



winches club

35th MINI FASTNET



From Tuesday 8th to
Saturday 19th June 2021

DOUARNENEZ – FASTNET LIGHTHOUSE – DOUARNENEZ

RACE NOTICE

1. ORGANIZATION

The “Mini Fastnet” will take place from **8th to 19th June 2021** and is organized by the **Winches Club** in association with the **Mini Class**, and with the support from Douarnenez Council and the Finistère Regional Council under the auspices of the French Sailing Association (FFVoile).

2. RULES

The race will be governed by:

- The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (World Sailing) 2017-2020) / Racing Rules of Sailing (World Sailing) 2020-2024 to be published)
- The Offshore Sailing Regulations 2020 – **category 2** race.
- The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS)
- The 2021 Mini Class rules (see the 2021 Mini Guide).

If there is a conflict between languages, the French text will take precedence.

3. ADVERTISING

Advertising will be only allowed under the condition that the sailing boats carrying individual advertising during the race are in the possession of a valid 2021 card issued by the French Sailing Federation (FFVoile) or the Sport Authority of their own country.

In accordance with the article 20.3 (d) (i) of the Advertising Code (World Sailing) and article R-18 of the 2020 Mini Guide and 2021 Mini Guide to be published, each boat may be required to display the advertising supplied by the Race Authority during the registration. The setting up and maintenance of the advertising will be under the responsibility of the crew who will have to replace it if necessary.

4. ADMISSION

- 4.1 The **Mini Fastnet** race is opened to all boats complying with the 2021 Mini Class Rules and holding a valid Class Measurement Certificate. This race is classified as a **B Level Race** by the Mini Class.
- 4.2 The Skipper and his/her crew in this double-handed race, who have been permitted to take part in the race by the organiser and sport and maritime authorities (Cf. Classe Mini Rules article R-2).
- 4.3 Eligible skippers can register by filling in the registration form directly online. The registration fees are to be paid online or by bank transfer (IBAN: FR 7612 9060 0020 0209

2310 00171) or by cheque payable to 'Winches Club' for acceptance of their application.
For terms see paragraph 5.3

- 4.4 All competitors must hold a valid and signed license from the FFVoile or a valid certificate from the Sport Authority of their country (+ health certificate).
- 4.5 **At least one member of the crew must possess a first aid certificate completed within the last 5 years** (see article R-11 of the Mini Guide 2020 and Mini Guide 2021 to be published, and article 6.05.2 of the OSR 2020-2021).

Reminder: Survival course (ISAF training) is compulsory for both members of the crew.

Info: For the tests related to the RSO 2 category and the results of a stress test and ultrasonic cardiograph are optional but recommended.

- 4.6 The Race Committee reserves the right to accept or refuse an entry (R.76 of the RCV 2017 – 2020- RCV 2020/2024 to be published).

5. REGISTRATION

- 5.1 Registrations are open from **February 15th 2021** onwards – The reference date is fixed at **February 15th 2021**, all registrations received before this will be registered on this date.
- 5.2 Entries will be restricted to **80 boats**. However, the Organizer reserves the right to:
- accommodate additional boats to take part in the race;
 - refuse registrations.
- 5.3 The entry fee is **465€** (included a non-refundable application fee of **60€**).
The initial registration fee is 60€, which is a non-refundable application fee (except for those on a waiting list).
The balance of 405€ must be paid to Winches Club **between 15 March and 18 April 2021**.
The registered competitors will receive by email, before this time, a reminder for the balance payment as well as a link for online payment.

EACH REGISTRATION PAYMENT OF 60€ MUST SHOW THE SKIPPER'S NAME, THE MINI NUMBER AND A VALID EMAIL ADDRESS

EACH BALANCE PAYMENT (405€) MUST SHOW THE SKIPPER NAME AND MINI NUMBER

- 5.4 The registration form must be filled in online on the race website. In case of registration problems, contact Winches Club by email (contact@winchesclub.org) or telephone (02 98 74 38 05).
- 5.5 In order that the registration be taken into account (including the waiting list) at the date of the email or post stamp, it is imperative that the sections on the form marked 'obligatory' are filled in and that application fee of 60€ is paid.

5.6 Order of registration

Registration forms received and stamped before **February 15th 2021** will be taken into account on this date and will be treated the same and according to the order of preferences (article R-9 of the Mini Guide 2020 and the Mini Guide 2021 to be published).

After the first 80 complete registration forms have been received, all other registrations will be placed on the **waiting list**, according to the date of reception of the registration form and the full payment of the fee (proven by post mark and/or email).

If all the conditions defined in the previous chapters are not satisfied, the date taken into account for the registration will be the date when the provided forms are conformed to these conditions.

- 5.7 The final registration date is fixed at **Sunday 18 April 2021**. After this date, the organisation has the right to refuse new entries.
- 5.8 As soon as registration form and payment fee have been received, the Winches Club will confirm the registration (by email or letter).
- 5.9 All remaining administration documents necessary for the registration (Article R-12 of the 2020 Mini Guide and 2021 Mini Guide to be published) must be directly sent to the Mini Class.
- 5.10 **Withdrawals:**
In case of cancellation, the registration fees (60€) are not refunded.
In case of cancellation less than :
- 45 days before the start of the race, 150€ will be retained as well as the 60€ registration fee.
- 30 days before the start of the race, the competitor will lose 100% of the registration fee (no refund). Except in the case of justified absolute necessity.
- 5.11 The registration is final as soon as:
- the registration is complete
- the full payment of the registration fee is received
- and the skipper has received agreement from the Race Committee, the measurement (Gauge) Committee, the Mini Class and from the organizer of the race in general.

It is the skipper's responsibility to track the process of his registration and contact the Race Committee if necessary.

6. **CHANGING CREW MEMBERS**

All changes in the crew members **less than three days before the start of the race** will be submitted for agreement to the Race Committee.

7. **LIFTING RESTRICTIONS**

Cost of lifting and masting/demasting using the port services are the skipper's responsibility. A reduced rate at €22 per half hour is offered to skippers registered to the race. Lifting is organized at low tide. The cost of each handling is to be paid at the office before presenting at the crane.

Please make contact in advance with Tréboul harbour office at least one week before the handling :

tel 0033 (0)2 98 60 26 30 - email port.de.plaisance@mairie-douarnenez.fr.

Lifting for fairing will not be allowed during the pre-race arrival. Any lifting during this period will be subject to the President of the Race Committee and/or the Race Director.

8. MEASUREMENT (GAUGE)

Boats must comply with the 2021 Mini Rules.

A measurement session may be organized in Douarnenez before the race. Please take contact with the Classe Mini.

9. SECURITY CHECKS

Boats fittings out must follow the Classe Mini requirements at the starting date (see special rules for events of the 2021 Mini Guide). Please use the timetable available on the race's website to book a meeting.

10. TRACKING DEVICES

Skippers commit to personally returning the tracking device which has been given to them by the club for the race, in working condition.

In case of loss or breakage, the skipper must reimburse the unit cost of the device to Winches Club (720€). In case of lateness returning the device, 12€/day as well as postal costs will be invoiced to the skipper.

11. RACE :

Douarnenez – Chenal du Four – Wolf Rock – bypass via the north of the DST East of the Scillies– Stags buoy - Fastnet lighthouse – Douarnenez



(non contractual document, alternative courses are possible ; especially a South course towards the Gironde estuary (towards the former BXA marker, now a virtual 'aton' AIS BXA, in case of bad weather in the Celtic sea, see map below).

Maps (paper version) - southern course towards the Gironde estuary (SHOM charts, equivalent accepted:

- Baie de Douarnenez – SHOM 7121 (L) - Starting and finishing line;
 - from chaussée de Sein to Pointe de Penmarc'h - Baie d'Audierne – SHOM 7147(L) ;
 - from Pointe de Penmarc'h to Pointe de Trévignon, Glénan islands archipelago-SHOM 7146 (L);
 - from l'île de Penfret to plateau des Birvideaux - around Lorient – SHOM 7031 (L) ;
 - from presqu'île de Quiberon to sables d'Olonne – SHOM 7068 (L) ;
 - from l'île d'Yeu to pointe de la Courbe - plateau de Rochebonne – SHOM 7069 (L);
 - from Saint Jean-de-Monts to Sables d'Olonne – SHOM 7402 (L) ;
 - from plateau de Rochebonne to bassin d'Arcachon – SHOM 7070 or map or nautical document ensuring the junction with the 7069 map and that allows a safe navigation towards the Gironde estuary (virtual marker AIS 'aton' BXA).

13. **PROGRAMME**

The Mini Fastnet pre-race phase will take place in Tréboul harbour.

- **Boat arrivals and free berthing period:** - from Saturday 5th June 2021
- **Beginning of checks and entry confirmations:** - Tuesday 8th June at 09:00
- **End of security checks:** - Friday 11th June at 18:00
- **End of registrations:** - Friday 11th June at 18:00
- **Compulsory Prologue in the Bay of Douarnenez:** - Saturday 12th June 2021
(tests on tracking devices and VHF Checking)
- **Skippers' reception and buffet:** - Saturday 12th June
- **Start of the race:** - Sunday 13th June 2021
- **Race results and awards ceremony:** - Saturday 19th June
- **End of the free berth period in the harbour:** - Sunday 27th June 2021

Please the Race Committee **and** the harbour office informed about your eventual intention to remain in the harbour after the race and/or about the parking of your trailer.

14. **PRE-RACE**

14.1 Boats and skippers (or skippers' representative) must be available for the Race Committee at the latest on **Wednesday 9th June 2021 at 10:00 in Douarnenez.**
At that time at the latest and before starting the security check, skippers (or their representative) will have to report to the race secretary to attest their presence as well as their boat's to the Race Committee.

After this deadline, the following penalties can be applied: 80€ for the first 24 hours, then 160€ after 48 hours (See 2020 Mini rules, article R-14-c and 2021 Mini Rules to be published). These penalty fees will be donated to a Marine Search and Rescue organization.

14.2 Boats and skippers, who, according to article R-12 agreed by the race director, are not in Douarnenez on **Friday 11th June 2021 at 12:00** will not be allowed to take part to the race.

15. CLASSIFICATION

There will be a Proto and a Series classification. They will be made in real time taking into account eventual penalties and bonuses.

16. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded to the winner of each category.

17. INSURANCE

Every boat taking part to the race must have a valid insurance and a third party Civil Responsibility with a minimal cover of 2 million of Euros for the race.
(The competitors with no F.F.Voile license must be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 2,000,000 € - Mini Guide 2020, article R-12 and Mini Guide 2021 to be published).

18. BRIEFINGS AND RECEPTIONS

It is compulsory for competitors to attend the official briefings and receptions listed on the programme detailed in this Race Notice.

19. USE OF RIGHTS

In accordance with n° 84-610 of July 16th 1984 about the organization and advertising sporting activities, modified by law n° 2003-708 of August 1st 2003, competitors taking part the MINI FASTNET race automatically give authorization to the organizing authority to use and show, whenever they wish, their name and images of the boat and sponsors and communication on the race in all territories and all medias.

20. RESPONSIBILITY

Competitors participate at 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 to take part in the event, to stop or continue it at any given time according to his or her skills, their equipment, the weather conditions, etc. ...

The 2021 Mini Guide including 2021 measurements (gauge), the special rules for events and the Mini Class rules is available on the website of the Mini Class.

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Prescriptions of the French Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 / 2020-2024

(* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 64.3 (Decisions on protests concerning class rules):

The jury may ask the parties to the protest, prior to checking procedures, a deposit covering the cost of checking arising from a protest concerning class rules.

(* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 67 (Damages):

Any question about or request of damages arising from an incident involving a boat bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing or International Regulation to Prevent Collision at Sea depends on the appropriate courts and cannot be dealt by the jury.

(* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 70.5 (Appeals and requests to a national authority):

The denial of the right of appeal is subject to the written authorization of the Fédération Française de Voile, received before publishing the notice of race. This authorization shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

(* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 78.1 (Compliance with class rules; certificates):

The boat's owner or other person in charge shall, under his sole responsibility, make sure moreover that his boat complies with the equipment and security rules required by the laws, by-laws and regulations of the Administration.

(* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 86.3 (Changes to the racing rules):

An organizing authority wishing to change a rule listed in RRS 86.1(a) in order to develop or test new rules shall first submit the changes to the FFVoile, in order to obtain its written approval and shall report the results to FFVoile after the event. Such authorization shall be mentioned in the notice of race and in the sailing instructions and shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

(* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 88 (National prescriptions):

Prescriptions of the FFVoile shall neither be changed nor deleted in the notice of race and sailing instructions, except for events for which an international jury has been appointed.

In such case, the prescriptions marked with an asterisk (*) shall neither be changed nor deleted in the notice of race and sailing instructions. (The official translation of the prescriptions, downloadable on the FFVoile website www.ffvoile.fr, shall be the only translation used to comply with RRS 90.2(b)).

(* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 91(b) (Protest committee):

The appointment of an international jury meeting the requirements of Appendix N is subject to prior written approval of the Fédération Française de Voile. Such authorization shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.