



# NOTICE OF RACE

## Les Sables – Les Açores – Les Sables 10<sup>th</sup> edition

From July, 12<sup>th</sup> to August, 16<sup>th</sup> 2024  
Start on July, 19<sup>th</sup> 2024

**LES SABLES D'OLONNE (France)**

Organizing Authority (OA)  
Les Sables d'Olonne Vendée Course au Large

Under the aegis of Fédération Française de Voile and Classe Mini 6.50



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*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 protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

## **PREAMBLE**

In answer to the aggression of Ukraine, the FFVoile decided on March, 2022 that Russian and Belarussian competitors can participate in competitions throughout France only under certain conditions (see the possibilities here: <https://arbitrage.ffvoile.fr/actualites/?guid=11688&name=note-dinformation-relative-a-lexclusion-des-athletes-et-officiels-russes-et-bielorusses>).

### **Prevention of violences and incivility**

FFVoile reminds that sporting events are, above all, a place of exchanges and sharing open and accessible to all. A such, competitors and accompanying persons are asked to behave, in all circumstances, whether on or offshore, courteously and respectfully, regarding the origine, gender or sexual orientation of the other competitors.

## **PRESENTATION OF THE RACE LES SABLES – LES AÇORES – LES SABLES**

Les **Sables – Les Açores – Les Sables 2024** is a transoceanic race on Mini 6.50, single-handed and without assistance starting from and finishing in les Sables d'Olonne with a stopover in Horta (Azores).

## **1 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITES**

### **1.1 Organizing Authority (OA)**

The association Les Sables d'Olonne Vendée Course au Large (LSOVCL), represented by Joël Zanoni, president, organizes the 2-legs Classe Mini 6,50 race called « Les Sables- Les Açores – Les Sables ». The OA is responsible for the general organization of the event, the coordination with the authorities and organization of the cities at the start, stopover and arrival, the communication, the relations with partners and the organization of official prize giving ceremonies.

### **1.2 Race Management**

The Race Management (DC) authorized by FFVoile, shall be led by Denis Hugues, Offshore Race Director. Annabelle Moreau shall assist as Deputy Offshore Race Director.

Thei mission is to develop safety measures, ensure the monitoring of the race, ensure the authenticity and sport regularity in close collaboration with the referees, to contribute to the media coverage of the race, to coordinate the relations between the competitors and the OA. They work directly with the Race Committee, the Technical Committee, the Jury and the race's medical consultant. They also coordinate the support's boats fleet.

### **1.3 Referees**

In accordance with the regulations, referees are appointed by the FFVoile.

Jury shall sit before each start and each arrival if necessary.

When judges are not physically present but can be reached by phone, videoconference, email, VHF or any other means, RRS N1.5 must be considered to have been complied with and protests can be heard and judged this way.

### **1.4 Medical consultant**

In accordance with Appendix 3 of the FFVoile medical regulation, a medical consultant shall be appointed to check each skipper's medical file.

[http://www.ffvoile.fr/ffv/web/ffvoile/documents/Reglt\\_medical\\_annx3.pdf](http://www.ffvoile.fr/ffv/web/ffvoile/documents/Reglt_medical_annx3.pdf)

## **2 RULES**

The race will be governed by:

**2.1** The rules such as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing

**2.2** The translated national prescriptions for non-French speakers (see Appendix Prescriptions)

**2.3** Part B of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (Colregs-Irpcas) when replacing the RRS part 2, from 25 NM after the starting line till 25 NM before the finishing line.

**2.4** Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) category 1

**2.5** Federal regulations including the « Championnat de France de Course au Large en Solitaire » rules

**2.6** 2024 Classe Mini 6.50 rules, A level

**2.7** If there is a conflict between languages, the French text shall prevail.

- 2.8 Any other document governing the event, especially local regulations.
- 2.9 The following RRS may be changed in the Si's : RRS 41 (Outside help), RRS 45 (Hauling-out, making fast,), RRS 61 (Protest requirements), RRS 62 (Redress), RRS 63 (Hearings), RRS 64 (Decisions)

### 2.10 Alternative starting penalties

According to the World Sailing test rule t RE21-01, 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,
- (b) or during the last minute before her starting signal.

When a boat starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition *Start*, she may return to the pre-start side of the line to comply but, if she does not the starting penalty shall be 24 hours on the racing time of the concerned leg.

## 3 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI'S)

- 3.1 Sailing instructions will be available on the race's website ([www.lessables-lesacores650.fr](http://www.lessables-lesacores650.fr)) before July 15<sup>th</sup> 2024.

## 4 COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 The official online information board can be viewed on the race's website: [www.lessables-lesacores650.fr](http://www.lessables-lesacores650.fr)
- 4.2 [DP] [NP] When racing, except if an emergency, a boat shall not transmit or receive voice data or any data that is not available to all.

## 5 ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 In accordance with RRS 76.1, the OA can refuse or cancel the entry of any competitor of Russian or Belarussian nationality as well as the participation of boats whose owner or manager is a Russian or Belarussian individual or entity.
- 5.2 The race is open to Classe Mini 6.50 boats, in order with their National Authority.
- 5.3 The race is open to solo sailors.
- 5.4 The race is open to competitors who have reached the age of 18 on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- 5.5 Each competitor must have completed the qualifications defined by the Classe Mini 6.50 on the boat he/she enters the 2024 Les Sables-Les Açores-Les Sables race (see 2024 Guide Mini) before **July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.
- 5.6 Boats will be split in 2 categories:
- Category PROTOTYPE
  - Category SÉRIE

Number of boats per category shall be defined by in accordance with article R-10-a of the 2024 Official Texts.

- 5.7 The number of boats who can enter the race is limited to **72**, subject to the approval of Maritim Administration.
- 5.8 When the number of boats defined in NoR 5.7 is reached, following entries will be registered on a waiting list as defined by Classe Mini. From **July 11<sup>th</sup> 2024 – 00:00 am** this waiting list will end and **no more boat will be added to the entry list**.

Before **July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 00:00 am**, both the skipper and the boat shall comply with the 2024 Guide Mini's article R-12-b and thus having provided the Classe Mini 6.50 with all the documents.

All the mandatory safety equipment must be on board ready to be checked from **July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**, In addition to the mandatory safety equipment, the OA recommends 1 easy to reach handheld VHF with spare batteries.

- 5.9 The medical consultant of the race recalls that it is the responsibility of the skipper to:
- Ensure that his/her medical condition is compatible with the constraints of the race,
  - Honestly inform the medical consultant of any pathology of which he/she is aware, likely to alter his/her safety or that of third parties during the race,
  - Provide the report of a cardiac ultrasound,
  - Provide the report of a stress test dating from less than 4 years,
  - Provide the medical form completed, with the date, the stamp and the signature of the MD guaranteeing the information requests, as well as the date and the skipper's signature.

The medical form can be downloaded on the race's website [www.lessables-lesacores650.fr](http://www.lessables-lesacores650.fr)

If the requested information are not received or insufficient, the skipper shall be considered ineligible for the race. The name and details of the medical consultant will be communicated as soon as possible.

All these medical documents must be sent to the medical consultant to the medical consultant's personal email **before May 17<sup>th</sup> 2024 – 00-00 am.**

If he/she deems necessary, the medical consultant may request additional examinations to assess the skipper's fitness to participate in the competition.

In view of the medical file's results, the medical consultant shall notify the skipper of his/her intention to issue an unfavourable opinion on his/her eligibility. In such a case, before any final decision, the skipper retains the possibility of requesting a second opinion from an expert appointed by the Federal Medical Committee (COMED). If the second opinion's conclusions are different from those of the medical consultant, they will be binding on the latter. If the conclusions are identical, the OA may refuse the entry of the Skipper to the entry list.

**5.10** In accordance with RRS 76.1, the OA or the Technical Committee may refuse or cancel an entry.

## **6 ENTRY**

**6.1** The opening of entries will be on **April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

All entries will be registered in the chronological order of receipt in accordance with the article R-10-e of the 2024 official texts of the Classe Mini 2024 6.50.

**6.2** Eligible boats must enter online by filling the form available on the race's website.

**6.3 To be considered as registered to the race,** a boat shall comply with all the entry requirements and **pay all the required entry fees within the time limits** detailed in NoR 7.1 before **June, 15<sup>th</sup> 2024 00:00 am** (proof of transfer).

**It is each skipper's responsibility to monitor the progress of his/her file and to prompt the intervention of the organization teams in good time.**

## **7 ENTRY FEES**

**7.1** Required entry fees are € 1 600 € (one thousand six hundred euros).

Overall payment shall be made before **June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 00:00 am.** Once this date passed, the skipper shall lose the spot in the chronological order of entry and shall end at the end of the waiting list.

Entry fees are allocated as follows:

- € 600 (six hundred euros) as an advance (including € 250 of un-refundable administrative fees), to pay to confirm the pre-entry and before **June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 00:00 am.**
- € 1000 € (one thousand euros) to pay before **June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 00:00 am.**

**7.2** Methods of payment:

**7.2.1** Via Hello Asso

<https://www.helloasso.com/associations/les-sables-d-olonne-vendee-course-au-large/evenements/inscription-sas-2024>

**7.2.2** By bank transfer

The bank certificate shall be email to: [sablesvendee.courseaularge@gmail.com](mailto:sablesvendee.courseaularge@gmail.com) ((The boat's number and the name of the skipper shall be mentioned in the subject of the transfer. Example: Mini 1242 Gaston LAGAFFE) Entry form and transfer of the entry fees shall be made before June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 (proof of payment).

**Boat number, skipper's name shall be mentioned in the subject of the transfer.**

Example :                      MINI 1242 Gaston LAGAFF advance  
Ou                                 MINI 1242 Gaston LAGAFF balance  
Ou                                 MINI 1242 Gaston LAGAFF entry fees

Bank account holder : LES SABLES D'OLONNE VENDEE COURSE AU LARGE Allée du frère Maximin – 85100 LES SABLES D'OLONNE IBAN : FR76 3000 3017 4200 0372 6054 025 BIC : SOGEFRPP
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**7.3** Entry fees can be reimbursed:

- In case of forfeit due to non-eligibility, excluded the un-refundable administrative file of €250.
- In case of withdrawal, reported only by mail or email before **Jun 11<sup>th</sup> 2024**, excluded the un-refundable administrative file of €250
- In case of forfeit for major cause **after Jun 11<sup>th</sup> 2024**, reported only by mail or email, and upon presentation of proof, excluded un-refundable administrative file of €250.
- excluded the un-refundable administrative file of €250 if the OA refuses the entry of a boat in accordance with the RRS 76.1.

- If still on the waiting list after **July 11th, 2024 00:00** excluded the un-refundable administrative file of €250.

**7.4** To compete in the race, each boat shall be equipped with:

- One tracker allowing the monitoring of the boat during the race
- A second transmitter/receiver tracker allowing contact via text messages between the skipper and the race management. Terms and limits of use of such tracker shall be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

These devices are exclusively supplied by the OA upon confirmation of the registration in Les Sables d'Olonne.

These trackers shall be returned to the OA at the arrival of the second leg in Les Sables d'Olonne. Any non-return or damage attributable to the skipper shall result in the immediate invoicing of the missing equipment, i.e. **€ 800 TTC** per tracker.

In the event of withdrawal, or non-return to France, the skipper shall send back the tracker at his/her own expenses, to the OA before **August 20<sup>th</sup> 2024**, or directly to the service provider.

## 8 ADVERTISING

**8.1** **[DP] [NP]** Boats must display the advertising elected and supplied by the OA.

**8.2** The fixing and maintain are under the skipper's responsibility until the prize giving ceremony in Les Sables d'Olonne.

**8.3** Upon confirmation of registration, the OA will supply:

- One race flag that each boat must display on her Starboard backstay (minimal height : 1,5m above the deck) from the launching of the village in Les Sables d'Olonne until the prize giving ceremony in Les Sables d'Olonne.
- A line of flags that each boat must display in the forestay.
  - In les Sables d'Olonne and until 0,2 NM beyond the exit channel,
  - After crossing the finishing line in Horta, during the whole stopover and up to leaving the port,
  - After crossing the finishing line in Les Sables d'Olonne and up the prize giving ceremony,
 The line of flags must remain on board for the whole duration of the race.
- 1 dodger to affix on the aft side of the lifelines:
  - In the starting, stopover and finishing harbours from the confirmation of registration to the prize giving ceremony,
  - In the area 25nm past the starting line in Les Sables d'Olonne and Horta,
  - In the area 25nm before the finishing line in Horta and Les Sables d'Olonne.
- Stickers like « Insigna » (subject to confirmation) for the MAINSAIL (luff) and genoa (head sail).  
The appendix « MARKING » specifies the location of such stickers.

**8.4** The OA may decide that the absence of one or more marks, dodgers or flags supplied after the confirmation of registration, may be subject to money penalties to the benefit of a charitable association. The skipper may be charged for any necessary additional sticker or dodger.

**8.5** All race flags shall be returned at the end of the race in Les Sables d'Olonne or as soon as possible for boats that do not finish the race. A financial penalty of € 25 per flag not returned will be applied. It is the skipper's responsibility to make sure that the OA duly register the return of these flags.

## 9 SCHEDULE

**9.1** Official hour of the schedules is local time (les Sables d'Olonne, Horta). The official hour of the race will be UTC.

### 9.2 Schedule in Les Sables d'Olonne

Date	Hour	
<b>Friday, July 12, 2024</b>	08:00 pm	<b>[DP] [NP]</b> Time limit for the boats to arrive in Port Olona Reception of the competitors
<b>Saturday, July 13 2024</b>	09:00 am 06 :00 pm	(*)Confirmation of registration and check of safety equipment (*) Welcome cocktail
<b>Sunday, July 14 2024</b>	10:00 am 13h00-18h00	(*) Safety Briefing #1 (24F) (*) Confirmation of registration and check of safety equipment
<b>Monday, July 15 2024</b>	09:00am 06 :00 pm	(*) Confirmation of registration and check of safety equipment
<b>Tuesday, July 16 2024</b>	9:00am-5:00pm 05:00 pm	(*) Second checks and check of safety equipment (*) Briefing #2 (Parade)

Date	Hour	
<b>Wednesday July 17 2024</b> LT: 08h02 – 2,26 m (coef. 38) HT 14h40 - 4,28 m (coef. 41) LT 20h29 – 2,17m	9:00am-5:00pm 07:00 pm	(**) Parade in the bay of Les Sables d'olonne (* ) Parade reception
<b>Thursday, July 18 2024</b>	11:00 am	(* ) Briefing #3 (weather course leg 1)
<b>Friday, July 19 2024</b> LT: 09h54 – 1,86 m (coef. 55) HT 16h17 - 4,74 m (coef. 60) LT 22h18 – 1,65m	11:00am-1:00pm 02:30 pm	Tow out of Port Olona <b>Start of leg 1: Les Sables d'Olonne – Horta (Azores)</b>

9.3 For safety reasons, the race management may:

- **decide an earlier start, no sooner than Wednesday, July 17, 2024.** Skippers will be informed of this change of starting date by an amendment published 2 days before the new date of start at 08:00pm at the latest.
- change the rest of the above schedule except the day of the start. Skippers will then be informed of the change of schedule by an amendment published the day before at 08:00 pm at the latest.

9.4 **Schedule in Horta (Azores)**

Date	Four	
<b>From July, 27</b>	-	Estimated arrival of the leaders (* )Skippers and boats must stay in Horta at least 72 hours after their arrival
<b>Friday, August 2</b>	TBD	(* ) Prize giving ceremony of leg 1
<b>Saturday, August 3</b>	TBD	(* ) Briefing #4 (weather, course leg 2)
<b>Sunday, August 4</b>	TBD	<b>Start of Leg 2: Horta – Les Sables d'Olonne</b>

9.5 For safety reasons, the race management may:

- **decide an earlier start, no sooner than Friday, August 2, 2024.** Skippers will be informed of this change of starting date by an amendment published 2 days before the new date of start at 08:00pm at the latest.
- change the rest of the above schedule except the day of the start. Skippers will then be informed of the change of schedule by an amendment published the day before at 08:00 pm at the latest.

9.6 **Estimated schedule for the arrival in Les Sables d'Olonne**

Date	Heure	
<b>From August, 12</b>	-	Estimated arrival of the leaders (* )Skippers and boats must stay in Port Olona at least 72 hours after their arrival
<b>Sunday, August 16</b>	TBD	(* ) Prize giving ceremony of leg 2 and of the event Les Sables – Les Açores – Les Açores 2024

9.7 **(\*) = mandatory attendance of the skippers.**

In the event of an infringement and the non-presence of the skipper, the latter may be summoned by the Jury [DP] [NP], unless he/she had the authorization of the Race Director. The absence of the skipper and of his/her boat, if applicable, during a mandatory time schedule event, as defined in the official schedule, will lead to a €200. A boat that will not be checked due to the absence of the skipper will not be allowed to start.

9.8 **(\*\*) There will be no ranking of the PARADE, but they are mandatory for both skipper and the boat..**

## 10 SAFETY EQUIPMENT CONTROLS

10.1 The skipper shall register before **July 11, 2024 at 06:00 pm** on the specific appointment schedule available online on the race's website.

10.2 [DP] [NP] Both the boat and the skipper must be present for the safety equipment control at the appointment made in accordance to article 10.1.

10.3 Equipment will be checked or measured according to the safety check form that will be online on the race's website before **July 11, 2024 at 06:00 pm**.

10.4 Some parts of the boat and equipment will be sealed before the start in Les Sables d'Olonne for the first leg, and in Horta for the second leg. The efficiency and quality of the seals shall be checked and endorsed by the skipper.



- 10.5** If any doubt, it is the skipper's responsibility to ask the technical committee for a new seal.
- 10.6** At the arrival of a leg, each skipper will be required to make his/her logbook available to the race management, the race Committee, or the Jury.

## 11 THE COURSES

- 11.1** The race Les Sables – Les Açores – Les Sables is sailed in 2 legs:
- 1<sup>st</sup> leg : Les Sables d'Olonne / Horta (Azores) 1270 nm
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> leg : Horta (Azores) / Les Sables d'Olonne 1270 nm
- 11.2** For safety reasons and/or fairness of the race, one or more stopover(s) may be organized on the 2024 Les Sables-Les Açores-Les Sables course by the Organization Committee and the race .
- 11.3** Competitors who did not finish one leg or have been disqualified will not be permitted to start the following leg. A boat that did not finish within the time limit shall be scored as DNF. Even if the leg is cancelled later on, the boats that retired or did not sail the course shall not be permitted to take the following start(s).
- 11.4** Parades shall be with 2 to 4 members' crew. Skippers may welcome guests on board. One place per boat shall be left at the OA's disposal. Everybody on board must hold a FFVoile sailing licence or equivalent.
- 11.5** Boats may anchor or moor anytime, at any place. Once the boat is anchored or moored in a harbour, repairs can be made and she can have supplies delivered. In accordance with RRS 42.3(i), the boat may be towed on a distance of maximum 2 nm to/from a harbour in case of stopover, providing she did not gain on the distance to the finishing line as a result of having being towed.
- 11.6** Limit time for each stopover cannot be less than **6** hours from the moment the skipper leaves the boat or the boat is anchored or moored to the moment the skipper and the boat go back to sailing.
- 11.7** On one leg, cumulated time of the stopovers cannot exceed **36** hours, from the moment the skipper leaves the boat or the boat is anchored or moored to the moment the skipper and the boat go back to sailing. Should a boat stop more than **36** hours in total, she will be scored as DNF for the leg.
- 11.8** Time limits to finish:
- Leg 1 : 84 hours after the 3<sup>rd</sup> finisher in each category.
  - Leg 2 : 84 hours after the 3<sup>rd</sup> finisher in each category.
- A boat that does not cross the finishing line within the time limit will be scored as DNF without hearing (this changes RRS 35, A4 and A5).

## 12 MANDATORY CHARTS AND DOCUMENTS

All the documents below summarize the requested areas/scales/type of documents. Equivalent charts/documents may be accepted.

### 12.1 Mandatory charts

AREAS	SHOM	IMRAY	NV CHARTS
Port des Sables d'Olonne	7411	C37 – C38 – C39 – C40 – C41	FR5 FR6 FR7 FR8 ATL1
De Quiberon aux Sables d'Olonne	7068		
De Penmarc'h à la Gironde	6990		
Golfe de Gascogne	7211	C18	
De Gijón à Cabo Ortegal	7599	C43	
De la Punta Estaca de bares à Cabo Finistere	7598	C48	
Des îles Sisargas à l'embouchure du Rio Mino	7597		
De la Manche à l'Archipel des Açores (routier)	6623	100	NV Pilot 5
Atterrages Ouest des Iles Britanniques	6618		
Archipel des Açores	7327	E1	ATL 3
7605 – Archipel des Açores (Groupe central)	7605		

### 12.2 ColRegs / tidees

Atlantic Bloc Marine, Almanach Breton (starting from Brest) + 2024 Reeds Nautical Almanac.

### 12.3 Nautical documents



Areas	Documents
France (Min. Brest to Hendaye)	Offshore Atlantic Bloc Marine - Almanach Breton Reeds Nautical Almanac
Spain	Bloc marine Espagne Portugal (from Hendaye to Cap Trafalgar + Madeira) Reeds Nautical Almanac
Azores	

### 13 PENALTY SYSTEM

[DP] A breach of rules other than RRS part 2, may, after a hearing, be given a penalty in time.

### 14 RANKINGS

#### 14.1 Legs ranking

Each leg will be ranked in two real time rankings: one PROTOTYPE and one SERIE, taking into account tie penalties or redresses, if any, decided by the Jury

#### 14.2 Overall ranking

Each overall ranking (Série and Prototype) will be done in real time, by addition for each boat of her racing times of all legs, taking into account tie penalties or redresses, if any, decided by the Jury.

14.3 The skippers with the shorter total time, in each ranking, will be declared winners. If there is a tie, it will be broken in favour of the skipper with the shorter time on the last leg (this changes RRS A.8).

14.4 The OA may decide to award other rankings or trophies. This will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

14.5 It is necessary to validate one leg to validate the competition.

### 15 BERTHING

15.1 Skippers must comply with the berthing plan set up by the OA and communicated in Les Sables d'Olonne from **July, 12<sup>th</sup> 2024**.

15.2 Boats are not allowed to leave the harbour and must be at the disposal at the OA **from July 12, 2024 at 08:00pm until the start**, unless authorized in writing by the race management, the race committee and the technical committee.

15.3 Berthing in Port Olonna is free of charge from **July, 4<sup>th</sup> 2024** until the start of leg 1 and from the arrival of leg 2 till **August, 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024** for boats registered in the 2024 Les Sables-Les Açores – Les Sables.

### 16 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

[DP] [NP] From **July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 06:00 pm** boats cannot be hauled out, unless provided by a prior written authorization from the race committee and technical committee.

### 17 DECISION TO RACE

17.1 RRS 3 says « the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone ». By entering the race, each competitor accepts and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks/ These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather conditions, equipment failures, mis-handlings of the boat, error in navigation from other boats, loss of balance on an unstable area and fatigue, leading to an increased risk of injury. The risk of material and/or physical injury is therefore inherent in sailing in competition.

17.2 Consequently, by agreeing to participate in the race or continue racing, the competitor discharges the OA from any liability in the event of damage (material and/or physical).

### 18 PRIZES

18.1 The 2024 race Les Sables – Les Açores – Les Sables 2024 is part of the Championnat de France de Course au Large en Solitaire Mini 6.50 « Prototype » and « Série », awarded by the FFVoile (Classe Mini rules apply: [www.classemini.com](http://www.classemini.com)).

18.2 Prizes will be distributed as follows:

- First 3 of each category SERIE and PROTO for each leg and overall rankings
- OA may decide other prizes and trophies.

18.3 Winners of each category (SERIE and PROTO) Mini will allocate « Good Perf » trophies during the prize giving ceremony.

### 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 personal data of participants:** 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](mailto: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 USE OF LOGO - COMMUNICATION - IMAGE RIGHTS**

- 20.1** The official name of the race is "LES SABLES – LES AÇORES – LES SABLES 2024".
- 20.2** The OA shall change and/or complete the name. In such a case, skippers will be informed and shall update their communication.
- 20.3** Any registered boat agrees to respect the name of the race when communicating and promoting. The use of the logo of the race is free of rights for the registered boats within their own promotion up to **December 31, 2024**. The OA shall be informed of such a use. [DP].
- 20.4** Skippers will have access to the photos taken by the ORGANIZER in low definition (1200 pixels max.) only to illustrate their networks and without the possibility of downloading by the media. It is mandatory to use the photos without modification , with the credit as listed as below:
- 20.5 The credit of the Race Official photographers is mandatory and must be written such as follows:**  
© Initial of name. last name (of the photographer) / LSOVCL – SAS 2024  
Example : © V. Olivaud / LSOVCL – SAS 2024
- 20.6** Images that one SKIPPER shots during the event are his/her complete property.  
These images can be distributed via the video server by the Production, in close collaboration with the RACE's press team, for use free of rights « news » and free of charge.
- 20.7** You can download your RFB on the race's website and use it to make your own film. Each image belonging to the race must bear the official Mini Transat logo and must be credited as follows:
- 20.8 The credit of the Race Official videographers is mandatory and must be written such as follows:**  
© Initial of name. last name (of the videographer) / LSOVCL – SAS 2024  
Example : © B. Simpson / LSOVCL – SAS 2024
- 20.9** It is forbidden to modify an image (cropping, zooming, deletion of the logo or credit ...)
- 20.10** Recommendation to the skippers :  
Have on board at least one camera with power supply with images at the following format:  
16 : 9 HD 720P/ 25 images/seconds (1280x720)  
This camera should allow audible sound recording.

## **21 RESPONSABILITÉ DE L'AO**

- 21.1** The OA may, in case of force majeure or if the safety of competitors requires so, decide to cancel the continuation of the race. Cancellation for force majeure or for safety reasons or for any reason independent of the organizer's powers shall not be ground for any reimbursement of entry fees or for any other financial allowance. This will apply in case of, but not limited to exceptional weather conditions, war actions, attacks, rapt, fire, floods, strike or block-out of maritime equipments, epidemic or pandemic, for which the origin is completely independent of the powers of the OA
- 21.2** Responsibility of the OA:  
Sailing is an activity presenting some risks and offshore racing is an activity incidentally perilous. Any person considering to participate in the race either as a competitor or other, shall do it in accepting the risks resulting from such an activity and knowing that this participation might incur damages or loss.  
The responsibility of the Organizer and his partners is limited to ensure the fairness of the competition. Any other responsibility that the organizers would accept should be only contractual and explicit.

Particularly :

- The checks performed by the OA, either from its own initiative or on request of the competitor or any other body, are aimed only to ensure that rules and race documents have been complied with.
- The watch and specially radio watch, the monitoring with the trackers that the OA may organize and perform, are to be considered by the skipper as hazardous and not compulsory, and in no way as an additional security on which they can rely.
- Any request made to a member of the OA will not imply any civilian liability except if the OA explicitly accepted this responsibility, either itself either for one of its officers, officially accredited on that effect. This is in particular the case for diverse requests for help, including at-sea assistance.

**21.3** The OA should not be considered as responsible for any indirect loss, real or alleged, whatever would be the situation, faced by whoever, participant, owner, sponsor, mecene or other interested party, and this total absence of responsibility will not be limited to the only loss of benefits, of opportunities, of business, of publicity, of reputation (or the opportunity to improve the reputation) or any financial loss, whatsoever.

**21.4** The OA should not be considered responsible towards the participants in the race or other persons for any loss, damage or expenses of any kind, real or supposed ,resulting from a force majeure , including, but not only any natural disaster, war, military action, earthquake, accident, material failure, insurrection, exceptionally bad weather, tsunami, flood, hurricane, tornado, drought, thunder hit, fire, explosion, workers strike, social conflict, lightning, or authorizations refusal from the government, from national or international sailing bodies, from administrations of Equipment, telecommunications, or delay in delivery, production,

**21.5** The OA has no obligation to organize operations of rescue either onshore or offshore. Participants are also reminded of the obligation to give help to another boat or competitors in distress (Fundamental RRS 1.1). As much as possible, Rescue and Assistance at sea are governed by the international conventions.

**21.6** Acceptance of the rules:

The event is a sport event. Any problem will be dealt with in accordance with the RRS. The fact to lodge an entry form implies that the skipper and his (her) family and entourage renounce the resort to any jurisdiction not provided by the RRS. (See fundamental rule 4). No request for damage compensation would be valid and granted. Consequently, the OA shall accept no responsibility for any implied breach of contract along usual lines, written or otherwise, nor for negligence; and shall not be held responsible for any loss or injury (whatever the cause or circumstance), or for any dereliction of duty, misrepresentation and so on.

**21.7** Person in charge :

Whatever would be the judicial links between the skipper and the boat owner(s), only the skipper officially identified on the entry form will be the person in charge responsible towards the OA (See RRS 46).

**21.8** Decision to race :

Each skipper participates in the race at his (her) own risks and acknowledges that the responsibility for the decision to participate or to continue racing is his (hers) sole responsibility. It is the only responsibility of the skipper to decide to participate in the race in function of his (her) competence, of the state of the boat and rig, of the weather conditions predicted or met during the race, of his (her) own fitness and medical state and so on...

Any advice or information supplied by the OA, e.g. weather forecast or advice consequent to boat inspection is given purely indicative and it remains the only responsibility of the skipper to check the predictable weather conditions and his (her) equipment.

Neither the OA nor its associates would accept any liability regarding advice or information they might be subject to supply.

**21.9** Skipper's responsibility

The skippers are, each of them for what they are concerned for, personally responsible for any accident, material or human that can occur to themselves, to the boats, or that they can cause to any third party or to any good belonging to a third party. They are due to subscribe all insurances necessary to cover possible injury, loss, damage or other consequence. In addition, each participant should be able to present proof of such insurance wearing the possible clause of exclusion and details of compensation to any third party with whom he (she) could be subject to make contact in the scope of the race or other associated events.

The skipper is responsible towards the OA for the subscription of all the insurances needed to cover the third-party liability for a minimum total amount of 2 million euros.

Without this insurance, the skipper shall not be permitted to start the race and the entry fees of the boat will remain the OA's property. The absence of a third-party liability would not transfer any responsibility to the OA or its supports.

**21.10** As an essential requirement to enter the race, the skipper shall provide the OA with the waiver form duly signed, through which he (she) renounces to any resort against the OA, its mandated agents and its insurers, as worded in the appendix.

### **21.11 Retirement from the race**

In case of retirement of a competitor, and as soon as this competitor is safe in a port or shelter, confirmed by the race director, the OA will not accept any more responsibility regarding the repatriation of the skipper and of his (her) boat.

## **22 CONTACTS**

### **Les Sables d'Olonne Vendée Course au Large**

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## APPENDIX PRESCRIPTIONS FEDERALES

FFVoile Prescriptions to RRS 2021-2024 (translated for non-francophone 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 88.2** (*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](http://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](mailto: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 MARQUING (R-18 of 2024 Guide Mini)

Specific areas for the OA

