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NOTICE OF WORLD IMOCA CHAMPIONSHIP: GLOBE SERIES 2021-2024

Article 1: Aim
In accordance with Article 2 of the IMOCA Constitution, this Championship is organised with the main aim of promoting singlehanded long-distance ocean racing on board Open 60’ monohulls, and by organising a programme of varied races, both singlehanded and double-handed.

Article 2: Definition
This championship spans 3 years, ranking skippers and co-skippers, in association with their sponsors or sleeping partners between 2021 and 2024.

Article 3: The Championship cycle
The ranking is established throughout the championship period on the basis of the total points obtained in events run within the Globe Series.
The World Champion Title is awarded at the end of the Vendée Globe.

Article 4: Official skipper
The official skipper of a boat for the championship will be the one who sails the boat in the Vendée Globe or, failing that, a singlehanded transatlantic, or for lack of the two previous examples, the event with the highest coefficient.

For double-handed races, both people on board will each be credited with the same number of points.

Every skipper or substitute skipper of a measured IMOCA boat enrolled in an event that is part of the Globe Series Championship, must be a full member of IMOCA.

Unless otherwise indicated by writing to the Executive Committee, every skipper, co skipper, or substitute skipper agrees to be integrated in the Championship ranking and to register to it. The subscription of substitute skipper and co-skipper is about 300€ ex VAT for the Class subscription and about 1000€ ex VAT for the subscription to the IMOCA Globe Series World Championship. It means a total subscription of 1300€ ex VAT.

Article 5: Organising Authority
According to the present regulations, the Organiser of this Championship is the International Monohull Open Class Association [IMOCA], a Class which is recognised by World Sailing [WS], and by agreement with WS, is in charge of the general management of the 60 foot Open boats worldwide.
According to the Racing Rules of Sailing [RRS], Article 87.1, the Organiser of each event on the official programme remains the Organising Authority for its event.

Article 6: Events and coefficients

IMOCA & TOR PROGRAMME
  o Le Havre - Martinique
- The Ocean Race Europe June 2021 [Mixed Crew with stopovers] coef.4.
  o Brittany - Cascais – South of France – Gênes - Alicante
  o Cowes – Fastnet Rock - Cherbourg
- Route du Rhum November 2022 [Solo handed] coef. 4.
  o Saint-Malo – Pointe-à-Pitre
- Bermudes 1000 Race May 2022 (Solo handed) coef. 2.
  - Douarnenez – Les Açores – Douarnenez
- Vendée – Arctique – Les Sables d’Olonne June 2022 (Solo handed or Crew) coef.4.
  - Les Sables d’Olonne – Island – Açores – Les Sables d’Olonne
- The Transat CIC May 2024 (Solo handed) coef. 4.
  - Brest – Charleston (USA)
- New-York – Vendée June 2024 (Solo handed) coef.4.
  - New-York – Les Sables d’Olonne
- Défi Azimut September of each year (Solo handed or Crew) coef.1.
  - Lorient : Speed Runs – 48h race – Round of Groix
- Vendée Globe 2024 - 2025 (Solo handed) coef.10.

THE OCEAN EUROPE IMOCA & VO65 PROGRAMME [Format to be confirmed and coef.4. if participation to the whole LEGS]
- From 30 May to 27 June 2021 (4 weeks of race)
  - LEG1
    - From the West of France to Cascais
  - LEG 2
    - From Cascais to South of France
      - (Nice – Saint-Tropez – Toulon – Cannes)
  - LEG 3
    - Rolex Giraglia (16-17 June 2021)
      - From Saint-Tropez to Gênes
  - LEG 4
    - From Gênes to Alicante

**Article 7: Awarding of points in a race**
Points are awarded according to the number of Boats having started each race. 1st: number of starters, 2nd: number of starters less 1, 3rd: number of starters less 2 and so on for each boat that successfully completes the event.

In reference to Appendix A of the RRS, A11, boats classified as DNC, DNS, BFD, DNF, RAF, DSQ cannot be considered as having finished in the ranking.
However, boats classified as DNF and RAF shall be awarded 1 point.

**Article 8: Ranking – Ties**
The ranking is calculated by adding up all the points won throughout the championship. The winner is the skipper having earned the most points, and so on.
If competitors are tied on points in the championship ranking, this will be resolved as per the modified RRS A8.1 below:

If there is a championship score tie between two or more boats in the IMOCA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: GLOBE SERIES 2021-2024, each boat’s race score in the Vendée Globe 2024 shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the boat[s] with the best score[s] in the Vendée Globe.

If a tie remains, each boat shall be ranked in order of their score in the last race with the next highest co-efficient being used and so on.

**Article 9: Applicable rules**
- IMOCA Class Rules
- Racing Rules of Sailing, possibly modified by these regulations when applicable.
- These regulations and its annual appendix.
- The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for each event, which can modify these rules with the approval of IMOCA Executive Committee and Technical Committee. Only additional appendixes can be introduced, subject to IMOCA Executive Committee approval.
- No routing is allowed in the events making up the IMOCA World Championship: Routing means any specially prepared information and/or instruction, whether personalised for an individual or for a group of competitors, from an outside source, with the exception of weather information sources authorised by the race regulations, and providing assistance in the understanding of the various weather situations and the choice of course[s] to be followed or not be followed.
Article 10: Racers' obligations
The racers undertake:
- To pay the Class subscription fee and to have a valid Measurement Certificate for the current year, from the start of the first event of the Championship.
- To adhere to the IMOCA Class Rules, notably the articles regarding branding of the boats, nationality letters, the sail number and the Class Insignia.
- To adhere to the specific instructions regarding the communication mentioned in the annual appendix, notably the articles regarding the branding of the boats with logos or the Class’ partners.
- To provide the Class with all the necessary elements for supplying the Class website.
- To be involved as much as possible in the public relations operations organised by the Class and its partners.
- To participate in the official prize giving ceremony. Except in the case of force majeure being approved and validated by the Executive Committee, the presence of the racers is compulsory.
- In the event of unjustified absence, the Committee has the right to take all the necessary measures. Under no circumstances, except in the case of force majeure being approved and validated by the Executive Committee, can prizes be given to skippers’ representatives.
- To generally promote the IMOCA Class and its partners.
- The co-skippers in double-handed races must be an IMOCA member.
- Any flagrant and wilful breach of these rules may be subject to disciplinary action, such as that stipulated in B-2 and B-3 of the Class Rules.

Article 11: IMOCA’s Obligations
IMOCA undertakes:
- To solely programme in races organised by credible organisers, notably regarding compliance with specifications relating to safety, communication and financial commitment.
- To guarantee sporting equity in the races, notably with regards to adhering to the Class Rules.
- To implement, within its means, a communication plan for the Championship in collaboration with its partner[s], including public relations for the racers.
- To keep the website updated in terms of communication about the Championship and about each boat, as well as creating links with the sailors’ websites who request this service.
- To award prizes scheduled in the annual appendix to these regulations.

Article 12: Obligations for the Organisers of each race
Each race organiser undertakes to adhere to the specifications set by the Class and accepted in an agreement made with the Class.

Article 13: Prize allocation for the Championship
If an official partner is found for the Globe Series world championship, a prize allocation will be allowed for.

Article 14: Official programme
Each year, the official programme is the programme set out in Article 6.

Article 15: Appendix to the regulations
The appendix to the regulations will each year set the official schedule, the coefficients for each race, the total prize fund, its distribution, as well as any other point deemed necessary by the Executive Committee. This appendix counts as the official regulation.

Article 16: Litigation
In the event of a dispute relating to the application of these regulations, solely the Class’ Executive Committee will have the power to provide solutions. In the event of a serious breach, the sanction may be exclusion from the Championship and the Class, in accordance with articles B-11 and B-III of the Class Rules. The skippers undertake not to resort to any other authority.
AGENDA 2021–2024
Registered races for the IMOCA World Championship 2021-2024

2021 – 2024

- **THE OCEAN RACE EUROPE JUNE 2021**
  [Mixed Crew with stopovers]
  coef. 4.
  Bretagne - Cascais – South of France – Gênes - Alicante
  Start TBC

- **TRANSAT JACQUES VABRE AUTUMN 2021 AND 2023**
  [Double handed]
  coef. 4.
  Start Le Havre
  Arrival Martinique
  Start the 08 November 2021

- **ROLEX FASTNET RACE AUGUST 2021 AND 2023**
  [Double handed]
  coef. 2.
  Cowes – Fastnet Rock – Cherbourg
  From the 08 to 10 August 2021

- **ROUTE DU RHUM NOVEMBER 2022**
  [Solo handed]
  coef. 4.
  Saint-Malo – Pointe-à-Pitre
  Start TBC

- **THE OCEAN RACE 2022 – 2023**
  [Mixed Crew]
  coef. 10.
  Start TBC

- **BERMUDES 1000 RACE MAY 2022**
  [Solo handed]
  coef. 2.
  Douarnenez – Les Açores – Douarnenez
  Start TBC

- **VENDEE – ARCTIQUE – LES SABLES D’OLONNE JUNE 2022**
  [Solo handed or Crew]
  coef. 4.
  Les Sables d’Olonne – Iceland – Açores – Les Sables d’Olonne
  Départ TBC

- **THE TRANSAT CIC MAY 2024**
  [Solo handed]
  coef. 4.
  Brest – Charleston [USA]
  Start TBC

- **NEW-YORK – VENDEE JUNE 2024**
  [Solo handed]
  coef. 4.
  New-York – Les Sables d’Olonne
  Start TBC

- **DEFI AZIMUT SEPTEMBER OF EACH YEAR**
  [Solo handed or Crew]
  coef. 1.
  Lorient : Speed Runs – 48h race – Round of Groix
  From 14 to 19 September 2021

- **VENDEE GLOBE 2024 – 2025**
  [Solo handed]
  coef. 10.
  Start TBC