



CRUISER-RACER SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2021-2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS  
DEFI AZIMUT-LORIENT AGGLOMERATION  
2024 edition

From 10 to 15 September 2024

The official language is French; the French ICs take precedence over the English version.

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

This sports event is run under the aegis of the Fédération Française de Voile (FFVoile) and with the support of the Centre Nautique de Lorient (CNL), the affiliated club.

*The notation [NP] (No Protest) in a rule in the Sailing Instructions (SI) means that a boat cannot protest another for breach of this rule. This is a change to RRS 60.1(a). The notation [DP] (Discretionary penalty) in a rule means that the penalty for breach of this rule may, at the jury's discretion, be less than a disqualification.*

## 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The IMOCA Class rules 2024.
- 1.3. OSR 2023 – 2024.
- 1.4. Part B, section II of the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) when it replaces the RRS Part 2 rules: between the standard times for sunset and sunrise (local time).
- 1.5. The RRS Part 2: The RRS Part 2 applies up to 30 miles after the starting line and 30 miles before the finishing line. They are replaced by Part B (Steering and Sailing Rules) of the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) for those parts of the course sailed at night and for the rest of the course.
- 1.6. To enforce Regulation 20 of the World Sailing (WS) – Advertising Code, boats will be required to display advertising selected and supplied by the organisation.
- 1.7. In the event that these SI are translated, the French text shall prevail. The official time for the event is local time in France.
- 1.8. All the following RRS are 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 (Forestays 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)
- 1.9 [DP] An infringement of RRS 28 will result in a discretionary penalty (This changes RRS A5.2)
- 1.10 **The Notice of Race (NOR) and amendments to the NOR apply.**

- 1.11 Sports events are above all a space for exchange and sharing, which is accessible to all. As such, competitors and support persons are asked to behave in a courteous and respectful manner under all circumstances, regardless of the origin, gender or sexual orientation of other participants or support persons. A competitor or support person who does not respect these principles may be penalised under RRS 2 or 69.

## 2. MODIFICATIONS TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Before the start: Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be published no later than two hours before the warning signal for the race where it comes into force, unless there is a change to the race schedule, which will be published before 20:00 hours on the evening before it takes effect.

- 2.2 After the start:

2.2.1 According to the latest weather forecasts received during the race, Race Management may, in agreement with the Race Committee, make changes to the course at the waypoints defined in the course appendix. There may be several course changes.

2.2.2 To report a change to the course, Race Management will send all the competitors a message via email and WhatsApp.

The message will indicate the new course to be sailed by adding or removing course marks.

Competitors shall acknowledge receipt of this information. Competitors are responsible for checking any changes to the course.

This course is to be sailed from the course mark where the change of course has been indicated. This changes RRS 33.

## 3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The offices for the event's general organisation, Race Committee, Technical Committee and Jury are located at...
- 3.2 The Race Management team can be contacted from Monday 9 September at 10:00 hours to Sunday 15 September at 20:00 hours.
- 3.3 The Official Notice Board is available on the official race website:  
<https://www.defi-azimut.net/fr/le-defi/documents>
- 3.4 Where possible, the information will also be emailed to the skippers and project managers and sent to a dedicated event WhatsApp group.
- 3.5 On the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with the competitors using VHF channel 77.

## 4. CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] [NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable requests made by the race officials.

## 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. The signals made ashore are hoisted on the flag staff located level with the pontoon access. The staff will display an AZIMUT flag.
- 5.2. Once the Answering pennant is hoisted, the warning signal cannot be displayed less than 90 minutes after the Answering pennant is removed (this changes Race signals).

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES, BRIEFINGS AND PRIZE-GIVINGS

Le DEFI AZIMUT – LORIENT AGGLOMERATION consists of three events:

- The RUNS AZIMUT (crewed) (grade 5A)
- The 48H AZIMUT (single-handed accompanied by an OBR (On-Board Reporter) and a look-out is permitted and may be present aboard) (Grade 4).
- The TOUR DE GROIX (crewed) (grade 5A)

## **This programme changes the Notice of Race**

**Monday 9 September 2024**

### **RECEPTION AT THE PORT & TECHNICAL PREPARATION**

Arrival of the boats throughout the day

**Tuesday 10 September 2024**

### **OPENING & OFFICIAL SOIRÉE**

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

**17:00 hrs:** Skippers' briefing at the Cité de la Voile Hall Pen Duick – ***Compulsory presence of the skippers***

**18:00 hrs:** Safety briefing for pilots of Support RIBs / Assistance vessels (SRA) and additional RIBs (SRC) at the Cité de la Voile – Auditorium- ***Compulsory presence of the pilots for all the accredited vessels***

**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

**10:30 hrs:** Skippers' RUNS briefing at La Cité de la Voile ***Compulsory presence of the skippers.***  
Open to the press (course, weather, SURLO application).

**11:15 hrs:** Official photo ***Compulsory presence of the skippers.***

**12:30 hrs:** Docking out

**14:00 hrs:** Opening of the starting line for the runs.

**18:00 hrs:** Closure of the starting line for the runs.

**19:00 hrs:** Return to land and Prize-giving in front of the 727 Sailbags shop.

***Compulsory presence of the skippers.***

**Thursday 12 September 2024**

### **SINGLE-HANDED 48H AZIMUT**

**09:00 hrs:** OBR briefing

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

**11:00 hrs:** Skippers' briefing ***Compulsory presence of the skippers.***

**13:00 hrs:** IMOCA's dock out

**15:00 hrs:** Start of the 48H

**Friday 13 September 2024**

### **EUROLARGE/BDI/Lorient Technopôle workshops**

**From 09:00 to 18:00 hrs**

## 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 ***Compulsory presence of the skippers***

**20:00 hrs:** Crew evening

## Sunday 15 September 2024

### TOUR DE GROIX & PRIZE-GIVING

(Record held by Vincent Riou in 1h 08" 10')

**11:00 hrs:** IMOCA's dock out

**12:30 hrs:** Start/opening of the line for the Tour de Groix Azimut.\* According to event format CF 4.6

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

On the final day of racing, no warning signal will be given after 15:00 hrs.

#### 7. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag is the IMOCA class flag.

#### 8. RACING AREAS

The location of the racing areas is set out in [APPENDIX 2 – RACING AREAS](#).

#### 9. COURSES

- 9.1. The courses are described in [APPENDIX 3 – COURSE DESCRIPTIONS](#), including the order in which the marks must be passed and to which side each mark must be left and the indicative length of the courses.
- 9.2. The 48H Azimut course: No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee will display the D flag if the course comprises an offset mark. It will display the green flag to indicate that it must be rounded by leaving it to starboard. In the absence of a green flag, it must be rounded by leaving it to port (this changes Race signals).
- 9.3. The official ranking at a mark: The Race Committee may shorten a race for any of the reasons set out in RRS 32.1 and validate the race using the order of arrival at the last official position report at one of the mark roundings set out in [APPENDIX 3 – COURSE DESCRIPTIONS](#) (this changes RRS 32). The methods for applying these are set out in [APPENDIX 1 – OFFICIAL RANKING AT A MARK](#).
- 9.4. The courses, the gates or rounding marks where the course may be shortened are detailed in [APPENDIX 3 – COURSE DESCRIPTIONS](#).

#### 10. MARKS

- 10.1. The marks denoting the start, course, offset, course change and finish are detailed in [APPENDIX 3 – COURSE DESCRIPTIONS](#).
- 10.2. A Race Committee boat signalling a change to the leg of a course is a mark.
- 10.3. Missing mark: in the proven absence of a course mark from the buoying system, and in the absence of a boat displaying an 'M' flag, the skippers must pass the geographical position of this mark in terms of 'latitude and longitude', as referenced in the SHOM's official marine documents. They shall pass this position in line with the measures set out in the RRS 28.

#### 11. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1. Areas considered to be obstructions, areas prohibited to navigation (set out in marine documents), protection zones around divers' boats and any areas forbidden to navigation by the SI.
- 11.2. It is the skippers' responsibility to find out which areas are prohibited or regulated.

## 12. THE START

- 12.1. The description of the starting line is set out in **APPENDIX 3 – COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**
- 12.2. The 48H AZIMUT and the TOUR DE GROIX:  
The starts are given by enforcing RRS 26.

Signal	Flag and Sound signal	Minutes before the start
Warning	IMOCA flag and 1 sound signal	8
Preparatory	'P' flag and 1 sound signal	4
Minute	'P' flag removed and 1 long sound signal	1
Start	IMOCA flag removed and 1 sound signal	0

- 12.3 Individual recall: [DP] - [NP]

**OCS:** According to World Sailing's Test Rule DR21-01, when a boat does not take the start in line with the definition 'Start', she shall not return to the pre-start side of the starting line. She will receive a **1-hour** time penalty without a hearing for the **48H** and **15 minutes** for the **Tour de Groix**. This penalty must be **taken** in line with the methods detailed in the SI 14.2.2, in the **first 12 hours** of racing for the **48H** and in the **first half hour** for the **Tour de Groix**.

Where possible, the OCS competitors will be alerted as soon as possible via VHF on the race channel (77), and/or via a Race Committee boat.

## 13. COURSE CHANGE, SHORTENING OR ABANDONING A RACE

In the cases set out in RRS 32.1 and to enforce RRS 90.2:

The Race Committee will be able to shorten, change a course or abandon a race, which is under way. Race Management or the Race Committee may be required to provide specific instructions to which the skippers must comply.

These notifications or instructions will be transmitted to the skippers via VHF or Iridium or GSM phone, or WhatsApp + email by Race Management, who shall acknowledge receipt. Skippers will then have to comply with verbal instructions.

A shortening or change to the course may be made at a course mark set out in these Sailing Instructions or to one or at virtual marks positioned in longitude and latitude. This changes RRS 32 and 33.

## 14. THE FINISHES

- 14.1 The description of the finishing lines is set out in **APPENDIX 3 – COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**
- 14.2 [DP] If the Race Committee is absent when a boat finishes, the crew must report their finish time at the first reasonable opportunity to the Race Committee, together with their position in relation to those boats nearby.
- 14.3 [DP] Competitors shall announce their arrival to the Défi Azimut Race Committee via VHF channel 77 at least 5 miles before crossing the finishing line of the 48H AZIMUT race.

## 15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 In the event of a breach of a rule in Part 2 of the RRS or a rule from Part B of IRPCAS when it replaces Part 2, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn penalty.
- 15.2 Alternative penalties for infringement of rules other than those in RRS Part 2 or a rule of Part B of the IRPCAS when it replaces Part 2.
- 15.3 A breach of the rules other than RRS 31 and the rules of Part 2 or a rule of Part B of IRPCAS when it replaces Part 2 may, after a hearing, be sanctioned by a penalty ranging from 10% of the number of entries to disqualification.
- 15.4 These penalties are counted as a percentage of the number of entries and will be calculated as set out in RRS 44.3(c).

## 16. TIME LIMITS FOR THE 48H AZIMUT & TOUR DE GROIX AZIMUT

'48H Azimut': the finishing line will close on Saturday 14 September 2024 at 23:59 hrs.

'Tour de Groix Azimut': the finishing line will close on Sunday 15 September 2024 at 16:00 hrs.

## 17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 The deadline for protests is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or after the Race Committee signals no more racing that day, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the Official Notice Board. In the 48H AZIMUT, for boats finishing on Saturday 14 September after 19:00 hours, any protest shall be lodged between 9:00 and 9:30 hours on Sunday 15 September.
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available from Race HQ and also on the online ONB in the Jury file.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest deadline to inform competitors of hearings to which they are party or are named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located near the marquee. They will begin at the time posted on the ONB.
- 17.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or the jury will be displayed to inform boats according to RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.5 On the last day of the regatta, a request for redress or reopening of a hearing shall be lodged:
- Within the protest deadline if the party requesting redress or reopening is informed of the decision on the previous day.
  - No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening of a hearing has been informed of the decision on the same day or, for a request for redress, after the decision has been displayed. This changes RRS 66 and 62.2.

## 18. RANKINGS

The rankings are points rankings

There will be 3 official rankings:

- = The RUNS AZIMUT
- = The 48H AZIMUT
- = The TOUR DE GROIX

A special prize will be awarded to the OBR, who has garnered the most votes from Internet users for photo and/or video competitions.

## 19. SAFETY RULES [DP] [NP]

- 19.1 Prior to every event, each boat's crew shall report to the Race Committee or Race Management via VHF if it is not taking the start of the race.
- 19.2 A boat which is abandoning the race shall report this to Race Management as soon as possible at [dc@defi-azimut.net](mailto:dc@defi-azimut.net) or phone No.: +33(0)6 80 07 62 20 Race Management will immediately report this to the Race Committee.
- 19.3 The VHF channel used when racing is **VHF channel 77** and dual monitoring on VHF channel 16 is compulsory during the race.
- 19.4 For the 48H AZIMUT and the TOUR DE GROIX, competitors must turn on their AIS system throughout the duration of the race (emitting and receiving),
- 19.5 **Wearing a personal flotation device:**  
Wearing a personal flotation device is compulsory on the deck of the boat (this changes RRS 40).
- 19.6 For each boat and each event, a crew list will be passed on to the organiser of the DEFI AZIMUT - LORIENT AGGLOMERATION, who will in turn pass this on to Race Management.
- 19.7 Traffic in the channels and passages around the citadel in the port of Lorient:  
There are some constraints for navigating the passage around the citadel and the Lorient roadstead. These are detailed in [Appendix 4 – Various information](#).

## 20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 [DP] Substitution of crew is not allowed without prior approval from Race Management.
- 20.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed without the approval of the President of the Technical Committee. Requests for substitution must be made to them at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 20.3 Race Management may change the number of crew according to the weather or sanitary conditions.

## 21. MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATE AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT

### 21.1 **Measurement certificate**

Boats shall have a valid IMOCA 2024 measurement certificate.

### 21.2 **Safety equipment**

Each boat shall have on board the safety equipment required by the regulations in force (IMOCA Class Rules and OSR Cat. 2).

Safety equipment checks may be carried out on boats.

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## 22. OFFICIAL VESSELS

The official vessels are identified by AZIMUT flags.

## 23. SUPPORT PERSONS

- 23.1 [DP] [NP] Support persons shall stay outside the starting area from the time of the preparatory signal through to the starting signal or if the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 23.2 [DP] [NP] The support vessels shall be identified in the following way: AZIMUT flag.
- 23.3 The regulations governing the conditions for an intervention by support persons are those applied to FFVoile competitions.
- 23.4 The speed limit is 10 knots in the areas around the RUNS and Starts.
- 23.5 [DP] [NP] Support vessels shall carry:
- Lifejackets (minimum 50N) worn at all times by all those aboard
  - A VHF
  - A knife
  - A suitable anchor and anchor warp
  - A floating towing warp measuring 10 mm in diameter and 15 m in length
  - A circuit breaker device in the event of a fall, which must be connected to the pilot while the engine is running (notably in line with division 240).

The pilots of the support vessels must comply with any request from the race officials or representatives of the Organising Authority, particularly those providing assistance.

The support vessels must adhere to the navigation rules in force locally, particularly with regards to speed limits in the different areas.

## 24. ADVERTISING

The boats must sport Azimut branding, supplied by the OA, namely 2 Azimut flags (one on each side on the shrouds). These shall be displayed from Tuesday 10 September 2024 – 18:00 hours through to Sunday 15 September 2024 at 20:00 hours.

## 25. TRASH DISPOSAL

[DP] Any trash shall be kept on board and disposed of at the finish in the containers provided in port.

26. **BERTHING**  
[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in port. Race Management may intervene regarding the berthing according to the context (arrival order, weather...)
27. **HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**  
[DP] [NP] Boats must not be hauled out of the water throughout the duration of the Défi AZIMUT unless they have special written consent to do so from Race Management and the Race Committee.
28. **DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**  
[DP] [NP] Their use will be in line with local regulations (port area, etc.).
29. **PRIZES**  
The prize-giving for the Runs Azimut will take place at the end of day of speed runs, on Wednesday 11 September 2024 at 19:00 hours, in front of the 727 Sailbags shop.  
The prize-giving for the 48H Azimut will take place on Saturday 14 September 2024 at 19:00 hours at TR racing.  
The prize-giving for the Tour de Groix will take place on Sunday 15 September 2024 at 17:30 hours, dockside at **Lorient La Base**.
30. **DECISION TO RACE**  
A competitor is solely responsible for their decision to race or remain racing. As a result, by agreeing to race or remain racing, the competitor relieves the Organising Authority of any responsibility in the event of damage (material and/or physical)

**DESIGNATED RACE OFFICIALS**

President of the Race Committee: Gilles BRICOUT ([gilles.bricout@orange.fr](mailto:gilles.bricout@orange.fr) )

President of the Jury: François LOZACHMEUR ([françois.lozachmeur@orange.fr](mailto:françois.lozachmeur@orange.fr))

President of the Technical Committee: Thomas Marmonteil ([tmarmonteil@gmail.com](mailto:tmarmonteil@gmail.com))



## APPENDIX 1 – OFFICIAL RANKING AT A MARK

The Race Committee may shorten a race for any of the reasons mentioned in RRS 32.1 and validate the race using the finishing order at one of the rounding marks mentioned in **APPENDIX 3 – COURSE DESCRIPTIONS** for the last official ranking (this changes RRS 32).

**If a Race Committee boat displaying '2nd substitute'** (this changes Race signals) is close to one of the marks specified below, the mark and the Race Committee boat form a gate where an official ranking of the boats will be made.

**If a virtual gate** is defined by two points in the race, an official ranking of the boats will be made with the positioning beacons and the boats shall pass through this gate, respecting the required sides (stated in the Appendix Course descriptions), before continuing racing.

**The competitors shall pass through this gate and continue racing.**

If the Race Committee decides thereafter to abandon the race, it will display flags 'S over H' with two sound signals and, if necessary, the relevant 'Series flag' (this changes Race signals) meaning: "The race is abandoned and the last official ranking will be used for the finishing order. The Race Committee will confirm these arrangements via VHF or any other means of communication, phone, email or WhatsApp. The 48H Azimut race may be shortened for weather reasons. If the Race Committee decides on a change of course or a race abandonment, the communication will be made via email, WhatsApp or phone, at which point the use of the Race Committee boat's signals will not be compulsory.

Any event likely to be grounds for a protest and occurring after the last official ranking will not be taken into account, and no boat can be penalised, except as a result of an action according to a Fundamental Rule or to RRS 69."

List of marks where an official ranking may be made:

GPS positions provided for informational purposes.

South Cardinal Les Chats, WGS84: 47°35'80 North and 3°23'50 West

East Cardinal Edouard de Cougy, WGS84: 47°37'93 North and 3°23'89 West

**'Waypoint Azimut 1 Gauthier Sergent'**

**'Waypoint Azimut 2'**

**'Waypoint Azimut 3'**

**APPENDIX 2 – RACING AREAS**

(The GPS position is the central point in each starting area – informative only)  
 The starting and finishing area for the **RUNS AZIMUT** are located in the Courreaux de Groix.

Below, for information only, is the position given for the centre of the area.  
 WGS84: 47°40'540 N / 003°28'200 W

The starting area for the **48H AZIMUT** will be:  
 either located in the Courreaux de Groix

WGS84: 47°38'600 N / 003°22'070 W,

or to the south-west of the Pointe du Talut

WGS84: 47°41'00 N / 003°30'00 W

The choice of starting area will be announced at the same time as the course.

The finish of the **48H AZIMUT** will be located to the south-west of the Pointe du Talut

Below, for information only, is the position given for the centre of the area.

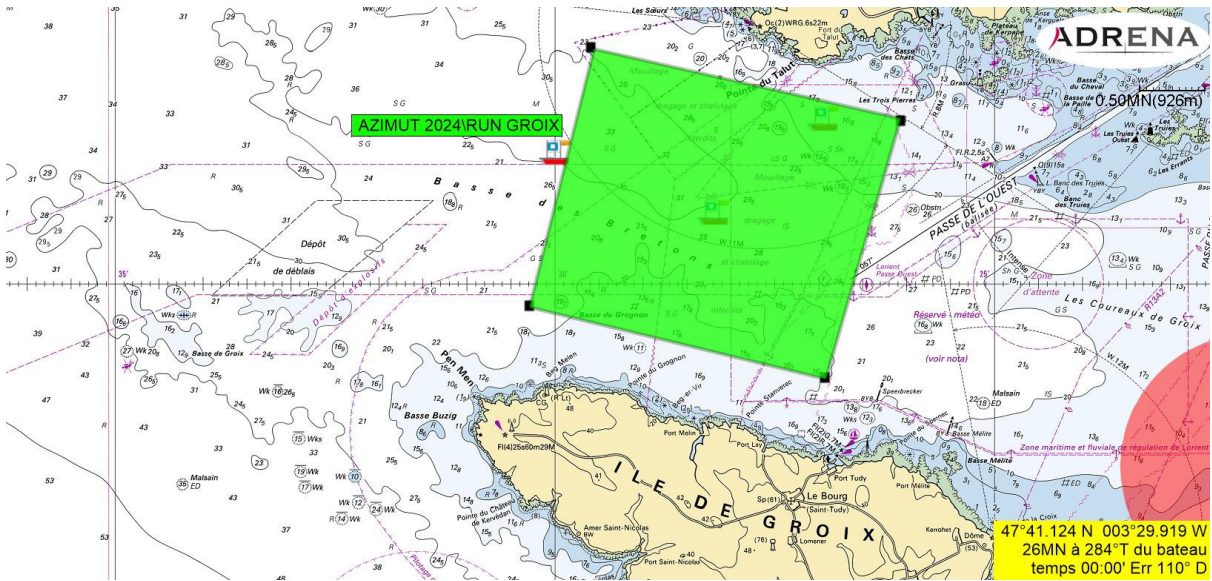
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The starting and finishing area for the **TOUR DE GROIX AZIMUT** will be located to the south-west of the Pointe du Talut.

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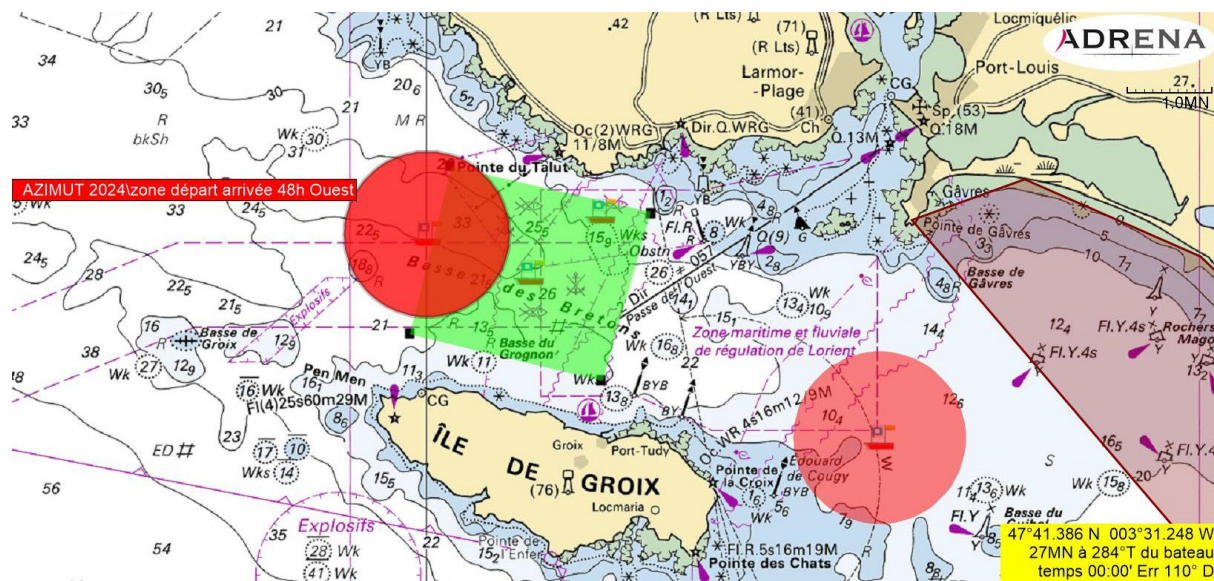
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**Area for the Runs**

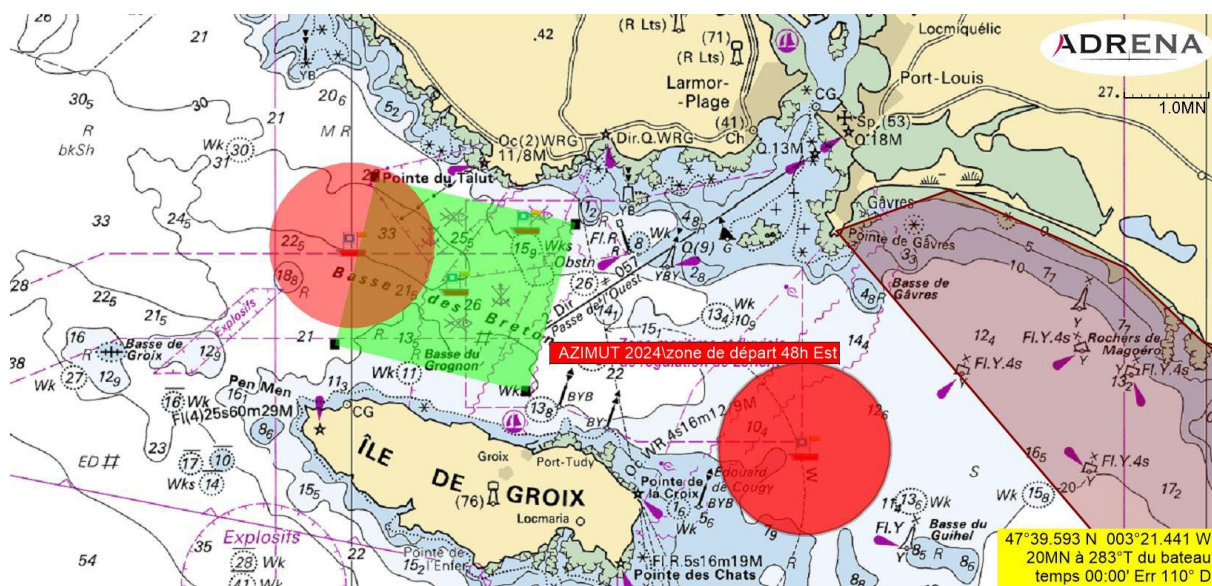


Ordre	Waypoint	Position
1	RUN A	47°39,830 N 003°30,290 W
2	RUN B	47°41,810 N 003°29,590 W
3	RUN C	47°41,250 N 003°26,070 W
4	RUN D	47°39,280 N 003°26,930 W

Starting area 48H West



Starting area 48H East





## APPENDIX 3 – COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### A3.1 DEFINITION OF THE COURSE MARKS:

Starting mark: yellow jumbo PLASTIMO buoys.  
Finishing mark: yellow jumbo PLASTIMO buoys.



### A3.2 RUNS AZIMUT - BRITTANY

The method for the Runs passage will be announced during the Skippers' briefing on Tuesday 10 September at 17:00 hours

The area for the Runs is located: See chart

The principle behind it is a course beam onto the wind measuring around 1.3 nautical miles long.

**A3.2.1** To alert boat crews to the fact that the time slot for performing runs is open, an Orange flag will be displayed on the Race Committee's start boat with a sound signal upon the opening of the line.

Each competitor shall report via VHF (77) to the Race Committee's start boat 1 minute before crossing the starting line of the Run and the Race Committee will confirm that they are authorised to start.

The Race Committee will give its consent to take the start once the previous boat has completed its attempt or signalled that it has abandoned its attempt.

**A3.2.2** The starting line will open from 14:00 hours and close at 18:00 hours.

#### **Organisation of the speed runs:**

A crew of 5 to 8 people including a compulsory 'Guest' star arranged by Azimut. The competitors will be divided into 3 pools.

#### **A3.2.3 The starting line:**

The starting line will be marked by a yellow jumbo PLASTIMO buoy to be left to port and an Orange flag displayed on a staff on the Committee boat to be left to starboard.

A mark (inflatable buoy) will be moored close to the axis of the line at a distance that is greater than the length of the Committee boat.

This mark ranks as the starting mark and must be left on the same side as the Race Committee boat. It is prohibited to pass between this mark and the Race Committee boat.

#### A3.2.4 The finishing line:

The finishing line will be marked by a yellow jumbo PLASTIMO buoy to be left to port and a Blue flag displayed on a staff on the Committee boat to be left to starboard.

A mark (inflatable buoy) will be moored close to the axis of the line at a distance that is greater than the length of the Committee boat.

This mark ranks as the finishing mark and must be left on the same side as the Race Committee boat. It is prohibited to pass between this mark and the Race Committee boat.

**A3.2.5** The Runs area is a polygon with a buoy at each corner. This area is exclusively reserved for the boat that has taken the start and its support RIB, which must remain astern of the boat.

The starting area is an area that is 100 m deep reserved for the competitor who takes the start. Motorboats are prohibited in this area.

The finishing area is an area that is 100 m deep reserved for the competitor who finishes and clears the line. Motorboats are prohibited in this area.

Competitors wishing to have another attempt at the record will have to head back to the starting area by sailing to leeward of the Runs area, before requesting the Race Committee's consent.

#### A3.2.6 Operation

The crew list will be emailed to Race Management no later than Tuesday 10 September 2024 at 19:00 hours (local time), with, for each member of the crew, the valid FFVoile licence number (temporary licence possible).

**It is compulsory to wear a lifejacket aboard the race boats from the moment the boat casts off until her return to the race dock.**

**The teams shall provide the 'AZIMUT' guests with a lifejacket and helmet.**

Race Management will be able to modify the number of crew according to the weather conditions.

**A3.2.7** Support vessel safety / Speed limit:

- The Organising Authority, in the interests of respecting environmental and safety requirements, will apply a 10-knot speed limit to all vessels in the vicinity of the START BOX and the RUNS, aside from the RIB supporting the boat carrying out its run.
- For safety reasons it is forbidden to enter the Runs area, Starting area and Finishing area, and to come within 50 metres of the boats that are attempting to set a record.

[DP] Failure to comply with these safety rules by the Teams' support RIBs (SRA) and the Teams' additional RIBs (SRC) may result in the cancellation of their IMOCA run.

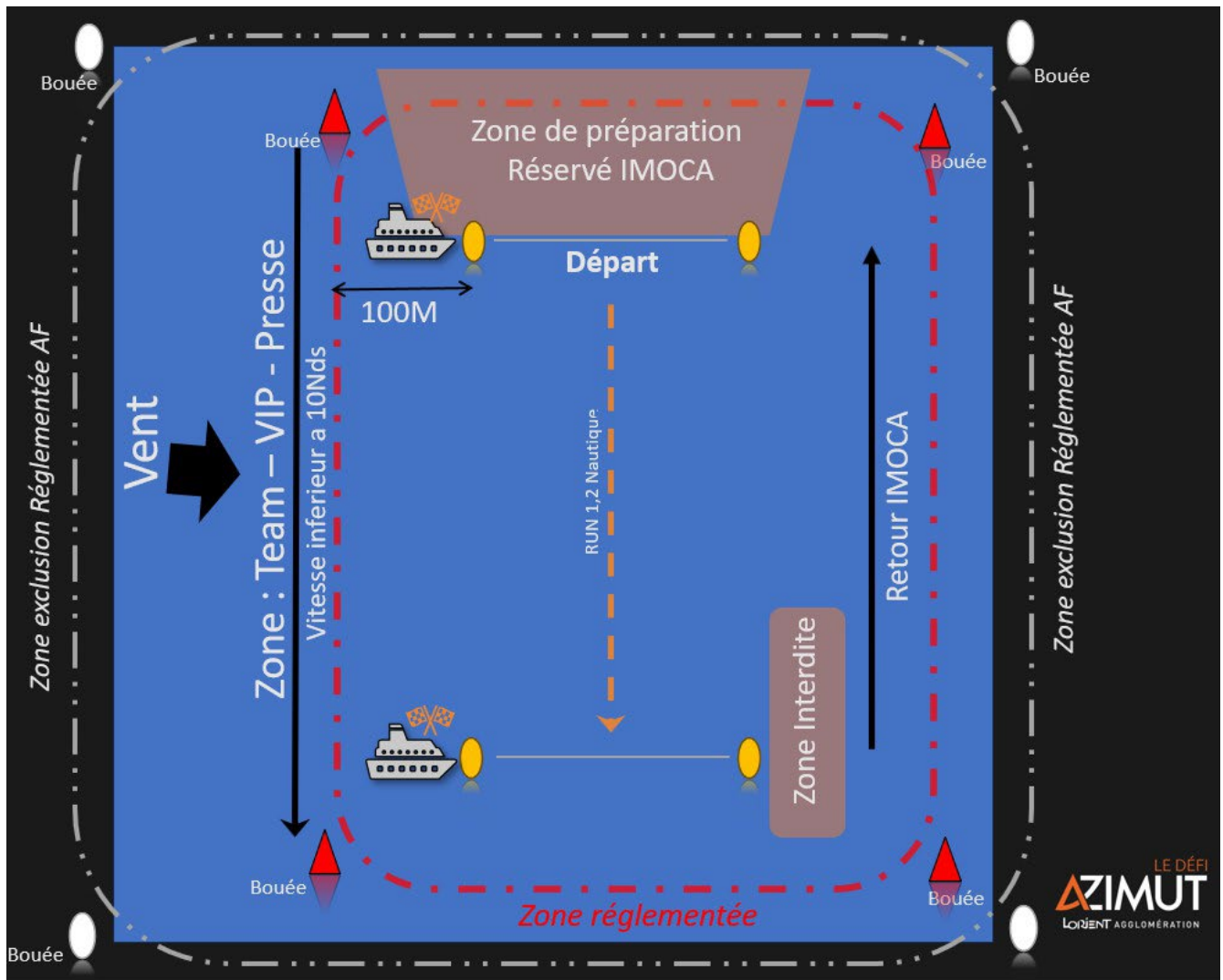
The SRAs and SRCs, in agreement with their team, are free to follow their IMOCA after exiting the run area.

The list of SRA and SRC pilots for each team shall be submitted to Race Management using the link below.

[Registration link for the SRs](#)

The number of RIBs is limited to a maximum of 1 SRA and 3 SRCs per team.

Compulsory presence of the pilots in person at the pilot briefing on Tuesday 10 September at 16:00 hours at the Cité de la Voile, Lorient.



### A3.2.8 SURLO mobile application

During the RUNS AZIMUT event, competitors will have to activate tracking on the application.

The times will be recorded and visible in real time via the SURLO mobile application (available on Android and iOS).

Instructions on how to install the SURLO app together with the unique connection logins will be emailed to each competitor the week before the event.

At the end of the briefing, those who form part of the Azimut organisation will be available to assist competitors with installing and activating the SURLO app.

One person on board must ensure that the SURLO app is active and in 'tracking' mode throughout the duration of the event.

### A3.3 THE 48H AZIMUT

A course is offered up to competitors in line with the weather forecast. The position of the waypoints Azimut 1 Gauthier Sergent, 2 and 3 may be modified according to how the weather evolves. The course will be confirmed no later than Wednesday 11 September during the briefing.

**A3.3.1** To inform boats that a race or sequence of races is about to begin, an Orange flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

**A3.3.2** The starting line will be marked by a yellow jumbo PLASTIMO buoy to be left to port and an Orange flag displayed on a staff on the Committee boat to be left to starboard.

A mark (inflatable buoy) will be moored close to the axis of the line at a distance that is greater than the length of the Committee boat.

This mark ranks as the starting mark and must be left on the same side as the Race Committee boat. It is prohibited to pass between this mark and the Race Committee boat.

#### **A3.3.3 The start for the 48H Azimut race**

Any boat that cannot take the start within 30 minutes of the starting signal shall notify Race Management before these 30 minutes have elapsed. (Any boat not complying with this rule will be scored DNS). After this point and with the consent of Race Management, it will have 3 hours to take the start (the GPS coordinates of the starting line will be given to the competitor who will have to cross the line within these marks). This changes SI 12.

**A3.3.4** The finishing line will be marked by a yellow jumbo PLASTIMO buoy to be left to port and a Blue flag displayed on a staff on the Committee boat to be left to starboard.

A mark (inflatable buoy) will be moored close to the axis of the line at a distance that is greater than the length of the Committee boat.

This mark ranks as the finishing mark and must be left on the same side as the Race Committee boat. It is prohibited to pass between this mark and the Race Committee boat

On Saturday 14 September 2024, from 18:00 hours, it will be marked by a virtual line, defined by two points corresponding to the actual position of the finishing line marks. These two points will be forwarded to the Race Director once the line is in place and the information shared with the competitors. An official ranking of the boats will be made with the Yellow Brick positioning beacons and the boats must cross this line respecting the required sides and finish the race.

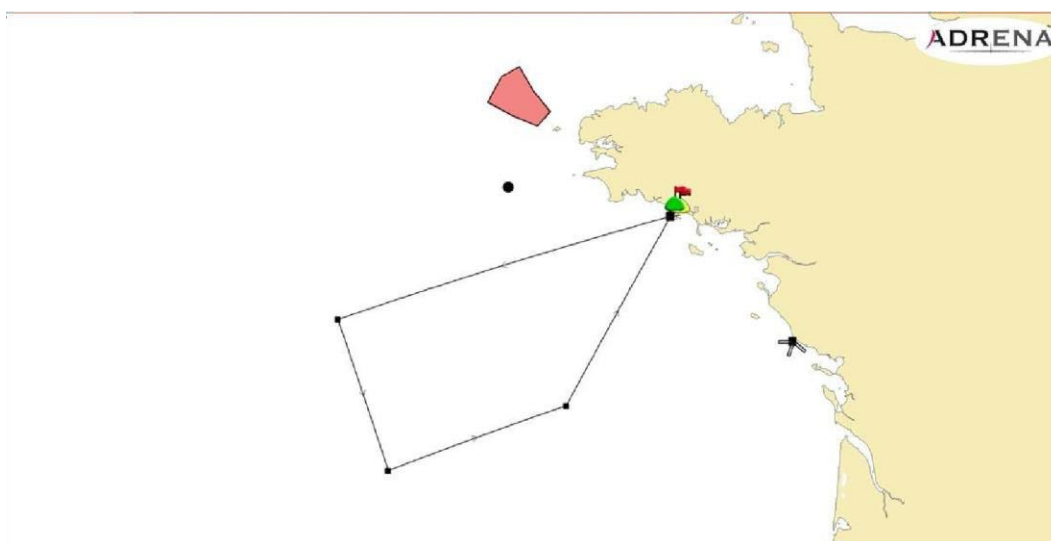
#### **A3.3.5 Finishing procedure**

Once the boat is around 5 nautical miles from the finishing line, each skipper must notify the Race Committee via VHF, on the race channel (77), about their imminent passage across the line. The skipper must continue calling until the Race Committee acknowledges receipt.

A self-check-in must be carried out upon arrival, on Saturday 14 September 2024 after 18:00 hours or, in the event that the Race Committee boat is absent, an SMS must be sent to +33(0)6 80 07 62 20 or an email to: [dc@defi-azimut.net](mailto:dc@defi-azimut.net)

#### **A3.3.6 Finishing line closure**

The finishing line will be closed on Saturday 14 September 2024 at 23:59 hours  
Example of DOUBLE 48H course



## A3.4 TOUR DE GROIX

**A3.4.1** To inform boats that a race or sequence of races is about to begin, an Orange flag will be displayed with a sound signal at least five minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

**A3.4.2** The starting line will be marked by a yellow jumbo PLASTIMO buoy to be left to port and an Orange flag displayed on a staff on the Committee boat to be left to starboard.

A mark (inflatable buoy) will be moored close to the axis of the line at a distance that is greater than the length of the Committee boat.

This mark ranks as the starting mark and must be left on the same side as the Race Committee boat. It is prohibited to pass between this mark and the Race Committee boat

**A3.4.3** A boat which does not take the start within 10 minutes of the starting signal will be scored DNS (this changes the RRS A4 and A5).

**A3.4.4** The finishing line will be marked by a yellow jumbo PLASTIMO buoy to be left to port and a Blue flag displayed on a staff on the Committee boat to be left to starboard.

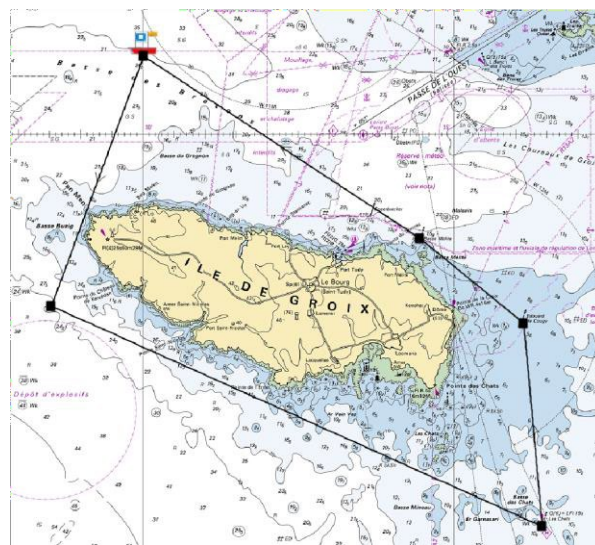
A mark (inflatable buoy) will be moored close to the axis of the line at a distance that is greater than the length of the Committee boat.

This mark ranks as the finishing mark and must be left on the same side as the Race Committee boat. It is prohibited to pass between this mark and the Race Committee boat.

**A3.4.5** Course.

GPS positions provided for informational purposes

- 1- Start
- 2- Round Pointe de Pen-Men leaving it to port
- 3- Round South cardinal mark 'Les Chats' leaving it to port  
47°35'80 North and 3°23'50 West
- 4- Round East cardinal mark 'Edouard de Cougy' leaving it to port  
47°37'93 North and 3°23'89 West
- 5- North cardinal mark 'Basse Méliste' to be left to port  
47°38'84 North and 3°25'54 West
- 6- East cardinal mark 'Speerbrecker' to be left to port  
47°39'10 North and 3°26'34 West.
- 7- Finish:



**A3.4.6** SURLO mobile application

During the Tour de Groix, competitors shall activate the SURLO tracking application



### NAVIGATION IN THE ROADSTEAD

Sailing in the channels and citadel passage:

When entering or leaving Lorient roadstead, competitors shall under all circumstances give way to engine propelled vessels which have priority (according to IRPCAS). It is compulsory for competitors to pass astern of these ships.

In addition, when in the Citadel passage, competitors shall obey the light signals.

Sailing in the channels

It shall be as close as possible to the outer right limit of the channel (Rule 9: IRPCAS).

ROW in the channels

Sailboats and vessels measuring less than 20 m in length shall not impede the passage of larger vessels (Rule 9b).

A vessel shall not cross a channel if, in doing so, it interferes with the passage of a major ship (Rule 9c).

Maximum speed

15 knots between the turrets of Les Truies and La Jument.

10 knots in the roadstead from La Jument turret.

Signals on the Port Louis citadel mast

3 flashing lights:

**Red:** ROW shipping in the opposite direction (give way).

**Green:** ROW shipping in the same direction (ensure you do not hinder the vessel's progress).

### RECOMMENDATIONS

If you are not racing, use of the engine is advised to avoid tacking in the narrowest part of the channels. Any competitor not complying with these ROW rules and hindering a ROW vessel (stand-on vessel according to IRPCAS) may be disqualified from all the racing if protested by the Race Director or Race Committee.

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## APPENDIX 6 – CREW LISTS

- For the runs: No later than Tuesday 10 September 2024 at 19:00 hours (local time)
- For the Tour de Groix: No later than Saturday 14 September 2024 at 17:00 hours (local time)

## APPENDIX 7 – START DECLARATIONS

Nom du Bateau (*Name of the Boat*):  
N°(*No.*)

Je soussigné(e), *I the undersigned*:

chef de bord du bateau ci-dessus désigné, déclare sur l'honneur que je suis engagé(e) dans la course « Defi Azimut » de mon plein gré, en acceptant sans restriction ni réserve les Règles de Course à la Voile de World Sailing, l'Avis de Course de l'épreuve, les règlements de jauge et de sécurité et les Instructions de course, ainsi que tout avenant rendu nécessaire.

*Skipper of the above boat, declare on my honour that I have entered the 'Defi Azimut' race by my own free will, and I fully agree, without restriction, to be bound by World Sailing's Racing Rules of Sailing, the Notice of Race for the event, the Safety and Special Regulations and the Sailing Instructions, and any necessary amendment.*

Je sais que la course à la voile peut être dangereuse.

*I know that competitive sailing can be dangerous.*

Je déclare savoir que la sécurité de mon bateau relève de ma seule et inaliénable responsabilité, que je fais le nécessaire pour que le bateau soit prêt à affronter le mauvais temps, que le bateau possède tout l'équipement de sécurité nécessaire et que je connais la manière de m'en servir.

*I declare that I know that the safety of my boat is my sole and inalienable responsibility, that I have prepared the boat to confront adverse weather conditions, that there is all the proper safety gear on board the boat and that I know how to use it.*

Je désigne à la Direction de Course les personnes suivantes joignable H24:

*I designate the following persons to Race Management, who may be contacted 24/7:*

1er(st) Personne(Person's) Nom (Name), Prénom (Surname):

Tél domicile :  
*Home phone:*

Tél bureau :  
*Office phone:*

Tél portable :  
*Mobile phone:*

2eme(nd) Personne(Person's) Nom (Name), Prénom (Surname):

Tél domicile :  
*Home phone:*

Tél bureau :  
*Office phone:*

Tél portable :  
*Mobile phone:*

Référent communication (Communications contact)

Nom (Name), Prénom (Surname):

Tél domicile :  
*Home phone:*

Tél bureau :  
*Office phone:*

Tél portable :  
*Mobile phone:*

Je déclare enfin que je prendrai, avant le départ, connaissance des prévisions météorologiques et qu'il m'appartient de prendre ou non le départ de l'épreuve, ou de la continuer.

*I declare that, prior to the start, I shall familiarise myself with the weather forecasts and I note that it is solely my decision whether or not to start the race, or to continue racing.*

Je décharge de toute responsabilité les organisateurs et toute autre personne physique ou morale participant à l'organisation de cette épreuve à quelque titre que ce soit.

*I agree that organisers and persons and companies working for or on their behalf are not responsible in any way for loss of life or injury to the skipper or others, or for the loss of, or damage to any vessel or property.*

Fait à (*Signed in*) Lorient le (*on*):    /    / 2024

Signature du Chef de bord (*Skipper's signature*):

## **APPENDIX 8 – SAIL DECLARATION**

Declaration to be made on PAPER or via EMAIL by no later than the PCT at the Start Briefing on Thursday 12 September 2024 at 10:00 hours.

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