

NOTICE OF RACE
METRIC CHALLENGE 2023
2nd French Open Metric Atlantic
Organized by Centre Nautique de Lorient
8mR – 6mR– 5.5mR
Grade 5A -26th to 29th May 2023
Port-Louis – Morbihan – France

- 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.
- - Depending on the evolution of the health crisis, the Organizing Authority may modify the conditions of the Notice of Race without notice.

Preamble :

Prevention of violence and incivilities :

The FFVoile reminds us that sporting events are above all a place for exchange and sharing, open and accessible to all.

In this respect, competitors and accompanying persons are asked to behave in all circumstances, on land and on the water, in a courteous and respectful manner regardless of the origin, gender or sexual orientation of the other participants.

1 RULES :

The Regatta shall be governed by:

- 1.1: The rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, (RCV), 2021-2024,
- 1.2: national prescriptions, translated for non French-speaking competitors, in joined appendix named "prescriptions",
<http://espaces.ffvoile.fr/media/67747/prescription-federales-gbr.pdf>
- 1.3: the federal regulations,
- 1.4: part B, section II of the IRPCAS (International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea) when they replace the rules of part 2 of the RRS,
- 1.5 : in case of translation of this Notice of Race, the French text will prevail.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 : The French Open Metric Atlantic regattas are open to the 8mR, 6mR, 5.5mR classes, (and other metric class as may be decided by the Atlantic Metric Association).
- 2.2 : All boats must be in good standing with their national authority, of category A-B-C design according to the EC standard or, for boats of earlier design, at least in the 1st-2nd-3rd and 4th category of navigation or equivalent.
- 2.3 : Boats with French registration must have the safety equipment provided for the navigation area of Division 240.
- 2.4 : Boats without a French registration must be in good standing with their national legislation in force

REGISTRATION:

- 3.1 : Competitors (each member of the crew) having a FFVoile licence must produce when registering :

For each competitor of legal age in possession of an FFVoile Club Licence :

- a valid FFVoile Club licence mentioning "competition" or "pratiquant ».

For each minor competitor in possession of an FFVoile Club licence:
- a valid FFVoile Club licence mentioning "competition" or the FFVoile Club licence mentioning "membership" or "practice" accompanied by the questionnaire relating to the state of health of the minor athlete.

For each competitor without a FFVoile Club licence, whether foreign or French national living abroad shall produce for registration:

- A supporting document to justify membership to a World Sailing Member national authority,
- A supporting document to justify a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 2 million Euros.

For minors, a questionnaire related to the health condition of the minor competitor

3.2 : For boat registration:

The boat's valid measurement certificate (or an old one, provided that the skipper certifies that no modification has been brought to the boat and its sails).- AMA or the heads of the French class associations reserve the right to validate registration of a boat without a Measurement Certificate.

The boats shall comply with the international measurement criteria and regulations in force, established by the international associations of the classes

The owner or skipper is responsible for the compliance of his boat with the rules of fitting out, equipment and safety prescribed by the laws, decrees and regulations of the boat's national flag authority.

If necessary, authorization to use advertising.

4.1 : Registrations can only be done via Internet on CNL website

<https://www.cnlorient.com/evenements/open-de-france-metrique>

Registrations must be accompanied by the required registration fee.
Payment by credit card or bank transfer accepted.

Eligible boats shall :

Read the instructions on the website www.challengemetrique.fr

Pre-registration is mandatory by returning the "Logistics" form set in the page www.challengemetrique.fr

or by requesting them via email address to : challengemetrique@gmail.com.

5 FEES

5.1 – Registration fee :

8mR – 6mR – 5.5mR : 350 euros.

5.2 – Handling charges

Complete package mast stepping and unstepping, landing carried out by Seller's services, by appointment at Port-Louis harbour office :

(33) 02 97 82 59 55 ou port-portlouis@sellor.com

Information, tariffs and payment on the website : www.challengemetrique.fr

6- SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 : - Sailing instructions and any appendices will be sent by email to each skipper after all registration formalities have been completed.

They will also be available from 21 May in electronic form on the website www.challengemetrique.fr and available at the race office (Harbour master's office) from the morning of 26 May.

7- ADVERTISING

[DP] [NP] Boats [may] [shall] be required to display the advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

If this rule is not respected, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 shall apply.

8 - PROGRAMME

Wednesday 24 May- Thursday 25 May :

- *Arrival of truck or trailer at Lorient (the Base).*
- *Arrival by sea..- Hauling and mast stepping at Lorient (La Base)*

Friday 26th: 8h30

- 8.30am : Morning only, confirmations of entries (required)
- 12:00 Skipper's briefing 5.5mR at Harbour master's office
- 3pm : At disposal of race committee for the 5.5mR – Regatta counting for ranking.
- 3.30pm : tune up regatta for 8mR and 6mR.

Saturday 27th :

- Briefing (if necessary).
- 10:30am : All classes available to the Race Committee for one or more races.
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Sunday 28th:

- Briefing (if necessary)
- 10 :30am : All classes available to the Race Committee for one or more races to follow.

Monday : 29th :

- 10:30am : All classes available to the Race Committee for one or more races
- 5.5mR : No more regatta start after 12:30am.
- 6mR, 8mR : No more start after 2.30pm.
- 5 pm: Prize-giving ceremony (location to be indicated).

9 – RACE COURSES

Annex to the Notice of Race indicates location of the racing area
The courses to be run are constructed .

10 – PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 : Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

10.2 : When rules of Chapter 2 of the RRS no longer apply and are replaced by Part B Section II of the IRPCAS, RRS 44.1 does not apply.

10.3 : infringement to the rules (with the exception of the RRS of Chapter 2) may, after investigation, be penalized with a penalty of up to DSQ.

11 RANKING- VALIDATION OF REGATTA-

11.1 :- A maximum of 7 races shall be sailed during the French Open Metric Atlantic. 2 races per day (Depending on weather conditions and upon the decision of the Race Committee, a third race may be scheduled on one day only).

11.2 : - Validation of the French Open Metric Atlantic if a minimum of 3 races have been completed.

11.3. - The results of the French Open Metric Atlantic shall be established by class and division according to the decisions taken by the AMA and the French Class Associations.

11.4 : - However, AMA and the heads or presidents of the French Associations of the classes reserve the possibility of not validating the edition for a class of the French Open, if the number of boats was lower than 3 in a class.

12 RECEPTION OF BOATS- PONTOONS AT PORT-LOUIS

11.1 Competitors will be able to benefit from free pontoons from Saturday 20 May to Saturday 3 June provided they have paid their entry fees.

For any reservation before or after these dates, check conditions on the website and contact the Port of Port-Louis : (33) 02 97 82 59 55
port-portlouis@gmail.com

13 LIMITATION TO LIFTING OUT

(DP) (NP) Boats shall not be lifted out of water during the regatta except subject to and under the terms of prior written permission from the race committee.

14 DATA PROTECTION

14.1: Image and appearance rights : by participating to the Regatta, 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 Regatta) static or moving pictures, films or TV recording, as well as other reproduction from himself done during the Regatta, and this on any support and for any use related to the promotion of their activities.

14.2: Use of personal data of participants: Participating in this Regatta, the competitor and his legal representatives agree to and authorize the FFVoile, its sponsors, as well as the OA to use and store, free of charge, his personal data. These data may be published by FFVoile and its sponsors. The FFVoile mainly, but also its sponsors may use these data for the development of softwares or with marketing purposes. In accordance with the « Règlement Général sur la Protection des Données (RGPD) » (General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)), any competitor having transmitted his personal data to the FFVoile, may exercise his right to access to his own data, have them modified, and, depending on the situations, have them deleted, limited, or to object them, sending an email to dpo@ffvoile.fr or a letter to the Head Office of the Fédération Française de Voile, mentioning that the request is related to personal data.

15 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS

- RRS 3 mentions: « 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 agrees and acknowledges the fact that sailing is potentially a dangerous activity with specific risks. These risks include strong winds and rough sea, sudden changes of weather conditions, failure of equipment, mistakes in boat handling, bad navigation of other boats, loss of balance on unstable surface, and causing increased risk of injury. The risk of material and/or physical damage is therefore inherent to the sport of sailing.

16 PRIZES – CUPS AND TROPHIES

16.1 - Cups and trophies remain the property of WADA or the donor of the Trophy. They shall be returned by the recipients to AMA, either on request or automatically before the next edition.

16.2. - Special prizes" may be set up by the organization to reward boats, crews or team members, behaviour, etc.

17- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Atlantique Métrique Association : challengemetrique@gmail.com - 06 83 08 90 39
- Port de Port-Louis / Sellor : port-portlouis@sellor.com (33) 02 97 82 59 55
- Centre Nautique de Lorient : bienvenue@cnlorient.com – 02 97 84 81 30

18 Advertising of the event (DP)

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and provided by the organizing authority. If this rule is breached, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 shall apply

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, shall be the only translation used to comply with RRS 90.2(b)).

(* FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 91(b)** (*Protest committee*):

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

FFVoile Prescription to **APPENDIX R** (*Procedures for appeals and requests*):

Appeals shall be sent to the head-office of Fédération Française de Voile, 17 rue Henri Bocquillon, 75015 Paris – email: jury.appel@ffvoile.fr, using preferably the appeal form downloadable on the website of Fédération Française de Voile: <http://espaces.ffvoile.fr/media/127235/formulaire-dappel.pdf>

ZONE DE COURSE : LES COUREAUX DE GROIX

RACE AREA

