



SOCIÉTÉ NAUTIQUE DE LA TRINITÉ-SUR-MER

Spi Ouest-France Banque Populaire Grand Ouest 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

Including Amendment No. 1 and 2 to the NoR

Opening of registrations: January 22, 2026

Closing of registrations: March 26, 2026

Number of entries limited to 430

The notation **[NP]** in a rule means that a boat may not protest (No Protest) against another boat for breaking that 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 jury, be less than disqualification.

PREAMBLE: Prevention of violence and incivility

The FFVoile reminds all that sporting events are, above all, a space for exchange and sharing, open and accessible to everyone. As such, competitors and support persons are requested to behave courteously and respectfully in all circumstances, both ashore and on the water, regardless of the origin, gender, or sexual orientation of other participants.

1. ORGANIZATION

The Société Nautique de la Trinité-sur-mer (OA), in partnership with the OUEST-France newspaper, is organizing the Spi Ouest-France Banque Populaire Grand Ouest from April 2 to 6, 2026, under the authority of the Fédération Française de Voile.

2. RULES

The regatta will be governed by:

- **2.1** The rules as defined in the **Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)**.
- **2.2** National prescriptions translated for foreign competitors will be available on the official electronic notice board: https://arbitrage.ffvoile.fr/media/xj1jzofd/prescriptions-nationales2026-2028_fra_gbr-def.pdf
- **2.3** Federal regulations.
- **2.4** Part B, Section II of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGs) when it replaces RRS Chapter 2.
- **2.5** In the event of a translation of this Notice of Race, the **French text shall prevail**.

- **2.6** The Spi Ouest-France Banque Populaire Grand Ouest 2026 is an Open event for the J80 class. In accordance with J80 Class Rule C.3.2.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

The Sailing Instructions will be published on the website www.snt-voile.org no later than March 27, 2026.

4. (DP) (NP) RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice transmissions, nor receive voice communications or data not available to all boats.

Boats may be equipped with a mobile phone or a positioning beacon exclusively for tracking purposes. This equipment must be positioned at the rear of the boat, suspended in an opaque bag attached to the lifeline or the stern pulpit.

If a phone is on board, it must be intended solely for data transmission. Under no circumstances shall the phone used as a positioning beacon be used to make or receive communications.

5. ELIGIBILITY

5.1 The regatta is open to the following classes:

- **One-designs** from a class recognized by WS and/or the FFVoile with a minimum overall length of 5.70 meters. (J 80, J 70, Open 5.70, First 24, Grand-Surprise, Mach 6.5, Open 7.50, First 31.7, Figaro 3, Mini 6.50, Class 40, Sun Fast 30 One Design, Surprise, **Diam24**).
- **Handivalide** (Mini J, Hansa, **Néo 495**), Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (3 days).
- **J 80**: Saturday, Sunday, and Monday (3 days).
- **Multi 2000** with an overall length between 25 and 59 feet.
- **IRC Double-handed** holding a certificate with a minimum TCC of 0.949 and a minimum overall length of 7 meters.
- **IRC Crewed** holding a certificate with a minimum TCC of 0.850 and a minimum overall length of 7 meters. The Spi Ouest-France BPGO is open to IRC SER (Single Event Rating) certificates only for production boats (information from the IRC Rating Center of the Pôle Course of the Yacht Club de France: irc@ycf-club.fr).
- **OSIRIS HABITABLE** yachts holding a valid OSIRIS certificate, groups C, D, L, R1, R2, R3 having a rating with a minimum NET group of 10. Minimum length of 7 meters. The CVL will not apply.

For IRC, Osiris Habitable, and Multi 2000, the OA will divide the boats into different ranking groups based on their rating after registration closes. This distribution may be made to balance the number of boats and the rating gaps in each group. The classes, boat ratings, and series distribution by race zones will be posted from April 1, 2026.

5.2 Boats without lifelines will not be allowed to register, unless permitted by class rules.

5.3 Boats must have a VHF on board.

5.4 (DP) (NP) Sail numbers must comply with IRC, OSIRIS, or One-Design class certificates.

5.5 A minimum of 8 boats is required to form a one-design or other series. If at least 8 boats of a class are not regularly registered, this class may not be admitted to race. For IRC and OSIRIS, boats must fly a numerical pennant on their backstay corresponding to their ranking group.

5.6 Each boat must have a crew of at least three people, except for the IRC Double, Figaro 3, Mini 6.50, Class 40, Sun Fast 30OD, and Multi 2000 categories. The crew must comply with class rules.

5.7 For all boats: The crew list, specifying the sailing days for each crew member, must have been submitted to the Race Secretariat no later than two hours before the first warning signal of the first race of the program. The number of crew members must remain consistent with this list (this changes J 80 class rule C.3.2).

5.8 In accordance with RRS Appendix G and class rules, a sail number is mandatory for each boat.

5.9 Documents required for registration Competitors are invited to complete their online registration file with the following documents:

- 2026 Class membership certificate for all one-designs (class recognized by WS and/or the FFVoile).
- Presentation of a valid 2026 IRC or OSIRIS Habitable or Multi 2000 rating certificate before March 25, 2026.
- In case of failure to present the rating certificate before this date, the OA reserves the right to accept or refuse the registration without refunding the entry fee.
- Valid insurance certificate for the boat.
- If necessary, advertising authorization.
- 1st page of the "acte de francisation" for all French boats. Non-French boats must comply with their national legislation in force.
- Competitors (each crew member) holding an FFVoile license must present at the time of their registration:
 - Their FFVoile Club license marked "compétition".
 - Or their FFVoile Club license marked "adhésion" or "pratiquant" accompanied by:
 - The health questionnaire certificate for minor athletes.
 - A medical certificate of no contraindication to the practice of competitive sailing dating from less than one year for adults.
 - Parental authorization for minors.
- For each crew member/competitor not in possession of an FFVoile Club License, whether foreign or French nationality residing abroad:
 - Proof of membership in a National Authority member of World Sailing.
 - Proof of valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of two million Euros.
 - A health questionnaire certificate for minor athletes or a medical certificate of no contraindication to the practice of competitive sailing dating from less than one year (written in French or English) for adults.
 - The rating or compliance certificate.

6. REGISTRATIONS: deadline March 26, 2026

6.1 Eligible boats are invited to register on the website <https://snt-voile.org/regates/event/spi-ouest-france-bpgo-2026> by paying the required fees starting from January 22 and before March 26, 2026. (No registration will be accepted after this date).

6.2 Registration files must be completed on the registration space before March 31 (Complete crew list and documents).

6.3 Excess registration files will be placed on a waiting list for a withdrawal. Skippers will be notified by mail of their placement on the waiting list, then, if applicable, of a withdrawal making the boat's registration possible.

6.4 Beyond March 22, registration fees will be increased by €60.

6.5 Unless cancellation insurance is taken out, no refund or credit can be made in case of cancellation of the registration due to force majeure. Subject to the subscription to the Meetch cancellation insurance offered during the booking process, for an amount of 4% of the registration fee. A refund will be made for any individual, justifiable, unpredictable event independent of the user's will (More precise conditions online

before subscribing or on request from our secretariat). Subscription to cancellation insurance is only possible up to 72 hours after booking the registration.

6.6 For all series where crew weight must be respected, there will be no systematic weighing at registration. The individual weight list of the persons on board must be filled in during online registration. Random weigh-ins will be organized according to the procedures described in the SIs.

6.7 The OA may, due to force majeure or if the safety of the participants requires it, decide to cancel the event. Such cancellations, for reasons of force majeure or for any reason independent of the will of the OA, will not give rise to any refund of registration fees or compensation. This may be the case notably, but without this list being exhaustive, in case of exceptional weather conditions, armed conflict, epidemic, requisition, fire, flood, strike, or blocking of facilities whose origin is external and totally independent of the will of the OA.

7. FEES TO BE PAID

The fees are distributed by boat size as follows (including 11 euros for the benefit of the SNSM):

- Less than 8 m: €290
- From 8 m to 8.99 m: €315
- From 9 m to 9.99 m: €390
- From 10 m to 10.99 m: €430
- From 11 m to 11.99 m: €490
- From 12 m to 12.99 m: €540
- 13 m and more: €625
- J 80 (Saturday, Sunday, and Monday): €260
- Handivalide Solo (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday): €50
- Handivalide Double: €100

8. FLEET DISTRIBUTION AND COURSES

8.1 The number of entries per boat category will determine the distribution of competitors over the 5 race zones planned for the 2026 event.

8.2 REMINDER: Navigation on race zones or transit to them may lead boats to sail more than 2 NM from a shelter. Extract from Division 240 Art 240-2.04: "As many PFDs presenting a performance level of at least 100 N of buoyancy as there are persons on board. However, this equipment is not mandatory for persons who can swim and who effectively wear a PFD that presents a performance level of at least 50 N of buoyancy, subject to contrary mention in the class rules."

8.3 For the Class 40 series: the fleet must have "semi-hauturier" safety equipment from the Division 240 in force. As well as AIS in operation during the entire event.

9. (DP) (NP) ADVERTISING

In application of the World Sailing Advertising Code as modified by the FFVoile advertising regulations, boats will be required to wear the advertising chosen and provided by the OA.

10. THE COURSES

The courses will be of the windward-leeward (constructed) or coastal type. Recommended SHOM chart: 7033.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 RRS 44.2 is modified so that the two-turns penalty is replaced by a one-turn penalty.

11.2 The replacement penalty for a breach of the rules (with the exception of RRS Chapter 2 and RRS 28 and 31) may, after investigation, be sanctioned with a penalty ranging from 10% of the number of entries to disqualification.

11.3 On-water arbitration may be set up according to the procedures described in the sailing instructions.

12. SCORING

12.1 One race must be completed to validate the competition.

12.2 The calculation of the compensated time for boats subject to it will be done according to the time-on-time system.

13. (DP) (NP) BERTHING

13.1 Boats must remain in their assigned berths while they are in the port.

13.2 Limitation in number: The OA could set a maximum quota of boats for specific categories (IRC 0, Class 40, Multi 2000) due to their size (oversize) or their draft. Relocation to another port: if the number of entries exceeds the port's capacity for these units or others, after acceptance by the skipper and the receiving port.

14. (DP) (NP) HAUL-OUT LIMITATIONS

Boats must not be hauled out of the water during the regatta except subject to and according to the terms of a prior written authorization from the Race Committee.

15. (DP) (NP) DIVING EQUIPMENT AND UNDERWATER PROTECTIVE COVERS

Boats must not be cleaned below the waterline by any means whatsoever during the event. Underwater protective covers are authorized.

16. DATA PROTECTION

16.1 Right to image and appearance: By participating in this competition, the competitor and their legal representatives authorize the OA, the FFVoile, and their sponsors to use their image and name free of charge, to show at any time (during and after the competition) moving or static photos, films or television recordings, and other reproductions of themselves taken during the competition, on any medium and for any use related to the promotion of their activities.

16.2 Use of participants' personal data: By participating in this competition, the competitor and their legal representatives consent to and authorize the FFVoile, the OA, and its sponsors to use and store their personal data free of charge. This data may be subject to publication by the FFVoile and its sponsors. The FFVoile in particular, but also its sponsors, may use this data for software development or for marketing purposes. In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), any competitor who has communicated personal data to the FFVoile can exercise their right of access to the data concerning them, have them rectified and, depending on the situation, delete them, limit them, and object to them, by contacting dpo@ffvoile.fr or by mail to the headquarters of the Fédération Française de Voile, specifying that the request relates to personal data.

17. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: "The decision of a boat to participate in a race or to remain in race is her sole responsibility." By participating in this event, each competitor accepts and recognizes that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in



weather conditions, equipment failure, errors in maneuvering the boat, poor navigation of other boats, loss of balance on an unstable surface, and fatigue, leading to an increased risk of injury. The risk of property damage and/or bodily injury is therefore inherent in the sport of sailing.

18. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each series.

19. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Berthing: Free berths from March 28 to April 12, 2026. During an unfavorable weather situation, present or evolving, at the port of La Trinité-sur-mer (notably strong winds and swell from south to south-east), we remind you that the decision for a skipper to come in and moor and/or to stay at the dock is their sole responsibility.

Handling: Specific SPI handling from March 31 to April 06, 2026. From March 23 to 30, 2026: Haul-out reserved exclusively for 24h & 48h maximum packs, by appointment, within the limit of available places. The work sheet for Launching/Hauling-out from a trailer is to be requested by email: trinite-sur-mer@compagniedesportsdumorbihan.fr. No handling will be carried out without prior payment.

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2026 PROGRAM

Thursday, April 02 * 14:00 to 21:00: Distribution of race flags and provisioning under the race marquee in the village.

- 19:00: Opening ceremony of the 48th Spi Ouest-France – BPGO.
- PRIZE GIVING FOR THE LAURA VERGNE TROPHY.

Friday, April 03 * 11:00: One or more races to follow – zones B, C, D, E (except for J80).

- 11:30: One or more races to follow – zone A Handivalide.
- 14:00 to 17:00: Distribution of race flags and provisioning under the race marquee in the village for J80.
- From 18:00: Shore program.

Saturday, April 04 * 09:15: Port exit parade*.



- 11:00: One or more races to follow – zones B, C, D, E.
- 11:30: One or more races to follow – zone A Handivalide.
- From 18:00: Shore program.

Sunday, April 05 * 10:30: One or more races to follow – zones B, C, D, E.

- 11:00: One or more races to follow – zone A Handivalide.
- From 18:00: Shore program.
- HANDIVALIDE PRIZE GIVING.

Monday, April 06 * 09:30: One or more races to follow – zones B, C, D, E.

- 16:00: PRIZE GIVING.

**Note: A port exit parade will be organized on Saturday, April 04. Boats may enter the channel of La Trinité-sur-mer from 09:15, according to the instructions given by the race direction on VHF channel 77 and the program posted the previous evening, Friday, April 03.*