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The reference to "[DP]" in NoR rule means that the penalty for breaking this rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than one disqualification.

## 1/ ORGANISATION

The “Mini Gascogna” is an event organised by Versace Sailing Management (Organising Authority/OA) and in partnership with the City of Verdon-sur-Mer, Classe Mini, the French Sailing Federation, Port Médoc, the city and port of Getxo, Spain and Getxo Offshore Sports.

## 2/ REGULATIONS

2.1 – The event is governed by:

- The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024,
- The Offshore Special Regulations, category 2, 2020-2021  
The translated national prescriptions for foreign competitors specified in the appendix “Federal Prescriptions”
- The Classe Mini 2021 rules as stipulated by Mini 2021 Guide

paragraph B, section II of RIPAM (IRPCAS) when it replaces the rules of chapter 2 of the RRS,

2.2 Only the documents listed in 2.1 and the notes and prescriptions written and signed by the President of the Race Committee, the Technical Committee, the Jury and the Race Director have official authority.

2.3 The Official language of the race is FRENCH. In the case of translation of an official document the French text will prevail.

### 3/ COURSE AND PROGRAM

The course is located between Le Verdon-sur-Mer (Médoc – France) and Getxo (Basque Country – Spain) and equates to an approximate combined distance of 600 miles.

#### 3.1 1<sup>st</sup> stage: Le Verdon-sur-Mer / Getxo (Spain) 306 miles

Boats must be present at Port Medoc no later than Saturday July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 08h00 local time. After July 26<sup>th</sup> at 08h00 local time, boats and skippers that are not in Verdon-sur-Mer (Port Médoc) may not be authorized to start the event.

The following penalties may be applied as per the 2021 Classe Mini guide for late arrivals.

- 80 Euros for the first day of delay
- 160 Euros for the second day late
- 320 Euros for each following day

The proceeds of these late payment penalties will be paid to SNSM.

A double or crewed prologue will take place around the Cordoun Lighthouse on Monday July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The start of the event will be given at Verdon-sur-Mer at 12h00.

All competitors are obliged to participate in the prologue. Failure to participate in the prologue (except in the case of force majeure or subject to a request made to the Race Director and the Race Committee) will result in the exclusion of the competitor from the event. The OA have the right to impose a guest upon each competing boat.

Scrutineering, security controls and confirmation of registrations will take place from July 24<sup>th</sup> until July 27<sup>th</sup>.

By July 27<sup>th</sup> at 17h00 local time at the latest, each boat must submit a completed and signed declaration of departure. The starting declaration will be found in the appendix.

The start of the event will take place at Verdon-sur-Mer Wednesday July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 12h00.

#### 3.2 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage: Getxo (Basque Country – Spain) / Le Verdon-sur-Mer (Médoc – France, 276 miles

1. The start of the second stage will take place on Tuesday August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 13h02 local
2. The arrival at Le Verdon-sur-Mer is scheduled for Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

#### 3.3 Special Conditions

For reasons of safety and weather conditions, the departures of each stage may be brought forward by 24 hours. This implies that for the first stage, the prologue will be cancelled. The OA must communicate the official starting date no later than Monday July 26<sup>th</sup> at 09h00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> stage and Sunday August 1<sup>st</sup> at 09h00 for the second stage.

#### 3.4 Controls

On arrival of the 1<sup>st</sup> stage in Gexto and the second in Le Verdon-sur-Mer, the technical committee

may check any competing boat without notice, [5] either alone or at the request of the OA, the Race Committee, or the Jury.

A non-compliant boat may be, at the discretion of the Jury, penalized or disqualified.[6] [DP]

#### **4/ ADMISSION**

4.1 The number of boats participating in the event is limited to 65, subject to acceptance by the maritime authorities.

4.2 The race is run in two categories, solo and double-handed and run without outside assistance. Any boat known to be receiving outside assistance during the race and outside the procedures provided for in article 9.1 (except for medical assistance) will be subject to a complaint from the race committee presented to the Jury who may penalize the boat. [DP]

4.3 The event is open to boats conforming to the Classe Mini rules as stipulated within the 2021 Classe Mini Guide.

4.4 /a Each competitor must be in good standing with the national authority of their country or residence and, for French nationals, have a valid competency license for the duration of the event with a medical certificate containing no contradiction to being able to physically manage an entry into the Mini Gascogna, and be in good financial standing with Classe Mini.

4.4/b Each unlicensed competitor must provide proof of liability insurance up to two-million Euros, in accordance with Classe Mini rule R-12.

#### **5/ REGISTRATION**

5.1 The opening of registrations is fixed as of February 1, 2021. Registrations will be recorded in chronological order according to Classe Mini rule 7. All documents will be downloadable from the site: [www.mini-gascogna.com](http://www.mini-gascogna.com)

5.2 After recording the first 65 complete registrations (registration form, file, and payment), competitors wishing to register will be placed within a waiting list

5.3 The registration fees are fixed at:

##### **Solo Registration:**

- Until May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 (inclusive): 560 €
- 1<sup>st</sup> payment of 200€ upon registration
- Remaining balance of 360€ no later than June 15, 2021.

##### **Double-handed Registration:**

- Until May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 (inclusive): 660 €
- 1<sup>st</sup> payment of 300€ upon registration
- Remaining balance of 360€ no later than June 15, 2021.

In the event of withdrawal before June 1, a refund may be requested by the skipper, minus the

following administrative fees:

200€ for the Solo Category

300€ for the Double-handed Category

Payment must be made via bank transfer:

Versace Sailing Management

IBAN: FR76 3000 4091 7700 0101 8187 023

BIC: BNPAFRPPXXX

Bank Agency BNPPARB MENTON (09177)

Payment reference: « Name of SKIPPER + SOLO or DOUBLE + N° of the competing boat »

After June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, registration fees are increased by 100€ for both the solo and double-handed categories.

5.4 In case of a withdrawal not reported by email before June 1<sup>st</sup>, registration fees will not be refunded in accordance with Classe Mini rule 14.

5.5 The OA reserves the right to refuse a competitor's registration as outlined in RRS76.

5.6 The registration deadline is Wednesday June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

## **6/ ADVERTISING**

6.1 In accordance with WORLD SAILING Regulation 20 (Advertising Code, as modified by the FF Voile's (French Sailing Federation) advertising regulation, boats will be required to display the advertising chosen and provided by the OA.

6.2 The allocation of advertising space reserved for the OA is defined by the Classe Mini Guide 2021.

6.3 Boats will be required to display the flags and any markings jointly defined by Classe Mini and the OA as defined by the Classe Mini Guide 2021.

6.4 The name of the registered boat may be displayed on either side of the hull. The OA reserves the right to refuse a name that does not respect the principal morals and ethics in accordance with the World Sailing Advertising Code.

6.5 Any boat entered within the event must display the race and sponsor flag in its rigging as soon as it is handed to them until the culmination of the event. For any breach of this rule the boat may be the subject of a protest by the OA to the Jury.

6.6 At the dock, the displaying of flags or reasonable size with the name of the boat, the logo or the trademark of a sponsor is authorized. The aforementioned marks cannot be flown from the forestay.

In addition, competitors are to hoist the flags provided by the OA within the vicinity of the forestay of their boat. They must be displayed at Verdon-sur-Mer from July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, until the start of the event, as well as after crossing the finish line of the first stage in Gexto until the start of the second stage and after crossing the finish line at Verdon-sur-Mer until the awards ceremony.

## **7/ USE OF RIGHTS**

The registration of each competitor for the "MINI GASCOGNA 6.50" implies that their image and name, the image of their competing boat, and those of their sponsors can be used by the OA and their partners to communicate and / or promote the race in all territories and in all media.

## **8/ RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OA, ITS PARTNERS AND PARTICIPANTS**

8.1 Competitors participate in the event at their own risk and under their own responsibility. It is up to each competitor to judge, according to their best knowledge, the equipment at their disposal, the force of the wind, the weather forecast, etc..., whether or not to take the start of the event., to stop or to continue. See RRS Rule 4 "Decision to Race". The OA will not accept any liability in the event of material damage, injury, or death in the context of the regatta, either before, during or after the event. Any information that any member of the organisation could provide before or during an event, such as a wind warning, for example constitutes one element, among others on which the skipper can base their decision without being able to engage the liability of the OA or its partners.

8.2 The responsibility of the OA and its partners is limited to ensuring the regularity of the event. Any other responsibility that the OA may accept can only be contractual and an explicit quote.

In particular:

- Checks conducted by the Race Committee or Technical Committee – either alone or at the request of the Jury or any other body that would be called upon to request a check, are conducted with the sole purpose of ensuring that the rules, the Sailing Instructions, and their amendments have been complied with.
- The tracking and monitoring provided by the OA must be considered by competitors as optional and uncertain and in no case as additional security upon which they can count upon.
- Any request made to a member of the organization can only be legally bound by the OA if they have legally accepted the responsibility, either themselves or by an official officially accredited for this purpose. This is particularly the case for any request of assistance or assistance at sea.

8.3 The event is a sporting event. Any sporting dispute will be judged in accordance with the RRS 12. By submitting an entry implied that the competitor and competition waive all rights other than sporting. No claim for damages can be made to the OA [RRS fundamental rule 3]

8.4 Whatever the legal ties between the owner(s) of the competing boat, and the skipper, only the skipper can be officially indicated on the registration form as the contact responsible with the OA.

8.5 The owners or skippers are each personally responsible for all material and human accidents which may happen to themselves or to the sailboat(s), or which they may cause to any third-party or to any property belonging to a third-party. It is their responsibility to take out the necessary insurance to cover these risks and responsibilities.

The absence of third-party insurance does not mean that a competitor can engage the responsibility of the OA or its partners.

8.6 An essential condition of a competitor's participation is the filing of a waiver, duly signed, waiving any claim against the OA, and their insurance document.

8.7 A competitor cannot require the organization to mount a rescue operation from land. Rescue and assistance at sea are governed by the international laws in force.

8.8 Competitors are reminded that RRS rule 1.1 obliges all boats to provide possible assistance to any other boat or person in danger, when it can do so.

8.9 Each competitor must take a positioning beacon onboard. This beacon will be provided by the OA and will be attached to the boat of the boat before departure from Verdon-sur-Mer.

8.10 Each competitor will be asked for a deposit by cheque totally €1,500.00 (one thousand, five hundred euros). This cheque will not be cashed and will be returned to the skipper when the beacons, dodgers and flags are returned to the OA at Verdon-sur-Mer after the finish of the race.

## **9/ TIME LIMIT:**

### 9.1. Pit-Stop time:

9.1/a – a boat has the right to release in a port according to the conditions defined by article "E-21-e" [CA15] of the Mini Guide for the year 2021, and in accordance with RRS 42.3 (h). [CA16]

9.1/b – the time limit for any boat conducting a technical stopover cannot exceed 12 hours per leg, whatever the number of stopovers. The time is recorded from the moment a competitor touches land until the moment they resume racing. After this 12 hour timeframe they will be classified as DNF.

### 9.2. Leg time limit:

A boat which has not crossed the finish line at Gexto or Verdon-sur-Mer before the time limit must be classified as DNF, this modifies RRS35.

The time limit for the 1<sup>st</sup> stage for all competitors is 30 hours from the time of arrival of the first competitor in each Series and Proto Category. To this 30-hour period, it may be necessary to add the time bonus that the Jury is likely to grant to a boat. The time limit for the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage for all competitors is 24 hours from the time of arrival of the first competitor in each Series and Proto category. To this 24-hour period, it may be necessary to add the time bonuses that the Jury is likely to grant to a boat.

## **10/ RANKING**

### 10.1 Four Classifications will be made:

- Proto Solo
- Proto Double
- Série Solo
- Série Double

10.2 Each stage will give rise to four distinct classifications (see 10.1). Each final general classification will be carried out in real time, by adding the race time of both the first and second stage, whilst also considering any penalties or potential redress.

10.3 The boat with the shortest cumulative time will be declared the winner in its category. In the event of a tie, the time spent on the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage will decide between final positions.

10.4 The classification of the "MINI GASCOGNA" event is considered in the 2021 annual Classe Mini classification.

10.5 A special prize will be provided to the most sustainably minded racing project. This prize will consider transportation to the event, the origin of food consumed onboard, clothing and equipment, etc. And the components, type of manufacturing and other information relating to the boat. A form will be provided to competitors at on-site registration and must be submitted before the start of the race on July 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **11/ LIST OF MANDATORY CHARTS**

7426: From Pointe de la Coubre to Pointe de la Négade – Mouth of the Gironde

7068: From the Quiberon Peninsular to Les Sables-d'Olonne

7069: From Ile d'Yeu to Pointe de la Coubre – Plateau de Rochebonne

7657: From Mimizan-plage to Cabo de Ajo

6774: Puerto de Bilbao

7656: From Santona to Gijon

## **12/ PRIZE GIVING**

The awards ceremony will take place on Friday August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, in Verdon-sur-Mer. The prizes offered to competitors will be in-kind prizes.

## **13/ COMPETITORS' REPRESENTATION OBLIGATION**

Competitors must be present at Official Briefings and receptions, the schedule of which will be communicated later.

Any infringement of this rule will result in the levying of a potential penalty to the tune of 100€.

The OA reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race if changes are desirable for the safety and / or to maintain sporting credibility.

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