

# Amendment no. 2 of Racing Information

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*La Solidaire du Chocolat 2<sup>eme</sup> Edition*



**NANTES -SAINT NAZAIRE  
To PROGRESO, State of YUCATAN in MEXICO  
Double-handed non-stop Transatlantic Race  
CLASS 40  
Start -11 March 2012**

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## 1 - ORGANISATION

- 1.1 The 'La ROUTE du CHOCOLAT' association, represented by its president Yves GILLET, with the support of the REGION of PAYS de La LOIRE, the Conseil Général of Loire Atlantique, the town of SAINT NAZAIRE, the city of NANTES, the State of YUCATAN in MEXICO, and the city of PROGRESO is organising the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of 'La SOLIDAIRE du CHOCOLAT', a DOUBLE-HANDED, non-stop TRANSATLANTIC RACE of 5000 miles between SAINT NAZAIRE and PROGRESO.
- 1.2 The race is open exclusively to CLASS40 monohulls.
- 1.3 PROFIL GRAND LARGE is the organising authority for this event, represented by Damien GRIMONT, whose headquarters are at 1 allée Loïc CARADEC, 56000 Vannes, France, in conjunction with S.N.O.S. voile Saint Nazaire, which is affiliated to the Fédération Française de Voile (French Sailing Federation).
- 1.4 The Fédération Française de Voile shall be responsible for arbitration of this event. The arbitration panel shall be composed of a Race Committee, an event measurer and a Jury of 3 people.

## 2 – RULES

- Racing rules of sailing (RRS) I.S.A.F 2009-2012,
- I.S.A.F's Offshore Special Regulations, category 1 – monohulls,
- The rules and regulations of Class40 measurement, 2009 edition, and potential amendments,
- Part B from the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, (COLREGS),
- The FFVoile rules apply to foreign competitors.

French is the official language. In case of any conflict regarding the translation, the French Text prevails.

## 3 – COURSE

**Distance: around 5000 miles**

Main sailing marks:

- FLORES Island of the Azores archipelago to be **left on STARBOARD\***,
- SAINT BATHELEMY Island to be **left on STARBOARD**,
- The islands of DOMINICAN REPUBLIC and HAITI to be **left on STARBOARD**,
- CUBA to be **left on STARBOARD**.

Finishing line in PROGRESO, in the state of YUCATAN, Mexico.

- Note: *The organisation has the right to change the course, by putting a mark more south for example, in the case of bad weather.*

#### 4 – EVENT PROGRAMME

- **Thursday, 1 March 2012** 12.00 All boats must be present in NANTES
- **Saturday, 3 March 2012** Official 'La Nuit du Chocolat' evening in Nantes
- **Sunday, 4 March 2012** 'Parade Solidaire', sailing down the Loire
- **Monday, 5 March 2012** 09.00 Entry office open and beginning of inspections  
18.00 Safety briefing
- **Thursday, 8 March 2012** Open day for local schools  
18.00 Sailing instructions' briefing
- **Friday, 9 March 2012** Official evening
- **Sunday, 11 March 2012** 10.00 Weather forecast briefing  
17.30 Race start

Skippers will be notified of any other important times which are not included here.

The official announcement of the results and the prize giving in PROGRESO will not take place until at least 72h after the arrival of the 1<sup>st</sup> competitor.

The organisation can change the programme in the case of an unforeseen event.  
**The start of the first leg cannot be brought forward**, however.

#### 5 – CLOSURE OF FINISHING LINE

The time limit is 8 full days after the first competitor's arrival. Extra time may be donated by the Jury however, to an individual boat  
The race committee may extend the time limit, if necessary.

#### 6 – BRIEFING

Skippers and co-skippers must be present at all the briefings stated in the programme (see 4 above).

Other briefings may be added to the programme if the organisational committee deems it necessary for the benefit of the course.

Competitors will be notified about any other briefings at 20.00 the latest, the day before it will take effect.

#### 7 – MANDATORY BOAT REPRESENTATION

##### 7.1 Skipper and co-skipper presence is mandatory:

- 7.1.1 in **PARIS, Saturday, 3 December 2011** – press conference at boat show.
- 7.1.2 in **NANTES, Saturday, 3 March 2012** – for official 'La Nuit du Chocolat' evening and **Sunday, 4 March** – for the 'Parade Solidaire' down the Loire.
- 7.1.3 in **SAINT NAZAIRE:**  
- **at every scheduled briefing,**  
- **Monday, 5 March 2012** – for the first safety and boat measurement inspection,  
- **Thursday, 8 March 2012** – for school open day,  
- **Friday, 9 March 2012** – for the official evening.
- 7.1.4 in **PROGRESO** – for official results and prize giving.

## 7.2 Boat technician

If the skipper or co-skipper is not available, except in the above stated times (see 7.1 above), a member of the boat crew must be present at all times during the following occasions:

- 7.2.1 in **SAINT NAZAIRE:** from 5 March 2012, everyday from 09.00 to 19.00 until race start.
- 7.2.2 in **PROGRESO:** from boat arrival to departure in Progreso.

## 8 - BOAT OBLIGATIONS

- 8.1 Boats must be in NANTES on **Thursday, 1 March 2012, at 1200 at the latest.**
- 8.2 Boats shall be at the disposal of race committee and organization members, in SAINT NAZAIRE, **everyday from 09.00 to 19.00 from Monday, 5 March 2012 to race start, which will take place on Sunday, 11 March 2012.**

## 9 - PENALTIES FOR ABSENCE OF TEAMS and/or BOATS

- 9.1 In the case of absence of a skipper or co-skipper, or of a boat technician (point 7.2) at any mandatory boat representation (point 7.1) a financial penalty for every confirmed absence may be applied at the discretion of the jury.
- 9.2 Any boat delayed in NANTES, as per article 8.1 of this Notice of Race, could incur a financial penalty for every 24 hours delayed at the discretion of the jury.

## 10 - ADVERTISING

- 10.1 According to I.S.A.F rule 20, as is modified by FFVoile advertising rules, the boat must carry the advertising chosen and given by the organization. Race flags, banners, burgees and pennants will be given out by the organization to every team as soon as they arrive in NANTES, Thursday, 1 March 2012.

Written instructions will be given to the skippers on how/where to display their flags.

#### 10.2 Race Name

Every boat must carry the race logo on its main sail.

This logo will be displayed within a 2m diameter circle.

The circle's centre will be positioned 1/3 up the mast from the deck, and will be between the leech of the sail and a line from the middle of the boom and the head of the sail.

This logo, provided by the organization must be placed on to the mainsail before 29 February 2012.

### 11 - RESPONSIBILITY

- 11.1 Skippers and co-skippers enter the race at their own risk, and fully accept the responsibility in deciding to participate. It is the sole responsibility of each skipper to decide whether to participate or not in the race, or to continue to race regard to competence, the boat and its associated equipment, the wind strength, weather forecast etc. (**fundamental rule 4 of the RRS** and article 4 of the byelaw of the 3rd May 1995).
- 11.2 Any advice or information provided by the race organisation either before or during the race, for example a gale warning, is for information purposes only, and it is the skipper's sole decision to race, without any responsibility in relation to that information for the race organisation or its partners. The responsibility of the race organisation and partners is limited to ensuring a fair sporting event, and conforming to the byelaw of the 3rd May 1995.
- 11.3 Any further responsibility which the organisation could accept would have to be contractual and explicit. In particular, any checks that the race committee undertakes, at its own initiative, or at the request of the race director, protest committee, or any other instance, shall have the sole aim of ensuring that the sporting rules, the current notice of race, the sailing instructions and appendices and amendments have been respected.
- 11.4 Keeping watch, and especially radio watch, as well as tracking which the organisation might provide, should be considered as optional and uncertain, and under no circumstance as an extra safety measure to rely on.
- 11.5 Any request made to a member of the organisation does not imply responsibility of the organiser, except where he has explicitly accepted the request, either directly or through an official spokesperson. This applies particularly to any requests for assistance, or even assistance at sea.
- 11.6 Skippers will take personal responsibility for any damage or injury to themselves, their boat, other boats, or any third party, or property of a third party. **Skippers are required to provide insurance to cover civil liability and damage during the race.** The absence of third party liability in no way makes the organisation or its partners liable.

- 11.7 Competitors are reminded of the obligation to offer all possible assistance to any other boat or person in danger insofar as they are able to do so, as per **fundamental rule 1.1 of the RRS** and international measures in force. In this case and after changing course, the skipper shall supply the Race Committee with all the details needed for time to potentially be awarded. The jury shall apply a time award once it has received the necessary information to calculate how much.
- 11.8 As an essential condition of participation, skippers shall provide along with their full entry, the signed and dated declaration absolving the race organisers, their partners and insurers of liability.

## 12 - ELIGIBILITY

- 12.1 The race is open to anyone aged at least 18 on the day of the start, the 11th March 2012, and who can provide a nautical CV that shows results and/or offshore racing experience, and who the selection committee see fit to join. The CV must be sent to the race committee **before 30 November 2012**.
- 12.4 The skipper and co-skipper shall both:
- 12.4.1 **Be in possession of a racing license** from Club FFVoile, valid for the duration of the event.

Foreign competitors shall:

- provide a valid insurance certificate showing they possess a minimum of €1.5 million third party liability, and have the necessary documentation proving they belong to a club recognised by their national authority.
- Or get an annual license from the Fédération de Française de Voile.

12.4.2 **Provide medical documentation**, as per the national medical rules of the FFVoile (French Sailing Federation), appendix 3.

This documentation shall include:

- The results of a cardiogram
- The results of physical test in at least the previous 4 years
- The confidential medical form provided by the organisation, completed by the competitor's doctor and validated by the event doctor.

The medical documentation shall be sent to the attention of the 'Solidaire du Chocolat' race doctor c/o the race organisation before the **11th January 2012**, with 'Confidentiel dossier médical' (Confidential Medical Documentation) written on the envelope.

**12.4.3 Be in possession of a recent medical course certificate**, or equivalent. AFPS certificates within the last 5 years on the 11th March 2012 and the PSC1 will be accepted (OSR 6.05.2)

**12.4.4 Provide a sea survival certificate** within at least the last 5 years of 11th March 2012. (OSR.6.01.1a)

## **12.5 Sailing obligations**

After reviewing all crews' pre-entry file and/or nautical CV showing results and/or offshore racing experience, the selection committee may ask the registered crew to complete a double-handed 1000 mile qualification passage, on board the boat which will be racing in the transatlantic race, **before 31 January 2012**.

The course, date and start time shall be communicated to the race officer at least one week before the expected start date.

The qualifying passage shall be tracked by Immarsat.

Information will be given at a later date by the race officer on how to follow the qualification passage.

## **12.6 Qualification races**

The following races may substitute the qualification passage, on condition that they are sailed double-handed by the crew and on board the boat that will sail the 'Solidaire du Chocolat'.

**12.6.1** Les Sables – Horta – Les Sables, departure 2 July 2011.

On condition that the crew have sailed and the boat has been ranked on at least one of the two legs.

**12.6.2** The Normandy Channel Race, 15 – 20 May 2011.

On condition that the crew have sailed the entire race and have been ranked.

**12.7** The decisions of the selection committee are final and without appeal (rule 76.1 of the RRS).

## **13 – ENTRY**

**13.1** The pre-entry will be registered the day it is received, and accepted only if the registration file and a fee of €1,000 (tax exclusive) are included.  
This charge is not reimbursable.

**13.2** The final entry, with the remaining fees must be sent to the address below, no later than the **30<sup>th</sup> November 2011**:

**PROFIL GRAND LARGE**  
**1 allée Loic CARADEC, 56000 VANNES**  
**Tél: +33 (0)2 97 63 08 81**  
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**E-mail: contact@lasolidaireduchocolat.com**

13.3 The entry fees are:

- **€6,000 (tax exclusive)**
- or **€5,000 (tax exclusive)** for boats classed as '**VINTAGE**', according to the class 40 rules.

13.4 An entry received **later than 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011** may be examined by the organization. The entry fee will be raised by 25% if accepted.

13.5 A position transmitter, provided by the organisation is included in the entry fee. It will be given for a deposit of €1,500 (tax inclusive).

13.6 The entry fee will be reimbursed if the event is cancelled or if the organization refuses entry of a candidate, except for the €1,000 (tax exclusive) pre-entry fee (see article 13.1).

13.7 Cheques will be written out to: '**l'Association de la Route du Chocolat**'

13.8 Bank transfer details are as follows:

**IBAN:** FR76 1721 9405 5076 0016 3979 333

**Code SWIFT (BIC):** CCBPFRPP219

**Sort Code:** CMMAT NANTES – 40550

*(Crédit Maritime Atlantique)*

13.9 The entry will only be complete when the boat and the crew will have complied with all administrative and technical details in SAINT NAZAIRE, **Saturday, 10 March 2012**, by the latest,

## 14 – NUMBER OF TEAMS

The event is limited to the first 35 pre-registered teams, on condition of acceptance and following entry validation by the selection committee.

The organisation reserves the right to invite a further 5 teams.

## 15 – BOATS ELIGIBLE TO RACE

Only boats with a valid Class40 certificate, and conforming to OSR Category 1 monohull requirements, shall be eligible to race.

## 16 - CHECKS BEFORE THE START

16.1 Boats shall be present and available to the race committee, jury and race organisation in SAINT NAZAIRE **from 09.00 to 19.00 everyday, from Monday, 5 March 2012 until the start.**

- 16.2 All checks are scheduled from Monday, 5 March – Saturday, 10 March, everyday from 09.00 to 19.00.
- 16.3 The skipper or co-skipper must be present in Saint Nazaire for the first boat check.
- 16.4 The crew may be replaced by another team member preparing the boat or by a boat technician during this period, except for the first check. The person to replace the crew must hand in their contact details to the race committee as soon as possible, from 09.00, Monday, 5 March.
- 16.5 Only the skipper or co-skipper shall have **the authority to sign the measurement and security forms, and the authority to confirm that the seals have been positioned**. At his/her request, some seals may be doubled up (at the most).

## 17 – ADDITIONAL and MANDATORY SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Competitors are reminded that the following additional safety equipment is mandatory:

- 17.1 An **IRIDIUM satellite phone** with data kit and external antenna.
- 17.2 A waterproof **handheld IRIDIUM satellite phone** or a non-waterproof one but that is in a waterproof grab bag.  
This phone must not be the same one as the main Iridium phone on board.
- 17.3 **Radar transponder** (RTE) (OSR 4.10.2).
- 17.4 An automatic '**Man Overboard**' system with loud alarm, displaying heading and distance to MOB.
- 17.5 **Hull markings** (OSR 4.02.1.b) and **underwater appendage** (OSR 4.02.3)
- 17.6 A **safety bag or container** (OSR 4.21.3, a-n)
- 17.7 **Autonomous positioning beacon**, (*provided by the organization*).  
The beacon shall be given back at the finish, or sent to PROFIL Grand Large at the expense of the team, in the case of retirement.

## 18 – OUTSIDE HELP

Application of article 41 of the ISAF: A boat shall not receive help from any outside source.

## 19 - IMAGE RIGHTS

By entering the 'Solidaire du Chocolat' each competitor authorises Profil Grand Large and 'La Route du Chocolat' association to use images of the boats, skippers and crewmembers, taken in public places, press office, pontoons, boats on pontoons, boats sailing, support boats, in all

countries, in all media, for a maximum period of two years, exclusively to promote the event, and with the agreement of the owner for each image used. Beyond this two year period, the images can no longer be used, except as historical reference to the event in press articles or the official race site.

It is understood that these images must be used in normal circumstances, with no malicious intention.

## **20 – RANKING**

The ranking will be based on the real time order of arrival, where competitors finish the race within the time limit.

## **22 – PRIZES**

The total amount of prizes will be at least €50,000 and will be distributed as follows:

- 70% of the total will go to the first 5 teams overall.
- 30% of the total will go to the first 5 teams in the 'VINTAGE' class.

## **22 – TIMES**

All times indicated in the racing rules are in UT+1.

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