



NOTICE OF RACE

Preface:

The Raid Bleu Normandie was created in order to meet a two-fold ambition:

- Bring together the top European Formula 18 crews in a top level competition.
- Contribute to helping people understand the importance of managing sea and land in a durable way.

All of the texts governing the competition and the activities set up around the Raid Bleu Normandie will be run with these two causes in mind.

Preamble:

When confirming their entry French competitors shall present a valid FFVoile (French Sailing Federation) Club licence which must bear a medical stamp and indicate parental consent in the case of minors.

When confirming their entry, foreign competitors shall provide evidence of valid third party liability insurance cover of at least 1.5 million euros and provide the original certificate of insurance. Also, they will have to provide a medical certificate.

When confirming their entry, all competitors shall present their Compliance Certificate and the Weights and Measurement document for their boat.

Crew nationality shall be determined by the nationality of the skipper, upon presentation of his passport or identity card.

Crews on boats bearing individual advertising shall present valid autorisation issued by the Fédération Française de Voile or their National Authority.

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY :

The Raid Bleu Normandie is being held from 13th to 17th August 2008 in Saint Vaast la Hougue and is being organised by the company Ambrose Light. The Race Committee, the Measurement Committee and the Jury are appointed by the Fédération Française de Voile.

2. RULES:

2.1. The event is governed by:

- The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005 - 2008,
 - The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2005 - 2008,
 - The Formula 18 Measurement Rules unless one of the rules is amended by is Notice of Race or the General Sailing Instructions,
 - This Notice of Race and any additional clauses,
 - The Sailing Instructions and any additional clauses.
- French shall be the official language of the event.

- 2.2. In compliance with article 20.3.1. (d) (i) of the ISAF Advertising Code, each boat shall bear in the first 25% of her bow, on the outer faces of her hulls, markings of the Raid Bleu Normandie partners (dimensions : 1.3m x 0.4m).
- 2.3. Each boat shall also display on the lower part and on either side of her mainsail, markings of the Raid Bleu Normandie partners (dimension 2m x 0.9m).

These markings shall be affixed on the hulls or on the mainsails and shall be supplied by the Organising Authority upon confirmation of entry. Crews shall be in charge of affixing and maintaining the said markings. The Organising Authority shall do everything it can to assist crews in affixing the markings.

3. **BOATS QUALIFIED TO ENTER:**

The Raid Bleu Normandie is open to sports catamarans which comply with the Formula 18 Class measurement rules. Entries shall be limited to 50 in number with approximately 25 French boats and 25 foreign boats.

4. **CREW SELECTION:**

The Raid Bleu Normandie is open to crews selected by the Organising Authority following consideration of the following documents:

- Application for Entry,
- List of Achievements included in the entry form,
- Or any other document which may complete the list of achievements.

5. **YACHTSMEN QUALIFIED TO TAKE PART:**

- 5.1. French competitors selected who hold a current FFVoile licence, with a medical certificate
- 5.2. Selected foreign competitors who are in compliance with their National Authority and the National Class if such class exists, and with a medical certificate.
- 5.3. Crews may include a minor, who shall be at least 16 years of age (i.e.: born on 13th August 1992 or before), if the adult crew has parental consent and has accepted responsibility for the minor in writing.
- 5.4. The crew must show that it is able to right the boat.
- 5.5. The organiser reserves the right to refuse a candidate without having to explain why.

6. **ENTRY PROCEDURES:**

Crews wishing to take part in the Raid Bleu Normandie must comply with the following procedures:

1/ **Download the Application for Entry** of the Raid Bleu Normandie: Notice of Race and Entry Form. Website: www.raidbleu.com

2/ **Send by post** the duly completed Entry Form, in French or in English, **before 23rd May 2008** (postmark shall confirm date of posting).

3/ After having checked the application, the **Organising Authority shall inform each crew** whether it has been selected or not to take part in the Raid Bleu Normandie. Each crew shall be informed by e-mail **before 30th May 2008**.

4/ Each **crew selected** shall then send a **cheque, or effect a bank transfer**, in the sum of **239,60€ incl VAT (200 € excl VAT)**. Cheques or bank transfers must be sent **before 8th June 2008** (postmark shall confirm date of posting).

Correspondence shall be sent by post to:
Ambrose Light, Denis Horeau, 127 rue du Faubourg du Temple
75010 PARIS
FRANCE

An invoice shall be sent by return upon request.

5/ Withdrawal

Withdrawals shall be notified **in writing**, and sent by **recorded delivery letter, before 15th June 2008. The letter shall explain the reason for withdrawal.** In the event of a major medical reason, a medical certificate shall be required.

In any case, 50% of the Entry fees will be retained.

7. ENTRY FEES :

7.1 Entry fees shall be in the sum of **239.60 € incl VAT (200 € excl VAT)per boat.**

7.2 Entry fees shall cover:

- Application handling fees.
- Technical fees.
- Breakfast on 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th August (2 people per crew).
- Lunch on 14th, 15th, 16th August (2 people per crew).
- Diners on 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th August (2 people per crew).
- Group accommodation for 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th August (2 people per crew).

8. CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY:

Confirmation of entries shall be registered by the Organising Authority (at the Fort de la Hougue) Tuesday 12th August 2008 between 14H00 and 18H00 and on Wednesday 13th August 2008 between 09H00 and 12H00 in Saint-Vaast-la-Hougue.

When confirming his entry, a competitor shall sign a form bearing the following words: "*I hereby accept to comply with the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules which govern this event*". Sailing Instructions shall be made available upon confirmation of entry.

9. TIME MADE AVAILABLE FOR MARKINGS:

9.1. The boats must be present in the Fort de la Hougue in Saint Vaast la Hougue Tuesday 12th August between 14H00 and 18H00 or Wednesday 13th August no later than 10H00, in order for the authorised race markings to be affixed onto the sail, mast, dagger boards and rudders.

9.2. During the period when entries are being confirmed, no equipment measurement certification operations shall be carried out in situ.

Equipment which has not been measured may not be used in the Raid Bleu Normandie. Failure to comply with this rule shall not be a sufficient reason to withdraw from the event.

9.3. A boat shall only be considered as entered in the Raid Bleu Normandie once she has satisfied the requirements set out in articles 2.2, 2.3 and 9.1 of this Notice of Race.

10. PROGRAMME:

Tuesday 12th August:

14H00 to 18H00 : Arrival and welcoming of competitors and markings

Wednesday 13th August:

09H00 to 12H00: Arrival and welcoming of competitors and markings

12H30: Press conference: crew presentation.

13H30: Crew briefing session, course presentation.

15H00: 1st warning signal of the 1st race of the day.

19H00: Competitors return.

20H00: Welcome cocktail

21H00: Dinner

Night in the Fort de la Hougue

Thursday 14th August:

09H30: Crew briefing session

10H00: 1st warning signal of the 1st race of the day.

18H00: Competitors return.

20H30: Dinner at the Fort de la Hougue.

Night in the Fort de la Hougue

□ **Friday 15th August:**

09H30: Crew briefing session

10H00: 1st warning signal of the 1st race of the day.

18H00: Competitors return.

20H00: Dinner.

Night in the Fort de la Hougue

□ **Saturday 16th August:**

09H30: Crew briefing session

10H00: 1st warning signal of the 1st race of the day.

18H00: Competitors return.

21H00: Official Dinner on the Tatihou Island.

Night in the Fort de la Hougue

□ **Sunday 17th August**

08H30: 1st warning signal of the 1st race of the day.

12H00: Competitors return.

12H30 : Results read out.

Cocktail

11. SCORING :

Scoring will be on calculated on an elapsed time basis, adding the actual time taken to finish each leg of the race run and validated, time which may be increased by any applicable penalties.

All races run and validated will be taken into account in the scoring.

12. COURSE:

The race area shall cover the zone from Barfleur to the embouchure of the Orne.

The number of races run and validated shall be left to the discretion of the Race Committee which may amend the initial programme in accordance with the weather and any other conditions which are not fair.

Crews shall be responsible for obtaining official documents for the race area (for information: Navicarte n°526, 527, 528 or SHOM n°6857, 7421, 7 422).

14. APPLICABLE PENALITES

14.1. Substitute penalties following breach of a rule in Part 2:

(a) A 2-turn penalty shall be replaced by a 1-turn penalty including a tack and a gybe. This amends RRS 44.2.

(b) A boat which has taken a penalty under RRS 44.1 shall fill in a form certifying recognition of the breach. The form shall be lodged with the race secretary within the time limit for lodging protests.

14.2. Substitute penalties for breaches of rules other than those in Part 2 :

(a) **DNC, DNS, RAF, DNF:** Time of the last boat in the series to finish after having sailed the course + 15%.

DSQ: Time of the last boat in the series to finish after having sailed the course + 30%. This amends RRS A4.2.

A boat which has not sailed the course in accordance with RRS 28 will be scored DSQ by the Race Committee (this amends RRS A4.2, A5).

(b) Breach of RRS 29.1 or 30.1 or 30.2 or 30.3:

- **OCS:** Race time for a given boat + 30 mn (this amends RRS 29.1, 30.1 and A.4),

- **ZFP:** Race time for a given boat +40 mn (this amends RRS 30.2),

- **BFD:** Race time for a given boat +60 mn (this amends RRS 30.3).

(c) Failure to sign on: each penalty (Cf. article 23.1.1) shall correspond to 15 mn.

(d) Breach of rules other than those in part 2, not specifically covered by Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions, by 10% of the time of the last boat having finished, after having sailed the DSQ course, according to the appreciation of the Jury.

14.3. The Jury reserves the right to disqualify a boat.

14.4.1. The actual penalty taken by a boat shall be limited by obtaining an overall race time which shall not exceed that of the DSQ boats.

15. SAFETY

15.1. Safety equipment :

Each boat shall comply with class rules in terms of the safety equipment on board, and in compliance with the safety prescriptions set out below and the rules and regulation currently in force.

15.2. Safety prescriptions.

15.2.1 Righting :

Upon the request of the Race Committee or the Organising Authority, each crew must be able to demonstrate its ability to right the boat.

15.2.2 Minimum safety equipment which must be on board:

- 1 paddle at least 1 metre long,
- 1 towing line in place 15 metres long and 6 mm Ø,
- 1 righting line in place 4 metres long and 10 mm Ø,
- 2 « CE » approved or merchant navy approved life jackets,
- 1 water tight VHF (or in a water tight bag) in working order for the whole day,
- 1 bearing compass,
- 1 signaling mirror,
- 2 red parachute flares or red hand flares,
- 2 water tight individual flashlights,

Lengths and diameters required under this rule are minimum.

15.2.3 Other equipment authorised :

- Hand-held GPS,
- Electronic compass.

16. TIME LIMIT FOR LODGING PROTEST:

Prescription set out in Appendix F of the FFVoile shall apply.

17. RIGHT TO USE THE NAME AND APPEARANCE :

Crews are reminded that upon entering the Raid Bleu Normandie, they imply consent to the following : that their image, their names, the image of their boat, sponsors and partners as well as those of their shore crew and members of their family present, may be used, by the Organising Authority and by entities commissioned to handle the communication for the event, to communicate and/or enhance the value of the « Raid Bleu Normandie », in any territory, on any support, without any limit on the duration of the exploitation. It is agreed that the images must be used in normally foreseeable circumstances, and free from any malicious intent.

18. TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND SELECTION:

- 18.1. Postal address of the Organising Authority : Ambrose Light, Denis Horeau
127 rue du Faubourg du Temple
75 010 Paris - France

Contact : Denis Horeau : organisation@raidbleu.com
Anne Sophie Lefevre : contact@raidbleu.com

18.2. Technical information and stay

A Road Book containing a logistical description of the event (Saint Vaast la Hougue, access, accommodation, meals, etc...) shall be sent to competitors with acknowledgement of their selection.