



# MARTINIQUE CATA RAID 2024

21 TO 27 JANUARY 2024

CLUB NAUTIQUE WIND FORCE DU ROBERT

MARTINIQUE

## NOTICE OF RACE

*Mention [DP] in a rule of those SI means that the penalty for a breach of this rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

### ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA)

Martinique Cata Raid 2023 will be organised by Club Nautic Wind Force du Robert under the authority of FFV and World Sailing.

### 1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2 National prescriptions translated for foreign competitors will be joined in appendix "Prescriptions" if necessary
- 1.3 FFVoile Regulations,
- 1.4 **Health regulations in force by the beginning of the event**
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

### 2 ADVERTISING [DP]

Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

It is the responsibility of the crew to apply and to maintain the stickers provided by the organization.

All competitors will be requested to wear the bibs provided by the OA over any other piece of clothing.

### 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of following classes :

Formula 18,  
Formula 16.

- 3.2 Eligible boats can register by completing the form on the Martinique Cata Raid website.  
[www.martiniquecataraid.com](http://www.martiniquecataraid.com) from April 26, 2023 to May 28, 2023.

**A RIB will be transmitted.** The registration will then be confirmed and sent by email.

The registration fee includes:

- Boat shipping from the following locations
  - Gravelines, France by BCM,
  - Saint Malo, France by Interdist,
  - Marseille
  - Florida, USA,
  - Pointe à Pitre, Guadelupe,
  - Saint Barth, Caribbean.
- Accommodation,
- Bus shuttles
- Opening ceremony,
- Lunches,
- Closing ceremony.

Entries are limited to 65 boats

- 15 boats for Caribbean,
- 40 boats for Europe,
- 10 boats for USA.

The Organizing Authority reserves the right to increase or not the number of registered boats.



- 3.3 Competitors (each member of the crew) holding a FFVoile license must present at the time of their registration:
- their Club FFVoile license with a valid "competition" certificate certifying the prior presentation of a medical certificate No contraindication to the practice of sailing in competition
  - or their ClubFFVoile license mentioning "membership" or "practice" accompanied by a medical certificate of no contraindication to the practice of competitive sailing less than a year old,
  - parental authorization for minors
  - if necessary, the authorization to carry advertising
  - the Measurement certificate.
- 3.4 Foreign competitors (each crew member) who do not have a FFVoile license must submit to moment of registration:
- Proof of their membership in a National Authority member of World Sailing,
  - the Measurement certificate,
  - Valid proof of insurance in civil liability with a minimum coverage of 1.500 000 euros,
  - A medical certificate of no contraindication to the practice of sailing in competition dating from less than a year (written in French or English) and parental permission for minors.
- 3.5 The crew must be able to demonstrate their ability to recover the boat after capsized.

#### 4 FEES

**The registration fee is 600 € per person or 1200 € per crew and 950 € if the accommodation is taken care of by the crew to be paid no later than September 30, 2023.**

In case of withdrawal, the riders will only be reimbursed in case of force majeure (death, serious illness) before November 07,2023, after a decision by the Organizing Authority who may require a medical certificate or proof. After this date, no refund will be possible. The deposit will not be refunded.

**If we find ourselves in a complicated health situation on December 19, 2023, the event will be canceled and the registration fee will be refunded in full.**

#### 5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration:  
January 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>. From 09:00 to 16:00.
- 5.2 Equipment inspection and stamping:  
January 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>. From 09:00 to 16:00.
- 5.3 Opening Ceremony:  
January 20<sup>th</sup> at 19:30
- 5.4 Races  
A practice race and 5 course legs are planned in the program, the number of races run is left to the appreciation of the Race Committee which may, depending on weather conditions or any other unfair considerations for all, modify the initial program.  
All races run and validated are taken into account for the final ranking.
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| January 21 <sup>th</sup> | 13:00: | Skippers meeting.                      |
|                          | 14:00: | Warning signal for Practice Race       |
| January 22 <sup>th</sup> | 09:00: | Skippers meeting.                      |
|                          | 10:00: | Warning signal for 1 <sup>st</sup> leg |
| January 23 <sup>th</sup> | 09:00: | Skippers meeting.                      |
|                          | 10:00: | Warning signal for 2 <sup>nd</sup> leg |
| January 24 <sup>th</sup> | 09:00: | Skippers meeting.                      |
|                          | 10:00: | Warning signal for 3 <sup>rd</sup> leg |
| January 25 <sup>th</sup> |        | Reserve Day                            |
| January 26 <sup>th</sup> | 09:00: | Skippers meeting.                      |
|                          | 10:00: | Warning signal for 4 <sup>th</sup> leg |
| January 27 <sup>th</sup> | 09:00: | Skippers meeting.                      |
|                          | 10:00: | Warning signal for 5 <sup>th</sup> leg |
| January 28 <sup>th</sup> |        | Containers loading                     |
- 5.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 16:00, except after a general recall.



5.6 A skippers meeting will be held one hour before the day's warning signal. Every boat must be represented at this briefing.

## **6 MEASUREMENT**

- 6.1 Competitors shall produce valid measurement certificates at the time of registration.  
6.2 Boats may be subject to inspection at any time during the event.  
6.3 According to RRS G.1.1.(b), all boats shall carry national letters on their sails.  
6.4 The equipment limitations as specified in the class rules shall apply.

## **7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be downloadable on event website <https://martiniquecataraid.com> by 20<sup>th</sup> December, and printed copies will be available at final registration January 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

## **8 THE COURSE**

- 8.1 The courses will be long distance and / or windward/leeward.  
8.2 The racing area extends around Martinique.  
8.3 It is own responsibility of competitors to get relevant nautical documents (For information, Nautical Charts SHOM n° 6738 Martinique South Part, n°7041 Martinique North Part).

## **9 PENALTY SYSTEM [DP]**

- 9.1 Penalty for breaking a rule of RRS chapter 2 are replaced as follows:  
9.1.1 The 2 turns penalty is replaced by a one-turn penalty. The turn includes one tack and one gybe. This changes rules RRS 44.2.  
9.1.2 A boat that took a penalty according to rule RRS 44.1 must fill in a form to acknowledge it to the race committee secretary before the protest time limit.  
9.2. Penalty for infringing rules 29.1, 30.1, 30.3 or 30.4 will be defined as follows:  
OCS: boat racing time + 07 minutes (this changes RRS 29.1, 30.1 & A4),  
UFD: boat racing time + 10 minutes (this changes RRS 30.3),  
BFD: boat racing time + 15 minutes (this changes RRS 30.4).  
9.3. Penalty for not signing out, signing in or for not attending skippers meeting: boat racing time + 15 minutes.  
9.4 When breaking a rule not defined in chapter 2 of RRS nor listed in a rule of this Notice of Race, the boat will receive a penalty from 10% of the racing time of the last boat to finish and complete the course to DSQ penalty, at the discretion of the Jury.  
9.5 The Jury keeps the right for disqualifying a boat.

## **10. RANKING**

Official rankings of the event:

- An F18 ranking will be made by addition of elapsed race time for each race that have been sailed and validated, corrected if necessary by any bonuses or penalties applicable.
- An F16 ranking will be made by addition of elapsed race time for each race that have been sailed and validated, increased if necessary any bonuses or penalties applicable.
- Special Prix Martinique Cata Raid, a general scratch (unofficial) classification of all the classes present will be performed by adding the compensated times of the races run and validated; corrected by any bonuses and penalties.

## **11 RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. Messages may only be emitted on the race channel.

## **12 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded during closing ceremony on 27<sup>th</sup> January evening.

## **13 DECISION TO RACE - DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, see Fundamental Rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta



## 14 SAFETY

The mandatory safety equipment on board is as follows:

- 1 paddle of at least 1 meter long,
- 1 towing line, ready for use, 15<sup>m</sup> long and 6<sup>mm</sup> diameter,
- 1 righting line, ready for use, 3,5<sup>m</sup> long and 10<sup>mm</sup> diameter,
- 2 Personal floatation devices approved (CEE or PFD),
- Length and diameters from this rule are only minimums and might be exceeded.
- 1 working watertight VHF,
- 1 bearing compass,
- 2 individual waterproof flash lights.
- 1 transponder provided by the OA

The following equipment are permitted:

- GPS,
- Electronic compass.

Any team missing one safety equipment defined above can be DSQ

All safety equipment shall be presented at first skippers meeting.

## 15. MEDIA RIGHTS

By sailing this event a competitor automatically grants to the Organizing Authority and the sponsors of the event the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time and at their discretion, any motion or still pictures, and live, taped or film television and any other reproductions of him/her during the period of The Martinique Cata Raid in which the competitor competes and, in all material, related to The Martinique Cata Raid without any compensation.

## 16. FURTHER INFORMATION

16.1. OA will provide competitors with 3 containers leaving France. Three loading spots are selected :

- Gravelines, by Emmanuel Boulogne Concept,
- Saint Malo, by INTERDIST
- Marseille

For USA, there is 1 container at Florida.

Loading date will be precised later.

Related to Pointe à Pitre or Saint Barth loading places, OA will precise the partner shipping company later.

Mandatory documents to present before loading containers:

- Boat bill,
- Certificate of origin
- Detailed packing list,
- Copy of owner's ID

16.2 Accommodation will be provided by the OA. Different packages will be offered (full pension, half pension or homestay).

For teams managing accommodation by their own, registration fee will be 950€ instead of 1200€. However, those team would have to inform OA by October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the latest.

16.3 For accompanying people, OA will propose packages for accommodation, lunches, and beverage included: 120 € per day. **Confirmations must be made by September 01<sup>st</sup> 2023.**

Preferred prices will be offered for renting cars. It is highly recommended to book a car as soon registration is validated.

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