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TRANSQUADRA GCA RACE LA TURBALLE-MADEIRA-WEST INDIES 2027-2028

NOTICE OF RACE

TRANSQUADRA GCA RACE LA TURBALLE - MADEIRA-WEST INDIES RACE

FOREWORDS:

The event is organised by "LA TRANSQUADRASOLO" (*non-profit organisation under French 1901 act*) and the CLUB NAUTIQUE HOËDICAÏS (OA) of the French Sailing Federation (FFVoile), is a single-handed and double-handed transatlantic sailing race, reserved for skippers and crew born in 1987 or before.

The race, called **TRANSQUADRA GCA RACE LA TURBALLE- MADEIRA-WEST INDIES-2027-2028**, , along the following route: LA TURBALLE-MADEIRA FRENCH WEST INDIES

Ethics: sporting events are above all a space for discussion and sharing accessible to all. As such, competitors and companions are asked to behave in all circumstances, on land or on the water, in a respectful manner regardless of the origin, gender or sexual orientation of the other participants or companions. A competitor or companion who does not respect these principles may be penalized according to RRS 2 or 69.

1. RULES

- The Race is governed by the texts in force in the documents listed below, completed and potentially modified by the Sailing Instructions (SI):
- 1.1. The rules such as those defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028,
 - 1.2. The French national prescriptions translated for non-French-speaking competitors and detailed in the Appendix 'Prescriptions', if applicable.
 - 1.3. Federal regulations
 - 1.4. Part B of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) when it replaces RRS Part 2.
 - 1.5. The Offshore Special Regulations 2027-2029 (OSR) category 1 monohull.
 - 1.6. Under World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01 change the definition *Start* 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 either
(a) at or after her starting signal, or
(b) during the last minute before her starting signal.
When a boat *starts* with any part of her hull crossing the starting line from the pre-start side to the course the starting penalty shall be: 2 hours to be added to her elapsed time, without an hearing.
 - 1.7. RRS 52 Manual Power, is modified as follow: Boats are permitted to use an energy other than manual to operate the autopilot.
 - 1.8. In the event of translation of Race documents, the French text shall prevail.
In the event of a change to the regulatory framework above, the amendment(s) to this Notice of Race will be published no later than June June 1st 2027.

2. ADVERTISING and FLAGS

In application of World Sailing Advertising Code, Regulation 20 as modified by the FFVoile advertising regulations, boats may be required to display advertisements selected and provided by the organising authority. In port, boats will be required to display partner flags, provided by the organising authority, according to the terms and conditions provided at the time of registration.

3. **ELIGIBILITY- ENTRIES**

3.1 ***TRANSQUADRA GCA RACE LA TURBALLE-MADEIRA–WEST INDIES 2027-2028 is subject to personal invitation.***

- 3.2 Competitors interested in participating should send the association's secretarial department an INVITATION REQUEST, along with a document describing their experience of offshore sailing, either under race or recreational conditions, and their sailing experience in general.
Competitors who have not yet participated in a Transquadra, or similar course, must have competed in a single- or double-handed, depending on their registration category (in Transquadra configuration), offshore race of at least 250 nautical miles, accredited by the FFVoile. If this is not possible and duly justified, participants must have sailed a course that is at least equivalent.

Each competitor must be born in 1987 or Before.

Admission will be based on RRS 75 and 76.

For double handed crew, only one of them will be appointed as “skipper”.

3.3 Non professionalism:

Competitors (skipper and crew) must participate in the regatta for leisure purposes only. Competitors declare that they are not professional race participants, and are not receiving payment for their participation at the Transquadra GCA RACE 2027-2028.

Over a 24-month period prior to the start of the first Transquadra GCA RACE 2027-2028 race, competitors declare that they have not been paid for:

-Sailing in the regatta.

-Preparing their boat.

Definitions:

To be paid: income received by an employed or freelance participant, bonuses, donations, any direct or indirect financial benefit, excluding personal expenses.

Personal expenses: income received by a participant, used to pay registration fees, travel costs, food and accommodation expenses related to and necessary for his/her participation in a specific event. Sponsor contributions for equipping the boat are considered as personal expenses.

- 3.4 Non-French boats must comply with applicable national rules.

3.5 **Maximum number of boats admitted:**

Registration is limited to a maximum of 100 boats, including both single- and double-handed crews. If necessary, a waiting list will be opened in chronological order. Reservations are nominative. The organiser has the sole authority to designate a replacement for a participant who withdraws.

3.6 **Competitors (each member of the crew) must provide the following upon registration:**

- Their valid 2027 FFVoile license for French residents, bearing the **competition stamp**.(or equivalent in her/his country is required.

-Their Valid 2028 FFVoile licence bearing “competition” stamp (or equivalent) is required before start of race 2

- The authorisation to display advertising (*if necessary*).

Valid IRC measurement certificate.

- **World Sailing** course certificate (**marine first aid and survival**) for each crew member belonging to FFVoile, dated within the five years at February 29th 2028

- a certificate fulfilling Articles 6.01 and 6.05.2 of OSR, race category 1, for each crew member who does not belong to FFVoile.

- Foreign competitors not licensed in France must provide proof of membership in a national authority that is a member of World Sailing **and comply with this authority's requirements**.

In application of the FFVoile medical regulations, competitors must send the following to the race doctor at least two months prior to the start of race 1:

- Cardiac doppler

- Cardiac stress test completed after, February 29th 2024.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND MEASUREMENTS:

4.1-1 For boats built after 2009, a CE certificate category A.

- For boats built before 2010, a STIX and AVS stability certificate corresponding to class A, in compliance with World Sailing regulations, will be required.

-For « Performance » category: Hull length between 8,50meters and 12,50meters

-For « Croiseurs » category: Hull length between 8,50meters and 13,50meters

- Boats must be equipped with an inboard engine, which provides a minimum speed of 5 knots on flat water

- Comply with the Affaires Maritimes regulation specified in division 240 concerning recreational craft, navigating more than sixty miles from shelter or equivalent in the registration country.

- **Comply with the requirements of World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, category 1 monohull.**

4.1-2 The boats admitted to race will be divided, at the free will of the organization, during registration, into two categories "Performance" and "Croiseur".

This distribution will be made from the characteristics of the boats, these criteria being the shape and construction materials of the hull, the keel, the rudder and the rigging on the one hand, the vocation of the boat and the interior fittings on the other.

The limit between the two categories should be around a range for the DLR between 170 and 190 or a hull factor around 8.50/9.00.

This distribution will be subject to a final agreement between the skipper and the organization.

4.2 Race name of the boat: The boat names for the race must not exceed 15 letters or characters. No name changes will be permitted between the two races.

4.3 **The competition will be organised in accordance with the IRC measurement rules.**

Each skipper must submit, **before 31 May 2027 to the IRC Rating Authority**, a certificate request for her boat.

No certificate modifications will be accepted after this date.

TCC permitted: **0.949 < TCC < 1.051**

The 2027 rating certificate will be taken into account for race 2, leaving in 2028. No modifications that may affect the TCC 2027 may be made to the boat before the start of the second race.

Change of sails: no change of sails, for any reason whatsoever, will be permitted between the two races.

Article 21-1-5 line f of the IRC rules may not be applied under any circumstances. Obligation to participate in both races with the same set of sails.

Each boat must have at least one headsail, other than the heavy weather sails defined by RSO (heavy weather jibsail and forestay sail), whose area may not be less than 50pc J x FL x 0.85 (according HSA formula).

IRC Rule 21. 3.6 apply

Number of spinnakers permitted: **Rule 21.6.1 of the IRC measurement shall be amended in accordance with Rule 11.2, "a boat may carry one more spinnaker than shown on her certificate of area not greater than SPA (maximum authorised spinnaker area) without an increase in TCC".**

All sails must be declared before the start of Race 1 and be on board during both races, and will be stamped by OA.

However, in the event of serious damage at sea (dismasting...),on request, jury may accept possible exemption.

4.4 Seals: For all boats, life rafts will be sealed in their sailing position. Seal integrity will be checked upon each arrival.

4.5 Safety: Satellite phones, AIS, tracking beacons and VHF on Channel 16 must remain switched on for the duration of the Race

5. SAFETY EQUIPMENT:

Each boat will be equipped with the following:

- Satellite location and tracking beacon, provided by the organising authority.
- A trysail, as defined in Article 4-26-2 Section D of RSO rules, Category 1.
- A mobile satellite phone, waterproof or with a waterproof pouch and internal battery in compliance with RSO Rule 3.29.9, whose number must be provided to Race Management before the start of each race.
- For single-handed boats, a personal locator beacon (PLB) equipped for 406 MHz and 121.5 MHz, registered with the competent authority.
- For double-handed boats, a personal locator beacon (PLB) equipped for 406 MHz and 121.5 MHz, registered with the competent authority for each competitor is recommended.
- Course maps (not only electronic), LA TURBALLE–MADEIRA routes and MADEIRA–WEST INDIES

6. ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT FOR MANOEUVRING IN PORT:

Each boat should be equipped with

- a VHF cockpit speaker, connected to the boat's main VHF system.
- a sufficient number of fenders (at least 4), suited to the boat's displacement.
- a set of three specific, flexible mooring lines of suitable diameter (at least 12mm), and whose length should be equal to at least twice the overall length of the boat (sheets or halyards are not considered to be mooring lines).
- bow and stern mooring cleats.
- and must fly its national flag on a flagpole and a courtesy flag on the starboard spreader while close to and in ports.

7. REGISTRATION FEES:

- 7.1** Registration fees are: **€ 3,000** for single-handed boats.
 € 4,000 for double-handed boats.

7.2 Registration procedure and schedule

A - €500 to reserve the dodger number,

Dodger number reservations will be accepted by message after publication of this Race Notice, provided they are sent with the €500 cheque.

Please enclose: 10 lines describing your sailing experience, your reasons for participating in the TransquadraGCA Race La Turballe- Madeira–West Indies 2027-2028 and two colour ID photos, without sunglasses, and 1 photo of your boat with sails deployed

B - €1500 by **December 31, 2026** (Please enclose: boat information file)

C - Balance payable before May 15th 2027 along with the full registration file, i.e.:

for single-handed boats: €1000

for double-handed boats: €2000

***NB:** The World Sailing Certificates and medical record must be submitted to the organisation no later than May 31st 2027 and the number of EPIRB and PLB distress beacons, IRC certificate, the OSR verification form must be submitted to the organisation no later than June 10th 2027.*

*Satellite phone number, requested at #5, is to be submitted to the organisation by **July 3rd 2027** for race 1, and **January 28th 2028** for race 2.*

7.3 The registration fees contribute to the following costs:

General, administrative sporting and media organisation of the event.

Reception in the departure, stopover and arrival ports.

Rental of satellite location and tracking services for each boat.

Daily location and monitoring of boats at www.transquadra.com

Notification of the daily position of the boats throughout the race to each competitor

Stays in La Turballe, Madeira and West Indies harbors, within the context of and for the duration of departures and arrivals of the Transquadra GCA Race 2027-2028 only.

Provision of TQS partner dodgers and flags.

Evening events for crews on the days before departure and the closing ceremony, free for competitors and one guest per competitor.

Race press officer expenses. (The race press officer is not the competitors' press officer.)

- 7.4** Any failure to comply with a deadline shall incur a penalty of €50 per day late, which will be donated to the SNSM (French lifeboat service).

- 7.5** ***In the event of withdrawal, for whatever reason not imputable to the OA all amounts paid remain acquired by the non-profit association, "LA TRANSQUADRASOLO".***

8. **BRIEF PROGRAM, ROUTE**

TRANSQUADRA GCA RACE LA TURBALLE- MADEIRA–WEST INDIES. Race 1:

Departure from LA TURBALLE on Sunday July 4th 2027

Arrival MADEIRA. Closing evening on Saturday July 16th 2027

Boats must be present at La Turballe no later than Sunday June 27th 2027 evening.

Boats and their equipment must be in compliance with their measurement certificate and OSR Rules Category 1 Monohull no later than Friday July 2nd 2027 at 6.pm.

TRANSQUADRA GCA RACE LA TURBALLE-MADEIRA–WEST INDIES Race 2:

Departure from MADEIRA. January 29th 2028.

Arrival WEST INDIES Prize Ceremony February 18th 2028.

Note: the Transquadra shirt provided by the organisation must be worn at all official events (presentation of competitors, crew dinners, announcement of results, etc.)

9. **RANKING:**

- 9.1 There will be 2 different ranking groups, each group will be divided into two classes, single-handed and double-handed:

.TRANSQUADRA GCA RACE LA TURBALLE-MADEIRA-WEST INDIES « PERFORMANCE »

.TRANSQUADRA GCA RACE LA TURBALLE-MADEIRA-WEST INDIES « CROISEUR »

- 9.2 The corrected time will be on a TIME ON TIME basis.

- 9.3 The official general ranking for each class, will be determined by ADDITION OF CORRECTED TIME for each boat for the two races.

10. **HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Except for dry docking between the 1st and 2nd races, boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race or technical committee.

11. **ROUTING:**

In application of RRS rule 41, "Outside help", personalised navigation assistance from outside the boat, is not permitted.

Note: Personalised routing by a person outside of the boat is prohibited during the competition.

consultation or receipt of wind files, current files, observation and forecast maps or any other weather files available on the internet, provided such files are available to all, are not considered to be personalised outside assistance.

Their content must be "raw", i.e., published by meteorological organisations and not prepared or assessed for a competitor or group of competitors.

However, this data may be compressed to make it easier or faster to access, as long as this compression does not modify the enclosed meteorological information.

Exception: personalised information may be sent to one or more competitors as part of a search and rescue operation led by Race Management or the rescue authorities (CROSS–MRCC). This information shall be sent by satellite phone or e-mail to the boat(s) in question.

12. **PRIZES:**

There is no cash prize and total prize value is not significant.

13. DATA PROTECTION

13.1 Image and appearance rights : Participating in the competition, the competitor and his legal representative authorize the OA, the FFVoile and their sponsors to use free of charge his image and his name, to show at any time (during and after the competition) static or moving pictures, films or TV recording, as well as other reproduction from himself done during the competition, and this on any support and for any use related to the promotion of their activities.

13.2 Use of personal data of participants: Participating in this competition, the competitor and his legal representatives agree to and authorize the FFVoile, its sponsors, as well as the OA to use and store, free of charge, his personal data. These data may be published by FFVoile and its sponsors. The FFVoile mainly, but also its sponsors may use these data for the development of softwares or with marketing purposes. In accordance with the « Règlement Général sur la Protection des Données (RGPD) » (General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)), any competitor having transmitted his personal data to the FFVoile, may exercise his right to access to his own data, have them modified, and, depending on the situations, have them deleted, limited, or to object them, sending an email to dpo@ffvoile.fr or a letter to the Head Office of the Fédération Française de Voile, mentioning that the request is related to personal data.

14. DISCLAIMER:

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The decision to participate in a race or to remain in a race remains under the sole responsibility of the participant.

The organising authority accepts no liability in the event of material damage, injury or death within the framework of the regatta, whether occurring before, during or after the event.

RRS 3: It is the sole responsibility of each participant to decide whether or not to take the start of the event or continue with it, as regards their competence, the equipment at their disposal, the wind strength, the weather forecasts, their physical and medical state etc.

15. INSURANCE:

Foreign competitors who are not holding an FFVoile license must provide proof of valid civil liability insurance to cover at least 2 million Euro.

The boats must be covered by civil liability insurance covering all damage caused to third parties.

Furthermore, each boat participating in the regatta must have valid civil liability insurance covering at least 2 million Euro or equivalent for the event, covering the entire sailing area.

The 2028 certificate must be provided to the organising authority before departure from Madeira.

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