



## **Notice of Race**

**Version 1 - 30 November 2007**

# ***Soloceans 2009-2010***

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### **1- Preamble**

The Notice of Race of the International competition called: *Soloceans* (international denomination) or *Soloocéane* (French version) will be published as followed:

- 30 November 2007: Version 1
- 25 June 2008: Version 2
- 25 November 2008: Version 3 (Final version)

### **2- Organisation**

The *Soloceans* (international denomination) or *Soloocéane* (French version) was created by Yvan Griboval on behalf of the company SailingOne who owns all the rights.

SailingOne is a limited joint-stock company with a capital of 125 004 euros, registered at the Register of Companies and Society from Caen Commercial court under registration number 399 597 285 - 2007 B 469. SailingOne registered offices are located at 6 place de la République in Caen (14000) - France. The CEO of SailingOne is Yvan Griboval.

The company SailingOne in all the official texts concerning the *Soloceans* is named: the Organiser

### **3- Official Language**

The official language of the *Soloceans* is English.

### **4- Concept**

The *Soloceans* (international denomination) or *Soloocéane* (French version) is an international single-handed around-the-world-competition, in the West to East direction, in two legs run: the first leg before Christmas and the second leg after the New Year's day.

The *Soloceans* will be run every two years from 2009 on a France - stopover in New Zealand-France course. One edition of the *Soloceans* is preceded by a Prologue organised approximately one month before the official start.

For a start of the *SoloOceans* to be given, the minimum number of competitors is fixed at: eight competitors.

## **5- Course**

The 2009-2010 edition of the *SoloOceans* will be on the following course:

- Start of the first leg: Caen (Lower-Normandy - France)
- Cape of Good Hope to port
- Virtual security beacons to starboard
- Cape Leeuwin to port
- Finish of the first leg: Wellington (New Zealand)
  
- Start of the second leg: Wellington (New Zealand)
- Virtual security beacons to starboard
- Cape Horn to port
- Finish: Cherbourg-Octeville (Lower-Normandy - France)

## **6- Authorised boats**

The *SoloOceans* is exclusively reserved for the monohulls one-design Veolia Oceans® complying with the Veolia Oceans® Class Rules.

## **7- Support**

The competitors of the *SoloOceans* are not authorised to have personalised meteorological support.

The competitors of the *SoloOceans* may stop once or more between the starting line and the finishing line of a leg without any justification.

During an improvised stopover, a competitor will be authorised to receive outside help only if the equipment he had at the start of the *SoloOceans* complying with: the Veolia Oceans® Class Rules, the present Notice of Race and the sailing Instructions is neither increased nor decreased.

This outside help can only be given after the mooring of the competitor's boat in a port or in a coastal shelter and after sail are completely furled. No outside help is authorised if not complying to those mandatory conditions.

An improvised stopover will not last less than four hours between the time of the mooring of the competitor's boat and the time when the competitor casts off the moorings to resume the race.

During an improvised stopover, a competitor will be authorised to repair or to have repaired any damaged equipment only after having obtained an official authorisation from the Organiser.

## **8- Official Texts**

The *SoloOceans* is governed by:

- The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012
- COLREGS
- The Offshore Special Regulations - Category 0
- The Veolia Oceans® Class Rules
- Version 3 of the present Notice of Race
- Sailing instructions and amendments
- Official decisions from the Organiser

## **9- Rights**

*SoloOceans* and *SoloOcéane* are registered trademarks. All the rights are reserved.

In entering the competition, the competitor automatically authorises the Organiser to use his image in order to promote the *SoloOceans* and his own registration.

The rights of the images taken on board or outside a Veolia Oceans® one-design entered into the *SoloOceans* belong to the Organiser who commits himself in using them for the largest media promotion of the *SoloOceans* and of its competitors.

The use of the rights of the *SoloOceans* and of the rights of the images taken on board or outside a Veolia Oceans® entered into the *SoloOceans* will be defined in the contract established between each competitor, his ship-owners partner(s) and the Organiser.

## **10- Obligations**

The competitors of the *SoloOceans* shall comply with obligations defined in a next version of this Notice of Race.

Those obligations will be defined taking into account the experience of the round-the-world Reconnaissance Tour 2007-2008 of the *SoloOceans*.

## **11- Programme - Calendar**

The Prologue of the *SoloOceans 2009-2010* will start from and arrive in: Cherbourg-Octeville (Lower-Normandy - France) approximately one month before the Start of the first leg of the *SoloOceans*.

The first leg of the *SoloOceans* (1/2 single-handed, non-stop-round-the-world race: France - New Zealand in the West to East direction) will run from October to December.

The second leg of the *SoloOceans* (1/2 single-handed, non-stop round-the-world race: New Zealand - France in the West-East direction) will run from January-February to March-April the following year.

As a result, every year from 2009 onwards, a leg (1/2 single-handed, non-stop round-the-world-race) of the *SoloOceans* will be sailed.

The first edition of the *SoloOceans* is scheduled to start from France between the 15th October and the 15th November 2009 .

The starting date kept at the date of the publication of this Notice of Race is: Sunday 25 October 2009.

## **12- Responsibility/Liability**

The competitors of the *SoloOceans* shall take part in the competition at their own risk and peril. And they alone shall be responsible for their participation. Each participant shall have sole liability for deciding whether or not to start a leg of the *SoloOceans*. The competitor shall take this decision following his own criteria. The competitor has no obligation in justifying his decision.

It belongs to each participant to judge the opportunity to continue or stop during a leg of the *SoloOceans*. The competitor shall take this decision following his own criteria. The competitor has no obligation in justifying his decision.

When the Organiser of the *SoloOceans* give the start of a leg, this means he opens the starting line but it does not mean he compels a competitor to cross the line at the official starting time. The opening time of the starting line of each leg of the *SoloOceans* will be defined in the sailing Instructions.

### **13- Entry**

Entries for the *SoloOceans* 2009-2010 are opened on the 30th November 2007 and will be closed on the 31st July 2009.

To enter the *SoloOceans*, a competitor must write a hand-written letter of intent addressed to the Organiser. This letter shall be accompanied by:

- Detailed Civil status of the competitor
- List of the Sailing Competitions in which the competitor took part with his ranking.
- Several Photos (high-resolution) free of rights of the competitors.
- Hand-written document from the competitor authorising the Organiser to use his image in order to promote the *SoloOceans* and his own promotion as entered in the *SoloOceans*.

No deposit is needed to enter the *SoloOceans* 2009-2010.

### **14- Qualification**

To be authorised to take the start of the *SoloOceans*, a competitor must:

- Present a complete entry form duly filled proving that he is able to take part in the best conditions possible to the *SoloOceans*.
- Bring an undeniable proof that he will have a Veolia Oceans® one-design at least 80 days before the start of the edition of the *SoloOceans* he wants to take part to.
- Take part to the Prologue of the *SoloOceans* he wants to take part to
- Going through a medical examination stating the physical ability of the competitor respecting confidentiality

The Organiser is authorised to refuse any entry form of a competitor without giving any justification

After having officially authorised a competitor to start in an edition of the *SoloOceans*, the Organiser shall not change his decision, except:

- if the competitor does not participate in the Prologue of the *SoloOceans* edition involved;
- if the physical condition of the competitor deteriorated between the time of having been judged able to participate to the *SoloOceans* by the doctors and the start of the a leg of the *SoloOceans*;
- if the competitor infringed the one-design rules defined by the Veolia Oceans® Class;
- if the behaviour of the competitor prejudices in any way : the *SoloOceans*, the competitors, the sponsors, the Veolia Oceans® Class or the Organiser.

## **15- Rankings**

The *SoloOceans* will have three rankings :

- Ranking of leg 1
- Ranking of leg 2
- Overall ranking

To be ranked in a leg of the *SoloOceans*, a competitor shall sail the whole course of this leg, respecting the rules applying to him.

To be ranked in an edition of the *SoloOceans*, a competitor shall participate in two legs of the *SoloOceans* on the same Veolia Oceans® one design.

The overall ranking of the *SoloOceans* will be calculated by adding racing times obtained by each competitor after the two legs of the *SoloOceans*.

The competitor having realised the shortest time will be declared winner of the *SoloOceans*.

A maximum racing time will be imposed to competitors for each leg of the *SoloOceans*.

The maximum racing time will be calculated from the racing time of the first competitor having crossed the finishing line of the leg.

All competitors finishing after this maximum racing time will be tied ranked last of the leg. Competitors having finished after the maximum racing time will receive the maximum racing time imposed. The details of this provision will be defined in the Sailing instructions.

## 16- Prizes

The *SoloOceans* will award race prizes, of an amount equal or superior to:

<u>First leg :</u>	1 <sup>st</sup>	20 000 euros
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	15 000 euros
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10 000 euros

<u>Second leg :</u>	1 <sup>st</sup>	20 000 euros
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	15 000 euros
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10 000 euros

<u>Overall ranking :</u>	1 <sup>st</sup>	20 000 euros
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	15 000 euros
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10 000 euros

The *SoloOceans* has no value limit in the prizes.

To receive his prizes, a competitor shall sail the whole course of both legs of the *SoloOceans*.

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