rules state that, in order to earn miles, a member must be up to date with their annual membership fee.

The rules do not specify that one must be a member for all three years considered in the cumulative mileage.

They simply state that only the miles earned by a member are counted.

Considering that:

- Participating in Class40 races implies accepting to be part of an associative framework, which entails involvement, not merely usage or exploitation ;
- The Board had suggested an amendment to the Statutes requiring that every participant in a Class40 race be a member of the association, but the proposal was rejected by the members at the last Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM), indicating that it is indeed possible—and the will of the voting members—to race in crewed Class40 events without being a member of the association ;

- A lack of membership in a given year is not necessarily due to unwillingness to contribute financially, but may result from budgetary constraints or engagement in other projects;
- When a project becomes more serious, the skipper will naturally seek to race and therefore to earn miles, which will require joining the association ;

The Committee decides that miles once earned are retained and not lost due to a lapse in membership.

X therefore keeps the miles earned in 2024 and may add to them in 2026, even without being a member in 2025.

This decision was adopted with 3 votes in favor, 1 against, and 1 abstention.

Request #2 – Damien Jenner

**"I took part in the 2025 Les Sables – Horta – Les Sables race aboard Class40 *Kpler* #162. The first leg was sailed by the crew Jérôme Lesieur / Stéphane Le Diraison, and I personally started the second leg, solo, in conditions fully compliant with the Notice of Race. From the initial announcement of the 2025 SAS, it had been clearly communicated that the race could count—if sailed solo—towards qualification for the 2026 Route du Rhum, a goal I fully share with my sponsor, Kpler.

Unfortunately, for compelling personal reasons, I was forced to withdraw from the start of the first leg. I informed the race management by phone in May 2025, but did not receive any formal response—likely due to the proximity of the race start.

My team—Jérôme and Stéphane—submitted all the necessary registration documents, including mine. Yet upon my arrival at the race village, none of this information appeared in the system. I therefore personally approached the race director, Denis Hugues, to request an exemption allowing me to be recognized as a competitor in the second leg. This request was denied.

Despite this, I made the decision to take part in the second leg solo. The boat was fully compliant with Class40 standards—no modifications had been made. I complied with all the regulations, was monitored and checked like any other participant, and completed the leg in respectable time.

I am therefore respectfully submitting this request to the Class40 Council of Elders, asking that my “non-competitive” participation be exceptionally recognized as an official race entry, allowing the miles sailed to be counted towards qualification for the 2026 Route du Rhum.

I sincerely thank you for your attention and, of course, remain available for any further information or supporting documentation."**

Décision

Considering that:

- The miles were sailed as part of an official race, in full compliance with the race’s and the Class’s rules;

- The fact that the sailor was not officially ranked is due to a misunderstanding with the organizer of the Les Sables–Horta–Les Sables race, who required the member to follow the rules without agreeing to classify him, and to the Route du Rhum organization having announced that the miles would count without first consulting the Class;
- There is no evidence of bad faith, the miles were genuinely sailed in racing conditions, and the situation arises solely from an administrative misunderstanding;
- No other member could reasonably feel wronged by the awarding of these miles, since they were effectively sailed;

The Council unanimously decides to award the Horta–Les Sables miles to Damien Jenner.

Request #3 – Joans Gerckens

*Hello,

Following the publication of the preliminary 2026 calendar, I would like to request that the decision regarding the mileage counted for the Globe40 be reconsidered. Indeed, with the addition of the NIJ140 (and, incidentally, the Caribbean 600), participants in the Globe40 are now even more disadvantaged in the mileage race for the Route du Rhum. Given the Selection Committee's previous (and very divided) decision on whether or not to grant more miles to the Globe40 compared to the Transat de l'Or + Sables–Horta, this imbalance could become even more pronounced if the NIJ140 is added to the mix.

Thank you for your attention, and have a great day."

Décision

The Council considers that it cannot overturn a decision made by the Class40 Board of Directors. The official race program is determined solely by the Board, and each member is free to choose their racing schedule accordingly.

The Council also reminds that a member who does not participate in all legs of the Globe40—a choice that is entirely theirs—can still earn miles by racing on another boat in other events.