



VERSION APRIL 12TH 2023

Including amendment #1 – modifications are highlighted in red

- NOR 3.8-Quotas are modified.
- NOR 13 Berthing
- NOR 15 Rules for French National championship titles
- Appendix C Maps

Including amendment #2 – modifications are highlighted in blue

- NOR 3.8-ILCA 7 Quota is modified.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Other documents under RRS Definition: Rule (g) include:
 - 1.1.1 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42 applies. For the Men's Skiff, Women's Skiff and Mixed Multihull RRS P2 is deleted and replaced by: "P2. When a boat is penalised under rule P1.2, her penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty under rule 44.2. If she fails to take it, she shall be disqualified without a hearing."
 - 1.1.2 For Medal Races, World Sailing Appendix MR - Umpired Medal Racing available on the World Sailing website (<http://www.sailing.org>), applies and changes a number of racing rules. A link to the version that is current when the event begins will appear in the SI
 - 1.1.3 RRS Appendix B will apply for iQFOiL however RRS B5 61.1 and B8. A8 are deleted.
 - 1.1.4 RRS Appendix F applies for Kite events
 - 1.1.5 [DP] Equipment Regulations SOF 2023
- 1.2 The National Authority Prescriptions that apply are stated in full in Addendum B of the NOR.
- 1.3 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5
- 1.5 In all rules governing this event:
 - 1.5.1 Both 'athlete' and 'competitor' mean a person competing or intending to compete in the event.
 - 1.5.2 [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee or technical committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing. This changes RRSA5.
 - 1.5.3 [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat and for which the International jury may refuse to hold a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 63.1.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7 [NP] [DP] COVID-19 infection prevention:
 - 1.7.1 The regulations will be published on the official website <https://sof.ffvoile.fr/>
 - 1.7.2 Only accredited persons will be allowed to enter the event area.
 - 1.7.3 [DP][NP] All participants (competitors, support persons and officials) are expected to follow current government COVID-19 guidelines and legislation

2 [DP] [NP] IDENTIFICATION AND ADVERTISING

- 2.1 When required by the organizing authority, boats shall display bow numbers, wear competitor bibs and display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 2.2 In accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.3 competitors aboard the boats ranked first, second and third in the series at the beginning of that day, shall wear yellow, blue and red bibs respectively while racing. The bibs will be provided by the organizing authority.
- 2.3 When required by the OA, boats shall carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment according to the SI.

3 ELEGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 **Applications for entry will be accepted on the SOF event website in accordance with the "Application and Entry Procedure" in Addendum A of this Notice of Race**
- 3.2 On-line entry opens on 1st December 2022. Entry in the event is not final until payment and registration has been completed.
- 3.3 Upon request to sof@ffvoile.fr the OA may send invitations to comply with local visa procedures.

- 3.4 World Sailing Eligibility shall apply. Each athlete shall be registered as a World Sailing Sailor on the World Sailing website: <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/profiles/> . World Sailing sailor IDs all crews will be required to complete the online entry.
- 3.5 Competitors shall produce evidence of membership of the appropriate Class as may be required by the Organising Authority.
- 3.6 French sailors shall be holders of the 2023 FFVoile Competition Sport License
- 3.7 Competitors under 18 years of age shall upload a signed and completed parent (or guardian) consent and declaration form when making the online registration. The forms are available for download during the online registration process on the event website <https://sof.ffvoile.fr> .
- 3.8 The event is open to the following series:

Event	Class	Event Quota	Minimum Entries
Women's Dinghy	ILCA 6	100	20
Men's Dinghy	ILCA 7	160	20
Mixed Dinghy	470	66	10
Mixed Multihull	Nacra 17	50	10
Men's Skiff	49er	80	20
Women's Skiff	49er FX	55	10
Women's Windsurfing	iQFOiL W	50	10
Men's Windsurfing	iQFOiL M	50	10
Women's Kite	Formula Kite	60	10
Men's Kite	Formula Kite	90	10

- 3.9 Olympic gender requirements for the 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition will apply for each of the 10 events.
- 3.10 Entry procedure
- Competitors and support persons shall send their application by completing the online entry form on the event website www.sof.ffvoile.fr. The application period opens on December 1st, 2022 and closes on February 1st 2023.
 - No later than the 15th of February 2023, MNAs shall provide the OA with their estimated number of entries for each Event.
 - From February 16th 2023, the Organizing Authority shall open the remaining entry spots to sailors whose entries were not validated nor registered in this first round. Entries that exceed the Event Quota limit shall remain on a Waiting List until validated by the Organizing Authority.
 - The Sailors who are offered a place shall confirm their acceptance and pay the entry fee to confirm their entry. If their entry is not confirmed by March 15th 2023, the entry will be considered as refused and the spot will be offered to a sailor on the waiting list.
 - In the situation the entry quota has not been reached in an event by 15th March 2023, entry for late applications may be opened.
 - No quotas are allocated to MNAs and events. The Organizing Authority will allocate places observing the entry ranks of the MNAs as well as the number of applications received in each event.
- 3.11 The organising authority may cancel an event if the minimum number of entries has not been reached by midnight (local time), 15th March 2023. Competitors will be notified of cancelled events by email and posting on the regatta website. The entry fees for cancelled events will be fully refunded.

4 ENTRY FEES

- 4.1 Fees are stated in Euros and include any local taxes.
- 4.2 Sailors:

Event	SOF early entry fee	SOF late entry fee
One Person Events	€ 300	€ 400
Two Person Events	€ 400	€ 500

The early entry fee will apply until the close of business on 1st April 2023.

- 4.3 Support Person:

Support Person and vessels will be required to register for the SOF, pay a fee, be insured, and comply with local regulations to be permitted access to the venue and to use launching and berthing. Registration will be completed online through the regatta website <http://sof.ffvoile.fr>. The organizing authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at its sole discretion.

Support Person	SOF early entry fee	SOF late entry fee
Coach and/or Support Vessels	€ 100	€ 150

The early entry fee will apply until the close of business French time on 1st April 2023.

4.4 If an entry is cancelled by the competitor, the entry fee will be refunded as follows:

Cancellation Date	Entry Fee Refund
On or before 1st March 2023	100%
Between 2nd and 31st March 2023	50%
After 31 st March 2023	0%

4.5 Refund due to COVID-19

100% of the registration fee will be refunded in the following situations resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic:

- (a) Cancellation of the event due to a decision from the French Government
- (b) In the situation that a registered competitor or support person cannot attend the competition due to health and safety measures applied by her/his region or country that affect mobility or travel to France for the event. Proof may be requested by the Organizing Authority.
- (c) No claims or refunds for travel and accommodation expenses paid by registered participants due to this type of cancellation shall be accepted. When entering the event, all participants declare to be aware of this fact.

4.6 On 1 March 2022, World Sailing published the following recommendations in reaction to the situation in Ukraine: <https://www.sailing.org/2022/03/01/world-sailing-statement-6/>. To help preserve the integrity and safety of the 53rd SOF-French Sailing Week regatta, entries shall be open to competitors of all nationalities, but not to competitors holding only Russian or Belarussian nationality

5 FORMAT

- 5.1 The event will consist of an opening series and medal stage. The opening series may be divided into a qualifying series and final series. The final format will be published as an Addendum to the Sailing Instructions.
- 5.2 The 10 top finishers in the opening series of each event will advance to the medal stage provided a minimum of 3 races have been completed in the opening series as follows: 5.3 Other formats may be used as authorized by the Organising Authority and as recommended by the Olympic Classes. Any other formats adopted by World Sailing for the 2020 or 2024 Olympic Sailing Competition may also be used.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration will be made online. An online platform to upload all required documents and to confirm the entry will be available on the regatta website.
- 6.2 The Organising Committee will set a location at the venue for the collection of sponsor stickers, bow numbers, measurement stickers and any other items.
- 6.3 The Official Notice Board will be online only, available on the regatta website <https://sof.ffvoile.fr/official-notice-board/>
- 6.4 Support person & team leader briefings may be made online using "GoToMeeting". The first briefing is scheduled for 08.30 on Monday, April 24th.
- 6.5 Each boat may be required to select online a time slot for collection of items in NOR 6.2 due to COVID-19 infection prevention. More information will be published on the regatta website
- 6.6 The schedule will be as follows:

Event	Date
Equipment Inspection	Friday April, 21 st Saturday April, 22 nd (09.00/12.30 and 13.30/ 18.00) Sunday April, 23 rd (09.00/12.30)
Registration for competitors and support persons	Friday April, 21 st Saturday April 22 nd (09.00/12.30 and 13.30/ 18.00) Sunday April, 23 rd (09.00/12.30)
First Briefing for support persons	Monday April, 24 th at 08.30 Espace Nautique or online
Practice Race	Sunday April, 23 rd 15.00
Opening Ceremony	Sunday April 23 rd , 18.00 – SOF's village
Opening Series	Monday April, 24 th to Friday April, 28 th
Medal Stage	Saturday April, 29 th
Closing Ceremony – All events	Saturday April, 29 th 17.00

6.7 The number of races will be as follows:

Event	Number of Races
Men's, Women's & Mixed Dinghy	10 + 1 Medal Race
Mixed Multihull, Men's & Women's Skiff	15 + 1 Medal Race
Women's & Men's Windsurfing	25 + Medal stage
Women's & Men's Kite	20 + Medal stage

6.8 The provisional race schedule, including the time of the first warning signals and assignments of Events to race areas will be posted no later than Sunday 23rd April at 15.00.

6.9 No warning signal will be made after 15h30 on Saturday, April 29th,

7 [DP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 7.1 Competitors shall provide copies of any measurement certificates required by class rules to the Technical Committee at the time of registration. (This change RRS 78.2)
- 7.2 This regatta is an international event for the purposes of RRS G1.1.
- 7.3 The equipment limitations as specified in the class rules shall apply.
- 7.4 Boats shall be available for inspection as indicated in NOR 6.6 schedule.
- 7.5 Measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the event at the discretion of the Technical Committee, Race Committee or the International Jury.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

Sailing instructions will be available on Thursday, 4th April 2023 on the regatta website.
Other documents governing the regatta will be published with the sailing instructions.

9 VENUE

- 9.1 The event venue will be Base Nautique Municipale, 12 Avenue du Dr Robin, 83400 Hyères.
- 9.2 The racing areas will be Hyères bay.

10 THE COURSES

- 10.1 The courses will be Windward/Leeward, Trapezoid Slalom or Marathon
- 10.2 For Windsurfing and Kite events, other courses can be proposed and be described in the SIs.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 RRS Appendix A will apply. The scoring for Windsurfing and Kite Events will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.2 At least 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series
- 11.3 The scoring system will be included in the SIs

12 [NP] [DP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 12.1 All support person vessels shall be registered with the organizing authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and regatta support person vessel regulations.
The organizing authority may refuse or accept late registration at its sole discretion.
- 12.2 All support person vessels shall clearly display the 3-letter national code of their World Sailing Member National Authority at all times while afloat. The minimum height for the letters shall be 200 mm. and visible from both sides of the vessel. A numbered sticker will be provided at registration and shall be displayed on the starboard side of the bow of the vessel.
- 12.3 Limitations on “support vessels” positioning will be published with the SI.
- 12.4 All support “person vessels” shall present the support vessel insurance
- 12.5 The use of drones will be granted to OA\OC approved only. All local regulations need to be followed.

13 [NP] [DP] BERTHING

- 13.1 Except for Kite, boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the Boat Park or harbour
- 13.2 Trailers should be parked in the dedicated areas indicated in appendix C.
Stickers to identify trailers may be provided and pasted on the trailers according to the instructions given by the OA.
- 13.3 According to the decision of the local authorities, and due to the lack of rain, it may not be possible to rinse boats and equipment The OA requested a special authorization for the last days of the regatta (April 28th and April 29th)

14 [DP] COMMUNICATIONS

- 14.1 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 14.2 The event will use the ‘Telegram’ messaging service as much as possible.

15 PRIZES AND SOCIAL FUNCTION REQUIREMENTS

SOF Hyeres 2023 Medals will be awarded to the top 3 boats of each event.

The Elite French national championship will take place during SOF for Kite M & W/Nacra 17/49er and 49erFX/ ILCA 6 and ILCA 7.

- The ranking will be made by extraction of the final results after the opening series.
- The regulations of the French championship are available at https://www.ffvoile.fr/ffv/web/ffvoile/documents/Rglmt_CF_Elite_Voile_Olympique.pdf
- A prize giving will be organized on Friday, April 29th

16 [NP] INSURANCE

- 16.1 Each 'person in charge' (see RRS 46) shall hold a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability with a minimum coverage per incident of € 2 000 000 (or equivalent) for the SOF Hyères. A copy of this certificate is required to complete the registration.
- 16.2 The Organizing Authority is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of certificates.

17 RISK STATEMENT

Competitors and support team participate entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 3, Decision to Race. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the regatta, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 17.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the regatta;
- 17.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 17.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 17.4 By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the regatta and fit to participate;
- 17.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol vessels, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 17.6 The provision of patrol vessel cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

18 [DP] MEDIA RIGHTS CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 All competitors, boat owners, helmsmen/women, crew members and support personnel taking part in the regatta or being on board participating boats, and as mandatory requirement for the correct entry, grant the organising authority with no cost whatsoever, the regatta image rights and consent to the use of their name, voice, photographs, videos, biography information, as well as the representation of boats, in any digital, written or internet media with the purpose of advertising, promoting, making a documentary and any other kind of communication related to the referred regatta.
- 18.2 By participating in the SOF competitors accept to receive regatta information from the Organising Authority

- 18.3 The top three competitors as well as the individual race winners may be required to attend a media press conference each day.
- 18.5 Competitors may be required for interviews at the regatta.

19 [DP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 19.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.
- 19.2 Reasonable actions by regatta officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.
- 19.3 Competitors shall handle any boats or equipment provided by the organizing authority with proper care and seamanship and in compliance with any written instructions.
- 19.4 [SP] Boats not racing shall avoid the area where boats are racing and any official vessels.
- 19.5 [SP] Boats that are on a race area to which they are not assigned shall avoid the area where boats are racing and any official vessel.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

Website: sof.ffvoile.fr

Training before the regatta: please register: <https://www.hyeres.fr/sailing-center-booking-form>

Registration and technical information, please contact sof@ffvoile.fr

Accommodation and tourism information, please visit : www.hyeres-tourisme.com

21 AMENDMENTS

Any amendment to this Notice of Race will be posted on the regatta website

NoR ADDENDUM A– APPLICATION FOR ENTRY PROCEDURE

IMPORTANT DATES

First round of registration opens	December, 1 st 2022
First round of registration closes	January, 31 st 2023, 23.59 UTC
Second round of entry opens	February, 16 th 2023, 00.00 UTC
Late applications period opens	April 2 nd , 2023, 00.00 UTC

ADDENDUM B– PRESCRIPTIONS OF THE MEMBER NATIONAL AUTHORITIES

A1 SOF Hyères - Fédération Française de Voile

A1.1 RRS 64.3 DECISIONS ON PROTESTS CONCERNING CLASS RULES

The jury 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.

A1.2 RRS 67 DAMAGES

Any question about or request of damages arising from an incident involving a boat bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing depends on the appropriate courts and will not be dealt by the jury.

A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a Rule or that she is liable for the damage caused.

Centre	Diametre	Position
ALPHA	1,2 NM	43°05,165 N 006°10,936 E
BRAVO	1,2 NM	43°05,853 N 006°12,416 E
CHARLIE	1,6 NM	43°04,630 N 006°12,607 E
DELTA	1,1 NM	43°03,200 N 006°12,618 E
ECHO	1,2 NM	43°02,708 N 006°10,743 E
FOXTROT	1,2 NM	43°03,940 N 006°10,550 E

