



## General Safety rules for the 2018 Plymouth-La Rochelle Revival Race

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The Plymouth - La Rochelle Revival race is of Category 3 as of « [Règles Spéciales Offshore](#) » (RSO) established by FFV from the World Sailing « [Offshore Special Regulation](#) », 2017-2018 edition.

The OSR incorporates and adds to the French national requirements safety equipment for offshore sailing to more than six miles from haven. Additions or clarifications may be added in Sailing Instructions given to each boat before departure.

The list of on-board equipment for participants in the race is based on the World Sailing Standard Inspection Card and adapted to classic boats.

This list includes three categories of equipment:

- Required (R): presence on board and compliancy.
- Required with possible derogation (RE) if the specifics of the vessel cannot meet the OSR requirements. Derogation is subject to additional security measures agreed in writing by the skipper.
- Highly Recommended (HR): safety equipment not required by OSR under category 3, but whose usefulness is undeniable and greatly improves the safety of the ship.

A specific Inspection Card must be completed and signed by each skipper and delivered at check in prior to departure.

Ships not complying with safety requirements will in no case be allowed to enter the competition.

### **General rules of responsibility:**

- The responsibility of the organiser and its partners is limited to ensuring the regularity of the event. Any other liability that the Organizer may accept may only be contractual and explicit.

In particular:

The verifications that the Race Committee, either on its own or at request of the jury or any other body, would have to make are for the sole purpose of ensuring that the regulations (eg OSR), Sailing Instructions and their amendments are respected.

The surveillance done by the organiser (eg radio sessions) should be considered by competitors as optional and uncertain, and in no way as an additional safety measure on which they can rely.

- Any request to a member of the organisation does not legally commit the organiser except if he has accepted the corresponding responsibility, either himself or through one of its agents officially accredited for that purpose. This includes any assistance requests.

- Whatever the legal relationship between the owner(s) of the yacht and the skipper, only the person officially declared as responsible for the boat on the registration form is the responsible person vis-à-vis the Organisation.

- Competitors participate in the event at their own risk and under their own responsibility for all effects. It is up to each competitor to judge, according to his knowledge, the equipment available, the wind strength, weather forecast, ... the opportunity to start or not the race, to stop or continue. (fundamental RRS rule 4: Decision to race).

- Any information that any members of the organisation could provide before or during the event, such as a weather forecast, is one among many elements in which the skipper can base his decision without responsibility of the organiser or its partners.

- Owners or skippers are personally responsible for all material and human accidents that may happen to themselves, to their crew, or to the boat, or that they may cause to any third party or any property belonging to a third party. They are required to hold the adequate insurance to cover these risks and responsibilities.

In particular, each skipper is responsible vis-à-vis the organiser for ensuring that the boat has all the necessary insurance to cover civil liability for a minimum amount of at least equal to in force international conventions. He must be able to prove it to the race organiser by a valid certificate. The absence of a third party insurance cannot engage the responsibility of the organiser or its partners.

- Competitors are reminded that the fundamental rule RRS. 1.1 requires every boat to provide all possible assistance to any other boat or person in danger when in a position to do so.

- Any competitor entering the Plymouth – La Rochelle Revival race accepts all the regulations and, in particular, agrees to comply with safety rules above.