



NOTICE OF RACE

BONIFACIO IRC EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2025 Saturday, October 4 – Sunday, October 12, 2025 YACHT CLUB DE BONIFACIO BONIFACIO, France



The BONIFACIO IRC EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2025 is organized by the YACHT CLUB DE BONIFACIO (hereinafter the OA for Organizing Authority) in cooperation with the Pôle Course du YACHT CLUB DE FRANCE (YCF), under the authority of the Fédération Française de Voile (FFVoile).

The notation **[DP]** in a rule of this Notice of Race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation **[NP]** means that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025–2028.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of the national authority (FFVoile), translated for foreign competitors: https://arbitrage.ffvoile.fr/media/xj1jzofd/prescriptions-nationales2025-2028_fra_gbr-def.pdf (See Appendix 1).
- 1.3. The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2025–2028.
- 1.4. Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) 2024–2025, Category 3 with life raft.
- 1.5. Part B, Section II of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGs) when it replaces Section 2 of the RRS.
- 1.6. IRC Rules 2025, Parts A, B, and C (advertising permitted).
Under RRS 87 and IRC Rule 11.1, the following IRC rules are modified:
 - 1.6.1. IRC Rule 21.1.5(e): A spare mainsail may be used in a race if authorized by the Race Committee via the official notice board. This spare mainsail must comply with the boat's IRC certificate.
 - 1.6.2. IRC Rule 21.1.5(d): It is not mandatory to carry the spare mainsail on other racing days. All other sails on board must remain the same and be on board for all races.
 - 1.6.3. IRC Rule 22.4 does not apply and is replaced with: The maximum number of crew is that shown on the boat's IRC certificate. The minimum number of crew is 3 and must remain the same for all races of the competition.
- 1.7. The IRC EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2025 is open to all boats holding a valid ENDORSED IRC Certificate issued no later than 24/09/2025 and with a TCC equal to or greater than 0.940.
- 1.8. **[DP][NP]** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 1.9. In the event of a conflict, the English version of this Notice of Race shall prevail.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (and any amendments) will be published online (<https://ycf-club.fr/>). The Race Office will have a limited number of printed copies. Competitors are invited to print or save their own copy.

3. COMMUNICATION

The means of communication will be specified in the Sailing Instructions

4. CLASSES

4.1. IRC Classes are defined as follows:

- **IRC Class 0:** $TCC \geq 1.300$
- **IRC Class 1:** $1.150 \leq TCC < 1.300$
- **IRC Class 2:** $1.070 \leq TCC < 1.150$
- **IRC Class 3:** $1.010 \leq TCC < 1.070$
- **IRC Class 4:** $0.940 \leq TCC < 1.010$

4.2. The class divisions listed above may be revised at the sole discretion of the OA.

4.3. The classes listed in 4.1 may be grouped into fleets at the sole discretion of the OA.

5. REGISTRATION (Required Documents and Procedures)

5.1. Competitors may send all required documents and complete their registration with the Race Office at: https://nvi-ins.fr/INS_REGATE?Manif=1640

5.2. Competitors (each crew member) holding a 2025 FFVoile license must present at the time of registration:

- A valid FFVoile "Competition" license, or
- A valid FFVoile "Adhésion" or "Pratique" license accompanied by a medical certificate stating no objection to competitive sailing, dated within the last year.
- A parental authorization for any underage competitor.

5.3. Foreign competitors without a 2025 FFVoile Competition license must present at the time of registration:

- A valid equivalent document issued by their National Authority affiliated with World Sailing.
- Valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of €2 million (or equivalent).
- A parental authorization for any underage competitor.

5.4. Authorization for advertising display must be submitted if required (i.e., in the case of visible advertising on the boat) at the time of registration.

5.5. A valid 2025 IRC Endorsed certificate must be submitted by **September 24, 2025 – 16:00**. If this deadline is not met, the OA will reject the registration (registration fees will not be refunded).

- 5.6.** The declaration of compliance with OSR Category 3 + life raft must be submitted no later than **September 24, 2025**. This declaration does not exempt boats from safety inspections scheduled between **Saturday, October 4 – Monday, October 6** (see Article 7.1).
- 5.7.** The up-to-date inspection log(s) of the life raft(s) must be submitted by **September 24, 2025**.
- 5.8.** A crew list must be submitted by **September 24, 2025**. This list must include the boat name, sail number, full names of all crew members, their license numbers (if applicable), and the identification code (hexadecimal) of personal locator beacons (PLBs) for those carrying one. Crew changes are subject to the approval of the Race Committee. Approval will not be granted without a valid license number.
- 5.9.** A deposit check of **€500** must be submitted at the time of registration confirmation. In return, the OA will provide a tracking beacon for each boat. This deposit will be refunded upon return of the tracking equipment.

6. FEES

- 6.1.** Entry fees are as follows (based on LH – Hull Length):
- **8.00 to 10.00 m:** €720
 - **10.01 to 13.00 m:** €940
 - **13.01 to 15.00 m:** €1,210
 - **15.01 m and above:** €1,560
- 6.2.** Registrations received after **October 7, 2025** will incur a **30% late fee**.
- 6.3.** A boat is considered registered only after completing all required procedures and paying the entry fee.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1.** The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, Oct 4	9h00 – 18h00	Registration confirmation, measurement and safety checks.
Sunday, Oct 5	9h00 – 18h00	Registration confirmation, measurement and safety checks.
Monday, Oct 6	9h00 – 18h00	Registration confirmation, measurement and safety checks.
	18h30	Competitors briefing and Championship opening cocktail.
Tuesday, Oct 7	10h00	First warning signal – races to follow.
Wednesday, Oct 8	10h00	First warning signal – races to follow.
	18h30	Mandatory briefing & voting on direction of the long race.
	19h00	Crew party and long race direction announcement.
Thursday, Oct 9	12h00	Start of the long race – Tour de Corse 2025.
Sunday, Oct 12	12h00	Finish line closure.
	13h00	Prize giving ceremony and closing cocktail.

7.2 A maximum of **3 races per day** may be scheduled on **October 7 and 8**.

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT

- 8.1. From **Saturday, October 4, 2025 – 09:00**, and at any time during the BONIFACIO IRC EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP, each boat must have a valid IRC ENDORSED certificate on board (in paper or digital format).
- 8.2. Equipment inspections and measurements will be conducted from **Saturday, October 4, 2025 – 09:00**, and throughout the entire event.
- 8.3. From **Saturday, October 4 – 09:00 to Monday, October 6 – 18:00**, the Technical Committee will inspect each boat (compliance with OSR Cat. 3 + life raft and IRC certificate details). Boats must schedule appointments for this initial inspection with the OA. At least one crew member must be present during the inspection and must be able to respond to all questions regarding safety and measurement. All measurement stamps on sails used in racing must be visible in advance of this inspection.
- 8.4. After **September 24, 2025**, any modification to an IRC certificate will only be allowed:
- To correct an error made by the Rating Authority (IRC Calculation Center of the YCF Racing Division or RORC Lymington Rating Office), or
 - Following a rating protest.

9. LOCATION

The location of the marina and its facilities, as well as the racing areas, is indicated in **Appendix 2 – Port Facilities and Race Areas**.

10. COURSES

Various types of courses may be used, including (but not limited to) windward/leeward, coastal races, and one long offshore race. Full course descriptions will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. RRS 44.1 is modified so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by a **One-Turn Penalty**.
- 11.2. RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) applies to this competition.
- 11.3. RRS 44.1 is further modified to allow a boat to take a **30% scoring penalty** as described in RRS 44.3(c) during arbitration.
- 11.4. If a protest requires a boat to be hauled out for re-measurement, it must be accompanied by a **cash deposit** to cover crane costs. The amount will be determined by the OA.
- 11.5. RRS 60 is supplemented as follows: **On the final day of racing, no protest will be accepted concerning measurement discrepancies that could have been protested earlier in the event.**
- 11.6. Decisions of the **International Jury are final** as per RRS 70.3.

12. SCORING AND PRIZES

- 12.1. Corrected time will be calculated using the **Time-on-Time** system.
- 12.2. **One race** must be completed to constitute the BONIFACIO IRC EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP.
- 12.3. Windward/leeward and coastal races will have a **coefficient of 1**, and the **long race (Tour de Corse)** will have a **coefficient of 2.5**.
- 12.4. When **4 or more races** are completed in an IRC class, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores **excluding her worst score**. If the worst score is from the long race, only **50%** of that score will be excluded.
- 12.5. Prizes will be awarded to the **top 3 boats** in each class or fleet. One **BONIFACIO IRC EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2025 trophy** will be awarded for each IRC class. The title of **IRC European Champion 2025** will be awarded to the boat with the lowest score according to the following formula:

[Boat's score in its class or fleet] / [number of races counted for that boat] / [number of boats registered in the class or fleet + 2]

13. BERTHING [DP] [NP]

- 13.1. Boats will be granted **free berthing** from **Thursday, October 2 to Tuesday, October 14**.
- 13.2. During this period, boats must **strictly occupy the berth assigned to them**.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the event **without prior written permission** from the Technical Committee and in compliance with the terms of that permission.

15. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and floating devices (e.g., **plastic pools** or their equivalent) shall not be used around boats from the **preparatory signal of the first race** until the **end of the event**.

16. DATA PROTECTION

- 16.1. Image Rights and Appearance
By participating in this event, each competitor and their legal representatives **authorize** the OA, FFVoile, and their sponsors to **freely use their image and name**, and to display at any time (during and after the event) moving or still photos, film or television footage, and other reproductions of themselves taken during the event, on any media, for promotional purposes related to their activities.

16.2. Use of Personal Data

By participating in this event, each competitor and their legal representatives **consent to the free use and storage** of their personal data by FFVoile, the OA, and its sponsors. These data may be published by FFVoile and its sponsors. In particular, FFVoile and its sponsors may use this data for software development or marketing purposes. In accordance with the **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**, any competitor who has provided personal data to FFVoile has the right to access, rectify, delete, restrict, or object to the processing of their data. These rights can be exercised by contacting **dpo@ffvoile.fr** or by mail to the headquarters of the **Fédération Française de Voile**, clearly indicating that the request concerns personal data.

17. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: *“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”* By taking part in this event, each competitor **acknowledges and accepts** that sailing is a **potentially dangerous activity** with inherent risks. These risks include **strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, equipment failure, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, slipping on unstable surfaces, and fatigue**, all of which can lead to **material damage and/or personal injury**. These risks are **inherent to the sport of sailing**.

18. INSURANCE

Each participating boat must hold and be able to produce a **valid insurance certificate** (in French or English) for the duration of the event, including a **minimum coverage of €2,000,000** for injury and/or material damage.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

- Yacht Club de Bonifacio: secretariat@ycbonifacio.fr
- Yacht Club de France – Pôle Course: irc@ycf-club.fr

APPENDIX 1

Prescriptions of the Fédération Française de Voile (FFVoile) Translated for Foreign Competitors

Prescription 1

FFVoile Prescription to RRS 25.1 (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. These standard documents can be downloaded on the “Arbitrage” website of FFVoile. <https://arbitrage.ffvoile.fr>

Prescription 2

(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 60.5(d) (Decisions on protests concerning class rules)

The protest committee 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.

Prescription 3

(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 65.1 (Legal liability)

Any question or request related to legal liability arising from an incident occurred while a boat was bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing depends on the appropriate courts and cannot be examined and dealt by a protest committee. A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that such action, admit legal liability.

Prescription 4

(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 70.3(b) (Appeals and requests to a national authority)

The denial of the right of appeal is subject to the written approval of the FFVoile, received at least 2 months before the event. This approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

Prescription 5

(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 76.1 (Exclusion of boats or competitors)

An organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary reason.

Prescription 6

(*) 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.

Prescription 7

(*) 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 approval 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.

Prescription 8

(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 88.2 (Changes or deletions to National prescriptions)

Prescriptions of the FFVoile shall not be changed or 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 not be changed in the notice of race and sailing instructions. (The official translation of the prescriptions, downloadable on “Arbitrage” website of FFVoile shall be the only translation used to comply with RRS 90.2(b)).

Prescription 9

(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 91(a) (Minimum number of protest committee members)

The protest committee shall be composed of a minimum number of committee members in accordance with the provisions of the federal regulations of the FFVoile, unless a derogation is granted by the FFVoile

Prescription 10

(*) FFVoile Prescription to RRS 91(b) (Appointment of an international jury)

The appointment of an international jury meeting the requirements of Appendix N is subject to prior written approval of the FFVoile. Such approval 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: Fédération Française de Voile, jury d'appel - 17 rue Henri Bocquillon, 75015 Paris – email: jury.appel@ffvoile.fr, using preferably the appeal form downloadable on the “Arbitrage” website of FFVoile.

APPENDIX 2

Port Facilities and Race Areas

1. PORT FACILITIES



2. RACE AREAS

The inshore and coastal courses will be set at the exit of the Bonifacio harbor within the Bouches de Bonifacio Nature Reserve.

