



Sailing Instructions A Class World Championship

Yacht Club Toulon, France
7 to 15 September 2023

Introduction:

The Organizing Authority of the **A Class World Championship** is the Toulon Yacht Club in connection with the International A-Class Catamaran Association (IACA) and the French Association of Class A Catamarans (AFCCA), under the auspices of the Fédération Française de Voile

Following the aggression in Ukraine, the FFVoile decided on March 2, 2022 not to authorize the participation of Russian and Belarusian competitors in competitions throughout France.

In accordance with RRS76.1, the organizers will reject or cancel the entry of any competitor or official of Russian or Belarusian nationality or displaying these nationalities and the participation of any boats whose owner or manager is a Russian or Belarusian individual or entity.

Preamble rules:

[NP] means a rule that must not be a cause for protest on the part of a vessel. This amends paragraph 60.1(a) of the RRS.

[DP] According to the guidelines World Sailing Discretionary Penalty [DP] means a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the international jury.

[SP] means a rule for which a violation may be subject to a standard sanction as defined in SI 17.3.

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 The class and championship rules of the International A Division Catamaran Association (IACA) will apply to the World Championships.

1.3 The prescriptions of the National FFV Authority shall apply.

1.4 In the event of conflict between the NOR and the SIs, the SIs will prevail (This changes RRS 63.7).

1.5 RRS Appendix T – Arbitration will apply.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted electronically on the <https://www.manage2sail.com>

2.2 The official Notice Board will be online only and available on the official event website, there will be no physical scoreboard. All announcements and communications will be made in this way, with the exception of notices related to equipment inspection when the Technical Committee orally convenes the vessels to be inspected.



3. ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION

- 3.1 Competitors must comply with the World Sailing Eligibility Code (Regulation 19).
- 3.2 All competitors must be full members of the International A-Class Catamaran Association, either through their membership in the Association of their respective country or through their individual membership.
- 3.3 Boats may compete in the Open or Classic discipline named as "fleets" in the SI
- 3.4 Entries must be received by the Organizing Authority no later than 28 August 2023 and will only be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority. Refer NOR 4.
- 3.5 A parent/guardian consent and supervision form must be completed and signed by the parent or guardian of any competitor under the age of 18 on the first day of each event and provided upon registration. Forms can be downloaded from the event pages according to the links below.
- 3.6 Competitors can participate by visiting: <https://aclassworld2023-toulon.com>

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at least two hours before the first warning signal on the day they take effect, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the signal staff of The Toulon Yacht Club.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed with two sounds ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

Competitors shall stay ashore as long as this signal is displayed

5.3 [SP] [NP] Flag D displayed ashore with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after Flag D is displayed or the schedule time, whichever is later. A boat must not leave shore until Flag D is sent ashore.

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6. RACE FORMAT.

The Open Discipline & Classic Discipline will race in separate fleets with different starting times.



7. SCHEDULE

7.1

Date	From	To	Event
07/09/2023	9H00	15H30	Registration
08/09/2023	9H00	15h30	Registration
09/09/2023	9H00	10h30	Registration
09/09/2023	11H00.	11H30	Briefing on support boats
09/09/2023	11H30		Competitor briefing
09/09/2023	12:30 Warning signal	16H30	Practice races
09/09/2023	17H00		Opening Ceremony
10 to 15/09/2023	10:30 Warning signal		Courses
14/09/2023	19h30		Gala Dinner
15/09/2023	17h30		Closing ceremony

7.2 Number of races

Discipline	Minimum races to valid the event	Maximum number of races per day	Maximum number of races in the event
Classic	5	3	12
Open	5	3	12

7.3 On the last scheduled race day, no warning signal will be issued after 15H00.

8. CLASS FLAGS:

Event	Text	Background color
Classic	Black A-Class Logo	WHITE
Open	White A-Class Logo	BLUE

9. RACING AREA

9.1 [DP][NP] Boats not racing shall not sail in the course area being used by another discipline.

9.2 [DP][NP] Boats shall not enter any ship channel while racing. Ship channels are designated as obstructions.

9.3 **See ATTACHMENT B** for the ship channel.



10. IDENTIFICATION OF CLASSIC FLEET

Boats competing in the Classic fleet will be required to display a red dot on each side of their sail placed back to back in the leech area adjacent to mast diamond arms. Red dots will be supplied by the organizing authority and available at registration.

11. COURSES

11.1 The different fleets will compete in separate races on the same course area.

11.2 The diagrams in Sailing Instruction **ATTACHMENT A** show the course to be sailed, the order in which the marks are to be passed the required side on which each mark is to be left.

11.3 Not later than the warning signal, the race committee starting vessel will display the course signal and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

11.4 There shall be a gate downwind. In the event that a gate mark is missing and has not been replaced with an object displaying flag M, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

12. MARKS

Marks 1, 2, 3a and 3b.	Yellow buoy
Change of course mark	Orange buoy
Starting marks	Race Committee boats displaying orange flag
Finishing marks	Race Committee boat displaying blue flag and Red BUOY

13. THE START

13.1 The starting line shall be between the flagpoles of the Race Committee boats flying orange flags.

13.2 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be considered as not started and will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.1.

13.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with ONE sound signal not less than 5 minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

14.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

14.2 Except at a gate they have to sail through, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1.

14.3 In case of a change of course, the new course will, if practicable, keep the original configuration. (NP)

15. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark (RED BUOY) or race committee boats flying blue flags.



16. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIME

16.1:

Target time	Time limit to finish
45 minutes	90 minutes

16.2 Failure to reach the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

16.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

17. PENALTY SYSTEM

17.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by a one-turn penalty.

17.2 Penalties for violations of NOR 17 (Insurance), NOR 19 (Media Consent) and the Rules of the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions marked [DP], are at the discretion of the International Jury.

17.3 For breaches of the SIs marked [SP], the race committee or Technical Committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing or protest the boat when they consider the standard penalty to be inappropriate (for example, in case of reiterated breaches). A boat that has been penalized with a standard penalty can neither be protested for the same incident by another boat nor can another boat request redress for this action. The penalty assessed will be an additional 3 points added to their finish position for the first race of the day. A competitor shall not be scored worse than a disqualified competitor. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.1 and Appendix A5.

17.4 Breaches of the IACA Class or Championship Rules will be at the discretion of the International Jury [DP].

18. HEARINGS AND REQUESTS

18.1 Protest forms are available on the <https://www.manage2sail.com/> website. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

18.2 The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The protest time limit will be 60 minutes after the last boat in each fleet finishes its last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee and International Jury about incidents they observe in the racing area. This time limit also applies to requests for redress. This change RSS 61.3 and 62.2.

18.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Parties and witnesses should report to the jury desk at that time. Hearings will be held in the designated jury room **See ATTACHMENT C**

A hearing may be conducted before the protest posted time on the official notice board if all parties agree.

Hearings will, if possible, start at the time posted on the official notice board. A delay in this time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

18.4 For the purposes of RSS 64.3(b), the authority responsible is the technical committee appointed by the organizing authority under RSS 89.2(c).

18.5 The time limit for request under RRS N1.4(b) is changed to 15 minutes.



19. ARBITRATION

Appendix T is in effect with a 30% post-race penalty. This changes the T1(b) of the RRS.

20. JURY INTERNATIONAL

20.1 An international jury shall be appointed for the World Championships in accordance with RRS91(b).

21. SCORING

21.1 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute the World Championship of each Fleet.

21.1.1 When less than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her scores in all the races.

21.1.2 When five (5) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her scores in all the races excluding her worst score.

21.1.3 When nine (9) or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her scores in all the races excluding her two (2) worst score.

22. SAFETY [SP][NP]

22.1 Sign-in table for the check-out and check-in will be set up near the beach launch area

Check-out and check-in: all boats have to check out before leaving the boat park and check-in directly after arriving back at the boat park at the latest by the end of the protest time.

22.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

22.3 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat.

22.4 Safety helmet : see NOR 18.2.

22.5 Compulsory presence on board of a floating line minimum length 10m diam8.

23. EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT [DP]

Equipment replacement requests will be made via the Mange2 sail platform. See NOR 7.4



24. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP]

24.1 Measurement and equipment checks may be carried out at any time during the regatta.

24.2 Equipment inspection will be conducted in accordance with the A-Class Catamaran Equipment Inspection Regulations. Sails, boats and equipment must be measured before arriving at the championship. All competitors for registration must produce valid and up-to-date measurement certificates for hull, mast and sail. See <https://www.a-cat.org/node/9>.

24.3 The Equipment Inspection Regulations for the Championship will be published on the event website no later than July 1, 2023.

24.4 Equipment shall only be replaced with the authorization of the Championship Technical Committee appointed at the Event by the Organizing Authority under RRS 89.2(c).

24.5 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the A-Class Catamaran Equipment Regulations. Event stickers/limitation marks must remain in place for the duration of the event.

24.6 On or off the water, the Technical Committee may require a boat to proceed immediately to an area designated for inspection.

25. SUPPORT BOATS [DP][NP]

25.1 Support boats must register with the Organizing Authority on event site at the latest on their arrival. They must comply with the regulations for support boats issued by the Fédération Française de Voile. You will find them by following this link :

https://arbitrage.ffvoile.fr/media/n4oil4jm/reglementation_accompagnateurs_compet_ffvoile.pdf. These rules are also available in the "documents" section on

<https://www.manage2sail.com>, as well as on the event website

<https://aclassworld2023-toulon.com>.

25.2 All support boats shall clearly display the 3 letters of their national code at all times. The minimum height for the letters shall be 300mm.

25.3 All support boats are at all times submitted to the Race Committee authority and must comply with any instructions given

25.4 When the Race Committee displays flag V with repetitive sounds, all official and support boats shall give assistance for rescue. This changes RRS Race signals "V"

26. OFFICIAL SUPPORT BOATS

Official support boats will be identified as follows:

Race Committee Boat	event flag Yacht club de Toulon
Safety boats	event flag Yacht club de Toulon
Media boats	event flag Yacht club de Toulon
Jury boat	Yellow flag with inscription JURY
Technical Committee boat	White flag with black "M"



27. ADVERTISING [DP]

27.1 Boats may be required to affix bow numbers and/or advertising chosen and provided by the organizing authority in accordance with the instructions given by the organizing authority.

27.2 Competitor advertising must comply with the World Sailing Advertising Code (Regulation 20).

27.3 The wearing of Lycra supplied by the organizing authority will be compulsory. That event Lycra to be worn on the outside of all other clothing and equipment.

28. CODE OF CONDUCT [DP]

Competitors must comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official or member of the organizing authority. Vessels must follow all instructions given by launching personnel when leaving or returning to shore to avoid overcrowding at the launching site.

29. WASTE DISPOSAL [DP]

Boats must not dump waste into the water. Garbage can be placed on board support boats and race committee boats.

30. RADIOCOMMUNICATION [DP]

See NOR 16 and RRS 41(c).

31. PRIZES

The organizing authority will award prizes to the first 10 boats in each discipline and as detailed in NOR 15.

32. RISK STATEMENT

See RRS 3 and NOR 18.

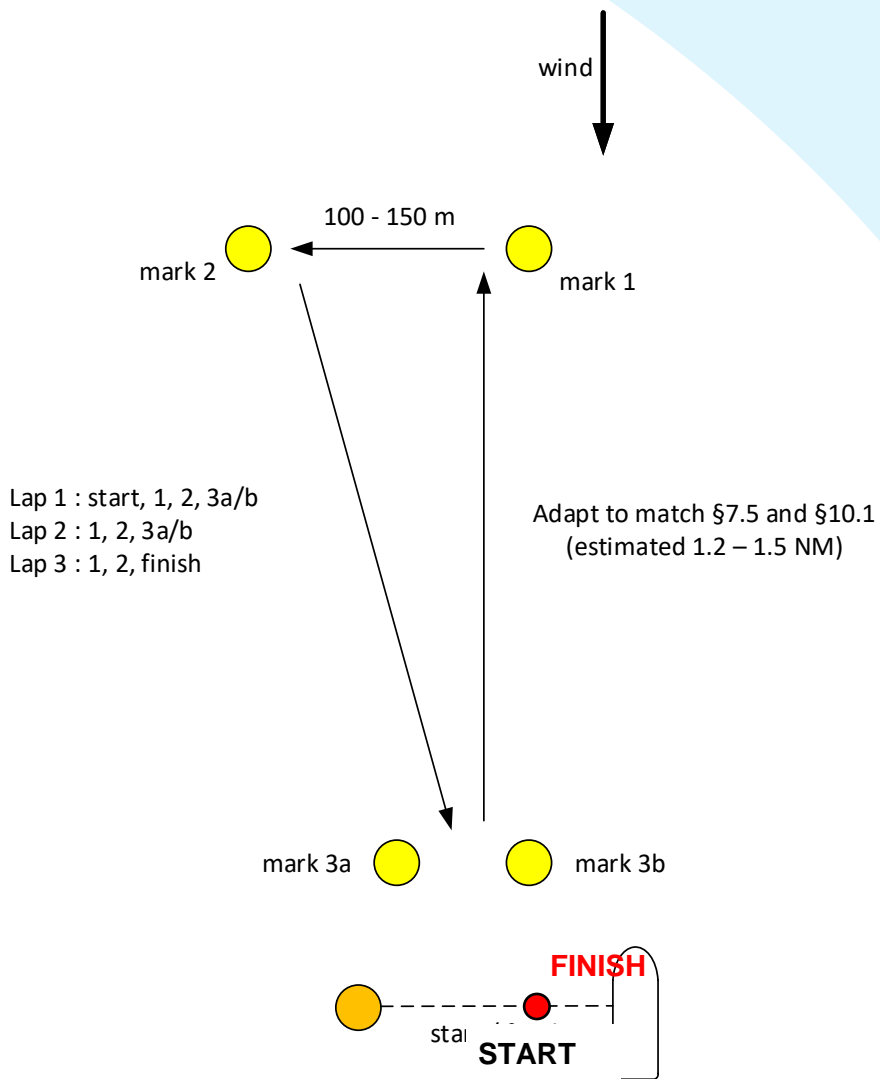
33. INSURANCE

See NOR 17.



ATTACHMENT A

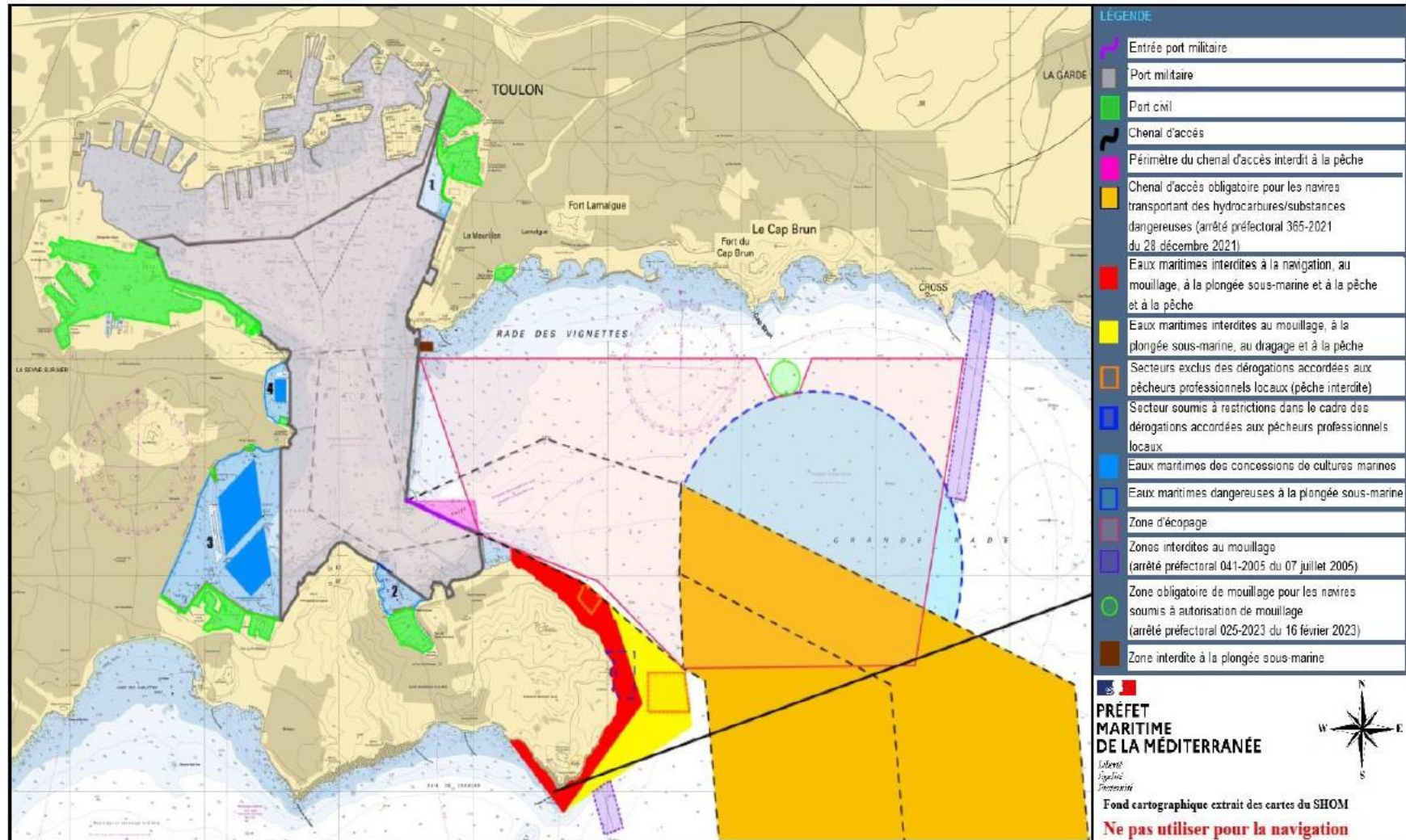
Course Diagram



All distances and angles mentioned in the diagram are given as an indication and cannot give rise to any protest.

ATTACHMENT B

the ship channel



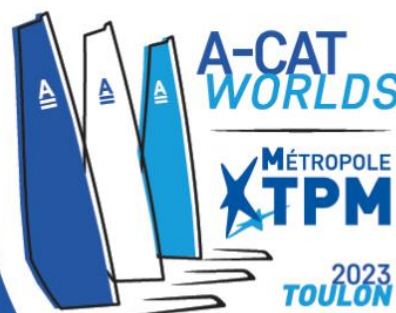
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ATTACHMENT C



- 1 General Public Reception / *Accueil grand public*
- 2 Restaurant/Bar / *Club House restaurant*
- 3 Boat Parking Area / *Parking des bateaux*
- 4 Launching Areas / *Aires de mise à l'eau*
- 5 Motorhome Parking Area / *Parking véhicules aménagés*
- 6 General Public Village / *Village*
- 7 Registrations Validation / *Confirmation des inscriptions*
Racing Command Post, Jury / *PC course, Jury*



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Prescriptions of the Fédération Française de Voile Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024

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>



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