



MARTINIQUE CATA RAID 2025

26 JANUARY TO 01 FEBRUARY 2025

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.

PREAMBLE

Preventing violence and incivility

The FFVoile recalls that sporting events are first and foremost a place for exchange and sharing, open and accessible to all.

For this reason, competitors and accompanying adults are asked to behave courteously and respectfully in all circumstances, both on land and on the water, regardless of the origin, gender or sexual orientation of other participants.

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2 National regulations translated for foreign competitors as specified in appendix PRESCRIPTIONS FEDERALES
- 1.3 Federal regulations.
- 1.4 **Health regulations in force on the date of the event**
- 1.5 In the event of translation of this notice of race, the French text shall prevail.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTION

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be available from January 17, 2025.
- 2.2 SI will be posted in accordance with federal regulations,
- 2.3 The SI will be available electronically at the following address: *martiniquecataraid.com*

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official online information board will be available for consultation on the watsapp group and on the martiniquecataraid.com website.
- 3.2 [DP] [NP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in case of emergency, a boat must neither transmit nor receive voice data or data that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of following class :
Formula 18,
Formula 16.
- 4.2 Eligible boats can register by completing the form on the Martinique Cata Raid website. www.martiniquecataraid.com **from August 31, 2024.**



An acknowledgement of receipt will be sent by email. **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, Guadalupe,
 - 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 organization reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of entrants, depending on whether or not the quotas defined above for each geographical area have been filled.

- 4.3 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 Club FFVoile 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 or conformity.
- 4.4 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 two million 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.
- 4.5 The crew must be able to demonstrate their ability to recover the boat after capsized.

5. FEES

The registration fee is 650 € per person or 1300 € per crew and 1000 € if the accommodation is taken care of by the crew to be paid no later than September 30, 2024.

In case of withdrawal, the riders will only be reimbursed in case of force majeure (death, serious illness) before November 07, 2024, after a decision by the Organizing Authority which 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, 2024, the event will be canceled and the registration fee will be refunded in full.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Boats must display the advertising chosen and supplied by the AO. If this rule is infringed, World Sailing regulation 20.9.2 applies (internet link, Regulations).
- 6.2 The installation and maintenance of these stickers are the responsibility of the crew, who must replace them if necessary. Each crew member must wear the lycra provided by the organisation .



7. SCHEDULE

7.1 Registration:

January 22th to 25th, 2025 . From 09:00 to 16:00.

7.2 Race days (including training run if necessary)

| Dates | Heure du 1 ^{er} signal d'avertissement |
|------------------|--|
| 22 to 25/01/2025 | Boats assembly – Opening ceremony on January 25 at 7:30pm. F18/F16 |
| 26/01/2025 | Training race - Warning signal : 2:00 pm / briefing : 1:00 pm F18/F16 |
| 27/01/2025 | Start of race 1 - Warning signal : 10h00 / briefing : 9h00 F18/F16 |
| 28/01/2025 | Start of race 2 - Warning signal : 10h00 / briefing : 9h00 F18/F16 |
| 29/01/2025 | Start of race 3 - Warning signal : 10h00 / briefing : 9h00 F18/F16 |
| 30/01/2025 | Reserve day |
| 31/01/2025 | Start of race 4 - Warning signal : 10h00 / briefing : 9h00 F18/F16 |
| 01/02/2025 | Start of race 5 - Warning signal : 10h00 / briefing : 9h00 F18/F16 Prize-giving ceremony : 19h30 F18/F16. |
| 02/02/2025 | Containers loading. |

7.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 16:00, except after a general recall.

8 MEASUREMENT

8.1 Each boat must present or prove the existence of a valid measurement certificate.

8.2 [DP] Boats must be available for equipment inspection from 9H every day from January 27, 2025 to February 01, 2025.

8.3 Boats may be inspected at any time during the event.

8.4 In accordance with article G.1.1(b) of the RRS, boats must bear their nationality letters in their GV.

8.4 The equipment limitation specified by the class rules applies.

9. LOCATION

9.1 The Appendix to the CA will provide plans and locations of racing areas.

10. THE COURSE

10.1 The courses will be long distance and / or constructed courses

10.2 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).

10.3 [NP] In the event that weather conditions do not permit a circumnavigation of the island, a new program may be proposed by the Organizing Authority: built courses and long distances.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM [DP]

11.1 Penalty for breaking a rule of RRS chapter 2 are replaced as follows:

11.1.1 For all classes, RRS 44.1 is amended so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty including tacking and gybing. This modifies RRS 44.2.

11.1.2 A boat which has incurred a penalty under RRS 44.1 must complete an acknowledgement of infringement form to the race committee secretariat within the protest period.

11.2. 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 and A5.2),



UFD: boat racing time + 10 minutes (this changes RRS 30.3 and A5.2),

BFD: boat racing time + 15 minutes (this changes RRS 30.4 and A5.2).

- 11.3. Penalty for not signing out, signing in or for not attending skippers meeting: boat racing time + 15 minutes.
- 11.4. Infractions of rules other than those in chapter 2, not specifically covered by an article in this notice of race, penalty of 10% of the time of the last boat in the series to DSQ, at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 11.5. The Jury keeps the right for disqualifying a boat.

12. **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.
- A points classification will be drawn up if the event is run exclusively on constructed courses.
- 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.

13. **PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded during closing ceremony on 01th February 2025 evening.

14. **ESTABLISHING RISK**

RRS 3 states, "A boat's decision to race or to remain in a race is its sole responsibility." By participating in this event, each competitor accepts and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather conditions, equipment failure, errors in boat handling, poor navigation by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable surface and fatigue, resulting in an increased risk of injury. The risk of property damage and/or personal injury is therefore inherent in the sport of sailing.

15. **SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

The mandatory safety equipment on board is as follows:

- 1 paddle of at least 1 meter long,
- 1 towing line, ready for use, 15^m long and 6^{mm} diameter,
- 1 righting line, ready for use, 4^m long and 10^{mm} diameter,
- 2 Personal floatation devices approved (CEE or PFD),
- The lengths and diameters required by this rule are minimum dimensions. The towing line must be able to withstand the forces generated by pulling a safety boat.
- 1 waterproof VHF,
- 1 electronic compass,
- 2 individual waterproof flash lights.
- 1 transponder provided by the OA

The following equipment are permitted:

- GPS,

Any team missing one safety equipment defined above can be DSQ

All safety equipment shall be presented at first skippers meeting.

16. **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.



17. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

17.1. The organizing authority will provide four containers for crews departing from France. Three locations have been selected: Gravelines at EB CONCEPT, in Saint Malo at INTERDIST and in the South of France, the location will be specified later. For the USA, a container is planned for Florida. The stuffing date will be specified at a later date.

For carriage by cart from Pointe à Pitre or Saint Barth, the organizing authority will specify which company it will be working with at a later date.

Mandatory documents to be provided at potting :

- Catamaran invoice,
- Certificate of origin,
- Detailed packing list,
- Copy of owner's ID.

17.2 Accommodation is provided by the organization. Several formulas will be proposed: full, half or homestay. If the crew arranges its own accommodation, the registration fee will be €1000 instead of €1300. However, the organization must be notified before October 10, 2024 in order to make the best possible arrangements.

16.3 For accompanying persons, the organizing authority will propose rates for accommodation, lunches and drinks included: 120€ per day. Confirmation must be received by September 01, 2024. Preferred prices will be offered for renting cars. It is highly recommended to book a car as soon registration is validated.

For any further information, please contact :

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(A supprimer en l'absence de concurrents étrangers attendus)

ANNEXE PRESCRIPTIONS FEDERALES

FFVoile Prescriptions to RRS 2017-2020
translated for foreign competitors

FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 25** (*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 64.3** (*Decisions on protests concerning class rules*):

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.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 67** (*Damages*):

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 cannot be dealt by the jury.

(*) 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 authorization of the Fédération Française de Voile, received before publishing the notice of race. This authorization shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

(*) 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 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.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 88** (*National prescriptions*):

Prescriptions of the FFVoile shall neither be 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 neither be 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)).

(*) 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 authorization 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://www.ffvoile.fr/ffv/web/services/arbitrage/jury_appel.asp