



RACE INSTRUCTIONS

Name of the competition :	Mini Fastnet 2021
Dates :	from Saturday 12 June to Saturday 19 June 2021
Place :	DOUARNENEZ (29100)
Organising club :	WINCHES CLUB of DOUARNENEZ

[NP] (No Protest) in the Race Instructions denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This modifies RRS 60.1(a).

[DP] (Discretionary penalty) in the Race Instructions means that the penalty for an infraction of this rule, at the discretion of the jury, will be less than disqualification

1 RULES

- 1.1** Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing [RRS] 2021 – 2024.
- 1.1** National prescriptions applying to foreign competitors as defined in the attached « Appendix ».
- 1.2** Federal regulations.
- 1.3** Part B section II of the RIPAM (COLREG) International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at sea when it replaces the rules of Chapter 2 of RRS between sunset and sunrise (standard local time)
- 1.4** Specific Offshore Regulations (RSO) – Category 2 race
- 1.5** Class Mini Rules (see the MINI Guide 2021).
- 1.6** If the course instructions are translated, the French text takes precedence.

2 AMENDMENTS TO RACE INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 All amendments to race instructions will be displayed at the latest 2 hours before the Warning Signal for the race in which it is effective, except for any change in the Race Programme which will be displayed before 20:00 on the evening before the day it takes effect.

3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices for competitors will be put online on the page Mini FASTNET 2021 skippers space / official documents Winches Club (<https://minifastnet.winchesclub.org/documents-officiels/>)
- 3.2 The time shown in the documents is local time (UTC +2)
- 3.3 The Race HQ is situated in the *Maison du nautisme* in Tréboul. [telephone 06 07 45 72 41] [email : pc-course@winchesclub.org, denis.hugues@wanadoo.fr].
- 3.4 At sea, the Race Committee will observe and communicate with competitors using channel VHF 72.
Competitors must monitor channels VHF 16 and 72 continuously.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] [NP] Competitors and their accompany crew must comply with requests justified by the referees.
- 4.2 [DP] [NP] The competitors and their accompanying crew must look after the equipment given to them and place advertising given to them by the organising committee with care, in accordance with the instructions for use and not preventing its correct functioning.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 The signals made ashore will be sent to the flagpole located outside the *Maison du Nautisme* in Tréboul.
- 5.2 When the flag AP is displayed ashore, the Warning Signal cannot be given less than an hour after removal of the flag AP (this modifies the Race Signals).

6. RACE PROGRAMME

6.1 Saturday 12 June 2021 : « PROLOGUE »

- Obligatory Prologue in Douarnenez Bay (see appendix 1) ;
- Security Briefing **Friday 11 June 2021 at 18:00** by videolink;
- Warning signal : **12:00**;
- Control via VHF channel **72** and **AIS** will occur continuously thoroughly the Prologue .

NOTE : Participation in the prologue is obligatory for all competitors. If a competitor cannot participate, the reasons for this must be submitted in writing to the President of the Race Committee who can (*in agreement with the Race Director, the Jury President, the Technical Committee and the organising committee*) exceptionally allow the competitor to take part in the « Mini Fastnet ».

The result of the Prologue Race will not be taken into account in the classification of the « Mini Fastnet ».

6.2 Sunday 13 June 2021 : « MINI FASTNET

- Briefing on **Saturday 12 June 2021 at 18:00** via video conference (the link will be given to the race WhatsApp group);
- Warning signal : **Sunday 13 June at 09:52.**

6.3 To warn skippers that a race or race sequence is about to start, an Orange flag will be displayed with a sound signal at least 5 minutes before the Warning Signal.

7. CLASS FLAG

MINI Class Flag

8. RACE ZONES

The race zones will be described in the Appendix « **Course** ».

9. THE COURSES

9.1 The courses are described in the appendixes :

- Appendix 1 : prologue ;
- Appendix 2 : MiniFastnet ;
- Appendix 3 : MiniFastnet, route SOUTH.

9.2 At the latest at the Warning Signal, the Race Committee will indicate the course to be taken, and if necessary the direction and the approximate length of the first part of the course
The signals defining the course to take are :

- **MINI FASTNET Race** (Appendix 2) : Pennant 1



- **MINI FASTNET Race option SOUTH** (Appendix 3) : Pennant 2



This substitute race may be offered if sailing conditions towards the FASTNET cannot guarantee the fleet's safety.

9.3 First mark

At the latest at the Warning Signal, the race committee will display flag D if the route includes a first mark (yellow buoy). If the green flag is displayed it means you must go round it leaving it to starboard. The absence of a green flag means you must go round it leaving it to port (this modifies the Race signals).

9.4 Self-clocking at marks [DP]:

Competitors must self-clock when passing around marks other than the start line and the first mark. **Self-clocking at the finish line is also obligatory. Each competitor must provide his/her clocked times to the Race Committee on arrival.**

10. MARKS

- Race marks : see Appendix 'Course'
- Starting mark : see § 12.1
- Finishing mark : see § 13.1
- First mark : Inflatable **cylindrical yellow buoy**

11. ZONES WHICH ARE OBSTACLES

Zones considered as obstacles are outlined in **the Race Appendix.**

12. THE START

Reminder relative to sailing before the start [DP] :

Bowsprits and their fittings must be folded down to starboard or taken down and kept in the width limit for their position (3 metres maximum), until the start line has been passed, for security reasons. (Mini Guide 2021).

- 12.1 The start line is between the ORANGE flag on the Committee boat for the starboard extremity and the race side of a conical YELLOW buoy « Ville de Douarnenez » for the port extremity.
- 12.2 The start will be given in application of rule 26 of the RRS 2021-2024 modified as follows:

Minutes before the start signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Meaning
8'	« Mini » Class Flag	One	Warning signal
4'	Flag P, I, Z, Z and I	One	Preparatory signal
1'	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0'	Class flag removed	One	Start signal

- 12.3 If any part of a boat's keel is on the race side of the start line at the starting signal and it is identified, the Race Committee might announce its sail number over channel VHF 72 after a minimum delay of 2 minutes. The inability to send or receive VHF cannot give rise to a request for compensation (this modifies RRS 62.1(a)).
- 12.4 Any boat not having crossed the start line **30 minutes** after the starting signal must return to Tréboul port and can only leave Tréboul port after authorisation from the Race Committee. He/she must cross the start line before continuing the race.

13. FINISH LINE

- 13.1 The finish line will be between a blue flag on the Committee boat and the race side of a yellow conical buoy « Ville de Douarnenez », moored to the east of the rock « Le Coulinec ». The line will be oriented North South and the finish mark rigged with a flashing white light at night, moored to the north of the Committee boat.

Watch out for the largely flooded foreshore and exposed rocks of « Le Coulinec ».

- 13.2 [DP] If the Race Committee is absent when a boat finishes, the boat must declare its finish time and position in relation to other boats nearby to the Race Committee as soon as reasonably possible.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 **Penalty for a breach of RIPAM regulations when it replaces chapter 2 of the RRS :**
When the provisions of article 1.3 of these Race Instructions apply, rule 44 of the RRS does not apply. A proven breach of part « B » section 2 of the RIPAM will receive, after a hearing, a minimum two-hour penalty which could go as far as disqualification.

A competitor may witness a breach of part « B » section 2 of **RIPAM**, by another competitor. He must let this be known in writing and give it in to the Jury Secretary within the time period allowed for complaint submissions.

Any proven breach as specified above will receive a penalty of one hour. This penalty may be more severe, after a hearing, in the case of damage or injury.

14.2 **Penalties for breach of rules in Chapter 2 of the RRS 2021 - 2024 [DP] :**

Apart from RRS rules 28 and 31, any breach of the rules (with the exception of rules of Chapter 2), may, after a hearing, be punished by a penalty less severe than disqualification.

14.3 **Redress**

Rule 62.1 (b) is modified as follows :

By injury or physical damage because of a boat breaking a rule of Part 2, or Part B, section II of the RIPAM (COLREG) when it replaces the rules of Chapter 2 of the RRS, or of a vessel not racing that was required to keep clear.

15. TIME LIMITS

15.1 The finish line will be open for **48 hours after the first boat of each category (Proto, Series)** has crossed it. The time bonus a jury is entitled to give a boat may be added to this time limit.

15.2 The time limit for finishing is the time the boats have available to arrive after the first boat has completed the race. Boats not finishing within this limit, and which have not been penalised or have retired or obtained compensation will be classified out of time no hearing (TLE). A boat classified as TLE (Time Limit Expired) must receive the place points for the boat which was last to finish plus one point. This modifies RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 et A10.

16. REQUESTS FOR HEARINGS

16.1 Protests, requests for compensation or re-opening must be given in at the latest 2 hours after the boat has crossed the finish line. **If a boat arrives between 20:00 and 08:00, competitors wanting to lodge a protest have until 10:00 to do so.**

Hearings can take place between 10:00 and 21:00 every race day.

16.2 Forms to request a hearing are available with the Race Secretary.

16.3 Notices will be displayed and put online on the Mini FASTNET 2021 skipper space / official documents of the Winches Club site (<https://minifastnet.winchesclub.org/documents-officiels/>) at the latest 30 minutes after the time limit for protests to inform the competitors of hearings in which they are involved or required as witnesses. Hearings will take place in the jury room located in the *Maison du Nautisme* in Tréboul. They start at the time indicated on the official noticeboard.

17. CLASSIFICATION

17.1 Classification will be carried out according to the MINI Guide 2021.

18. SECURITY RULES

18.1 **Signing-in** [DP] [NP]

Signing-in will be implemented on Sunday 13 June 2021 from 07:00 until the first Warning Signal, under the barnum near the pontoons.

Crossing the finish line counts as signing-in for the return.

The absence of signing-in could form the basis of a protest [DP].

18.2 **Retirement** [DP] [NP]

Any competitor who retires must inform the accompanying boat as soon as possible on **VHF channel 72**. He must insure that his message as well as his intentions has been received by radio relay by other participants until it reaches the accompanying boat.

He must inform the Race HQ on : + **33(0)6 07 45 72 41** once he has reached land.

It is compulsory to keep the Race HQ informed of the situation and to notify them of one's arrival and departure from a stop-over port and give a written confirmation of one's retirement as soon as possible.

- 18.3 The VHF channel used for the race is **72**.
Competitors must monitor VHF channels 16 and 72 continuously.

18.4 **VHF check-in message**

During the whole of the race up until the finish, completing a daily check-in message on channel VHF 72 with the accompanying boat is compulsory. This connection must give the boat's position at exactly 08:00 (Douarnenez local time).

The message must give the position of the boat at 08:00 precisely even if contact has only been established later on. We ask all competitors to scrupulously pay attention and ensure the passing of information through radio relays if necessary, depending on each person's reception quality.

The lack of VHF contact may lead to penalties from the jury [DP].

18.5 **VHF and AIS checking**

On Saturday 12 June during the Prologue, a VHF and AIS test will be carried out with all competitors. If a system is faulty the competitor must repair it before the race start. He will only be authorised to start the race on Sunday 13 June after a new check. Race Instruction rule 12.4 could be applied.

Checks may be renewed before and after departure. Before departure Race Instruction rule 12.4 may be applied.

After departure, any breach, after Jury hearing, maybe subject to a penalty of a minimum 30 minutes up to disqualification [DP]

18.6 **Use of a pivoting bowsprit :**

Pivoting bowsprits and their fittings must be folded down to starboard, or taken down, and be kept within the frame (3 metres maximum), until the start line has been crossed, for security reasons. (Mini Guide 2021)

19. REPLACEMENT OF COMPETITORS OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 *[DP]* The replacement of competitors will not be authorised without the prior written approval of the Race Director or the Race Committee or the Jury.

20. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 A boat and its equipment may be checked at any time to verify that it is compliant with the Class rules, the Race Notice and Race Instructions.
- 20.2 Before the start, an amendment will indicate the precise time that each boat must be compliant safety and measuring checks and in race configuration.

21. STOPOVER

- 21.1 A boat can stop in any place at any time. Once moored in a harbour, outsiders may come on board to carry out supplies or repairs. Boats may be towed only within 2 miles from a harbour and the tow must not take the boat closer to the finish line as in rule 42.3(i) of the RRS.
- 21.2 The duration of accumulated stop-overs is limited to 12 hours, from the moment of arriving at the stopover to the time of getting back into the race.
Once this 12 hour period is over, the boat will be classified as DNF [Did Not Finish].

**Any boat stopping over must warn the Race Committee as soon as possible by phone on :
+ 33(0) 6 07 45 72 41.**

22 MOBILE PHONES

The presence of mobile phones on board is forbidden during the entire race. These can be given in during the signing-in before departure. They will be given back when the tracking devices are handed back in after finishing.

23 SATELLITE POSITIONING (Tracking of boats)

A system of satellite positioning will be installed on each boat. Competitors will facilitate the use of these devices and ensure that they are kept in perfect working order during the race. If a tracker is not returned, fees will be incurred by the competitor.

24 BOAT PLACING

[DP] The boat must be kept in the space allocated to it when it is in Tréboul port.

25. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

[DP] [NP] Boats cannot be hauled out between 11 June 2021 until the end of the race except unless exceptionally and with written prior authorisation of the Race or Technical Committee.

26. DIVING AND UNDERWATER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Their use is subject to local regulations (port zone, etc.)

27. PRIZES

Prizes will be distributed (no prize money). Prizegiving is on 19 June 2021.

RACE OFFICIALS

Race Director : Denis HUGUES

President Race Committee : Hervé CHASTEL

JuryPresident : Simon KERISIT

President Technical Committee : Dominique FLAYAC

APPENDIX FEDERAL PRESCRIPTIONS

Prescriptions of the French Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 [RRS]

FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 25.1** (*Notice of race, sailing instructions and signals*):

For events graded 4 and 5, standard notices of race and sailing instructions including the specificities of the event shall be used. Events graded 4 may have dispensation for such requirement, after receipt of FFVoile approval, received before the notice of race has been published.

For events graded 5, posting of sailing instructions will be considered as meeting the requirements of RRS 25.1 application.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 64.4** (*Decisions on protests concerning class rules*):

The protest committee 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 or request related to damages arising from an incident occurred while a boat was bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing depends on the appropriate courts and cannot be examined and dealt by a protest committee.

A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that such action, admit liability for damages.

(*) 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 approval of the Fédération Française de Voile, received before publishing the notice of race. This approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 76.1** (*Exclusion of boats or competitors*):

An organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary reason.

(*) 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 approval 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 88.2** (*Changes to prescriptions*):

Prescriptions of the FFVoile shall not be changed 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 not be changed 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*):

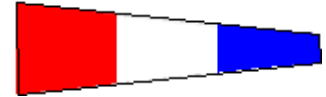
The appointment of an international jury meeting the requirements of Appendix N is subject to prior written approval of the Fédération Française de Voile. Such approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

FFVoile Prescription to **APPENDIX R** (*Procedures for appeals and requests*):

Appeals shall be sent to the head-office of Fédération Française de Voile, 17 rue Henri Bocquillon, 75015 Paris – email: jury.appel@ffvoile.fr, using preferably the appeal form downloadable on the website of Fédération Française de Voile: <http://espaces.ffvoile.fr/media/127235/formulaire-dappel.pdf>

APPENDIX 1
PROLOGUE COURSE – MINI FASTNET 2021

Course 1 - “banana” 3 turns



Pennant No.3

Start-1-2-3-1-2-3-1-2-3-Finish

Parcours 2 - “banana” 2 turns



Pennant No. 2

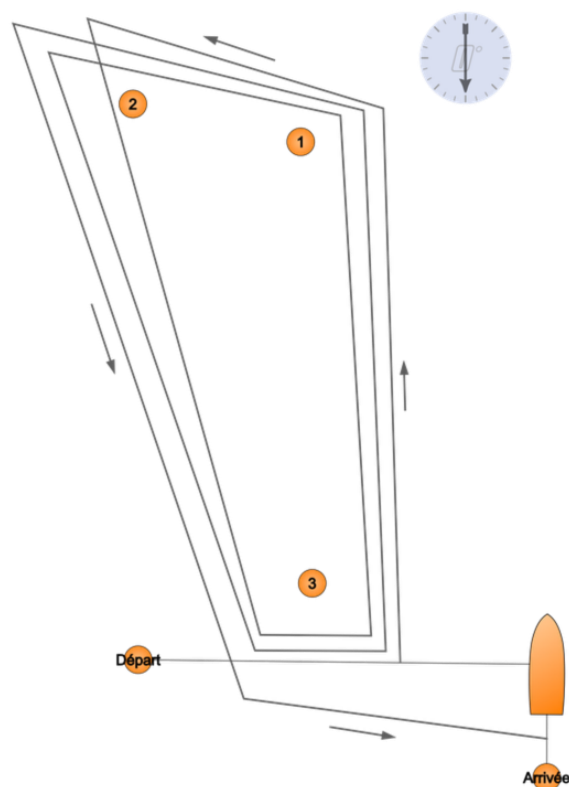
Start-1-2-3-1-2-3-Finish

Marks:

Start: yellow cylindrical buoy “ville de Douarnenez”

Finish: orange cylindrical buoy

Course: yellow cylindrical buoy



APPENDIX 2 –MINI FASTNET 2021 COURSE



(Pennant No. 1)

Start Tréboul (Possible first mark, see Race Instructions, chap.9.3)

Route marks :**Positions**

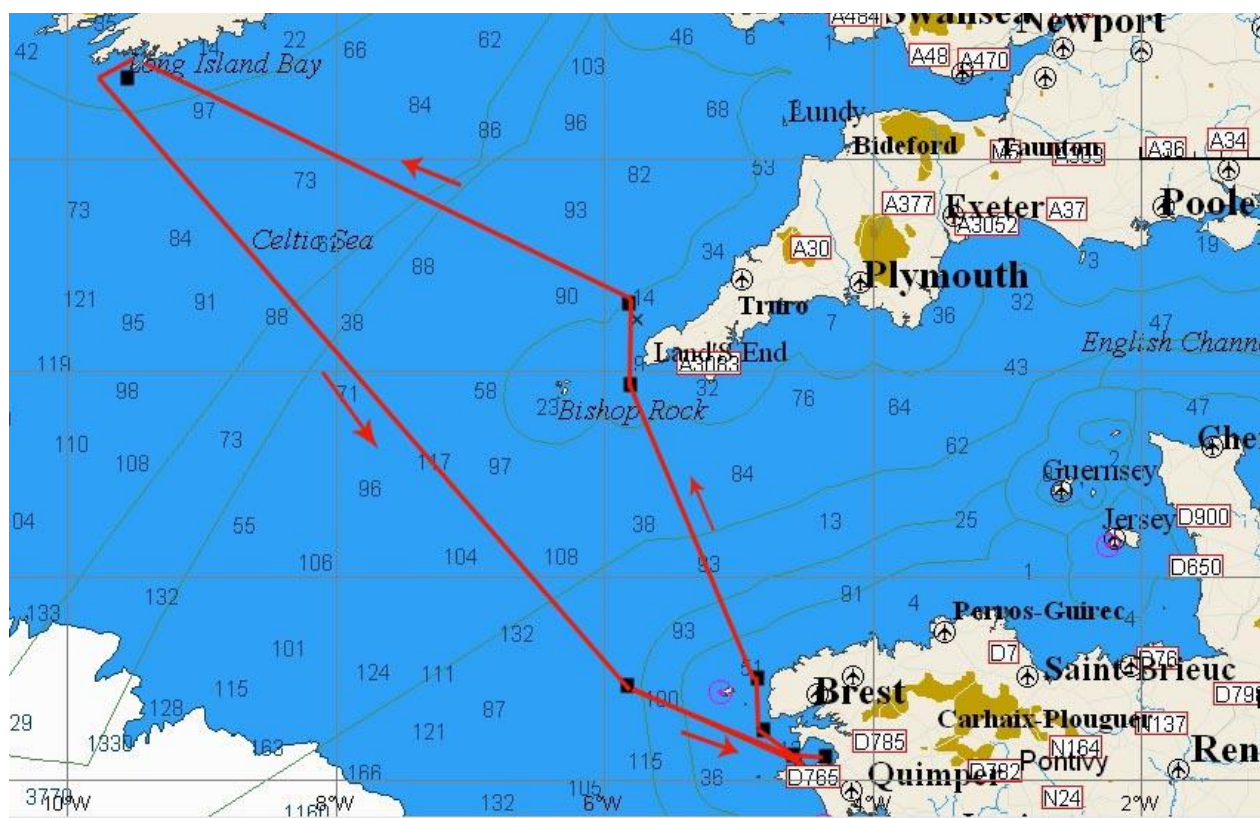
1 Basse Vieille leave to starboard	(48°08,3 N - 04°35,7 W)
2 La Parquette leave to starboard	(48°15,9 N - 04°44,3 W)
3 La Basse Royale leave to port	(48°17,5 N - 04°49,5 W)
4 Les Vieux Moines leave to starboard	(48°19,4 N - 04°46,5 W)
5 Le Faix leave to port	(48°25,8 N - 04°53,9 W)
6 Le Phare du Four leave to starboard	(48°31,4 N - 04°48,3 W)
7 Ouessant island and its dangers leave to port	
8 Racon Buoy north/east leave to port (Way Point)	(48°59,5 N - 05°24,0 W)
9 Wolf Rock leave to port	(49°56,7 N - 05°48,6 W)
11 Lateral starboard buoy Bann Shoal leave to port	(50°20.1N - 05°51.1W)
12 South Cardinal buoy « Stags » to go around and leave to port	(51°27.6N - 09°13.8)
13 Fastnet lighthouse leave to port while going round it	(51°23,3 N - 09°36,1 W)
14 Racon Buoy south/west leave to port (Way Point)	(48°30,0 N - 05°45,0 W)
15 Ouessant island and its dangers leave to port	
16 The buoy, card west, Pierres Vertes to port	(48°22,2 N - 05°04,7 W)
17 The buoy, card south, les Pierres noires leave to port	(48°18,7 N - 04°58,2 W)
18 La Basse Vieille leave to port	(48°08,3 N - 04°35,7 W)

Finish (approximate position : 48°06 N - 04°20 W :

The finish line extends from a blue flag displayed on the Committee boat to the race side of a yellow conical buoy, moored to the east of the rock « Le Coulinec ». The line will be oriented North South. The Committee boat will be moored south of the yellow conical finish mark, rigged with a flashing white light at night..

At night, the Committee Boat will display a flashing orange light.

Watch out for the largely flooded foreshore and rock tips of the rock « Le Coulinec ».



All the TSS (Traffic Separation Schemes) must be respected, which means on no account can they be considered as race zones. They are considered as forbidden areas. [DP]

NOTE: * The position of marks are given as a guideline and cannot give rise to a protest.

Ushant [Ouessant] TSS

NE : 48°37.10N – 5°11.9W
 NW : 49°01.9N – 5° 36.8W
 SW : 48°42.5N – 6°02.8W
 SE : 48°29.3N – 5°22.00W

Fastnet TSS

NE : 51°22.9N – 9°27.3W
 NW : 51°21.2N – 9°36.7W
 SW : 51°15.4N – 9°33.9W
 SE : 51°17.2N – 9°24.4W

Scilly South TSS

NE : 49°46.00N – 6°16.5W
 NW : 49°46.00N – 6°29.5W
 SW : 49°35.5N – 6°34.1W
 SE : 49°35.5N – 6°16.5W

Scilly West TSS

NE : 50° 01.06N – 6°32.9W
 NW : 50°04.01N – 6°48.5W
 SW : 49°52.4N – 6°53.7W
 SE: 49°52.4N – 6°36.7W

Scilly East TSS

NE: 50°20.00N – 5°51.11W
 NW: 50°20.00N – 6°04.9 W
 SW: 49°53.5N – 6°05.00W
 SE: 50°00.9N – 5°51.11W

APPENDIX 3 - MINI FASTNET 2021 COURSE « SOUTH OPTION»

Substitute course : according to weather conditions (art 9.2 of Race Instructions)



Start Tréboul (possible first mark (art 9.3 of Race Instructions))

Course marks

- La Plate leave to port
- Le Chat leave to starboard
- Jument de Glénan (cardinal South) leave to port
- Yeu island and its dangers leave to starboard
- Racon Buoy BXA leave to starboard by going round it
- West buoy Chaussée de Sein (cardinal West) leave to starboard
- Basse du Lis (cardinal South) leave to starboard
- Basse Vieille buoy leave to port

Positions

- (48°02,4N – 04°45,5W)
- (48°01,5N – 04°48,8W)
- (47°38,8N – 04°01,3W)
- (45°37,5 N – 01°29,0 W)**
- 48°03,8N – 05°07,7W)
- (48°13,1N – 04°44,4W)
- (48°08,3N – 04°35,7W)

Finish (Approximate position : 48°06 N - 04°20 W) :

The finish line extends from a blue flag displayed on the Committee boat to the race side of a yellow conical buoy, moored to the east of the rock « Le Coulinec ». The line will be oriented North South. The Committee Boat will be moored south of the yellow conical finish mark, rigged with a flashing white light at night.. At night, the Committee Boat will display a flashing orange light.

Watch out for the largely flooded foreshore and rock tips of the rock « Le Coulinec ».

