

NOTICE OF RACE DÉFI AZIMUT LORIENT AGGLOMÉRATION – 2022 Edition

The notation (OA) means Organising Authority.

The notation [NP] before a rule means that a boat cannot protest (No Protest) another for breach of this rule. This is a change to RRS 60.1(a).

The notation [DP] in a Notice of Race (NOR) rule means that the penalty for breach of this rule may, at the jury's discretion, be less than a disqualification.

The official Noticeboard will be available online on the race website www.defi-azimut.net

1/ ORGANISATION

The Défi Azimut Lorient Agglomération is a yacht race created by the company Azimut and supported by the company Défi-Suroît. Défi Azimut is a registered trade name whose maritime organisation is assigned to the Centre Nautique de Lorient (CNL).

The Défi Azimut Lorient Agglomération is a race open to IMOCA Class boats and forms part of the IMOCA GLOBE SERIES championship 2022.

This sports event takes place from 13 to 18 September 2022, under the aegis of the French Sailing Federation (FFVoile) and the Ligue de Bretagne de Voile.

The Défi AZIMUT comprises three nautical events: the RUNS AZIMUT (in crewed format), the 48H AZIMUT in singlehanded configuration accompanied by an on-board reporter (OBR) or, in The Ocean Race* configuration (cf definition article 4.5) accompanied by an OBR, and the TOUR DE GROIX AZIMUT (in crewed configuration).

The starts of these races are launched in Les Coureaux de Groix.

During the event, entertainment geared around the offshore racing industry is organised in the port of Lorient La base.

2/ RULES

The event will be governed by:

- 2.1 Regulations such as those defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2 The IMOCA Class rules 2022
- 2.3 The Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) Category 2 and those possibly modified by the FFVoile
- 2.4 Part B, section II of the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) when it replaces the RRS Part 2, between the standard times for sunset and sunrise.
 - RRS Part 2: RRS Part 2 applies up to 30 miles after the start line and 30 miles before the finish line. They are replaced by Part B (the Steering and Sailing Rules) of the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) for these parts of the course covered at night and for the rest of the course.

2.5 The boats will be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA as per the World Sailing Regulation 20 (Advertising Code), as modified by the FFVoile Advertising Regulation.

2.6 The official time for the event is local time in France. In the event of a translation of this NOR, the French text shall prevail.

2.7 The following RRS have been modified:

- RRS 48.1 (Limitations on equipment and crew): modified as follows: "boats may carry spare equipment during the race subject to written authorisation from Race Management and in compliance with the Class Rules."

- RRS 55.2 (Spinnaker Poles; Whisker Poles): does not apply.

- RRS 54 (Forestay and headsail tacks): does not apply.

- The following RRS will be modified in the SI: RRS 44.1 (Taking a penalty); RRS 61 (Protest requirements); RRS 62 (Redress); RRS 63 (Hearings); RRS 64 (Decisions) and RRS 66 (Reopening a hearing).

- RRS 77 AND G1.1 are modified by the RC C12 IMOCA: RRS 77 and G.1.1 are modified as follows: The displaying of letters and numbers on the mainsail, spinnaker and headsail is optional.

2.8 Entry in the Défi Azimut Lorient Agglomération entails full and unreserved acceptance of all the provisions of this Notice of Race. The OA reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race if changes prove desirable for the safety and/or sportsmanship of the race.

2.9 Unless explicitly provided for elsewhere: In the event of a conflict between the Rules or any uncertainty regarding prevalence or the applicable Rules, the Jury will decide which rule applies.

3/ SAFETY RULES [DP][NP]

3.1 Prior to every event, each boat shall report to the Race Committee or Race Management via VHF (call sign). Return call sign: a boat which finishes is deemed to have signed in.

A retiring boat shall report to the Race Director, who will report the retirement to the Race Committee.

3.2 The VHF channel used when racing is 77. Dual monitoring on 77/16 is compulsory throughout the event.

3.3 Everyone aboard an IMOCA must wear a personal flotation device from the moment they exit port until they return to port (this is a change to RRS 40).

3.4 For each boat and every event, a crew list will be given to the organiser of the DÉFI AZIMUT LORIENT AGGLOMÉRATION, which will pass it on to the Race Director and Race Committee.

4/ ELIGIBILITY

4.1 The event is open to IMOCA Class boats.

4.2 The 48H AZIMUT is reserved solely for active members of the IMOCA Class and the boat must have an IMOCA 2022 certificate.

4.3 The **DÉFI AZIMUT LORIENT AGGLOMÉRATION** features three events:

- The **RUNS AZIMUT** Grade 5A (crewed)
- The **48H AZIMUT** Grade 4 (singlehanded) or
(in The Ocean Race Warm Up* configuration)
- The **TOUR DE GROIX AZIMUT** Grade 5A (crewed)

The RUNS and the Tour de Groix can also accommodate guest boats, which satisfy the following criteria:

IMOCA Class boat; be an associate member of the IMOCA Class; pay the Défi Azimut entry fee; be in conformity with the relevant insurances and send these documents to the organisation of the Défi Azimut Lorient Agglomération no later than 1 September 2022.

Participation in sports competitions organised or authorised by the FFVoile is not subject to the presentation of a medical certificate for grade 5A, 5B and 5C events. An FFV (French Sailing Federation) licence is however compulsory.

Participation in sports competitions organised or authorised by the FFVoile is subject to the presentation of a medical certificate for grade W, 1, 2, 3 and 4 events. To fulfil this obligation, each competitor shall present an FFVoile licence upon registration:

- Present a valid Club 'Competition' Licence
- Present a valid Club 'Practice' Licence, accompanied by a medical certificate with no contraindications to the practice of sailing, sport or the discipline in question in competition, dating less than one year
- Present a Temporary Licence accompanied by a medical certificate with no contraindications to the practice of sailing, sport, or the discipline in question in competition, dating less than one year

4.4 The '**RUNS AZIMUT**' shall be raced with a crew of 5 to 8 persons, including one compulsory 'Guest' figure organised by Azimut.

Race Management may modify the number of crew according to the weather conditions.

4.5 The '**48H AZIMUT**' is a course spanning a minimum of 500 nautical miles in singlehanded or crewed format. This looped circuit of the Atlantic setting sail from Lorient forms part of the IMOCA Globes Series Championship 2022.

Solely the miles completed in the singlehanded 48h race will count towards the miles tally for qualification for the Vendée Globe.

During this event, a crewed category will be open if a minimum of 3 boats signs up.

The start for the crewed boats will take place shortly after those boats being sailed singlehanded. The course for the crewed boats will be longer to enable a separate finish for the singlehanded boats.

The cartography and crewed rankings will be published on the Défi Azimut-Lorient Agglomération website with a dedicated category.

Definition of The Ocean Race configuration: Four members of the crew, at least one of whom must be a woman, or five members of the crew, at least four of whom are required to be women. In both cases, an additional OBR will be compulsory.

Further details will be indicated in the Sailing Instructions.

One OBR must be present. The OBR's application, filed no later than 2 September 2022, will be validated by IMOCA's sports committee.

OBR: Media crew (if aboard):

Definition: A person appointed by the skipper and approved by IMOCA's sports committee when it is convinced that the skills of this person meet the expectations of this rule.

Approval or non-acceptance cannot be a reason to request a redress.

The OBR is not permitted to take part in sailing the boat or assisting its performance in any way.

Furthermore, the OBR is not permitted to keep watch for the skipper or alert them in any way regarding the boat's handling and performance.

The OBR shall have a valid FFVoile competition, practice, or temporary licence. S/he shall present their medical certificate with no contraindications to the practice of competitive sailing for the 48h event (grade 4).

S/he shall provide a deliverable that is free to broadcast: images, audio, texts, or videos (2 minutes per 24hrs or 4 minutes in all in two sends: 1 per 24hrs) sent to the OA.

4.6 The **TOUR DE GROIX AZIMUT** TIME:

The Tour de Groix shall be raced with a crew of 5 to 8 persons, including one compulsory 'Guest' figure organised by Azimut.

Race Management may modify the number of crew according to the weather conditions.

5/ COMPOSITION OF THE REGISTRATION FILE

A registration form is available on the website

<https://inscription.defi-azimut.net/>

- Documents to be filled in and uploaded to the registration platform for 2 September 2022:

- Digital registration form.
- The completed crew list for each event.
- Parental authorisation for under-18s.

Upon registration, overseas competitors or competitors of French nationality living overseas (every crew member) without an FFVoile licence must present:

- proof they belong to a National Authority that is a member of World Sailing,
- valid proof of civil liability insurance with minimum cover of 1.5-million Euros,
- a medical certificate with no contraindications to the practice of competitive sailing, dating less than one year (drafted in French or English), as well as parental authorisation for under-18s.
- a copy of the Class membership certificate 2022 (The IMOCA class will pass this on to the organisation directly).
- a copy of the boat's insurance certificate.
- a copy of the advertising card for sponsored French boats.

It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the progress of their file and prompt any intervention by the organisation teams in due time.

The registration amount is set at €3,250 excl. VAT, or €3,900 incl. of all taxes.

The payment for registration can be made by bank transfer or by sending a cheque for €3,900 inclusive of all taxes (**made out to DEFI-SUROIT**). It must be sent to the following address:

By cheque:

AZIMUT
5 rue de Bretagne
56260 LARMOR PLAGE

Via bank transfer:



IBAN: FR76 1380 7006 2732 4211 5259 027

SWIFT (BIC) address: CCBPFRPPNAN

BANK CODE	SORT CODE	ACCOUNT NUMBER	PERSONAL CODE (BANK DETAILS)
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6/ PROGRAMME (local time)

Programme subject to the health guidelines at the time.

The boats and competitors (or the competitor's representative) shall be at the OA's disposal no later than 13 September 2022 at 17:00 hours in the port of Lorient la Base or the port of Kernevel as allocated.

Tuesday 13 September 2022

14:00-17:00 hrs: 'AMAC MER and COMPOSITES' conference

Venue: Cité de la Voile Eric Tabarly - Auditorium.

15:00 hrs: Safety briefing for Support Rib (SRA) pilots

Venue: Cité de la Voile Eric Tabarly - Hall Pen Duick.

17:00 hrs: Deadline for arrival of the boats in Lorient.

19:00 hrs: Opening ceremony for the Défi Azimut Lorient Agglomération with the skippers at the Cité de la Voile Éric Tabarly (Hall Pen Duick), followed by a cocktail supper (Muséo space). **Compulsory presence of the skippers.**

Wednesday 14 September 2022

RUNS AZIMUT – TIMED IN CREW FORMAT

10:00 hrs: Pre-race briefing compulsory for the skippers at the Cité de la Voile Éric Tabarly (Pen Duick space), open to the press (course, weather, Run performance application).

11:00 hrs: Official photo (**Compulsory presence of the skippers**)

11:15 hrs: Press/skipper exchange - Cité de la Voile Éric Tabarly

12:30 hrs: Departure from port of the last IMOCA

14:30 hrs: Availability of the Race Committee (to be confirmed)

19:00 hrs: Return to shore

20:00 hrs: Prize-giving in front of La Base's harbour master's office

(Compulsory presence of the skippers).

Thursday 15 September 2022

48H D'AZIMUT.

The long course (500 MILES) is raced in singlehanded format or, for the 'The Ocean Race Warm-Up', in crewed format; both formats accompanied by an OBR.

The courses will be worked out by Race Management in line with the weather conditions.

10:00 hrs: Start briefing

Venue: Cité de la Voile Eric Tabarly - Auditorium.

Compulsory presence of the skippers & OBR

12:30 hrs: IMOCAs depart port

14:30 hrs: Availability of the Race Committee (to be confirmed)

On returning from the 48H (Saturday 17 September), all the IMOCAs will be berthed in the port of La Base chronologically, in line with their ranking. If need be, the final finishers will be berthed in the port of Kernevel.

Friday 16 September 2022

11:00 – 12:30 hrs: 'Connected Boat' round table conference

Venue: Cité de la Voile Éric Tabarly - Auditorium.

14:00 – 15:30 hrs: 'The evolution of boat design in 2030' conference

Venue: Cité de la Voile Éric Tabarly - Auditorium.

16:00 – 17:30 hrs: 'Eco Sailing Design, Collaborative project to eco-design future race boats' conference

Venue: Cité de la Voile Éric Tabarly - Auditorium.

18:00 – 19:00 hrs: 'Funding innovation' conference

Venue: Cité de la Voile Éric Tabarly - Auditorium.

20:30 – 22:30 hrs: Sea-themed outdoor screenings from the Base 'Launch of the screening of 'Maiden'

Venue: In front of GITANA's shed - Cité de la Voile Eric Tabarly.

Saturday 17 September 2022

10:00 - 16:00 hrs: Arrival of the boats

15:00-16:30 hrs: 'Vigilance and Sleep management' conference

Venue: Pen Duick space - Cité de la Voile Eric Tabarly

19:00 hrs: Crew evening (TR RACING Base)

Sunday 18 September 2022

TOUR DE GROIX AZIMUT

(Record held by Vincent Riou in 1h 08" 10')

11:00 hrs: IMOCAs depart port

13:00 hrs: Availability of the Race Committee for the Tour de Groix

17:00 hrs: Prize-giving for the Défi Azimut LORIENT /CNL (Quai de la Base de Lorient).

Compulsory presence of the skippers & OBR.

7 / COMMUNICATION INFORMATION:

A press area will be available at Le Karré in the Cité de la Voile Éric Tabarly from Tuesday 13 September to Sunday 18 September inclusive.

8 / COMPULSORY PRESENCE:

The boats' participation is compulsory for the 3 events (RUNS, 48H, Tour de Groix).

The skippers' presence is required for briefings, the official photo and the prize-givings.

9/ COMMUNICATION

9.1 Intellectual property

In compliance with French law No.84-610 of 16 July 1984 relating to the organisation and promotion of sports activities, modified by Law No.2003-708 of 1 August 2003, participants are reminded that each skipper's entry in the Défi Azimut Lorient Agglomération signifies that their image and name, as well as the image of the boat, can be used by Azimut and by the service providers tasked with reporting about the race, to communicate about the Défi Azimut Lorient Agglomération. This applies to all areas, across all media, with no restrictions regarding the duration of use.

It is agreed that these images shall be used in normally predictable conditions, devoid of ill will.

9.2 Use of the content made available by Azimut.

Participants will be permitted to use the (free to distribute) Défi Azimut logo and 'text, photo, video' content for their internal and external communication activities.

10 /CLASS FLAG

The Class flag will be the IMOCA flag (White on a black background).

11 / BRANDING ON THE BOATS [DP][NP]

Azimut flag branding for the Défi Azimut Lorient Agglomération race.

The boats shall display the following branding:

- Two race flags (either on each shroud or on each running backstay, according to the following dimensions: 2 m x 1.5 m)
- A class flag and forestay flags

This branding shall be installed in the port of Lorient La Base and the port of Kernevel from Tuesday 14 September through until the end of the Défi Azimut Lorient Agglomération. It will be in position for all the events in port but, other than the 2 race flags, not at sea.

12/ SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

These will be published on the race website on 30 August 2022 and emailed on this date to the competitors signed up for the race.

13/ PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 RRS 44.1 is modified so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn penalty.

13.2 A breach of the rules may, upon investigation, incur a time penalty, which may extend to a disqualification.

14/ RANKING

There will be several rankings:

- The RUNS AZIMUT.
- The 48H AZIMUT
- The Tour de Groix AZIMUT.

15/ HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats must not be hauled out during the event unless they are subject to and under the terms of prior written authorisation from the Race Committee.

16/ PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for each event.

17 / INSURANCE

The CNL organiser has taken out an insurance policy covering its civil liability in accordance with articles L 321.1 and D 321.1 of the Sports Code.

The Défi Azimut Lorient Agglomération has taken out an insurance policy covering its civil liability for its activity.

Every Participant shall take out:

A Civil Liability insurance policy on account of their participation in the race and on account of the boat.

They shall attach proof of this insurance in their registration file.

18/ ESTABLISHING RISK

RRS 3 stipulates that: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By participating in this event, each competitor accepts and acknowledges the fact that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks involved. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather conditions, faulty equipment, errors in manoeuvring the boat, other boats sailing badly, loss of balance on an unstable surface and fatigue, leading to an increased risk of injury. Therefore, the risk of

material and/or bodily damage is inherent to the sport of sailing. As a result, by agreeing to participate in the race or to remain racing, the competitor is personally responsible for all (material and/or bodily) damage, the organising authority accepting no liability for such damage.

19/ SPECIFIC RULES ON THE RACE ZONE [DP]

In accordance with the local administrative rules, all sailboats shall comply with the Sailing Instructions relating to the movement of vessels in and around Lorient harbour and appearing in the Sailing Instructions or their appendices.

20/ ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For the sake of visibility:

The organisation's boats will be equipped with Défi Azimut Lorient Agglomération flags so that they can be identified.

Every team shall be equipped with an Azimut flag on its Support RIBs (To be picked up at the RIB pilot briefing).

The organisation is making available the following nautical means:

- A committee boat
- A pin-end line boat
- Safety RIBs

Refer to the instructions from the harbour master's office at 'Lorient La Base' or Kernevel for organisation in port.

The race zones, operations, and safety regulations for the 'RUNS AZIMUT', '48H AZIMUT' and 'Tour de Groix Azimut' will be outlined in the SI.

21/ CONTACTS

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FFVoile Prescriptions to RRS 2021-2024
translated for non-francophone competitors

FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 25.1** (*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 64.4** (*Decisions on protests concerning class rules*):

The protest committee 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 or request related to damages arising from an incident occurred while a boat was bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing depends on the appropriate courts and cannot be examined and dealt by a protest committee.

A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that such action, admit liability for damages.

(*) 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 approval of the Fédération Française de Voile, received before publishing the notice of race. This approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 76.1** (*Exclusion of boats or competitors*)

An organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary reason.

(*) 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 approval 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 88.2** (*Changes to prescriptions*):

Prescriptions of the FFVoile shall not be changed 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 not be changed 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 approval 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://espaces.ffvoile.fr/media/127235/formulaire-dappel.pdf>