



VIKING'S CUP

December 04 – December 07, 2026

Club de Voile Saint Aubin Elbeuf

WORLD SAILING

GRADE 3

Base Nautique et de Loisirs de Bedanne

5 voie du Mesnil, 76410 Tourville-là-Rivière, France

NOTICE OF RACE

The following abbreviations apply to this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions:

PC: Protest Committee or International Jury

NOR: Notice of Race

OA: Organizing Authority

RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing

SI: Sailing Instructions

RC: Race Committee

TD: Technical Delegate

[NP]: A boat may not protest as per NoR 1.3

ONB: Official Notice Board

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028*, including RRS Appendix C.
- 1.2. The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the SI, will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- 1.3. The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 1.4. [DP] denotes a rule for which a discretionary penalty may be applied by the IJ. This penalty may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 60.5(c).
- 1.5. Major Alterations to the RRS
 - (a) RRS C6.3 and C8.7 will be changed in the SI.
- 1.6. Any prescriptions of the national authority that apply will be posted on the ONB.
- 1.7. If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.
- 1.8. The event has applied for World Sailing Grade 2. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.
- 1.9. An IJ may be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b) and RRS Appendix N. In that case, the right of appeal will be denied in accordance with RRS 70.3 (a).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SI will be available after 18:00 on December 04, 2026 on the ONB: <https://cvsae.org/match-racing-international/>

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the ONB which is located online at <https://cvsae.org/match-racing-international/>
- 3.2. As a courtesy, documents and notices may also be posted on a physical noticeboard located in the briefing tent.
- 3.3. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in front of the CVSAE.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Ten (10) skippers will be invited. Skippers wishing to receive an invitation may register their request with the OA by submitting the [RFI form](#) posted on the ONB.
- 4.2. Only skippers invited by the OA, and who confirm acceptance as detailed in the letter of invitation, will be eligible to enter this event. Submission of the entry form shall accompany the acceptance of the invitation.
- 4.3. **Registration and payment deadline: October 31 2026 at midnight.**
- 4.4. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing Eligibility Code.
- 4.5. All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at <https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/organisation/our-family/world-sailing-profile/>. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.
- 4.6. The skipper must complete the registration, pay the 1500€ (EUROS) deposit (by bank transfer using a credit card, not a debit card), and ensure that all crew members complete the weigh-in on December 04 between 09:00 and 17:00 or on December 05 between 08:00 and 09:00, unless the event duration is extended by the Organizer. To be considered as registered for the event, the skipper must meet all registration conditions and pay the full fee in EUROS (€).
- 4.7. **Entry fee: 440€**
 - (a) **Included: free breakfasts on Saturday, Sunday, Monday**
 - (b) **Included: Viking's Dinner on Saturday night after the last race**
 - (c) **Included: Where possible, foreign crews can be accommodated free of charge with host families who are members of the club**
 - (d) **Optional: Meals on Saturday, Sunday and Monday lunchtimes must be ordered and paid for no later than 8 days before the regatta. The cost is 12€ per person and per meal.**
- 4.8. When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their ranking points for that event by World Sailing (Policy H1).

5. DAMAGE / DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 5.1. Each supplied boat is insured by the OA for third-party liability.
- 5.2. Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or IJ. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to continue in the event.
- 5.3. The OA will refund any remaining damage deposit within 30 days after the event.

6. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 6.1. The total number of crew, including the skipper, but excluding persons placed on board by the OA, shall be 4 or 5. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 6.2. After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.

- 6.3. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- 6.4. When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA or RC may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.
- 6.5. The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, shall not exceed 350kg, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.
- 6.6. Crew weight may be checked during the regatta. When crew weight was checked prior to racing, at any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 10 kg. Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit shall not be penalized, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased weight limit before racing again.
- 6.7. The OA may place a person on each boat as either a guest or cameraman.
- 7. EVENT FORMAT**
- 7.1. The OA intends to provide “Bénéteau First Class 7.5” type boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, Genoa, Jib, Spinnaker.
- 7.2. Boats will be allocated as decided by the RC. The intention of the RC will be to allocate boats by draw for each round. The RC may also require boats to be exchanged in a knock-out stage.
- 7.3. The sails to be used will be allocated by the RC. Competitors may be requested to exchange sails during a series to satisfy sponsorship commitments.
- 7.4. While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.
- 7.5. The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC, with the intention to start each subsequent flight as soon as practicable after the previous flight.
- 7.6. The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind. A leeward gate may be used.
- 7.7. The intended racing area will be the Bedanne’s lake.
- 7.8. Seeding and pairing
- (a) Skippers may be seeded into a round robin based on World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event. If the World Sailing Ranking list is not current, the OA will use its discretion to accomplish the seeding.
 - (b) The event will consist of the following stages: Stage 1: Round Robin
Stage 2: Quarter Finals or Shorter Quarter Finals
Stage 3: King of Castle
Stage 4: Semi Finals
Stage 5: Petite Final
Stage 6: Final
- 7.9. The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favor of later stages.

8. PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

- 8.1. Schedule
- (a) Race Office open from December 04 at 09:00.
 - (b) Registration December 04 from 09:00 to 17:00 or December 05 from 08:00 to 09:00.
 - (c) Crew weighing December 04 from 09:00 to 17:00 or December 05 from 08:00 to 09:00.
 - (d) Practice December 04 from 10:00 to 16:00.
 - (e) First Briefing December 05 at 09:00.

- (f) First meeting with Umpires immediately following First Briefing.
- (g) Daily briefing at 09:00.
- (h) Opening Ceremony on December 05 at 18:00 during the Viking's dinner.
- (i) Racing days are December 05 – 07.
- (j) The intended time of the first attention signal each day will be 09:30 or as announced at the daily briefing except on December 05 at 10:00.
- (k) Prize giving as soon as practicable after racing on the final day.

8.2. Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing for skippers.
- (c) Daily press conference for skippers sailing that day.
- (d) Opening Ceremony for skippers and crews.

9. ADVERTISING

[NP] Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

10. [NP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 10.1. Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, co-operation with event sponsors and shall behave so as to not bring the event into disrepute.
- 10.2. Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment and place advertising provided by the OA with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

11. [NP] SUPPORT PERSONS

- 11.1. Support person vessels shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.
- 11.2. Support persons shall keep a reasonable distance from the racing area while boats are racing and comply with reasonable requests from the officials.
- 11.3. Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organization may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the IJ to the associated skipper.
- 11.4. The OA may provide berths for support person vessels.

12. [NP] MEDIA, IMAGES, and SOUND

- 12.1. The OA has the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.
- 12.2. Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA-supplied media equipment.
- 12.3. If required by the OA:
 - (a) TV personnel/equipment supplied by the OA shall be on board while racing.
 - (b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
 - (c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them during racing.

13. DATA PROTECTION

There are no specific data requirements at this event or venue.

14. ASSUMPTION OF RISK; WAIVER AND RELEASE

By participating in this competition, each competitor accepts and acknowledges 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 boat handling, poor navigation by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable surface and fatigue, resulting in an increased risk of injury. The risk of property damage and/or personal injury is therefore inherent in the sport of sailing.

15. PRIZES

The principal prize for first place will be the Viking's Cup Trophy.

16 FURTHER INFORMATIONS

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<https://www.facebook.com/bedannescup>