



YACHT CLUB DE FRANCE

37^e Coupe d'Automne du

Yacht Club de France

Cannes – Saint-Tropez

Sunday 27. September 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

La Coupe d'Automne du Yacht Club de France from Cannes to Saint-Tropez is a passage race linking the “Régates Royales de Cannes” and the “Voiles de Saint-Tropez”. It is organized by the Yacht Club de France with the active support of the Yacht Club de Cannes and the Société Nautique de Saint-Tropez.

The notation [DP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest (No Protest) another boat for a breach of that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 – RULES

The regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1.** The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2.** The national prescriptions applicable to foreign competitors as specified in the “Prescriptions” appendix, if necessary.
- 1.3.** The CIM Rules for Vintage Yachts, Classic Yachts, and IOR yachts.
- 1.4.** The IRC Rules for Spirit of Tradition yachts.
- 1.5.** Part B, Section II of the COLREGs (IRPCAS) when it replaces the rules of Part 2 of the RRS.

In application of World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01, the definition of Start is amended as follows:

Start

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 crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side:

- a) At or after her starting signal, or
- b) During the last minute before her starting signal.

RRS 30.1, 30.2, 30.3 and 30.4 will not be used.

When a boat starts in accordance with paragraph (b) of the definition of Start, she shall not return to the pre-start side of the line, and the starting penalty shall be:

A 20% penalty on elapsed time in accordance with RRS 44.3(c), applied without a hearing.

RRS 26.1, 30 and A5.1 are amended.

Boats will, where possible, be warned by VHF. Failure to receive such a warning shall not be grounds for a request for redress. Amendment to RRS 61.1

- 1.6.** In the event of a translation of this Notice of Race, the French text shall prevail.

2 – ADVERTISING

Advertising is prohibited.

3 – SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available after confirmation of registration at the registration office on the Vieux-Port of Cannes and on the website <https://ycf-club.fr/cda/>.

4 – COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 The official online notice board is available on the website <https://ycf-club.fr/cda/>.

4.2 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall neither transmit nor receive voice communications or data that are not available to all boats.

5 – ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

5.1 The regatta is open to:

- Vintage Yachts, Classic Yachts and IOR yachts measured under CIM rules and holding a valid CIM certificate.
- Spirit of Tradition yachts holding a valid IRC certificate.

5.2 Boats shall comply with the requirements of their national authority. French-registered boats shall carry the safety equipment required for the coastal navigation area as defined by Division 240. Non-French registered boats shall comply with the regulations currently in force in their respective national legislation.

5.3 Competitors (each crew member) holding an FFVoile licence shall present at registration:

- Their valid Club FFVoile licence with the “competition” endorsement, certifying prior submission of a medical certificate stating no contraindication to competitive sailing;
- Or their Club FFVoile licence with the “membership” or “practice” endorsement, together with a medical certificate stating no contraindication to competitive sailing issued within the previous year;
- Parental authorization for minors;
- The measurement or compliance certificate.

5.4 Foreign competitors (each crew member) not holding an FFVoile licence shall present at registration:

- Proof of membership in a national authority that is a member of World Sailing;
- The measurement or compliance certificate;
- Proof of valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of two million Euros (€2,000,000);
- A medical certificate stating no contraindication to competitive sailing issued within the previous year (written in French or English), together with parental authorization for minors.

5.6 Entry

Participants shall register online electronically using the following link: <https://ycf-club.fr/cda/>

Should any additions or corrections be required to this online pre-registration, all requests shall be made by email to: ycf@ycf-club.fr

For the closing of entries (including payment of entry fees), or in case of difficulties, a help desk may be available on the Vieux-Port of Cannes on the following dates and times:

- Friday 25 September, from 09:00 to 11:00 and from 16:00 to 19:00;
- Saturday 26 September, from 09:00 to 11:00 and from 15:00 to 19:00.

No entries will be accepted after **7 PM on Saturday 26 September**.

5.7 Entries will only be considered final when accompanied by the entry fee, a copy of the 2026 measurement certificate, proof of valid **Competition Third Party Liability Insurance** for the race, and a complete crew list.

6 – ENTRY FEES

The required entry fees are:

- Boats with a hull length **LT** for CIM-measured boats, **LH** for IRC-measured boats, of less than 15 metres: **80 euros**
- Boats with a hull length **LT** for CIM-measured boats, **LH** for IRC-measured boats, equal to or greater than 15 metres: **180 euros**

The entry fee includes berthing in the ports of Cannes and Saint-Tropez, subject to the restrictions and conditions detailed in Article 14, **“Port Reception”**.

7 – IDENTIFICATION

Boats shall be identified by the **CIM class flags** of their class.

For easier boat identification, numbered **sun awnings (cagnards)** will be assigned to boats that do not have sail numbers after final registration in Cannes, against a deposit.

This deposit will be refunded in Saint-Tropez upon return of the cagnards on the evening of arrival, until 8PM, at the **“Voiles de Saint-Tropez” Race Office**.

These cagnards will be distributed at the end of the mandatory skippers’ briefing meeting (subject to confirmation) on Sunday morning before the start, possibly in exchange for the crew list if it could not be completed earlier.

Any boat that is not properly identified will not be scored (**DNF**).

8 – SCHEDULE

8.1 Skippers’ Briefing

A mandatory skippers’ briefing will take place on the morning of the start (Sunday 27 September) at 9:00 AM. The location will be specified on the official notice board <https://ycf-club.fr/cda/>.

Boats will be identified by class pennants, which will be distributed after the mandatory skippers’ briefing (subject to confirmation) or from 09:30 AM onwards. The crew list may be submitted when collecting the pennant if it could not be completed earlier.

Any boat whose pennant has not been collected will be considered **Did Not Come to the Starting Area (DNC)**.

Collection of the pennant shall serve as sign-on.

8.2 RACE

ONE race is scheduled.

On Sunday 27 September, the first warning signal is scheduled for **11:00 AM** off the Port of Cannes.

9 – COURSE

The course to be sailed will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions. It will be as follows:

Cannes – Saint-Tropez (approximately 25 nautical miles)

The race shall be a **Type B** race under the CIM Regulations.

10 – PENALTIES

A breach of the Racing Rules of Sailing may, after a hearing, result in a penalty ranging from **10% of the number of entries** to **disqualification**.

11 – TIME LIMIT

The time limit for finishing in Saint-Tropez is **6:30 PM**(Sunday 27 September 2026).

Any yacht that has not crossed the finishing line before this time limit will be scored **DNF** (amendment to RRS 35).

12 – JURY

Protests will be heard by the **International Jury of the “Voiles de Saint-Tropez”**.

13 – SCORING

The number of races required to constitute a series is: **ONE race**.

13.1 Depending on weather conditions, the Organizing Authority and the Race Committee reserve the right not to start some or all scoring groups.

13.2 Results will be calculated as follows:

- **Corrected Time:**
 - Time-on-Time for CIM-measured yachts
 - Time-on-Time for IRC-measured yachts

A minimum of **3 yachts entered** is required for a class ranking.

The Organizing Authority will allocate boats to the various scoring groups in accordance with Article 17 of the CIM Regulations after the close of entries.

The Organizing Authority reserves the right to divide the classes.

The scoring groups, classes and provisional boat groupings will be posted on the website <https://ycf-club.fr/cda/> no later than **Sunday 27 September 2026 at 6:30 PM** and published on the WhatsApp group.

13.3 The minimum number of races required to validate the event is: **one race**.

13.4 The overall results will be centralized and managed on the website <https://ycf-club.fr/cda/>.

14 – BERTHING

14.1 Port of Cannes

a. Boats entered in the “**Régates Royales**” will be provided with a berth in the Port of Cannes on the night preceding the race.

b. Boats participating only in the **Coupe d’Automne** must contact the Port of Cannes Management in advance to arrange a berth (vpdc@igymarinas.com, Tel: +33 (0)4 92 98 70 58).

14.2 Port of Saint-Tropez

Boats that are not entered in the “**Voiles de Saint-Tropez**” will not be able to be accommodated by the “**Voiles de Saint-Tropez**” organization due to limited berthing availability.

15 – DATA PROTECTION

15.1 Rights to Image and Likeness

By participating in this competition, each competitor and their legal representatives authorize the Organizing Authority and its partners to use, free of charge, their image and name, and to display at any time (during and after the competition) moving or still photographs, films, television recordings, and any other reproductions of themselves taken during the competition, on any media and for any purpose related to the promotion of their activities.

15.2 Use of Participants’ Personal Data

By participating in this competition, competitors and their legal representatives consent to and authorize the **YACHT CLUB DE FRANCE** and its partners to use and store their personal data free of charge. Such data may be published.

16 – PRIZES

The Autumn Cup of the Yacht Club de France prizes will be awarded as follows:

- To the first three boats on corrected time in:
 - Vintage Yachts with Gaff Rig;
 - Vintage Yachts with Marconi Rig;
 - Classic Yachts;
 - Classic IOR Yachts;
 - Spirit of Tradition Yachts, provided that the class includes at least 3 boats.

The prize-giving ceremony will take place in Saint-Tropez on **Sunday 27 September**, after the race.

Confirmation, time and venue will be specified/confirmed at the briefing or at the registration desk open on Sunday 27 September from 09:00 AM to 10:00 AM, and published on the official notice board: <https://ycf-club.fr/cda/>

17 – DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

A competitor's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is entirely their own responsibility.

Consequently, by agreeing to participate in the race or to continue racing, each competitor releases the Organizing Authority from any liability for damage (material and/or personal injury).

18 – SAFETY

Skippers undertake to comply with Article 4 of the Order of 3 May 1995 (and in particular to comply with the navigation category corresponding to the safety equipment carried on board their vessel):

"Article 4: The skipper is the master of the vessel within the meaning of maritime law and bears full responsibility for the vessel and its crew. The skipper shall ensure that the vessel and all required equipment are in good condition and that the crew possesses the necessary knowledge and ability to handle and use them. It is the skipper's responsibility not to start, or to seek shelter, should circumstances be such as to endanger the vessel and its crew."

19 – RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY, ITS PARTNERS AND THE PARTICIPANTS

- The responsibility of the Organizing Authority and its partners is limited to ensuring the sporting fairness of the event.

Any other responsibility that the Organizing Authority may accept can only be contractual and explicit. In particular:

Any watch service, and especially any radio watch service, that the Organizing Authority may provide shall be regarded by competitors as optional and unreliable, and in no way as additional safety on which they may depend.

- The **Autumn Cup of the Yacht Club de France** is a sporting event. Regardless of the legal relationship between the owner and the skipper, only the skipper officially designated on the declaration of departure shall be the responsible representative in dealings with the Organizing Authority for this race.
- Owners, charterers or skippers are each, as far as they are concerned, personally responsible for any material damage or personal injury that may occur to themselves, their yachts, or that they may cause to any third party or to any property belonging to a third party. It is their responsibility to obtain all necessary insurance coverage for any injury, loss, damage or other risk.

Furthermore, each participant undertakes to provide proof of such insurance, including any exclusion clauses and indemnity provisions applicable to any third party with whom they may come into contact in connection with the race or associated events.

In particular, the skipper is responsible towards the Organizing Authority for taking out all insurance policies necessary to cover third-party liability risks.

Proof of such insurance must be provided by means of a written certificate submitted to the Organizing Authority (or completed through the online registration website <https://ycf-club.fr/cda/>) no later than the time of registration for the **2026 Autumn Cup of the Yacht Club de France**.

Failing this, the skipper shall not be authorized to start the race, and the boat's entry fees shall remain payable to the Organizing Authority.

20 – INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall hold and be able to produce the original of a valid **third-party liability insurance certificate** (in French or English) covering the period of the regatta, providing a minimum cover of **two million euros (€2,000,000) per incident** for bodily injury and/or property damage.

The Organizing Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of the third-party liability insurance certificates and/or attestations produced by competitors.