



YACHT CLUB DE FRANCE

37^e Coupe d'Automne du Yacht Club de France Cannes – Saint-Tropez Sunday 30. September 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The mention [DP] in a rule means that a boat cannot claim (No Protest) against another boat for breaking that rule. This amends RCV 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The rules as defined in *the Sailing Instructions*;
- 1.2. The national requirements applicable to foreign competitors which are specified in the "Requirements" appendix to the Notice of Race;
- 1.3 The CIM rules for Vintage Yachts and Classic Yachts;
- 1.4. IRC rules for Spirits of Tradition;
- 1.5. The rules of the Metric Classes, depending on the number of entries according to the Notice of Race **13.2**. In the event that there are fewer entries, Sailing Instruction **1.3** will apply for the Metric Classes;
- 1.6. Part B, Section II of the RIPAM (IRPCAS) when it replaces the rules of Chapter 2 of the RCV;
- 1.7. In the event of a translation of this Notice of Race, the French text shall prevail.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 In Cannes:
 - A YCF permanence will be provided at the Village on the Quai St Pierre.
 - There will be no bulletin board. All documents (list of competitors, amendments, etc.) will be published on the <https://ycf-club.fr/en-mer/cda/> website <https://ycfclub.sharepoint.com/sites/CoupedAutomne/Documents> partages/General/(<https://ycf-club.fr/en-mer/cda/> (or even by WhatsApp messaging).
- 2.2 In Saint-Tropez: the race HQ is located in the Village des Voiles de Saint-Tropez. The official results and other documents in the event of a complaint will be published on the <https://ycf-club.fr/en-mer/cda/> website a (or even by WhatsApp messaging).
- 2.3 Communications will be published on the <https://ycf-club.fr/en-mer/cda/> website (or even by WhatsApp-type messaging) no later than Sunday, September 27, 2026 before 09:00.

3. **CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any changes to the race instructions will be posted on the <https://ycf-club.fr/en-mer/cda/>. (or even by WhatsApp-type messaging) at the latest 2 hours before the warning signal.

4. **SIGNALS MADE ON LAND**

4.1 The flag mast located on the "Régates Royales de Cannes" quay will be used.

4.2 When the Flag AP is sent, the warning signal cannot be made less than 60 minutes later (this changes "Race Signals").

5. **PROGRAMME**

Competitors must be available to the Race Committee in the start area at 11:00 am on Sunday 27 September 2026.

6. **PAVILLONS DE CLASSE**

The class flags are:

Vintage gaff rigged yachts;
Vintage Marconi rigged yachts
Classic Yacht
IOR CIM
Yachts Spirit of Tradition IRC

Flag AFYT WHITE
Flag AFYT YELLOW
Flag AFYT GREEN
Flag AFYT PINK
Flag YCF BLACK

7. **THE ROUTES**

7.1 **COURSE N°1**

DEPARTURE - CANNES

in front of the Port

ARRIVAL – SAINT-TROPEZ

in front of the Pourtalet tower

7.2 There will be no offset mark.

7.3 The theoretical distance of the route is given for information in the Appendix. This cannot be the subject of a request for repair (amendment of RCV 62.1(a)).

8. **MARKS**

Start mark: Red buoy

Finish mark: White buoy

9. **THE DEPARTURE**

9.1. The **starting line** will be marked by a staff flying an orange flag on the committee boat identified by the Yacht Club de France flag and the course side of the starting mark.

9.2 **[DP]** Whatever the wind direction, the boats will leave directly for Saint-Tropez. For safety reasons, the use of downwind sails (spinnakers, gennakers, etc.) is prohibited before the start line has been completely crossed.

9.3 **Departure Procedures**

9.3.1 There are several departures with the possibility of grouping according to the number of participants. The departure procedures will be in accordance with RCV 26 with a warning signal 5 minutes before the start. The procedures may be announced on VHF Channel 72. The absence of broadcasting on VHF will not be the subject of a request for compensation (Amendment of RCV 62.1(a)).

9.3.2 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing.

9.3.3 **[DP]** Boats whose warning signal has not been given must avoid the starting area defined as follows: 60 meters strip adjacent at any point on the line and starting marks.

9.3.4 Safety during the departure procedure: boats in the departure procedure will be able to keep their engine running, not engaged, in order to avoid a collision at any time. This manoeuvre remains in accordance with Rule 42 (Propulsion) and in particular Article 42.3(i) (Exceptions). This use of the engine should not give a significant advantage in the race. The skipper of the boat will have to inform the Committee of the problem.

9.4 **Reminder**

9.4.1 In the event of a premature start, a 5-point penalty will be imposed. Boats will be notified via VHF, if possible, 1 minute after the starting signal. Failure to broadcast the notification on VHF will not be grounds for a protest (Amendment to RRS 62.1(a)).

9.4.2 General recall: according to RCV 29.2

10. **CHANGE THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

There is no change of course.

11. **ARRIVAL**

The finish line is between the committee boat anchored in front of the Tour du Portalet and the finish mark (art.8).

Competitors must contact the Race Committee by VHF on channel 72 **when crossing the finish line**, to announce their name and their sail or sling number.

12. **AREAS THAT ARE OBSTACLES [DP]**

12.1 Departing from CANNES, sailboats must respect the Heliport's no-go zone, defined by prefectural decree.

12.2 Passenger boats are likely to be at anchor in **Cannes** and/or **Saint-Tropez**. For safety reasons, competitors and tenders must imperatively respect, even during the race, a safety zone around passenger boats. An identified safety boat or Maritime Affairs may be located in the area and will be able to intervene to enforce this restricted area and possibly divert boats that do not respect it.

13. **DEADLINE**

The finish line will be closed for all groups at 6:30 pm. Competitors who have not finished the race will be classified as DNF.

14 **VHF [DP]**

14.1 The Race Committee on land or on board and the competitors must keep a constant watch on **VHF channel 72**.

14.2 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing must not transmit or receive voice data or data that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones. **[DP]**

15 **-RETIRING**

A competitor who retires must report it by VHF on **channel 72** to the Race Committee **AND by telephone at the finish** whose number is: **+33 6 82 33 15 52**

The yacht that abandons must bring in its class flag and fly its national flag.

16- SECURITY – CONTROLS [DPI]

- 16.1 Competitors must comply with the Safety Rules specific to their class and the legislation in force of their flag.
- 16.2 Safety checks may be carried out before the start to ensure that the competitors have their safety equipment on board, and in particular life jackets and floating devices or life rafts for all the people embarked for the race.

17 - REPLACEMENT PENALTY

An infringement of the RCV may, after investigation, be sanctioned with a penalty of up to 10% of the number of registrants for disqualification.

18 - COMPLAINTS

- 18.1 In accordance with RCV 61.1 a), a competitor who intends to protest must, **at the first reasonable opportunity after the incident**, send a red flag and keep it as long as it is in the race, visibly, and **hail the yacht presumed to be at fault to inform it of its intention to protest**.
- 18.2 Complaints must be submitted in writing to the RACE HQ at the VILLAGE DES VOILES DE SAINT-TROPEZ. The time limit for claiming is 60 minutes at the latest after the claiming boat has finished the race, but no later than 7:30 p.m. Notices will be posted on the <https://ycf-club.fr/en-mer/cda/> site <https://ycf-club.fr/en-mer/cda/> no later than 30 minutes after the claim deadline to inform competitors of the instructions in which they are parties or called as witnesses. Requests for compensation must be filed no more than 30 minutes after the decision has been published on the <https://ycf-club.fr/en-mer/cda/> This amends RCV 62.2.
- 18.3 Violations of the following instructions will not be subject to a claim by a vessel (this amends RCV 60.1(a)):
1. Departure: Boats waiting
 2. Safety rules
 3. Advertising
 4. Communication radio

19 - RANKING

- 19.1 The number of races that must be validated to constitute a series is: one race.
- 19.2 Depending on the weather conditions, the Organizer and the Race Committee reserve the right not to give the start for some or all Classification Groups.
The rankings will be made as follows:
Compensated time:
- Time-over-time for CIM yachts
 - Time-over-time for IRC-rated yachts
- 19.3 The Organization will divide the boats into different classification groups in accordance with Article 17 of the IMC Regulations after the closing of entries.
The classification groups, classes and provisional groups of the boats will be published on the <https://ycf-club.fr/en-mer/cda/> no later than Sunday, September 27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

20. OFFICIAL BOATS

The identification flag of the committee boat is the flag of the Yacht Club de France.
The organising boats will be identified by the blue flags of the YC de CANNES.
The safety boats with orange flags of the YC de CANNES.

21. IDENTIFICATIONS

Two numbered snarlers will be loaned against a deposit to sailboats whose mainsail does not have a number.

22. CREW [DP]

Composition: each skipper must **imperatively and accurately declare** the names of the people actually on board during the regatta in any **capacity whatsoever**.

23. RESULTS - PRICES

The prize-giving ceremony for the Yacht Club de France Autumn Cup will take place on 27 September at 7.30 pm, the terms of which (location, restricted participation, etc.) will be specified no later than Sunday morning in Cannes, and published on the <https://ycf-club.fr/en-mer/cda/>.

The prizes of the Coupe d'Automne du Yacht Club de France are awarded as follows:

- to the first three in corrected time:

- Vintage Marconi rigged yachts
- Vintage gaff rigged
- Classic yachts;
- IOR CIM
- Yachts Spirit of Tradition IRC

Groupings may be carried out in accordance with the terms of Article 17 of the CIM Regulation.

24. GARBAGE DISPOSAL [DP]

Boats must not throw their rubbish into the water. Litter must be kept on board until disembarkation.

25. LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The decision to participate in a race or to stay in the race is their sole responsibility. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for any material damage, injury or death in connection with the regatta, either before, during or after the regatta.

A boat that has a suspected case of Covid 19 in its crew must immediately abandon the regatta and comply with the directives of the health authorities and inform the Organizing Authority.

On the basis of a report from the race doctor or the health authorities, the Organizing Authority may prohibit a boat from taking the start or force it to abandon the regatta if a suspected case of Covid 19 is detected.

A boat will not be able to obtain compensation for this reason (amendment of RCV 76.1).

APPOINTED REFEREES:

President of the Race Committee:

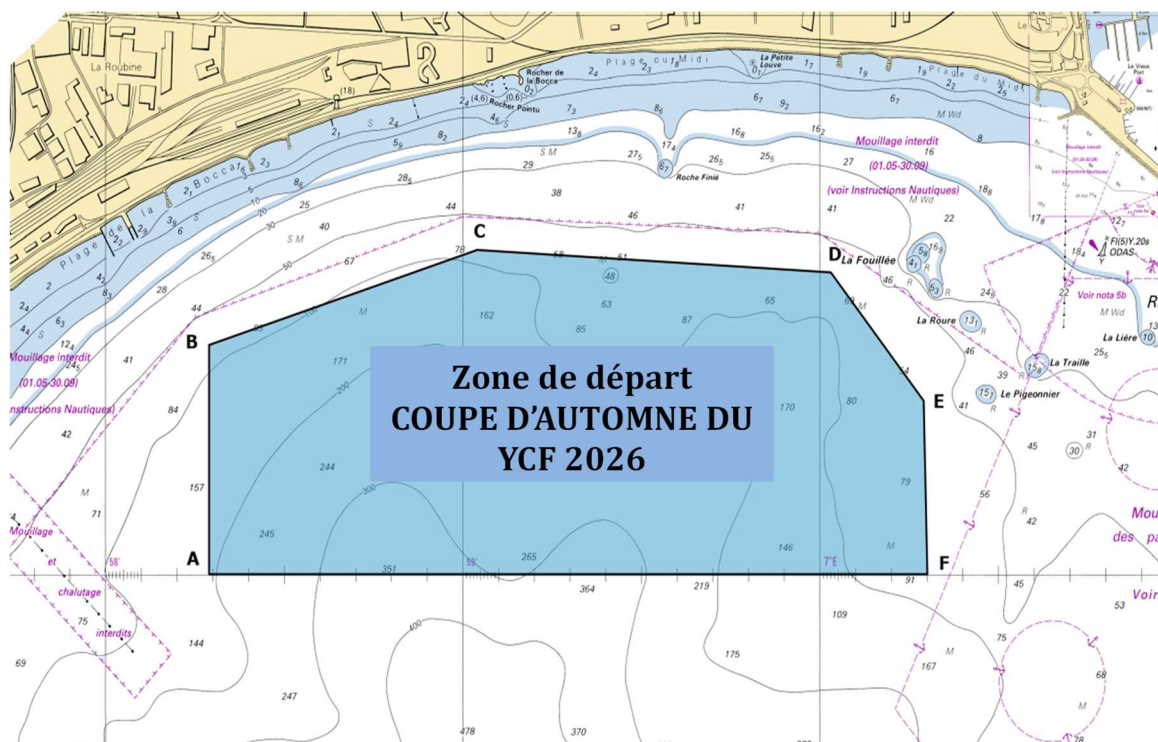
President of the jury:

APPENDICS

PARCOURS



START AREA



Point A : 43° 32,000' N - 006° 58,290' E
 Point C : 43° 32,580' N - 006° 59,040' E
 Point E : 43° 32,310' N - 007° 00,290' E

Point B : 43° 32,410' N - 006° 58,290' E
 Point D : 43° 32,540' N - 007° 00,030' E
 Point F : 43° 32,000' N - 007° 00,290' E



Annexe Prescriptions of the Fédération Française de Voile

FFVoile prescriptions to RRS 2025-2028 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 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.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 65.1** (Damages): Any question or request related to damages 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 liability for damages.

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

(*) FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 76** (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.

(*) 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** (Changes to prescriptions): Prescriptions of the FFVoile shall not be changed 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 the FFVoile website shall be the only translation used to comply with RRS 90.2(b)).

(*) FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 91(a)** (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 approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

(*) FFVoile prescription to **Rule 91(b)** (Jury) The jury shall be composed of a minimum number of members in accordance with the provisions of the federal regulations of the FFVoile, unless derogations are granted by the FFVoile.

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://espaces.ffvoile.fr/media/127235/formulaire-dappel.pdf>

