



NOTICE OF RACE

French Championship Radio sailing Marblehead class

Organizing Authority: U.N.V.M Pierrelatte
Grade 3 – 9 to 12 May 2026
Pignedorée Lake (Pierrelatte)

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

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

Dogs, motorhomes and all the vehicles are not allowed in the surrounding wall. If, an exceptional authorization is given, the information will be posted on the website (vrc-pierrelatte.com).

Prevention of violence and incivility

FFVoile reminds that sporting events are above all a space for exchange and sharing, open and accessible to everyone.

As such, competitors and their companions are asked to behave in all circumstances, on land as well on the water, in a courteous and respectful manner regardless of the origin, gender or sexual orientation of others participants.

Following the aggression against Ukraine, the FFVoile decided on March 2, 2022, not to allow the participation of Russian and Belarusian competitors in competitions throughout the French territory.

The Regatta is governed by:

- 1.1 the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including appendix E
- 1.2 National prescriptions, translated for non-French speaking competitors, in joined appendix named "prescriptions".
- 1.3 FFVoile regulations
- 1.4 Heat Management System 2022-V2
- 1.5 If needed, test rules 2021-01.
- 1.6 If needed, SYRPH
- 1.7 For the RRS E3.9, disable concurrent can inform the OA of their venue. OA makes all she can do to answer them.
For the people having problems of hearing, RRS 60.2(a)(1) will be adjust.
- 1.8 Rules modified:
RRS E2.1(c) is deleted for announces in French.
- 1.9 When this notice of race is translated, the French text will take precedence.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The SI's will be available in digital version at following web address: vrc-pierrelatte.com

3 COMMUNICATION

The online notice board can be found at following web address: vrc-pierrelatte.com

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

Exclusion of Russian and Belarusian competitors.

According RRS 76.1, OA will refuse or cancel the inscription of any competitor from Russian or Belarussian and the participation of any boat which the owner is Russian or Belarusian.

4.1 The regatta is open to all boats from the Marblehead **class with a maximum of 78 boats**

4.2 Competitors eligible – members of the corresponding class association – shall register by completing the entry form using the follow [link](#):

[HelloAsso Championnat de France 2026](#) with required entry fees.

4.2(a):

Before 30 April 2026

4.3 Required documents for registration:

4.3.1 a) For each competitor having a FFVoile Club licence:

- the valid FFVoile club licence with “Competition” mention
- or
- the valid FFVoile club licence with “Adhesion” or “Pratique” mention, accompanied with
 - for minors, a testimonial of completion of a questionnaire related to the health condition of the minor competitor
 - for adults, a medical certificate dated less than one year, mentioning the absence of any medical objection to participate in sailing competition

b) For each competitor without a FFVoile Club licence, whether foreign or French national living abroad shall present during registration:

- a supporting document to justify membership to a World Sailing Member national authority.
- a supporting document to justify a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 2 million Euros.
- for minors, a testimonial of completion of a questionnaire related to the health condition of the minor competitor or, for adults, a medical certificate dated less than one year, mentioning the absence of any medical objection to participate in sailing competition

c) a parental authorization for any minor competitor.

4.4 For the boat :

- the measurement form ratified by the national measurer

4.5 In case of registration after 30 April 2026 or no payment before 30 April 2026, organizer may refuse the entry.

5. ENTRY FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows: 65 €.

5.2 Other fees: middays and evening meals: see registration form

6. ALLOCATION OF THE FLEETS

Allocation of the fleets for the first race will be posted at 10:15 AM on 9 May 2026.

7. ADVERTISING

[DP] [NP] Boats may be required to display the advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Entry confirmation and identification of equipment used during the event
8 May 2026 from 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM
9 May 2026 from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM
10 May 2026: skippers' dinner
11 May 2026: General Assembly French Marblehead class after races of the day.

- 8.3 Racing days (including practice race if needed) :

Date	Time of 1st warning signal	Fleets /Races of the day
9 May 2026	10 :30 AM	Fleets to follow
10-11-12- May 2026	9 :30 AM	Fleets to follow

- 8.4 On last racing day scheduled, no warning signal will be made after:
1:30 PM for a new race
3:00 PM for a new fleet

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

Test rules 2021-01 shall apply. Text will be posted on the event's website

10. SCORING

- 10.1 - 4 races are required to be completed to complete the regatta.
10.2 – Excluded scores: see HMS 2022

11. RADIO

[DP] Competitors shall ensure that their radio equipment answers the rules specified by the Administration.

12. PRIZES

The title of french champion will be given if there is no less than 15 boats registered.
If less of 15 boats registered, the regatta will be requalified as a national criterium grade 4.
If the title is given, prizes will be given as follow:
Gold medal for the winner of the regatta who will be declared French champion for 2026 of Marblehead class.
Siver medal for the second
Bronze medal for the third

Attendance awards will be given to all competitors.

13. DATA PROTECTION

- 13.1 **Image and appearance rights** : Participating in the competition, the competitor and his legal representative authorize the OA, the FFVoile and their sponsors to use free of charge his image and his name, to show at any time (during and after the competition) static or moving pictures, films or TV recording, as well as other reproduction from himself done during the competition, and this on any support and for any use related to the promotion of their activities.
- 13.2 **Use of personal datas of participants**: Participating in this competition, the competitor and his legal representatives agree to and authorize the FFVoile, its sponsors, as well as the OA to use and store, free of charge, his personal datas. These datas may be published by FFVoile and its sponsors. The FFVoile mainly, but also its sponsors may use these datas for the development of softwares or with marketing purposes. In accordance with the « Règlement Général sur la Protection des Données (RGPD) » (General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)), any competitor having transmitted his personal datas to the FFVoile, may exercise his right to access to his own datas, have them modified, and, depending on the situations, have them deleted, limited, or to object them, sending an email to dpo@ffvoile.fr or a letter to the par courrier au Head Office of the Fédération Française de Voile, mentioning that the request is related to personal datas.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

For any further information, please contact:
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ANNEXE
Prescriptions of the Fédération Française de Voile (FFVoile)
Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028
Version of 15th of October 2024

Prescription 1

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. These standard documents can be downloaded on the “Arbitrage” website of FFVoile. <https://arbitrage.ffvoile.fr>

Prescription 2

(* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 60.5(d) (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.

Prescription 3

(* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 65.1 (Legal liability)

Any question or request related to legal liability 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 legal liability.

Prescription 4

(* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 70.3(b) (Appeals and requests to a national authority)

The denial of the right of appeal is subject to the written approval of the FFVoile, received at least 2 months before the event. This approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

Prescription 5

(* 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.

Prescription 6

(* 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.

Prescription 7

(* 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.

Prescription 8

(* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 88.2 (Changes or deletions to National prescriptions)

Prescriptions of the FFVoile shall not be changed or 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 not be changed in the notice of race and sailing instructions. (The official translation of the prescriptions, downloadable on “Arbitrage” website of FFVoile shall be the only translation used to comply with RRS 90.2(b)).

Prescription 9

(* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 91(a) (Minimum number of protest committee members)

The protest committee shall be composed of a minimum number of committee members in accordance with the provisions of the federal regulations of the FFVoile, unless a derogation is granted by the FFVoile

Prescription 10

(* FFVoile Prescription to RRS 91(b) (Appointment of an international jury)

The appointment of an international jury meeting the requirements of Appendix N is subject to prior written approval of the FFVoile. 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: Fédération Française de Voile, jury d'appel - 17 rue Henri Bocquillon, 75015 Paris – email: jury.appel@ffvoile.fr, using preferably the appeal form downloadable on the “Arbitrage” website of FFVoile.