



40th Mini Fastnet

DOUARNENEZ – FASTNET LIGHTHOUSE –DOUARNENEZ

600 NM double handed
June 9th – 20th 2026

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.



Notations

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 9th June to Saturday 20th June 2026** 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 shall be governed by:

- The rules such as defined in the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 2026 Classe Mini official rules
- National prescriptions translated for non-French speaking competitors (Appendix "FFVoile Prescriptions")
- The FFVoile regulations.
- Any other applicable documents
- Word Sailing's DR21-01 rule applies and 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, 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.

When a boat starts in accordance with the article (b) of the definition of Start, if she does not return to the pre-start side of the line, start penalty will be of 6 hours with no hearing.

- Rule 60.2 (a)(1) of the RCV amended as follows: A racing boat that intends to claim shall notify the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity by hailing "Protest" or by informing them by VHF on the race channel. Flying a red flag is not necessary
- Appendix 2 "Wayoints" of the 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 IRPCS (steering and sailing 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 shall take precedence.

3 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The SIs shall be available on **Tuesday 9th June 2026** in electronic format.



4 COMMUNICATION

4.1 Notice Board

The official NoR, Si's and any amendments shall be available in digital version on the race's website: www.minifastnet.winchesclub.org/.

They will simultaneously be published on a WhatsApp group.

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) When in race, except in case of emergency or safety issue, 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 2026 Mini Rules.

The race is categorized as level B by Classe Mini.

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

Skippers must have complied with the qualification criteria for the level B events such as defined in article R-8-a of 2026 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.

6.1 Registration procedures

Registration is open from Thursday, February 19 at 12:00 and can be done online on the www.minifastnet.winchesclub.org/ website

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

Entry fees are **€695**. In the event of cancellation, including in cases of force majeure, the OA will keep the sum of **€75** in non-refundable administrative fees. A competitor who is still on the waiting list after the start is fully reimbursed for his registration fees, including the administrative fee.



For 2026, the Mini-Class is not putting in place the wish list system. Participants are taken into account according to the order of arrival of registrations, while respecting the Proto / Series quotas until March 14, 2026 at 12:00.

Once the places determined by the quotas are filled, the following registrants will be on the waiting list according to their category.

A first version of the list of registrants will be released on March 13 at 18:00. Updates will be released regularly.

An invoice can be sent on request when registering on HelloAsso.

Tracker

All boats must be equipped with a Tracker. The rental of a tracker is **included in the registration**.

The tracker is imposed and provided by the organising authority. 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.

Withdrawals

Cancellations of registration less than one month before the scheduled date of departure, not justified by a case of force majeure, will result in the permanent loss of registration fees ([Article R-14](#) of the Mini Guide 2026).

This rule also applies to competitors on the waiting list.

A competitor on the waiting list may be called upon to enter the main list until the start, a refusal is considered as a withdrawal, the registration fees are kept by the OA.

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 €75 application fee is never refunded.

7 RECEPTION

7.1 Berth

The boats on the main list and the first 4 on the waiting list are welcome over the period **from Sunday 7 June 2026 to Tuesday 23 June 2026 at noon**, at the **Douarnenez-Tréboul marina**.

This reception period may be extended **until Saturday 27 June 2026, only behind the Port Rhu lock** (pontoon without electricity, not connected to the land), provided that they have organised the movement of their boat with the OA (presence of the skipper or a person commissioned by him is mandatory).

Please respect these dates, as the port has very little space for additional boats at this time.

In all cases, it is mandatory for each competing vessel to declare itself at the port office in the shortest time after arrival (DP).

Competitors must remain reachable and follow the instructions given by the port services or by the Winches Club for the duration of their boat's stay (DP).

Boats must remain in their assigned place while in port (DP).

The Winches Club draws the attention of each skipper to the obligation to ensure that they have paid all the costs related to their boat (presence of the boat outside the reception periods, etc.) BEFORE its departure from the port of Douarnenez.



7.2 Handling

For competitors arriving by road, lifting and any masting/dismasting using port services are at the competitors' expense. Crane hire scheduled between Tuesday 26 May and Friday 26 June 2026 will benefit from a 50% reduction on the standard port rate. To benefit from this discount, reservations and payment must be made through the Winches Club. Details on how to make an appointment and pay the associated fees will be provided after confirmation of your registration, no later than one month before the start of the race.

Outside this period or in the event of a direct reservation with the Marina office, the full price of each handling must be paid to the Marina office before presenting yourself to the crane operator.

Lifting operations will take place at low tide. Please note that there is no lift on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.

Lifting to clean the boat is not authorized during the period of mandatory presence. Any operation during this period is subject to the authorisation of the President.e of the Race Committee, the President of the Technical Committee or the Race

8 RULES

Boats must comply with the **2026 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 - 2026 Guide Mini](#)).

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

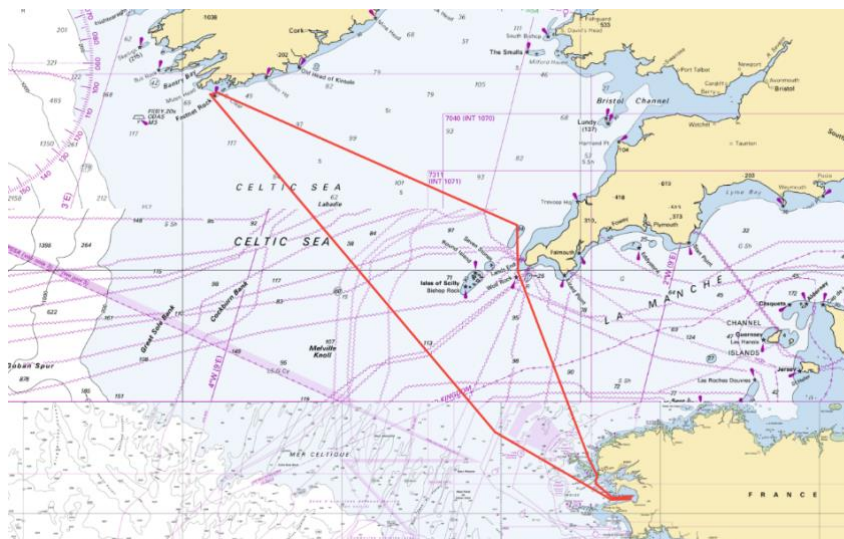
Inspection visits will be organized during the reception period, the skipper's presence is mandatory.

A schedule 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.

9.1 First aid kit

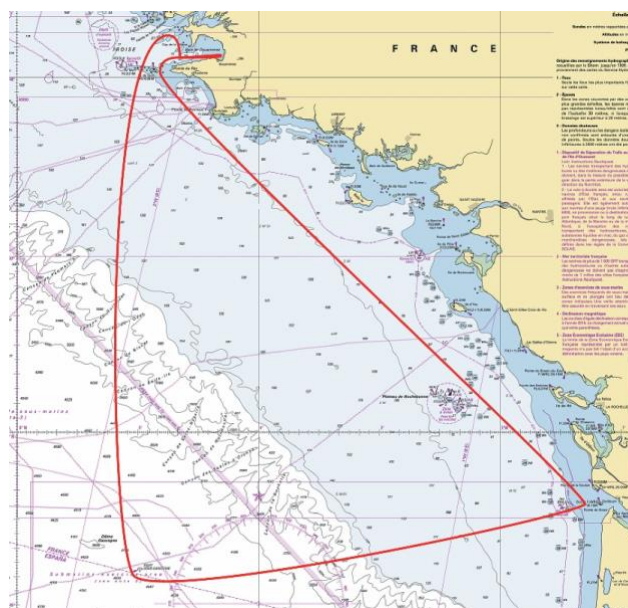
The minimum first aid kit must at least correspond to the Type B first aid kit available on the Classe Mini website. ([see 2026 Special Rules for events – E-12](#)).

10 COURSE



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).



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. 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, France, England, Ireland)



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 6967 ;
- Cork Harbour to Dingle Bay (atterrage Irlande) – Imray C56
- Golfe de Gascogne - From Brest to Cabo Finisterre – SHOM 7211

South course – BXA

- Baie de Douarnenez – SHOM 7121 ;
- From Pointe de Saint Mathieu to Chaussée de Sein - Iroise – SHOM 7172 ;
- From Chaussée de Sein to Pointe de Penmarc'h – SHOM 7147
- 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.
- From Pointe de Penmarc'h to Gironde – SHOM 6990
- From Chaussée de Sein to Pointe de Penmarc'h – SHOM 6991
- Golfe de Gascogne - From Brest to Cabo Finisterre – SHOM 7211

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
Sunday, June 7 th		Beginning of the free of charge berth period
Tuesday, June 9 th	09:00	Safety controls begining Entry confirmations
	10:00	Deadline of compulsory arrival for boats and skippers.
Thursday, June 11 th	18:00	Safety controls ending
Friday, June 12 th	09:00	Possible follow-up safety visits
	16:00	Prologue Briefing
	17 :30	Village opening followed by a welcome drink around 19:30
Saturday, June13 th	12:00	Compulsory Prologue in the Bay of Douarnenez VHF and AIS test and control
	18:00	General briefing

		Signing – Skippers's presence mandatory
Sunday, June 14th <i>HT : 8h10 (coef 68)</i> <i>LT : 14h22</i> <i>HT : 20h29 (coef 67)</i>		Eventual briefing
		Signing out – Skippers's presence mandatory
		Start
Saturday, June 20st	18:00	Results announcement* followed by a reception
Tuesday, June 23 rd	12:00	End of the free of charge berth period at Treboul Marina . This reception period may be extended until Saturday 27 June 2026, only behind the Port Rhu lock
Saturday, June 27 th		End of the free charge berth period at the Port-Rhu Marina

*Dates and hours can be changed according to the arrivals of the competitors

In accordance with Rule **27.3** of the RCV, the OA through the Race Committee may, at any time, bring forward, delay, recall or cancel a race, in particular in the event of exceptional circumstances or for safety reasons.

This decision will not be grounds for a competitor's claim for compensation.

Depending on the weather conditions, Race direction may advance the start by a maximum of 24 hours. An amendment published no later than 48 hours before the initially scheduled start shall inform the competitors about the change in the program

12 ARRIVAL'S DEADLINE

Boats and skippers shall be at the OA's disposal no later than Tuesday, **June 09th at 10:00** at the Tréboul marina in Douarnenez. Boats and skippers who will not be present on Tuesday, **June 09th at 10:00** at the Douarnenez marina may not be allowed to take the start and their absence may be considered as a withdrawal.

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.

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 2026 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 2026 Guide Mini. All boats must have the same crew on board at all times, except in the cases provided for in 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 POWER 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 Post-Race Responsibility

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.



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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Race's official documents are available on the Mini Fastnet website:
www.minifastnet.winchesclub.org

APPENDIX 1 - Prescriptions of the Fédération Française de Voile (FFVoile)
Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028
Version of 15th of October 2024

(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 60.5(d) (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 65.1 (Legal liability)

Any question or request related to legal liability 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 legal liability.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 70.3(b) (Appeals and requests to a national authority)

The denial of the right of appeal is subject to the written approval of the FFVoile, received at least 2 months before the event. 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 or deletions to National prescriptions)

Prescriptions of the FFVoile shall not be changed or 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 "Arbitrage" website of FFVoile shall be the only translation used to comply with RRS 90.2(b)).

(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 91(a) (Minimum number of protest committee members)

The protest committee shall be composed of a minimum number of committee members in accordance with the provisions of the federal regulations of the FFVoile, unless a derogation is granted by the FFVoile

(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 91(b) (Appointment of an international jury)

The appointment of an international jury meeting the requirements of Appendix N is subject to prior written approval of the FFVoile. 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: Fédération Française de Voile, jury d'appel - 17 rue Henri Bocquillon, 75015 Paris

– email: jury.appel@ffvoile.fr, using preferably the appeal form downloadable on the “Arbitrage” website of FFVoile.

APPENDIX 2

WAYPOINTS

WP1 CHANGES TO THE DEFINITIONS

WP1.1 The definition *Mark* is changed to :

Mark: An object or waypoint the sailing instructions require a boat to leave on a specified side, a race committee vessel surrounded by navigable water from which the starting or finishing line extends, and an object intentionally attached to the object or vessel. However, an anchor line is not part of the mark.

WP1.2 Add new definition *Waypoint*

Waypoint : A geographic position on the surface of the water defined by WGS 84 latitude and longitude coordinates expressed in degrees decimal minutes (DDM).

Wp1.3 The definition of *Zone* is changed to :

Zone: The area around a mark within a distance of three hull lengths of the boat nearer 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 her hull is in the zone.