

**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**DÉFI AZIMUT LORIENT AGGLOMÉRATION – 2024**  
**Edition**

The notation (OA) means Organising Authority.

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat cannot protest (No Protest) another for breach of this rule. This is a change to RRS 60.1(a).

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

**Prevention of violence and incivility.**

The FFVoile highlights the fact that sporting events are first and foremost a space for exchange and sharing, open and accessible to one and all. As such, competitors and those persons accompanying them are asked to behave in a courteous and respectful manner at all times, both on land and on the water, irrespective of the origin, gender or sexual orientation of the other participants.

**Ukraine Crisis**

Following the aggression displayed against Ukraine, the FFVoile took the decision on 2 March 2022 not to allow the participation of Russian or Belarussian competitors in any competitions right across France.

## **1/ ORGANISATION**

The Défi Azimut Lorient Agglomération is a yacht race created by the company Azimut and supported by the company Défi-Suroît.

The Défi Azimut Lorient Agglomération is a race open to IMOCA Class boats and forms part of the IMOCA GLOBE SERIES championship 2024.

This sports event takes place from 10 to 15 September 2024, under the aegis of the French Sailing Federation (FFVoile) and with the support of the Centre Nautique de Lorient, the affiliated club.

The Défi AZIMUT comprises three nautical events: the RUNS AZIMUT (in crewed format), the 48H AZIMUT in single-handed configuration accompanied by an onboard reporter (OBR) and the TOUR DE GROIX AZIMUT (in crewed format).

The starts of these races are launched in Les Coureaux de Groix.

During the event, entertainment geared around the offshore racing industry is organised in the port of Lorient La base.

## **2/ RULES**

The event will be governed by:

1. Regulations such as those set out in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
2. The IMOCA Class rules 2025
3. The Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) Category 2

2.4 Part B, section II of the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) when it replaces the RRS Part 2: IRPCAS applies, day and night, to the exclusion of the following zones where IRPCAS solely applies between the standard times for sunset and sunrise:

- On the day of the start, from the start zone to 30 miles after the start line.
- On the day of the finish within a 30-mile circle centred around the finish line.

5. The official time for the event is local time in France.
6. In the event of a translation of this NOR, the French text shall prevail.
7. The following RRS have been modified:
  - RRS 48.1 (Limitations on equipment and crew): modified as follows: "boats may carry spare equipment during the race subject to written authorisation from Race Management and in compliance with the Class Rules."
  - RRS 55.2 (Spinnaker Poles; Whisker Poles): does not apply.
  - RRS 54 (Forestay and headsail tacks): does not apply.
  - The following RRS will be modified in the SI:  
RRS 44.1 (Taking a penalty)  
RRS 61 (Protest requirements)
8. Entry in the Défi Azimut Lorient Agglomération entails full and unreserved acceptance of all the provisions of this Notice of Race. The OA reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race if changes prove desirable for the safety and/or sportsmanship of the race.

### **3/ SAFETY RULES [DP][NP]**

1. Prior to every event, each boat shall report to the Race Committee or Race Management via VHF (call sign). Return call sign: a boat which finishes is deemed to have signed in.

A retiring boat shall report to the Race Director, who will report the retirement to the Race Committee.

2. The VHF channel used when racing is 77. Dual monitoring on 77/16 is compulsory throughout the event.

- 3.3 Everyone aboard an IMOCA must wear a personal flotation device from the moment they exit port until they return to port (this is a change to RRS 40).

For racing in the RUNS AZIMUT and the 48H AZIMUT the deck is defined by all the exterior elements of the boat. This means that it is mandatory to wear a lifejacket when the skipper, the co-skipper or the OBR are not protected by a coachroof or a cockpit.

- 3.4 For each boat and every event, a crew list will be given to the organiser of the Défi Azimut Lorient Agglomération, which will pass it on to the Race Director and Race Committee.

### **4/ ELIGIBILITY**

1. The event is open to IMOCA Class boats.
2. The 48H AZIMUT is reserved solely for active members of the IMOCA Class and the boat must have a valid IMOCA 2024 certificate for the Défi Azimut.
3. The Défi Azimut Lorient Agglomération features three events:

- The **RUNS AZIMUT** Grade 5A FFVoile (crewed)
- The **48H AZIMUT** Grade 4 FFVoile (single-handed)
- The **TOUR DE GROIX AZIMUT** Grade 5A FFVoile (crewed)

Participation in sports competitions organised or authorised by the FFVoile is not subject to the presentation of a medical certificate for grade 5A, 5B and 5C events. An FFV (French Sailing Federation) licence is however compulsory.

Participation in sports competitions organised or authorised by the FFVoile is subject to the presentation of a medical certificate for grade W, 1, 2, 3 and 4 events. To fulfil this obligation, each competitor shall present one of the FFVoile licences below upon registration:

- Club '**Competition**' Licence
- Club '**Practice**' Licence, accompanied by a medical certificate with no contraindications to the practice of sailing, sport or the discipline in question in competition, dating less than one year
- **Temporary** Licence accompanied by a medical certificate with no contraindications to the practice of sailing, sport, or the discipline in question in competition, dating less than one year

4. The '**RUNS AZIMUT**' (**Grade 5**) shall be raced with a crew of 5 to 8 persons, including one compulsory 'Guest' figure organised by Azimut.

Race Management may modify the number of crew permitted according to the weather conditions.

5. The '**48H AZIMUT**' (**Grade 4**) is a single-handed course with an OBR\* spanning a minimum of 500 nautical miles. This looped circuit of the Atlantic setting sail from Lorient forms part of the IMOCA Globes Series Championship 2024.

On Board Reporter means 'journalist on board'.

\*Definition: Their role is as described in the official IMOCA document (<https://www.imoca.org/mediacenter/uploads/definition-de-l'obr2.pdf?version=5afd4049>)

The IMOCA Class Sports Committee will decide whether the 48H Azimut will be raced single-handed, double-handed with a crew member on watch and with an OBR before 4 July 2024.

An OBR must be present aboard. Their application, filed by email no later than 31 July, will be validated by the sports committee and Race Management.

The OBR shall have a valid FFVoile 'competition', 'practice' or 'temporary' licence. (cf 4.3). Within the context of a non-competition licence, s/he shall present their medical certificate with no contraindications to the practice of competitive sailing for the 48H event (grade 4).

S/he shall provide a deliverable that is free to broadcast: images, audio, texts, or videos (2 minutes per 24hrs or 4 minutes in all, in two sends: 1 per 24hrs) sent to the OA.

6. The **TOUR DE GROIX AZIMUT TIME TRIAL (Grade 5):**

The Tour de Groix shall be raced with a crew of 5 to 8 persons, including one compulsory 'Guest' figure organised by Azimut.

Race Management may modify the number of crew according to the weather conditions.

The format of this event: a time trial or a race, will be set out in the Sailing Instructions.

The crew list will be uploaded to the registration platform on the Défi website with the valid FFVoile licence number (temporary licence possible) for each crew member, prior to 10 September.

- parental authorisation for under-18s.

## **5/ COMPOSITION OF THE REGISTRATION FILE**

**A registration form is available on the website**

<https://inscription.defi-azimut.net/>

**Registration will be deemed valid once the registration fees have been paid.**

**All the documents, which need to be supplied to the organiser and the IMOCA Class shall be received prior to 2 September.**

Registration will be completed by a subscription to Class IMOCA 2024 and the uploading of the following valid documents in the online IMOCA member space:

- A copy of the boat's insurance certificate.
- A copy of the advertising card for sponsored French boats.
- A valid World Sailing training certificate (Sea survival training and Premier Secours Mer /Offshore First Aid) for the skipper

Upon registration, overseas competitors or competitors of French nationality living overseas (every crew member) without an FFVoile licence must present:

- Proof they belong to a National Authority that is a member of World Sailing,
- Valid proof of civil liability insurance with minimum cover of 2-million Euros,
- A medical certificate with no contraindications to the practice of competitive sailing, dating less than one year (drafted in French or English), as well as parental authorisation for under-18s.

It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the progress of their file and prompt any intervention by the organisation teams in due time.

The registration amount is set at €3,600 excl. VAT, or €4,320 incl. of all taxes.

**The payment can be made online during registration**

**or by bank transfer:**

IBAN: FR76 1380 7006 2732 4211 5259 027 SWIFT (BIC) address: CCBPFRPPNAN



BANK CODE	SORT CODE	ACCOUNT NUMBER	PERSONAL CODE (BANK DETAILS)
13807	00627	32421152590	27

## **6/ PROGRAMME**

### ***Programme subject to modification.***

The boats and skippers (or the skipper's representative) shall be expected from 9 September 2024 and shall be at the OA's disposal no later than **10 September 2024 at 15:00 hours** in the port of Lorient la Base or the port of Kernevel as allocated.

### **Monday 9 September 2024 RECEPTION AT THE PORT LA BASE & TECHNICAL PREPARATION**

Arrival of the boats throughout the day

### **Tuesday 10 September 2024 OPENING & OFFICIAL SOIRÉE**

10:00 – 17:00 hrs: Conferences (programme to be announced on the [defi-azimut.net/fr](http://defi-azimut.net/fr) website)

15:00 hrs: Deadline for the arrival of the boats

16:00 hrs: Safety briefing for pilots of Support RIBs / Assistance boats (SRA)

19:00 – 23:00 hrs: Opening ceremony for the Défi Azimut Lorient Agglomération with the skippers, followed by a cocktail supper (compulsory presence of the skippers)

### **Wednesday 11 September 2024 RUNS AZIMUT**

08:30 hrs: Reception for the groups and the press

09:30 hrs: Skippers' RUNS briefing at La Cité de la Voile, open to the press (course, weather, SURLO application) Competitors presence compulsory

10:15 hrs: Official photos - Competitors presence compulsory

10:45 hrs: Departure from port

12:00 hrs: Opening of the start line for the runs

19:00 hrs max: Closure of the start line for the runs

20:00 hrs: Prize-giving for the runs - Compulsory presence of the competitors

### **Thursday 12 September 2024 SINGLE-HANDED 48H D'AZIMUT**

08:30 hrs: OBR briefing

09:00 hrs: Reception for the Imoca Sponsors / Organisers of the IMOCA circuit

10:00 hrs: Skippers' briefing – Compulsory presence of the skippers

14:00 hrs: IMOCAs depart port

15:30 hrs: Start of the 48H

### **Friday 13 September 2024 LES ATELIERS - AUDELOR-EUROLARGE WORKSHOPS**

From 09:00 to 18:00 hrs (upcoming programme on the [defi-azimut.net/fr](http://defi-azimut.net/fr) website)

**Saturday 14 September 2024**  
**RETURN OF THE 48H & CREW EVENING**

10:00 - 18:00 hrs: Arrival of the boats

19:00 hrs: Prize-giving for the 48H race – Compulsory presence of all the competitors

20:00 hrs: Crew evening

**Sunday 15 September 2024**  
**TOUR DE GROIX AZIMUT & PRIZE-GIVING**

11:00 hrs: IMOCA's depart port

12:30 hrs: Start or line opening of the Tour de Groix Azimut\* Depending on event format see 4.6

17:30 hrs: Prize-giving – Compulsory presence of the competitors

**7/ COMMUNICATION INFORMATION:**

7.1 A press space will be available at Le Karré in the Cité de la Voile Éric Tabarly from Tuesday 10 September to Sunday 15 September inclusive.

7.2 Use of content made available by Azimut

Participants will be permitted to use the Défi Azimut's logo and (free to distribute) 'text, photo, video' content for their internal and external communication.

**8/ COMPULSORY PRESENCE [NP][DP]**

The boats' participation is compulsory for the 3 events (RUNS, 48H, Tour de Groix).

The presence of the skippers and OBR is required for briefings, the official photo, official soirées and prize-givings.

**9/ COMMUNICATION**

The official online noticeboard can be viewed at the address:

<https://www.defi-azimut.net/>

**10/ BRANDING ON THE BOATS [DP][NP]**

The boats shall display the advertising chosen and supplied by the OA. If this rule is infringed, World Sailing regulation 20.9.2 applies.

This branding shall be installed and it will be the skipper's responsibility to display it through until the prize-giving.

Azimut flag branding for the Défi Azimut Lorient Agglomération races.

The boats shall display the following branding:

- Two race flags (either on each shroud or on each running backstay, according to the following dimensions: 2 m x 1.5 m)

This branding shall be installed in the port of Lorient La Base and the port of Kernevel from Tuesday 10 September through until the end of the Défi Azimut

Lorient Agglomération. It will be in position for all the events in port, but not at sea, other than the 2 race flags, which shall be displayed up to 20 miles after the start and 20 miles before the finish in Lorient.

## **11/ SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

These will be published on the race website <https://www.defi-azimut.net/> on 5 September and emailed on this date to the competitors signed up for the race.

## **12/ PENALTY SYSTEM**

1. RRS 44.1 is modified so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn penalty.
2. A breach of the rules may, upon investigation, incur a time penalty, which may extend to a disqualification.

## **13/ RANKING**

There will be several rankings:

- The RUNS AZIMUT.
- The 48H AZIMUT
- The Tour de Groix AZIMUT.

## **14/ HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Boats must not be hauled out during the event unless they are subject to and under the terms of prior written authorisation from the Race Committee.

## **15/ PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded for each event.

## **16/ INSURANCE**

The affiliated club must take out an insurance policy covering its civil liability in accordance with articles L 321.1 and D 321.1 of the Sports Code.

The Défi Azimut Lorient Agglomération must take out an insurance policy covering its civil liability for its activity.

## **17/ ESTABLISHING RISK**

RRS 3 stipulates that: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By participating in this event, each competitor accepts and acknowledges the fact that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks involved. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather conditions, faulty equipment, errors in manoeuvring the boat, other boats sailing badly, loss of balance on an unstable surface and fatigue, leading to an increased risk of injury. Therefore, the risk of material and/or bodily damage is inherent to the sport of sailing. As a result, by agreeing to participate in the race or to remain racing, the competitor

is personally responsible for all (material and/or bodily) damage, the organising authority accepting no liability for such damage.

## **18/ SPECIFIC RULES ON THE RACE ZONE [DP]**

In accordance with the local administrative rules, all sailboats shall comply with the special instructions relating to the movement of vessels in and around Lorient harbour and appearing in the Sailing Instructions or their appendices.

## **19/ IMAGE AND APPEARANCE PRIVACY RIGHTS**

The image privacy rights belong to Défi Suroit and Class IMOCA.

By participating in this event, the competitor automatically grants the company Défi-Suroit and its partners and Class IMOCA the perpetual right, without compensation of any kind and at their discretion, to produce, use and show, in any related broadcast, any image of the competitor or their boat that is taken or filmed during the Défi Azimut Lorient Agglomération competition in which they are competing.

Use of participants personal data:

By participating in this competition, the competitor and their legal representatives agree to and authorise the FFVoile and its sponsors to use and store their personal data free of charge. This data may be the subject of publications by the FFVoile and its sponsors. The FFVoile in particular, as well as its sponsors, may use this data to develop software for marketing purposes. In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), any competitor having passed on their personal data to the FFVoile can exercise their right of access to their own personal data, have them rectified and, according to the situation, deleted, restricted and objected to, by emailing [dpo@ffvoile.fr](mailto:dpo@ffvoile.fr) or by writing to the Fédération Française de Voile's headquarters explaining that the request relates to personal data.

## **20/ ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### ***For the sake of visibility:***

The organisation's boats will be equipped with Défi Azimut Lorient Agglomération flags so that they can be identified.

Every team shall be equipped with an Azimut flag on its Support RIBs/ Assistance boats (To be picked up at the RIB pilot briefing).

The organisation is making available the following on-the-water craft:

- A committee boat
- A pin-end line boat
- Safety RIBs

***Refer to the instructions from the harbour office at 'Lorient La Base' or Kernevel for organisation in port.***

***The race zones and safety regulations for the 'RUNS AZIMUT', '48H AZIMUT' and 'Tour de Groix Azimut' will be outlined in the SI.***

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## FEDERATION PRESCRIPTIONS APPENDIX

### 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: [https://arbitrage.ffvoile.fr/media/sfmjof1n/imprime\\_appel.pdf?guid=11779&name=webinaire-formation-continue-arbitres](https://arbitrage.ffvoile.fr/media/sfmjof1n/imprime_appel.pdf?guid=11779&name=webinaire-formation-continue-arbitres)