



MARTINIQUE CATA RAID 2027 / RAID WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

31 JANUARY TO 06 FEBRUARY 2027

CLUB NAUTIQUE WIND FORCE DU ROBERT

MARTINIQUE

NOTICE OF RACE

Mention [DP] in a rule of those SI means that the penalty for a breach of this rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA)

Martinique Cata Raid 2027 will be organised by Club Nautique Wind Force du Robert on behalf of the International Formula 18 / 16 Class Association, under the authority of FFVoile and World Sailing.

PREAMBLE

Preventing violence and incivility

The FFVoile recalls that sporting events are first and foremost a place for exchange and sharing, open and accessible to all.

For this reason, competitors and accompanying adults are asked to behave courteously and respectfully in all circumstances, both on land and on the water, regardless of the origin, gender or sexual orientation of other participants.

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the following rules:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028 (RRS)
- 1.2 The equipment Rules of sailing 2025 – 2028 (ERS)
- 1.3 The respective Formula 18 & Formula 16 Rules (CR)
- 1.4 The Sailing Instructions (SI)
- 1.5 The Specific Course Instructions for each leg (SCI)
- 1.6 If any, the health measures in force in Martinique by 30th January 2027.
If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
The prescriptions of the FFVoile which apply will be posted on the official notice board
- 1.7 National prescriptions translated for foreign competitors will be joined in appendix “Prescriptions” if necessary

2 SAILING INSTRUCTION

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be available from 11 January 2027.
- 2.2 SI will be posted in accordance with federal regulations,
- 2.3 The SI will be available electronically at the following address: martiniquecataraid.com

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official online information board will be available for consultation on the whatsapp group and on the martiniquecataraid.com website.
- 3.2 [DP] [NP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in case of emergency, a boat must neither transmit nor receive voice data or data that is not available to all boats.

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4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of following class:

- Formula 18,
- Formula 16.

4.2 Eligible boats can register by completing the form (see the appendix) from **31 august 2026 to 20september 2026**. An email will be sent to each team allowed (or not) to enter stating how to access the payment form on MCR website. Payment must be made or received within 10 days. After this period, the entry will be granted depending on the number of registered boats.

The registration fee includes:

- Boat shipping from the following locations
 - Gravelines, France by BCM,
 - Saint Malo, France by Interdist,
 - Marseille
 - Florida, USA,
 - Pointe à Pitre, Guadalupe,
 - Saint Barth, Caribbean.
- Accommodation,
- Bus shuttles
- Opening ceremony,
- Lunches,
- Closing ceremony.

Entries are limited to 60 boats

- 10 boats for Caribbean F18,
- 30 boats for Europe F18,
- 10 boats for USAF 18.
- 10 Formula 16

The organization reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of entrants, depending on whether or not the quotas defined above for each geographical area have been filled.

4.3 Competitors (each member of the crew) holding a FFVoile license must present at the time of their registration:

- their Club FFVoile license with a valid "competition" certificate certifying the prior presentation of a medical certificate No contraindication to the practice of sailing in competition
- or their Club FFVoile license mentioning "membership" or "practice" accompanied by a medical certificate of no contraindication to the practice of competitive sailing less than a year old,
- parental authorization for minors
- if necessary, the authorization to carry advertising
- the Measurement certificate or conformity.

4.4 Foreign competitors (each crew member) who do not have a FFVoile license must submit to moment of registration:

- Proof of their membership in a National Authority member of World Sailing,
- the Measurement certificate,
- Valid proof of insurance in civil liability with a minimum coverage of two million euros,
- A medical certificate of no contraindication to the practice of sailing in competition dating from less than a year (written in French or English) and parental permission for minors.

4.5 The crew must be able to demonstrate their ability to recover the boat after capsized.

5. FEES

The registration fee is 800 € per person or 1600 € per crew and 1400 € if the accommodation is taken care of by the crew to be paid no later than 05th October 2026.

In case of withdrawal, the riders will only be reimbursed in case of force majeure (death, serious illness) before 09th November 2026, after a decision by the Organizing Authority which may require a medical certificate or proof. After this date, no refund will be possible. The deposit will not be refunded.



6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Boats must display the advertising chosen and supplied by the AO. If this rule is infringed, World Sailing regulation 20.9.2 applies (internet link, Regulations).
- 6.2 The installation and maintenance of these stickers are the responsibility of the crew, who must replace them if necessary. Each crew member must wear the lycra provided by the organisation.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Registration, equipment inspection and sail stamping:
January 28th to 30th, 2027 From 09:00 to 16:00.
- 7.2 Race days (including training run if necessary)

Dates	Heure du 1 ^{er} signal d'avertissement
28 to 30/01/2027	Boats assembly – Opening ceremony on January 30
31/01/2027	Training race - Warning signal : 2 :00 pm / briefing : 1 :00 pm F18/F16
01/02/2027	Start of race 1 - Warning signal: 9h30 / briefing: 9h00 F18/F16
02/02/2027	Start of race 2 - Warning signal: 10h00 / briefing: 9h00 F18/F16
03/02/2027	Reserve Day
04/02/2027	Start of race 3 - Warning signal : 10h00 / briefing : 9h00 F18/F16
05/02/2027	Start of race 4 - Warning signal : 10h00 / briefing : 9h00 F18/F16
06/02/2027	Start of race 5 - Warning signal : 10h00 / briefing : 9h00 F18/F16 Prize-giving ceremony : 19h30 F18/F16.
07/02/2027	Containers loading.

- 7.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 16:00, except after a general recall.

8 MEASUREMENTS

- 8.1 Each boat must present or prove the existence of a valid measurement certificate.
- 8.2 [DP] Boats must be available for equipment inspection from 9H every day from 28 January 2027 to 30 January 2027.
- 8.3 Boats may be inspected at any time during the event.
- 8.4 In accordance with article G.1.1(b) of the RRS, boats must bear their nationality letters in their GV.
- 8.5 The equipment limitation specified by the class rules applies.

9. LOCATION

- 9.1 The Appendix to the CA will provide plans and locations of racing areas.



10. THE COURSE

- 10.1 The courses will be long distance and / or constructed courses
- 10.2 It is own responsibility of competitors to get relevant nautical documents (For information, Nautical Charts SHOM n° 6738 Martinique South Part, n°7041 Martinique North Part).
- 10.3 [NP] In the event that weather conditions do not permit the today leg, a new program may be proposed by the Organizing Authority: built courses and long distances.
- 10.4 Five legs are sheduled :
- Marin – Robert / Robert – Marin
 - Marin – Sainte Lucie / Sainte Lucie – Marin
 - Marin – Anse Dufour / Anse Dufour – Marin
 - Marin – Carbet
 - Carbet – Marin
 - Marin – Grande Anse – Salines – Marin

11. PENALTY SYSTEM [DP]

- 11.1 Penalty for breaking a rule of RRS chapter 2 are replaced as follows:
- 11.1.1 For all classes, RRS 44.1 is amended so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty including tacking and gybing. This modifies RRS 44.2.
- 11.1.2 A boat which has incurred a penalty under RRS 44.1 must complete an acknowledgement of infringement form to the race committee secretariat within the protest period.
- 11.2. Penalty for infringing rules 29.1, 30.1, 30.3 or 30.4 will be defined as follows:
OCS: boat racing time + 07 minutes (this changes RRS 29.1, 30.1 and A5.2),
UFD: boat racing time + 10 minutes (this changes RRS 30.3 and A5.2),
BFD: boat racing time + 15 minutes (this changes RRS 30.4 and A5.2).
- 11.3. Penalty for not signing out, signing in or for not attending skippers meeting: boat racing time + 15 minutes.
- 11.4 Infractions of rules other than those in chapter 2, not specifically covered by an article in this notice of race, penalty of 10% of the time of the last boat in the series to DSQ, at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 11.5 The Jury keeps the right for disqualifying a boat.
- 11.6 A boat shall not receive a total race time worse than a boat that would have received DSQ for all races.
- 11.7 A crew that fails to check in or to check out will be given a penalty of 15 minutes.

12. RANKING

Official rankings of the event:

- An F18 ranking will be made by addition of elapsed race time for each race that have been sailed and validated, corrected, if necessary, by any bonuses or penalties applicable.
- An F16 ranking will be made by addition of elapsed race time for each race that have been sailed and validated, increased, if necessary, any bonuses or penalties applicable.
- A points classification will be drawn up if the event is run exclusively on constructed courses.
- Special Prix Martinique Cata Raid, a general scratch (unofficial) classification of all the classes present will be performed by adding the compensated times of the races run and validated; corrected by any bonuses and penalties.

13. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded during closing ceremony on 06th February 2027 evening.

14. ESTABLISHING RISK

RRS 3 states, “A boat's decision to race or to remain in a race is its sole responsibility.” By participating in this event, each competitor accepts and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather conditions, equipment failure, errors in boat handling, poor navigation by other



boats, loss of balance on an unstable surface and fatigue, resulting in an increased risk of injury. The risk of property damage and/or personal injury is therefore inherent in the sport of sailing.

15. SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Preamble: Due Covid 19 pandemic, all teams will be requested to comply with health measures in force by the time of the event.

15.1 The mandatory safety equipment on board is as follows:

- 1 paddle of at least 1 meter long,
- 1 towing line, ready for use, 15^m long and 6^{mm} diameter,
- 1 righting line, ready for use, 4^m long and 10^{mm} diameter,
- 2 Personal floatation devices approved (CEE or PFD),
- The lengths and diameters required by this rule are minimum dimensions. The towing line must be able to withstand the forces generated by pulling a safety boat.
- 1 waterproof VHF,
- 1 electronic compass,
- 2 individual waterproof flash lights.
- 1 transponder provided by the OA

The following equipment are permitted:

- GPS,

Any team missing one safety equipment defined above can be DSQ

All safety equipment shall be presented at first skippers meeting.

15.2 Boat shall help each other. Reminder: Racing Rules of Sailing Chapter 1: SAFETY

1.1 Helping Those in Danger:

“A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger”. In consequence, all boats are required to look on other competitors and in case of emergency, alert the race committee immediately by VHF and help persons or vessels in danger.

15.3 Shortening or canceling a race that have been started:

If a race is shortened or canceled after it started the remaining of the race will be done by towing boats or sailing in a group. In such a case, boats must:

- Listen the race VHF channel and follow race committee instructions,
- Help each other

Sailors that break these rules will be expelled from the event.

15.4 Request a boat to abandon:

- The race committee may request a team that is late to abandon the race. They will either sail to the finish line or will be towed.
- Boats to which this rule is applied must listen to the VHF race channel for instructions from the race committee.
- When this rule is applied, the race committee shows the “V” flag.
- Boats to which this rule is applied receive the DNF score.
- If a boat breaks these rules for the first time, it will receive the DSQ score. If it breaks this rule a second time, sailors will be expelled from the event.

16. MEDIA RIGHTS

By sailing this event a competitor automatically grants to the Organizing Authority and the sponsors of the event the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time and at their discretion, any motion or still pictures, and live, taped or film television and any other reproductions of him/her during the period of The Martinique Cata Raid in which the competitor competes and, in all material, related to The Martinique Cata Raid without any compensation.



17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance, including coverage when racing at the venue of the championship, with a minimum cover of 1.500.000 Euros per event or the equivalent. This document shall be in French or English language.

18. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

18.1 The organizing authority will provide four containers for crews departing from France. Three locations have been selected : Gravelines at EB CONCEPT, in Saint Malo at INTERDIST and in the South of France, the location will be specified later. For the USA, a container is planned for Florida. The stuffing date will be specified at a later date.

For carriage by cart from Pointe à Pitre or Saint Barth, the organizing authority will specify which company it will be working with at a later date.

Mandatory documents to be provided at potting :

- Catamaran invoice,
- Certificate of origin,
- Detailed packing list,
- Copy of owner's ID.

18.2 Accommodation is provided by the organization. Several formulas will be proposed : full, half or homestay. If the crew arranges its own accommodation, the registration fee will be €1400 instead of €1600. However, the organization must be notified before 05th october 2027 in order to make the best possible arrangements.

18.3 For accompanying persons, the organizing authority will propose rates for accommodation, lunches and drinks included: 120€ per day. Confirmation must be received by 05 october 2027. Preferred prices will be offered for renting cars. It is highly recommended to book a car as soon registration is validated.

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(A supprimer en l'absence de concurrents étrangers attendus)
ANNEXE PRESCRIPTIONS FEDERALES

FFVoile Prescriptions to RRS 2017-2020
translated for foreign competitors

FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 25** (*Notice of race, sailing instructions and signals*):

For events graded 4 and 5, standard notices of race and sailing instructions including the specificities of the event shall be used. Events graded 4 may have dispensation for such requirement, after receipt of FFVoile approval, received before the notice of race has been published.

For events graded 5, posting of sailing instructions will be considered as meeting the requirements of RRS 25.1 application.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to **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.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 67** (*Damages*):

Any question about or request of damages arising from an incident involving a boat bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing or International Regulation to Prevent Collision at Sea depends on the appropriate courts and cannot be dealt by the jury.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 70. 5** (*Appeals and requests to a national authority*):

The denial of the right of appeal is subject to the written authorization of the Fédération Française de Voile, received before publishing the notice of race. This authorization shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 78.1** (*Compliance with class rules; certificates*):

The boat's owner or other person in charge shall, under his sole responsibility, make sure moreover that his boat complies with the equipment and security rules required by the laws, by-laws and regulations of the Administration.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 86.3** (*Changes to the racing rules*):

An organizing authority wishing to change a rule listed in RRS 86.1(a) in order to develop or test new rules shall first submit the changes to the FFVoile, in order to obtain its written approval and shall report the results to FFVoile after the event. Such authorization shall be mentioned in the notice of race and in the sailing instructions and shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 88** (*National prescriptions*):

Prescriptions of the FFVoile shall neither be changed nor deleted in the notice of race and sailing instructions, except for events for which an international jury has been appointed.

In such case, the prescriptions marked with an asterisk (*) shall neither be changed nor deleted in the notice of race and sailing instructions. (The official translation of the prescriptions, downloadable on the FFVoile website www.ffvoile.fr, shall be the only translation used to comply with RRS 90.2(b)).

(*) FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 91(b)** (*Protest committee*):

The appointment of an international jury meeting the requirements of Appendix N is subject to prior written approval of the Fédération Française de Voile. Such authorization shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

FFVoile Prescription to **APPENDIX R** (*Procedures for appeals and requests*):

Appeals shall be sent to the head-office of Fédération Française de Voile, 17 rue Henri Bocquillon, 75015 Paris – email: jury.appel@ffvoile.fr, using preferably the appeal form downloadable on the website of Fédération Française de Voile: http://www.ffvoile.fr/ffv/web/services/arbitrage/jury_appel.asp