



38th Mini Fastnet

DOUARNENEZ – PHARE DU FASTNET –DOUARNENEZ

600 NM double handed
04th - 15th June 2024

NOTICE OF RACE



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FOREWORD

Prevention of violence and incivility

Sporting events are, above all, a place for exchanges and sharing open and accessible to everybody.

As such, competitors and accompanying persons are asked to behave, in all circumstances, whether on shore or at sea, courteously and respectfully, regardless of origin, gender or sexual orientation of other competitors.

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat cannot protest (No Protest) against another boat when infringing this rule. This changes RRS RCV 60.1(a).

The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 ORGANIZATION

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the **Winches Club**. The Mini Fastnet is organized **from Tuesday 4th June to Saturday 15th June 2024** in collaboration with Classe Mini, with the support of the Douarnenez Council and the Finistère Regional Council and under the FFVoile's aegis.

2 RULES

The race will be governed by:

- The rules such as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 2024 Classe Mini official rules
- National prescriptions translated for non-French speaking competitors (Appendix "Prescriptions")
- The FFVoile regulations.
- Word Sailing's RE21-01 test rule, if applicable, as defined in Appendix 1 to this Notice of Race.
- The rules of chapter 2 of the RRS apply between competitors in the zone of 25 nm from the start and 25 nm from the arrival. Between these two zones, application of RIPAM. For the application of the rules of part "B" section 2 of the RIPAM (helm and course rules), the minimum distance between two vessels must be five boat lengths.
- The ongoing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) - **category 2 race** event.

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

3 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The SIs will be available on **Tuesday 04th June 2024**.

4 COMMUNICATION

4.1 Notice Board

The Official Notice board shall be on the first floor of the “Maison du Nautisme”, quai de l’Yser, Douarnenez.

Information published on the Official Notice Board will also be published on WhatsApp.

To limit the environmental impact, the OA will print official documents (NOR, Sis, amendments and information) only at the specific request of the competitors.

4.2 Onboard communication

(DP) (NP) When in race, except in case of emergency, a boat must not send or receive voice information or data that are not available to all boats.

5 ELIGIBILITY

The race “**Mini Fastnet**” is open to boats complying with 2024 Mini Rules.

The race is categorized as level B by Classe Mini.

Boats are conducted single-handed by a crew having been admitted to participate by the Organizer, the sporting and maritime authorities ([See Mini Class Rules, article R-2](#)).

Skipper must have complied with the qualification criteria for the level B events such as defined in [article R-8-a](#) of 2024 Mini Class Rules.

Competitors with an FFVoile license must prove:

- their valid Club FFVoile license with "competition" mention
- or their Club FFVoile license with the mention "practitioner" accompanied by a medical certificate of no contraindication to the practice of sailing in competition dating from less than one year.
- If necessary, authorization to wear advertising.

Foreign competitors who do not have an FFVoile license must present at the time of registration:

- proof of belonging to a National Authority that is a member of World Sailing.
- proof of valid civil liability insurance with a minimum coverage of € 2 million.
- a medical certificate of no contraindication to the practice of competitive sailing dating from less than one year (written in French or English)

The Organizer reserves the right to accept or refuse an entry (RRS 76).

6 ENTRY

Number of participants shall be limited to 85 boats.

Registration will be considered only if the entry form is duly completed and entry fees paid.

Entry fees are **€410**. In the event of withdrawal, the OA will retain the sum of **€20**, amount of the non-refundable administrative costs.

No registration will be taken into consideration before the publication of this NoR.

6.1 Tracker

All boats must be equipped with a tracker. The tracker's rental is **€85**.

The tracker is imposed by the OA and provided by the Organizer. The tracker shall be returned at the end of the race. Any non-return, loss or damage attributable to the skipper will result in the immediate invoicing of the missing device (€ 600). In case of withdrawal or non-return to AO, the skipper shall return the device directly to the service provider at his/her own expense.

6.2 Terms of registration

Entries received no later than **midnight on February 16th 2024**, are registered in the order established by the preference order system set up by the Mini Class.

For registration to be taken into account, it is imperative that:

- The sections mentionned as “obligatory” of the registration form are filled in,
- The registration fee (payable online) is paid, in other words:
 - The totality of fees, **€525**, for boats on the main list + 10 first ones on the waiting list
 - **€20** non-refundable from the 11th registered in the waiting list.

All entries received after February 16th will be recorded in chronological order.

From February 17th, a waiting list registration link will be published directly from the race's website: www.minifastnet.winchesclub.org/.

Depending on the withdrawals, we will contact skippers benefiting from an opening to the short-list or the main list so that they complete the balance of their registration.

From the notification of their passage to the main list or the short-list (date of the email from the AO), competitors have **7 days to finalize their registration** by paying the balance via the link received (or contact the AO if impossibility).

Skippers on the short-list who have not responded within this 7-day period will remain on the waiting list.

The waiting list will be regularly updated on the Mini class website until the final registration deadline.

6.3 Withdrawals

If a competitor cancels his/her entry to a race less than one month before the start of the race for reasons other than absolutely necessary, he/she will lose 100% of the entry fees ([Article R- 14](#) of the 2024 Guide Mini).

Reimbursement requests for force majeure must be sent with supporting documents to courses@winchesclub.org. These requests will be examined by a Winches Club internal committee the day after the start of the race.

The €20 application fee is never refunded. **Any person still on the “short-list” on the day of departure and who therefore cannot participate will be reimbursed €505.**

It is each competitor's responsibility to monitor the evolution of his/her situation and to prompt the intervention of the organizing teams in good time.

7 RECEPTION

7.1 Berth

Boats registered on the Mini Fastnet will be free of charge berthed in Douarnenez marina **from Saturday 1st June to Tuesday 18th June**, in **Treboul Marina**.

This free berth period may be extended **until Saturday 22th June, only behind the Port-Rhu lock** (pontoon without electricity, unconnected to land), provided that they have organised their boat's movement with the AO (presence of the skipper or a person commissioned by him required).

We are lucky to be able to offer three races from Douarnenez. but we are encountering a problem of congestion in the reception dock, particularly with boats arriving before their berth period or remaining in Douarnenez after the berth period.

Please plan your arrival and departure well or plan a transfer to Port-Rhu or Morgat independently by contacting the harbor master's office.

Boats registered on Calva Cup, can stay at Treboul Marina.

Skipperers are asked to tell the OA and the marina the estimated time and date of arrival and departure.

In any case, each boat registered will have to declare her arrival at the marina office as soon as possible once she has arrived (DP).

Competitors shall be contactable and follow the instructions the marine office will have given during the whole stay (DP).

Boats must remain in the place they have been allocated when they are in the marina (DP).

The Winches Club draws the attention of each skipper to the obligation to ensure that he has paid all the costs related to his boat (presence of the boat outside the free berth period, possible lift, etc.) BEFORE its departure from the port of Douarnenez.

7.2 Handling

Lifting is at the competitors' expense. **Please contact the marina:** tel 0033 (0)2 98 60 26 30 / email port.de.plaisance@mairie-douarnenez.fr

Lifting operations will take place at low tide. Please note that there is no lift on Sundays.

8 RULES

Boats must comply with the **2024 Mini Rules**.

A measurement session may occur before the reception period. Competitors must contact **Classe Mini** to book a test.

9 SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Boats' equipment shall comply to the **Classe Mini** requirements at the start of the race (See table E-16 - 2024 Guide Mini).

No boat will be allowed to take the start without having passed the safety checks.

Inspection visits will be organized during the reception period, the skipper's presence is mandatory.

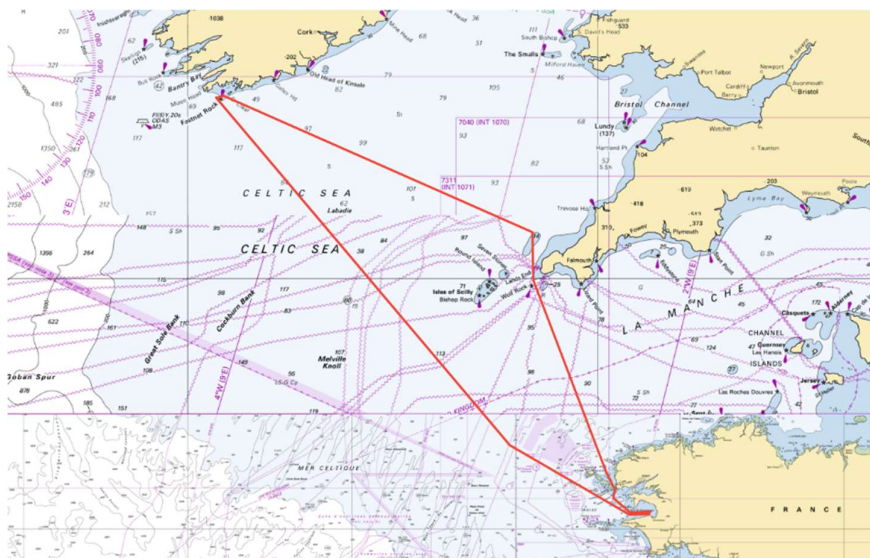
A calendar to book appointments will be sent to all competitors no later than one week before the start of the reception period, we recommend you use it.

First aid kit

The minimum first aid kit must at least correspond to the Type C first aid kit available on the Classe Mini website. (see 2024 Special Rules for events – E-12).

10 COURSE

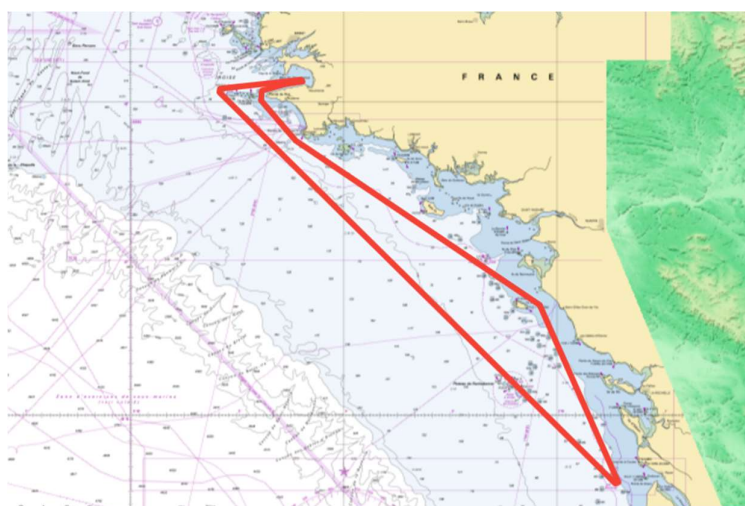
Douarnenez – Chenal du Four – Wolf Rock – Stags buoy - Fastnet lighthouse – Douarnenez



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).

The marks of the selected course will be defined in the "Appendix – Course" distributed with the Race Instructions after confirmation of the registration.



Non-contractual document

Details on the course, mandatory charts and documents relating to safety checks will be online a few weeks before the race and on the Classe Mini website.

Skippers must show the following documents and charts at the security check before the start of the race ([see 2024 Mini Guide – category C race](#)). French/foreign equivalents are accepted if adapted to coastal navigation. Due to the existence of a substitute southern course, which may be activated at the initiative of the race director, **the nautical documents and navigation charts of the two courses** must be presented during the security check and kept on board until the course chosen by the race director is confirmed.

10.1 Nautical documents

- The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS)
- Log book
- Tide table
- Piloting book (areas concerned)
- Lights book (areas concerned)

10.2 Charts (paper version) (maps SHOM or equivalents accepted)

North course – Fastnet lighthouse

- Baie de Douarnenez – SHOM 7121 ;
- From Pointe de Saint Mathieu to Chaussée de Sein - Iroise – SHOM 7172 ;
- From Goulet de Brest to Portsall – île d’Ouessant – SHOM 7149 ;
- Atterrages de l’entrée de la Manche, mer Celtique – SHOM 7210 ;
- Cornwall SW coast (harbours acces detail, in nautical documents or other charts allowing a safe access to this harbours : Newlyn, Penzance, Falmouth...) – Imray C7 / Admiralty 2345 ;
- From Saint Agnes Head to Dodman Point – Isles of Scilly – SHOM 9697 ;
- Cork Harbour to Dingle Bay (atterrage Irlande) – Imray C56

South course – BXA

- Baie de Douarnenez – SHOM 7121 ;
- From Pointe de Saint Mathieu to Chaussée de Sein - Iroise – SHOM 7172 ;
- From pointe de Penmarc'h to pointe de Trévignon, archipel des îles de Glénan – SHOM 7146 ;
- From île de Penfret to plateau des Birvideaux - Abords de Lorient – SHOM 7031 ;
- From presqu'île de Quiberon to sables d'Olonne – SHOM 7068 ;
- From île d'Yeu to pointe de la Courbe - plateau de Rochebonne – SHOM 7069 ;
- From Saint Jean-de-Monts to Sables d'Olonne – SHOM 7402 ;
- From plateau de Rochebonne to bassin d’Arcachon – SHOM 7070 or other chart / nautical document ensuring the junction with the chart 7069 and allowing a safety navigation around BXA.

11 PROGRAM

The preparatory phase for the start of the Mini Fastnet will take place at Douarnenez-Tréboul Marina. Depending on the weather conditions, the Race Direction may advance or delay the start. Competitors must be at the OA's disposal. Competitors will be informed of any change in the program by amendment up to 24 hours before the start.

Date	Hour	Program
Saturday 1 st June		Beginning of the free of charge berth period
Tuesday 04 th June	09h00	Safety controls beginning Entry confirmations
Wednesday 05 th June	10h00	Deadline of compulsory arrival for boats and skippers. Signing
Friday 07 st June	12h00	Safety controls ending
	14h00	Possible follow-up safety visits
	18h00	Prologue Briefing
Saturday 08 st June	12h00	Compulsory Prologue in the Bay of Douarnenez VHF test and control
	18h00	General briefing Signing – Skippers's presence mandatory
	19h30	Welcome drink
Sunday 09 st June		Eventual briefing Signing out – Skippers's presence mandatory
		Start
Saturday 15 th June	18h00	Results announcement* – Skippers's presence mandatory
	19h00	Reception*
Tuesday 18 th June	12h00	End of the free of charge berth period at Treboul Marina (Except Calvados Cup subscribers).
Saturday 22 th June		End of the free charge berth period at the Port-Rhu Marina

*Date and hour can be changed according to the arrivals of the competitors

12 ARRIVAL'S DEADLINE

Boats and skippers shall be at the OA's disposal no later than Wednesday, **June 05th at 10h00** in Douarnenez Marina. After this date, financial penalties may be applied: €80 for the first 24 hours, then €160 for the second day of delay ([See 2024 Mini Class Rules , article R-14- c](#)). The proceeds of this penalties will be donated to a sea rescue association.

The skipper must, upon arrival, report to the race secretariat to certify his presence as well as that of his boat. He must also imperatively complete an online form with the elements missing from the registration, in particular MMSI number, name displayed on the AIS, race name, EPIRB tracker number and personal(s), shore contacts, etc. The link to this form will be displayed on the official board, the security control office and the race website. This information is mandatory in order to be able to start.

The arrival procedure, a chart of the harbour and list of useful contacts will be posted on the race's website and on WhatsApp a few weeks before the event.

Boats and skippers that are not present at Douarnenez on Wednesday, June 05th at 10h **may not be authorized to take the start**.

13 ADVERTISING

Boats must carry the advertising chosen and provided by the OA. In case of a breach of that rule, World Sailing regulation 20.9.2 and [article R-18 of the 2024 Guide Mini](#) shall apply [DP].

The installation and maintenance of these supports are the skipper's responsibility who will have to replace them if necessary.

14 RANKINGS AND PRIZES

There will be a Proto and a Production boat ranking. They will be in real time, taking into account any penalties or bonuses.

Trophies will be awarded to the winner of each category.

« Good perf » prizes will be awarded.

15 EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE

The Mini Fastnet must be ran without assistance, as defined in the 2024 Guide Mini. All boats must have the same crew on board at all times, except in the cases provided for un RRS 41.

Boats must sail the entire course independently and **must not deliberately sail together** or arrange for any accompaniment. During the race, the boat cannot have material contact with another ship or aircraft.

16 ENERGY SOURCE

Reminder of the RRS 42.1

Except when permitted in RRS 42.3 or 45, a boat shall compete using only wind and water to increase, maintain or decrease speed.

17 INSURANCE

Each participating boat must be covered with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 2 millions for competition.

(Competitors who are not member of **F.F.Voile** must present a supporting document to justify a third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 2 millions [Guide Mini R-12](#))

18 OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMPETITOR

18.1 Attendance requirement

Competitors must attend the briefings and official receptions (see articles 8 and 11 of this NoR or specified by amendment to this NoR (DP)).

18.2 Responsibility after the race

Short-handed sailing (single/double) over several days may lead to severe fatigue for all competitors. At the end of the race, any activity requiring vigilance and attention, **in particular driving a vehicle**, is to be avoided before significant recovery.

19 DATA PROTECTION

19.1 Image and appearance rights

Participating in the competition, the competitor and his legal representative authorize the OA, the FFVoile and their sponsors to use free of charge his image and his name, to show at any time (during and after the competition) static or moving pictures, films or TV recording, as well as other reproduction from himself done during the competition, and this on any support and for any use related to the promotion of their activities.

19.2 Use of participants' personal data

Participating in this competition, the competitor and his legal representatives agree to and authorize the FFVoile, its sponsors, as well as the OA to use and store, free of charge, his personal data. These data may be published by FFVoile and its sponsors. The FFVoile mainly, but also its sponsors may use these data for the development of softwares or with marketing purposes. In accordance with the « Règlement Général sur la Protection des Données (RGPD) » (General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)), any competitor having transmitted his personal data to the FFVoile, may exercise his right to access to his own data, have them modified, and, depending on the situations, have them deleted, limited, or to object them, sending an email to dpo@ffvoile.fr or a letter to the Head Office of the Fédération Française de Voile, mentioning that the request is related to personal data.

20 RECOGNITION OF RISKS

RRS 3 mentions: « **The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.** » Participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledge the fact that sailing is potentially a dangerous activity with specific risks. These risks include strong winds and rough sea, sudden changes of weather conditions, failure of equipment, mistakes in boat handling, bad navigation of other boats, loss of balance on unstable surface, and causing increased risk of injury. The risk of material and/or physical damage is therefore inherent in the sport of sailing.

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APPENDIX "NATIONAL PRESCRIPTIONS"

FFVoile Prescriptions to RRS 2021-2024
translated for non-French speaking competitors

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 (Changes to 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 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

DR21-01 ALTERNATIVE STARTING PENALTY

According to Word Sailing's DR21-01 test rule, change definition Start as follows:

Start : A boat starts when her hull having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side either

- (a) at or after her starting signal, or
- (b) during the last [insert time] before her starting signal.