



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Name of the competition:	2024 Mini-Fastnet
Dates:	Tuesday June, 4 to Saturday June 15 2024
Place :	DOUARNENEZ (29100)
Organiser:	WINCHES CLUB de DOUARNENEZ

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat cannot protest (No protest) against another boat when infringing this rule. This changes RRS 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 jury, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Rules as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The National prescriptions applying to foreigner competitors detailed in « Appendix 1 ».
- 1.3 The Federal regulations.
- 1.4 The part II of the International Regulations to Prevent Collisions At Sea (IRPCAS) when replacing chapter II of the RRS, ie, 25 nm after the starting line and until 25nm before the finishing line.
- 1.5 The current Offshore Special regulations (OSR) – Category 2 event.
- 1.6 The 2024 Mini Rules.
- 1.7 The WP appendix « Rules regarding waypoints » (Appendix 6).
- 1.7 In case of discrepancy with the French text, the French text shall prevail.

2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the Si's will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 2 hours before the warning signal of the race where it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before 20:00 on the day before it will take effect

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board situated in the main room on the first floor of the Maison du Nautisme and published on the Winches Club's website (Mini-Fastnet 2024 / For skipper / Official documents (<https://minifastnet.winchesclub.org/documents-officiels/>) and may be published on the event's whatsapp group.
- 3.2 Time in the documents is local hours (UTC +2)
- 3.3 Race office is at the Maison du Nautisme in Tréboul [phone +33 663 190 650] [email : pccourse@winchesclub.org,].
- 3.4 On the water the race committee will normally monitor and communicate with the competitors on VHF channel 72.

Competitors must permanently double watch on channel 16 and 72.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] [NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] [NP] Competitors and support persons shall handle the equipment and place advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with it.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the mast located on the facade of the Maison du nautisme of TREBOUL.
- 5.2 When **AP** flag is displayed ashore, the warning signal cannot be made less than one hour after the lowering of the AP flag (this changes races signals).

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Saturday, June 8 2024 : « PROLOGUE »

- Mandatory prologue in the Bay of Douarnenez (see appendix 1) ;
- Warning signal: **12h00**.
- The committee will check the AIS as well as the VHF on channel **72** during the prologue.

It is mandatory for all competitors to participate in the prologue. In the event that a competitor is unable to participate, he/she shall submit his/her reasons to the President of the Race Committee in writing who may (*in agreement with the Race Director, the President of the Jury, the Technical Committee and the Organising authority*) decide to exceptionally allow the competitor to start the Mini-Fastnet.

The results of the race of the prologue will not be taken into account in the « Mini-Fastnet » rankings.

6.2 Sunday June 9 2024 : «Start of the 2024 MINI FASTNET»

- Briefing on **Saturday, June 8 at 18:00**
- Warning signal : **Sunday, June 9 2024 at 09:30**

- 6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before the warning signal is made

7 CLASS FLAG

Classe MINI flag.

8 RACING AREAS

- 8.1 The location of the racing areas is defined in the appendices « Courses »

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The courses are defined in appendices:

- Appendix 2 : prologue ;
- Appendix 3 : Mini Fastnet ;
- Appendix 4 : Mini Fastnet, SOUTH option.

- 9.2 No later than the warning signal the race committee shall designate the course to be sailed, and, if necessary, will indicate the approximate bearing and length of the first leg of the course.

Signals defining the course to be sailed are:

- **Course MINI FASTNET** (Appendix 2) : Numeric flag 1



- **Course MINI FASTNET, SOUTH option** (Appendix 3) : numeric flag 2
This alternative course may be proposed if the sailing conditions towards the FASTNET do not guarantee the safety of the fleet



9.3 Offset mark

No later than the warning signal, the race committee will display “D” flag if the course includes an offset mark. It will display a green flag to indicate that it is to be passed or rounded to starboard. Absence of a green flag means that the offset mark is to be passed or rounded to port (this changes Race Signals).

9.4 Self checking at the Marks [DP]:

Competitors must self-check when passing/rounding marks others than the starting line and the offset mark if there is one. **Self-checking at the arrival is also mandatory. Each competitor must be able to provide these notes on arrival at the race Committee.**

10 MARKS

- Courses’ marks: see appendices « Courses »
- Starting mark: Yellow conical buoy « Ville de Douarnenez »
- Finishing mark: see SI’s § 13.1
- Offset mark: Inflatable **cylindrical** orange buoy

11 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 The areas that are considered as obstruction are specified in the **Appendices Courses**.

12 THE START

12.1 The starting line will be the mast of the Race Committee boat displaying an orange flag on the starboard end and the course side of the starting mark on the port end.

12.2 The start will be made as per 2021-2024 RRS26 changes as follows:

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Meaning
8’	« Classe Mini » flag » displayed	One	Warning signal
4’	P or I flag displayed	One	Preparatory
1’	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0’	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

12.3 A boat that does not start within **30 minutes** after the starting signal shall go back to Treboul harbour and can only leave Treboul Harbour after autorisation from the race Committee. She shall cross the starting line before completing the course.

12.4 The World Sailing RE21.01 development rule applies (alternative starting penalty)

According to the World Sailing development rule RE21-01 de Word Sailing, change the definition start as follows:

Start: A boat starts when her hull having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line or 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,
- (b) or during the last [insert time] before her starting signal.

When a boat starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition Start, she shall not return to the pre-start side of the line and **the starting penalty shall be such as defined in SI’s 14.1**

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 Finishing line is defined by the mast of the Race Committee boat displaying the blue flag and the course side of the finishing mark moored in the east of the rock « Le Coulinec ». The line will be oriented North-South, the finishing mark, rigged with a white « strobe light » by night moored in the North of the Committee boat.

Beware of the foreshore quite far beyond the rock « Le Coulinec »

- 13.2 [DP] In case of absence of the Committee Boat when the boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 Alternative starting penalty

In accordance with the development rule RE 21-01, boats who start according to item (b) of SI's 12.4 shall receive a **penalty of 4 hours on their racing time with no hearing**

14.2 Penalty for a breach of the IRPCAS when replacing the RRS chapter 2

When rules of these SI's article 1.3 apply, RRS 44 does not apply. A proven breach of one of the rule of « B » part, section 2 of the IRPCAS will receive, after hearing, a minimum penalty of **2 hours** minimum to disqualification.

A competitor may acknowledge a breach of one rule of « B », section 2 of the **IRPCAS** to another competitor. This acknowledgment must be in writing and submitted to the Jury's secretariat within the protest time.

Any acknowledgement of a breach specified as above will receive a one-hour penalty. This penalty may be increased after hearing in case of damage or injury.

14.3 Penalties for a breach of rules other than those of 2021-2024 RRS chapter 2 [DP]

A breach of one these rules (except RRS chapter 2) may be sanctioned after hearing, by a time penalty up to DSQ at the Jury's initiative.

14.4 Redresses

RRS rule 62.1 (b) is changed as follows:

Injury or physical damage because of the action of a boat that was breaking a rule of Part 2 or B part, section 2 of the IRPCAS when replacing the RRS part 2 or of a vessel not racing that was required to keep clear.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 The finishing line will remain open **48** hours after the third boat finished in each category (**Proto, Série**). It may be necessary to add the bonus in time the Jury is likely to grant a boat to this deadline

- 15.2 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the third boat has sailed the course and finished. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. The racing time of a boat scored as TLE is the time of the last boat having finished plus one hour (This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10).

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 Protests, request for redress or reopening must be submitted to the race's office no later than two hours after the boat has crossed the finishing line. **If arriving between 20:00 (D Day) and 08:00 (D day + 1), competitors wishing to protest shall have until 10:00 (D + 1) to do so.**

Hearing will be held every day between 10:00 and 21:00.

16.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race's office.

16.3 Notices will be posted and published on the 2024 Mini-Fastnet website/for skippers / Official documents (<https://minifastnet.wincesclub.org/documents-officiels/>) no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties or named witnesses. Hearing will be held in the Jury room located at the Maison du Nautisme in Tréboul. They will begin at the time posted on the Official Notice Board.

17 SCORING

17.1 Scoring will be according to the 2024 Mini Rules.

18 SAFETY RULES

18.1 Sign-out [/Sign in [DP] [NP]

A sign-out shall be organised on Sunday, June 9 2024 from 05:30 to 06:30, first floor of the maison du nautisme.

Crossing the finishing line will be considered as signing-in.

Any competitor who has not signed out will suffer a one-hour penalty on his/her racing time with no hearing.

18.2 Withdrawal [DP] [NP]

Any competitor withdrawing must report it as soon as possible to a support boat by **VHF on channel 72**. He/she must ensure that his/her situation and intentions are well received even by relay from the other competitors until a support boat acknowledges the message.

As soon as he/she returns to the nearest shore, he/she must inform the race office by phone :

Race office: +33 663 190 650 (in priority)

In any case, he /she shall keep the race office informed of his/her situation, arrival at and departure from a stopover port, or send a written confirmation of his/her withdrawal

18.3 VHF channel of the race is 72.

Competitors must remain in permanent standby on both channels 16 and 72.

18.4 Radio calls

During the whole race and until the finish, a mandatory VHF daily radio call shall take place on channel **72** with the support boats. This radio-call shall begin every day at 8:00 (local time in Douarnenez).

The boat must give her position at 08:00 sharp even if the contact is made later. Competitors shall keep a close watch and provide the necessary radio relays according to the quality of transmission and reception of each one.

The Race Committee may protest for lacking of answering the radio calls [DP]

18.5 VHF and AIS checks

During the pre-race period, there shall be a first VHF and AIS test according to the procedure laid down by the Technical Committee.

On Saturday June, 8 2024, during the prologue, a VHF and AIS test of all the competitors shall be carried out. In case of a failure of the system, the competitor shall fix it before the start of the race. He/she will be allowed to start on Sunday, June 9 2024 only after a new check of proper functioning.

18.6 Navigation and safety lights check

The check of navigation and safety lights will be carried out according to the procedures laid down by the Technical Committee.

18.7 Use of appendages which can exceed the beam

For safety reasons, bowsprits and their associated hardware must be folded on starboard within the beam limit of the boat (maximum 3 m) or dismantled until the starting line is crossed, as well as any other appendage which can exceed the beam (2024 Guide Mini - E-19-a and E-19-b).

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race director or race committee or Jury.

19.2 [DP] Substitution of equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the technical committee.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT TESTS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

21 STOPOVER

21.1 A boat can stop anywhere, anytime. Once anchored or docked, other people can come on board. Provisions and repairs are allowed. Towing to enter and exit the harbour is allowed with a 2nm limit and should not advance the boat towards the finishing line, in accordance with RRS 42.3 (i).

21.2 Technical stopover cannot be longer than 12 hours, all stopovers combined. Time is counted from the moment the boat is ashore until the moment she resumes the race.

Competitors who do not respect these durations shall be scored DNF on the race.

**Any competitor who stops shall contact the race direction by phone as soon as possible:
+ 33 663 190 650**

22 CELL PHONES

No cell phone must be aboard throughout the duration of the race. They can be deposited with the organisation when signing-out and shall be given back when returning the tracker.

23 SATELLITE POSITIONING (boats' position tracking system)

A tracker shall be installed on each boat. Competitors must do everything to facilitate the installation of the trackers before the race and their maintenance in perfect working order during the event.

24 BERTHING

[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned place while in Tréboul.

25 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

[DP] [NP] Boats shall not be hauled out from Tuesday, June 4 2024 at 08:00 to the end of the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee or technical committee.

26 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Their use will be linked to local regulations (port area, etc.)

27 PRIZES

Prizes will be given (no cash). Prize giving ceremony shall take place on Saturday, June 15 2024.

RACE OFFICIALS APPOINTED

<i>Race director :</i>	<i>Annabelle MOREAU</i>
<i>President of the Race Committee :</i>	<i>Hervé CHASTEL</i>
<i>Deputy Race Committee :</i>	<i>Didier LEGRIX</i>
<i>President of the Jury :</i>	<i>Simon KERISIT</i>
<i>Judge :</i>	<i>Anne CRESPIY</i>
<i>President of the Technical Committee :</i>	<i>Yves-Philippe SAUTERON</i>

APPENDIX 1 1 FEDERAL PRESCRIPTIONS

Prescriptions of the Fédération Française de Voile Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024

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*):

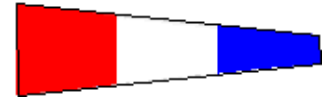
The appointment of an international jury meeting the requirements of Appendix N is subject to prior written approval of the Fédération Française de Voile. Such approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

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 2
PROLOGUE – 2024 MINI-FASTNET

Course 1 - “banane” 3 rounds



Numeric flag 3

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

Course 2 - “banane” 2 rounds



Numeric flag 2

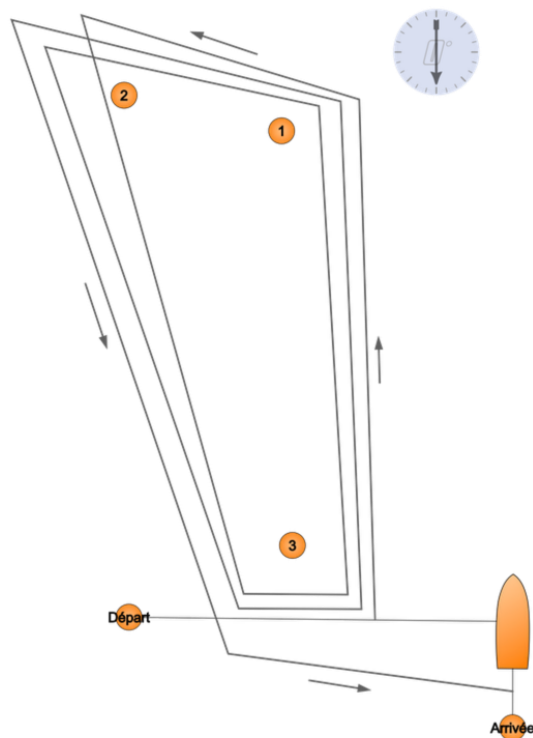
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Marks:

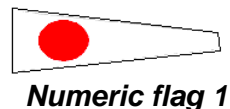
Start: yellow conical buoy “ville de Douarnenez”

Finish: orange cylindrical buoy

Course: yellow cylindrical buoys



Appendix 3
Course - MINI FASTNET 2024



Start Tréboul (Possible Offset mark, see SI 9.3)

Marks	Marks are to be left on	Position
1 – Basse Vieille	Starboard	48°08,3 N - 04°35,7 W
2 – La Parquette	Starboard	48°15,9 N - 04°44,3 W
3 – La Basse Royale	Bâbord	48°17,5 N - 04°49,5 W
4 – Les Vieux Moines	Tribord	48°19,4 N - 04°46,5 W
5 – Le Faix	Bâbord	48°25,8 N – 04°53,9 W
6 – Le Phare du Four	Starboard	48°31,4 N – 04°48,3 W
7 – Ile d'Ouessant and its dangers	Port	
8 – Way point Racon NE	Port	48°59,5 N - 05°24,0 W
9 – Wolf Rock	Port	49°56,7 N - 05°48,6 W
10 – Starboard lateral mark « Bann Shoal »	Port	50°20.1N – 05°51.1W
11 – South cardinal mark « Stags »	To be rounded and left on port	51°27.6N – 09°13.8 W
12 – Fastnet rock	To be rounded and left on port	51°23,3 N - 09°36,1 W)
13 – Way point Racon SW	Port	48°30,0 N - 05°45,0 W
14 – Ile d'Ouessant and its dangers	Port	
15 – West cardinal mark « Pierres Vertes »	Port	48°22,2 N – 05°04,7 W
16 – South cardinal mark « Pierres Noires »	Port	48°18,7 N – 04°58,2 W
17 – Basse Vieille	Port	48°08,3 N - 04°35,7 W

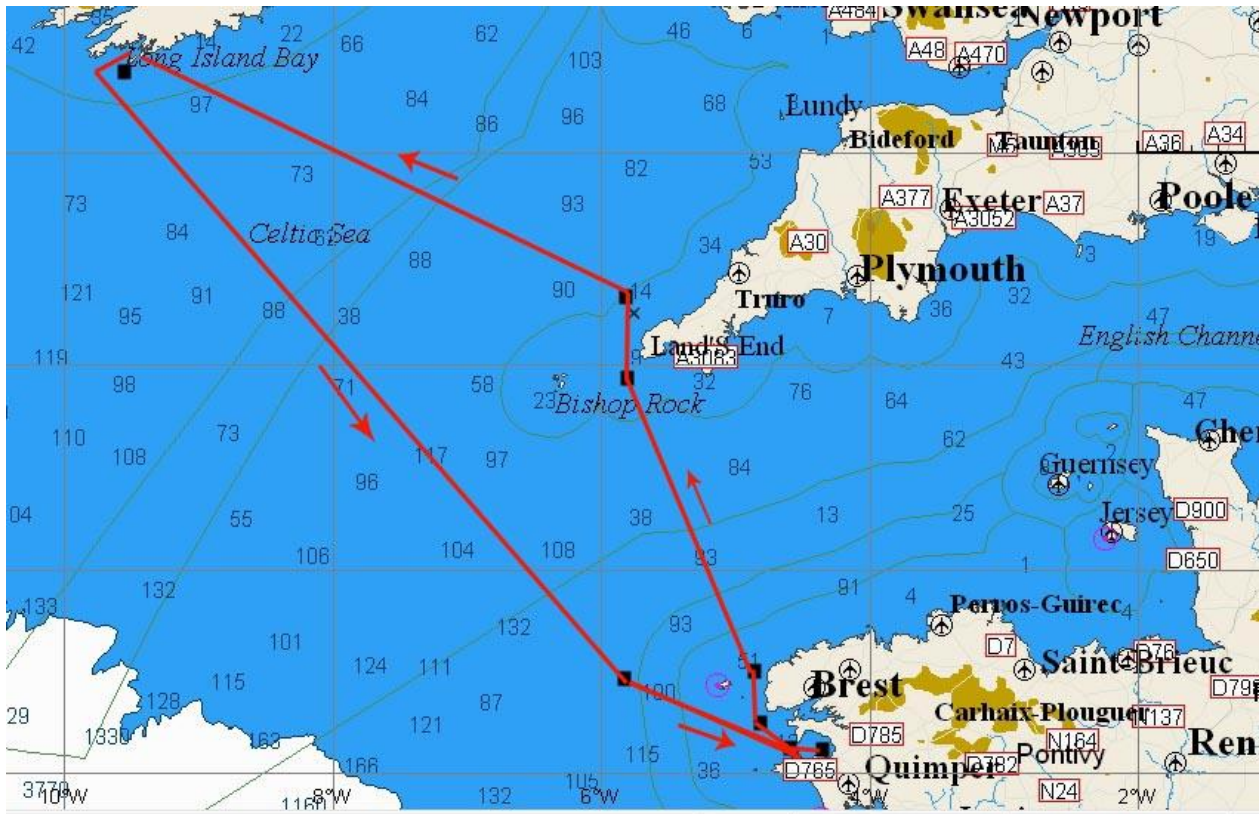
NOTE : Positions of the marks are given for information purpose and cannot be subject to protest.

Finish (approximative position: 48°07 N - 04°21 W) :

Finish line is defined by the mast of the Race Committee boat displaying a blue flag and the course side of a **yellow** conical buoy moored in the East of the rock « Le Coulinec ».

The line shall be oriented North-South. The Committee boat shall be moored South of the yellow conical mark (which shall be rigged with a white strobe light by night).

Beware of the foreshoe quite far beyond the rock « Le Coulinec ».



Every TSS (Traffic System Scheme) shall be respected, i.e., they are not considered as racing areas under any circumstances. They are considered forbidden zones [DP]

TSS Ouessant

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

TSS Fastnet

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

TSS Scilly Sud

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

TSS Scilly W

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

TSS Scilly E

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 4
Course – 2024 Mini-Fastnet
« South Option »



Numeric Flag 2

Alternative course : depending on the weather conditions (SI 9.2)

Start Tréboul (Possible Offset mark, see SI 9.3)

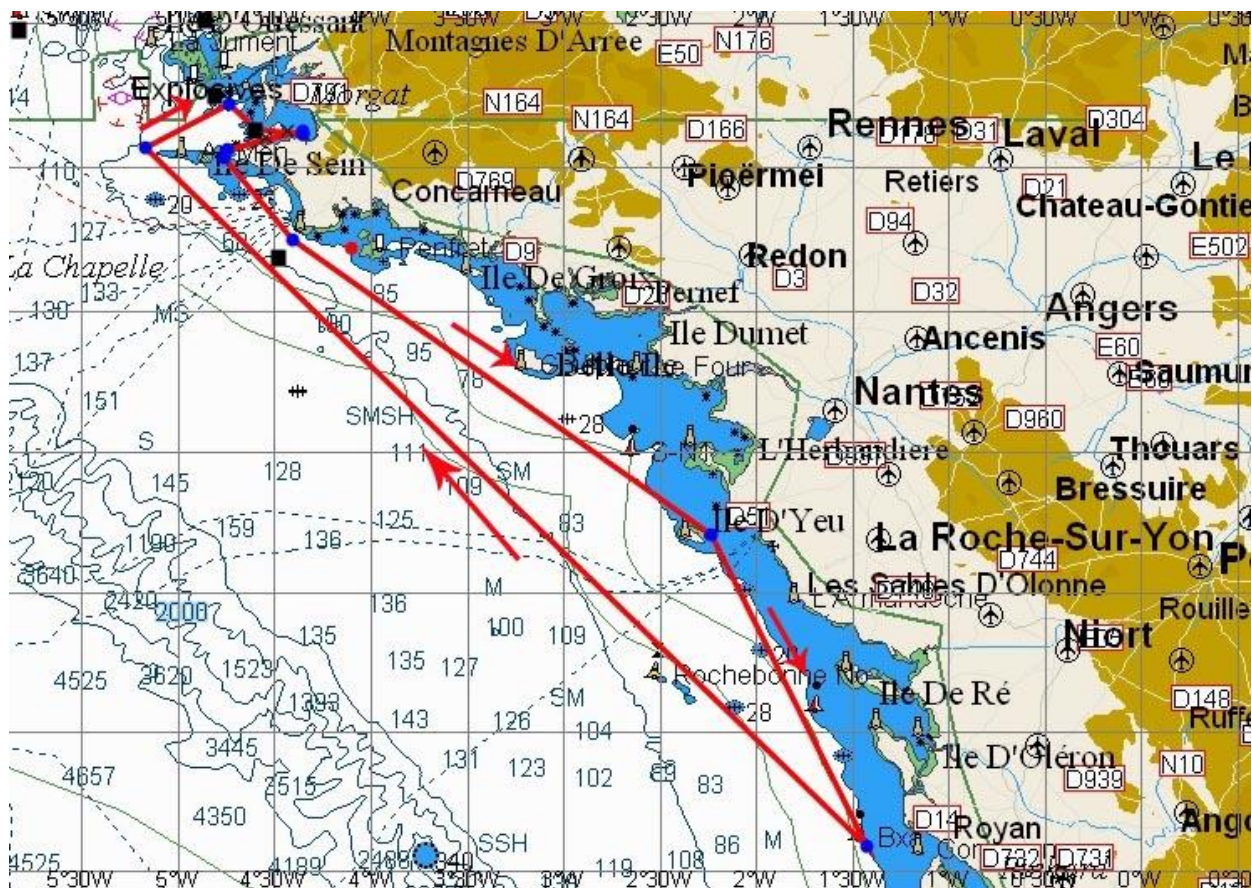
Marks	Marks are to be left on	Position
1 – La Plate	Port	48°02,4N – 04°45,5W
2 – Le Chat	Starboard	48°01,5N – 04°48,8W
3 – Jument de Glénan (Card. South)	Port	47°38,8N – 04°01,3W
4 – Yeu island and its dangers	Starboard	
5 – BXA Racon mark1	To be rounded and left on starboard	45°34,06 N – 01°26,37 W
6 – Way Point west Chaussé de Sein	Starboard	48°03,8N – 05°07,7W
7 – Basse du Lis (South Cardinal)	Starboard	48°13,1N – 04°44,4W
8 – Basse Vieille	Port	48°08,3N – 04°35,7W

Finish (approximative position: 48°07 N - 04°21 W) :

Finish line is defined by the mast of the Race Committee boat displaying a blue flag and the course side of a **yellow** conical buoy moored in the East of the rock « Le Coulinec ».

The line shall be oriented North-South. The Committee boat shall be moored South of the yellow conical mark (which shall be rigged with a white strobe light by night).

Beware of the foreshoe quite far beyond the rock « Le Coulinec ».



APPENDIX 5 APPENDIX WP – WAYPOINT RULES

When specified in the Notice of Race, races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this appendix.

WP1 Amendment to Definitions:

WP1.1 The definition of Mark is changed as follows:

Mark: An object or waypoint which a boat is required to leave on a side specified as required by the Sailing Instructions, a race committee boat surrounded by navigable water from which the starting or finishing line extends, and an object intentionally attached to the object or boat. However, a mooring line is not part of the mark.

WP1.2 Addition of a new definition: Waypoint :

Waypoint: A geographical position on the surface of the water, defined by its WGS84 latitude and longitude coordinates expressed in DDM (decimal degrees minutes).

WP1.3 The definition of zone is changed as follows:

Zone: The space around a mark for a distance of three hull lengths from the boat closest to it. The area of the zone at a mark that is a waypoint may be changed in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions. A boat is in the zone when any part of its hull is in the zone.