



Martinique Cata Raid

From January 22nd, to 28th, 2017.

The “W.I.N.D. Force”, the nautical club of Robert city, organizes from January 22nd to 28th 2017, the third edition of the Martinique Cata Raid, under the supervision of the Martinique Sailing League.

Notice of Race.

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1 The rules as defined by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The national prescriptions applying to foreign competitors defined in joined appendix named “Prescriptions” if necessary.
- 1.3 The federal rules,
- 1.4 F 16 and F 18 class rules,
- 1.5 In case of translation of this notice of race, the French text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

In accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 (Advertising Code) as modified by the Advertising regulation of the FFVoile, boats may be required to display the advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all catamarans from Class F 16 and F 18.

The pre-registration form will be available on our website: <http://martiniquecataraid.com>, from April, 14th to MAY, 29th, 2016, final date.

Once filled out an acknowledgement of receipt will be sent by e-mail. The final list of the 50 registered teams will be disclosed from June, 14th, 2016, via e-mail, along with our B.I.C (bank informations). **To validate ones registration one has until June 30th, 2016 to make a deposit of 100€. The registration will be complete once the rest due of 700€ (800€-100€ deposit) bank transfer is confirmed.** A validation by e-mail will then be sent.

The entry includes:

- The shipment of the boats from Gravelines to the BCM and Montoir, in France, Pointe-à-Pitre and St Barth for the Caribbean.
- The lodging
- The registration to the Martinique Cata Raid 2017,
- The transport by bus on each location,
- The opening ceremony
- The lunches on each day of race,
- The closing ceremony.

- 3.2 The number of eligible boats is limited to 50, as follows:

- 10 boats from the Caribbean (One container will be departing from St Barth).
- 40 boats from Europe (4 containers will depart from France).

The organization allows itself the right to increase or decrease the number of registrations by regions, according to the fulfillment of the quotas defined above.

- 3.3 Are allowed to race:

Competitors (each crew member) living in France, presenting upon registration:

- Their valid FFVoile licence with medical stamp, or accompanied with a medical certificate (dated less than one year) certifying the absence of any medical objection to participate in sailing competition and a parental authorization for the minors,
- If necessary a valid authorization to display advertising on boat
- The measurement form or certificate of the boat.

Foreign competitors (each crew member) without an FFVoile licence shall present during registration

- A supporting document to justify their membership to an ISAF Member National Authority.
- All minors french or foreigner will have to be accompanied by an adult present on site, as long as the race lasts. This adult will have accepted on written form, parental authority for that minor, during the whole period of the event.





3.4 The organizing authority allows itself the right to decline a registration and will justify its decision according to rule 76.1 of the racing rules of sailing.

3.5 The teams registered for the St Barth Cata Cup and wishing to participate to the Martinique Cata Raid will have the possibility to transfer their boats directly from St Barth to Martinique. For that matter they will have to inform both organizing authorities before the 30th of June 2016, in order to organize all shipment papers.

4. ENTRY FEES

The entry fee is of **400€ per person, meaning 800€ per team.**

100€ deposit before June 30th 2016.

700€ to settle before September 30th 2016.

In case of withdrawal, competitors will be reimbursed only on matter of death or sickness, before October 15th, 2016, after decision of the organizing authority which may require the competitors to produce a medical certificate or any other documentary serving as evidence. Past this date, no refund will be possible.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Completion of registration days: January 20th and 21st, 2017, from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M..

5.2 Measurement certificate and stamping are mandatory to participate. The eligible boats will have to be in keeping with their class rules. Unexpected controls can be made to ensure the fair play of the regatta.

5.3 Dates of racing, including the practice race, and race schedule:

Dates	Time of first warning signal	Classes
01/20 and 01/21/ 2017	Assembling of the boats _ 7 P.M. Opening Ceremony.	F 16, F 18
01/22/2017	Start signal for 1 st race: Robert / Trinité.	F 16, F 18
01/23/2017	Start signal for 2 nd race: Trinité / Prêcheur.	F 16, F 18
01/24/2017	Start signal for 3 rd race: Prêcheur / Anses d'Arlets.	F 16, F 18
01/25/2017	LayDay (which may be used as a reserve race day).	F 16, F 18
01/26/2017	Start signal for 4 th race: Anses d'Arlets / Sainte Anne.	F 16, F 18
01/27/2017	Start signal for the 5 th race: Ste Anne / Vauclin.	F 16, F 18
01/28/2017	Start signal for the 6 th race: Vauclin / Robert. / 7 P.M. Closing Ceremony.	F 16, F 18
01/29/2017	Storage of the boats.	

5.4 the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 4 P.M..

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions and their appendices will be available from January 1ST 2017, and will be given to competitors during their final registration at the nautical club.

7. THE COURSES

7.1. Courses will be as follows: Races alongside the coast.

7.2 A chart extract showing the location of the racing areas, the race course, the order in which the marks shall be passed, will be described in the Race Instructions.





8. SCORING

Race Official scoring:

- An F18 ranking, adding real time scoring of each completed and validated races plus the possible penalties.
- An F16 ranking, adding real time scoring of each completed and validated races plus the possible penalties.

For the Martinique Cata Raid prize giving ceremony, a general scratch scoring will be made by adding all compensated times of all completed and validated races increased by the possible penalties of all series present.

6 races are scheduled on the program. The number of completed races is left to the Committee of Race to decide, which will, regarding the weather conditions or any other considerations impairing the equality for all, change the initial program.
All completed races will count for scoring.

9. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in case of emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats while racing. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

10. PRIZES

Prizes will be given at the Closing Ceremony, on January, 30th 2017.

11. DECISION TO RACE

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone. Consequently, accepting to participate in a race or to continue racing, the competitor disclaims the organizing authority of any liability for damage (material and/or personal injury).

12. SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Mandatory equipment on board:

- **At least A one meter long paddle**
- **A ready 15m-long and 6mm diameter large, towing line.**
- **A ready 4m-long and 10mm of diameter, heaving line.**
- **2 approved EEC or Merchant Navy life jackets.**
- **The ropes length and diameter established are the minimum dimensions required by the rule. The heaving ropes must be able to resist boat traction.**
- **A compass (if possible)**
- **1 functioning waterproof VHF**
- **2 individual waterproof flash lights.**
- **2 automatic hand flares**
- **A transponder (GPS portable device) supplied by the organization).**

Any team showing one missing item could be disqualified.

All the safety equipment must be presented on completion of the registration.

13. INSURANCE

All foreign competitors without a FFV license will have to prove a valid insurance in civil liability with a cover of a minimal 1,5 million euro amount.

14. RIGHT TO IMAGE AND APPEARANCE.

By participation in the Martinique Cata Raid, the competitor automatically authorizes the organization and the sponsors of the event to use or show at any time necessary, moving or static images, movies or television recordings, and other reproduction of their image captured during the event named "Martinique Cata Raid" without compensation, on any materials related to the said event.





15. COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATIONS.

15.1 The organization will put at disposal of the competitors 4 containers in France.

Two locations are chosen: Gravelines to the BCM and Montoir. The packing date will later be specified. Concerning the transportation of the boats on carts from Pointe-à-Pitre or Saint Barth, the organization will later on disclose the name of the company they will be working with.

Mandatory documents to produce during loading:

- **Invoice of the catamaran**
- **Certificate of origins**
- **Detailed list of packing**
- **A copy of the Identity papers of the owner.**

15.2 **The lodging is taken in charge by the organization.** Several formulas will be proposed, complete, semi-complete or at the inhabitant.

15.3 For the accompanying persons, the organizing authority will propose rates for the accommodation, lunch and the transport by boat during the races.

Car rentals at preferential rates will be proposed to competitors. It is highly recommended to book a car as soon as the registration is validated. **The booking should be done and paid for necessarily on September 30th to the latest.**

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APPENDIX “PRESCRIPTIONS”

FFVoile Prescriptions to RRS 2013-2016
Applying to foreign competitors

RRS 64.3 (*):

The jury 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.

RRS 67 (*):

Any question about or request of damages arising from an incident involving a boat bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing or International Regulation to Prevent Collision at Sea depends on the appropriate courts and will not be dealt by the jury.

RRS 70.5 (*):

In such circumstances, the written approval of the Fédération Française de Voile shall be received before publishing the notice of race and shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

RRS 78 (*):

The boat's owner or other person in charge shall, under his sole responsibility, make sure moreover that his boat comply with the equipment and security rules required by the laws, by-laws and regulations of the Administration.

RRS 86.3 (*):

An organizing authority wishing to change a rule listed in RRS 86.1 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 authorization 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.

RRS 88 (*):

Prescriptions of the FFVoile shall be neither changed nor 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 be neither changed nor deleted 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)).

RRS 91 (*):

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 notice of approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

APPENDIX R (*):

Appeals shall be sent to the head-office of Fédération Française de Voile, 17 rue Henri Bocquillon, 75015 Paris – email: jury.appel@ffvoile.fr

