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# RULES THE «RALLYE DES ILES DU SOLEIL» 2021

## 1. Set sail with us : «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), The Rallye des Iles du Soleil 2017, 2018, 2019...

### 1.2 Our Objective

The «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» aims to be a convivial and federative gathering of sailboats between La Palma Island (Canarias) and Marie-Galante (Guadeloupe Islands) via Mindelo in Sao Vincente (Cape Verde). It is not a race but rather social cruising enabling participants to enjoy an exceptional adventure with expert safety support.

There will be no ranking of participants. However, several prizes may be awarded on the basis of various 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 cruising monohulls and multihulls with an overall length over 35 feet (contact us for a smaller vessel).

The «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» is open to 50 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 Rally any boat that does not comply with the Rally'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 and practical knowledge of 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 CE marking plate.

Children are allowed to participate in the Rally if they are five years old or over on the day of departure (for a child under 8 years, please contact us). Minors must be under the responsibility and have the authorization of the legal representative that has been given parental authority for them.

**One crew member (skipper or second) must hold a World Sailing Sea Survival course.**

We recommend that a second crew member complete the above certificates as well.

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

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

- A FFVoile Jeune "competition" licence for children aged from 8 to 18 years.
- A FFVoile Adulte "competition" licence for the others.

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

As a FFVoile affiliated club, GPO can issue licences.

To read more :

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

[http://www.ffvoile.fr/ffv/web/services/assurance/documents/FFV\\_licence\\_club\\_2019.pdf](http://www.ffvoile.fr/ffv/web/services/assurance/documents/FFV_licence_club_2019.pdf)

Each crew member must have medical certificate declaring the absence of any contra-indication to sailing for the entire period of the Rally 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 Rally's doctor with the medical questionnaire signed by his or her doctor.
- Be in compliance with the French, Spanish and Cape Verdean authorities.
- Have identity documents (ID) valid for the duration of the Rally.

## **1.6 Route**

The 2019 «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» will depart from Marina La Palma (located in Santa-Cruz de La Palma in Canary islands) and arrive in Marie-Galante (Guadeloupe Islands) with a stopover in Mindelo (Sao Vincent Island – Cape Verde)

Grand Pavois Organisation reserves the right to change all or parts of the route.

## **1.7 Dates for the 2021 «Rallye des Iles du Soleil»**

- 29 September – 4 October 2020 : Gathering at the Grand Pavois La Rochelle (French Atlantic Coast), free pontoons for participants (subject to availability)
- March 2021: Gathering at Les Nauticales in La Ciotat (South-East of France), free pontoons for participants (subject to availability)
- From November 1<sup>st</sup> 2021: Presence of boats required in Marina La Palma (located in Santa-Cruz de La Palma in Canary islands), free pontoons for participants.
- Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 am (local time): Departure of the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil »
- Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November at 11 am (local time): Departure from Mindelo (Cape Verde)
- Arrival and anchoring in Marie-Galante (Guadeloupe Islands)
- Closing evening of the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» 2021 (date to be confirmed)

## **2. Registration - Participation Fees**

### **2.1 How to register**

Forms will be registered at the following e-mail address: [ilesdusoleil@grand-pavois.com](mailto: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 accepted 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: **€2600 incl. VAT**
- > 45 feet and ≤ 55 feet: **€2900 incl. VAT**

- > 55 feet : **€3200incl. VAT**
- Boats under 35 feet: contact us

*\*Shipyard Sponsorship Rates (available on request)*

This package includes the participation of 2 people aboard.

- 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 2021 at the latest.
- The balance of 30% must be paid by 30 September 2021 at the very latest.

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

Postal Address :

**GRAND PAVOIS ORGANISATION  
RALLYE DES ILES DU SOLEIL  
Avenue du Lazaret,  
Port des Minimes,  
17000 La Rochelle / France**

Bank Details :

**BP AQUITAINE CENTRE ATLANTIQUE  
IBAN : FR76 1090 7006 7322 3090 0201 693  
BIC : CCBPFRPPBDX**

### **Title of your transfer:**

**Your First Name and SURNAME – The NAME of the Boat  
«RALLYE DES ILES DU SOLEIL» 2021**

## **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.

### **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 Rally'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.

**Force majeure:**

If the owner of a sailboat registered in the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» cannot depart from Marina La Palma 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,
- Free pontons in La Palma during the mandatory presence
- Breakfast offered in La Palma
- Free anchoring during the stopover in Mindelo (Cape Verde) (Optional : Marina mooring with negotiated rates)
- Welcome in Marie-Galante and celebration of each arrival
- Free mooring in Marie-Galante (Guadeloupe Islands)
- Welcome Party for crew in La Palma (Canarias)
- Stopover Party for crew in Mindelo (Cape-Verde)
- Caribbean Party and Prize-Giving Ceremony in Marie-Galante (Guadeloupe Islands)
- Set up of a positioning transmitter aboard each boat. (an €800 deposit will be required and will be returned when it is removed)
- Tracking of satellite positions (updates 4 times a day) and daily publications on the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» official website,
- Daily Reports:
  - weather forecasts for the zone,
  - a list of boat positions with ADRENA and MAXSEA T0 and GREAT CIRCLE formats (according to software versions),
  - news about the fleet...
- Skipper briefings before departure in Marina La Palma (Canarias): weather forecast, security, medical, communication...
- Preferred rates from «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» technical partners,
- Reserved spots for your boat on the pontoons during the Nauticales Boat Show in La Ciotat (South-East of France) and the Grand Pavois La Rochelle (French Atlantic Coast) – subject to availability
- Signage (e.g.: flags, stickers, etc.).

## 2.6 Exclusions:

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 work properly, 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:

- **A liferaft category ISO/ P1 > 24H; checked prior departure and compliant (maintenance book to provide)**
- **the additional armament + 24H in GRAB BAG is tolerated subject to a supply approved by the manufacturer**
- **a "man overboard" tracking system like "IOR pole" type or equivalent**
- An engine in running condition adapted to the size of the vessel
- Autonomy in engine fuel ensuring 60 hours of operation
- A set of appropriate batteries securely stowed
- A basic tool box
- Spare parts for the engine, water pump, alternator :
  - belts,
  - filters,
  - water pump turbines,
  - oil
  - cooling system,
  - priming system

- A 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
- An Angle Grinder (preferably battery powered) or saw 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 (Spain, Cape-Verde, France)
- Two solid buckets equipped with mooring ends
- Diving equipment (snorkel, mask, wetsuit) for an eventual intervention
- it is further specified that the paper maps of Canary Islands, Cape-Verde, West Indies including Marie-Galante, and road maps of the Atlantic must be on board
- the nautical instructions for the navigation zone must be loaded in paper form
- A waterproof ditch bag (evacuation), easily movable from the outside containing, for example and in addition to the elements present in the life raft:
  - a drogue anchor
  - 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
- Waterproof portable GPS system with batteries (and spare ones)
- **A Personal Location Beacon (PLB)**
- A First Aid medical kit (drugs and medical items listed by the Rally's Doctor)

### **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,
- 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, subscribed to the provider designated by the organizer
- the ship's email account must be configured and operational, the emission and reception tests will have been done
- An AIS type B emitter-receiver,
- 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 navigation software compatible with positioning files formats sent by GPO : ADRENA, MAXSEA T0 or GREAT CIRCLE / SQUID
- A spare Alternator and Starter Motor must be on board if the main engine is over 5 years old.
- White parachute flares
- A Personal Locator Beacon for each crew member (SART AIS)
- A third reef for the main sail.
- A powerful waterproof handheld projector

To consider :

We strongly recommend that at least two crew members (skipper and mate) should have completed a World Sailing Sea Survival course, and possess a VHF Radio Operators Licence. (One qualified crew with the above certificates is a mandatory requirement).

Optional : A list of additional training courses can be sent by GPO (on request).

## **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 Rally, 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 Rally.

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 Rally 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 rally and the laws in force.

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, valid for the zones of departure/stopover/arrival and for the entire duration of the “Rallye des Iles du Soleil”.

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/assurance/documents/FFV licence club 2020.pdf>

## **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 or advance 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**

Boats and crew members must be present at the departure port from the 24<sup>th</sup> of October 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 Rally's organisers.

## 11. 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 Rally expressed orally will be taken into account.

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

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