



MICRO CLASS European Championships 2026

October 9th to 11th 202

Aix les Bains – France

Organizing Authority:

Club Nautique Voile Aix les Bains

NOTICE of RACE

PREAMBLE

Prevention of violence and incivility

The FFVoile recalls that sporting events are above all a space for exchanges and sharing open and accessible to all. As such, competitors and accompanying persons are asked to behave in all circumstances, ashore and afloat, in a courteous and respectful manner regardless of the origin, gender or sexual orientation of other participants.

Warning and awareness of aquatic plants in inland waters

More and more exotic aquatic plants are being transported. Once installed in our aquatic environments, their proliferation has an impact on our practices, biodiversity, and health, so don't take part in them.

1. **Check:** Inspect your boat first, paying particular attention to all areas where aquatic plants and living organisms may be present (daggerboard/keel case, daggerboard/keel, foil, fin, rudder, trailer, bailers, anchor, etc.). Inspect your belongings as well. Plant fragments can survive for up to three weeks in a pleat of oilskin pants. Also check your trailer which can bring up a lot of aquatic vegetation.
2. **Clean:** If possible, clean your equipment with hot water, your boat and your trailer using a pressure washer.
3. **Dry:** Drying the boat and equipment completes the decontamination process.

Ukraine crisis

Following the aggression in Ukraine, the FFVoile decided on March 2, 2022, not to authorize the participation of Russian and Belarusian competitors in competitions throughout France.

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/

- a. the Rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- b. The Fédération Française de voile (FFVoile) prescriptions will apply. See appendix.
- c. [DP] The Micro Class Rules.
- d. The IMCCA Regulation A.

In case of a translation conflict, the English text will prevail.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The SIs will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) on registration.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 1.1. The ONB is on the windows of the Club House.
- 1.2. A WhatsApp group will be available for major information from, the Race Committee, the International Jury, the Technical Committee, and the OA.
- 1.3. [DP][NP] Except in an emergency, a boat while racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

In accordance with RRS76.1, the organizers will refuse or cancel the registration of any competitors of Russian or Belarusian nationality and the participation of boats whose owner or manager is a Russian or Belarusian individual or entity.

- 4.1. To ensure the best possible conditions for all competitors, entries are limited to 35 boats. Applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis. The organisation reserves the right to close entries once this limit is reached.
- 4.2. The Event is open to boats of the INTERNATIONAL MICRO CLASS. All boats shall present their World Sailing identification plate and their measurement or conformity certificate.
- 4.3. To be classified in the Euro Micro//European Championship, each skipper shall be a full member of a National Micro Class Association affiliated to IMCCA.
- 4.4. If the nation is not affiliated to IMCCA or didn't pay the annual fee; or if the skipper is not a full member of a National Micro Class Association, she/he can subscribe an individual IMCCA membership by paying an annual fee of 60 € to IMCCA.
- 4.5. Competitors (each crew member) with a FFVoile license shall present on of registration:
 - Their valid Club FFVoile "competition" license.
 - Or their Club FFVoile "membership" or "practice" license together with a medical certificate of no contraindication to the practice of competitive sailing dated less than one year.
 - Parental authorization for minors.
 - If necessary, authorization to display advertising.
 - The measurement or conformity certificate.
- 4.6. Foreign competitors (each crew member) who do not have an FFVoile license must present on registration:
 - A proof of their membership of a National Authority member of World Sailing
 - Proof of valid civil liability insurance with a minimum coverage of two million Euros
- 4.7. Eligible boats may enter by completing the form via the website: https://nvi-ins.fr/INS_REGATE?manif=2052 no later than September 1st, 2026.

5. ENTRY FEES

Entry fees are as follows:

Entry fee before June 30 th , 23:59 st	Entry fee after July 1 st , 00:0 ^t
150 €	250 €

Craning is included, competitor's dinner is not included (15€ per Crew & accompanying guests).

The details of launching operations will be available in due time on the ONB.

Payment can be made by credit card. Please refer to Annex 1 for the purchasing procedure."

6. ADVERTISING

[NP][DP] Boats and/or competitors may be required to display the advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority as provided by World Sailing Regulation 20.4. If this rule is not complied with, WS Regulation 20.9.2 shall apply.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1.

Date	What	When	Where
Thursday 8	Registration	10:00 – 18:00	Club House
	Craning	10:00-12:30/14:00–18:30 (once registration is completed)	
Friday 9	Late registration and Craning	9:00 – 11:00	Club House
	1st warning signal	13:30	Racing area
	Opening ceremony	19:00	Club House
	<u>Bring Your Own party*</u>	<u>19:00</u>	Club House
Saturday 10	1st warning signal	10:00	Racing area
	Competitors' dinner	20:00	Club House
Sunday 11	1st warning signal	10:00	Racing area
	No warning signal after	14:30	Racing area
	Prizes presentation	ASAP after racing	Club House
	Craning	ASAP	
Monday 12	Craning	9:30 – 12:00	

**the OA will provide a barbecue, tables, chairs and the bar will be open. Please bring your own food and any specific drinks or party supplies you'd like to share.*

7.2. The Championship consists in a single series.

7.3. The series may include one or more long-distance race(s) of about 20 to 25 nautical miles (considering weather conditions).

7.4. The OA reserves the right to change this schedule.

7.5. Any change to the programme will be posted on the ONB and on the WhatsApp group before 20:00 on the day before the change will take effect.

8. MEASUREMENT

8.1. According to IMCCA rules, the crew in the Micro Proto category is 3 persons.

8.2. The European 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 1st 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, the international jury 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 controlled at any time.

9. VENUE

- 9.1. Appendix "French prescriptions" provides a translation in English of the FF Voile prescriptions.
- 9.2. Appendices 1a and 1b provide the location of the race areas.
- 9.3. Appendix 2 provides the map of the venue.

10. THE COURSES

Courses to be sailed will be of tactical and/or long-distance types.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

12. SCORING

- 12.1. Two validated races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2.
- a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.3. Ties
- Appendix A8 shall apply.

13. SUPPORT BOATS [DP][NP]

- 13.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall register with the OA one month before the event, providing details of their boats and distinctive identification which shall include flying a White flag showing the national 3 letter code in black of the MNA. They will have to present civil liability insurance for the boat and its pilot.
- 13.2. Team leader, coaches and other support boats shall stay more than 150 meters to leeward of the starting line and from the leeward marks and from any racing MICRO from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished the last race of the day, or all races are abandoned.
- 13.3. Any physical contact between support boat and competitors are forbidden (except emergency).
- 13.4. Registration is free of charge. It includes the launching of the support boat, mooring during the event and free access to Club facilities, changing rooms and social events (same rights as competitors).

- 13.5. In the event of an emergency, the Race Committee may request the assistance of support boats. Registered support boats shall follow the safety procedures that will be outlined in the sailing instructions.
- 13.6. All persons on board support boats shall comply with the FFVoile regulations which regulates the wearing of a personal flotation device when afloat.
- 13.7. All support boats shall be equipped with active kill cords and a VHF marine radio tuned to the official racing channel. This channel will be indicated in the sailing instructions.
- 13.8. Details regarding the conduct of these support boats will be indicated in the sailing instructions.

14. BOATS RENTED OR LOANED

[DP] [NP] A rented, or loaned boat may carry letters of nationality and/or sail number that do not comply with its class rules, provided that the race committee has approved its sail identification prior to the first race.

15. PARKING FOR BOATS, TRAILERS AND CARS

- 15.1. The boats will be welcomed at the CNVA from October 8 to October 12 at on a pier. An arrival before is subject to acceptance by the organizer and may be subject to charges.
- 15.2. [DP] [NP] Boats shall remain in their assigned place while ashore.
- 15.3. [NP] Cars and trailers shall be parked in designated parking areas. More information on registration

16. HAUL OUT RESTRICTION

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

17. PLASTIC POOLS AND DIVING EQUIPMENT

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 regatta.

18. DATA PROTECTION

18.1. Image and appearance rights:

- By participating in the Micro Class European Championships 2026, a competitor automatically grants to the Organizing Authority, service providers and the Sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of Yacht and crew created during the period of the competition in which the competitor participates without compensation.
- Service providers will be allowed to film or photograph freely and without charge, crews, ships, and organizers in the Micro Class European Championships.
- Competitors may be asked to attend interviews.

18.2. **Use of personal data 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 data. These data may be published by FFVoile and its sponsors. The FFVoile mainly, but also its sponsors may use these data for the development of soft wares or with marketing purposes. In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), any competitor having transmitted his personal data to the FFVoile, may exercise his right to access to his own data, 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 Head Office of the Fédération Française de Voile, mentioning that the request is related to personal data.

19. RISKS STATEMENT

RRS 3 mentions: « The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone. » Participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledge the fact that sailing is potentially a dangerous activity with specific risks. These risks include strong winds and rough sea, sudden changes of weather conditions, failure of equipment, mistakes in boat handling, bad navigation of other boats, loss of

balance on unstable surface, and causing increased risk of injury. The risk of material and/or physical damage is therefore inherent in the sport of sailing.

20. PRIZES

There will be a General Ranking and rankings for the Racer Division, the Cruiser Division.

Prizes will be given as follows:

- The winner of the overall ranking will be announced European Championships 2026 of the Micro Class.
- Prizes for the teams finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the overall ranking.
- Prizes for the teams finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Racer Division, in the Cruiser Division.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

Club Nautique Voile Aix les Bains

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**Prescriptions of the Fédération Française de Voile (FFVoile)
Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028**

Version of 15th of October 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. These standard documents can be downloaded on the "Arbitrage" website of FFVoile. <https://arbitrage.ffvoile.fr>

(* 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.

(* 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.

(* 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.

(* 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 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)).

(* 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

(* 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.

Annex 1 : Purchasing process

For the entry

Click on the entry link :

<https://marketplace.awoo.fr/157/Product/Index?reference=BTQ073000015720260421113252&overrideCtx=9e54075d-2e3a-41cb-84c9-3de5c6b68505>

From the Entry product page

Click on “Cliquez ici pour réserver”

Click on “Reserver”

By default quantity is on 1

Click on “Ajouter au panier et réserver maintenant”.

You will be redirected to the cart page. You can now complete the purchase process by registering on the purchasing website.

For the entry + dinner

Click on the entry link :

<https://marketplace.awoo.fr/157/Product/Index?reference=BTQ073000015720260421113252&overrideCtx=9e54075d-2e3a-41cb-84c9-3de5c6b68505>

From the Entry product page

Click on “Cliquez ici pour réserver”

Click on “Reserver”

By default quantity is on 1

Click on “Ajouter au panier et rechercher un autre produit”.

Then look for **Inscription repas Championnat d'Europe Micro** in the product list and Click on **Consulter**.

From the dinner product page

Click on “Cliquez ici pour réserver”

Click on “Reserver”

Fill in the quantity field by the right number of person

Click on “Ajouter au panier et réserver maintenant”.

You will be redirected to the cart page. You can now complete the purchase process by registering on the purchasing website.

For the Dinner

Click on the entry link :

<https://marketplace.awoo.fr/157/Product/Index?reference=BTQ073000015720260422080646&overrideCtx=9e54075d-2e3a-41cb-84c9-3de5c6b68505>

From the Dinner product page

Click on “Cliquez ici pour réserver”

Click on “Reserver”

Fill in the quantity field by the right number of person

Click on “Ajouter au panier et réserver maintenant”.

You will be redirected to the cart page. You can now complete the purchase process by registering on the purchasing website.