



NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)
53^{ème} SEMAINE OLYMPIQUE FRANCAISE
53rd SOF - FRENCH OLYMPIC WEEK



Organised by the Fédération Française de Voile

- ✓ Olympic Qualification event for Men and Women One Person Dinghy approved by World Sailing
- ✓ Finn Open and U23 European Championship, approved by IFA



1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta 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.
 - 1.1.2 For Medal Races, World Sailing Addendum Q, Umpired Fleet 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 regatta begins will appear in the SI
 - 1.1.3 For the Mixed Kite event, RRS Appendix FR applies.
- 1.2 The National Authority Prescriptions that apply are stated in full in Addendum A of the NOR.
- 1.3 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 1.4 For the Men's Skiff, Women's Skiff and Mixed Two Person Multihull, RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

For the Mixed Kite event, RRS FR 44.2 is deleted and replaced with:
After getting well clear of other kiteboards as soon after the incident as possible, a kiteboard takes a One-Turn Penalty by promptly making one turn. When a kiteboard takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, her hull and competitor shall be completely on the course side of the line before she finishes.
- 1.5 For Mixed Two Person Offshore Keelboat, the navigation rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) *Part B-Steering and sailing (rules 4-19)* replaces RRS Part 2 from 20h30 until 07h00;
- 1.6 For the Finn (Men's One Person Dinghy Heavy) only: Class Rule C6.2 [Equipment Limitation] I applies.
- 1.7 In all rules governing this regatta;
 - 1.7.1 Both 'athlete' and 'competitor' mean a person competing or intending to compete in the event.
 - 1.7.2 [SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
 - 1.7.3 [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.9 [NP] [DP] COVID-19 infection prevention:
 - 1.9.1 Infection prevention and hygienic regulations will apply. The regulations will be published on the official website <http://sof.ffvoile.fr/>
 - 1.9.2 Only accredited persons will be allowed to enter the event area.
- 1.10 For Mixed Two Person Offshore Keelboat only: When rule 20 applies, a boat may indicate her need for room to tack or her response on VHF.

2 [DP] [NP] IDENTIFICATION AND ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display bow numbers, competitor bibs and 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 [SP] Boats shall display national flags on mainsails as specified in their class rules
For Mixed Two Person Offshore Keelboat, unless other instructions published later, the Nationals flags shall be displayed in the backstay
- 2.4 The OA may require boats to carry tracking and timing devices according to the SI

3 ELEGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 **Applications for entry will be accepted on the SOF regatta website in accordance with the “Application and Entry Procedure” in Addendum A of this Notice of Race**
- 3.2 On-line entry opens on 4th December 2020. 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: <http://www.sailing.org/sailors/isafsailor/> .World Sailing sailor IDs for both Skipper and Crew will be required to complete the online entry.
- 3.5 Except for the Open and U23 European Championship, Olympic gender requirements apply for each Olympic event
- 3.6 Competitors shall produce evidence of membership of the appropriate class as may be required by the Organising Authority.
- 3.7 French sailors shall be holders of the 2021 FFVoile Competition Sport License
- 3.8 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 <http://sof.ffvoile.fr> .
- 3.9 For the Men’s and Women’s One Person Dinghy events only:
- ✓ As the regatta is the European Continental Olympic Qualification regatta for the Men’s and Women’s One Person Dinghy, each MNA within Europe, not yet qualified for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Sailing Competition in these Events, may have at least one ‘priority’ entry, regardless of Ranking or Quota. This may be in addition to any entries received by Ranking. The MNA should request entry to sof@ffvoile.fr
 - ✓ Unless otherwise approved by the IOC or the World Sailing Board in accordance with regulation 19.12, each competitor shall be a national of the country of the MNA which enters the boat or endorses the person in charge (as defined by RRS 46). Each competitor shall present proof of her/his nationality when requested.
- 3.10 For the Finn (Men’s One Person Dinghy Heavy) only:
- ✓ Eligible competitors shall be current members of an IFA recognized National Finn Association. They shall complete on-site registration at the venue prior to March 15th 2021, unless the Organizing Authority extends this date.
 - ✓ The entry quota of Part C “Entry System for IFA Official Championships” of the IFA Constitution will apply.
 - ✓ To be eligible for the Open and U23 European Championship competitors shall not have had their 23rd birthday before the 1st of January of the year of the event.

- 3.11 The regatta is open to the following series:

Event	Class	Event Quota	Minimum Entries
Men's One Person Dinghy	ILCA 7	150	20
Women's One Person Dinghy	ILCA 6	100	20
Men's One Person Dinghy Heavy	Finn	Open	20
Men's Two Person Dinghy	470-M	70	20
Women's Two Person Dinghy	470-W	40	20

Mixed Two person Dinghy	470 Mixed	40	10
Men's Skiff	49er	80	20
Women's Skiff	49er FX	40	10
Men's board	RSX-M	40	15
Women's board	RSX-W	40	15
Mixed Two Person Multihull	Nacra 17	50	10
Women's Wind Foil	IQ Foil W	80	10
Men's Wind Foil	IQ Foil M	80	10
Mixed Kiteboard	Formula Kite	50	10
Mixed Two Person Offshore Keelboat	Supplied boats	18	8

- 3.10 If the maximum quotas are met, boats whose earliest entry application was received first will be registered.
- 3.11 If Mixed Two person Dinghy series do not meet the minimum quota, boats will be added to the Men's Two Person Dinghy series to become a new Open Two person Dinghy
- 3.12 The organising authority may cancel an event if the minimum number of entries has not been received by midnight (local time), 15th March 2021. Competitors will be notified of cancelled events by email and posting on the event 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 (Except Finn)	€ 250	€ 370
Finn European Championship	€ 300	€ 420
Two Person Events	€ 360	€ 470
Mixed Two Person Offshore Keelboat	€ 700	€ 820

The early entry fee will apply until the close of business on 15th March 2021.

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 on line through the event 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 or Support Vessels	€ 80	€ 120

The early entry fee will apply until the close of business on 15th March 2021.

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 15 th March 2021	100%
Between 16 th and 30 th March 2021	50%
After 30 th March 2021	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:

- Cancellation of the regatta due to a decision from the French Government
- In the event that a registered competitor or coach 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 regatta

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 regatta, all participants claim to be aware of this fact.

5 FORMAT

- 5.1 Except for the Finn EC series, the regatta will consist of an opening series and medal stage. The opening series may be divided into a qualifying series and a final series. The final format will be published as an Appendix to the Sailing Instructions.
- 5.2 The 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 :
- For ILCA 6, ILCA 7, 470 M, W & Mixed, 49er, 49erFX, RS: X M&W and Nacra17: the top 10 boats.
 - For Mixed Kiteboard the top14 teams (2 semi-finals and a medal series).
 - For IQFoil M and W: the top 12boards (Quarter Final, Semi Final, Final).
 - For Mixed Two Person Offshore Keelboat: as described in the SIs.
- 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 event's website.
- 6.2 The Organising Committee will set up a delivery point at the venue for the collection of sponsor stickers, bow numbers and any other items.
- 6.3 The Official Notice Board will be online only, available on the event's website
- 6.4 Communications with Competitors
The event will use the 'WhatsApp' messaging service as much as possible to help maintain social distancing.
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- 6.4 Coach & team leader briefings may be made online using "GoToMeeting". The first briefing is scheduled for 18h00 on Sunday, April, 18th 2021.
- 6.5 Each boat may be required to select online a time slot for registration due to COVID-19 infection prevention. More information will be published on the website
- 6.6 The schedule will be as follows:

Event	Date
Measurement for Finn EC	Friday, 16 th April (09h00 to 18h00) Saturday 17 th April (09h00 to 18h00) Sunday, 18 th April (09h00 to 12h00)
Measurement for other classes	Saturday 17 th April (09h00 to 18h00) Sunday, 18 th April (09h00 to 12h00)
Registration for competitors and coaches	Saturday 17 th April (09h00 to 18h00) Sunday 18 th April (09h00 to 12h00) Monday 19 th April (08h00 to 12h00)
First Briefing for coaches	Sunday 18 th April at 17h00 Espace Nautique or online
Opening Ceremony	Sunday 18 th April 1800 – in front of the Base Nautique
Practice Race	Sunday 18 th April 1500
Opening Series	Monday 19 th April to Friday 23 th April
Finn EC Closing ceremony and dinner	Friday 23 rd April
Except for Finn EC, Medal Race and Final Races	Saturday 24 th April
Closing Ceremony – All events	Saturday 24 th April 17h00

6.7 The number of races will be as follows:

Event	Number of Races
470 M, 470 W, 470 Mixed ILCA 6, ILCA 7	10 + 1 Medal Race or Final race
Finn EC	10 races – No Medal race
RS:X M, RS:X W, 49er, 49erFX, Nacra 17	15 + 1 Medal Race or Final race
IQ Foil	25 + Final stage
Mixed Kite board	11 + Final stage
Mixed Two Person Offshore Keelboat	To be confirmed

- 6.8 The provisional race schedule, including the time of the first warning signals and assignments of Events to course areas will be posted no later than Sunday 18th April at 15h00.
- 6.9 For the EC Finn, on Friday, April 23rd, no warning signal will be made after 16h30
For other events, On Saturday, April 24th, no warning signal will be made after 15h30

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. The last sentence of RRS 78.2 is changed by replacing 'event' with 'first series'.
- 7.2 Competitors shall produce evidence of membership of the appropriate class association as may be required by the organizing authority.
- 7.3 This event is an international event for the purposes of RRS G1.1.
- 7.4 The equipment limitations as specified in the class rules shall apply.
- 7.5 Boats shall be available for inspection from 09h00 to 18h00 Saturday 17th April and Sunday 18th April from 09h00 to 12h00
- 7.6 Measurement and equipment checks may be made throughout the Regatta at the discretion of the Technical Committee, Race Committee or the International Jury.
- 7.7 For the Finn (Men's One Person Dinghy Heavy) only:
- 7.7.1 All boats shall undergo measurement of hulls, spars and sails as well as equipment checks according to the Finn Class Rules (including Part F of "Finn Class Event Manual") unless otherwise decided by the IFA Chief Measurer. All measured equipment will be identified for the Championship. Only identified equipment may be used during the Championship.
- 7.7.2 Boats shall be available for inspection according to the schedule (NOR 6.6)

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

Sailing instructions will be available on Thursday, 2nd April 2021 on the event website.
Other documents governing the event will be published with the sailing instructions.

9 VENUE

- 9.1 The regatta 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, Slalom, Triangle or Trapezoid.
- 10.2 For IQFoil, other courses can be proposed and be described in the SIs.
- 10.3 For Mixed Kiteboard, the courses will be relay courses and be described in the SIs
- 10.4 For Mixed Two Person Offshore Keelboat, qualification will be daily coastal races and the final will be a long distance race overnight

11 SCORING

- 11.1 RRS Appendix A will apply. RRS B8 is deleted. RRS Appendix A may not apply to IQFoil and Mixed Kite Board
- 11.2 At least 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta (4 for Finn and ILCA)

- 11.3 Except for Kiteboard and Mixed Two Person Offshore Keelboat, when fewer than three opening series races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When three or more opening series races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. However, the score from any medal race or final race will not be excluded.
- 11.4 For Kiteboard and IQ Foil: the Opening Series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score when 4 to 6 races are completed, her two worst scores when 7 to 10 races are completed, and her three worst scores when 11 or more races are completed. (This change RRS A2.1)
- 11.5 For Mixed Two Person Offshore Keelboat, no race will be excluded (This changes RRS A2.1)
- 11.6 Except for Mixed Kiteboard, IQFoil and Mixed Two Person Offshore Keelboat
 - 11.6.1 For the Medal Race, RRS A4 is changed so that the points are doubled. RRS A5.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the Medal Race and then doubled. Discretionary and standard penalties will not be doubled. The score for the Medal Race shall not be excluded from the series score.
 - 11.6.2 Ties in the series score between boats with different Medal Race point scores shall be broken in favor of the boat that scored better in the Medal Race. This changes RRS A8.
 - 11.6.3 The boats assigned to compete in the Medal Race will be ranked highest in the regatta except for a boat penalized in the Medal Race under RRS 6 or 69

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 event support person vessel regulations. The organizing authority may refuse or accept later registrations 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 boat. A numbered sticker will be provided at registration and shall be displayed on the starboard side of the bow of the vessel.
- 12.3 Support person vessels with team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the starting sequence until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 12.4 All support person vessels shall present the coach vessel insurance

13 [NP] [DP] BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the Boat Park or harbour

14 [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except for Mixed Two Person Offshore Keelboat when permitted by the rules, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except in an emergency or when using equipment provided by the race committee. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15 PRIZES AND SOCIAL FUNCTION REQUIREMENTS

SOF Hyeres 2021 Medals will be awarded to the top 3 boats of each class.

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 € 1,500,000 (or equivalent) for the SOF Hyères.
- 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 event, 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 event;
- 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 event and fit to participate;
- 17.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 17.6 The provision of patrol boat 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 event information from the event Organising Authority
- 18.3 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority.
- 18.4 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 an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.
- 19.2 Reasonable actions by event 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 boats.
- 19.5 [SP] Boats that are on a Course Area to which they are not assigned shall avoid the area where boats are racing and any official boat

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact: sof@ffvoile.fr

Website: sof.ffvoile.fr

Registration and technical information, please contact sof@mairie-hyeres.com

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

21 AMENDMENTS

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

NOR ADDENDUM A– APPLICATION FOR ENTRY PROCEDURE

IMPORTANT DATES

First round of registration opens	December 4 th 2020
First round of registration closes	January 31 st 2021, 23h59 UTC
Second round of entry opens	February 15 th 2021
Late applications period opens	March 15 th 2021, 00h00 UTC
Entry closing date	April 2 nd 2021

Please note that due to the changing conditions as a result of the global pandemic, no quotas are allocated to MNAs and classes, except for ILCA (See NOR 3.9). The Organising Authority will allocate places observing the entry ranks of the MNAs as well as the number of applications received in each class.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

1. Competitors and coaches shall send their application by completing the on-line entry form on the event website sof@ffvoile.fr. The application period opens on December 4th 2020 and closes on January 31st 2021.
2. From 1st to 15th February, MNAs shall rank the entries of each class in order of priority.
3. From February 16th, the Organizing Authority will offer the remaining entry spots to sailors. Sailor entries not validated in this first round of entry offers will remain on a Waiting List.
4. All sailors will receive an email informing of the status of their application.
5. Sailors offered a place must confirm acceptance and pay the entry fee to confirm their

entry. If the entry is not confirmed by March 1st 2021, the entry will be considered as refused and the spot will be offered to a sailor on the waiting list.

6. In the event the entry quota has not been reached in a class by 15th March 2021, entry for late applications will open.

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.