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# NEW YORK VENDÉE

**Les Sables d'Olonne**



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(8PM IN FRANCE)**



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## VENDÉE DEPARTMENT

**The New York Vendée - Les Sables d'Olonne, the final race before «L'Everest des Mers», is an exceptional transatlantic race.**

Before the start on 29 May 2024, it will be preceded by an exhibition race, the Vendée Liberty show, on 24 May in Manhattan Bay in front of the famous statue, where the IMOCA boats will challenge each other in the face of the skyscrapers. And the finish will be just as legendary in the harbour channel of Les Sables d'Olonne, with its very special popular fervour, so much appreciated by the skippers.

From a sporting point of view, this single-handed, non-stop, non-assisted transatlantic race will be decisive, as for every mile sailed, 1.5 miles will count towards qualification for the Vendée Globe. It will also be an opportunity for the sailors and their teams to test their IMOCA boats one last time in the race and to validate their technical choices before the big start on 10 November.

This 3,200 mile course is the conclusion of a long period of preparation for the Vendée Globe for the sailors, but also for us, the organisers for the first time of this second edition of the New York Vendée - Les Sables d'Olonne.

The general public will also be able to start dreaming with a village combining New York and Vendée culture. I look forward to seeing you on 9 June to cheer on our heroes at the trophy ceremony.

Alain LEBOEUF,  
*President of the New York Vendée -  
Les Sables d'Olonne, the Vendée Globe  
and the Vendée Department*



# SODEBO

## **New York. The city that never sleeps, symbol of freedom.**

This symbolic, multicultural city, which is always buzzing, is a magnificent setting for the start of this last transatlantic race before the Vendée Globe 2024.

Demanding and spectacular, the New York-Vendée race is full of promise. The 30 competitors and their teams will need courage and determination to cover the 3200 miles separating them from Les Sables d'Olonne. We're looking forward to it and wish each of the competitors all the best.

As a partner of the Vendée Globe for more than 20 years, it was important for Sodebo to be present at this decisive stage. Indeed, supporting the development of such an event means putting ourselves at the service of an exceptional collective project, which has no equivalent. It also means enabling the skippers and their teams to carry out an extraordinary project, and allowing the public to dream along with them. Last but not least, it means taking part in a popular, unifying and family-friendly celebration.

And at Sodebo, that's everything we love!

Patricia BROCHARD,  
Co-President of Sodebo



# EDITO



EDITO

## LES SABLES D'OLONNE

**The New York Vendée - Les Sables d'Olonne 2024 is the last chance to get a ticket for the legendary 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the Vendée Globe.**

June 2024 promises to be a historic month. A few days after the stopover of the Olympic Flame, the people of Sables d'Olonne and the Vendée will once again come together with great energy to welcome the skippers along the channel and to celebrate in the Vendée Globe Square.

The IMOCA boats, the teams, the skippers... are in the starting-blocks. And so are we!

**Yannick MOREAU,**  
*Mayor of Les Sables d'Olonne and  
President of Les Sables d'Olonne Agglomération*



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# **PARTNERS & SUPPLIERS**



**TITLE  
PARTNER**

## **VENDÉE** LE DÉPARTEMENT

**With 250 kilometres of coastline, a wide open window onto the Atlantic Ocean and 13 ports, each with its own identity, the Vendée has many faces, not least its own distinct maritime face.**

Since the beginning, the Vendée Globe has been the race of an entire département. Around the Vendée Departmental Council, the town of Les Sables d'Olonne, the SODEBO company and the Pays de la Loire Region, some thirty major Vendée companies have come together to make the Vendée the organiser of the world's greatest sailing races. The gamble paid off, as the Vendée Globe is not only a major sporting event, but is also followed in France and abroad by many enthusiasts who go far beyond those who love sailing.

2022 and now 2024 see the arrival of new complementary races, the 1<sup>st</sup> qualifier for the Vendée Globe 2024, the Vendée Arctique les Sables d'Olonne, in June 2022, and the last, the New York Vendée Les Sables d'Olonne, in June 2024. These events confirm the Vendée's reputation as a host to the world's greatest sailing races. The region comes alive around these international competitions, especially for youngsters, with the Vendée Globe Junior programme, which offers games, news and educational sheets for schoolchildren, young people and families. Each of these races is educational in nature: they introduce people to the oceans, continents, natural environments and species, and raise awareness of the need to preserve them.

[vendee.fr](http://vendee.fr)





**Ocean racing is part of Sodebo's history and these are high points for the company. Twenty years ago, we entered the legendary Vendée Globe race as a shipowner alongside Thomas Coville. Then in 2004, we went on to become an official sponsor of the race.**

Each edition is unique and illustrates the incredible evolution of the world of ocean racing, which has never stopped progressing. You only have to look at the evolution of the boats to understand that we have moved into a new era with each edition, but there is room for everyone. What is common are the stories of these men and women who commit themselves to an adventure that will inevitably change them. Loyalty is an essential value in our company. We are attached to the idea of thinking long-term, giving people a chance and building gradually. How could we not want to continue this incredible adventure which highlights exceptional and inspiring men and women? It is no coincidence that the Vendée Globe is one of the three most popular sporting events in France. It is obviously an asset for developing our reputation but also a great image for the Vendée Département. We are proud to enrich this partnership by also associating ourselves with the qualifying races that are the Vendée Arctique and the New York Vendée.

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**MAJOR PARTNER**



**PREMIUM  
PARTNER**



This is Les Sables d'Olonne. The home of the Vendée Globe. The home port of the single-handed round-the-world race. Its mythical channel is the scene of the ultimate dreams of great sailors. This is the birthplace of adventure, the legend of the Vendée Globe.

From Titouan Lamazou to Yannick Bestaven, via Michel Desjoyaux, many have sailed along our docks and met the admiring eyes of thousands of enthusiasts. From the Golden Globe Race to the Mini Transat and the Vendée Globe, the great adventure of ocean racing is written in Les Sables d'Olonne.

Here, adventure is born and nature blossoms.

From the white gold of the salt marshes, to the golden sands of

our wild beaches, along the winding paths of our forests, the Sables region offers breathtaking scenery. Take a breath... and let yourself be enchanted. Then let yourself be carried away. With the sails of a catamaran or the paddles of a va'a. The Sablais is an Optimist. And the women of Les Sables d'Olonne are both festive and storytellers. The lace of her headdress tells of the town's maritime identity and the richness of its past. A history engraved in our heritage. This is Les Sables d'Olonne. One of the most beautiful bays in the world. A setting for adventure, nature and culture. The eternal beauty of a town by the sea.

[lessablesdolonne.fr](http://lessablesdolonne.fr)



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GRAND OUEST**

**The sea is a force that we develop every day.  
Our common thread: a passion for the ocean, a love of the Grand Ouest,  
and a desire to make our region ever more dynamic and attractive.**

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Ever since our regional leader fell in love with the sailor Francis Joyon in 1989, Banque Populaire Grand Ouest has continued to develop and strengthen its love and support for the worlds of the sea and sailing. Like our national commitment - shipowner, sponsor of the Fédération Française de Voile, partner of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and the French Olympic sailing team - we support the region's nautical players: race partnerships, co-financing of sailing equipment for schools and clubs, and conservation of Éric Tabarly's Pen Duick.

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«It's the sea that unites us» makes Crédit Maritime Grand Ouest a team player for lovers of the sea. These are the people who work, live and evolve in a predominantly maritime environment, whether they are professionals, private individuals or players in blue growth. As a key player in maritime dynamics, Crédit Maritime Grand Ouest plays a major role both in the traditional economy and in innovative sectors such as the decarbonisation of transport, marine renewable energies and marine biotech.

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# DIVER

DIVER (NET AZURE)



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Today, in the Swiss towns of Le Locle and La Chaux-de-Fonds, Ulysse Nardin remains devoted to its quest for watchmaking perfection in four collections: Freak, Blast, Diver and Marine.

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Zodiac, one of the world's most famous boat builders, is proud and committed to its role as Official Partner of the New York Vendée - Les Sables d'Olonne, an iconic race which celebrates the spirit of competition and the love of sailing. Zodiac is delighted to accompany the skippers of the New York Vendée - Les Sables d'Olonne and to provide a fleet of support boats to ensure safety throughout the event. Its values of high standards, performance and reliability reflect those of this iconic race in every way.

As an Official Partner, Zodiac is fully committed to supporting the sailors with robust, quality products, with a view to enabling competitors and those accompanying them to

push back their limits in complete confidence.

Zodiac's commitment goes beyond simply supplying equipment... Its passion for adventure at sea has always been one of the sources of inspiration for developing appropriate products. The brand has been actively involved in the world of sailing for many years, and is making its comeback in the Vendée Globe and the New York Vendée - Les Sables d'Olonne. For Zodiac, this collaboration is a great opportunity to share rare and special moments with the organising teams and the participants.

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make it possible to truly immerse yourself in the skin of a skipper. You can expect a unique fusion of passion, strategy and adrenalin – the skipper is YOU!

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borders, as the «New York – Vendée» race.

Participating in this event is a rare opportunity. Our partnership expresses our desire to make internationally known our delicious brioches: symbols of our commitment to authenticity and sharing.

[brioche-fonteneau.com](https://brioche-fonteneau.com)

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**YACHT CLUB  
DE FRANCE**

**The Yacht Club de France:** enthusiasts who share a common approach to the sea.

Combining tradition and modernity, initiative and innovation, this approach bears the traditional values of the sailor: competence, responsibility, respect, solidarity, humility, good manners, including in races and regattas. Sailing and manoeuvring are part of Joseph Conrad's Bel art. This was the approach of Virginie

Hériot, Jean-Baptiste Charcot and Eric Tabarly who were, with others, eminent members. It is still the approach that the **Yacht Club de France** and its allied clubs strive to promote to all those who practice pleasure sailing in its broadest sense: under sail as well as under motor, on board traditional boats as well as the marvels of technology that fly over the water today.

[ycfrance.fr](https://ycfrance.fr)

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Thanks to its 147 years of development, Helly Hansen is always there to protect professionals. Being the official partner of this new transatlantic race from New York to Vendée is the best possible preparation for the Vendée Globe.

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This year, boats from the Antares and Swift Trawler ranges will be welcoming the press and the photo and video production teams to enable them to bring the excitement of the finishes of the New York Vendée - Les Sables d'Olonne to the general public.

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# WHAT IS THE **NEW YORK VENDEE?**

# NEW YORK VENDÉE

VENDÉE LIBERTY SHOW,  
AN EXHIBITION RACE  
IN FRONT OF  
THE STATUE OF LIBERTY!

24  
MAY  
2024

**N**ew York Vendée - Les Sables d'Olonne, the final confrontation before the Vendée Globe. With just a few months to go before the Vendée Globe, 31 round-the-world contenders will be competing against each other for the very last time, in a single-handed transatlantic race, without assistance non-stop transatlantic race. After an exhibition race at the foot of the Statue of Liberty, the «Vendée Liberty Show», which promises breathtaking images, the sailors involved will leave New York on 29 May to head for Les Sables d'Olonne d'Olonne, in the Vendée. The first New York Vendée raced in 2016 was won by Jérémie Beyou. This 2nd edition, the first organised by the Vendée Globe teams, is shaping up to be a major event, attracting a huge sporting enthusiasm.

As well as being the last qualifying race for the Vendée Globe, it is also the last race in which the skippers log miles. And this one counts more than all the others: for every mile sailed, the sailors clock up 1.5! At the end of this race, the line-up for the Vendée Globe 2024 will be known. 31 skippers are taking part in this final rehearsal for the Vendée Globe. We are very proud to present this non-stop, non-assisted, single-handed transatlantic race: the New York Vendée - Les Sables d'Olonne, now organised by the Vendée Globe teams. The first edition took place in 2016. In 2020, due to the pandemic, its second edition, then organised by the IMOCA Class, was transformed into a race

to the Arctic Circle, the Vendée Arctique - Les Sables d'Olonne. Today, we are organising these two events, which are perfectly complementary to the most demanding race of all: the Vendée Globe. This transatlantic race from New York allows us to strengthen the international aspect of our events. It also represents an opportunity for the Vendée region to raise its international profile by enabling our businesses to forge links with the New York economic fabric. Alain Leboeuf, President of the Vendée Globe, the New York Vendée - Les Sables d'Olonne and the Vendée Department.



# NEW YORK

New York, the city that never sleeps, will welcome the IMOCA fleet in two marinas: One 15 Brooklyn Marina and Moonbeam Marina. Some of the IMOCA boats will be in Newport.



Newport



One 15 Brooklyn Marina



Moonbeam Marina

Base Vendée Liberty Show

## FROM MAY 24 TO 29 PROGRAMME IN NEW YORK

- **23 May:** all boats in the marinas from 12 noon (local time) - BtoB Day
- **24 May:** Vendée Liberty Show, exhibition race in New York Bay New York Bay, in front of the Statue of Liberty
- **29 May:** departure of the fleet from New York, start of the 80 miles off the coast

# 2024



# LES SABLES D'OLONNE

The first arrivals in Les Sables d'Olonne are scheduled for around 7 June 2024. The race village, located on the Vendée Globe esplanade, will blend New York and Vendée cultures. It will be open from 7 to 9 June. This transatlantic race will be an opportunity for the public to come and cheer on the Vendée Globe sailors along the legendary channel and at the trophy presentation ceremony at the end of the day on Sunday 9 June 2024.

**FROM JUNE 7 TO 9**

## PROGRAMME IN LES SABLES D'OLONNE

- 7 June: estimated date of arrival of the winner
- 9 June: public trophy ceremony

**2024**



les Sables  
d'Olonne...

OLYMPIC  
TORCH  
RELAY IN  
LES SABLES  
D'OLONNE  
ON 4 JUNE



RELAIS DE  
LA FLAMME  
OLYMPIQUE

PARIS 2024





# KEY FIGURES

START  
**29**  
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**2<sup>nd</sup>**  
EDITION

**29**  
applicants

**5**  
women

**1**  
skipper  
handisport

**14**  
international

**11**  
nationalities

**9<sup>D</sup>**  
**16<sup>H</sup>**  
**57<sup>'</sup>**  
**52<sup>''</sup>**



*This is the reference time set by Jérémie Beyou in the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the race*

**23**  
YEARS

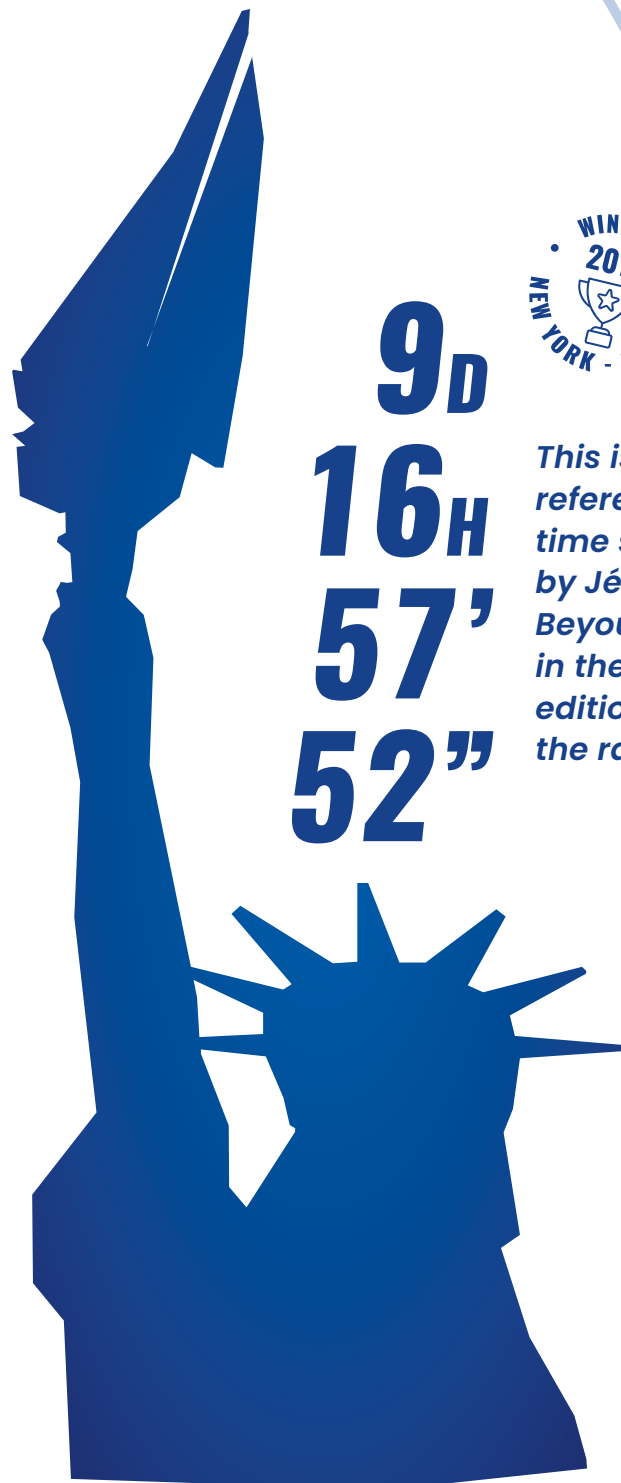
It's the age of Violette Dorange, the youngest skipper

**3200**  
miles  
to go

1.5 miles logged for every 1 mile covered in the selection process for the Vendée Globe

**18m**

is the size of the IMOCA boats, the boats in the New York Vendée (18,288 m to be exact, or 60 feet)



# EDITION

## 2016

In 2016, for the first edition of the New York Vendée, 14 skippers lined up at the start. The foilers were in their early days: they were not yet fully reliable. But when they arrived in Les Sables d'Olonne, they were the only ones on the podium, a sign that a revolution was underway. Since then, foils have evolved a great deal, they've grown enormously and the skippers have mastered how they work.

### RANKING - EDITION 2016

1	Jérémy Beyou (Maître Coq)	9D 16H, 57'
2	Sébastien Josse (Edmond de Rothschild)	9D, 19H, 26'
3	Alex Thomson (Hugo Boss)	9D, 21H, 3'
4	Paul Meilhat (SMA)	10D, 12H, 19'
5	Vincent Riou (PRB)	11D, 10H, 58'
6	Tanguy de Lamotte (Initiatives-Cœur)	11D, 15H, 38'
7	Kojiro Shiraishi (Spirit of Yukoh)	12D, 1 H, 21'
8	Fabrice Amedeo (Newrest - Matmut)	12D, 6H, 20'
9	Morgan Lagravière (Safran II)	13D, 5H, 59'
10	Jean-Pierre Dick (StMichel-Virbac)	13D, 6H, 21'
11	Yann Eliès (Quéguiner - Leucémie espoir)	13D, 6H, 56'
12	Conrad Colman (100% Natural Energy)	14D, 6H, 55'
13	Armel Le Cléac'h (Banque Populaire VIII)	Abandon
14	Pieter Heerema (No Way Back)	Abandon

### RECORD TO BEAT

JÉRÉMY  
BEYOU

Maître Coq

9D  
16H  
57'  
52"



IN THE LIGHT OF  
TECHNOLOGICAL  
DEVELOPMENT OF BOATS  
IN RECENT YEARS,  
THE REFERENCE TIME  
OF THE RACE,  
SET BY JÉRÉMIE BEYOU  
SHOULD BE SMASHED!

Hubert LEMONNIER,  
race director

# NEW YORK THE COURSE VENDEE

Les Sables d'Olonne



AEI > Area Exclusion Ice

BPZ > Biodiversity Protection Zones

0 100 200 300 400 500 miles

Création : designe.fr

# COMBINING AMERICAN AND VENDÉE ART



**JEAN-MARC  
ARTHOT**

**Jean-Marc Arthot is an author and photographer from Vendée**

In 2015, when he learnt that a race between New York and the Vendée was being created for the Vendée Globe boats, he imagined a series of black and white photographic tableaux to illustrate the rapprochement between these two cities, which on the face of it were asymmetrical. After exhibiting at the French Consulate in New York and in a number of venues in the Vendée, this project quickly became the project of a lifetime! He produced over 200 paintings and sold many of them to companies and individuals. For this second edition of the New York Vendée, his work is being honoured in New York and in Les Sables d'Olonne, the race's finishing town. In addition to these landscape paintings, which will be exhibited in various formats, he will also be showing 50 portraits of expatriate men and women from both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. Atlantic Ocean: people from Vendée in the United States and Americans settled in the Vendée. These works will be unveiled in 2024. The artist is also working to create links through educational projects for young audiences.



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**JULIEN  
VRIGNAUD**

**A sculptor-designer based near La Roche sur Yon in Vendée, Julien Vrignaud is a self-taught wrought-iron worker.**

Sculptor-designer based near La Roche-sur-Yon in Vendée Julien Vrignaud is a self-taught wrought-iron worker. In 2018, something happened to him: in addition to his work as a interior designer, he felt the need to use his welding techniques to create works of art. Contacted to create works for the Vendée Arctique - Les Sables d'Olonne in 2022, the first qualifying race for the Vendée Globe 2024, Julien Vrignaud set himself the challenge of creating an original trophy for the New York Vendée race. To achieve this, the Vendée-based artist has created an emblematic work symbolising the union between New York and the Vendée. His creation embodies the the passion and competitive spirit this exceptional race, celebrating the exploits of the sailors the Atlantic Ocean to reach the the Vendée coast.



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# LES ARTS FLORISSANTS : NEW YORK – VENDÉE, A BAROQUE CONNECTION

**The Vendée-New York axis is a key feature of the activities of the Fondation Les Arts Florissants - William Christie. In fact, it is part of its DNA. To understand this, we need to go back to the origins of the project, and above all to its founder: American conductor William Christie.**

## **An American in the Vendée**

Born in Buffalo, New York, William Christie moved to France in 1970, at the age of twenty-six. But it was in 1979 that his destiny changed when he decided to create his own musical ensemble – Les Arts Florissants was born. Before long, this formation had established itself as one of the most renowned Baroque music ensembles in France and the rest of the world, restoring to its rightful place an entire heritage that had fallen into oblivion: that of Western music,

particularly French, from the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. In parallel with this international expansion, the Vendée region also plays an essential role in the Les Arts Florissants project. It is in the village of Thiré, in the Vendée, that William Christie has been carrying out a heartfelt project for almost 40 years: the creation of an extraordinary garden designed from scratch, now recognized as a «remarkable garden» and listed in the supplementary inventory of historic monuments. Becoming the headquarters of the Fondation Les Arts Florissants – William Christie in 2018, this site is now a must-see venue for music lovers and garden enthusiasts, hosting most notably since 2012 the Festival Dans les Jardins de William Christie in co-production with the Département de la Vendée, the Festival de Printemps – Les Art Florissants as well as numerous public events throughout the year. An international artistic campus, the Quartier des Artistes, has also been set up in Thiré, offering artists from all over the world residencies and masterclasses in the heart of the village.



## **Passing on the Baroque spirit, from Vendée to New York**

Les Arts Florissants' ties with its founder's homeland have never been severed – on the contrary, they have only grown stronger. Indeed, William Christie and his Ensemble have played a decisive role in the rediscovery of this repertoire among American audiences, not least thanks to their privileged links with a major musical institution: the Juilliard School in New York. Launched in 2007, this partnership led to the creation of the early music department at this prestigious conservatory in 2009, enabling a whole new generation of American performers to be trained in the interpretation of Baroque music. Since 2012, singers, musicians and dancers from the Juilliard School have also been invited to the Vendée region every summer for the Festival Dans les Jardins de William Christie, where they join Les Arts Florissants artists in concert or opera productions. Some may be welcomed into a working residency at the Quartier des Artistes, and even become regular collaborators with the Ensemble. New York – Vendée: a long-lasting, meaningful bond Exchanges between New York and the Foundation's headquarters in Vendée have become an integral



part of Les Arts Florissants' identity, structuring each of its artistic seasons. Regular concerts in New York's greatest halls – Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, Morgan Library and the Brooklyn Academy of Music – annual masterclasses at the Juilliard School, mobility programs for Juilliard students in the Vendée, partnership with the French Heritage Society for the mobility of American landscape architects in Thiré... from one side of the Atlantic to the other, Baroque culture spreads through travel and sharing!

**Juilliard School students will play at Governors Island during the exhibition race**

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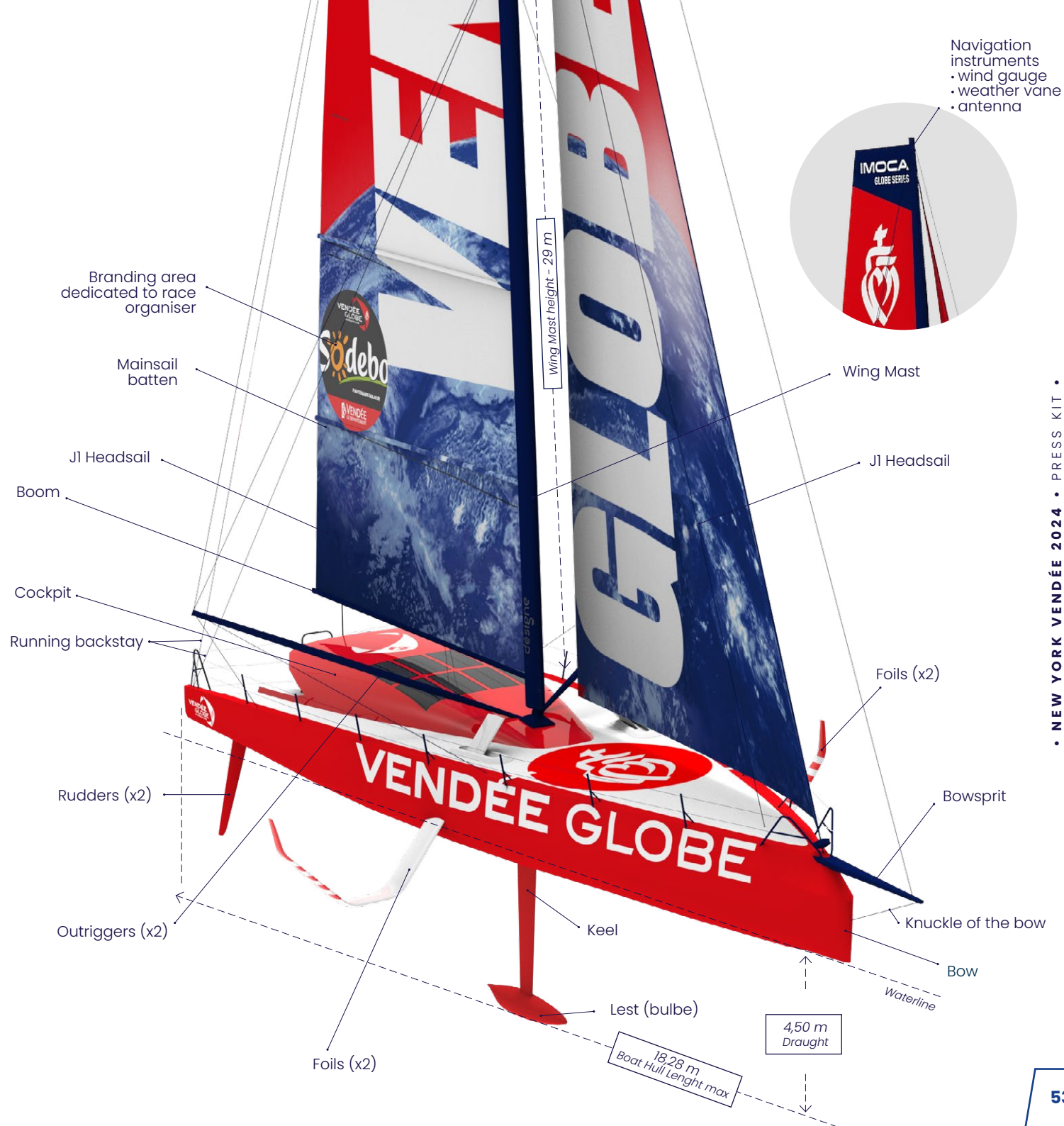


**WHICH  
BOAT  
IS COMPETING IN THE  
NEW YORK VENDÉE?**



# THE BOAT

**THE BOATS OF THE VENDEE GLOBE ALL MEASURE 18,28 M LONG (60 FEET) FOR A 4,50 DRAUGHT.** With a large sail area, they are the most powerful monohulls of the planet led by a solo skipper. They can nearly reach 40 knots downwind at top speed. The gauge of these race animals is defined by the IMOCA class (International Monohull Open Class Association), founded in 1991 and supported by World Sailing, the International Sailing Federation. The gauge requires that the mast, sails, keel ram, but also (and this is a new feature) the boom, J2 forestay and runners be common to all boats. The rest is up to the architects. In addition, the volume of the foils - these appendices which allow the hull to lift in upwind conditions - is limited by the rule (limited to 8m<sup>3</sup>). The foils save a lot of drag (water friction) and allows better performance.





## IMOCA

### **T**he fastest ocean racing monohulls in the world

The IMOCA class (60-foot length = 18.28m) has been competing in the Vendée Globe since its creation in 1989. In 1991, Christophe Auguin, Isabelle Autissier, Alain Gautier and Jean-Luc Van Den Heede created the IMOCA Class (International Monohull Open Class Association), which has been recognised by World Sailing since 1998.

These boats are the stars of the Vendée Globe and the IMOCA Globe Series, their annual championship. On a daily basis, the members of the IMOCA combine the notions of competition and human adventure. They also define the rules, guaranteeing sporting fairness and safety, while stimulating innovation around these ocean-going monohulls, which are now the fastest in the world.

### **30 YEARS OF TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION**

The IMOCA monohulls really came into being in 1986, during the second edition of the BOC Challenge, when five of the monohulls had in common the reasonable size of 18.28 metres (60 feet). By this time, the most recent boats were already displaying the characteristics of boats designed for

# THE IMOCA CLASS

downwind sailing in the Deep South. The IMOCAs are designed to be both as light as possible to gain speed and strong enough to withstand the worst conditions that open sea sailing can throw at them. Today, thanks to foils, the most recent boats can reach top speeds of over 40 knots... twice the speed of the first IMOCAs. In 2023, in the North Atlantic, Boris Herrmann and his crew set a new record for the distance covered in 24 hours by a monohull, with 641.13 miles sailed at an average speed of 26.71 knots.

### **THE INTERNATIONAL OCEAN RACING CHAMPIONSHIP**

In 2018, the Class inaugurates the IMOCA Globe Series, a Championship including the most prestigious solo, double-handed and crewed events, including the two famous round-the-world races, the Vendée Globe (solo) and The Ocean Race (mixed crew). With four to six races a year, the IMOCA Globe Series rewards skippers for their regular participation and performance. Charlie Dalin is one of the leading names on the circuit, having won the IMOCA Championship for two consecutive seasons, in 2021 and 2022. The wealth of the sporting calendar also enables the teams to structure themselves and innovate

on an ongoing basis, while offering their partners a comprehensive activation package. At the start of the last Vendée Globe, more than 130 companies and local organisations supported the fleet of 33 skippers.

### **TOWARDS EVER MORE SUSTAINABLE PERFORMANCE**

IMOCA sailors have a privileged position from which they can observe, from the front line, the constantly changing state of the Ocean. In 2021, the IMOCA Class will be the first offshore racing Class to vote for technical rules in favour of transition, with the aim of reducing its impact and making it more positive, while retaining the thrill of competition.

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# WHAT ARE THE **CHALLENGES** FOR THE VENDÉE GLOBE ?

**FROM EDITION TO EDITION, THE SUCCESS OF THE VENDÉE GLOBE IS GROWING.** In 2020, 33 competitors took the start of this unique round the world race. There have never been so many! In response to the growing enthusiasm of the sailors, the number of participants has been increased to 40 skippers for the 10th edition in 2024. To face the success of the event, the organization has defined conditions in order to participate. If the number of candidates meeting these requirements exceeds the quota, a selection system has been established. The New York Vendée – Les Sables d’Olonne race has a very important place in this selection system.

# EXPLANATION OF RULES

## 1. QUALIFICATION, A GUARANTEE OF SAFETY

To take part in the Vendée Globe, the skipper and his/her boat must first qualify. This qualification concerns all the skippers who will be taking part in the 2024 Vendée Globe. The aim is multiple: to certify the skipper's skills, the regularity and reliability of his/her project. This qualification guarantees that the boats are sufficiently tested to sail around the world. It was designed to optimize the safety of the sailors.

### THE CONDITIONS TO QUALIFY ARE:

Each IMOCA/skipper pairing must be at the start of at least two qualifying races (one in 2022 or 2023 and one in 2024). The skipper must finish at least one of them and his or her race time must not be more than one and a half times faster than the winner's time. The qualifying races, contested single-handed, are :



*\*Derogation: In case of major damage encountered on the Transat Jacques Vabre 2023 making it impossible to participate in the return race of the Transat Jacques Vabre 2023, the organization will be able to grant a derogation and accept that the start of the Transat Jacques Vabre 2023 will count as a qualifying race, even though it will be raced in double-handed.*

## 2. AN OBJECTIVE SELECTION, BASED ON THE NUMBER OF MILES SAILED

If the qualified skippers are more than 40, a selection may be made between them. It consists of counting the number of nautical miles sailed by the skippers single-handed, double-handed and crewed since the Transat Jacques Vabre 2021.

All the races in the Globe Series championship since the Transat Jacques Vabre 2021\* count towards this selection by miles. For the selection, unlike the qualification, the miles are only counted by the skipper, even if he is sailing on a boat that is not the one on which he will be competing in the Vendée Globe. If a skipper abandons a race, the miles he or she sailed before abandoning are counted. If two skippers have the same number of miles sailed, they will be separated by their ranking in the IMOCA Globe Series Championship after the New York Vendée race.



The last race before the Vendée Globe, **the New York Vendée**, organised by the SAEM Vendée, **will be an exception as it will be sailed single-handed, but for every mile sailed, 1.5 miles will be counted.**

*\*With the exception of Guyader Bermudes 1000 Race 2023.*

## EXCEPTIONS

### > No selection process for 13 new IMOCAs :

The term «new IMOCAs» refers to IMOCAs built to compete in the 2024 Vendée Globe. The first 13 pairs - new IMOCA/skipper - to start a qualifying race will be automatically selected.

> **The wild card** : The organisation has the right to invite a skipper who meets the qualifying conditions.



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FORTINET – BEST WESTERN



1<sup>ST</sup>  
PARTICIPATION

 LORIENT

 FRANCE

 1977-06-26

**Born in the Hautes-Alpes, a mountainous region, into a family of high-level skiers, Romain's career path was mapped out in advance.**

However, from the age of 15, Romain knew that his destiny was elsewhere: he wanted to race the oceans. He managed to set up a project in a mini 6.50 in 1999, but a storm picked him up in the Bay of Biscay and the tragedy was narrowly avoided. As he never stops after a failure, he redoubles his efforts and joins the Pôle Finistère training centre in Port-La-Forêt and then the IMOCA circuit. In 2024, for his 3rd Vendée Globe, Romain aims for a top 10 finish.

## DID YOU KNOW?



**Favourite film:**  
Forrest Gump

**Francis Cabrel is the godfather of his IMOCA!**

**Romain has lived in Pakistan, El Salvador, Nigeria, Indonesia, the Oise region and finally Brittany.**



## ACHIEVEMENTS

**2023**

**Retour à la Base** 10<sup>th</sup>  
**Transat Jacques Vabre** 17<sup>th</sup>  
**Rolex Fastnet Race** 10<sup>th</sup>

**2022**

**Route du Rhum** 10<sup>th</sup>  
**Défi Azimut** 8<sup>th</sup>  
**Vendée Arctique** 17<sup>th</sup>

**2021**

**Défi Azimut** 9<sup>th</sup>  
**Rolex Fastnet Race** 6<sup>th</sup>

**2020**

**Vendée Globe** 14<sup>th</sup> (90d 02h 46m 02s)

**2020**

**Défi Azimut** 19<sup>th</sup>

**2019**

**Transat Jacques Vabre** 15<sup>th</sup>  
**Défi Azimut** 19<sup>th</sup>

**2018**

**Route du Rhum** 13<sup>th</sup>  
**Dhream-Cup** 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Transat AG2R** 1<sup>st</sup>

**2017**

**Transat Jacques Vabre** 13<sup>th</sup>  
with Aurélien Ducroz

**2016**

**Vendée Globe** 15<sup>th</sup>

**2015**

**Transat Jacques Vabre** 9<sup>th</sup>  
with Louis Burton

**2014**

**Transat AG2R** 4<sup>th</sup>  
with Sam Davies

**2004**

**Transat AG2R** 3<sup>rd</sup>  
with Nicolas Béranger

**1999**

**Mini-Transat 6.50**  
Abandon

# ROMAIN ATTANASIO

## PROJECT

**FORTINET**

**BW** | Best Western.  
Hotels & Resorts

The DNA of Romain's project is based on a group of companies of all sizes ranging from title partners - Fortinet and Best Western France - to the partner club and Sixth Ocean.

### Fortinet

World leader in cybersecurity, Fortinet ensures the security of administrations, companies and

service providers among the most important in the world.

### Best Western® Hotels & Resorts

An international group of independent 3, 4 and 5 star hotels, Best Western® Hotels & Resorts has 4,700 hotels around the world, including nearly 300 in France.

## COMMITMENT

**In 2023, Romain is committed to PLAY International, an NGO specialising in education through sport for young people in vulnerable situations.** Romain has not always been a good student, but his ability to never give up and to make his dreams come true has led him to make a living from his passion. Through this NGO, he questions young people about their passions and tries to break down barriers.



## BOAT

**Former names:** Gitana 16 - Edmond de Rothschild, Malizia II - Yacht Club de Monaco  
**Architect:** VPLP/ Verdier  
**Construction:** 2015, Chantier Multiplast à Vannes  
**Launch date:** 06/08/2015  
**Lenght:** 18,28 m

**Beam:** 5,70 m  
**Draught:** 4,50 m  
**Weight:** 9 t  
**Mast height:** 29 mètres  
**Upwind sail area:** 290 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Downwind sail area:** 490 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Foils:** Yes

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# ÉRIC BELLION

STAND AS ONE

1<sup>ST</sup>  
PARTICIPATION

 **PORT-LA-FORÊT**

 **FRANCE**

 **1976-03-15**

**Sailor, writer, film-maker and TV commentator, Eric Bellion has been promoting the richness of difference for over 20 years.** After a circumnavigation of the globe with a disabled person in 2010 and the creation of a diversified crew in 2012, he set off on the Vendée Globe in 2016, finishing as the first rookie and the second most mentioned boat in the media. For the Vendée Globe 2024, he is offering an innovative concept: a collective, shared adventure with a new, sober and efficient boat, the first IMOCA designed by the architect David Raison.

## DID YOU KNOW?



In 2019, Éric Bellion released a film about his 2016 Vendée Globe.

**Name of his film:**  
Comme un seul homme



## ACHIEVEMENTS

**2023**

**Transat Jacques Vabre**  
Abandon

**2022**

**Route du Rhum** 23<sup>rd</sup>  
**Défi Azimut** 16<sup>th</sup>  
**Vendée Arctique** 14<sup>th</sup>  
**Guyader Bermudes 1000 Race** 7<sup>th</sup>

**2018**

**Route du Rhum (Rhum Mono)**  
Out-of-time

**2016**

**Vendée Globe**  
9<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> rookie

**2015**

**Transat Jacques Vabre** 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Rolex Fastnet Race** 7<sup>th</sup>

**2013**

**Rolex Fastnet Race (IRCZ)** 8<sup>th</sup>  
**Record SNSM** 1<sup>st</sup>

**2011**

**Record des épices**  
(Port-Louis Lorient -  
Port Louis Ile Maurice)

# ÉRIC BELLION

## STAND AS ONE

### STAND AS ONE

STAND AS ONE is the result of a collaboration between Éric Bellion and his partners, who share a common desire to convey strong values through the powerful impact of offshore racing. Thanks to the support of their four major partners - Altavia, a company specialising in retail communications; Workday, a

cloud application for human resources and finance; SAIPOL, a French agri-food company specialising in oilseeds; and BFM BUSINESS, a national business TV channel - as well as the partners' club made up of Raise, Leaseplan and Bermudes, STAND AS ONE is ready to set sail on the Everest of the Seas.






## COMMITMENT

« **Doing different things with different people is how you find happiness** »: that's what Éric has been trying to prove for over twenty years. He has shown that difference is richness. Today, thanks to all these lessons, Éric is convinced that we can turn fear into a friend. His battle is unity against fear.



### BOAT

**Architect:** David Raison  
**Construction:** 2022, Persico Marine  
**Launch date:** 17/06/2023  
**Length:** 18,28 m  
**Draught:** 4,5 m  
**Mast height:** 29 m  
**Foils:** No

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# YANNICK BESTAVEN

MAÎTRE COQ V

1<sup>ST</sup>  
PARTICIPATION



 LA ROCHELLE

 FRANCE

 1972-12-28

**Yannick Bestaven has an engineering background. He is the co-designer of the hydrogenerator that equips the racing boats. He quickly got to grips with the world of sailing in the Arcachon basin with his friends Arnaud Boissières and Jean-Marie Dauris.** From the Mini, which he won in 2001, to the major races on the Class40 and then IMOCA circuit, Yannick has dedicated his life to his dreams, and has won a number of major races, including the 2020 Vendée Globe. With a latest-generation IMOCA and his partners, first and foremost Maître CoQ, Yannick is a candidate to succeed him in 2024, hoping this time to share with as many people as possible, in Les Sables d'Olonne, this fantastic maritime and human adventure that is the Vendée Globe.

## DID YOU KNOW?



**Yannick is a rugby fan.**  
He supports Stade Rochelais!



## ACHIEVEMENTS

2023

**Transat Jacques Vabre**  
Abandon  
**Rolex Fastnet Race** 8<sup>th</sup>

2023

**Rolex Fastnet Race** 8<sup>th</sup>

2022

**Route du Rhum** 19<sup>th</sup>

2021

**Transat Jacques Vabre** 9<sup>th</sup>

2020



**Winner of the Vendée Globe**  
80d 03h 44m 46s

2019

**Transat Jacques Vabre** 11<sup>th</sup>  
**Défi Azimut** 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Rolex Fastnet Race** 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Bermudes 1000 Race** 2<sup>nd</sup>

2018

**Route du Rhum**  
Abandon

2017

**Transat Jacques Vabre** 5<sup>th</sup>

2015

**Transat Jacques Vabre** Winner  
(Class40)

**Les Sables - Horta - Les Sables**  
Winner (Class40)

**Normandy Channel Race** 2<sup>nd</sup>  
(Class40)

2014

**Route du Rhum** 7<sup>th</sup>  
(Class40)

2013

**Transat Jacques Vabre** 4<sup>th</sup> (Class40)

2011

**Transat Jacques Vabre** Winner  
(Class40)

2010

**Transat AG2R** 11<sup>th</sup>  
(Figaro)

2008

**Vendée Globe**  
Abandon

2008

**Transat Québec - Saint-Malo** 2<sup>nd</sup>

2001

**Mini Transat 6.50**  
Winner

# YANNICK BESTAVEN



## PROJECT



### Maître CoQ

Maître CoQ is France's No. 2 poultry brand, and since 1969 has been offering consumers a wide range of poultry products with quality labels (French origin, Farmhouse Label Rouge and Organic, animal welfare, Bleu

Blanc Coeur certified), both raw and ready-prepared. The company has 8 production sites in France (7 in Vendée and 1 in Auvergne). It employs 2,600 people and had sales of €701 million in 2022.



## BOAT

**Architect:** Guillaume Verdier  
**Construction:** 2022, CDK Technologies  
**Launch date:** 29/08/2022  
**Length:** 18,28 m  
**Draught:** 4,50 m  
**Mast height:** 29 m  
**Foils:** Yes

## COMMITMENT

### People and Nature.

Yannick has chosen to support 2 associations: LA HALTE DU CŒUR, which provides food aid to the underprivileged, and ECHO-MER, which works to protect the seas and coastal environment. *«I participate occasionally in some of their actions, but I'm happy to be able to give them visibility on the boat and at the start of the races. Thank you to all the volunteers who help out on a daily basis.»*



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# JÉRÉMIE BEYOU



**CHARAL**



**2<sup>ND</sup> PARTICIPATION**

**LORIENT**

**FRANCE**

**1976-06-26**

**For more than 20 years, Jérémie Beyou has built up one of the most impressive track records in offshore racing.**

He is a skilled and passionate sailor who shines by his tenacity and perseverance in raising the bar a little higher. One of the favourites for the 2020 Vendée Globe, he was forced to return to Les Sables d'Olonne for repairs and then set off again 9 days, 2 hours and 50 minutes after the official start. He finished 13th. Today, he is at the helm of Charal 2, a new IMOCA that led him to the third step of the podium in the Route du Rhum 2022. More motivated than ever for 2024, he is eager to take his revenge on the last edition.

## DID YOU KNOW?



**Favourite TV series:**  
Peaky Blinders

Apart from water sports, tennis and cycling, which he does regularly, **Jérémie likes to spend his free time gardening.**

**Jérémie's Vendée Globe dream was born when Vincent Riou won the 2004-2005 edition.**

**Favourite band:**  
Radiohead

**Favourite film:** Kill Bill



## ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2023**  
Retour à la Base 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Transat Jacques Vabre 4<sup>th</sup>
- 2022**  
Route du Rhum 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Défi Azimut 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Vendée Arctique 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Guyader Bermudes 1000 Race 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 2021**  
Transat Jacques Vabre 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Rolex Fastnet Race 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 2020**  
Vendée Globe 13<sup>th</sup> (89d 18h 55m 58s)
- 2020**  
Défi Azimut Winner  
Vendée-Arctique-Les Sables d'Olonne Winner
- 2019**  
Transat Jacques Vabre 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Défi Azimut Winner  
Rolex Fastnet Race Winner
- 2018**  
Route du Rhum Abandon  
Défi Azimut Abandon  
Volvo Ocean Race Winner with Dongfeng Race Team
- 2016**  
Vendée Globe 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Transat NY - Vendée Winner
- 2015**  
Solitaire du Figaro 4<sup>th</sup>  
Tour de France à la Voile 10<sup>th</sup>  
Transat Jacques Vabre Abandon
- 2014**  
Route du Rhum 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Solitaire du Figaro Winner
- 2013**  
Rolex Fastnet Race 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Solitaire du Figaro 5<sup>th</sup>  
Transat Jacques Vabre 3<sup>rd</sup> with Christopher Pratt
- 2012-2001**  
2012  
Vendée Globe Abandon  
2011  
Transat Jacques Vabre Winner with Jean-Pierre Dick  
2009  
Transat Jacques Vabre 4<sup>th</sup> with Michel Desjayeaux  
2008  
Vendée Globe Abandon  
2005  
La Solitaire du Figaro Winner  
2004  
La Solitaire du Figaro 4<sup>th</sup>  
Transat Ag2r 6<sup>th</sup> with Kito De Pavant (Figaro)  
2003  
Transat Jacques Vabre 4<sup>th</sup> with Vincent Riou  
2001  
La Solitaire du Figaro 4<sup>th</sup>

# JÉREMIE BEYOU

## PROJECT



### Charal

Charal, the leading meat brand in France, was born in 1986 out of a desire to simplify consumption and preserve the quality of fresh meat thanks to a groundbreaking technological innovation in the world of meat with the Hebdopack® preservation

process. Since then, Charal has continued to innovate in order to bring ever greater safety, quality and pleasure to the consumer and has become the leading brand of butchery products sold in the fresh and frozen sections in France.



## BOAT

**Architect:** Sam Manuard  
**Construction:** 2022, CDK Technologies, Lorient  
**Launch date:** 11/07/2022  
**Length:** 18,28 m  
**Beam:** 5m

**Draught:** 4,5 m  
**Weight:** 8 t  
**Mast height:** 29 m  
**Upwind sail area:** 260 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Downwind sail area:** 420 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Foils:** Yes



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# LOUIS BURTON

**BUREAU VALLÉE**



**1<sup>ST</sup> PARTICIPATION**

 **SAINT-MALO**

 **FRANCE**

 **1985-06-04**

**Born near Paris, this adopted Malouin loves speed, on water as well as on shore. Collaboration, courage and self-sacrifice are at the heart of his values.** On the water, Louis likes the tough options and never gives up. Beyond the competition, he uses his project to raise awareness of the fragility of the marine environment among new generations. Accompanied for the past 13 years by his loyal partner Bureau Vallée and his co-sponsors, Louis achieved a very fine 3rd place in the last Vendée Globe. His goal for 2024? To do even better!

## DID YOU KNOW?



Her children's cat is called Hello Kity!



## ACHIEVEMENTS

**2023**

**Retour à la Base** 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Transat Jacques Vabre** 16<sup>th</sup>  
**Rolex Fastnet Race** 9<sup>th</sup>

**2017**

**Transat Jacques Vabre** 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Rolex Fastnet Race** 6<sup>th</sup>

**2022**

**Route du Rhum** Abandon  
**Vendée Arctique** 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Guyader Bermudes 1000 Race** 3<sup>rd</sup>

**2016**

**Vendée Globe** 7<sup>th</sup>

**2015**

**Transat Jacques Vabre** 9<sup>th</sup>

**2014**

**Route Du Rhum** 5<sup>th</sup>

**2021**

**Transat Jacques Vabre** Abandon  
**Défi Azimut** 4<sup>th</sup>  
**The Ocean Race Europe** 5<sup>th</sup>

**2013**

**Transat Jacques Vabre** 5<sup>th</sup>

**2012**

**Vendée Globe** Abandon

**2020**

**Vendée Globe** 3<sup>rd</sup> (80d 10h 25m 12s)

**2011**

**Transat B to B** 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Transat Jacques Vabre** 7<sup>th</sup>

**2019**

**Transat Jacques Vabre** 10<sup>th</sup>  
**Défi Azimut** 10<sup>th</sup>  
**Rolex Fastnet Race** 4<sup>th</sup>

**2010**

**Route du Rhum** 20<sup>th</sup>

**2018**

**Monaco Globe series** 8<sup>th</sup>  
**Bermudes 1000 race** Abandon

# LOUIS BURTON

## PROJECT



### Bureau Vallée

Bureau Vallée is a concept that combines proximity, innovation and digital technology to offer, through its 400 shops, a complete range of stationery, supplies, office equipment, furniture, high-tech and services. The Bureau Vallée brand is proud to offer professional and private

customers optimal value for money. The franchise network is developing in France and internationally with more than 25 openings per year, while deploying a retail and digital strategy in a multi-channel logic. Bureau Vallée has been a partner of Louis for over 13 years.

## COMMITMENT

**For the past 10 years, Louis Burton has been visiting schools and students all over France.** His aim is not only to share his passion for the ocean and ocean racing, but also to raise awareness among the younger generation of the fragility of the marine environment and the need to protect its ecosystem. From these long-standing relationships with numerous schools, the «I'm discovering the world of the oceans with Louis Burton» educational kit was created. The tool, designed in collaboration with teachers 5 years ago, offers free and fun resources for all elementary classes. It allows pupils to study the world of the sea by linking it to the entire school curriculum.



## BOAT



**Architect:** Sam Manuard  
**Construction:** 2019, Black Pepper Yachts  
**Launch date:** 31/01/2020  
**Length:** 18,28 m  
**Beam:** 5,5 m

**Draught:** 4,50 m  
**Weight:** 7,8 t  
**Mast height:** 28 m  
**Upwind sail area:** 270 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Downwind sail area:** 535 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Foils:** Yes

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# CONRAD COLMAN



MS AMLIN

2<sup>ND</sup>  
PARTICIPATION

 LORIENT

 USA / NEW ZEALAND

 1983-12-02

**Conrad Colman was born in Auckland to an American father and a New Zealand mother, and spent his first year on a sailing boat in the Pacific.** After studying in Colorado and setting up a business manufacturing titanium bicycles, he decided to follow his dream of offshore sailing and moved to Europe. He made his debut in the 2009 Mini-Transat, then went on to compete in the Class40 Route du Rhum and a double-handed round-the-world race, which he won. He then moved up to the IMOCA class and competed in the 2016 Vendée Globe, which he finished after dismasting off Portugal. He became the 1st sailor to complete the race with 0 emissions. A challenge he is keen to take up again in 2024.

## DID YOU KNOW?



**Favourite band:**  
Fat Freddy's Drop

Conrad **grew up in New Zealand until he was 15, when he moved to the United States.**

**His favourite dessert:** Tiramisu



## ACHIEVEMENTS

2023

**Retour à la Base** 14<sup>th</sup>  
**Transat Jacques Vabre** 24<sup>th</sup>

2022

**Route du Rhum** 18<sup>th</sup>  
**Défi Azimut** 18<sup>th</sup>  
**Vendée Arctique** 18<sup>th</sup>  
**Guyader Bermudes**  
**1000 Race**  
10<sup>th</sup>

2016

**Vendée Globe**  
16<sup>th</sup>  
**New York Vendée**  
**- Les Sables d'Olonne**  
12<sup>th</sup>

2015

**Barcelona World Race**  
7<sup>th</sup>

2013

**Atlantic Cup**  
2<sup>nd</sup> en Class40

2012

**Global Ocean Race**  
Winner in Class40

2010

**Route Du Rhum**  
28<sup>th</sup> in Class40

2006

**Mini Transat**  
24<sup>th</sup>

# CONRAD COLMAN

## PROJECT



### MS Amlin

MS Amlin is a leading global (re)insurer, part of the global top-10 insurance group MS&AD, with three main legal entities' operating in the Lloyd's, UK, Continental European and Bermudian markets. With a 300-year record and c.1,800 people in more than 20 locations worldwide, they deliver a quality service for businesses facing the most complex and demanding risks. The role places them at the forefront of the Property & Casualty, Marine and Reinsurance markets.







### Conrad Colman

Conrad is looking for a co-namer for his Vendée Globe 2024 project.

## BOAT

**Former names:** Groupe BEL, IMAGINE, For Humble Heroes, Le Souffle du Nord, Kilcullen Team Irlande, V and B - Mayenne  
**Architect:** VPLP - Verdier  
**Construction:** 2007, Indiana Yachting, Italie  
**Launch date:** 05/09/2007

**Lenght:** 18,28 m  
**Beam:** 5,5 m  
**Draught:** 4,5 m  
**Weight:** 8 t  
**Mast height:** 29 m  
**Upwind sail area:** 365 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Downwind sail area:** 700 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Foils:** No

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# MANUEL COUSIN

COUP DE POUCE

2<sup>ND</sup>  
PARTICIPATION

📍 LES SABLES D'OLONNE

🇫🇷 FRANCE

🎂 1967-07-10



**Naturally welcoming, Manuel Cousin has, at first glance, the profile of a passionate sailor.**

But that would be a reductive view of this 55 year old sailor from Normandy, based in Les Sables d'Olonne, his boat's home port. For him, the competition is at all levels of the ranking. With a strong technical background, Manuel, who comes from the Class40, has been lining up in all the races on the IMOCA calendar since 2017. Finisher, 23rd in the 2020 Vendée Globe, he crossed the line in 103 days with a broken keel ram! His boat has since benefited from major improvements: mast, boom, ballast tanks, rudders and daggerboards have been completely transformed. Determination and performance will be his two driving forces in the next Vendée Globe.

## DID YOU KNOW?



**Favourite film:**  
Dead Poets Society

Manu always takes a cuddly octopus on board his IMOCA, named **Madeleine Sourire** by his daughter. **It's his lucky charm!**

**His guilty pleasure:**  
chocolate profiteroles



## ACHIEVEMENTS

2023

**Retour à la Base** 25<sup>th</sup>  
**Transat Jacques Vabre** 25<sup>th</sup>  
**Rolex Fastnet** 23<sup>rd</sup>

2022

**Route du Rhum** 32<sup>th</sup>  
**Défi Azimut** 22<sup>th</sup>  
**Vendée Arctique** Abandon  
**Guyader Bermudes 1000 Race** 18<sup>th</sup>

2021

**Transat Jacques Vabre** 18<sup>th</sup>  
**Défi Azimut** Abandon

2020

**Vendée Globe**  
23<sup>rd</sup> (103d 18h 15m 40s)  
**Vendée-Arctique-  
Les Sables d'Olonne** 15<sup>th</sup>

2019

**Transat Jacques Vabre** 22<sup>th</sup>  
**Défi Azimut** 18<sup>th</sup>  
**Rolex Fastnet Race** 11<sup>th</sup>  
**Bermudes 1000 Race** 12<sup>th</sup>

2018

**Route du Rhum** 14<sup>th</sup>  
**Monaco Globe Series** 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Bermudes 1000 Race** 4<sup>th</sup>

2017

**Transat Jacques Vabre** 11<sup>th</sup>  
**Rolex Fastnet Race** 14<sup>th</sup> IMOCA

2016

**Quebec Saint-Malo**  
14<sup>th</sup> Class40

2015

**Transat Jacques Vabre**  
7<sup>th</sup> Class40

# MANUEL COUSIN

## PROJECT

Association  
**Coup de Pouce**  
PARTENAIRE DE LA RÉUSSITE À L'ÉCOLE

### Coup de Pouce

Coup de Pouce is the leading national association for preventing children from dropping out of school in the first years of nursery and primary education.

## COMMITMENT

Since 2018, Manuel Cousin has been the national patron of the **COUP DE POUCE** Association, an association that promotes equal opportunities for all at school and prevents early school leaving. The association works alongside schools and in support of parents to encourage every child to develop a taste for learning.



## BOAT



**Former names:** Paprec-Virbac 2, W Hotels, ESTRELLA DAMM, WE ARE WATER, Le Boat des Métiers by Aerocampus, La Mie Câline, La Mie Câlène – Artipôle  
**Architect:** Farr Yacht Design  
**Construction:** 2007, Southern Ocean Marine, New Zealand  
**Launch date:** 03/02/2007

**Length:** 18,28 m  
**Beam:** 5,80 m  
**Draught:** 4,5 m  
**Weight:** 8,4 t  
**Mast height:** 27,80m  
**Upwind sail area:** 300m<sup>2</sup>  
**Downwind sail area:** 560 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Foils:** No

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- Manuel Cousin

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# CLARISSE CRÉMER

L'OCCITANE EN PROVENCE



1<sup>ST</sup>  
PARTICIPATION

 LORIENT

 FRANCE

 1989-12-30

**Clarisse Crémer grew up near Paris and discovered sailing on family holidays, then in student regattas during her studies at HEC.** Meeting sailor Tanguy Le Turquais encouraged her to try offshore racing. At the age of 25, she took part in the Mini-Transat. Her sporting performance (2<sup>nd</sup>) and her ability to share her adventures impressed everyone. She continued in the Figaro class and then entered the IMOCA circuit in 2018. In 2020, she competed in her first solo round-the-world race: after 87 days at sea, she became the fastest woman in the history of the Vendée Globe. As soon as she arrived, Clarisse had just one goal: to be back in this legendary race.

## DID YOU KNOW?



Her dog is called **Girouette!**



## ACHIEVEMENTS

2023

**Retour à la Base** 12<sup>th</sup>  
**Transat Jacques Vabre** 9<sup>th</sup>  
**Rolex Fastnet Race** 6<sup>th</sup>  
**L'Occitane en Provence** 9<sup>th</sup>

2021

**The Ocean Race Europe**  
3<sup>rd</sup> (LinkedOut)

2020

**Vendée Globe**  
12<sup>th</sup> (87d 02h 24m 25s)  
**Défi Azimut** 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Vendée Arctique**  
-Les Sables d'Olonne 12<sup>th</sup>

2019

**Transat Jacques Vabre** 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Défi Azimut** 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Rolex Fastnet Race** 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Solitaire du Figaro** 29<sup>th</sup>  
**Solo Maître Coq** 29<sup>th</sup>

2018

**Transat AG2R (Figaro)**  
14<sup>th</sup> with Tanguy Le Turquais

2017

**Championnat de France  
Espoir Course au Large (Mini)** 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Transat 6.50** 2<sup>nd</sup> en série  
**Mini fastnet** 1<sup>st</sup>

2016

**Championnat de  
France Espoir** 7<sup>th</sup>

# CLARISSE CRÉMER

## PROJECT

## L'OCCITANE EN PROVENCE

### L'Occitane





Since 1976, L'OCCITANE en Provence has been dedicated to sharing the wonders that nature has to offer, by designing and distributing beauty, skincare and well-being products throughout the world, which are produced in France. It knows that Nature needs balance for each seed to

blossom anew, and believes that a renewed sense of harmony between human beings and the environment can strengthen this balance. The company cultivates change. It works hand in hand with local teams who also believe that every gesture, no matter how small, can make all the difference.

## BOAT

**Former names:** Apivia  
**Architect:** Guillaume Verdier  
**Construction:** 2019, CDK Technologies, Lorient  
**Launch date:** 05/08/2019  
**Length:** 18,28 m  
**Beam:** 5,85 m

**Draught:** 4,5 m  
**Weight:** 8 t  
**Mast height:** 29 m  
**Upwind sail area:** 350 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Downwind sail area:** 560 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Foils:** Yes

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# CHARLIE DALIN

MACIF SANTÉ PRÉVOYANCE

2<sup>ND</sup>  
PARTICIPATION  
- APPLICANT 2024 -

 **CONCARNEAU**

 **FRANCE**

 **1984-05-10**

**With his unwavering determination and professionalism, success is one of Charlie Dalin's main drivers.** After 7 seasons racing in the Figaro and two «Champion de France Elite de Course au Large» titles (in 2014 and 2016), he has entered the IMOCA circuit in 2019 with the sponsor Apivia. A four-year partnership that he has honoured by taking first and second place in all the events, including the 2020-2021 Vendée Globe and the 2022 Route du Rhum. In 2023, he continues his programme with Macif, with the launch of a new boat in June. Charlie's objective is clear: to improve further and further with the 2024 Vendée Globe in his sights.

## DID YOU KNOW?



**His favourite artist:**  
Orelsan

Charlie **loves rugby and supports the Stade Rochelais.**

**His guilty pleasure at sea:**  
beef jerky



## ACHIEVEMENTS

**2023**  
Transat Jacques Vabre Abandon  
Rolex Fastnet Race 1<sup>st</sup>

**2022**  
Route du Rhum 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Défi Azimut 1<sup>st</sup>  
Vendée Arctique 1<sup>st</sup>  
Guyader Bermudes 1000 Race 1<sup>st</sup>

**2021**  
Transat Jacques Vabre 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Défi Azimut 1<sup>st</sup>  
Rolex Fastnet Race 1<sup>st</sup>

**2020**  
Vendée Globe 2<sup>nd</sup> (80d 06h 15m 47s)

**2020**  
Défi Azimut 8<sup>th</sup>  
Vendée-Arctique-Les Sables d'Olonne 2<sup>nd</sup>

**2019**  
Transat Jacques Vabre 1<sup>st</sup>

**2018**  
La Solitaire Urgo Le Figaro 3<sup>rd</sup>  
La Solo Maître Coq 6<sup>th</sup>

**2017**  
Douarnenez Fastnet Solo 1<sup>st</sup>  
La Solitaire Urgo Le Figaro 3<sup>rd</sup>

**2016**  
Douarnenez Horta Solo 1<sup>st</sup>

La Solitaire du Figaro 2<sup>e</sup>

**2015-2004**  
2015

Transat Jacques Vabre 3<sup>rd</sup>  
La Solitaire du Figaro 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Solo Basse Normandie 2<sup>nd</sup>  
2014

French offshore racing championship 1<sup>st</sup>

Le Havre All Mer Cup 3<sup>rd</sup>

Solitaire du Figaro 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Lorient - Horta Solo 2<sup>nd</sup>  
2013

Rolex Fastnet Race 1<sup>st</sup>  
in Figaro

Tour de France à la Voile 3<sup>rd</sup> in M34  
Record SNSM 1<sup>st</sup>

2012  
Transat AG2R 1<sup>st</sup>  
Med-Race 3<sup>rd</sup> on M34  
2011

Solo Basse Normandie 3<sup>rd</sup> (Figaro)

2010  
Record SNSM 1<sup>st</sup>  
2009

Mini Transat 2<sup>nd</sup>  
(Pogo2)  
2008

Rolex Sydney Hobart 2<sup>nd</sup>  
les Sables - Les Sables Açores - Les Sables 2<sup>nd</sup> (Pogo2)  
2004

2004  
Round The Island 1<sup>st</sup>  
(Farr52)  
Commodore's Cup 1<sup>st</sup> (Farr52)

# CHARLIE DALIN

## PROJECT



### MACIF

As a mutual insurance company, Macif is committed to its 5.8 million members and customers on a daily basis. It offers simple and useful protection services in property and casualty insurance, health and provident insurance and finance and savings. IMOCA MACIF Santé Prévoyance is dedicated to Macif's health and

life insurance activity, a strategic business for its development and growth in the global response it provides to its members. Macif has been active in the maritime sector for over 50 years. Macif was certified Top Employer 2024 and was re-elected France's favourite brand in the Insurance Companies category in 2024. La Macif, an Aéma Groupe brand.

## COMMITMENT

**Charlie Dalin is the ambassador of the Olygocyte Association**, which aims to defeat brain tumours.

Thanks to his support, the skipper wishes to bring more visibility to this association so that it can obtain more funding for research and to accompany the families affected by this cancer.



## BOAT



**Architect:** Guillaume Verdier  
**Construction:** CDK Technologie (with assistance à maîtrise d'ouvrage de MerConcept)  
**Launch date:** 24/06/2023

**Length:** 18,28 m  
**Draught:** 4,50 m  
**Mast height:** 29 m  
**Foils:** Yes

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# SAMANTHA DAVIES



## INITIATIVES-CŒUR

1<sup>ST</sup> PARTICIPATION

 **LORIENT**

 **UNITED KINGDOM**

 **1974-08-23**

**Born in England into a family of sailors, Sam Davies spent her childhood on the water.**

With a degree in engineering from Cambridge University, she began her racing career at the age of 24, with her first crewed round-the-world race. With 5 circumnavigations and numerous transatlantic crossings to her credit, she is one of the most experienced sailors on the circuit. She embodies determination, daring and passion. At the helm of her new IMOCA Initiatives-Cœur, built in 2022, Sam uses every race to raise funds for children with heart defects. Her dedication to this noble cause makes her a sailor with a big heart, combining sporting performance with solidarity.

### DID YOU KNOW?



**Favourite dessert:**  
English pudding

**Sam named his foils Orville and Willbur**, like the Wright brothers, pioneers of aviation. Orville is also the name of the albatross in the Bernard and Bianca cartoon.



### ACHIEVEMENTS

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| <b>2023</b><br>Retour à la Base 6 <sup>th</sup><br>Transat Jacques Vabre 5 <sup>th</sup><br>Rolex Fastnet Race 5 <sup>th</sup><br>Guyader Bermudes 1000 Race 5 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Bermudes 1000 Race</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |
| <b>2022</b><br>Route du Rhum 28 <sup>th</sup><br>Défi Azimut 7 <sup>th</sup>   | <b>2017</b><br>Transat Jacques Vabre 6 <sup>th</sup>                                       |
| <b>2021</b><br>Transat Jacques Vabre 5 <sup>th</sup><br>Défi Azimut 6 <sup>th</sup><br>Rolex Fastnet Race 5 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>2015</b><br>Transat Jacques Vabre 5 <sup>th</sup>                                       |
| <b>2020</b><br>Vendée Globe Out-of-race Défi Azimut 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>Vendée-Arctique 4 <sup>th</sup>   | <b>2014</b><br>Volvo Ocean Race (Team SCA)   |
| <b>2019</b><br>Transat Jacques Vabre 7 <sup>th</sup><br>Défi Azimut 7 <sup>th</sup><br>Rolex Fastnet Race 5 <sup>th</sup><br>Bermudes 1000 Race 4 <sup>th</sup>              | <b>2011</b><br>Vendée Globe Abandon (dismasting)<br>Transat Jacques Vabre 10 <sup>th</sup> |
| <b>2018</b><br>Route du Rhum Abandon<br>Drheam Cup 1 <sup>st</sup>   | <b>2010</b><br>Transat AG2R (Figaro) 4 <sup>th</sup>                                       |
| <b>2017</b><br>Transat B to B 7 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>2008</b><br>The Artemis Transat 5 <sup>th</sup><br>Vendée Globe 4 <sup>th</sup>         |
| <b>2006</b><br>Transat Jacques Vabre 10 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>2007</b><br>Transat Jacques Vabre 6 <sup>th</sup>                                       |
| <b>2002</b><br>Transat Jacques Vabre 6 <sup>th</sup>   |  |



# SAMANTHA DAVIES

## PROJECT

Each race is the occasion for a major awareness-raising campaign during which the boat's sponsors use their donations to fund operations on children suffering from serious heart malformations by donating €1 to Mécénat Chirurgie Cardiaque for each new follower of the project's Facebook and Instagram pages. With its « **Les Chocolats du Cœur** » brand, Initiatives offers sales of solidarity chocolates to associations, schools, companies, CSEs and individuals. These fine chocolates have been made near Orléans by the Alex Olivier chocolate factory since 1927. France's leading

manufacturer of aluminium joinery, the Vendée-based company **K-LINE** (LIEBOT Group) designs, manufactures and markets custom-made sliding windows and entrance doors for all types of architecture, both new build and renovation. **VINCI Energies** is speeding up the environmental transition by implementing two major changes: digital and energy. Its teams deploy customised technologies and multi-technical solutions, from design to construction, operation and maintenance, at the heart of their customers' energy choices, infrastructures and processes.

## COMMITMENT

**With Initiatives-Cœur, Sam Davies is sailing to support the humanitarian organisation Mécénat Chirurgie Cardiaque.**

This association enables children with heart malformations to be operated on in France when this is impossible in their own country due to a lack of technical or financial resources. They are accommodated by volunteer host families. To date, 363 children have been treated and saved since 2009. The aim is to reach 500 children saved by the end of the Vendée Globe 2024.



## BOAT

**Architect:** Sam Manuard  
**Construction:** 2022, Black Pepper Yachts  
**Launch date:** 30/07/2022  
**Length:** 18,28 m  
**Beam:** 5,3 m  
**Weight:** 8 t  
**Mast height:** 28 m  
**Foils:** Yes

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# VIOLETTE DORANGE



DEVENIR

1<sup>ST</sup>  
PARTICIPATION

 **PORT-LA-FORÊT**

 **FRANCE**

 **2001-04-17**

**A hard-working and dynamic sailor, Violette Dorange has been sailing since she was very young, and has completed all the stages in her bid to take part in the 2024 Vendée Globe:** the French dinghy sailing team, crossings of the English Channel and the Straits of Gibraltar in an Optimist, a solo Atlantic crossing in a Mini 6.50 and participation in three editions of the Solitaire du Figaro, the antechamber to the Vendée Globe, where she finished in 10th place in 2022. A result that confirms her desire to go even further and push back the horizon to set off around the world. That's why, at just 22 years old, Violette is launching her Vendée Globe project after acquiring Jean Le Cam's boat, now called DeVenir.

## DID YOU KNOW?



**Her favourite artist:**  
Billie Eilish

At 15, **Violette crossed the English Channel in an Optimist!**



## ACHIEVEMENTS

**2023**

**Retour à la Base** 23<sup>th</sup>  
**Transat Jacques Vabre** 21<sup>th</sup>  
**Défi Azimut** 13<sup>th</sup>

**2022**

**Sardinha Cup (Figaro)** 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Solitaire du Figaro** 10<sup>th</sup>

**2021**

**Solitaire du Figaro** 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Transat en Double Figaro** 9<sup>th</sup>

**2020**

**Solitaire du Figaro** 30<sup>th</sup>

**2019**

**Mini Transat** 16<sup>th</sup>

**2018**

**World Championship Youth Open 420**  
3<sup>rd</sup>

**2017**

**World Championship Youth Open 420**  
2<sup>nd</sup>

**French championship Open 420**  
1<sup>st</sup>

**2016**

**World Championship Youth Open 420**  
3<sup>rd</sup>

**French championship Open 420**  
1<sup>st</sup>

# VIOLETTE DORANGE



## PROJECT



### DeVenir

DeVenir is a sporting and social project involving a number of partners. These historic partners have been joined by France's leading youth recruiter: McDonald's restaurants. More than 130 McDonald's

establishments have joined DeVenir, with the aim of giving restaurant team members an incredible adventure, promoting the values of the project and solving problems of integration through original communication.

## COMMITMENT

**Over and above a sporting project, Violette wanted to add a social dimension to this adventure:** her Vendée Globe project, called DeVenir, supports the Apprentis d'Auteuil Foundation, which Violette is supporting by giving hope to young people looking to build their future. Today, a group of McDonald's restaurants, 130 in all, are supporting the DeVenir project, taking on board their team members and managers to work alongside Violette, and in this way, together with the Apprentis d'Auteuil Foundation, promoting the integration and training of young people in difficulty.



## BOAT

**Former names:** FONCIA, TC2, MOVISTAR, MAPFRE, Maître CoQ, Mare, Cheminées Poujoulat, Hubert, Finistère Mer Vent, Yes We Cam  
**Architect:** Farr Yacht Design  
**Construction:** CDK, Port-la-Forêt  
**Launch date:** 29/05/2007  
**Length:** 18,28 m

**Beam:** 5,90 m  
**Draught:** 4,5 m  
**Weight:** 8 t  
**Mast height:** 29 m  
**Upwind sail area:** 300 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Downwind sail area:** 620 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Foils:** No

- [Violette Dorange](#)
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- [Violette Dorange](#)

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# BENJAMIN DUTREUX

GUYOT ENVIRONNEMENT

– WATER FAMILY



1<sup>ST</sup>  
PARTICIPATION

 LES SABLES D'OLONNE

 FRANCE

 1990-04-05

In 2014, Benjamin joined Team Vendée Formation where he learned the basics of offshore racing tactics. He finished 1st rookie in the 2015 Solitaire du Figaro, before taking 5th place in 2018. Determined, he bought an old generation IMOCA and lined up six months later at the start of the Transat Jacques Vabre. Despite a tight budget, he became the revelation of the last edition of the Vendée Globe by finishing 9th. He took a new step forward by buying a 2016 foiler with a view to the 2024/25 Vendée Globe, in which he should take part aboard the IMOCA GUYOT environnement - Water Family.

## DID YOU KNOW?



**Favourite film:**  
Astérix & Obélix  
Mission Cleopatra

**Favourite chef:**  
Mory Sacko

**Favourite book:**  
Into the wild



## ACHIEVEMENTS

2023

Transat Jacques Vabre 10<sup>th</sup>  
The Ocean Race 5<sup>th</sup>

2022

Route du Rhum 8<sup>th</sup>  
Vendée Arctique 11<sup>th</sup>  
Guyader Bermudes 1000 Race 6<sup>th</sup>

2021

Transat Jacques Vabre 11<sup>th</sup>  
(Groupe Apicil)  
Défi Azimut 10<sup>th</sup> (Groupe Apicil)  
Rolex Fastnet Race 7<sup>th</sup> (Groupe Apicil)

2020

Vendée Globe  
9<sup>th</sup> (81d 19h 45m 20s)

2020

Défi Azimut 13<sup>th</sup>

2019

Transat Jacques Vabre 19<sup>th</sup>

2018

Solo Concarneau 6<sup>th</sup>  
Solo Maître Coq 4<sup>th</sup>

2017

Solitaire Urgo le Figaro 12<sup>th</sup>  
Solo Maître Coq 13<sup>th</sup>  
Solo Concarneau 17<sup>th</sup>

2016

Solitaire Bompard le Figaro 2017 14<sup>th</sup>  
Solo Maître Coq 14<sup>th</sup>  
Solo Concarneau 7<sup>th</sup>

2015

Solitaire Bompard le Figaro 29<sup>th</sup>  
Rookie Elite French Offshore Racing  
Championships 1<sup>st</sup>

# BENJAMIN DUTREUX



## PROJECT



### GUYOT Environnement

Major and independent player in the waste recovery industry. For 40 years, it has been collecting, sorting and recovering waste to give it a second life. The Group, which recycles raw materials and transforms non-recyclable waste into fuel,

will tomorrow produce the energy that will make it independent. The company intends to go even further in preserving the environment: tomorrow to reach 100% of recovered waste. Joining Benjamin and the Water Family just reinforces their commitment.

## COMMITMENT

### Water Family – Du Flocon à la Vague

Benjamin is committed to La Water Family – Du Flocon à la Vague. The Water story of Benjamin and the Water Family began in 2017. Two Tour Voile and one Vendée Globe later, the objective of his project remains the same: to win for water, to win on water. The mission is to educate people about the preservation of water, our health and all forms of life in a positive and empowering way.



## BOAT

**Former names:** Hugo Boss, 11TH HOUR RACING – ALAKA'I  
**Architect:** VPLP/Verdier  
**Construction:** 2015, Green Marine, Southampton  
**Launch date:** 01/09/2015  
**Length:** 18,28 m

**Beam:** 5,50 m  
**Draught:** 4,50 m  
**Weight:** 7,5 t  
**Mast height:** 29 m  
**Upwind sail area:** 340 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Downwind sail area:** 570 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Foils:** Yes

 Benjamin Dutreux

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# SAM GOODCHILD



**VULNERABLE**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PARTICIPATION**

 **LORIENT**

 **UNITED KINGDOM**

 **1989-11-19**

**A childhood spent on a boat, a meeting with Alex Thomson, sailing from one support to another where Sam Goodchild demonstrated his skills...**

This journey led the skipper to take the helm of his first IMOCA, named Vulnerable, to take part in his greatest dream: the Vendée Globe. «Vendée», a word that has resonated strongly in his adventurous mind since his earliest childhood and the stories told by his father. At the start of 2023, he joined the experienced TR Racing team - alongside Thomas Ruyant - an ideal setting for this major project. Sam is a man of challenges, and in 2024 he's preparing to take on his greatest challenge yet.

## DID YOU KNOW?



**The sailor who inspires him:**  
Loïc Peyron

Sam is originally from the UK but grew up in the Caribbean where he lived on the family boat. He now lives near Lorient.

**His favourite series:** Narcos



## ACHIEVEMENTS

**2023**

**Retour à la Base** 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Transat Jacques Vabre** 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Rolex Fastnet Race** 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Guyader Bermudes 1000 Race** 3<sup>rd</sup>

**2022**

**Route du Rhum Abandon** (Ocean Fifty)  
**Dhream Cup** 1<sup>st</sup> (Ocean Fifty)  
**1000 milles des Sables** 1<sup>st</sup> (Ocean Fifty)  
**Pro Sailing Tour** 2<sup>nd</sup> (Ocean Fifty)

**2021**

**Pro Sailing Tour** 1<sup>st</sup> (Ocean Fifty)  
**Transat Jacques Vabre** 3<sup>rd</sup> (Ocean Fifty)

**2020**

**Dhream Cup** 1<sup>st</sup> (Figaro)  
**Solo Maître CoQ** 2<sup>nd</sup> (Figaro)

**2019**

**Transat Jacques Vabre** 2<sup>nd</sup> (Class40)  
**Rolex Fastnet Race** 3<sup>rd</sup> (Ultim)

**2018**

**La 1000 milles des Sables** 2<sup>nd</sup> (Class40)  
**Route du Rhum** Abandon/dismasting (Class40)

**2015**

**Transat Jacques Vabre** 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Sevenstar Round Britain and Ireland Race** 2<sup>nd</sup> (VOR65)

**2014**

**Solitaire du Figaro** 22<sup>th</sup>

**2013**

**Solitaire du Figaro** 11<sup>th</sup>  
**RORC Caribbean 600** 1<sup>st</sup> (Class40)  
**Round Gotland Race** 2<sup>nd</sup>

**2012**

**Normandy Channel Race** 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Solitaire du Figaro** 24<sup>th</sup>  
**Transat AG2R** 12<sup>th</sup>  
**Solo Figaro Massif Marine** 8<sup>th</sup>

**2011**

**Tour de Bretagne** 19<sup>th</sup> (Figaro)  
**Solo Basse Normandie** 2<sup>nd</sup> (Figaro)  
**Solitaire du Figaro** 34<sup>th</sup>

**Leg 2 Global Ocean Race** 1<sup>st</sup> (Class40)

**Transat Jacques Vabre** Abandon (Class40)  
**La Transmanche** 3<sup>rd</sup> (Figaro)

**2010**

**Round Britain and Ireland Race** 16<sup>th</sup> (Figaro)

# SAM GOODCHILD

## PROJECT



### Advens

Advens is a leading French cybersecurity company. With its independence and more than 400 experts in France and Europe, it helps companies to prevent and neutralise cyber attacks. But that's not its only vocation: Advens wants

to have an impact on the world. It is building a committed business model that allows it to dedicate 50% of the Advens group's capital to the development and acceleration of initiatives that aim to have a large-scale impact on people and the planet.



## BOAT

**Former names:** LinkedOut  
**Architect:** Guillaume Verdier  
**Construction:** 2019, Persico Marine, Italie  
**Launch date:** 07/07/2019  
**Length:** 18,28 m  
**Beam:** 5,85 m

**Draught:** 4,50 m  
**Weight:** 8 t  
**Mast height:** 29 m  
**Upwind sail area:** 320m<sup>2</sup>  
**Downwind sail area:** 430m<sup>2</sup>  
**Foils:** Yes

## COMMITMENT

**VULNERABLE** is a campaign to change the way we look at the shared vulnerability of people and the planet. Its aim? To stop seeing vulnerability as a burden to be carried, but rather as limits to be accepted and a potential for creating value to be released. Its ambition: to give a real place to the most vulnerable among us in order to humanise society. Initiated by Alexandre Fayeulle, who placed it at the heart of Advens' purpose, it spread with Thomas Ruyant and Sam Goodchild who in turn embraced it... soon to be joined by players from all horizons...



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# JAMES HARAYDA

**GENTOO SAILING TEAM**

**1<sup>ST</sup>  
PARTICIPATION**

 **GOSPORT**

 **UNITED KINGDOM**

 **1997-12-19**

**Growing up in Singapore, James Harayda found it easy to fall in love with the sea.** He

spent his weekends exploring and racing around the tropical island in various dinghies and keelboats. Fast forward 12 years and James has competed in many of the worlds largest offshore races. In the process, he has become a two-time British Double Handed National Champion with teammate Dee Caffari, who finished 6th in the 2008 Vendée Globe. Now it's James' turn to attempt the Everest of the seas!

## DID YOU KNOW?



His boat was built for Alex Thomson's Vendée Globe 2008.



## ACHIEVEMENTS

**2023**

**Rolex Fastnet Race**  
24<sup>th</sup>

**2022**

**Route du Rhum**  
14<sup>th</sup>  
**Défi Azimut**  
19<sup>th</sup>

**2021**

**British national champion (double-handed)**

**2020**

**British national champion (double-handed)**

# JAMES HARAYDA

## PROJECT



### Gentoo Sailing Team

Gentoo Sailing Team is proudly supported for the Vendée Globe by Ashurst, Zhik, Base Camp Food, Kingfisher Yacht Ropes, and the Blue Marine Foundation and are exploring the right title partner to join the incredible adventure!



## BOAT

**Former names:** HUGO BOSS, ENERGA, La Compagnie du Lit – Boulogne Billancourt, Boulogne Billancourt, Time For Oceans  
**Architect:** Finot – Conq  
**Construction:** 2007, Neville HUTTON, Southampton

**Launch date:** 19/06/2007  
**Length:** 18,28 m  
**Beam:** 5,5 m  
**Draught:** 4,5 m  
**Upwind sail area:** 340 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Downwind sail area:** 550 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Foils:** Yes

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# PIP HARE

MEDALLIA



1<sup>ST</sup>  
PARTICIPATION

 POOLE

 UNITED KINGDOM

 1974-02-07

**Pip Hare started sailing competitively late in life by participating, in the Mini-Transat in 2011.**

In 2018, the British skipper chose to turn her dreams into reality by being the skipper of Superbigou, the IMOCA built in 2000. At the helm of the veteran of the fleet, the Briton could finally savor the happiness of being at the start line of the Vendée Globe on November 2020, the happy conclusion of two years of hard work. The skipper left Les Sables d'Olonne with several objectives: to finish, to tell the best story and to withstand all the trials of the race. This she did in abundance. Now, let's head for 2024!

## DID YOU KNOW?



**Sailors who inspire her:**  
Peter Blake  
and Isabelle Autissier

Although Pip took up competitive ocean racing late in life, **she started sailing even before her first birthday, with her grandfather.**



## ACHIEVEMENTS

2023

**Retour à la Base**  
11<sup>th</sup>

**Transat Jacques Vabre**  
12<sup>th</sup>

2022

**Route du Rhum**  
12<sup>th</sup>

**Vendée Arctique**  
13<sup>th</sup>

**Guyader Bermudes  
1000 Race** 17<sup>th</sup>

2020

**Vendée Globe**  
19<sup>th</sup> (95d 11h 37m 30s)

2019

**Transat Jacques Vabre**  
24<sup>th</sup>

**Rolex Fastnet Race**  
13<sup>th</sup>

# PIP HARE

## PROJECT

# Medallia

### Medallia

Medallia Experience Cloud is a software platform that helps improve the customer experience and increase employee engagement.

## BOAT

**Former names:** Banque Populaire VIII, Bureau Vallée II  
**Architect:** VPLP – Verdier  
**Construction:** 2015, CDK Technologies, Port-La-Forêt  
**Launch date:** 06/09/15  
**Length:** 18,28 m

**Beam:** 5,80 m  
**Tirant d'eau :** 4,5 m  
**Weight:** 6,5 t  
**Mast height:** 29 m  
**Upwind sail area:** 300 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Downwind sail area:** 600 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Foils:** Yes

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# OLIVER HEER



**OLIVER HEER**  
**OCEAN RACING**

**1<sup>ST</sup>**  
**PARTICIPATION**

 **PORT-LA-FORÊT**

 **SWITZERLAND**

 **1988-05-10**

**Oliver Heer is a passionate Swiss German offshore sailor who has competed since childhood.**

After the untimely death of his father in 2014, Ollie decided that a corporate career wasn't for him, and he needed to "follow his dreams". In 2018, he joined Alex Thomson on the IMOCA, HUGO BOSS, as Boat Captain. Together the pair sailed over 50,000 miles and in 2021, Alex and Ollie co-skippered the Rolex Fastnet Race, Ollie's debut into the IMOCA Globe Series. Competing in the Vendée Globe has been Ollie's ambition since he was small.

## DID YOU KNOW?



**His favourite film:**  
Top Gun

**The sailor who inspires him:**  
Alex Thomson



## ACHIEVEMENTS

**2023**

**Transat Jacques Vabre**

Abandon

**Rolex Fastnet Race**

19<sup>th</sup>

**2022**

**Route Du Rhum**

32<sup>th</sup>

**Défi Azimut**

21<sup>st</sup>

**2021**

**Rolex Fastnet Race**

10<sup>th</sup>

# OLIVER HEER

## PROJECT



### Burgerstein Vitamine

For over 50 years Burgerstein Vitamine has developed and offered a diverse, wide range of high-quality health products with vitamins, minerals, trace elements, phytochemicals and probiotics.

### Portier Yachts

A family-owned luxury yacht yard in Meilen, was founded in 1815 and now run by the 7th generation. They have an impressive reputation as the most versatile full-service shipyard in Switzerland.

### HQAM

Herens Quality Asset Management are a Switzerland-based asset manager providing customised investment solutions for institutional and private investors.

## BOAT

**Former names:** Gitana Eighty, 1876, W Hotels, Renault Z.E., Synerciel, GAES Centros Auditivos, Newrest-Matmut, Newrest-Brioche Pasquier, Family Mary-Etamine du Lys, Pure-Family Mary, Pure - Best Western  
**Architect:** Farr Yacht Design  
**Construction:** 2007, New Zealand

**Launch date:** 19/08/2008  
**Length:** 18,28 m  
**Beam:** 5,8 m  
**Draught:** 4,5 m  
**Upwind sail area:** 270 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Downwind sail area:** 560 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Foils:** No

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# BORIS HERRMANN

MALIZIA - SEAEXPLORER

1<sup>ST</sup>  
PARTICIPATION

 LORIENT

 GERMANY

 1981-05-28

**Boris Herrmann started his professional offshore sailing career in 2001 as the youngest participant in the Mini Transat race.** Since then, he has circumnavigated the world 6 times. The Southern Ocean holds few secrets for him, after a Barcelona World Race, an attempt in the Jules Verne Trophy, and a Class40 race around the world. In 2020, he became the first German to ever compete in the Vendée Globe, finishing in 5th place. After launching the new Malizia – Seaexplorer in 2022, he finished 3rd with his Team Malizia in The Ocean Race, winning two legs, and breaking the 24-hour distance record.

## DID YOU KNOW?



**Favourite dessert:**  
ice cream

Boris has **bad memories of climbing the mast** in the last Vendée Globe.

**His favourite artist:** Barbara



## ACHIEVEMENTS

**2023**

**Retour à la Base**  
4<sup>th</sup>

**Transat Jacques Vabre**  
7<sup>th</sup>

**24-hour distance record for a monohull**

(Malizia – Seaexplorer, Leg 5 of The Ocean Race, crew)

**The Ocean Race**  
3<sup>rd</sup> (Winner of Leg 3 and Leg 7)

**2020**

**Vendée Globe** 5<sup>th</sup>  
(8dj 14h 59m 45s – 6h of bonification)

**2020**

**Défi Azimut** 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Vendée Arctique-Les Sables d'Olonne**  
7<sup>th</sup>

**2019**

**Rolex Fastnet Race** 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Bermudes 1000 Race** 6<sup>th</sup>

**2018**

**Route du Rhum** 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Monaco Globe Series** 7<sup>th</sup>

**2017**

**Transat Jacques Vabre** 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Rolex Fastnet Race** 3<sup>rd</sup>

**2010**

**Barcelona World Race** 5<sup>th</sup> with Ryan Breymaier

**2009**

**Portimao Global Ocean Race**  
Winner (Class40)  
**Rolex Fastnet Race** 3<sup>rd</sup> (Class40)

**2008**

**The Artemis Transat** 2<sup>nd</sup>  
(Class40)

**Transat Quebec – Saint Malo** 7<sup>th</sup>

**2007**

**Mondial 505** 9<sup>th</sup>

**2006**

**Mondial 505** 7<sup>th</sup>  
**EuroCup 505** 2<sup>nd</sup>

**2005**

**EuroCup 505**  
Winner

**2001**

**Transgascogne (Mini 6.50)** 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Mini Fastnet** 10<sup>th</sup>  
**Mini Transat** 11<sup>th</sup>

# BORIS HERRMANN

## PROJECT

Malizia



### Malizia's A Race We Must Win

Team Malizia's A Race We Must Win – Climate Action Now! mission is only possible due to the strong and long-lasting commitment from its seven main partners: Hapag-Lloyd, Schütz, the Yacht Club de Monaco, EFG International, Zurich Group Germany, Kuehne+Nagel, and

MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company. These partners, ranging from the logistics industry, to insurance, to banking band behind Team Malizia to support its campaign, each of them working towards sustainability projects in their own field to innovate around climate solutions.

## COMMITMENT

### Boris Herrmann runs the A Race We Must Win campaign since 2018, combining sailing, science, and education.

Since then, he carries a laboratory onboard that measures valuable Ocean data in partnership with the Max Planck Institute for Meteorology, GEOMAR and Ifremer. Through the My Ocean Challenge programme, his Team Malizia also educates children around the world about the Ocean and climate change.



## BOAT

**Architect:** VPLP  
**Construction:** 2022, Multiplast  
**Launch date:** 19/07/2022  
**Length:** 18,28 m  
**Draught:** 4,50 m

**Mast height:** 29 m  
**Upwind sail area:** 270 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Downwind sail area:** 550 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Foils:** Yes



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# NICOLAS LUNVEN

HOLCIM - PRB

1<sup>ST</sup> PARTICIPATION

 **PORT-LA-FORÊT**

 **FRANCE**

 **1982-11-28**

**Born into a family of sailors, Nicolas has not escaped his destiny.** At

the age of 40, the sailor has an exceptional list of achievements, including two victories in the demanding Solitaire du Figaro and three participations in the Volvo Ocean Race alongside international sailors. But above all, it's his Vendée Globe dream that drives him. After finishing third with the crew of Team Malizia in the last edition of The Ocean Race, he joined Team Holcim-PRB to take part in this legendary non-stop solo round-the-world race for the first time.

## DID YOU KNOW?



**Nicolas and his family sail aboard a Half Tonner** - the support boat for the former Solitaire du Figaro, La course de l'Aurore - named 'Diablesse'.



## ACHIEVEMENTS

**2023**  
**Retour à la Base** 8<sup>th</sup>  
**Rolex Fastnet Race** 5<sup>th</sup>  
 (Initiatives-Cœur)  
**The Ocean Race** 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 (Team Malizia)

**2022**  
**Défi Azimut** 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Guyader Bermudes** 10<sup>th</sup>  
**1000 Race** 4<sup>th</sup>

**2021**  
**Transat Jacques Vabre** 5<sup>th</sup>  
 (Initiatives-Cœur)  
**Défi Azimut** 6<sup>th</sup>  
 (Initiatives-Cœur)  
**Rolex Fastnet Race** 5<sup>th</sup>  
 (Initiatives-Cœur)  
**The Ocean Race Europe** 1<sup>st</sup> (VO65 Mirpuri Foundation Racing Team)

**2015**  
**Transat Jacques Vabre** Abandon

**2014**  
**Transat AG2R (Figaro)** 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Volvo Ocean Race** One leg

**2013**  
**J80 world championship** 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Rolex Fastnet Race** 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 en Class40  
**Solo Concarneau** 2<sup>nd</sup>

**2012**  
**Solo Concarneau** Winner  
**Rolex Sydney - Hobbart** 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Solitaire du Figaro** 3<sup>rd</sup>

**French Single-handed Ocean Racing Championship** 3<sup>rd</sup>

**2011**  
**Solo Les Sables** Winner  
**Solitaire du Figaro** 4<sup>th</sup>  
**French Single-handed Ocean Racing Championship** 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Rolex Sydney - Hobbart** 5<sup>th</sup>

**Transat Bénodet - Martinique** 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Tour de France à la Voile** 8<sup>th</sup>

**2010**  
**Solo Les Sables** Winner  
**Transat AG2R (Figaro)** 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Tour de France à la Voile** 9<sup>th</sup>

**2009**  
**Solo Quiberon** 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Tour de France à la Voile** 4<sup>th</sup>

**Tour de Bretagne Solitaire du Figaro** Winner  
**Transat AG2 (Figaro)** 5<sup>th</sup>

**2008**  
**Tour de France à la Voile** 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Tour de Bretagne** Winner  
**Solitaire du Figaro** 14<sup>th</sup> / 1<sup>st</sup> Rookie

**2007**  
**Tour de France à la Voile** 4<sup>th</sup>

# NICOLAS LUNVEN

## PROJECT

## TEAM HOLCIM PRB

### HOLCIM

As the world leader in innovative and sustainable construction solutions, Holcim is committed to becoming a «net 0» company. In 2022, Holcim acquired PRB, the first expert in technical building cladding solutions in France to

offer a range of solutions with a reduced carbon footprint. PRB started sponsoring sailing in 1992 and is the only sponsor to have twice placed its name on the top step of the Vendée Globe podium (2001 and 2005).

## COMMITMENT

With the **GO CIRCULAR** message, team Holcim-PRB is sailing around the world to preserve our oceans by calling for action to accelerate the shift to a circular lifestyle.



## BOAT

**Architect:** Guillaume Verdier  
**Construction:** 2022, Carrington, Southampton  
**Launch date:** 08/05/2022  
**Length:** 18,28 m  
**Beam:** 5,5 m  
**Draught:** 4,5 m  
**Mast height:** 29 m  
**Foils:** Yes

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# JUSTINE METTRAUX

TEAMWORK - TEAM SNEF



1<sup>ST</sup>  
PARTICIPATION



LORIENT



SWITZERLAND



1986-10-04

Swiss sailor Justine Mettraux first sailed on Lake Geneva on her family's boat, then at the Geneva Regatta Training Centre, and quickly developed a passion for racing and the open sea.

In 2013, for her first major ocean race, she completed the Mini Transat in 2nd place with her sponsor TeamWork. She continues to train and progress by taking part in all the major ocean races: Volvo Ocean Race, Solitaire du Figaro, Transat Jacques Vabre, etc. In 2022, her long-standing sponsor, TeamWork, bought a new-generation foiler to enable her to prepare the Vendée Globe 2024.

## DID YOU KNOW?



**Favourite chef:**  
Yotam Ottolenghi

**Justine's Vendée Globe dream was born during her circumnavigation of the globe with a women's crew** in 2015, with - among others - Sam Davies!

**Her favourite dish:**  
Aubergines Parmigiana

**Her favourite food at sea:**  
chocolate creams



## ACHIEVEMENTS

2023

Transat Jacques Vabre 6<sup>th</sup>  
Rolex Fastnet Race 7<sup>th</sup>  
The Ocean Race Leg 5 with 11<sup>th</sup> Hour  
Racing Team 1<sup>st</sup>

2022

Route du Rhum 7<sup>th</sup>  
Défi Azimut 6<sup>th</sup>

2021

Transat Jacques Vabre Abandon  
Défi Azimut 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Rolex Fastnet Race 3<sup>rd</sup>  
The Ocean Race Europe 2<sup>nd</sup>

2018

Solitaire du Figaro  
TeamWork 11<sup>th</sup>

2017-18

Volvo Ocean Race  
Dongfeng Race Team - 1<sup>st</sup>

2017

Solitaire du Figaro  
TeamWork 7<sup>th</sup>  
Transat Jacques Vabre  
TeamWork 4<sup>th</sup> Class40

2014-15

Volvo Ocean Race  
Team SCA 6<sup>th</sup>

2013

Mini-Transat  
TeamWork 2<sup>nd</sup>

# JUSTINE METTRAUX

## PROJECT



### TeamWork

TeamWork is a major player in consulting, technological integration and innovation. The company is recognised by its customers for improving their operational performance, supporting them in their transformation and generating new levers for growth and competitiveness. TeamWork supports both large international accounts and small and medium-sized businesses in 4 key areas: Management Consulting, SAP Business Solutions, Technology Platforms and Data Analytics. With 1,000 employees and 23 offices around the world, TeamWork stands out for its ability to guarantee 24/7 facilities management and geographical proximity to its customers.



### Groupe Snef

Groupe Snef was born in the ports of Marseille nearly 120 years ago as a shipboard electrician. A major player in the energy industry and market, the Groupe Snef covers a wide range of technical professions in the fields of electricity, mechanics, engineering and digital technology. Committed since 1905 to sustainable and responsible corporate development, the Groupe Snef is a major player in the decarbonisation of all its activities. Respect, responsibility, commitment to a well-done job and humility in day-to-day tasks are the values of its team, Team Snef. Snef's long-standing partnership in sailing is testament to this attachment to the values of an extremely demanding sport, which teaches us to surpass ourselves and to challenge ourselves on a daily basis.

## COMMITMENT

### Magenta Project / Association Vaincre les Maladies Lysosomales

Justine has been involved with two associations for many years. The Magenta Project, founded after Team SCA's participation in the Volvo Ocean Race, aims to achieve gender parity in sailing and to lead the way towards greater diversity and inclusion in all areas. The VML association is the only structure in France enabling all those affected by one of the 50 lysosomal diseases to make their voices heard and to pool investment in scientific and medical research.



## BOAT

**Former name:** Charal

**Architect:** VPLP

**Construction:** 2018, CDK Technologies - Port-La-Forêt

**Launch date:** 20/08/2018

**Length:** 18,28 m

**Beam:** 5,85 m

**Draught:** 4,50 m

**Weight:** 8 t

**Mast height:** 29 m

**Upwind sail area:** 320 m<sup>2</sup>

**Downwind sail area:** 600 m<sup>2</sup>

**Foils:** Yes

Justine Mettraux

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# YOANN RICHOMME

PAPREC ARKÉA

1<sup>ST</sup>  
PARTICIPATION

 LORIENT

 FRANCE

 1983-07-12

**Yoann Richomme, a talented and experienced skipper, is steering the new IMOCA Paprec Arkéa.** At 40 years old, the naval architect has a long list of victories on various solo and crewed offshore racing circuits. Twice winner of the Solitaire du Figaro in 2016 and 2019 and twice winner of the Route du Rhum in 2018 and 2022 in Class40, Yoann is known for his meticulous preparation, his extraordinary endurance and his tactical lucidity.

## DID YOU KNOW?



**His favourite film:**  
A River Runs Through It

Yoann Richomme **has been**  
**dismasted three times.**

**Favourite dessert:**  
Rice pudding with caramel



## ACHIEVEMENTS

2023

Retour à la Base 1<sup>st</sup>  
Transat Jacques Vabre 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Rolex Fastnet Race 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Guyader Bermudes 1000 Race 6<sup>th</sup>

2022

Route du Rhum 1<sup>st</sup> Class40

2020

The Ocean Race Europe  
1<sup>st</sup> VOR65

2019

Solitaire du Figaro 1<sup>st</sup>

2018

Route du Rhum 1<sup>st</sup> Class40  
Dhream Cup 1<sup>st</sup> Class40

2017

Transat Jacques Vabre  
9<sup>th</sup> IMOCA

2016

French elite offshore  
racing championship 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Solitaire du Figaro 1<sup>st</sup>

2014

Transat AG2R  
2<sup>nd</sup> with Fabien Delahaye onMACIF

2013

French elite offshore  
racing championship 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Solitaire du Figaro - Bompard 4<sup>th</sup>

2011

Transat Jacques Vabre  
2<sup>e</sup> Class40 with Damien Seguin

# YOANN RICHOMME

## PROJECT

**PAPREC**  
**ARKEA** TEAM

### Paprec

The group was founded and has been run since its foundation by the Petithuguenin family. As France's leading recycling company, Paprec is now a major player in the production of green energy and waste treatment. In 25 years, it has grown from 45 to 16,000 employees in more than 300 sites in ten countries.

### Arkéa

Arkéa is a subsidiary of the Crédit Mutuel Arkéa group. It provides the subsidiaries of the Crédit Mutuel Arkéa group with a range of resources and services for communicating and promoting their activities, backed by a strong, value-creating brand.



## BOAT

**Architect:** Antoine Koch et Finot-Conq  
**Construction:** 2022, Multiplast  
**Launch date:** 22/02/2023  
**Length:** 18,28 m

**Beam:** 5,5 m  
**Draught:** 4,5 m  
**Mast height:** 29 m  
**Foils:** Yes



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# ALAN ROURA



**HUBLOT**

**1<sup>ST</sup>  
PARTICIPATION**

 **LORIENT**

 **FRANCE**

 **1993-02-26**

**Born on the shores of Lake Geneva, it is on the world's oceans that Alan Roura grew up and matured his dreams of offshore racing.** After 11 years of sailing on the family boat, he «passed» his Mini Transat in 2013, at just 20 years old. Three years later, he became the youngest competitor to finish the Vendée Globe (23 years old) and was back for a second participation in 2020, with the North Atlantic solo record in his pocket (2019). Since 2022, supported by new partners and at the helm of a new generation boat, Alan is determined to make the best of it.

## DID YOU KNOW?



**Sailor who inspires him:**  
Ellen MacArthur

While sailing a Mini 6.50, a whale shark came to 'play' around his little boat!

**His favourite series:**  
Casa De Papel



## ACHIEVEMENTS

**2023**  
**Retour à la Base** 15<sup>th</sup>  
**Transat Jacques Vabre** 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Rolex Fastnet Race** 17<sup>th</sup>  
**Guyader Bermudes 1000 Race** 8<sup>th</sup>

**2022**  
**Route du Rhum Défi Azimut** 21<sup>st</sup>  
**Vendée Arctique** 13<sup>th</sup>  
**7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Guyader Bermudes 1000 Race** 15<sup>th</sup>

**2021**  
**Rolex Fastnet Race** 2<sup>nd</sup> Class40

**2020**  
**Vendée Globe** 17<sup>th</sup>  
(95d 06h 09m 56s)

**2020**  
**Défi Azimut** 14<sup>th</sup>

**2019**  
**Transat Jacques Vabre** 21<sup>st</sup>  
**Défi Azimut** 15<sup>th</sup>  
**Rolex Fastnet Race** 10<sup>th</sup>

**Record**  
**Atlantique Nord en solo**  
7d 16h 55mn

**2018**  
**Route du Rhum** 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Monaco Globe Series** 6<sup>th</sup>

**2017**  
**Transat Jacques Vabre** 9<sup>th</sup>

**2016**  
**Vendée Globe** 12<sup>th</sup>  
(105d 20h 10m 32s)

**2015**  
**Transat Jacques Vabre** 10<sup>th</sup> Class40  
**Grand Prix Guyader** 7<sup>th</sup>

**2014**  
**Route du Rhum** Abandon Class40

**2013**  
**Mini Transat** 11<sup>th</sup>

# ALAN ROURA

## PROJECT

# HUBLOT

### HUBLOT

Founded in Switzerland in 1980, HUBLOT is distinguished by its innovative concept resulting from the unique combination of gold and rubber: «the Art of Fusion». Hublot and sailing have a long

history, dating back to the origins of the brand in 1980. Almost 25 years later, the watchmaker has chosen Alan Roura to mark his return to the most legendary race of all!

## BOAT

**Architect:** VPLP - Pete Hobson  
**Construction:** 2019, Carrington Boats, Southampton (GBR)  
**Launch date:** 04/08/2019  
**Former names:** Hugo Boss  
**Length:** 18,28 m  
**Beam:** 5,40 m

**Draught:** 4,50 m  
**Weight:** 7,6 t  
**Mast height:** 29 m  
**Upwind sail area:** 330 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Downwind sail area:** 630 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Foils:** Yes

 Alan Roura - Navigateur

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# THOMAS RUYANT



**VULNERABLE**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PARTICIPATION**

 **LORIENT**

 **FRANCE**

 **1981-05-24**

**Born in the Hauts-de-France area, Thomas Ruyant is a specialist in transatlantic races: he has won the Mini-Transat, the Route du Rhum twice, the Transat AG2R, as well as the Transat Jacques Vabre!** Thomas is a sailor in the strictest sense of the term. He really comes into his sporting own offshore and over a long period of time. 2024 should be his 3rd Vendée Globe. In 2016, he heroically abandoned the round-the-world race aboard Souffle du Nord after suffering major damage off New Zealand, and finished the 2020 edition in 6th place after often sailing in the top 3. Thomas' motto is to give meaning to his performances, which he does with the vulnerability campaign.

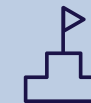
## DID YOU KNOW?



**His guilty pleasure at sea:**  
Sweets

In the 2016 Vendée Globe, Thomas's IMOCA **was badly damaged by a collision with an ofni in the Pacific.** The skipper managed to reach New Zealand under engine.

**His guilty song:**  
La kiffance



## ACHIEVEMENTS

**2023**

**Retour à la Base** 17<sup>th</sup>  
**Transat Jacques Vabre** 1<sup>st</sup>  
with Morgan Lagravière  
**Guyader Bermudes 1000 Race** 1<sup>st</sup>

**2022**

**Route du Rhum** 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Défi Azimut** 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Vendée Arctique** 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Guyader Bermudes 1000 Race** Abandon

**2021**

**Transat Jacques Vabre** 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Défi Azimut** 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**The Ocean Race Europe** 3<sup>rd</sup>

**2020**

**Vendée Globe** 6<sup>th</sup>  
(80d 15h 22m 01s)  
**Défi Azimut** 9<sup>th</sup>  
**Vendée-Arctique-Les Sables d'Olonne** 3<sup>rd</sup>

**2019**

**Transat Jacques Vabre** 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Défi Azimut** 16<sup>th</sup>

**2018**

**Transat AG2R -La Mondiale** 1<sup>st</sup>

**2016**

**Vendée Globe**  
Abandon

**2015**

**Transat St Barth - Port-La-Forêt** Abandon  
**Transat Jacques Vabre** 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Rolex Fastnet Race** 4<sup>th</sup>

**2013**

**Rolex Fastnet Race (Class40)** 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Transat Jacques Vabre (Class40)** Abandon  
**Solitaire du Figaro** 25<sup>th</sup>  
**Tour de Bretagne à la voile (Figaro)** 4<sup>th</sup>

**2012**

**Solitaire du Figaro** 16<sup>th</sup>

**2011**

**Transat Jacques Vabre** Abandon

**2010**

**Record SNSM** Winner  
**Route du Rhum (Class40)** 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Normandy Channel Race (Class40)** 1<sup>st</sup>

**2009**

**Mini Transat** 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Tour de France à la Voile (Farr30)** 1<sup>st</sup>

# THOMAS RUYANT

## PROJECT



### Advens

Advens is a leading French cybersecurity company. With its independence and more than 400 experts in France and Europe, it helps companies to prevent and neutralise cyber attacks. But that's not its only vocation: Advens wants

to have an impact on the world. It is building a committed business model that allows it to dedicate 50% of the Advens group's capital to the development and acceleration of initiatives that aim to have a large-scale impact on people and the planet.

## COMMITMENT

**VULNERABLE** is a campaign to change the way we look at the shared vulnerability of people and the planet. Its aim? To stop seeing vulnerability as a burden to be carried, but rather as limits to be accepted and a potential for creating value to be released. Its ambition: to give a real place to the most vulnerable among us in order to humanise society. Initiated by Alexandre Fayeulle, who placed it at the heart of Advens' purpose, it spread with Thomas Ruyant and Sam Goodchild who in turn embraced it... soon to be joined by players from all horizons...



## BOAT



**Architect:** Antoine Koch et Finot-Conq  
**Construction:** 2022, CDK Technologies  
**Launch date:** 16/03/2023  
**Length:** 18,28 m  
**Draught:** 4,50 m  
**Mast height:** 29 m  
**Foils:** Yes

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# SCOTT SHAWYER



BE WATER POSITIVE

1<sup>ST</sup>  
PARTICIPATION

 TORONTO

 CANADA

 1971-09-14

Scott isn't like other ocean racing Skippers. He didn't grow up in the offshore sailing scene. He hasn't sailed a Mini, or a Figaro, or a Class 40. In fact, he has spent the last 25 years of his life building an engineering company. And now he is attempting to be the first Canadian to complete The Vendée Globe, on the 2028 edition. In his first year in the IMOCA class in 2023, Scott won the double-handed monohull class in the RORC Transat and finished his first ever IMOCA Globe Series Race, the Guayder Bermudes Race, in 10<sup>th</sup> place.

## DID YOU KNOW?



The Vendée Globe has never yet been finished by a Canadian.



## ACHIEVEMENTS

2023

RORC Transat Double-Handed  
1<sup>st</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Monohull)

Guyader Bermudes Race  
10<sup>th</sup> Place

# SCOTT SHAWYER

## PROJECT



### H2O Innovation

From their founding more than 20 years ago, innovation is what has driven the organization. H2O Innovation is a complete water solutions company focused on providing best-in-class technologies and services to our customers. Their activities rely on three pillars: Water Technologies & services, Speciality Products, Operations & Maintenance.



### IDRA

The International Desalination and Reuse Association. IDRA is an NGO (non-governmental organization) promoting water scarcity solutions and is a member of the UN Water Special Framework for Water and Agriculture. Members of IDRA include public and private sector professionals, researchers, scientists and students from over 60 countries worldwide.



## BOAT

**Former names:** Acciona, Acciona 100% Ecopowered, Offshore Team Germany, Canada Ocean Racing  
**Architect:** Owen Clarke Design  
**Construction:** 2011, Southern Ocean Marine  
**Launch date:** 02/09/2011  
**Length:** 18,28 m

**Beam:** 5,5 m  
**Draught:** 4,5 m  
**Weight:** 8 t  
**Mast height:** 29 m  
**Upwind sail area:** 330 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Downwind sail area:** 620 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Foils:** No

## COMMITMENT

### Be Water Positive

Living on the ocean, we think a great deal about water and our environment. Despite its apparent abundance, clean freshwater is a scarce and invaluable resource. By promoting a message of water positivity, we aim to shed light on global water scarcity and inspire positive change in how we manage our precious water resources and our environment.



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# KOJIRO SHIRAISHI

DMG MORI GLOBAL ONE

2<sup>ND</sup> PARTICIPATION



 LORIENT

 JAPAN

 1967-05-08

**Kojiro Shiraishi is a Japanese sailor. In 1994, at the age of 26, he became the youngest sailor to complete a non-stop single-handed circumnavigation.** He twice finished 2nd in the BOC Challenge, a solo race with stopovers. In 2016, he became the first Asian to take the start of the Vendée Globe. On 11 February 2021, aboard the IMOCA DMG MORI Global One, he became the first Asian to complete the Vendée Globe. For the 2024 edition, Kojiro aims to do better than his 16th place in 2020, with the same boat but equipped with new foils and a new bow.

## DID YOU KNOW?



**Favourite film:**  
Star Wars

Kojiro practices **laido**, a Japanese martial art. For the start of the Vendée Globe 2020, he wore the outfit and carried a sword as he sailed down the channel in Les Sables d'Olonne.

**Favourite chef:** his wife



## ACHIEVEMENTS

**2023**  
Retour à la Base 18<sup>th</sup>  
Transat Jacques Vabre 22<sup>th</sup>  
Rolex Fastnet Race 18<sup>th</sup>

**2022**  
Guyader Bermudes 1000 Race 14<sup>th</sup>

**2020**  
Vendée Globe 16<sup>th</sup> (94d 21h 32m 56s)  
Vendée Arctique-Les Sables d'Olonne 10<sup>th</sup>

**2016**  
Vendée Globe - Abandon  
New York Vendée - Les Sables d'Olonne 7<sup>th</sup>

**2015**  
Captain of the crew for the Hatsushima Double Hand Race in Sagami Bay Ooshima Challenge, Annual crossing with 4 orphaned children from Zushi to Izu Ooshima

**2014**  
Crew captain for the filming of a documentary off the CroaGe Ooshima Challenge, Annual crossing with 4 orphaned children from Zushi to Izu Ooshima

**2008**  
World record on the Pacific crossing with Lionel Lemonchois on the Maxi Catamaran 110d «Gitana 13» San Francisco in Yokohama

**2006**  
VELUX 50CEANS class I 2nd, on OPEN 60d «SPIRIT OF YUKOH»

**2002**  
Around Alone in class II 4th, on OPEN 40d «SPIRIT OF YUKOH»

**Années 90**  
**1998**  
World record on the Pacific crossing with Bruno Peyron on the Catamaran 80d «Explorer» Yokohama in San Francisco

**1993**  
Solitary round the world voyage by sail, non-stop, without assistance (176 days) (46,115km), on OPEN 50d «SPIRIT OF YUKOH», Record of the youngest sailor who completed this feat at the time at 26 years old

**1991**  
Solitary crossing from Sydney (Australia) to Izu Matsuzaki (Japan) on OPEN 50d «KODEN OKERA 8th», after the death of the owner Yukoh Tada

**1989**  
Crew member of the crossing from New Zealand to Hakata (Japan) on a 50d monohull, «OKERA7th», for the Hakata Expo Race

**1988**  
Crew member of the crossing from Tomakomai (Japan) to Nakhodka (USSR) on a 50d monohull, «OKERA 7th», for the Nakhodka Race Jingkun Xu

# KOJIRO SHIRAISHI



## PROJECT



**DMG MORI**  
GLOBAL ONE

### DMG MORI

DMG MORI is a world leader in the construction of machine-tools that offer integrated, environmentally-friendly automation and digitalisation solutions that enhance the company's core business through turning and milling machines,

cutting-edge technologies and additive manufacturing. All this is made possible by 12,000 employees ready to meet the needs of nearly 100,000 customers from more than 54 sectors via 138 sales outlets and after-sales workshops in 86 countries.

## BOAT

**Architect:** VPLP  
**Construction:** 2019, Multiplast, Vannes  
**Launch date:** 02/09/2019  
**Length:** 18,28 m  
**Beam:** 5,85 m  
**Draught:** 4,5 m

**Weight:** 8 t  
**Mast height:** 29 m  
**Upwind sail area:** 320 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Downwind sail area:** 600 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Foils:** Yes

## COMMITMENT

### DMG MORI Sailing Academy

Created in 2018, the DMG MORI Sailing Team is the professional ocean racing team behind Kojiro Shiraishi and his IMOCA boat. With the creation of the DMG MORI Sailing Academy in 2022, the aim is to enable talented young sailors to perfect all their skills within the team.



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# SÉBASTIEN SIMON

**GROUPE DUBREUIL**

**1<sup>ST</sup>  
PARTICIPATION**

 **LES SABLES D'OLONNE**

 **FRANCE**

 **1990-05-06**



**As a structural and composites engineer and sports lover, Sébastien Simon discovered sailing as a child.**

Driven by competition, it is offshore racing that catches his interest. In 2018, he won the Solitaire du Figaro and the title of Elite French Ocean Racing Champion, a victory that led to his entry into the IMOCA class. In 2020, he took the start of the Vendée Globe, but his attempt was ended off the Cape of Good Hope when he was in 4th place in the fleet. Undaunted, Sébastien is a candidate for the 2024 edition.

## DID YOU KNOW?



At sea, **Sébastien admits to taking on board a stock of candies.** It's important for his morale!



## ACHIEVEMENTS

**2023**

**Retour à la Base** 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Transat Jacques Vabre** 18<sup>th</sup>  
**The Ocean Race**  
5<sup>th</sup> (Guyot environnement - Team Europe)

**2021**

**Transat Jacques Vabre** 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Défi Azimut** 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Rolex Fastnet Race** 4<sup>th</sup>

**2020**

**Vendée Globe**  
Abandon  
**Défi Azimut** 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Vendée Arctique- Les Sables d'Olonne**  
Abandon

**2019**

**Transat Jacques Vabre** 8<sup>th</sup>  
**Défi Azimut** 11<sup>th</sup>  
**Rolex Fastnet Race**  
Abandon  
**Bermudes 1000 Race** 1<sup>st</sup>

**2018**

**French elite offshore racing championship (Figaro)**  
**Solitaire du Figaro** 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Transat AG2R (Figaro)** 2<sup>nd</sup>

**2017**

**Solitaire du Figaro** 4<sup>th</sup> (Class40)

**2016**

**Transat AG2R (Figaro)** 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Solitaire du Figaro** 11<sup>th</sup>

# SÉBASTIEN SIMON

## PROJECT



### Groupe Dubreuil

Groupe Dubreuil is a family-owned group based in the Vendée region in France, with 7 core businesses: Distribution (Automotive, Construction Equipment, Agricultural Machinery, Energy, Trucks), Hotels and Air Transport. The Group is made up of 42 SMEs in mainland France and the French overseas

departments and territories, and employs 6,000 people. The Groupe Dubreuil has chosen to support Sébastien Simon with a latest-generation IMOCA boat. As a skipper from Vendée, Sébastien has always shown determination, respect and daring in his challenges: values that have been important to the Group for almost 100 years.



## BOAT

**Former names:** 11th Hour Racing Team  
**Architect:** Guillaume Verdier  
**Construction:** CDK Technologies  
**Launch date:** 24/08/2021  
**Length:** 18,28 m  
**Beam:** 5,85 m

**Draught:** 4,5 m  
**Weight:** 9 t  
**Mast height:** 29 m  
**Foils:** Yes



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# MAXIME SOREL

V AND B – MONBANA - MAYENNE



1<sup>ST</sup>  
PARTICIPATION

 **CONCARNEAU**

 **FRANCE**

 **1986-08-11**

## Maxime Sorel is the entrepreneur of his dreams!

Maxime has a degree in civil engineering and is passionate about project management. He uses this passion to pursue his dream: offshore racing. After 5 years in Class40, then 4 years on the IMOCA circuit, he achieved the feat of finishing 10th in the 2020 Vendée Globe. Maxime has surrounded himself with people who, like him, share the desire to go ever higher... In 2021, with his partners, he launched the construction of a new foiling IMOCA with which he should compete in the 2024 Vendée Globe.

## DID YOU KNOW?



After competing in the Evrest of the seas in 2020, **Maxime climbed Everest, the mountain, in 2023.**



## ACHIEVEMENTS

**2023**

**Transat Jacques Vabre** 8<sup>th</sup>  
**Rolex Fastnet Race** 4<sup>th</sup>

**2022**

**Route du Rhum** 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Défi Azimut** 4<sup>th</sup>

**2020**

**Vendée Globe** 10<sup>th</sup> (82d 14h 30m 15s)  
**Défi Azimut** 11<sup>th</sup>  
**Vendée-Arctique-  
Les Sables d'Olonne** 11<sup>th</sup>

**2019**

**Transat Jacques Vabre** 16<sup>th</sup>  
**Défi Azimut** 9<sup>th</sup>  
**Rolex Fastnet Race** Abandon  
**Bermudes 1000 Race** 5<sup>th</sup>

**2018**

**Route du Rhum** Abandon  
**Grand Prix Guyader** 10<sup>th</sup>

**2017**

**Transat Jacques Vabre** 1<sup>st</sup> Class40  
**Rolex Fasnet Race** 1<sup>st</sup> Class40  
**Grand Prix Guyader** 3<sup>rd</sup> Class40

**2016**

**Normandy Channel Race** 3<sup>rd</sup> Class40  
**Transat Québec/Saint-Malo** 18<sup>th</sup> Class40

**2015**

**Transat Jacques Vabre 2015**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Class40

**2014**

**Route du Rhum**  
1<sup>st</sup> Class40 vintage and  
23<sup>rd</sup> general ranking  
**Trophée Guyader**  
1<sup>st</sup> Class40 Vintage and  
8<sup>th</sup> general ranking  
**Class40 vintage**  
**World Champion**

# MAXIME SOREL

## PROJECT



### V and B – Monbana – Mayenne

The alliance between V and B, Monbana and La Mayenne is a perfect match!

**V and B**, number 1 in the cellar and bar concept, has been working alongside Maxime since 2014. They share common values that have bound them together for almost 10 years! In 2019, it is the Department of **La Mayenne** which is committed to Maxime as part of an attractiveness initiative for the area. Together they have completed their first round-the-world race, the Vendée Globe 2020. Encouraged by this success and driven by common values, the Mayenne chocolate factory **Monbana** has joined the adventure to support this new ambitious project for 2024.

## COMMITMENT

### Vaincre la Mucoviscidose

During his childhood, Maxime participated with his family in the «Virades de l'Espoir». In 2014, for his first Route du Rhum, he asked Alex, a childhood friend and cystic fibrosis patient (now deceased), to symbolically hoist the flag of the association «Vaincre la Mucoviscidose» in his sails. The skipper is now the national standard bearer of the association and brings his community and partners with him in this cause.



## BOAT

**Architect:** Guillaume Verdier  
**Construction:** 2022, Mer Concept  
**Launch date:** 27/06/2022  
**Lenght:** 18,28 m

**Beam:** 5,5 m  
**Draught:** 4,5 m  
**Mast height:** 29 m  
**Foils:** Yes



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# DENIS VAN WEYNBERGH

D'IETEREN GROUP



1<sup>ST</sup>  
PARTICIPATION

 LES SABLES D'OLONNE

 BELGIUM

 1967-07-29

Denis Van Weynbergh, a former SME CEO, decided in 2018 to set sail for the Vendée Globe. He then became the owner of his IMOCA, but due to a lack of budget, he had to give up. Tenacious, he rethought and redesigned his project in 2020: he conceived it as a collaborative and associative project, favouring short circuits and reusing equipment rather than buying new parts. From 2021, he launched himself into the IMOCA circuit to gain experience and miles in order to validate his participation in the Vendée Globe and become the first Belgian to complete this round-the-world race.

## DID YOU KNOW?



His favourite film:  
Midnight Express

Denis has been playing hockey for 40 years.  
He only started sailing competitively at the age of 33!



## ACHIEVEMENTS

2023

Défi Azimut 27<sup>th</sup>  
Retour à la Base 30<sup>th</sup>  
Transat Jacques Vabre 32<sup>th</sup>  
Rolex Fastnet Race 27<sup>th</sup>

2022

Vendée Arctique  
Abandon  
Guyader Bermudes  
1000 Race 21<sup>st</sup>

2021

Transat Jacques Vabre 19<sup>th</sup>

2019

Rolex Fastnet Race 18<sup>th</sup>  
Guyader Bermudes 1000 Race 17<sup>th</sup>

2013

Transat Jacques Vabre  
16<sup>th</sup> Class40

2012

Transat Québec - Saint Malo  
19<sup>th</sup> Class40

2011

Les Sables - Horta - Les Sables  
12<sup>th</sup> Class40  
Record SNSM  
8<sup>th</sup> Class40

2010

Route du Rhum  
- La Banque Postale  
39<sup>th</sup> Class40

2009

Record SNSM 9<sup>th</sup> Class40

2001

Mini Transat 24<sup>th</sup>

# DENIS VAN WEYNBERGH

## PROJECT



## D'leterenGroup

### D'leteren Group

Founded in 1805 and headquartered in Brussels, D'leteren Group is a family-owned, listed company. It invests in companies that are or have the potential to become leaders in their markets and to generate sustainable value for their employees, their

customers, society at large and their shareholders. Its international portfolio currently includes 6 companies: Belron (parent company of Carglass), PHE (parent company of, among others, Autodistribution and Oscaro), Moleskine, D'leteren Automotive, TVH and D'leteren Immo.

## COMMITMENT

For his next challenge, the Vendée Globe 2024, Denis Van Weynbergh will become the ambassador of the new D'leteren Group sponsorship programme, which starts in June 2023 and whose mission will be to promote access to a stimulating and fulfilling professional life.



## BOAT

**Former names:** Spirit Of Hungary, Laboratoire de Biarritz  
**Architect:** Nándor Fa & Attila Déry - Hungary  
**Construction:** 2013, Pauger Carbon Ltd, Hongrie

**Launch date:** 07/04/2014  
**Length:** 18,28m  
**Beam:** 5,65m  
**Draught:** 4,50m  
**Mast height:** 29m  
**Foils:** No

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# SZABOLCS WEÖRES

NEW EUROPE



1<sup>ST</sup>  
PARTICIPATION

 LES SABLES D'OLONNE

 HUNGARY

 1973-08-20

**Hungarian sailor Szabolcs Weöres is determined to sail in the Vendée Globe 2024, following the footsteps of Nándor Fa, the first Hungarian skipper to complete the race.**

Szabi has experience in dinghies, keel boats, match racing, and ice sailing. He worked as a rigger for Team Shosholoza in the 32nd America's Cup and has continued his career in the sailing industry. Szabi's sporting achievements include six Ironman races, sub-3-hour marathons, and successful participation in the Ironman World Championship in Kona, Hawaii. Szabi's philosophy is taking things step by step, managing expectations, and building his solo experience.

## DID YOU KNOW?



**Favourite film:**  
Star Wars

Szabi is an **experienced triathlete**. **His first sailing instructor, in an Optimist at the age of 7, was Noe other than his father!** **His Vendée Globe dream** was born when the first Hungarian, Nandor Fa, took part in the 2016-2017 edition.

**His favourite music group:**  
ACDC



## ACHIEVEMENTS

2023

**Retour à la Base**

28<sup>th</sup>

**Transat Jacques Vabre**

26<sup>th</sup>

**Rolex Fastnet Race**

25<sup>th</sup>

2022

**Route du Rhum**

26<sup>th</sup>

**Défi Azimut**

23<sup>th</sup>

**Guyader Bermudes**

**1000 Race**

Abandon

# SZABOLCS WEÖRES



## MOL-New Europe Foundation

The MOL-New Europe Foundation aims to drive progress in various domains by assuming responsibility for social initiatives and carrying out tasks in sports, culture, healthcare, economic development, and environmental conservation. They strongly

believe that each of us bears the responsibility for our living environment and for the coming generations. Their conviction lies in the notion that genuine success in the present can only be achieved when it serves the future.

## BOAT

**Former names:** Aviva, Stark *Architect*.  
Owen Clarke Design  
**Construction:** 2007, Hakes Marine,  
Wellington (Nouvelle-Zélande)  
**Launch date:** 14/12/07  
**Lenght:** 18,28 m  
**Beam:** 5,57 m

**Draught:** 4,50 m  
**Weight:** 8,5 t  
**Mast height:** 29 m  
**Upwind sail area:** 270 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Downwind sail area:** 580 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Foils:** No

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# JINGKUN XU

**SINGCHAIN TEAM HAIKOU**

**1<sup>ST</sup>  
PARTICIPATION**

 **PORT-LA-FORÊT**

 **CHINA**

 **1989-09-09**

**Jingkun Xu is one of China's top sailing athletes. At the age of 12, he lost his left hand in an accident.**

In 2005, Jingkun joined the Chinese national team, this is how he started sailing. He has taken on many challenges: solo around the China Sea, Mini Transat 6.50, round the world... In Chinese competitions, he finished on almost every podium. In 2008, he took part in the Beijing Paralympic Games. Almost 10 years later, he set a Chinese record at the World Championships. Thanks to his exploits, he has been voted Personality of the Year in China several times. As a sailing instructor, he has passed on his passion to many Chinese.

## DID YOU KNOW?



**The sailor who inspires him:**  
Pete Goss

Jingkun loves to cook!  
**His favourite dessert is «mooncake», a Chinese pastry.**



## ACHIEVEMENTS

**2023**

**Retour à la Base**  
31<sup>th</sup>  
**Transat Jacques Vabre** 33<sup>th</sup>

**2010**

**China Japan-Korea Sailing Challenge**  
1<sup>st</sup>

**2022**

**Route du Rhum**  
29<sup>th</sup>

**2009**

**Club Cup Sailing Challenge** 3<sup>rd</sup>

**2020**

**QINGDAO Dream's Captain - 34,000 nautical miles - circumnavigation voyage**

**2008**

**Paralympic Games** 10<sup>th</sup>

**2007**

**Para Sailing World Championships**  
8<sup>th</sup>

**2017**

**Para World Sailing Championship**  
4<sup>th</sup>

**Rhodes Island International Sailing Regatta** 6<sup>th</sup>  
**China-Japan Sailing Friendship Regatta** 1<sup>st</sup>

**2015**

**Mini Transat** 7<sup>th</sup>

**2006**

**China-Japan Sailing Friendship Regatta** 1<sup>st</sup>

**2012**

**CCOR International City Cup Sailing Challenge** 1<sup>st</sup>

**2005**

**China-Japan Sailing Friendship Regatta** 1<sup>st</sup>

**2011**

**Mayor's Cup** 7<sup>th</sup>

# JINGKUN XU

## PROJECT



Singchain

### Singchain

Singchain Investment is a specialized investment firm in Web 3 sector based in Singapore. Upholding principles of innovation and delving deep into self-potential, Singchain has rapidly grown within the web3 domain. The company firmly believes that blockchain technology will change the world. Singchain aspires to simultaneously challenge its own potential while growing alongside Web 3.



### Haikou

Haikou is the only tropical island capital city in China. The city has attracted significant attention due to the establishment of the Hainan Free Trade Zone, possessing unparalleled geographic advantages and water sports conditions. It hopes to polish the title of the «Sailing City» and leverage the allure of sports tourism to attract visitors from all over the world.



## BOAT

**Former names:** Brit Air, Votre Nom autour du Monde, Renault Captur, MACSF, La Fabrique  
**Architect:** Finot - Conq  
**Construction:** 2007, Chantier Multiplast, Vannes  
**Launch date:** 17/07/2017

**Lenght:** 18,28 m  
**Beam:** 5,90 m  
**Draught:** 4,5 m  
**Mast height:** 29 m  
**Upwind sail area:** 290 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Downwind sail area:** 580 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Foils:** No

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## COMMITMENT

**Jingkun is known as a «dream architect».** Throughout his 18-year sailing career, he has persistently turned dreams into reality and dedicated himself to sharing the philosophy of «Dream it, Believe it, and Build it». Most beautiful things in the world have been accomplished by people who kept trying even when the odds were against them. He hopes to inspire children to dare to have and pursue their dreams. Every dream has the potential to be realized, as long as you have the courage and perseverance to chase it.



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**29**  
MAY  
2024



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