



UNION NATIONALE POUR LA COURSE AU LARGE

IRC France 2020 report

Due to the pandemic, the initial competition program was not respected: outright cancellation for many Spring events such as Massilia, SNIM, 1st stage Transquadra, La Giraglia, etc. During the confinement, in order to maintain the IRC championships afloat, UNCL did not cancel the championships but suggested to clubs to reset their races during September and October. UNCL also wrote a document, taking the sanitary situation and rules into consideration, to enable solo and duo races first and crews later and pushed it to the French Federation which has been quite useful to prove the sense of responsibility of sailors and the limited risks when offshore.

The French MNA (FFV) primary objective was to save the Vendée Globe and got lots of support from the local political authorities. Once it has been agreed in June, the organiser of the DRHeam Cup due to leave from Cherbourg mid-july and supported by UNCL and Yacht Club de France, cancelled the village and hospitalities but opened the race to all possible series including Figaro 3. It was the right move and pushed many organizers to do everything to maintain or reprogram their events. Marseille 2024 which was supposed to be a merger between Massilia and SNIM was cancelled 3 days before the date due to new restrictions in Marseille but Les Voiles de Saint-Tropez, 90 kms away, have taken place. During this period, new races emerged like the Cap 300 at Le Croesty (Brittany) at the end of August or the Sanaryenne (Close to Toulon) on October 10th.

Subsequently:

Atlantic & Channel Championship Overall and Duo

5 events have been taken into account in the Overall rankings and 6 for the Duos.

Overall:

- Drheam Cup, Cherbourg – La Trinité sur Mer: 41 participants
- Nuit de l'Armen, La Trinité sur Mer (SNT) : 75 participants
- L'Atlantique Le Télégramme, Lorient (CNL): 36 participants
- Spi Ouest France, La Trinité sur Mer (SNT): 105 participants
- Trophée des Minquiers à Saint-Malo (SNBSM): 13 participants

A total of 158 boats have been ranked in the Atlantic & Channel Championship Overall.

Duo:

- Drheam Cup: 27 participants
- La Rochelle Royan Les Sables : 16 participants
- Cap 300 Milles, Le Croesty (YCCA): 36 participants
- Nuit de l'Armen (SNT): 51 participants
- L'Atlantique Le Télégramme : 25 participants
- Spi Ouest France: 60 participants

A total of 114 boats have been ranked in the Atlantic & Channel Championship Duo.

Mediterranean Championship UNCL 2020 Méditerranée Crews, Solo and Duo

To date, not all the races entered have been run and 3 events remain to be included in the rankings.

Crew: 9 events

- Régate Blanche, Antibes (SRA): 12 participants
- Festival Armen, Saint-Tropez (SNST): 14 participants
- Brescou d'Or, Cap d'Agde : 27 participants
- Trophée Dominique Sémac, Marseilles (UNM) : 24 participants
- Coupe Napoléon, Antibes (SRA) : 51 participants
- La Sanaryenne: 9 participants
- Grand Prix de Palavas : upcoming, results awaited
- Novembre à Hyères : upcoming, results awaited

Duo:

- Régate Blanche: 7 participants
- QuadraSoloDuo à Marseille (UNM): 48 participants
- Duo Cipriani Franco à Marseille (UNM): 9 participants
- Coupe Napoléon: 18 participants
- Duo Sail, Marseilles (CNTL): upcoming, results awaited

A total of 56 boats have been ranked for the Mediterranean Championship UNCL 2020 Duo

Solo:

- QuadraSoloDuo : 5 participants
- Coupe Napoléon: 2 participants

A total of 5 boats have been ranked for the Mediterranean Championship UNCL 2020 Solo

IRC Statistics for France

Number of rated boats:

| | SH | SER | OD | STD | TOTAL |
|------|----|-----|----|-----|-------|
| 2019 | 25 | 87 | 5 | 589 | 681 |
| 2020 | 9 | 66 | 0 | 483 | 549 |

Decrease in certificates of 132 boats (-20%) vs 2019

Good resumption of activity from July: Postponement of requests that the owners did not make during confinement, encouraged in particular by the reorganization of the IRC championship programs following the postponements of the competitions, and by the establishment of IRC SER certificates on an increased number of tests.

