



# NOTICE OF RACE

## Normandy Match Cup

*25th – 29th of May 2023*

[www.normandie-cup.fr](http://www.normandie-cup.fr)

### 1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be the Ligue de Voile de Normandie. This event is the third event of 2023 Women's World Match Racing Tour (WWMRT). The terms of Series can be found on [www.womenswmrt.com](http://www.womenswmrt.com)

### 2. VENUE

The venue will be Ligue de Voile de Normandie, Base Nautique Gérard Hardouin – Quai Éric Tabarly – 76600 Le Havre.

### 3. EVENT GRADING

The event is a World Sailing Grade 1 event. This grading is subject to review by the World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

### 4. PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

#### 4.1. Schedule

- a) Race office open from Thursday 25 May at 10:00.
- b) Registration on Thursday 25 May from 10:00 until 17:00.
- c) Crew weighing on Thursday 25 May from 10:00 until 17:00
- d) Practice sessions will be allocated by the OA on Thursday 25 May.
- e) Daily briefing from 26 to 29 May at 09:00
- f) First meeting with umpires following the first briefing.
- g) Racing days from 26 May to 29 May.
- h) Intended time of the first attention signal each day will be 09:30

i) Prize giving on Monday 29 May at the conclusion of the racing.

4.2. Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- a) Opening Ceremony, for skippers and crews.
- b) Initial briefing, for skippers.
- c) Daily briefing, for skippers.
- d) Regatta dinners, for skippers and crews.
- e) Prize giving, for skippers and crews.

## 5. SKIPPER ELIGIBILITY

5.1. 12 skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.

5.2. The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

5.3. To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing or e-mail to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.

5.4. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2.

5.5. All competitors shall obtain a world Sailor ID by registering online at [www.sailing.org/isafsailor](http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor) . Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing ID at registration.

## 6. ENTRIES

6.1. The team shall be entered on completion of registration including signing the liability form by all crew members, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made as specified in the Letter of Invitation.

6.2. Entry Fee

A non-refundable fee of 1000€ shall be paid as specified in the Letter of Invitation.

6.3. Withdrawal

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within one month of the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by the World Sailing (World Sailing Regulation 27.2).

6.4. Damage deposit

- a) An initial damage deposit of 1500€ shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- b) If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days after the event.

## 7. RULES

7.1.

- a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS), including Appendix C.
- b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing sponsor races.  
Class rules will not apply.
- c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will be posted on the official notice board.

7.2. Major Alterations to the RRS

RRS C8.6 will be changed in the sailing instructions.

7.3. An IJ will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

7.4. The OA may place an observer on each boat to provide information to the umpires.

## **8. BOATS AND SAILS**

8.1. The event will be sailed in J80 or Beneteau First Class 7.5 type boats.

8.2. Six (6) boats will be provided (6 J80 or 6 FC7.5)

8.3. The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker.

8.4. Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the OA.

## **9. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)**

9.1. The total number of crew (including the skipper) shall be five (5) or six (6), excluding persons placed on board by the RC. All registered crew shall sail all races.

9.2. The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 340kg, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.

9.3. Crew weight may be checked during the regatta. At any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 10kg. Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit shall not be penalized, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased weight limit before racing again.

9.4. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.

9.5. When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

## **10. EVENT FORMAT**

10.1. Skippers will be seeded based World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior the event.

10.2. The event will consist of the following stages:

Stage 1 – A full round robin

Stage 2 – Quarter Finals

Stage 3 – Semi Finals

Stage 4 – Petit-Finals

Stage 5 – Finals

10.3. The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favor of later stages.

## **11. COURSE**

11.1. The course will be windward/leeward with starboard rounding, finishing downwind.

11.2. The intended course area will be Le Havre Bay.

## **12. ADVERTIZING**

12.1. As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organizing Authority, World Sailing Regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.

12.2. Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules

regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

### **13. PRIZES**

- 13.1. The winning skipper will receive the Normandy Match Cup trophy.
- 13.2. The total amount of prize money will be 10 000€. This amount will be deducted from, according to French tax law. Should World Sailing decide to deduct a 10% fee for prize money, this will be withdrawn from the total prize sum.
- 13.3. These prizes have been approved by the national authority.
- 13.4. World Sailing has been notified of these prizes.
- 13.5. The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

### **14. MEDIA RIGHTS, IMAGES AND SOUND**

- 14.1. By participating in the event competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority, their sponsors and World Sailing the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or films television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.
- 14.2. If required by the OA:
  - a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
  - b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
  - c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.
- 14.3. Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.
- 14.4. Competitors may be required for interviews at the event.
- 14.5. The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

### **15. COACH BOATS**

Coach boats are allowed from which coaches may observe racing and communicate with their teams between matches.

### **16. DOPING CONTROL**

Doping control may be conducted in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code. In-competition testing may be carried out at the Venue.

### **17. RISK STATEMENT**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 4, Decision to Race. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and the boat supplied to them to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their supplied boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their supplied boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

## **18. DISCLAIMER**

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

## **19. INVITATIONS**

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited, please register your request for an invitation as soon as possible with the OA by email to [cedchateau@gmail.com](mailto:cedchateau@gmail.com)

**Deadline for applications: 01 April 2023.**



