

Vendée Globe 2008-2009
Rider no. 2 to the Notice of race
31 March 2008

This rider modifies several clauses in the Notice of race issued on 10 October 2006 and several clauses in the rider no. 1 of the Notice of race issued on 21 November 2007.

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. 1

2.1 Personalised weather assistance: routing

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Each competitor shall be required to sign a written statement at the start and the finish of the race in which he undertakes that his family, his sponsor(s) and his shore team shall comply with this rule.

*The details of this rule shall be the subject of an additional clause issued no later than **31st March 2008**, and drawn up together with the pre-entered competitors.*

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2.1.1.2 Permitted weather forecasts

SAEM Vendée will make information prepared by Météo France's shipping forecast available to competitors. This data can be accessed from the SynBoat system, on a FTP website.

The information on the FTP website will be:

Various fields from digital models and satellite images.

The following models:

- Aladin
- Arpège
- Arpège Tropical
- UK (English)
- CEP
- CEP Vagues
- GFS (USA)

These models are displayed on the SynBoat, Maxsea or Tactique media. The GFS model will be issued from an Internet server (NOAA).

Infra red satellite images from the MétéoSat, GEOS and GMS satellites.

At hourly intervals, except in the Eastern South Pacific zone where they will be available every 3 hours.

Cartes préiso (forecast charts).

24-hour, 48-hour, 72-hour, displayed on Synboat.

A text bulletin.

**General situation and 24-hour forecasts by course zone.
A bulletin if dangerous events are forecast.**

These bulletins will also be emailed to competitors by the Race Management.

The SynBoat system will be installed on board each boat before the start by Météo France engineers.

The cost of making the SynBoat software available on each competitor's boat and the cost of making weather information accessible using the SynBoat software described above will be paid by SAEM Vendée for the period of the Vendée Globe race.

The cost of connections from competitors' boats to access this information via Météo France's FTP website will be payable by competitors.

To supplement the information made available by SAEM Vendée, each competitor will have the option of acquiring maps, satellite images or files in Grib format either free of charge or for a fee. Details of these supplements will be issued in a Rider, before 1st July 2008.

2.1.2 Monitoring drift ice

For reasons of safety, SAEM Vendée has initiated research on drift ice on the competitors' route, in partnership with the CLS Company.

It will inform competitors as quickly as possible by email of all the data on position and probability of existence of drift ice.

The cost of the data and transmitting this data to competitors' boats will be paid by SAEM Vendée.

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Cape of Good Hope to port
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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 March 2008**. However, these compulsory waypoints or gates may be modified after **31st March 2008** 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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Amendment to Rider no. 1

6.3 Audio-visual and photographic appendix

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Now reads:

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The audio-visual and photographic appendix will be published no later than **1st July 2008**.

Amendment to Rider no. 1

6.4 Waypoints along the course

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Reads now:

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Amendment to Rider no. 1

8.3 Number of participants

The number of competitors in the VENDEE GLOBE 2008 shall be limited to a maximum of 27, as follows:

- *24 competitors entered in accordance with the procedure set out in clause 9 of this Notice of Race.*
- *3 guest competitors who may be invited by the S.A.E.M. VENDEE, in accordance with the procedure set out in clause 9.6 of this Notice of Race.*

Now reads:

8.3 The number of participants

The number of competitors will be raised from **27 competitors to 30 competitors, at most.**

- **27 competitors registered in accordance with the procedure described in clause 9.**
- **3 competitors who may be invited by SAEM VENDEE, in accordance with the procedure described in clause 9-6.**

However, for reasons of safety, the extra three boats will be subject to the following conditions:

- **Three boats, with a width at the deck narrower than that of the other boats, not fitted with deck-spreaders, will be moored on the south side of the Vendée Globe pontoon, between two other competitors' boats.**
- **Under some conditions, and in particular when the actual or forecast wind force is higher than 15 knots, or when the mooring of the boats does not meet all the safety conditions, these three boats must, when requested by the Race Management, moor at a different mooring point in Les Sables d'Olonne harbour, other than the Vendée Globe pontoon.**

Amendment to the race information

8.9 Replacement Skipper

In exceptional circumstances, a competitor may ask to be replaced by another skipper on board his boat for the Vendée Globe 2008.

He must make the request in writing to the Race Management who will call a meeting of the Committee composed of SAEM Vendée, Imoca, and the International Jury representing FFVoile.

If the committee agrees to the request the competitor must be replaced by a skipper who meets the following criteria.

The replacement must:

- Have already covered at least 2,500 nautical miles in races
- On board a 60' Imoca
- Since 1st November 2004
- Solo or double-handed
- Have followed a survival course and a medical course as described in the Race information

In addition, the replacement Skipper must:

- Fill in and sign a complete registration document
- Comply with Clause 6.8 and be present at Sables d'Olonne, with his boat moored at the Vendée Globe pontoon, on 18 October at 10.00 am.

The closing date for a replacement, confirmed by a positive response in writing by the committee, may not be later than 18 October at 10.00 am.

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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 IMOCA.

*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 IMOCA. Modifications to the description of boat markings may be made by an additional clause no later than **31st March 2008** depending on the new propositions which may be made by IMOCA.*

The organiser is looking into the possibility of a entering into a partnership agreement with a telecommunications operator. With the consent of IMOCA, there could be markings for this partner on the transmission tool fitted on the boat.

All of the compulsory markings set out below shall be carried out and the cost borne by the organiser. Competitors must fix markings on their boat and ensure that they remain in good condition until their return to Les Sables d'Olonne, upon the condition that the markings comply with the technical specifications drawn up by IMOCA.

As a departure from clause A5 of IMOCA class rules, each competitor shall display the following on his boat.

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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 IMOCA.

All the compulsory markings described below will be created and paid for by the organiser. It is the competitors' responsibility to attach them and to ensure that they remain in good condition until they return to Sables d'Olonne, on condition that the markings comply with the technical specifications drawn up by IMOCA.

As an exception to clause A5 of the IMOCA rules, each competitor must show the following markings on his boat.

10.6.1 On the main sail

A 7.06 square metre marking, one third of the way up the mast from the deck, and above the first reef point.

One or two of these marks will be provided by the organiser to each registered competitor as soon as possible and by 1st July 2008 at the latest. Each competitor will be told how to apply or paint it on.

The competitors may paint on the logo. They must comply with the Pantone colours stated by the organiser.

A blank area must be left around the logo, without marking or writing, to ensure it can be easily identified. Size of the space: 0.50 m around the logo, except for the left-hand edge of the logo which will be placed along the leech, which may be less than 0.50 m from the leech of the main sail. However, the logo will not be attached or painted onto the luff cloth.

Competitors must comply with this logo display for the organiser's or his partners' benefit, as follows:

No other logo will be placed in the same horizontal band as the space reserved for the organiser, plus its blank area (described above).

If a competitor wishes to decorate his mainsail with a vertical marking for the benefit of his sponsor(s), he must comply with the marking areas for the organiser's benefit, described above. He must leave sufficient space on the mainsail for the organiser to place his marking.

In any event, competitors must send the organiser a picture of the decoration of the mainsail with the logo, before beginning work, for confirmation. Once the decoration has been stuck or painted on, the competitors must send the organiser a photo of the finished work.

10.6.2 In the backstay or the topmast shrouds

One or two race flags measuring 2m by 1.5m.

If the competitor's boat has a backstay, visible on port and starboard, a single flag should be hoisted about 3 metres above the waterline.

If the competitor's boat does not have a backstay, the race flag must be hoisted on the starboard main shroud and on the port main shroud, about 3 metres above the waterline.

In all cases, the hoist of this flag must be taut.

10.6.3 In the guard rails, attached to the rear stanchions and pulpits
Two dodgers measuring 2.1m by 0.6 m each. These dodgers will be printed on both sides. Half of their surface will be made available to the organiser.

These dodgers installed along the cockpit on port and starboard should be stretched vertically and horizontally.

10.6.4 In the forward stay
A line of 5 flags each measuring 2m by 2.5m.

10.6.5 Visibility during the creation of the image bank
Whether created by the competitor's video maker or by the race video maker.

- A marking on both sides of the mainsail as described above.
- The port and starboard dodgers as described above.
- The race flag(s) as described above.

10.6.6 Display in the harbour before the start and after the finish
From 18 October to 09 November 2008, at 10.00 am.
From its return to Sables d'Olonne until the prize-giving, inclusive.

- A line of 5 flags along the forward stay as described above.
- The port and starboard dodgers as described above.
- The race flag(s) as described above.

10.6.7 Display at sea
From the day of 18 October and throughout the race.

- Marking on both sides of the mainsail as described above:

From the day of the 18 October, then after the start until at a distance of 300 nautical miles from the starting line,
At the end of the race, from the time when the competitor is at a distance of about 300 nautical miles from the finishing line,
At any time during the race when expressly requested by the video team, whether orally or in writing.

- The port and starboard dodgers described above, and the race flag(s) described above:

10.6.8 The competitors' advertisers making images available to the various networks
The competitors' advertisers will be required to distribute to the various networks solely images of their boat including the markings described above in clause 10.6.7.

Amendment to the race information

10.15 Advertising sails in Les Sables d'Olonne harbour

When they are moored at Sables d'Olonne, both between 18 October and 9 November 2008 and after the race, competitors may hoist sails advertising their partners.

However, these sails must comply with the following criteria:

- only flown aft of the mast, i.e. not on any forward sail.
- With a maximum length at the hoist of 15m.
- And with a maximum length at the foot of 6m.
- Race sails may be run up in Les Sables d'Olonne harbour for adjustments to be made, but they may not remain run up for a whole day for advertising.

Amendment to Rider no. 1

11.1.1 Positioning beacons

The organiser shall furnish each competitor with a set of beacons. An additional clause shall set out, before 31 March 2008, the financial arrangements for the loan of these beacons, and the technical details for storing them on board the boat.

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.*

A deposit in the form of a cheque shall be requested of each competitor and shall be returned to him upon his return in Les Sables d'Olonne, once the beacons have been returned.

Now reads:

11.1. Equipment supplied by the Organiser

Positioning beacons and conditions of use.

SAEM Vendée will provide each competitor with two sets of positioning beacons. These beacons will have their own electricity supply.

1 set of 3 MAR YI beacons, (Iridium) for tracking.

2 beacons will be put on board to operate for about 60 days each. The 3rd will be on board as a spare.

The MAR YI beacons will be installed in the aft pulpit of each boat.

1 MAR VR beacon, (Argos) and an aerial.

This beacon is designed to transmit a distress signal and the position of the boat, if it has capsized.

SAEM Vendée will provide competitors with a special transmission aerial which must pass through a through-hull.

In addition, it is each competitor's responsibility to ensure that his boat has a through-hull, with openings on each side of the hull, and placed in the lowest most central section of the hull.

The MAR VR beacon must be placed on a support, placed within 2m of the through-hull provided to receive the aerial described above.

The MAR YI and MAR VR beacons will be made available to competitors when they arrive in Sables d'Olonne, before the start of the race.

Each competitor will be asked to deposit a cheque of 3,000 € inclusive of tax as security.

This cheque will not be cashed by SAEM Vendée and will be returned when the equipment is handed back.

Amendment to the race information

11.2 Use of competitor's own equipment

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Amendment to the race information

11.4 AIS Transponder

Each boat must be fitted with a Class B AIS transponder transmitter/receiver with a dedicated GPS aerial, or a shared aerial with a dedicated VHF aerial.

The aerials must meet the requirements of the Imoca classification in force.

Information on operating this equipment and the requirements to be met will be given in the Notice of Race.