



MÉTROPOLE
TOULON
PROVENCE
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SEMAINE OLYMPIQUE FRANÇAISE

FROM
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TO
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APRIL
2022

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SOF 2022



For the first time, the 10 classes being contested at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games will be in Hyères from April 23 to 30, 2022.

This body of water, renowned for being as technical as it is tactical, also has the privilege of being surrounded by the aptly-named “golden islands”. For the competitors, for all those involved in this great competition, for the partners: the city of Hyères and TPM, and of course for our Federation, this “comeback” edition of the SOF is a pleasure even more heartfelt following, as it does, two difficult years.

The return to centre stage for the Semaine Olympique Française in 2022, and for the years to come, is excellent news for an historic event prized by all international competitors.

The preparation for the 2024 Olympic Games, with the shortest Olympic cycle in history, will inevitably accentuate the importance of all the major events. The Nationals are one not to be missed, which guarantees the Semaine Olympique Française will have both high-quality and depth.

We can't wait to share all the incredible action with you.

I wish everyone a great week of competition.

Jean-Luc Denéchau
Président de la FFVoile

SOF 2022



See you from April 23 to 30 in Hyères for the 53rd edition of the Semaine Olympique Française!

After two years of virtual competitions due to the health emergency, the best crews in the world will once again be able to compete on the Hyérois waters as they prepare for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

More than 50 years after the first edition, this event has become an unmissable event for the French and international Olympic sailing elite.

The Métropole Toulon Provence Méditerranée, a partner of the event for the tenth consecutive year, is pleased to show, once again, its maritime tradition and its desire to create a true culture of the sea in our territory. We welcome and participate, every year, in major sailing events such as the SOF, the America's Cup, the Sailing World Cup, the Tour de France à la Voile, the Grand Final of the GC 32 Racing Tour, and the Pro Sailing Tour.

These major events, which attract large audiences, of both fans and first-timers, promote sporting achievement, offer a great spectacle and celebrate the sea, our Mediterranean!

A great week of sailing to everyone!

Hubert Falco

President of the Métropole Toulon Provence Méditerranée



All the medal contenders for the 2024 Olympics will be competing in the bay of Hyères, honing their craft before the meeting in Marseille.

They will have the chance to show their talents on a field of play that all sailing lovers consider to be one of the most beautiful in the world.

A huge welcome to all these champions who, once the competition is over, will become, we have no doubt, ambassadors for our land and sea.

I wish everyone a fair wind and fine stay in Hyères.

Jean-Pierre GIRAN
Mayor of the town of Hyères,
first Vice-President of Toulon Provence Méditerranée



MEDIA INFORMATION

The media centre

The media centre is located in the Espace Nautique Hyérois. It is managed by the FFVoile's (French sailing federation) press agency and its communication department. The room has a breath-taking view of the entire harbour of Hyères and the races taking place there.

The media centre has wifi with free access for accredited journalists. You can find race results and all the information you need there.

OPENS: Sunday, April 24 from 15:00 / CLOSSES: Saturday, April 24 at 20:00.

Daily Opening Times: 09:00 – 20:00.

Media Accreditation

Media wishing to cover the Semaine Olympique Française de Voile Hyères must be accredited in order to access the media centre. Accreditation applications should be made by email to Soazig Gueho: presse@ffvoile.fr

Press releases / news flashes

A daily press release will be issued in French and English after the racing.

How to follow the racing

There will be press boats to follow the racing. Requests can be made on site to the press office.

Royalty-free photos and videos

Photos and videos from the event will be available.

Social networks

@SemaineOlympiqueFrancaise

<https://twitter.com/FFVoile> - #SOF2022

<https://www.youtube.com/user/FFVoile>

<https://www.instagram.com/ffvoilefra>

Website

You will find all the event news you need to follow the Semaine Olympique Française de Voile Hyères on the official website.

It will be updated throughout the day:

<https://sof.ffvoile.fr>

Press contacts

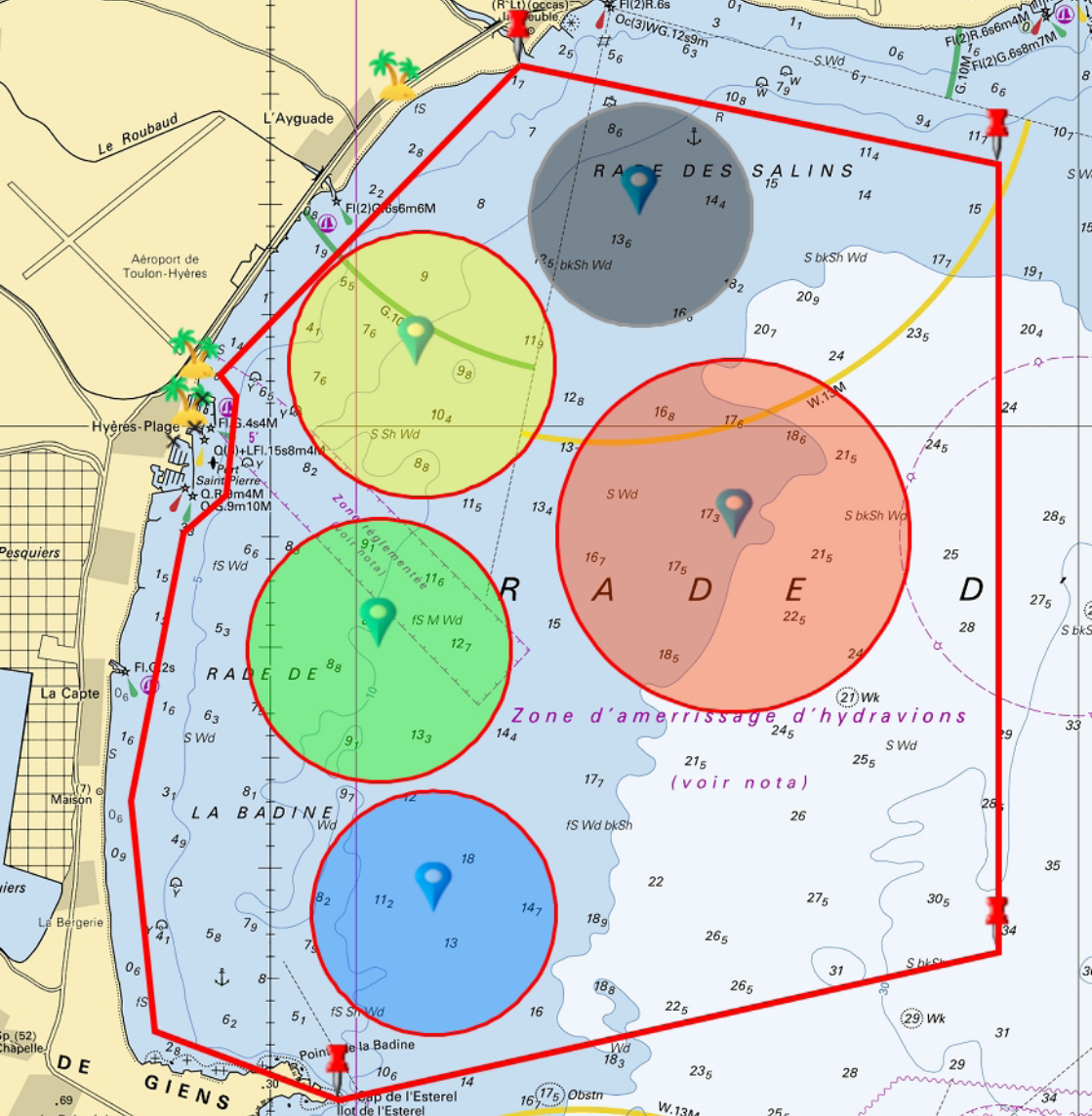
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EVENT DETAILS





BRAVO

Kites

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CHARLIE

**470
Nacra**

ALPHA

iQFoilS

Diameter
1,2 MN

ECHO

49er/FX

Diameter
1,2 MN

DELTA

ILCA

Diameter
1,1 MN

THE 53RD FRENCH OLYMPIC WEEK HYÈRES -TPM

French Olympic Week is back!

From April 23 to 30, 2022 the elite of Olympic sailing will be in Hyères for one of the most anticipated moments of the season. The SOF returns to the Hyérois waters to the delight of the sailors and spectators alike. The FFVoile, thanks to the continued commitment of the City of Hyères and the Métropole TPM (Toulon Provence Méditerranée), will have the pleasure of welcoming the best sailors in the world in preparation for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

For the first time in France, the 10 Olympic classes that will be represented at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games will be present in Hyères from April 23 to 30.

The 10 Olympic classes: **iQF0iL** (men and women), **Kite** (men and women) **ILCA** (women and men), **49er FX** (women and men), **Nacra 17** (mixed), **470** (mixed) will compete on the Hyères field of play, which is as technical as it is tactical and renowned for its often strong easterly winds.

THE SOF IN FIGURES

- **10** disciplines open to registration
- Over **50** nations present
- Over **1,000** competitors
- **600** boats
- **5** racing areas in the bay
- More than **200** volunteers

THE PROGRAMME

Saturday, April 23: welcome and registration

Sunday, April 24: welcome and registration

Monday, April 25: opening ceremony

Monday 25 to Friday 29 April: qualifying phase

Saturday, April 30: Medal Races

Saturday, April 30: Award ceremony
and closing ceremony



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

The Semaine Olympique Française de Voile Hyères TPM has something for everyone and this year's highlights include many things for the general public (including special activities for children) to do and see, on and beside the sea!

Boat trips:

→ **Wednesday, April 27**

3 rotating shuttles for the general public to get closer to the race action

→ **Tuesday, April 26 and Thursday April 28**

Marine discovery day dedicated to schoolchildren; shuttle for outings to the sea, and various workshops; visit to the SNSM (French lifeboat institution); meeting with an offshore racing skipper (Clément GIRAUD); environmental awareness workshop.

Concerts & entertainment:

→ **Monday, April 25 – 18:00**

Opening ceremony at the Base Nautique square under the giant screen
17:00 – 19:00. Concert with Willy Caïd international pop group

→ **Tuesday, April 26 - 17:00 – 19:00**

NOLA FRENCH marching Brass Band

→ **Wednesday, April 27 - 17:00 – 19:00**

Concert: **NO SAX** pop rock

→ **Thursday, April 28 - 17:00 – 19:00**

Brazilian percussion procession

→ **Friday, April 29 - 17:00 – 19:00**

Concert: **TWINSHAKE** pop rock

WORLD-LEADING COMPETITION

On the programme for this edition:

the 10 Olympic classes:

- **iQFOiL** women's and men's
- **Kitefoil** women's and men's
- **ILCA** women's and men's
- **470** 470 mixed
- **49er** women's and men's
- **Nacra 17** mixed

GOLD MEDAL-WINNING INTERNATIONALS FROM TOKYO 2020 OLYMPICS

→ **ILCA 7**

Matt Wearn (*AUS*)

→ **49er FX**

Martine Grael and Kahena Kunze
(*BRA*)

→ **Nacra 17**

Ruggero Tita and Caterina Banti
(*ITA*)

→ **470**

Eilidh McIntyre (*GBR*)

THE FRENCH FAVOURITES

→ iQFOiL

Hélène NOESMOEN *SN Sablais*
World and European Champion

Lucie BELBEOCH *Stade Français*

Delphine COUSIN *Saint Barth YC*

Nicolas GOYARD *ACPV Noumea*
World and European Champion

Thomas GOYARD *ACPV Noumea*
Silver medallist at Tokyo 2020 in the RS:X

Pierre LE COQ
Bronze medallist at Rio 2016 in the RS:X
CMV ST Brieuc

→ 470

Aloïse RETORNAZ *SN Sablais*
Bronze medallist at Tokyo 2020
et **Kevin PEPONNET** *La Rochelle Nautique*

→ 49er

Lucas RUAL *APCC*
et **Émile AMOROS** *CN Pornic*

→ 49er FX

Sarah STEYAERT *La Rochelle Nautique*
et **Charline PICON** *La Rochelle Nautique*
Gold medallist at Rio 2016 and silver
medallist at Tokyo 2020 in the RS:X

→ Nacra 17

Billy BESSON *YC La Grande Motte*
et **Noa ANCIAN** *Catamaran C Noumea*

Quentin DELAPIERRE *Cataschool*
et **Manon AUDINET** *St Georges Voile*

Tim MOURNIAC *ASN Quiberon*
et **Lou BERTHOMIEU** *SNO Nantes*

→ ILCA 7

Jean-Baptiste BERNAZ *CN Sainte-Maxime*

→ ILCA 6

Marie BOLOU *SR Douarnenez*

→ Kitefoil

Poéma NEWLAND *KSL*
European Champion

Lauriane NOLOT *HKA*
3rd in the 2021 world championship

Alexia Fancelli *HKA*

Théo DE RAMECOURT *CHES Cayteux*
World Champion

Benoît GOMEZ *CV Arcachon*

Axel MAZELLA *HKA*
European Champion

Nicolas Partier *CV Arcachon*

THE CLASSES



iQFOiL

Men's & Women's (new Olympic windsurfing class)

iQFOiL is a new discipline that will be the next Olympic windsurfing format for the 2024 Olympic Games in France. The iQFOiL is equipped with a foil allowing it to fly on the water.

Currently, the French are dominating this new format, with among others, both Nicolas Goyard and H  l  ne Noesmoen, becoming the World and European champions.

KiteFoil

Men's and Women's (foiling kitesurfing)

KiteFoil is a new discipline, which will take its place in the 2024 Olympics for the first time. The KiteFoil consists of a directional kiteboard and a mast that enables it to take off and fly over the waves.

In 2021, the French largely dominated the international circuit with, in particular, Th  o de Ramecourt - world champion, Axel Mazella, 2nd at the world championships and European champion and Lauriane Nolot, 3rd at the world championships.





ILCA 7 et 6 Men's & Women's (solo dinghy)

Better known as the Laser, now renamed ILCA 7, the single-handed dinghy was created in 1970 from a design by Canadian Bruce Kirby. It has been "Olympic" since the Olympic Games in Atlanta in 1996. It is a "one design", meaning all the competitors have exactly the same boat. The idea being that it should be the physical ability and race sense of the sailor that make the difference.

The ILCA 6, reserved for women, has the same hull, but a slightly smaller canvas rig. It became an Olympic class for the Sydney Olympics in 2000.

470 (mixed double-handed dinghy)

Queen of the classes, this dinghy is sailed double-handed and has been part of France's heritage since its design by the naval architect, André Cornu, in 1960. It is designed for sailing in light and medium conditions. It was enthusiastically adopted and became Olympic at the Montreal Olympic Games in 1976.

It will be mixed doubles for the first time for this new Olympiad and is attracting many new and very promising French duos.



THE CLASSES



49er / 49er FX Men's and Women's (high-performance double-handed dinghy)

Designed by the Australian, Julian Bethwaite, this double-handed dinghy is the representative for the "Skiffs" at the Olympic Games.

This family of boats, which plane in all conditions, is truly spectacular. They can be hard to handle for the sailors, but are an exhilarating ride. Their races are guaranteed to be gripping.

Nacra 17 (mixed double-handed hydrofoil catamaran)

The Nacra changed considerably in 2017, moving from curved daggerboards to Z-foils, and rudders with wings. The boat can now completely fly. Its construction has also evolved, the hulls are partially carbon. With its Z-foils and its large carbon mast, the Nacra is a really lively boat.

The French team is made up of prestigious crews who have already won numerous international medals.



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