



# MICRO CLASS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

## 48<sup>th</sup> MICRO CUP

August 24<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> 2024

Maubuisson – France

Organizing Authority:

**Cercle de Voile de Bordeaux Carcans-Maubuisson**

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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).

### 1. RULES

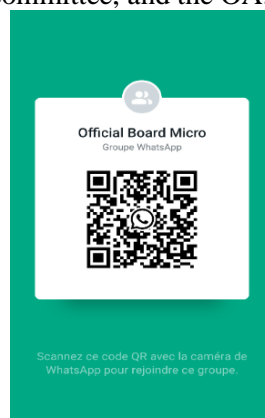
The regatta will be governed by/the Rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

### 2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the ONB which is on the windows of the Club House.
- 3.2 Notices to competitors from the International Jury will be posted on the Jury ONB on the windows of the Jury office on the ground floor.
- 3.3 A WhatsApp group will be available for major information from, the Race Committee, the International Jury, the Technical Committee, and the OA.



- 3.4 The Race Office is in the Club House.

- 3.5 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72.
- 3.6 [DP] While racing except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

#### 4 CODE OF CONDUCT [DP] [NP]

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

#### 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the Club's terrace.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

#### 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1

Date	What	When
Monday 26	Practice race	13:30
Tuesday 27	1st warning signal	14:00 (max. 3 races)
Wednesday 28	1st warning signal	14:00 (max. 3 races)
Thursday 29	1st warning signal	14:00 (max. 3 races)
Friday 30	1st warning signal	12:00 (max. 3 races)

- 6.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

#### 7 CLASS FLAG

The Class flag is MICROCLASS Flag.

#### 8 MEASUREMENT

- 8.1 According to IMCCA rules, the crew in the Micro Proto category is 3 persons.
- 8.2 The World Championship is sailed on inland waters, as an exception for the Racer and the Cruiser divisions, the crew can be reduced to 2 persons. The crew shall be the same from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the last race.
- 8.3 Crew members shall present boats, sails, and rigging for equipment check and comply with the schedule defined by the order number attributed on arrival.
- 8.4 A valid International Micro Class measurement certificate shall be presented for each Proto. Boats failing to present this certificate shall pay to MCF an administration fee of 100 € to obtain a temporary certificate.
- 8.5 No more than one set of sails shall be presented at equipment control, including:
- 1 Main sail.
  - 1 or 2 Head sails.
  - 1 storm jib (not mandatory).
  - 1 Spinnaker.
- 8.6 Nationality letters and sails numbers are required on the main sail. All sails shall be previously measured and certified by a class measurer. Any non-certified sail can be certified on site before the competition for an administrative fee of 30 € per sail.
- 8.7 In the event of damage, the boat and/or the equipment may only be replaced with the prior written consent of the Technical Committee. If the damage occurs less than 90 minutes before the first

scheduled start of a race day and before the start of the last race of the day, provisional verbal clearance shall be obtained from either the race committee, or equipment inspectors. A request for written authorization must then be submitted before the end of protest time on the day on which the replacement takes place.

8.8 Boats may be checked at any time.

## **9 VENUE**

Appendix 3 provides the map of the venue.

## **10 RACING AREAS**

SI Appendices 1a and 1b show the location of the racing areas.

## **11 COURSES**

11.1 SI Appendix 2 shows the tactical courses, including the order in which marks are to be rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

11.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

11.3 Long Distance Race

No later than the warning signal, if the course includes an offset mark, the race committee will display flag D. Displaying a green flag together with flag D means that the offset mark is to be rounded and left on starboard. No green flag means that the offset mark is to be rounded and left on port (this changes Race signals).

## **12 MARKS**

12.1 Tactical courses

Marks 1 – 2 – 3S- 3P – 4: Red cylinder inflatable

Change of course: Orange cylinder inflatable

Finish: Blue cylinder inflatable

Start: Pin end boat.

12.2 Long-distance course: see appendix 1b.

## **13 OBSTRUCTIONS**

There are no obstructions on the lake. The eastern coast should be avoided because of shallow waters.

## **14 THE START**

14.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

14.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the pin end boat on the port end.

14.3 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## **15 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

15.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

15.2 **Tactical Race**

a) When changing the windward mark (1 and 2), a new windward mark 2 will be not be re-moored and shall be disregarded.

b) Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1

### 15.3 Long Distance Race

If a race committee boat staying close to a mark to be rounded displays: Flag "C" together with a board showing "FINISH" in writing, boats shall go directly to the finish, ignoring the required side of the marks that have been neutralized. (This changes RRS 28 and 33)

15.4 The Race Committee may reduce or abandon a race for any of the reasons listed in RRS 32.1.

## 16 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finish Boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

## 17 PENALTY SYSTEM

17.1 RRS 44.1. is changed so that the two turns penalty is replaced by a one turn penalty.

17.2 RRS Appendix P applies with the Two-Turns penalty replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

17.3 RRS P2.3 does not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.

17.4 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply.

## 18 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

### 18.1 Tactical Race

18.1.a.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Target time	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
30 minutes	60 minutes	90 minutes	30 minutes

18.1.b If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race shall be abandoned.

### 18.2 Long distance races

Time Limit: 1 hour before legal sunset time

Tuesday, 27	Wednesday, 28	Thursday, 29	Friday, 30
19:50	19:48	19:46	19:44

Boats failing to finish within 2 hours after the first boat sails the course and finishes, or 30 minutes after the legal sunset time, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5

18.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

18.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 19 HEARING REQUESTS

19.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes 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 jury ONB and published on the WhatsApp group.

19.2 Hearing request forms are available from the jury office located on the ground floor of the CVBBCM.

19.3 Notices will be posted no later than 20 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 protest room, located on the ground floor of the CVBBCM beginning at the time posted.

19.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

## 20 SCORING

20.1 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

20.2 (a) When 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 6 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

- (c) When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

20.3 Ties in a series score between boats shall be broken in favour of the boat that scored better in long distance race. This changes RRS Appendix A8. If the long-distance race has not been raced or validated, ties will be broken according to RRS Appendix A8.

## **21 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP] [NP]**

21.1 On arrival in the racing area each day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the race committee signal boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee.

21.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Promptly after returning to shore, the boat shall complete a retirement declaration form, which is available at the jury office.

21.3 The Class Rule 04.08.05 (closing hatches) may apply. In such a case, the Race Committee will use the following signals:

- a When flag" F" with sound signals is displayed ashore, Class Rule 04.08.05 applies as soon as possible when the boats leave the harbour.
- b When flag" F" with sound signals is displayed on the starting boat before the warning signal, Class Rule 04.08.05 applies no later than the preparatory signal,
- c When flag" F" with sound signals is displayed near a mark, Class Rule 04.08.05 applies from that mark,
- d – When flag" D" with sound signals is displayed at a mark, Class Rule 04.08.05 no longer applies from this mark.

## **22 REPLACEMENTS OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]**

22.1 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

22.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the technical committee.

22.3 Requests for substitution shall be made to the appropriate committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

## **23 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP]**

When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

## **24 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

Official vessels will be identified as follows:

Race Committee: Yellow flag with ORGANISATION;

Measurement Committee: Blue flag with JAUGE in yellow;

Jury: Yellow flag with JURY in blue;

Media: White flag with PRESS in red.

## **25 SUPPORT PERSONS [DP] [NP]**

25.1 Team leaders, Coaches and other support personnel may use "support craft" to assist their competitors on the water. They shall register at the regatta office before the deadline, providing details on their boats and distinctive identification which shall include flying a White flag showing the national 3 letter code in black of the MNA. There will be one support boat per MNA only.

25.2 Support boats shall be stand-by on the regatta official radio channel (see SI 3.5), while afloat, even if the support vessel is docked.

25.3 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay 50 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.

25.4 Any physical contact between support boat and competitors are forbidden (except emergency) during this time.

25.5 Support boats shall have on board:

- Life jackets (mini 50N) always worn by all persons on board.
- VHF radio;

- A knife;
- An anchor and a suitable mooring line;
- A floating towing line 10mm in diameter and 15m long;
- A kill cord which shall be connected to the pilot while the engine is running.

Support boat pilots shall comply with all requests from the officers or representatives of the organizing authority, particularly those concerning assistance.

Support boats shall comply with local sailing regulations, in particular speed limits in the various zones.

## **26 TRASH DISPOSAL**

RRS 47 applies.

## **27 BERTHING [DP]**

Boats must stay at anchor in front of the sailing Club, on the assigned mooring.

## **28 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS [DP]**

Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Technical Committee.

## **29 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS [DP]**

29.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the last race of the event.

29.2 Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means during the event.

## **30 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- The General ranking winner will be declared the MICRO CLASS 2024 WORLD CHAMPION
- Prizes for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> on overall
- Prizes for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Racer Division,
- Prizes for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Cruiser Division
- Prize for the first French boat
- Prize for the first female crew

## **RACE OFFICIALS**

### **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

Philippe CESSAC, President CVBCM

### **RACE COMMITTEE**

Jérôme DIAZ, Principal Race Officer:

### **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Manfred Bauendah, Chairman

### **INTERNATIONAL JURY**

Yves LEGLISE, IJ, FRA, Chairman

Joel BERGLUND, NJ, SWE

Vic De SMEDT, IJ, BEL

Cathy DELANY HOBBS, NJ, NZL

Chris WATTS, IJ, GBR

## APPENDIX FEDERAL PRESCRIPTIONS

### FFVoile prescriptions to the RRS 2021-2024

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](http://www.ffvoile.fr), shall be the only translation used to comply with RRS 90.2(b)).

# APPENDIX 1a

Tactical course - parcours construit

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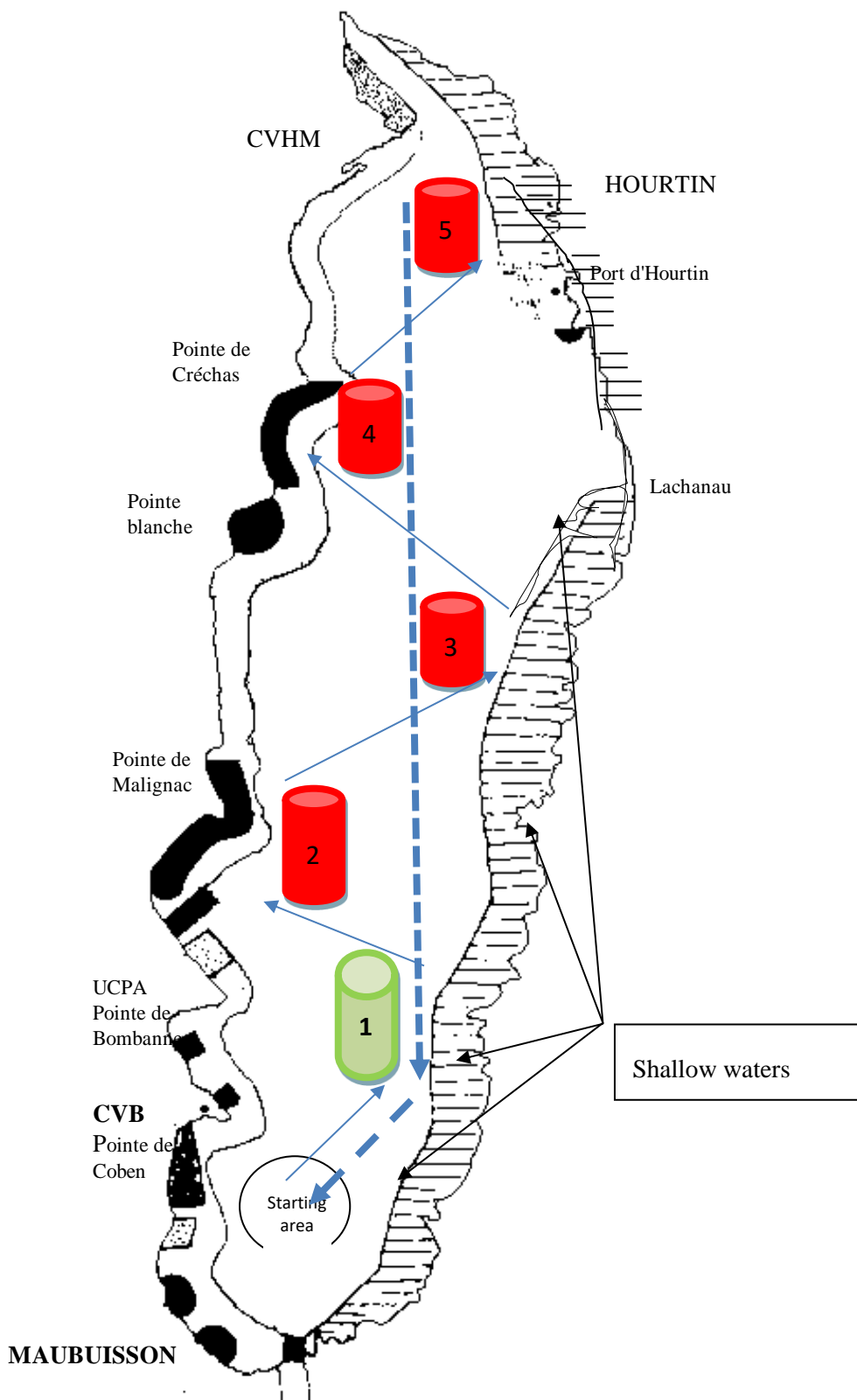
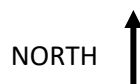


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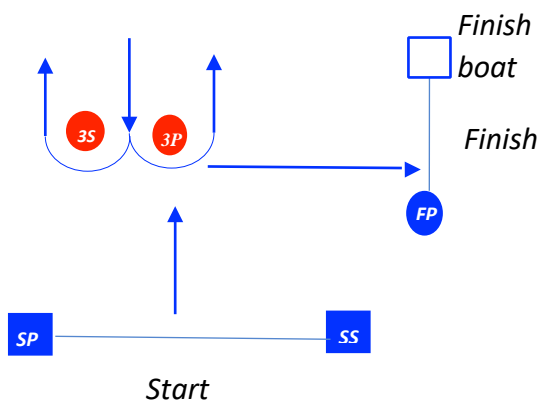
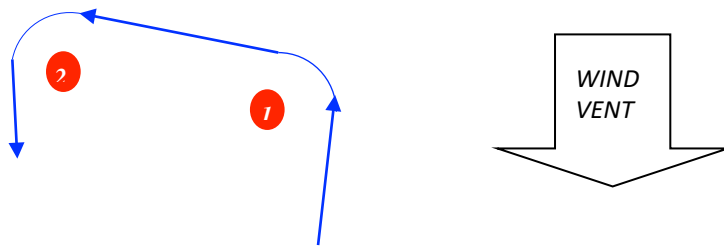
**APPENDIX 1b**

Long distance course—Parcours longue distance



## APPENDIX 2

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### SIGNALS:

Signal + pennant 1: Start – 1 – 2 – 3P – Finish.

Signal + pennant 2: Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 1 – 2 – 3P – Finish.

Signal + pennant 3: Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 1 – 3S/3P – 1 – 2 – 3P – Finish.

Signal + pennant 4: Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 1 – 3S/3P – 1 – 3S/3P – 1 – 2 – 3P – Finish.

