



RACE INSTRUCTIONS

Pornichet Select 6.5

ORGANIZATION

Loire-Atlantique Ocean Race

From April 27 to May 3, 2022

Grade 4



This regatta of around 300 miles is reserved for solo sailors in the Mini Class.

Following the joint decision of the Mini Class and the French Sailing Federation, the "Pornichet Sélect 6.5" constitutes an event of the **"French Single-handed Offshore Racing Championship Mini 6.5 (CFCLS)"**

[NP] (No Protest) in a rule in the sailing instructions (SI) means that a boat cannot protest another boat for breaking that rule. This modifies RRS 60.1(a).

The mention [DP] (Discretionary penalty) in an IC rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than a disqualification

1. RULES

The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* Notice of Race with these articles and its rules are to be taken into account.

CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 2 hours before the warning signal for the race in which it takes effect, except for any change in the racing schedule which will be posted before 8:00 p.m. the day before the day it takes effect.

2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction can be made on the water by VHF with acknowledgment of receipt of each boat.

2.3 Due to sanitary conditions, posting will be available:

- available upon confirmation of registration.
- Displayed according to the Federal Prescription.
- Available in electronic version at the following address: www.la-cl.com

COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official information board, the location of which is under the marquee of the village La Pornichet Sélect 6.5.

3.2 The race headquarters is located at the end of the North dike of the port of Pornichet:

mob: +33 (0)6 43 29 42 64 - + 33 (0)6 10 36 10 75 email: directordecourse@la-cl.com

3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to watch over and communicate with the competitors on the canal VHF 72.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 [DP] Competitors and companions must comply with justified requests from referees.

4.2 [DP] [NP] Competitors and companions must manage the beacon provided by the organizer and place the advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, as a good sailor, in accordance with the instructions for use and without interfering with its operation.

SIGNALS MADE ON LAND

5.5.1 Signals made ashore are sent to the flag mast located at the end of the north breakwater of the port of Pornichet.

5.2 When the Preview flag is displayed, the warning signal cannot be made less than 60 mins after the Preview has been lowered (this modifies Race Signals).

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Race Dates Date Class

Class		
Saturday April 30 Proto and series	11:30 a.m. departure	
Tuesday, May 3 Proto and series	7 p.m. prize giving	

6.2 The scheduled time for the race warning signal is 11:25.

7. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag is the mini 6.50 class flag.

8. RACING AREAS

The racing area is defined in [Appendix 4 RACE AREAS](#).

THE PATHS

9.9.1 The courses are described in [Appendix 3 COURSES](#) the order in which the marks must be passed and the side on which each mark must be left, as well as the indicative length of the courses.

9.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will display flag D if the course includes a clearance mark. It will send the green flag to indicate that it is at around leaving it to starboard. The absence of a green flag means that it is to be bypassed by leaving it to port (this changes Race Signals).

9.4 The gates or marks to be bypassed, where the course may be reduced, are specified in [Appendix 3 COURSE](#).

9.5 Official scoring at a mark

The race committee can interrupt a race according to one of the causes provided for in RRS 32.1 and validate it by taking as the finishing order the last official score at one of the rounding marks specified in [Appendix 3 COURSE](#) (this modifies RRS 32) . The terms of application are set out in [Appendix 3 ROUTE](#).

Pointer boats may be kept close to each mark.

All competitors must self-check in when passing the marks indicated in the declaration of arrival and provide these scores after the finish to the race office, as soon as possible. [Appendix No. 6](#). (For an arrival between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. local time, this deadline is postponed until 9 a.m.)

Any violation of this rule may be the subject of a complaint by the CC and/or the Jury (DP of 2 hours to DSQ)

9.6 Signaling to semaphores. [DP]

Competitors must remain on double watch on channel 16 and the race channel, a competitor may be contacted by a semaphore in the event of a malfunction of his beacon or in the event of an abnormal trace

10. MARKS, BUOYS

10.1 Marks for the release buoy and arrival buoy are specified in [Appendix 3](#)

10.2 A race committee boat signaling a change of leg is a mark.

11. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTACLES

The areas considered as obstacles are defined in [Appendix 5](#).

- In Pouliguen bay. (including the bass St François)
- Guérandaises plateau wind farm.
- Experimentation site at sea, floating wind turbine.
- KP 16
- Houat and Groix shellfish farming area

12. THE DEPARTURE

12.1 The starting line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the mast displaying an orange flag on the target boat, at the port end.

12.2 Starting signals: Warning

signal: Class Mini flag displayed 6.50

12.3 The starting system:

Signal	Flag and sound signal	Before departure
Warning Class flag, one sound signal		5 mins
Preparatory	Flag P, I, one sound signal	4 mins
One minute	Bringing in the preparatory pavilion, a long sound signal	1 min
Departure	Raising of the class flag, a sound signal	0 mins

12.4 To warn boats that a race or race sequence is about to begin, an Orange flag will be displayed with one sound at least **five minutes** before the warning signal is displayed.

12.5 The starting line will remain open until **30 minutes** after the starting signal.

12.6 Individual Callback [DP]

12.6.1 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee may give her sail number on **VHF channel 72 . .**

The absence of VHF transmission or reception cannot give rise to a request for repair (this modifies RRS 62.1(a).

12.6.2 In the event of an individual recall, flag X will remain mounted for **30 minutes** after the starting signal (This modifies RCV 29.1)

12.6.3 Starting:

A boat starts when, her hull having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull intersects the starting line towards the route side is:

(a) at or after his starting signal, or

(b) during the last minute before his starting signal.

When a boat starts in accordance with point (b) of the definition *Start*, she may return to the pre-start side of the line to comply with point (a) of the definition *Start*, but, if she fails to do so the starting penalty must be 1h added to his race time.

12.7 When for technical reasons and/or in the event of exceptional circumstances, a boat cannot start within the time specified above, it may however be authorized by the Race Committee to start after this period, provided that the following provisions are complied with:

- immediately notify the Race Committee of his technical problem

- specify the time required for repairs.

The Race Committee and the race management may then grant him authorization by indicating the time at which he may start and, if necessary, a new starting point and a possible first mark to pass.

12.8 After agreement from the Race Committee or Race Direction, and for 2 hours after the start, a boat may make a technical stop at Pornichet which may not exceed 4 hours.

13. CHANGING THE NEXT EDGE OF THE COURSE

Course modifications according to [Appendix 3](#) COURSE (reduced course Le Nouch-Sud)

14. THE ARRIVAL

14.1 The finish line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on the arrival boat to be left to starboard (0.6 mile from the entrance to the port of Pornichet position 47°15.60 N; 02°21.70 W), and the course side of the finishing mark.

14.2 [DP] In case of bad weather conditions, the committee boat will be replaced by a mark, when a boat finishes, the boat must declare to the race committee on the race channel her time of arrival.

14.3 All competitors must announce themselves to the Race Committee by VHF on the race channel at least 5 miles before crossing the finish line and again when crossing this line.

At night, the committee boat will be equipped with an orange flashing light, and the mark on the course side will be equipped with flash lights. Arrival procedure according to [Annex 7](#)

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 For prototypes and series, RRS 44.1 is modified so that the two-lap penalty is replaced by a one-lap penalty.

15.2 When the rules of chapter 2 of the RRS no longer apply and are replaced by part B section II of the RIPAM (between 7 p.m. UTC, sunset time and 5 a.m. UTC, sunrise time), RRS 44.1 does not not apply.

15.3.1 Infringement of a rule of chapter 2 of the RRS when they apply:

* Infringement recognized before hearing: penalty of 30 minutes to DSQ.

* Infringement recognized during the investigation: penalty of 2 hours at DSQ.

* Unrecognized violation: penalty of 4 hours to DSQ. The minimum penalty applied by the juror

* cannot be less than the loss of 3 places in his series.

A boat that does not comply with RCV 14 is liable, after instruction, to a penalty of 4 hours at DSQ

15.3.2 Infringement of rules other than those of chapter 2 of the RRS Rule

44.1b: after investigation a boat responsible for a collision having caused injury or serious damage to one or the other of the boats is liable to minimum penalty of 4 hours until DSQ. (This modifies RRS 44.1b)

If the damaged boat is forced to retire, the boat at fault must retire on pain of disqualification.

Other rules: may, after instruction, be sanctioned with a penalty left to the discretion of the Jury.

16. TARGET TIME AND TIME LIMITS

16.1 The times are as follows:

Course class		Target time	Time limit to finish for 1st	Time limit to finish after the 1st
Proto	Journey	RAS	Tuesday, May 3, 4 p.m.	24h
Series	Journey	RAS	Tuesday, April 3, 4 p.m.	24h

16.2 The time to finish is the time boats have to arrive after the first boat has completed the course and finished. Boats not finishing within this time and subsequently not retiring, being penalized or receiving redress will be scored out of time (TLE) without a hearing. A boat classified as TLE (Time Limit Expired) shall receive the points for the finishing place of the last boat to finish plus one point. This modifies RCV 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16.3 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress (this modifies RRS 62.1(a)).

17. REQUESTS FOR TRAINING

17.1 For each class, the protest time limit is 2 hours after the arrival of the boat.

For an arrival between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. local time, this deadline is extended until 9 a.m.

17.2 The instruction request forms are available at the jury secretariat located at the race headquarters.

17.3 Notices will be posted between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., 1 hour after the arrival of the last boat involved to inform competitors of the instructions in which they have left or called as witnesses. The instructions will take place in the jury room located at the PC race. They will start at the time indicated on the official information board.

18. RANKING

Ranking in real time.

2 specific classifications will be carried out: PROTO and SERIE.

19. SAFETY RULES

19.1 [DP] [NP] A declaration of departure must be submitted to the race headquarters on **Saturday April 30** ([Appendix n°2](#))

19.2 [DP] [NP] A sign-in by VHF will be carried out on the start area before the start procedure on **Saturday April 30**.

19.3 [DP] [NP] Arrival declaration ([Appendix 6](#)). Competitors must file their declaration of arrival at PC Course.

19.4 [DP] [NP] Each sailboat must have on board the safety equipment required by the regulations in force. force (RSO category 3 with liferaft and division 240; Class Mini Level C). Each sailboat must have a fixed 25 watt VHF in perfect working order, on permanent standby on the **racing channel and on channel 16**

19.5 A satellite tracking beacon is provided by the organization during the registration formalities. This beacon will be returned to the organization upon declaration of arrival. ([Appendix 1](#) beacon installation). The beacon will be fixed on the rear balcony, on the right or left, clear of the solar panels

19.6 [DP] [NP] Fillings: The safety container and the 9-litre water reserve.

19.7 Control sheets must be prepared by the skipper.

19.8 Measurement and safety equipment checks may be carried out at any time without notice by the Technical Committee, either on its own initiative or at the request of the organizing authority or the jury. A non-compliant boat will be penalized after instruction.

19.9 [DP] [NP] Logbook and maps: at the finish of the race, when declaring the finish, each competitor must be able to provide the organization with his logbook and the maps used for his navigation.

The logbook must include the following data at least twice a day:

- Cap
- Loch
- Weather observations
- Position
- Radio contacts with any other competitor, semaphore contacts and auto-pointing.
- The list of compulsory cards is specified in the Notice of Race.

19.10. Buoy "Nouch Sud" [DP]: Competitors must announce themselves by VHF on the **race channel** when they are 5 miles from the Nouch Sud buoy. (Following [Annex 3](#) page 2/3)

19.11 [DP] [NP] **Abandonment:** Any boat which releases in a port (other than Pornichet, art 12.8 of the IC) will be class DNF. He will have to report it by VHF or any other means as soon as possible to the race direction. In the event of abandonment at sea, competitors must call the nearest semaphore on VHF channel 16 to signal their abandonment (An escape channel will be offered by the watch personnel) (provide the name and number of the boat, the reason for abandonment and destination port).

- Beg Melen (Groix sector) or - St Julien (Belle Ile – Loire sector) or - Saint Sauveur (Yeu – Les Sables d'Olonne sector)

As soon as he returns to land, as soon as possible, by telephone to the race director
+ 33 (0)6 43 29 42 64/ +33 (0)6 10 36 10 75 or at the PCC + 33 (0)6 12 42 27 67.

A withdrawal form made available must be completed as soon as possible and submitted to the race headquarters secretariat, **Appendix n°8**. A competitor who does not do everything possible to notify the Race Direction or the PC Course of his retirement may be subject to action by the jury.

19.12 **The VHF channel used in the race is 72.**

19.13 Wearing a safety vest is mandatory from the departure from the pontoon, on the return to port after crossing the the finish line.

19.14 A control of the proper functioning of navigation lights will be made on April 28 and 29 from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. Skippers are asked to turn on the navigation lights.

20. COMPETITOR OR EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

Following MINI class rules. (Article R 17)

21. MEASUREMENT AND EQUIPMENT CHECKS

21.1 A boat or its equipment may be checked at any time to verify compliance with the rules of class, the notice of race and the sailing instructions.

21.2 [DP][NP] On the water, a member of the technical committee can ask a boat to immediately join a given area to be checked there.

21.3 [DP] [NP] A boat must comply with the rules 3 hours before her warning signal.

22. OFFICIAL BOATS

The official boats will be identified by a red flag in the backstay or on a shroud.

23. ATTENDANTS 23.1 [DP] [NP]

Attendants must stay out of areas where boats run from the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a delay, general recall or cancellation.

23.2 [DP] [NP] Support boats must be declared to the Race Direction.

23.3 Regulation of the conditions of intervention of guides in FFVoile competitions apply to.

24 WASTE REMOVAL

[DP] Rubbish must be kept on board each boat and will be removed on return to shore.

25 LOCATIONS

[DP] The boats must be kept in the place assigned to them when they are in the port of Pornichet.

26. LEAVING LIMITATIONS [DP] [NP] Boats

shall not be hauled out during the regatta except subject to and under the terms of prior written permission from the race committee or the technical committee.

27. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PROTECTIVE UNDERWATER COVERS [DP] [NP] Their use will

be subject to local regulations (harbour area, etc.).

28. PRICE

Prizes will be awarded for the top three in each series.

APPOINTED REFEREES

President of the race committee: Alex CORDIER

Chairman of the technical committee: Philippe SAUTERON

President of the jury: Jean Christophe Teychene

RACE DIRECTION

Race Director: Grégory BOYER-GIBAUD

Assistant: Bernard DUVAL and Antoine MARTIN

APPENDIX OFFICIAL SCORING AT A MARK

The race committee can interrupt a race according to one of the causes provided for in RRS 32.1 and validate it by taking as the finishing order the last official score at one of the marks specified in the COURSE **appendix** (this modifies RRS 32).

If a race committee boat displaying the 2nd substitute and the class flag of the classes concerned (this modifies Race Signals) is standing near one of the marks specified below, the mark and committee boat together constitute a gate where an official score of the boats is made.

The boats will have to pass this gate and continue their race.

If the race committee subsequently decides to interrupt the race, it will display flags S over H accompanied by two sound signals and, if necessary, the class flag of the classes concerned (this modifies Race signals) signifying "The race is interrupted and the last official score will be taken into account as the order of finish. The race committee will confirm, if possible, these indications by VHF »

If an interruption is signaled according to this appendix, the gate where the last official check-in was made becomes the finish line for the classes concerned.

If a protestable incident occurs between the time the boats clear that finishing line and the time the interruption was signaled, no boat shall be penalized for breaking a rule of Part 2, except if he violates RRS 14 when the incident caused injury or serious damage, or RRS 23.1.

An official score can be taken at the following marks:

La Nouch Sud des Sables d'Olonne to be bypassed and left to starboard.