



**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
DEFI AZIMUT-LORIENT AGGLOMÉRATION
2023 edition**

September 19 - 23 2023

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The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat cannot protest (No protest) against another boat when infringing this rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the jury, be less than disqualification.

PREAMBLE

The DEFI AZIMUT - Lorient Agglomération is part of the qualification process for the Jacques Vabre Transat 2023.

1. RULES

- 1.1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2** The IMOCA Class rules.
- 1.3** The current 2022-2024 OSR (World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations) when they apply category 2.
- 1.4** Part B, section II of the IRPCS (COLREG) when they replace RRS Part 2 between sunset and sunrise.
- 1.5** RRS Part 2 apply up to 30 miles after the starting line and from 30 miles before the finishing line. They are replaced by Part B (Steering and sailing rules) of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCS) for these parts of the course sailed at night and for the rest of the course.
- 1.6** WS Regulation 20 – Advertising Code applies: boats shall display advertising chosen and provided by the OA.
- 1.7** In case of translation of these Sis, the French text shall prevail. The official time for the event is the local French time.
- 1.8** All the following RRS are changed:
- RRS 48.1 (Limitation on equipment and crew): changed as follows: "boats may carry replacement equipment during the race subject to the written authorization of the race direction and in accordance with the Class Rules."
 - RRS 55.2 (Spinnaker and Spinnaker Poles; Whisker Poles) does not apply.
 - RRS 54 (Forestays and Headsails Tacks): does not apply.
- The following RRS are changed in these Sis:
- RRS 44.1 (Taking a Penalty)
 - RRS 61 (Protest Requirements)
- 1.9** [DP] An infringement of RRS 28 will be a discretionary penalty (this changes RRS A5.2).
- 1.10** **On Board Reporter (OBR):** 1 on board mandatory for the 48H AZIMUT event. See NoR Regulation 4.5.
- 1.11** Sports events are above all a space for exchange and sharing accessible to all. As such, competitors and support persons are asked to behave in all circumstances, on land and on the water, in a courteous and respectful manner regardless of the origin, gender or sexual orientation of other participants or support persons. A competitor or support person who does not respect these principles could be penalized under RCV 2 or 69. »

2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Before the start: any change to the SIs will be posted no later than two hours before the warning signal of the race where it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

2.2 After the start:

2.2.1 Depending on the weather forecast received during the race, the Race Direction may, in agreement with the Race Committee, make changes to the course at the marks defined in the course appendix. There may be several course changes.

2.2.2 To report a change to the course, the Race Direction will send all competitors a message by email and WhatsApp.

The message will indicate the new course to be sailed by adding or removing route marks. Competitors shall acknowledge receipt of this information. It is the responsibility of the competitors to ensure any changes to the course.

This course is to be sailed from the route mark where the change of route has been indicated. This changes RRS 33.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 The offices of the event general organization, of the RC, Technical Committee and of the jury are located at "La Cité de la voile Eric Tabarly, Lorient La Base 56 323 LORIENT."

3.2 The Race Management team can be reached from Monday 18 September 10:00 to Sunday 24 September 20:00.

3.3 The Official Notice Board is available on the official website of the event:

<https://www.defi-azimut.net/fr/le-defi/documents>

3.4 If possible, the information will also be sent by email to the skippers and project manager and transmitted on a WhatsApp group dedicated to the event.

3.5 On the water, the race committee will normally monitor and communicate with the competitors on VHF channel 77.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] [NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore are displayed on the flagpole located at pontoon access, flagpole displaying an AZIMUT flag.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal will not be made less than 90 minutes after flag AP is lowered (this changes Race Signals).

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES, BRIEFING AND PRIZE GIVING

The DEFI AZIMUT – LORIENT AGGLOMERATION consists in three races:

- The **AZIMUT BRETAGNE RUNS** (crewed) (Grade 5A).
- The **48H D'AZIMUT** (double handed + OBR) (Grade 4).
- The **TOUR DE GROIX AZIMUT** (crewed) (grade 5A).

Monday, September 18, 2023

10:00: All day: arrival of boats.

Tuesday September 19, 2023

14:00 – 17:00: Workshops "Social commitment"

15:00: Arrival time limit for the boats.

16:00: Safety briefing for Safety RIBS pilots/Assistance.

19:00 – 20:00: Défi Azimut – Lorient Agglomération opening ceremony with the skippers. **Skippers' attendance mandatory** (skipper, co-skipper).

20:00 -23:00 : official evening, cocktail dinner **Skippers' attendance mandatory** (skipper, co-skipper).

Wednesday September 20, 2023

AZIMUT BRETAGNE RUNS

8:30: Groups and media welcome.

9:30: Mandatory RUNS briefing at Cité de la Voile

Open to the press (course, weather forecast, SURLO Application). **Skippers' attendance mandatory** (skipper, co-skipper).

10:15: Official photo **Skippers' attendance mandatory** (skipper, co-skipper).

10:45: Boats leave harbour.

12:00: Opening of the starting line for runs.

19:00: Closing of the starting line for runs.

20:00: Back ashore and prize giving in front of La Bass Harbour master's office.

Skippers' attendance mandatory (skipper, co-skipper).

Thursday September 21, 2023

48H D'AZIMUT DOUBLE HANDED

8;30: OBR briefing, Pen Duick hall (Cité de la Voile). **Mandatory OBR attendance.**

9:00: Welcome IMOCA's sponsors / IMOCA's circuit organizers

10:00: Start briefing. **Mandatory competitors' attendance.** (Skipper, co-skipper and OBR)

12:00: Commented visit of the pontoons.

14:00: IMOCA's leave harbour.

15:30: Start of the 48H.

Friday September 22, 2023

WORKSHOPES – AUDELOR EUROLARGE & TARA

9:00: Round tables (AI from conception to steerage, energetic strategy...).

14:00: Round tables (Foil & Co, Foil racing...).

16:00: America's Cup (survey, tendances).

Time to be defined : conference (TBA) TARA – AZIMUT, Cité de la Voile Eric Tabarly auditorium.

Saturday September 23, 2023

RETURN FROM THE 48H / CREW PARTY

12:00H – 18:00: Boats arrivals.

19:00 48H prize giving **Mandatory competitors attendance.** (Skipper, co-skipper and OBR)

19:00: Crews night.

Sunday, September 24, 2023

TOUR DE GROIX AZIMUT

(Record held by Vincent Riou, 1h08'10")

11:30: IMOCA's leave harbour.

13h00: Start of Tour de Groix.

17:00: Prize giving **Mandatory competitors attendance.** (Skipper, co-skipper)

On the last racing day, no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

7. CLASS FLAGS

The Class flag is the IMOCA Globe Series flag.

8. RACING AREAS

The location of the racing areas is defined in the [APPENDIX 2 - RACING AREAS](#).

9. THE COURSES

9.1 The courses are described in [APPENDIX 3 – COURSES DESCRIPTION](#), including the order in which marks are to be passed or rounded, the side on which each mark is to be left and the indicative length of the courses.

9.2 48H Azimut course : no later than the warning signal, the race committee will display "D" flag if the course includes an offset mark. It will display a green flag to indicate that it is to be passed or rounded to starboard. Absence of a green flag means that the offset mark is to be passed or rounded to port (this changes Race Signals)

9.3 Official ranking at a mark: the race committee may shorten a race for any of the reasons mentioned in RRS 32.1 and validate the race using as finishing order the last official ranking at one of the marks to be rounded mentioned in [APPENDIX 3 – COURSES DESCRIPTION](#) (this changes RRS 32). Arrangements are detailed in [APPENDIX 1 - OFFICIAL RANKING AT A MARK](#).

9.4 The courses, gates or rounding marks where the course may be shortened are noted in [APPENDIX 3 – COURSES DESCRIPTION](#).

10. MARKS

10.1 The start, course, offset, change of course and finish marks are defined in [APPENDIX 3 – COURSES DESCRIPTION](#).

10.2 A race committee boat signaling a change of a leg of the course ranks as a mark.

10.3 Missing mark: in the proven absence of a course mark of the buoying system, and in the absence of a boat displaying an "M" flag, skippers will have to pass the geographical position of this mark in "latitude and longitude", referenced in the official nautical documents of SHOM. They will have to pass this position in accordance with the provisions of RCV 28.

11. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 Areas considered as obstructions; areas prohibited to navigation (defined in nautical documents). Protection zones around diver boats and all areas prohibited to navigation by these SIs.

11.2 It is the responsibility of skippers to know the prohibited or regulated areas.

12. THE START

12.1 The description of the starting line is in [APPENDIX 3 – COURSES DESCRIPTION](#).

12.2 48H D'AZIMUT and TOUR DE GROIX AZIMUT :

The start will be made according to RRS 26 modified as follows:

Signal	Flag and sound signal	Minutes before the start
Warning	IMOCA flag and 1 sound signal	8
Preparatory	"P" flag and 1 sound signal	4
Minute	Lowering of "P", flag and 1 long sound signal s	1
Start	Lowering of IMOCA flag and 1 sound signal	0

12.3 Individual recall [DP][NP]:

Early start: According to World Sailing's test rule RE21-01, when a boat does not start in accordance with the definition "Start", she shall not sail back to the pre-start side of the start line. She shall receive, without a hearing, a penalty of **1 hour** for the **48H AZIMUT** and **15 minutes** for the **Tour de Groix**. This penalty **is to be taken** according to the modalities specified in SI 15.2.3. The time penalty is carried out on the water by making a stop, in accordance with World Sailing test rule RE21-01, in the **first 12 hours** of racing for the **48H AZIMUT** race in the **first half hour** for the **Tour de Groix**.

OCS competitors will be notified if practicable as soon as possible by VHF on the race channel (77), and/or by a RC boat.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE, SHORTENING OR ABANDONNING A RACE

In the cases provided for in RRS 32.1 and in application of RRS 90.2:

The race committee may shorten, change a course or abandon a race in progress.

The race direction or the race committee may be required to give specific guidelines to which the skippers shall comply.

These notifications or instructions will be transmitted by VHF or Iridium or GSM phone, or WhatsApp + mail by the race direction to the skippers who shall acknowledge receipt. Skippers will then have to comply with verbal instructions.

A shortening or change of the course may be made at a course mark provided for in these sailing instructions or to one or more virtual marks positioned in longitude and latitude. This changes RRS 32 and 33.

14. THE FINISH

14.1 The description of the finishing line is in **APPENDIX 3 – COURSES DESCRIPTION**.

14.2 [DP] If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity her finishing time and her position in relation to nearby boats.

14.3 [DP] Competitors shall notify their arrival on VHF channel 77 to the 48H AZIMUT finishing RC boat at least 5 NMs before crossing the finishing line.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 In case of an infringement of a RRS Part 2 rule or of a rule of IRPCS Division B when it replaces RRS Chapter 2, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

15.2 Alternative penalties for infringement of rules other than RRS Part 2 or a rule of Division B of the IRPCS when it replaces Part 2:

15.2.1 An infringement of the rules other than RRS 31 and the rules of Part 2 or a rule of Division B of the IRPCS when it replaces Part 2 may, after a hearing, be sanctioned by a penalty ranging from 10% of the number of entries to disqualification.

15.2.2 These penalties are counted as a percentage of the number of entries and will be calculated as provided for in RRSV 44.3(c).

15.2.3 The penalty for an early start (IC 12.3) will be taken as follows,

When about to take her penalty, the boat shall contact the Race Direction, who will time the penalty from a segment indicated by the Race Direction.

At the end of the penalty, if it has been validated and confirmed by the race committee, the boat shall re-cross the given segment before going on racing.

16. TIME LIMITS 48H D'AZIMUT

The finishing line will be effectively closed on Saturday September 23, 2023, 23:59.

TOUR DE GROIX

The finishing line will be effectively closed on Sunday September 24, 2023, 16:00.

17. PROTESTS AND HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in that class has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the ONB.

48H AZIMUT: for boats finishing on Saturday, September 23 after 19:00, the protest will be lodged between 9:00 and 9:30 on Sunday, September 24.

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office and on the online ONB in the Jury file.

17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located near the tent, beginning at the time posted on the ONB.

17.4 Notices of protests by the RC or the Jury will be posted to inform boats according to RRS 61.1(b).

17.5 On the last day of the event, a request for redress or reopening of a hearing shall be delivered:

- Within protest time limit if the party requesting redress or reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day.

- No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening has been informed of the decision on the same day or, for a request for redress, after the decision has been posted.

This changes RRS 66 and 62.2

18. SCORING

Scores will be point scores.

There will be three official scorings:

- The RUN AZIMUT – BRETAGNE
- The 48H AZIMUT
- The TOUR DE GROIX – AZIMUT

A special prize will be awarded to the OBR who will receive the more votes for the photo or video contests.

19. SAFETY RULES [DP][NP]

19.1 Before each race, each boat shall inform the RC or the race direction of her presence via VHF. If she does not start in the race.

19.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race direction ASAP to racemanagement@imoca.org or phone: **+336.63.68.54.22** The race direction will immediately inform the RC.

19.3 VHF channel when racing is **77** and a double watch on VHF channel 16 is compulsory while racing.

19.4 For the 48H AZIMUT and TOUR DE GROIX AZIMUT, competitors shall switch their AIS on for the duration of the race (emitting and receiving).

19.5 Wearing a personal flotation device:

Wearing a personal flotation device is mandatory on the deck of the boat (this changes RRS 40).

19.6 For each boat and each race, a crew list will be handed out to the organizer DEFI AZIMUT – LORIENT AGGLOMERATION who will forward it to the race direction.

19.7 Traffic in channels and passage of the port de Lorient citadel: there are some constraints for sailing in the citadel channel and the Lorient roadstead. They are detailed in [Appendix 4 – Various information](#).

19.8 Helmet use:

For runs and the Tour de Groix, the Y+C flags mean that protective helmets must be worn by team guests and Azimut guests.

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race director.

20.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed without the Technical Committee Chair approval. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

20.3 The race direction may change the crew number according to weather or sanitary conditions.

21. MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATE AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT

21.1 Measurement certificate:

Boats shall have a valid IMOCA measurement certificate 2023.

21.2 Safety equipment:

Each boat shall have on board the safety equipment required by the regulations in force (IMOCA Class Rules and OSR cat.2).

Safety equipment checks may be carried out on boats. 5 boats will be drawn at random for start and finish checks.

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22. OFFICIAL VESSELS

Official vessels will be identified by AZIMUT flags.

23. SUPPORT PERSONS

23.1 [DP] [NP] Support vessels shall stay outside the areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.

23.2 [DP] [NP] Support vessels shall be identified with an AZIMUT flag.

23.3 The regulations governing the conditions of intervention of support persons on FFVoile events shall apply.

23.4 The speed limit is 10 knots in the RUNS and starts areas.

24. ADVERTISING

The boats shall display an Azimut marking, provided by the AO, that is 2 Azimut flags (one on each side on the shrouds). They shall be displayed from Tuesday, September 19 2023 - 18:00 until Sunday September 24, 2023 - 20:00.

25. TRASH DISPOSAL

[DP] Trash shall be kept on board and disposed of in the containers provided in the harbour.

26. BERTHING

[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in harbor. The race direction may swap places according to existing conditions (arrival order, weather...)

27. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

[DP] [NP] Boats shall not be hauled out for the duration of the Défi AZIMUT except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race direction and race committee.

28. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

[DP] [NP] Their use will be linked to local regulations (port area, etc.)

29. PRIZES

The prize giving ceremony of the Azimut-Bretagne Runs will take place at the end of the Runs day, on Wednesday, September 20 2023, 20:00 in front of the Harbour Master's office.

The 48H Azimut prize giving will take place on Saturday, September 23, 2023, 19:00.

The Tour de Groix prize giving will take place on Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 17h00

30. DECISION TO RACE

The decision of a competitor to enter in a race or to stay in the race is his sole responsibility.

Consequently, by agreeing to participate in the race or to stay in the race, the competitor releases the organizing authority from any liability in the event of damage (material and / or injury)

Appointed race officials

Race committee chair: Gilles BRICOUT (gilles.bricout@orange.fr)

Jury chair: François LOZACHMEUR (francois.lozachmeur@orange.fr)

Technical Committee chair: Jean-Luc LAURENT (jllaurent2@orange.fr)

APPENDIX 1 - OFFICIAL RANKING AT A MARK

The race committee may interrupt a race for any of the reasons mentioned in RRS 32.1 and validate the race using for the finishing order the last official ranking at one of the marks to be rounded mentioned in **APPENDIX 3 - COURSES DESCRIPTION** (this changes RRS 32).

If a RC boat displaying the 2nd substitute (this changes Race signals) is close to one of the marks specified below, the mark and the race committee boat are a gate where an official ranking of the boats will be made.

If a virtual gate is defined by two points in the race, an official ranking of the boats will be made with the positioning beacons, the boats shall cross this gate respecting the required sides (stated in Appendix Courses) and continue racing.

If the race committee decides thereafter to interrupt the race, they will display flags S over H with two sound signals (this changes Race signals) meaning: "the race is interrupted, and the last official ranking will be used for the finishing order. The race committee will confirm these arrangements via VHF or any other communication mean, phone, mail, or WhatsApp.

The 48H Azimut race may be shortened for weather reasons. If the RC decides on a change of course or a race abandonment, the communication will be by email, WhatsApp or phone, then, the use of the RC boat signals will not be mandatory.

Any event likely to be grounds for a protest occurring after the last official ranking will not be taken into account, and no boat can be penalized, except as a result of an action according to a Fundamental Rule or to RRS 69.

Marks where an official ranking can be made:

GPS positions are informative only.

South cardinal Les Chats, WGS84: 47°35,80 N and 3°23,50 W

East cardinal Edouard de Cougy, WGS84: 47°37,93 N and 3°23,89 W

« **Waypoint Azimut 1** »

« **Waypoint Azimut 2** »

« **Waypoint Azimut 3** »

APPENDIX 2 – RACING AREAS

(The GPS position is the center point of each starting area – informative only)

The starting zone of the **Runs AZIMUT – Bretagne** is in the Coureaux de Groix
Here under the indicative approximate position of the center of the zone

WGS84: 47°39.500 N / 003°23.00 W,

The starting zone of the **48H AZIMUT** is in the Coureaux de Groix

WGS84: 47°39.500 N / 003°23.00 W,

or SW of the Pointe du Talut

WGS84 :47°41.00 N / 003°30.00 W

The choice of the starting area will be announced together with the choice of the course.

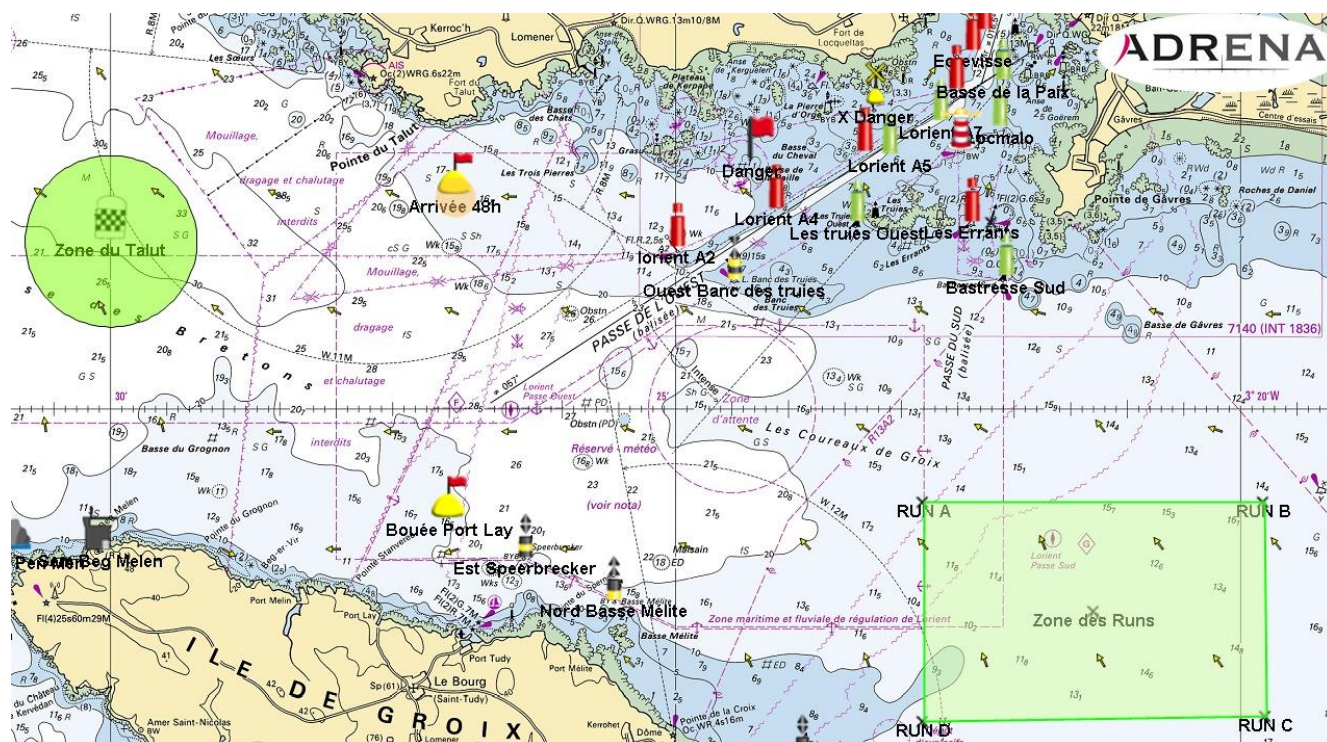
The finish of the **48H AZIMUT** will be located South of the Pointe du Talut.

Here under the indicative approximate position of the center of the zone

WGS84 :47°41.260 N / 003°26.950 W

The starting and finishing zones of the **TOUR DE GROIX AZIMUT** will be located SW of the Pointe du Talut.
Indicative position of the center of the zone:

WGS84 :47°41.00 N / 003°30.00 W



APPENDIX 3 – COURSES DESCRIPTION

A3.1 COURSE MARKS DEFINITION

Starting mark: PLASTIMO jumbo yellow buoy
Finishing mark: PLASTIMO jumbo yellow buoy
Offset mark: cylindrical **ORANGE** "Lorient la Base » buoy.



A3.2 RUN AZIMUT- BRETAGNE COURSE MARKS DEFINITION

A3.2.1 Organization of runs:

A crew of 5 to 8 people including a mandatory "Guest" personality planned by Azimut. The competitors will be divided into 3 pools.

The crew list must be provided by email to the Race Direction no later than Friday, September 15, 2023 at 12:00 (local time) (appendix 1, NOR) via the registration platform (<https://capline.org/fr/defi-azimut/evenement/edition-2023>) and copied to Mag Hubert mag.hubert@azimut.net, with, for each crew member, the valid FFVoile license number (temporary license possible).

The race management may change the number of crew members depending on the weather conditions.

Competitors will be split into 3 groups: A, B and C, the sorting is done by draw on Tuesday, September 19 before 19:00, and will be communicated to competitors by email and Whatsapp.

The RUNS zone is defined on the map.

The principle is a reaching course with a length of about 1,3 NM.

The starting line will be opened on Wednesday September 20 at 12:00 and closed at 19:00.

60 minutes of RUNS per group

The top 4 from each pool will be selected for the final. The final will last 60 minutes.

A3.2.2 To inform boats that a race or sequence of races will soon begin, an orange flag will be displayed on the RC starting boat with a sound signal at the opening of the line.

Each competitor shall report via VHF (77) to the start RC 1 minute before crossing the start line of the Run, the RC will confirm the authorization to start.

A3.2.3 The starting line:

It will be materialized between a yellow PLASTIMO jumbo buoy to be left to port and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat to be left to starboard.

A mark (inflatable buoy) will be moored in the vicinity of the line axis at a distance more than the RC boat length. This mark ranks as a starting mark and shall be left on the same side as the RC boat, it is forbidden to sail between this mark and the RC boat.

A3.2.4 The finishing line:

It will be materialized between a yellow PLASTIMO jumbo buoy to be left to port and a staff flying a blue flag on the RC boat to be left to starboard.

A mark (inflatable buoy) will be moored in the vicinity of the line axis at a distance more than the RC boat length. This mark ranks as a finishing mark and shall be left on the same side as the RC boat, it is forbidden to sail between this mark and the RC boat.

A3.2.5 The Runs zone is a polygon having a buoy at each angle, this area is reserved exclusively for the boat that started, it is forbidden to motorboats to cross this area.

The starting area is a 100 m deep area reserved for the competitor who starts, it is forbidden to motorboats.

The finish area is an area 100 m deep reserved for the competitor who finishes and clears the line, it is forbidden to motorboats.

Competitors wishing to try another record, will have to go back to the starting area by sailing leeward of the Runs area.

A3.2.6 Safety

Support boat safety / Speed limit:

- The Organising Authority, in the interests of environmental respect and safety, will apply a 10 knots speed limit to all vessels in the vicinity, in the start BOX and for the RUNS,
- For safety reasons it is forbidden to enter the BOX, starting Zone, Finishing Zone and to come closer than 50 M of the boats that are sailing for a record.

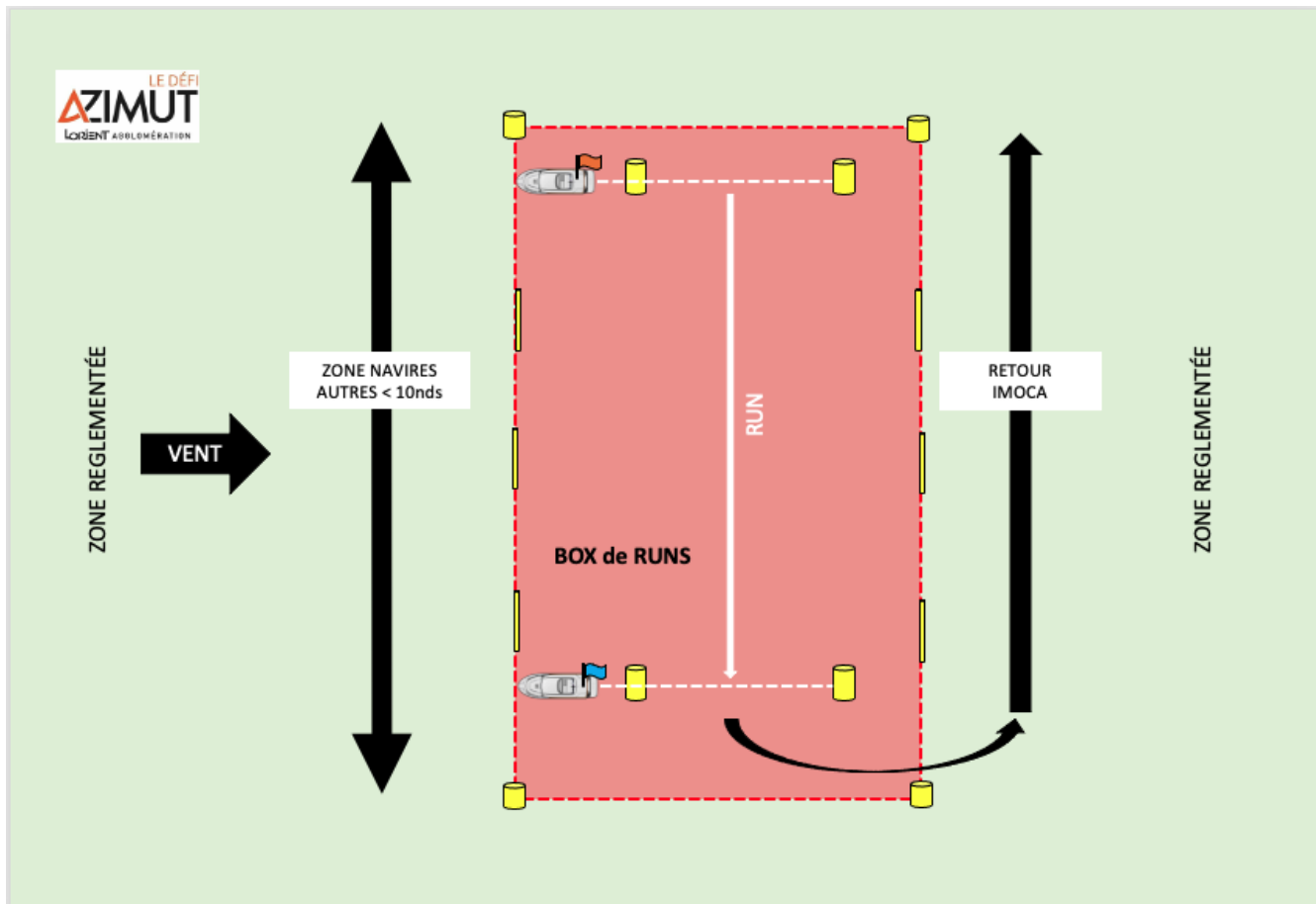
[DP] Failure to comply with these safety rules by the Teams' semi-rigid assistance (SRA) and the Teams' complementary semi-rigid (SRC) may result in the cancellation of their IMOCA run.

The SRA and SRC, after agreement with their team are free to follow their IMOCA after the exit of the run zone.

The list of SRA and SRC of each team shall be submitted to the Race Direction with the list of people embarked via the online platform:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wnz15Ay2_IvbNfc3COJKVeqMvJ6m4Q8uhFSKnFYMB5I/viewform?edit_requested=true

The number of RIBs is limited to 1 SRA identified by an IMOCA flag and a maximum of 2 SRCs per team.

Mandatory presence of pilots in person at the pilot briefing on Tuesday, September 19 at 16:00 at the Cité de la voile, Lorient.



A3.2.7 Surlo application

During the RUNS AZIMUT-BRETAGNE event, competitors will have to activate tracking on the Surlo application.

The times will be recorded and visible in real time via the Surlo mobile application (available on Android and iOS). Only crew members declared during registration will be entitled to track on behalf of the competitor. They will be identified via their mobile phone number. It is recommended to track with several team members in order to increase the reliability of tracking. Surlo is responsible for merging the traces into a single trace.

Instructions on how to use the Surlo app will be sent by email to declared team members a few days before the event.

At the end of the briefing, people from Surlo will also be available to help competitors install and activate the application.

A3.3 THE 48H AZIMUT

A course is proposed to you according to the weather tendency. The Azimut waypoints 1, 2 and 3 position may be changed according to the weather evolution. The course will be confirmed no later than Wednesday 20 September at the time of the briefing.

A3.3.1 To inform boats that a race or sequence of races will soon begin, an Orange flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

A3.3.2 The starting line will be materialized between a yellow PLASTIMO jumbo buoy to be left to port and a staff on the RC boat displaying an orange flag to be left to starboard.

A mark (inflatable buoy) will be moored in the vicinity of the line axis at a distance more than the RC boat length.

This mark ranks as a starting mark and shall be left on the same side as the RC boat, it is forbidden to sail between this mark and the RC boat.

A3.3.3 The start for the 48 hours Azimut.

Any boat that could not start within 30 minutes after its start signal shall notify the Race Direction before the end of these 30 minutes, (Any boat not complying with this rule, will be scored DNS). After agreement of the Race Direction, it will have 3 hours to start (the GPS points of the starting line will be given to the competitor who will have to respect the crossing of these marks). This modifies SI 12.

A3.3.4 The finishing line will be materialized:

- by a yellow PLASTIMO jumbo buoy to be left to port and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat to be left to starboard.

A mark (inflatable buoy) will be moored in the vicinity of the line axis at a distance more than the RC boat length.

This mark ranks as a starting mark and shall be left on the same side as the RC boat, it is forbidden to sail between this mark and the RC boat.

- By a virtual line, on Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 19:00, defined by two points corresponding to the actual position of the marks of the finish line. These two points will be forwarded to the race direction when the line is set and transmitted to the competitors. An official ranking of the boats will be made with the Yellow Brick positioning beacons, the boats will have to cross this line respecting the required sides and finish.

A3.3.5 Finishing procedure

When at a distance of about 5 nautical miles from the finishing line, each skipper must notify the RC by VHF, on the race channel (77), of his next crossing of the line. He will have to renew his call until the acknowledgment of the RC.

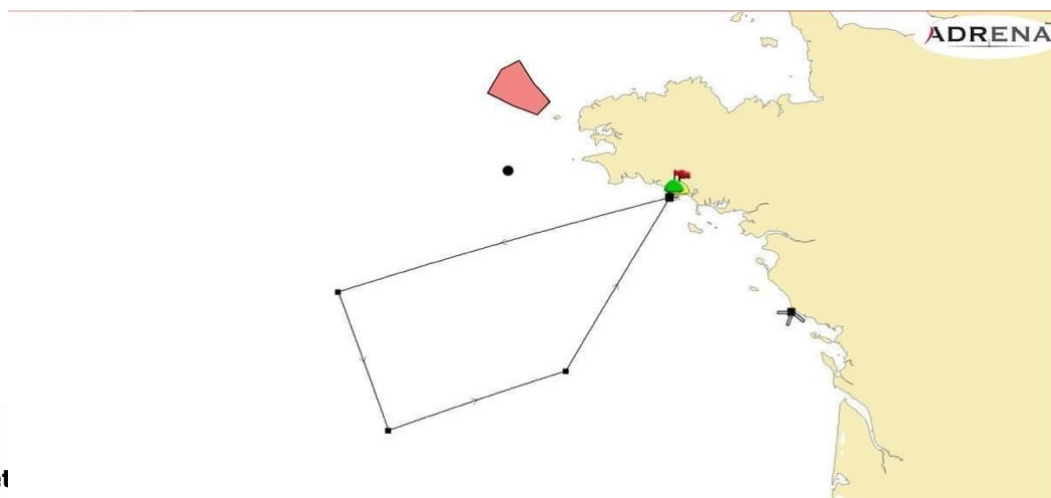
A self-check-in on arrival must be carried out, on Saturday, September 23, 2023 after 19:00 or in case of absence of the RC boat by sending an SMS to **+336.63.68.54.22** or an email: racemanagement@imoca.org

A3.3.6 Finish line closures

The finish line will be closed on Saturday, September 23 at 23:59.

The Organizing Authority, in the interests of environmental protection and safety, will apply a speed limit of 10 knots to all vessels in the vicinity of the AZIMUT 48h starting box and finish line.

Example of DOUBLE 48h course



A3.3.7 Safel

Accompanying boat safety / Speed limits :

- In the interests of environmental protection and safety, the Organizing Authority will apply a speed limit of 10 knots to all vessels in the vicinity of the START BOX and the finish line of the 48h AZIMUT

- For safety reasons, it is forbidden to enter the BOX "Départ" of the 48h AZIMUT, 8' before the start.

[DP] Non-compliance with these safety rules by the Teams' assistance RIBs (SRA) and the Teams' complementary RIBs (SRCc).

The list of SRAs and SRCs for each team must be submitted to the DC with the list of people on board via the online platform:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wnz15Ay2_IvbNfc3COJKVeqMvJ6m4Q8uhFSKnFYMB5I/viewform?edit_requested=true

The number of RIBs is limited to 1 SRA identified by an IMOCA flag and a maximum of 2 SRCs per team.

Pilots must be present in person at the pilot briefing on Tuesday September 19 at 4:00 pm at the Cite de la voile, Lorient.

A3.3.8 Image competition

The OBR must provide the AO with a free deliverable: images, sound, text or video (2 minutes per 24 hours, i.e. a total of 4 minutes in two shipments: 1 per 24 hours).

A3.4 TOUR DE GROIX AZIMUT

A3.4.1 To inform boats that a race or sequence of races will soon begin, an Orange flag will be displayed with a sound signal at least five minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

A3.4.2 The starting line will be materialized between a yellow PLASTIMO jumbo buoy to be left to port and a staff on the RC boat displaying an orange flag to be left to starboard.

A mark (inflatable buoy) will be moored in the vicinity of the line axis at a distance more than the RC boat length.

This mark ranks as a starting mark and shall be left on the same side as the RC boat, it is forbidden to sail between this mark and the RC boat.

A3.4.3 Any boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signa will be scored DNS (this changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2).

A3.4.4 The finishing line will be materialized between a yellow PLASTIMO jumbo buoy to be left to port and a yellow PLASTIMO jumbo buoy to be left to starboard.

A mark (inflatable buoy) will be moored in the vicinity of the line axis at a distance more than the RC boat length.

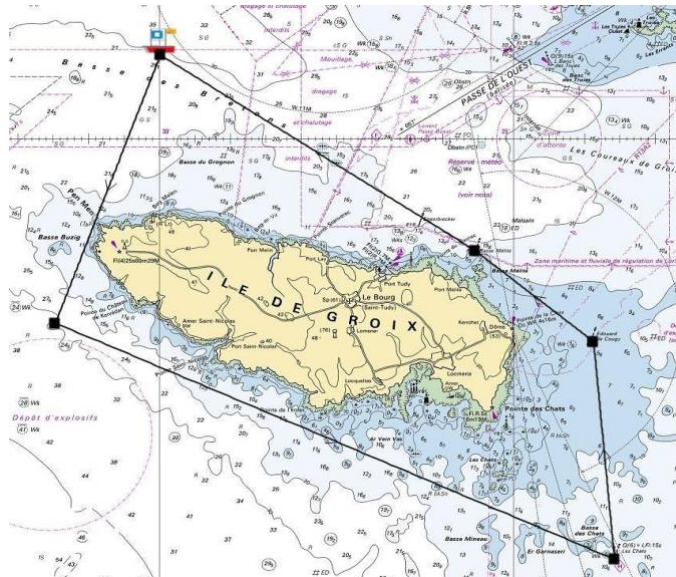
This mark ranks as a finishing mark and shall be left on the same side as the RC boat, it is forbidden to sail between this mark and the RC boat.

A3.4.5 The crew list must be provided by email to the Race Direction no later than Friday, September 15, 2023 at 12:00 (local time) (appendix 1, NOR) via the registration platform (<https://capline.org/fr/defi-azimut/evenement/edition-2023>) and copied to Mag Hubert mag.hubert@azimut.net, with, for each crew member, the valid FFVoile license number (temporary license possible).

A3.4.6 The course

GPS positions are only informative.

- 1) Start
- 2) Pointe de Pen-Men to be left to port
- 3) South cardinal buoy "Les Chats" to be left to port 47°35,80 N / 3°23,50 W
- 4) East cardinal buoy "Edouard de Cougy" to be left to port 47°37,93 N / 3°23,89 W *
- 5) North cardinal buoy "Basse Méлите" to be left to port 47°38,84 N / 3°25,54 W
- 6) East cardinal buoy "Speerbrecker" to be left to port 47°39,10 N / 3°26,34 W
- 7) Finish



A3.4.6 Safety

Safety of accompanying boats / Speed limits :

Accompanying boat safety / Speed limits :

- In the interests of environmental protection and safety, the Organizing Authority will apply a speed limit of 10 knots to all vessels in the vicinity of the START BOX and the finish line of the TOUR DE GROIX.
- For safety reasons, it is forbidden to enter the BOX, Start and Finish zones, or to approach within 50 meters of boats attempting to break records.

[DP] Non-compliance with these safety rules by the Teams' assistance RIBs (SRA) and Teams' complementary RIBs (SRC) may result in the cancellation of their IMOCA from the race.

The list of SRAs and SRCs for each team must be submitted to the DC along with the list of people on board via the online platform :

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wnz15Ay2_IvbNfc3COJKVeqMvJ6m4Q8uhFSKnFYMB5I/viewform?edit_request=true

The number of RIBs is limited to 1 SRA identified by an IMOCA flag and 2 SRC maximum per team.

Pilots must be present in person at the pilot briefing on Tuesday September 19 at 4:00 pm at the Cite de la voile, Lorient.

APPENDIX 4 – VARIOUS INFORMATION

SAILING IN THE ROADSTEAD

Sailing in the channels and passage of the Citadelle:

When entering or leaving the Lorient harbour, competitors shall in any case give way to engine propelled vessels (according to IRPCS). It is mandatory for competitors to pass behind these ships. In addition, when in the Citadelle channel, competitors shall obey the light signals.

Sailing in channels

It shall be as close as possible to the outer right limit of the channel (IRPCS Rule 9).

ROW in channels

Sailing boats and vessels of less than 20 m in length shall not impede the passage of larger vessels (IRPCS Rule 9b).

A boat shall not cross a channel if, in doing so, she interferes with the passage of a major ship (IRPCS Rule 9c).

Maximum speed

15 knots between the turrets of Les Truies and La Jument. 10 knots in the roadstead from the La Jument turret. 10 knots in the roadstead from the La Jument turret.

Red: ROW traffic on opposite direction (give way).

Green: ROW traffic in the same direction (make sure not to impede the vessel).

RECOMMENDATIONS

The use of engine is advised to avoid tacking in the narrowest part of the channels, if you are not racing. Any competitor not complying with these ROW rules and hindering a ROW vessel (privileged according to IRPCS) may after a protest from the Race Direction or Race Committee be disqualified for all races.

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APPENDIX 6 – CREW LIST

The crew list shall be provided via the organization's online registration tool:

- for runs: No later than Friday, September 15, 2023 at 12:00 pm (local time) cf appendix 1 NOR
- for the Tour de Groix: No later than Friday, September 15, 2023 12:00 (local time) cf appendix 1 NOR

APPENDIX 7 – DECLARATIONS Start declaration.

to be returned no later than 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 21 at the briefing or by e

mail racemanagement@imoca.org

Name of the Boat: N°

I the undersigned:
skipper of the above boat state on my honour that I have entered the « Defi Azimut » race by my free will, and I totally agree and without any restriction to be bound by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing, the Notice of Race, the measurement regulations and of safety and the Sailing Instructions and any necessary amendment.

I know that sailing competition can be dangerous.

I declare that I know that the safety of my boat is my sole and inescapable responsibility, that I have prepared the boat to meet adverse weather conditions, that there is on board the boat all the proper safety gear and that I know how to use it.

I designate to the Race Director the following person(s) may be joined H24:

Name, Surname:

Phone home: Phone office: Mobile phone:

Name, Surname:

Phone home: Phone office: Mobile phone:

Communication referent

Name, Surname:

Phone home: Phone office: Mobile phone:

I declare that I will, prior to the start, get hold of the weather forecast and that it is my sole decision, to start or not on the race, or to continue the race.

I agree that organizers and persons and companies working for or on behalf of the above-mentioned parties have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to skipper or others, or for the loss of, or damage to any vessel or property.

In Lorient on / / 2023

Skipper signature :

ANNEXE 8 – DÉCLARATIONS DE VOILES

to be returned no later than 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 21 at the briefing or
by e-mail racemanagement@imoca.org

Règle de Classe IMOCA G.1(a) : Nombre de voiles embarquées

Le nombre de voiles embarquées en course doit être au maximum de 8

Je soussigné

Nom.....Prénom.....

Skipper du (nom de course).....N° de voile

Déclare embarquer les voiles suivantes :

IMOCA	Nombre	Couleur principale	Observations
GV			
Solent			
ORC			
Gennaker			
Reacher			
Code 0			
Spinnaker léger			
Spinnaker			
Tourmentin Entre 14 et 25 m2		Couleur vive (G.3 (a))	Obligatoire :

Total (max 8) :

- Je m'engage, pour contrôle inopiné, à mettre mon bateau à disposition de la jauge, sur sa requête, avant l'épreuve et à l'arrivée.
- Je certifie exacte cette déclaration. En cas de non respect de ces règles, j'admets la décision du jury.
- A remettre au plus tard le : Le Jeudi 21 / 09/2023 à 10h00 (heure locale)

Date :

Signature