



NOTICE OF RACE

Surprise European Championship

25 to 27 September

Grade 3

PREAMBLE

Following the aggression against Ukraine, the French Sailing Federation decided on 2 March 2022 not to authorize the participation of Russian and Belarusian competitors in competitions throughout French territory.

*The notation **[NP]** in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule (No Protest). This changes RRS 60.1.*

*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 (Discretionary Penalty).*

CoViD19: Access to the competition site and participation are subject to changes in governmental directives in connection with the evolution of the epidemic. A vaccination pass is not required to participate in the event.

Prevention of Violence and Incivility

The French Sailing Federation reminds participants that sporting events are above all places of exchange and sharing, open and accessible to everyone.

Competitors and accompanying persons are therefore required to always behave, ashore and afloat, in a courteous and respectful manner regardless of the origin, gender or sexual orientation of other participants.

Awareness and Prevention – Aquatic Plants in Inland Waters

Increasingly, invasive aquatic plants are being transported. Once established in aquatic environments, their proliferation affects our activities, biodiversity, and health. Do not contribute to this spread.

- 1 Check: Inspect your boat carefully, especially areas where aquatic plants or living organisms may be present (keel box, centerboard, foils, fins, rudder, trailer, bailers, anchor, etc.). Also inspect personal equipment. Plant fragments can survive up to three weeks in folds of foul-weather gear. Check your trailer as well, as it may carry aquatic vegetation.*
- 2 Clean: If possible, clean equipment, boat, and trailer using hot water and a high-pressure cleaner.*
- 3 Dry: Drying the boat and equipment completes the decontamination process.*

1 RULES

The event is governed by:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in the **Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028**.
- 1.2 The French Federal regulations.
- 1.3 The **Surprise Class Rules** (available at <https://www.asprosurprise.com/le-bateau/regles-de-classe-surprise-2026/>)
- 1.4 The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS), Part B, Section II, when they replace the rules of RRS Chapter 2.

1. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

- 1.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the official online notice board accessible via the WhatsApp group.

WHATSAPP



- 1.2 The SI will be posted according to federal prescriptions.
- 1.3 The SI will be available electronically at : <http://www.cnsr.fr/>.

2. COMMUNICATION

- 2.1 Competitors shall provide their phone number and register in the WhatsApp group to receive information posted on the official online notice board.
- 2.2 [DP] [NP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall neither transmit nor receive voice or data communications not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

In accordance with RRS 76.1, the organizers will refuse or cancel entries of competitors of Russian or Belarusian nationality and boats whose owner or manager is a Russian or Belarusian individual or entity.

- 4.1 The event is open to all Surprise Q class boats compliant with their national authority and class rules. Skippers must be members in good standing with Aspro Surprise.
- 4.2 French-registered boats shall carry safety equipment required for coastal navigation under Division 240. Non-French boats shall comply with their national legislation.
- 4.3 Crews must consist of at least two persons.
- 4.4 Required Documents at Registration:
 - 4.4.1 Competitors:
 - a) For each competitor holding an French Sailing Federation:
 - A valid French Sailing Federation Competition License
 - or
 - A French Sailing Federation Membership or Practice License accompanied by:
 - For minors: Health questionnaire certification
 - For adults: Medical certificate of fitness for competitive sailing issued within the past year.
 - b) For competitors without a French Sailing Federation License (foreign or French residents abroad):
 - Proof of membership in a World Sailing National Authority
 - Proof of third-party liability insurance with minimum cover of €2,000,000
 - For minors: Health questionnaire
 - For adults: Medical certificate (French or English) issued within one year
 - c) Parental authorization for any minor competitor.
 - 4.4.2 Boat:
 - Valid measurement certificate if required.
 - Advertising authorization if required.

- 4.5 Eligible boats may pre-register via the CNSR website:

>> REGISTER HERE <<

- 4.6 To be considered entered, a boat shall complete all registration requirements, pay all fees, and sign the entry form during registration confirmation.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fee: €300 per boat, including crew dinner Saturday evening, crane launch/haul-out and berth.
- 5.2 A €20 fee will be charged to accompanying persons for the crew dinner.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration Confirmation: Thursday 24 September 2026 – 10:00 to 17:30 at CNSR.
- 6.2 Measurement: Thursday 24 September 2026 – 10:00 to 17:30. Sails measured at CNSR measurement area. Other measurement checks will be carried out during launching (weighing).
- 6.3 Racing days:

Date	Program
Friday 25 th of September	1 to 4 races
Saturday 26 th of September	1 to 4 races including one coastal race possible
Sunday 27 th of September	1 to 2 races

- 6.4 Depending on the weather, the number of races may vary. The maximum number of races per day will be 4.
- 6.5 First warning signal each day will be at 11:00. A skipper briefing may be held at the clubhouse before racing.
- 6.6 On the final scheduled day, no warning signal will be made after 14:00.
- 6.7 Social events:

Date	Time	Program
Thursday, September 24	19:00	Welcome drink
Friday, September 25	19:00	"A Daily debrief "
Saturday, September 26	19:00	Crew dinner and concert
Sunday, September 27	17:00	Prize giving

7 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 7.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate.
- 7.2 [DP] Boats shall be available for inspection from Thursday, September 24 at 10.00.
- 7.3 Boats may be inspected at any time.

8 VENUE

Bay of Fréjus St Raphaël

9 COURSES

Courses will be windward/leeward courses and coastal courses. Details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions. Target time for windward/leeward races: 50 minutes.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 Three races are required to constitute the series.

- 10.2
- When three or fewer races are completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
 - When four or more races are completed, a boat's score will be the total excluding her worst score.

11 BERTHING

Boats may be launched and hauled using the CNSR crane (included in entry fee).
Boats will be berthed in **Saint-Raphaël Santa Lucia Harbour**.

12 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

[DP] [NP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with prior written permission of the race committee.

13 DATA PROTECTION

13.1 Image Rights

By participating in this competition, the competitor and their legal representatives authorize the Organizing Authority, the French Sailing Federation and their sponsors to use, free of charge, their image and name, and to show at any time (during and after the competition) moving or still photographs, films, television recordings, and other reproductions of themselves taken during the competition, on any media and for any use related to the promotion of their activities.

13.2 Personal Data

By participating in this competition, the competitor and their legal representatives consent to and authorize the French Sailing Federation, its sponsors, and the organizing authority to use and store their personal data free of charge. This data may be published by the French Sailing Federation and its sponsors. The French Sailing Federation as well as its sponsors, may use this data for software development or marketing purposes.

In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), any competitor who has provided personal data to the French Sailing Federation has the right to access their personal data, have it corrected and, depending on the circumstances, request its deletion, restriction of processing, or object to its processing, by contacting dpo@ffvoile.fr or by writing to the headquarters of the Fédération Française de Voile, specifying that the request relates to personal data.

14 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: "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 that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity involving inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather conditions, equipment failure, errors in handling the boat, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable surface and fatigue, resulting in an increased risk of injury. The risk of material damage and/or personal injury is therefore inherent in the sport of sailing.

15 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

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ANNEXE
**Prescriptions of the Fédération Française de Voile (FFVoile)
Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028**

Prescription 1

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. These standard documents can be downloaded on the "Arbitrage" website of FFVoile. <https://arbitrage.ffvoile.fr>

Prescription 2

(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 60.5(d) (Decisions on protests concerning class rules)

The protest committee may ask the parties to the protest, prior to checking procedures, a deposit covering the cost of checking arising from a protest concerning class rules.

Prescription 3

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

Any question or request related to legal liability arising from an incident occurred while a boat was bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing depends on the appropriate courts and cannot be examined and dealt by a protest committee. A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that such action, admit legal liability.

Prescription 4

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

The denial of the right of appeal is subject to the written approval of the FFVoile, received at least 2 months before the event. This approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

Prescription 5

(*) 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.

Prescription 6

(*) 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.

Prescription 7

(*) 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.

Prescription 8

(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 88.2 (Changes or deletions to National prescriptions)

Prescriptions of the FFVoile shall not be changed or deleted in the notice of race and sailing instructions, except for events for which an international jury has been appointed. In such case, the prescriptions marked with an asterisk (*) shall not be changed in the notice of race and sailing instructions. (The official translation of the prescriptions, downloadable on "Arbitrage" website of FFVoile shall be the only translation used to comply with RRS 90.2(b)).

Prescription 9

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

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

Prescription 10

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

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

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

Appeals shall be sent to: Fédération Française de Voile, jury d'appel - 17 rue Henri Bocquillon, 75015 Paris – email: jury.appel@ffvoile.fr, using preferably the appeal form downloadable on the "Arbitrage" website of FFVoile.