



Major Oceanic Event Organisers met via Zoom Conference Call at 09:00 – 10:50 hours on Tuesday 8 February 2022

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Present:

Corinne Migraine–Chair, Vice Chair-World Sailing Oceanic & Offshore Committee - FFV Vice President
 Alain Gautier – World Sailing Oceanic Panel
 Matt Allen – WS Oceanic and Offshore Committee Chairman
 Yannick Bersot – Directeur Communication – SAEM Vendee – Vendée Globe
 Philip Baum – World Sailing Vice President
 Joseph Bizard – The Transat – La Route du Rhum - General Manager OC Sport Pen Duick
 Vanessa Boulaire – Class 40 – Office Manager
 Simon Forbes – World Sailing Technical Offshore Manager
 Michel Fortier-Transat Quebec St Malo – Race Director
 David Graham – CEO World Sailing
 Christophe Gaumont –FFV, WS Special Regulations Sub-committee
 Sam Holiday – The Race Around -MD 5Oceans Sports Marketing
 Phil Lawrence – The Ocean Race – Race Director
 Antoine Mermod – President IMOCA
 Jaime Navarro – World Sailing Head of Technical and Offshore
 Scott Over – World Sailing Commercial Director
 Manfred Ramspacher – Sirius Events - CEO
 Chris Stone – Racing Manager - Royal Ocean Racing Club
 Yann Rocherieux – WS Vice President

Apologies:

Jean Bernard Le Boucher - Class ULTIM
 Caroline Cronin – General Director of Transat Jaques Vabre
 Hervé Favre – The Transat – La Route du Rhum - OC Sport – Offshore Sailing Events Director
 Mike Golding – World Sailing Oceanic Panel
 Adrian Gray – Rear Commodore – Oceanic – Royal Western Yacht Club
 Damien Grimont – Profil Grand Large
 Robin Knox-Johnston – Clipper Ventures
 Laura Le Goff – Vendée Globe
 Francis Legoff – Race Director - Transat Jaques Vabre
 Jane Leonard – Profil Grand Large
 Halvard Mabire -Class 40 President

1. Opening of the Meeting

Corinne Migraine welcomed attendees to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

(a) Minutes

The minutes were noted of the Major Oceanic Event Organisers meeting of 16 December 2020.

(b) Minutes Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

3. Updates from Classes

(a) Class 40

Vanessa Boulaire gave an update :

i) Evolution of class rules

The Class are preparing an Extraordinary General Assembly for the end of March-beginning of April to change the class rules on some points.

ii) Update on fleet

Vanessa Boulaire reported 192 members in 2021. 33 boats in the RORC Fastnet Race 2021, 45 in the Transat Jacques Vabre 2021.

iii) Calendar of class events

The change of date of the Fastnet 2023 from August to 22 July (not compatible with Les Sables-Horta, a Class40 race that exists every odd year in July since 2007).

(b) Ocean 65

i) Update on fleet

Phil Lawrence summarised that there are eight Ocean 65s and they are now all in private ownership with prospective teams for the Ocean Race. Seven of the boats competed in the Ocean Race Europe 2021.

(c) IMOCA 60

i) General

Antoine Mermod reported a very positive situation regarding teams and skippers with 42 teams and a record of 35 planning to compete in La Route du Rhum 2022.

ii) Update on fleet

14 boats in build.

iii) Calendar of class events 2022

2022 Guyader Bermudes 1000 Race, the Vendée Arctic, Defi Azimut and then in the autumn La Route du Rhum.

2023: Ocean Race (crewed). Rolex Fastnet Race, Defi Azimut followed by Transat Jacques Vabre

2024: Transat CIC, New York-Vendée, Defi Azimut followed by the Vendée Globe.

(d) 'Ultim'-Maxi Multihulls

- i) Calendar of class events

Joseph Bizard of OC Sport reported that a solo round the world race is planned for November-December 2023.

4. Update on Past and Future Concordat Races

- (a) La Route du Rhum 2022 Destination Guadeloupe 2022

Joseph Bizard reported that the race starting 6 November had a limit of 121 entries in six classes: Monohull: IMOCA, Class40, Rhum Monohull and Multihull: Ultim, Ocean Fifty, Rhum Multihull.

- (b) The Ocean Race 2023

Phil Lawrence reported that the Ocean Race will start on 15 January 2023. Classes are Ocean 65 and IMOCA 60. The race is scheduled to take 6 months stopping at 9 cities. The race will feature the longest ever leg from Cape Town(RSA) to Itajai(BRA).

- (c) The Transat CIC 2024

Joseph Bizard reported that planned classes are IMOCA 60, Class 40. They are in discussion with Collectif Ultim. Target start date is May 2024 from Brest.

- (d) Québec - St Malo 2024

Michel Fortier reported that the 2024 event will start on 7 July and will mark 40 years since the first event.

- (e) Vendée Globe 2024-25

Yannick Bersot reported that the rules for the Vendée Globe 2024-25 have been published. The race is planned to start 10 November 2024. There will be a maximum of 40 entries, with the entry list opening on 14 February. There is a detailed qualification system which includes the Vendée Artique as a qualifier.

5. Update on Past and Future non-Concordat Oceanic Races

- (a) Transat Jacques Vabre 2021

The 15th edition of the Transat Jacques Vabre started from Le Havre on 7 November 2021 finishing in Martinique. Classes were IMOCA(22 entries), Class 40 (45 entries), Ocean Fifty (7 entries), Ultim (5 entries). The classes sailed different length courses with the first boat to finish an Ocean Fifty trimaran.

- (b) Clipper Round the World Race 2019-20-Restart Subic Bay(PHI) March 2022

Robin Knox Johnston reported: That the 2019-2020 race was paused due to Covid restrictions and is planned to restart March 2022 heading for Seattle and on to finish in London. This will complete the 12th Clipper Race which has introduced more than 5,000 people to our sport.

- (c) Vendée-Artique-Les Sables d'Olonne 2022 – IMOCA

Around 20-25 IMOCAs are expected for the start on 12 June. Race Director is Francis Le Goff. The course is 3500 miles from Les Sables d'Olonne around Iceland and expected to take 12 days.

- (d) OSTAR / TWOSTAR 2022 (2020 and 2021 Postponed)

It was noted that the 2020 race had been postponed, and pushed back to May 2021 and then May 2022. Adrian Gray is the Royal Western Yacht Club's Rear Commodore Oceanic.

- (e) Ocean Race Europe – June 2021 IMOCA and Ocean Race 65
Phil Lawrence reported that the European event in June 2021 attracted 5 IMOCA 60 and 7 Ocean Race 65. Lorient-Cascais-Alicante-Genoa.
- (f) Normandy Channel Race Class 40
The 2022 race will start 15 May from Caen with 31 Class 40s expected.
- (g) Globe 40 Round the World (40ft)
Manfred Ramspacher confirmed the Globe 40 Round the World will start on 26 June 2022 from Tangier, Morocco. The race will consist of 8 legs with Christophe Gaumont as Race Director.
- (h) Golden Globe 2022-23 (Solo Approved long-keel boats 32-36ft)
Don MacIntyre is the event organiser setting off from Les Sables d'Olonne.
Concern was expressed regarding the high attrition rate in the race held in 2018-19. Phil Lawrence felt that a stronger position should be taken regarding this race.
Christoph Gaumont explained the background regarding concern over the previous edition of the Golden Globe: there are no FFV Race Officials, it is not considered by the FFV as a Race.
Matt Allen felt that the Golden Globe raises significant issues as a sport and in particular that Search and Rescue assets are efficiently used.
- (i) New-York – Vendée – June 2024 - IMOCA
Solo qualifier, Race Director Jacques Caraes starting 15 June 2024.
- (j) Global Ocean Race 2023-24 Fully-Crewed Classic 'Whitbread' 47-80ft
Don MacIntyre is the event organiser planning to start from Les Sables d'Olonne..
- (k) The Race Around 2023 (Double-handed Class 40)
Sam Holiday reported that the general premise of the event is a multistage around the world race for Class 40. The course will be published by 31 May 2022. Jacques Caraes is appointed Race Director Planning to start from France, then Cape Town, New Zealand, Rio, back to Europe. Category Zero race.
Six entries have paid their deposit, hope to see 25-35 boats. The start will be 10 September 2023. Questions raised regarding some new scow-bow Class 40s and their ability to comply with Offshore Special Regulations Category 0 regarding self-righting ability.
[Note: Subsequent to the meeting, in September, the organiser has decided to abandon the planned race.]
- (l) Royal Ocean Racing Club – Trans-Atlantic Race
Chris Stone RORC Racing Manager reported that the RORC Trans-Atlantic Race which started from Lanzarote on 8 January 2022 attracted 30 entries. Caribbean 600 February 2022 has over 70 entries. Fastnet 2021 attracted 453 entries with 500 anticipated for 2023.

6. Rolling 4 Year Events Program

- (a) The 4 year rolling events program for the coming years was reviewed. (See Appendix 1).

7. Updates from World Sailing

- (a) Oceanic and Offshore Committee

The minutes of the Oceanic and Offshore Committee October 2021 were noted.

- (b) Offshore Special Regulations

- i) Minor changes to Offshore Special Regulations for 2022 were summarised.
- ii) Question received regarding: OSR 3.04.3 – Category 0 –“Capable of self-righting from an inverted position with or without reasonable intervention from the crew and independent of the condition of the rig” – What is considered ‘reasonable intervention’.

- iii) Question received relating to: OSR 3.11 – “Sheet winches mounted in such a way that an operator is not required to be substantially below deck.”

Antoine Mermod felt the issue was similar to aeroplanes in the 1920s, as planes flew faster it was recognised that it was better for the pilot to be inside the plane.

- (c) Olympics 2024- Offshore – Mixed Doubles

Matt Allen and Corinne Migraine wished to thank everyone for their support in trying to achieve an offshore event in the Olympic Sailing Competition in 2024.

8. Next Meeting

To be held December 2022, FFVoile, Paris.

9. Any Other Business

Competitor Entry Fees

Alain Gautier was concerned at the ever-increasing entry fees which sometime increase by 100% from one event to the next.

There was no further business and the meeting concluded at 1050.

Appendix 1 – Summary of Concordat and Other Events Calendar 2020-24 (8 February 2022)

Concordat Events	Classes		2022	2023	2024	2025
Route du Rhum	Ultim, IMOCA 60, OceanFifty, Class 40, Rhum Monohull + Multihull		6 Nov			
The Ocean Race	Ocean 65 IMOCA 60			15 Jan		
The Transat CIC	Monohull IMOCA 60 Class 40				May	
Québec St Malo	Monohull IMOCA 60 Class 40 39'-70'	Multihull Ocean Fifty Open 40'-70'			7 July	
Vendée Globe	IMOCA 60				10 Nov	Feb

Other Oceanic Events	Classes		2022	2023	2024	2025
Clipper	Clipper 70		March Subic Bay			
Bermudes 1000	IMOCA 60		8 May			
Normandy Channel Race	Class 40		13 May			
RWYC OSTAR + TWOSTAR	Monohull + Multihull 27' – 60'		15 May			
RWYC Round Britain	Monohull + Multihull 27' – 70'		29 May			
Vendée Arctique	IMOCA 60		12 June			
Globe 40	Class 40 – 2 crew		26 June			
RORC Round Britain			7 Aug			
The Arch			?			
Golden Globe	Approved Monohull 32' – 36'		4 Sept			
RORC Transatlantic	Monohull	Multihull		7 Jan		
Transat Jacques Vabre	Monohull IMOCA 60 Class 40	Multihull Ultim invited Multi 50		Oct		
Ultim Round the World	Multihull Ultim 80'-105'			Nov		
Global Ocean Race	Classic 'Whitbread' 47-80ft			10 September		
The Race Around	Class 40 – 2 crew			September		
New York - Vendée	IMOCA 60				15 June	