

**Vendée Globe 2008-2009**  
**Rider no. 1 to the Notice of race.**  
**21 November 2007**

This rider modifies several clauses in the Notice of race issued on 10 October 2006.

In order to facilitate the reading of the document:  
*Clauses from the original text of the Notice of race are given in italics in this rider.*  
They are replaced by the new clause in standard letters.  
**Modifications are in bold.**

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He shall be instructed by the S.A.E.M. VENDEE to contribute to the best possible medical safety of competitors before the start, in other words between 16<sup>th</sup> October 2008 and 9<sup>th</sup> November 2008 and throughout the race.*

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*Routing shall mean any specially prepared indication, whether personalised or for a group of competitors, coming from the outside, with the exception of authorised weather information sources, and providing assistance in the understanding of the various weather situations and the choice of course(s) to be followed or not to be followed.*

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*Cape Leeuwin to port*

*Cape Horn to port*

*Antarctic to starboard.*

*Finish in the bay of Les Sables d'Olonne.*

*Compulsory waypoints or gates will be decided upon together with the pre-entered competitors and distributed by a in the form of an additional clause to the Notice of Race no later than 31st December 2007. However, these compulsory waypoints or gates may be modified after 31st December 2007 in the event of a major climatic event arising, such as the dispersion of ice following breaking of pack ice or another major phenomenon having an effect on safety.*

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- *Have to complete a qualifying passage on the boat he will be helming in the VENDEE GLOBE 2008.*
- *The qualifying passage must be sailed single-handed, without putting into port, no-stop and without any assistance.*
- *The qualifying passage and validation passage if applicable have to be completed no later than 1st July 2008.*
- *The qualifying passage shall be monitored by race management via the boat's Inmarsat C. The competitor shall send one e-mail message to the Race management every 24 hours via the Inmarsat C to report his position and to report on conditions. The competitor shall bear the cost of sending messages and positions (for the qualifications provided for under articles 8.8.2.4 and 8.8.2.5).*
- *The boat's I.M.O.C.A. measurement certificate shall be issued before the boat sets out on her qualifying passage.*
- *Any modification changing one or several criteria of the boat's initial measurement certificate shall give rise to an application for the issue of a new measurement certificate. If a change relating to the boat's safety and/or stability (mast, keel...) occurs after qualification, the boat and her skipper shall:*
  - *Obtain a new I.M.O.C.A. certificate.*
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- II. Not having qualified due to essential modifications relating to safety having been made to his boat (unexpected change to mast, keel or rudders) following an accident (dismasting, rupture...) and which prevented him from starting a race or qualifying passage or from having finished such a race or qualifying passage before 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008.
- III. Or not having been able to sail a passage to validate the equipment newly installed on the boat after having qualified for reasons beyond the competitor's control (late delivery of equipment, manufactured parts failing to comply with specifications, etc.), before 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008.

In such cases, the competitor shall submit an application for dispensation to the race

management.

Race management shall call a meeting of a commission comprising the S.A.E.M. VENDEE, the I.M.O.C.A., race management and the race's International Jury (FFVoile representative).

This commission will decide whether the application is well-founded or not.

In the event of the commission ruling in the competitor's favour, he shall:

- Obtain a new I.M.O.C.A. certificate following the changes made to the boat.
- Sail a qualifying passage of 3500 miles before 1st September 2008, over a course to be defined by the Race management.

Or

- Sail a passage of 1500 miles before 1st September 2008 in order to validate the new equipment.

In order to comply with the provisions set out in article 8.8.3, a qualifying passage or passage sailed to validate new equipment carried out with dispensation shall be completed before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008.

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*To be forwarded to the S.A.E.M. VENDEE before 1st July 2008.*

*A complete application for entry must include all of the following documents.*

- *Entry form, duly filled in by the competitor.*
- *Competitor's information sheet.*
- *A cheque for the deposit in the sum of 20 000 Euros (to be made out to the S.A.E.M. VENDEE).*
- *Medical file (Appendix 2). The file must be sent marked « confidential » and will be forwarded to the Race doctor.  
(The first four items on the list are to have been sent during the pre-entry process).*
- *Full description of the boat.*
- *Documents certifying that the competitor has complied with the obligations set out in articles 8.8.1 « Principles of qualification » and 8.8.2 « The qualifying course ».*
- *The boat's I.M.O.C.A. certificate.*
- *A list of numbers and identifications for the boat at sea : Call Sign, Inmarsat, Cospas-Sarsat, etc.*
- *A waiver agreement in favour of the organisers.*
- *Photocopy of the safety course participation certificate.*
- *Photocopy of the medical course validation certificate.*
- *Photocopy of the boat's radio licence.*
- *Photocopy of the restricted radio operator's licence or equivalent for no-French participants.*
- *Photocopy of the hexadecimal distress beacon coding.*
- *Photocopy of the survival rafts booklets.*

*Once the S.A.E.M. VENDEE has received all of these documents, the competitor shall be considered as having completed his application for entry in the VENDEE GLOBE 2008.*

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**If, after receiving a registration number, a competitor has to make changes to**

his boat which modify one or more features on the initial measurement certificate and which will require a new measurement certificate to be issued, he must:

- Inform the Race Management of these changes.
- Comply in full with clause 8.8.1 of the Notice of race, especially if there has been a major change that affects the safety of the boat and/or its stability (mast, keel etc.), and undertake a new qualifying voyage of 1500 nautical miles for the new equipment before the 1st July 2008.

In this case, he will retain his registration number.

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#### **9.9 Postal address**

*All documents forming part of the application must be sent by recorded delivery – with acknowledgement of receipt – to the following address:*

**S.A.E.M. VENDEE  
RACE MANAGEMENT OF THE VENDEE GLOBE 2008  
20, rue Pasteur  
BP206  
85005 The Roche-sur-Yon Cedex  
France**

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#### **9.9 Postal address**

All documents forming part of the application must be sent **to the address shown below** :

- **Either through the Post.**
- **Or delivered by hand to the address shown below. In this case, the sender will be given a receipt.**

**Documents may not be sent by e-mail.**

**If several documents of different skippers are received by the S.A.E.M. VENDEE on the same date, the postmark or date stamp on the receipt will be taken as proof (date and time of sending as appropriate ).**

**Address where documents are to be sent :**

S.A.E.M. VENDEE  
DIRECTION DE COURSE DU VENDEE GLOBE 2008  
20, rue Pasteur  
BP206  
85005 La Roche-sur-Yon Cedex  
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### **10.6 Official race markings**

*The rules set out below relating to boat markings are the result of an agreement drawn up between the S.A.E.M. Vendée and the I.M.O.C.A.*

*Official race boat marking zones are described below. Never the less, the organiser reserves the right to change the description of the markings in keeping with new proposals which may be put forward by the I.M.O.C.A. Modifications to the description of boat markings may be made by an additional clause no later than 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007 depending on the new propositions which may be made by the I.M.O.C.A..*

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**One these beacons will be designed to emit a signal requesting assistance, and to transmit the position of the boat, if the boat has capsized.**

**The S.A.E.M. Vendée will supply competitors with a transmitting aerial which, in this case, must be installed in a through-hull fitting.**

**In addition each competitor is responsible for:**

- **Ensuring that his boat has a through-hull fitting, with an exit on both sides of the hull, and placed in the lowest, most central section of the hull.**
- **Send the organiser, before 31 March 2008, a detailed description of this through-hull fitting: its precise measurements (diameter and size of the hole, cross-section and length of the through-hull fitting) and also all dimensions needed to install the aerial.**

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Done in Paris, on 21 November 2007.

Sophie Vercelletto  
Managing Director

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Race Director