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RULES THE «RALLYE DES ILES DU SOLEIL» 2018

1. Set sail with us for the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil»

1.1 Grand Pavois Organisation

The Grand Pavois Organisation (GPO) came into being in 1973 with the creation of Grand Pavois La Rochelle, an international in-water boat show. In 1998, GPO organised and welcomed the stage of the Whitbread Cup in La Rochelle. It was a huge success that led the Volvo Ocean Race to return there in 2002. Several other events followed and developed under the authority of GPO, which offers genuine expertise in the creation and organisation of water sports events. Some of the events managed by GPO: the Grand Pavois de La Rochelle (France – since 1973), the Shenzhen China International Boat Show (China – from 2009 to 2011), Marseille Provence Metropolis Urban Community's in-water boat show Les Nauticales in La Ciotat (France – (from 2013 to 2020), the Transat 6.50 Charente-Maritime/Bahia (6 events from 2001 to 2011), the Défi Atlantique 2003 in La Rochelle (a qualifying race for the 2004/2005 Vendée Globe) from Salvador to Bahia, the Grand Prix de Formule 1 motonautique de La Rochelle (2007 – France), etc.

1.2 Our Objective

An Atlantic crossing between La Palma (Canaries) and Marie-Galante (Guadeloupe Islands), the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» aims to be a convivial and federative gathering of sailboats. The event is not in any way a competition because it is all about the sharing of a human adventure that is as much a personal experience as a group experience underpinned by the values of security, conviviality, discovery and passion, and more.

There will be no ranking of participants. However, several prizes may be awarded on the basis of non sports criteria (for example, most beautiful photo at sea, largest fish caught, the most elegant boat at the arrival point, etc.).

The «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» will be held every year.

1.3 Who can participate in the adventure?

The «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» is open to inhabitable monohulls and multihulls of an overall length from 35feet (contact us for a smaller vessel).

The «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» is open to 80 boats.

The boats admitted must:

- Be designed and equipped for the route in complete conformity with the regulations of the French Maritime Affairs.

- Be equipped with safety equipment adapted to the sailing that will be required (refer to Division 240 of the Department of Maritime Affairs of the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy, as well as RIPAM "Compulsory safety equipment").
- Comply with the provisions of international rules for the prevention of collisions at sea (navigation lights, sound signal equipment, etc.).
- Be equipped with the additional safety and communication equipment defined by the organisation (Art. 3).

Random checks will be carried out by the organisation on each boat at the Departure port.

Any equipment that is missing or not working must be repaired or replaced and presented to the organisation before departure.

The organisation will be entitled to exclude from the Rallye any boat that does not comply with the Rallye's rules.

In this case, the registration fees will not be refundable.

1.4 Skipper (Aptitude)

The Skipper (and if possible a crew member) must have real experience of sailing, safety equipment and communication.

By Skipper, we understand: a crew member responsible for steering the boat, keeping the daily log, compliance with the rules and the safety of those on-board.

The Skipper must declare having the competences required.

1.5 Crew

The number of people aboard included in the registration fee is set at 2, with, at the very least, 2 adults present per boat. The maximum number is determined by the boat builder's EC plate.

Children are allowed to participate in the Rallye if they are five years old or over on the day of departure ((for a child under 5 years, please contact us) . Minors must be under the responsibility and have the authorisation of the legal representative that has been awarded parental authority for them.

All the crew members must hold a licence issued by the French Sailing Federation valid for the entire period of the Rallye, namely a FFVoile Jeune Club Licence for children aged from 5 to 18 years and a FFVoile Adult Club Licence for others.

As a club affiliated with the French Federation of sailing, GPO can issue federal licenses. The cost of an adult license for 2017 is €55 and €28 for those under 18 years of age. The license must be accompanied by a medical certificate.

At least one member of the crew (skipper or mate) should have completed a World Sailing Sea Survival course, and possess a VHF Radio Operators Licence.

All the crew members, whether French or foreign, must hold a "competition" licence issued by the FFVoile valid for the entire period of the Rallye.

This includes public liability insurance (see details on the FFVoile website)

- A FFVoile Jeune "competition" licence for children aged from 5 to 18 years. (cost €28 in 2017)
- A FFVoile Adulte "competition" licence for the others. (cost €55 in 2017)

(The term "competition licence" may change according to the provisions taken by FFVoile)

As a FFVoile affiliated club, GPO can issue licences.

Further information about the FFVoile licence:

<http://www.ffvoile.fr/ffv/web/services/assurances.asp>

http://www.ffvoile.fr/ffv/web/services/licences/documents/dossier2017/4_Assurances.pdf

Each crew member must have medical certificate declaring the absence of any contra-indication to sailing for the entire period of the Rallye and must be able to justify this at any time.

Before departure, each crew member (or representative of a minor) must:

- Complete the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» registration form.
- Supply the Rallye's doctor with the medical questionnaire signed by his or her doctor.
- Be in compliance with the French and Spanish authorities.
- Have identity documents valid for the duration of the Rallye.

1.6 Route

The 2018 «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» will depart from Marina La Palma harbour (Canary islands) and arrive in Marie-Galante (Islands of Guadeloupe) with stopover at Mindelo (Sao Vincent Island – Cape Verde)

Once the arrival line has been crossed and after a convivial period in Marie-Galante, free reception will be provided at the Marina in Pointe-à-Pitre for a period of 7 days.

1.7 Dates for the 2018 «Rallye des Iles du Soleil»

- March 2018: Gathering proposed at Les Nauticales in La Ciotat, free pontoons for participants
- September 2018: Gathering proposed at the Grand Pavois La Rochelle, free pontoons for participants.
- From 04 to 10 November 2018: Presence of boats in Marina La Palma (Canaries), free pontoons for participants.
- Saturday 10 November at 11 am (local time): Departure of the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» from La Palma (Canaries).
- ETA Mindelo (Cape Verde) on Nov. 17 2018
- Departure from Mindelo (Cape Verde) on Nov. 22 at 11 am (local time)
- ETA Marie-Galante (Guadeloupe): between 6 and 14 December 2018
- Closing evening of the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» 2018 Saturday 15 (date to be confirmed)

2. Registration - Participation Fees

2.1 How to register

Registrations will be received by GPO at the following e-mail address: ilesdusoleil@grand-pavois.com

Or by post at the following address:

GRAND PAVOIS ORGANISATION
«RALLYE DES ILES DU SOLEIL»
Avenue du Lazaret, Port des Minimes,
17042 La Rochelle Cedex 1 / France

Each participant must complete the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» registration form.
Skippers must confirm that they have read and accept the present Rules.

2.2 Cost of registration.

The cost of registration varies according to the size of the boat and the number of crew members:

- ≥ 35 feet and ≤ 45 feet: **€2,400 incl. VAT**
- > 45 feet and ≤ 55 feet: **€2,700 incl. VAT**
- > 55 feet : **€3,000 incl. VAT**
- Boats less than 35 feet: contact us

This package includes the participation of 2 people aboard.

Supplement:

- Additional crew member over 15 years old departing from €350 incl. VAT
- Children from 5 to 14 years will be accepted at no extra costs.

These prices are valid for registrations before 30 June on the year of departure.

2.3 Payment schedule

- A 30% deposit will be required when registering.
- A second 40% deposit will be payable by 30 June 2018 at the latest.
- The balance of 30% must be paid by 30 September 2018 at the very latest.

Payments will be made in euros by bank transfer or cheque.

Address:
GRAND PAVOIS ORGANISATION
«RALLYE DES ILES DU SOLEIL»
Avenue du Lazaret, Port des Minimes,
17000 La Rochelle (France)

Bank transfer:
CRMM DU LITTORAL DU SUD OUEST
IBAN: FR76 1716 9407 1022 3090 0201 612
BIC: CCBPFRPP169

Title of your transfer:
Your First Name and SURNAME – The NAME of the Boat
Down payment «RALLYE DES ILES DU SOLEIL» 2018

2.4 Right of withdrawal - Cancellation fees

2.4.1 – Right of withdrawal

In accordance with regulations in force, participants have fourteen days, from the date of submitting the registration form, to exercise their right of withdrawal without having to justify a reason or pay any penalties other than return costs.

The right of withdrawal, which entitles the participant to a refund of the registration fees, does not apply if the competitor has participated in one or more events referred to in the programme presented above, namely that he voluntarily put himself in a situation to renounce his right of withdrawal by participating in such events, within a period of 14 days from the date of registration.

2.4.2 – Cancellation fees

Prior to the inspection of the boats before departure and in the case of the registration request being refused by GPO, the registration fees will be refunded to participants.

If GPO refuses a boat's departure because of a non-conformity with the Rallye's regulations, the registration fees will not be refunded.

After the period of withdrawal, a crew's cancellation of their participation will not give rise to the refund of any sums paid.

In cases of force majeure:

If the owner of a sailboat registered in the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» cannot take part in the departure from La Palma on 10 November 2018 for major medical reasons such as surgery, supported by a medical certificate, the Grand Pavois Organisation will reimburse his registration expenses reduced by 15% for administrative expenses.

2.5 What do the registration fees include?

- A GPO contact person at your disposal to answer any questions (from preparation through to the date of the end of the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil»),
- Presence of a Cruise Director throughout the duration of the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil»,
- Medicalisation of the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» with the presence of a doctor in Marina La Palma and remote-medical support throughout the duration of the crossing,
- Complete control of the safety elements in Marina La Palma by GPO,

- Welcome at the port in Marina La Palma from 04 to 10 November 2018,
- Preferential 10% discount in the Canaries at the marinas of Puerto Calero, Marina Lanzarote and Marina La Palma from 01 September 2018 (subject to availability), and up to the period of compulsory presence at Marina La Palma from 04 to 10 November 2018,
- Free anchoring in Mindelo (Cape Verde) from 17 to 22 November 2018 (Option for Marina mooring will be charged)
- Celebration of each arrival in Marie-Galante,
- Safe and adapted" free mooring in Marie-Galante,
- Welcome of crew on the evening before departure in Marina La Palma (Canaries),
- Welcome of crew on the evening of the Prize Ceremony in Marie-Galante Island,
- Setting up of a positioning transmitter aboard each participating boat. (an €800 deposit will be required and will be returned when it is removed)
- Tracking of daily satellite positions and online publication (twice a day) on the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» official website,
- Daily dispatches: a weather forecast for the zone, a list of boat positions, news about the fleet, etc,
- Detailed skipper briefings before departure in Marina La Palma (Canaries): weather forecast, security, medical, etc,
- Privileged rates from «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» technical partners,
- Reserved places for your boat on the pontoons of the Nauticales in La Ciotat and the Grand Pavois La Rochelle.
- Signs of participation in the Rallye (e.g.: flags, dodgers, etc.).

2.6 Not included:

Items not included, for example:

- Stopover costs, regardless of the marina, outside of free periods defined in paragraph 2.5,
- Fuel costs,
- Supply costs,
- Communication costs on land or at sea,
- Rescue costs if required,
- Mooring costs at a port other than the one indicated by the organiser,
- Medical costs of participants,
- Participant's personal spending,
- Insurance costs for boats and crews, etc,

Non-exhaustive list, therefore everything that is not described in paragraph 2.5 remains payable by the participants.

3. Specific «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» equipment

(Refer to article 1.3 of the Rules).

All equipment must function correctly, be easily accessible, and be of type, size and capacity necessary and adequate for the intended use in relation to the size of the vessel.

Complement to division 240:

- An engine in running condition adapted to the size of the vessel
- Autonomy in engine fuel ensuring 60 hours of operation (minimum 2,000 rpm).
- A set of appropriate batteries securely stowed
- A basic tool box
- Spare parts for the engine:
 - belts,
 - filters,
 - water pump,
 - alternator,
 - oil
 - cooling system,
 - priming system
 - Hydraulic oil for steering system
- A Main sail with at least 2 reefs (In the case of a roller furler, the skipper must ensure the proper functioning of the safety system.
- An effective storm jib, connected to the stay or rigged on its own stay
- A sail repair kit.
- A knife accessible in the cockpit
- A saw for cutting the shrouds
- An Angle Grinder (preferably battery powered) or Wire Cutters capable of cutting the shrouds.
- A main hatch lock which can be opened from inside the cabin.
- A system for getting back on board
- A water tank holding at least 75 litres per crew member; or a Water Maker in which case it is recommended that a reserve of 25 litres per crew member should be carried.
- An emergency tiller
- A life line (jack line) on each side of the bridge
- A strong anchor point in the cockpit for the harnesses
- A bulge pump.
- A safety gear storage plan.
- A fog horn.
- A compliant set of navigation lights
- An additional life jacket.
- In the case of life jackets with automatic or percussion inflation, spare cartridges in sufficient number
- A flashlight per person which it is very strongly recommended to wear continuously.
- A flame retardant cover

- A passive radar reflector
- A Q flag
- Courtesy flags
- Two solid buckets equipped with mooring ends.
- Diving equipment (snorkel, mask, wetsuit) for an eventual intervention
- A waterproof ditch bag (evacuation), easily mobilizable from the outside containing, for example and in addition to the elements present in the life raft:
 - a drogue
 - water in small packaging
 - additional flashlights
 - three additional hand held red flares
 - two additional parachute flares
 - portable GPS with its batteries
 - a sealed flashlight with its batteries
 - a survival manual
 - fishing equipment
 - a signal mirror
 - survival rations
 - solid plastic bags
 - whistles
 - warm clothing
 - portable VHF with its batteries
 - a first aid medical kit with anti-nausea medication

3.1 Specific «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» equipment - Communication equipment

Each vessel shall be equipped with at least:

- The tracking beacon provided by GPO,
- A VHF radio with at least 25 watts of power and with an antenna on the mast head and an emergency antenna,
- Hardware capable of receiving and sending emails at sea,
- An Iridium system of communication (satellite phone),
- A 150 minutes (min.) pack for Iridium system of communication
- An AIS type B emitter-receiver, - See article 4.1 Recommendations,
- A man overboard alarm on the GPS.

All the equipment must be in perfect working order.

4. Recommendations

In addition to the mandatory hardware, it is strongly recommended to have on board:

- A second Iridium satellite phone in the survival pack
- Short waves receiver

- White parachute flares
- A Personal Locator Beacon for each member of the crew, PLB or AIS, etc.
- A third reef in the main sail.

A spare Alternator and Starter Motor must be carried if the main engine is over 5 years old.

To forecast :

- One member of the crew should have completed a World Sailing Sea Survival course, and possess a VHF Radio Operators Licence.

Courses organised by GPO to prepare you are strongly recommended: mechanics, electronics, weather, medical, communication, life aboard.

5. Responsibility

Each participant acknowledges the risks inherent in any sport and any intense practice of sport and to have medical review for this discipline, before enrolling in the Rallye, any participation comes under his/her sole and entire responsibility. If it is a minor, he/she has asked for assistance from his or her parents or legal representative or guardian.

The boat's Skipper must declare himself/herself able to undertake an offshore navigation and will be solely and exclusively responsible for the crew of the vessel and of the organization of the decisions that will be made at sea.

He/she will also be solely responsible for any damage that may occur to his/her vessel during his/her participation in the Rallye.

Each adult member of the crew will have to sign a declaration before the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» departure releasing the organizers of any liability arising from an accident that may occur in connection with «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» and agreeing to guarantee them against liability due to his/her boat.

In the same way, the legal representative or guardian of a minor child participating in the Rallye will have to sign a similar declaration.

The owner of a boat or his/her legal representative is financially responsible for the repatriation of a crew member to his/her country of origin, regardless of the reason.

The skippers who embark passengers or paid crew members will be solely responsible for the commercial relationship with their crew members and will be obliged to present a special qualification for piloting a vessel with paying passengers on board. Special insurance may be requested.

Each skipper undertakes to display the compulsory signs provided on his boat (flags, hull stickers, etc.) by the organisation and its partners at the departure and arrival ports.

The Organizer reserves the right to prohibit advertising for certain products or services contrary to the spirit of the rallye and the laws in force.

By signing the registration form, the skipper undertakes not to bring any recourse against the organizer and its members.

6. Insurance

The boats must have third-party insurance and the skipper must provide a certificate to the organisation stipulating the cover acquired, including participation in the Rallye.

It is up to the owner of each boat to take out a Damages insurance for any damages which may occur during participation in the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil».

It is up to each participant to take out personal insurance cover if he or she deems it be necessary (recommended).

N.B.: The FFVoile licence includes a personal liability insurance with the option of a personal accident extension. We strongly recommend that each member of the crew takes out a personal accident extension related to the licence.

<http://www.ffvoile.fr/ffv/web/services/licences/dossier2017.asp>

Or by contacting MDS (Mutuelle des Sportifs: **+33 (0)1 53 04 86 16**).

7. Delayed departures

In the case of major force, and in particular in the case of unfavourable weather conditions, the organiser may decide to delay the departure dates for the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» (Canaries and Cape-Verde).

In the case of the event being cancelled for a reason of force majeure, the organiser undertakes to refund the amount of the participant's registration. No compensation may be claimed from the organisers in the case of a delay, in particular concerning port fees.

Every skipper must be present at the pre-departure briefings and must sign a sheet attesting to his presence.

8. Delayed departures owing to the participant

All the boats will depart a maximum of 30 minutes after the official departures of the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil»,

Any skipper who has not departed within the timescale decided must immediately inform the organisers of the reasons for this delay, the expected duration and the new planned date and time of departure.

The skipper is obliged to keep the organisation informed about any changes to the sailing plan. He must provide the reasons for any changes and confirm the new date and time of departure, as well as the estimated date of arrival in Cape Verde and Marie-Galante.

9. Time limit

In the case of a change in the date and (or) time of the scheduled departures (see Art. 1-7 Final date and time for ending the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» as well as the new date of the closing evening will be announced at the departure briefings. This ETA will be based on an average speed of 5 knots but may be adapted according to the weather conditions encountered.

The welcome of participants in Marie-Galante will be operational up until the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» 's closing evening.

The skipper in charge of the boat must inform the organisation by e-mail or satellite telephone if the boat has moored at a port, if it has strayed from its normal route, of any event aboard about which the organisation should be informed and/or if it withdraws from the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil». If the fact of not keeping the organisers informed results in the organisation of an unnecessary search and rescue operation, the boat's owner will be responsible for the cost of the operation.

Any boat that has not informed the organisers of an unplanned stopover within 24 hours will be deemed to have breached the rules and as having withdrawn from the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil».

- **9.1 Presence at departure and arrival ports** The boat and its crew must be present at the departure port from 4 to 10 November 2018 and at the arrival port up until the closing evening. In the event of this not being possible, a prior agreement must be concluded with the Rallye's organiser.

10. Rules

The organisers reserve the right to modify the rules, regulations and conditions for participating. Sailing instructions will be communicated one month before departure at the very latest and they may provide additional information and/or make changes to certain points in the rules.

Complaints should be sent to GPO by recorded delivery to the address provided above and must outline the reason for the complaint supported by any documents of proof.

No dispute or complaint concerning the Rallye expressed orally will be taken into account.

In the same way, no dispute or complaint concerning the Rallye will be taken into account after a period of 30 days following the closing of the sports event.

In the case of translation, the French text shall prevail.

THE «RALLYE DES ILES DU SOLEIL» THANKS ITS PARTNERS

PARTENAIRES MAJEURS

MAJORS PARTNERS



PARTENAIRES TEAM

TEAM PARTNERS



PARTENAIRES EQUIPAGE & FOURNISSEURS OFFICIELS

CREW PARTNERS & OFFICIALS SUPPLIERS



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