

Vendée Globe 2008-2009
Rider no. 5 to the Notice of race
9 October 2008

This rider modifies several clauses in the Notice of race issued on 10 October 2006 and several clauses in the rider no. 4 of the Notice of race issued on 14 August 2008.

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.

Amendment to Rider no. 4

2.1.1.2 Authorised weather information

Now reads

In addition to the information provided by the SAEM Vendée, and Météo France, competitors are authorized to gather only the following weather data :

- **Satellite images**
- **Meteorological charts, of observed and forecast data**
- **Digital data files**

Access to this digital or graphic information is authorized only if :

- **it is accessible to all competitors, with or without payment, and there exists no exclusive arrangement between a data supplier and a competitor or a group of competitors.**
- **it is provided, directly or indirectly, by an official weather organization : *Météo France, Met Office, ECMWF, NOAA, NCEP.***
- **the information is "raw", that is to say, as published by the weather organizations, and not modified, prepared or appraised for a competitor or a group of competitors.**

However, the data may be reformatted to facilitate or accelerate access, so long as this reformatting does not modify the weather information contained within.

It is the responsibility of each competitor to lodge with the Race Office, before October 22nd, 2008, the list of data sources which he or she intends to use during the race, specifying :

- **the access details (internet addresses, server access details etc.)**
- **the nature and format of the data**
- **the company or other organization supplying the data**
- **the original source of the data**

At the request of the Race Office, each competitor must be able to provide the race office with the access details and any software required for the reading and use of the data.

The Race Office reserves the right to prohibit a competitor's access to data which in its judgement would contravene the letter or the spirit of the rules of the race and of this amendment.

The list of sources of data provided by competitors will be posted by the Race Office on the official race notice board, and sent to all competitors, upon request, from October 29, 2008.