

# RULES 2025

## RALLYE DES ILES DU SOLEIL



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## **1. Set sail with us : «Rallye des Iles du Soleil»**

### **1.1 Grand Pavois Organisation**

It was in 1973 that four pioneers from La Rochelle shipyards had the idea of creating an independent professional association to promote the interests of the nautical sector. They then gave birth to the Grand Pavois Organization association, which aims to create an afloat boat show where it will be possible to meet the managers of the shipyards and above all, to be able to make appointments to test the boats at sea.

Today, the Grand Pavois Organization association is still governed by a Board of Directors made up of nautical professionals.

Some of the events managed by GPO include:

- Grand Pavois La Rochelle Boat Show (France – since 1973),
- Shenzhen International Boat Show (China – 2009 to 2011),
- Métropole Aix-Marseille-Provence Boat Show in La Ciotat (France, 2013 to 2020),
- World40 (Class40 World Championship) in La Rochelle in 2022,
- Défi Atlantique Class40 Guadeloupe / Horta / La Rochelle, since 2019,
- La Transat 6,50 Charente-Maritime / Bahia (2001 to 2011),
- Le Rallye des Iles du Soleil 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023.

### **1.2 Our Objective**

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

There will be no ranking of participants. However, several prizes may be awarded on the basis of various criteria (for example, most beautiful photo at sea, largest fish caught, the most elegant boat at the arrival point, etc.).

The «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» will be held every year.

### **1.3 Who can participate in the adventure?**

The «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» is open to cruising monohulls and multihulls with an overall length over 35 feet (contact us for a smaller vessel).

The «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» is open to 50 boats.

The boats admitted must:

- Be designed and equipped for the route in complete conformity with the regulations of the French Maritime Affairs.
- Be equipped with safety equipment adapted to the sailing that will be required (refer to Division 240 of the Department of Maritime Affairs of the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy, as well as RIPAM "Compulsory safety equipment").
- Take onboard a pharmacy that complies with the Rally doctor's instructions.
- Comply with the provisions of international rules for the prevention of collisions at sea (navigation lights, sound signal equipment, etc.).

- Be equipped with the additional safety and communication equipment defined by the organisation (Art. 3).

Random checks will be carried out by the organisation on each boat at the Departure port.

Any equipment that is missing or not working must be repaired or replaced and presented to the organisation before departure.

The organisation will be entitled to exclude from the Rally any boat that does not comply with the Rally's rules.

In this case, the registration fees will not be refundable.

#### **1.4 Person in charge (Aptitude)**

The person in charge (and if possible a crew member) must have real experience of sailing and practical knowledge of safety equipment and communication.

By person in charge, we understand: a crew member responsible for steering the boat, keeping the daily log, compliance with the rules and the safety of those on-board.

The person in charge must declare having the competences required.

#### **1.5 Crew**

The number of people aboard included in the registration fee is set at 2, with, at the very least, 2 adults present per boat. The maximum number is determined by the boat builder CE marking plate.

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

**At least one member of the crew (person in charge or co-skipper) shall have undertaken a World Sailing Offshore Personnel Survival training course within the five years before the start of the event.**

**It is recommended that a second member of the crew also complete this course.**

**When there are only two crewmembers, both shall have undertaken the World Sailing Offshore Personnel Survival training course.**

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

This insurance includes public liability insurance for boats under 18 meters (see details on the FFVoile website)

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

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

As a FFVoile affiliated club, GPO can issue licences.

To read more :

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

Before departure, each crew member (or representative of a minor) must:

- Complete the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» registration form.
- Supply the Rally's doctor with the medical questionnaire signed by his or her doctor.
- Be in compliance with the French, Spanish and Cape Verdean authorities.
- Have identity documents (ID) valid for the duration of the Rally.

### **1.6 Route**

The 2025 «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» will depart from Marina Lanzarote (located in Arrecife in Canary islands) and arrive in Marie-Galante (Guadeloupe Islands) with a stopover in Mindelo (Sao Vincent Island – Cape Verde)

Grand Pavois Organisation reserves the right to modify all or part of the route.

### **1.7 Dates for the 2025 «Rallye des Iles du Soleil»**

- Gathering at the Grand Pavois La Rochelle (French Atlantic Coast), free pontoons for participants (subject to availability)
- From Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2025: Presence of boats required in Marina Lanzarote (located in Arrecife in Canary islands), free pontoons for participants.
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2025, 11 am (local time): Departure of the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil »
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2025, 11am (local time): Departure from Mindelo (Cape Verde)
- Arrival and anchoring in Marie-Galante (Guadeloupe Islands)
- Welcoming of participants until the closing party
- Closing evening of the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» 2025 in Marie-Galante (date to be confirmed)

The organizer reserves the right to modify these dates, participants will be informed as soon as possible.

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

### **2.1 How to register**

Forms will be registered at the following e-mail address: [ilesdusoleil@grand-pavois.com](mailto:ilesdusoleil@grand-pavois.com)

Or by post at the following address:

**GRAND PAVOIS ORGANISATION**  
**«RALLYE DES ILES DU SOLEIL»**  
**Avenue du Lazaret, Port des Minimes,**  
**17042 La Rochelle Cedex 1 / France**

Each participant must complete the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» registration form.

The person in charge must confirm that they have read and accepted the present Rules.

### 2.2.1 Cost of registration

The cost of registration varies according to the size of the boat and the number of crew members:

- ≥ 35 feet and ≤ 45 feet: **€ 2890 incl. VAT**
- > 45 feet and ≤ 55 feet: **€ 3200 incl. VAT**
- > 55 feet : **€ 3540 incl. VAT**
- Boats under 35 feet: contact us

This package includes the participation of 2 people aboard.

- Additional crew member over 15 years old departing from € 375 incl. VAT
- Children from 8 to 14 years will be accepted at no extra costs.

These prices are valid for registrations before 30 June on the year of departure.

### 2.2.2 Cost of registration – Professional charter boat

The cost of registration of a boat is 285 € + a flat rate of 550 € HT per registered crew member.

### 2.3 Payment schedule

- A 30% deposit will be required when registering.
- A second 40% deposit will be payable by 30 June 2025 at the latest.
- The balance of 30% must be paid by 30 September 2025 at the very latest.

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

Postal Address :

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

Bank Details :

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

**Title of your transfer:**

**Your First Name and SURNAME – The NAME of the Boat  
«RALLYE DES ILES DU SOLEIL» 2025**

### 2.4 Right of withdrawal - Cancellation fees

#### 2.4.1 – Right of withdrawal

In accordance with regulations in force, participants have fourteen days, from the date of submitting the registration form, to exercise their right of withdrawal without having to justify a reason or pay any penalties other than return costs.

#### 2.4.2 – Cancellation fees

Prior to the inspection of the boats before departure and in the case of the registration request being refused by GPO, the registration fees will be refunded to participants.

If GPO refuses a boat's departure because of a non-conformity with the Rally's regulations, the registration fees will not be refunded.

After the period of withdrawal, a crew's cancellation of their participation will not give rise to the refund of any sums paid.

#### Force majeure:

If the owner of a sailboat registered in the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» cannot depart from Marina Lanzarote for major medical reasons such as surgery, supported by a medical certificate, the Grand Pavois Organisation will reimburse his registration expenses reduced by 15% for administrative expenses.

#### 2.5 What do the registration fees include?

- A GPO contact person at your disposal to answer any questions (from preparation through to the date of the end of the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil»),
- Presence of a Cruise Director throughout the duration of the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil»,
- Medicalisation of the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» with the presence of a doctor in Marina Lanzarote and remote-medical support throughout the duration of the crossing,
- Complete control of the safety elements in Marina Lanzarote by GPO,
- Welcome in Marina Lanzarote during the compulsory presence period, free pontoons for participants
- Morning snack in the Canaries (Marina Lanzarote),
- Welcome of the crew to the official crew party in the Canaries (Marina Lanzarote),
- Free anchoring during the stopover in Mindelo (Cape Verde) (Optional : Marina mooring with negotiated rates)
- Welcome in Marie-Galante and celebration of each arrival
- "Safe and adapted" free mooring in Marie-Galante (Guadeloupe Islands)
- Caribbean Party and Prize-Giving Ceremony in Marie-Galante (Guadeloupe Islands)
- Set up of a positioning transmitter aboard each boat (**an €800 deposit will be required and will be returned when it is removed**).
- Daily tracking of satellite positions on the official site of the Rallye des Iles du Soleil,
- Daily Reports: weather forecasts for the zone, fleet position (ADRENA type or equivalent) and news of the fleet.
- The person in charge briefings before departure in Marina Lanzarote (Canarias): weather forecast, security, medical, communication...
- Preferred rates from «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» technical partners,
- Signage (e.g.: flags, stickers, etc.).

## 2.6 Exclusions:

Items not included, for example:

- Stopover costs, regardless of the marina, outside of free periods defined in paragraph 2.5,
- Fuel costs,
- Supply costs,
- Communication costs on land or at sea,
- Rescue costs if required,
- Mooring costs at a port other than the one indicated by the organiser,
- Medical costs of participants,
- Participant's personal spending,
- Insurance costs for boats and crews, etc,

Non-exhaustive list, therefore everything that is not described in paragraph 2.5 remains payable by the participants.

## **3. Specific «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» equipment**

(Refer to article 1.3 of the Rules).

All equipment must work properly, be easily accessible, and be of type, size and capacity necessary and adequate for the intended use in relation to the size of the vessel.

Complement to French division 240, offshore:

Security:

- **An ISO 9650 liferaft shall contain as a minimum Pack 1 (greater than 24 hour pack),**
- **Or An ISO 9650 liferaft shall contain as a minimum Pack 2 (less than 24 hour pack);**  
**In cas of a Pack 2, some items are permitted to be carried within an accompanying waterproof grab bag which shall be in a readily accessible location,**
- A ManOverBoard pole with flag (IOR type) with parachute anchor,
- Life jackets shall be equipped with emergency position indicating lights,
- A recovery sling capable to hoist a crew member aboard,
- Companionway hatches: fitted with a strong securing arrangement which shall be operable from the exterior and interior even when the boat is inverted,
- A operationnal system to get back on board,
- An emergency tiller capable of being fitted to the rudder stock,
- A life line (jack line) on each side of the bridge,
- Clipping points in the cockpit,
- Permanently manual bindge pump, operable with all cockpit seats, hatches and companionways shut,

Mecanic:

- An engine and associated systems installed in accordance with their manufacturers' guidelines and suitable for the size and intended use of the boat
- Autonomy in engine fuel ensuring 60 hours of operation,
- A set of appropriate batteries securely stowed,
- A basic tool box,
- Spare parts for the engine, water pump, alternator :
  - belts,
  - filters,
  - water pump turbines,
  - oil,
  - cooling system,
- Hydraulic oil for steering system,

#### Sails:

- A Main sail with at least 2 reefs (In the case of a roller furler, the person in charge must ensure the proper functioning of the safety system),
- An effective storm jib, connected to the stay or rigged on its own stay,
- A sail repair kit,
- A strong, sharp knife, sheathed and securely restrained shall be accessible from the deck or a cockpit,
- An effective means to quickly disconnect or sever the standing rigging from the boat

#### Electronic/electric:

- Reserve navigation lights that can be powered independently
- A searchlight, suitable for searching a person overboard at night and for collision avoidance, which can be powered independently,

#### Miscellaneous:

- A water tank holding at least 3 litres per day and per crew member; or a Water Maker in which case it is recommended that a reserve of 25 litres per crew member should be carried,
- The boat shall carry at least one spare lifejacket,
- The boat shall carry at least one gas inflatable lifejacket spare cylinder and, if appropriate, spare activation head for each type of lifejacket on board,
- A fire blanket stored near the kitchen,
- A passive radar reflector,
- Two solid buckets equipped with mooring ends,
- A Q flag,
- Courtesy flags (Spain, Cape-Verde, France),



- Diving equipment (snorkel, mask, wetsuit) for an eventual intervention,
- Navigational charts (not solely electronic) of Canarian Islands, Cape-Verde, Guadeloupe with Marie-Galante, light list and nautical guides

#### Emergency :

- A personal emergency bag, of fluorescent colour on the outside, shall be marked with the name of the boat, and shall have a lanyard and clip, readily accessible whether or not the boat is inverted, with the following minimum contents:
  - o solid plastic bags,
  - o whistles,
  - o warm clothing,
  - o a hand-held marine VHF transceiver, watertight or with a waterproof cover,
  - o a hand-held GPS,
  - o **a PLB unit (as with other types of EPIRB, should be properly registered with the appropriate authority),**
  - o A First Aid medical kit (drugs and medical items listed by the Rally's Doctor + personal drugs)
  - o Sunscreen,
  - o A multifunction folding knife,
  - o Official, vessel and crew documents,
- At least 10 liters of drinking water for emergency use in a dedicated and sealed container or container(s)

### **3.1 Specific «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» equipment - Communication equipment**

Each vessel shall be equipped with at least:

- The tracking beacon provided by GPO,
- Equipment capable of receiving and sending emails at sea,
- The ship's email account must be configured and operational, the transmission and reception tests will have been carried out,
- A class B AIS transponder,
- A GPS capable of recording a crew overboard position,
- **In case of double handed crews, one personal location beacon (MOB) per crew member, of the SART AIS type.**

All the equipment must be in perfect working order.

## **4. Recommendations**

In addition to the mandatory equipment and as far as possible, it is strongly recommended to have on board:

- A navigation software compatible with positioning files sent by GPO (ADRENA format or equivalent),
- A spare Alternator and Starter Motor (if the main engine is over 5 years old),
- An AIS personal crew overboard beacon for each crew member,
- Preparation of the rigging and the sail plan for a transatlantic navigation,
- Life jackets shall have more than 150N buoyancy, with a spray hood, crotch strap and whistle,
- Either fixed or portable pump to remove ingress water from any compartment.
- A tapered soft wood plug stowed adjacent to every through-hull opening.

## **5. Responsibility**

Each participant acknowledges the risks inherent in any sport and any intense practice of sport and to have medical review for this discipline, before enrolling in the Rally, any participation comes under his/her sole and entire responsibility. If it is a minor, he/she has asked for assistance from his or her parents or legal representative or guardian.

The person in charge must declare himself/herself able to undertake an offshore navigation and will be solely and exclusively responsible for the crew of the vessel and of the organization of the decisions that he will make at sea. He/she will also be solely responsible for any damage that may occur to his/her vessel during his/her participation in the Rally.

Each adult member of the crew will have to sign a declaration before the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» departure releasing the organizers of any liability arising from an accident that may occur in connection with «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» and agreeing to guarantee them against liability due to his/her boat. In the same way, the legal representative or guardian of a minor child participating in the Rally will have to sign a similar declaration.

The owner of a boat or his/her legal representative is financially responsible for the repatriation of a crew member to his/her country of origin, regardless of the reason.

The person in charge who embark passengers or paid crew members will be solely responsible for the commercial relationship with their crew members and will be obliged to present a special qualification for piloting a vessel with paying passengers on board. Special insurance may be requested.

Each person in charge undertakes to display the compulsory signs provided on his boat (flags, hull stickers, etc.) by the organization and its partners at the departure and arrival ports. The Organizer reserves the right to prohibit advertising for certain products or services contrary to the spirit of the rally and the laws in force.

The person in charge undertakes not to bring any recourse against the organizer and its members.

## **6. Insurance**

The boats must have third-party insurance and the person in charge must provide a certificate to the organisation stipulating the cover acquired, valid for the zones of departure/stopover/arrival and for the entire duration of the "Rallye des Iles du Soleil".

It is up to the owner of each boat to take out a Damages insurance for any damages which may occur during participation in the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil».

It is up to each participant to take out personal insurance cover if he or she deems it be necessary (recommended).

**N.B :** The FFVoile licence includes a personal liability insurance with the option of a personal accident extension. We strongly recommend that each member of the crew takes out a personal accident extension related to the licence.

To read more :

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

## **7. Delayed departures**

In the case of major force, and in particular in the case of unfavourable weather conditions, the organiser may decide to delay the departure dates for the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» (Canaries and Cape-Verde).

In the case of the event being cancelled for a reason of force majeure, the organiser undertakes to refund the amount of the participant's registration. No compensation may be claimed from the organisers in the case of a delay, in particular concerning port fees.

Every person in charge must be present at the pre-departure briefings and must sign a sheet attesting to his presence.

## **8. Delayed departures owing to the participant**

All the boats will depart a maximum of 30 minutes after the official departures of the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil». Any boat which has not departed within the timescale decided must immediately inform the organisers of the reasons for this delay, the expected duration and the new planned date and time of departure.

The person in charge is obliged to keep the organization informed about any changes to the sailing plan. He must provide the reasons for any changes and confirm the new date and time of departure, as well as the estimated date of arrival in Cape Verde and Marie-Galante.

## **9. Time limit**

In the case of a change in the date and (or) time of the scheduled departures (see Art. 1-7 Final date and time for ending the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil» as well as the new date of the closing evening will be announced at the departure briefings.

The welcome of participants in Marie-Galante will be operational up until the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil»'s closing evening.

The person in charge of the boat must inform the organisation by e-mail or satellite telephone if the boat has moored at a port, if it has strayed from its normal route, of any event aboard about which the organisation should be informed and/or if it withdraws from the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil». If the fact of not keeping the organisers informed results in the organisation of an unnecessary search and rescue operation, the boat's owner will be responsible for the cost of the operation.

Any boat that has not informed the organisers of an unplanned stopover within 24 hours will be deemed to have breached the rules and as having withdrawn from the «Rallye des Iles du Soleil».

### 9.1 Presence at departure and arrival ports

Boats and crew members must be present at the departure port from the 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2025 and at the arrival port up until the closing evening. In the event of this not being possible, a prior agreement must be concluded with the Rally's organisers.

## 10. Rules

The organisers reserve the right to modify the rules, regulations and conditions for participating. Sailing instructions will be communicated one month before departure at the very latest and they may provide additional information and/or make changes to certain points in the rules.

Complaints should be sent to GPO by recorded delivery to the address provided above and must outline the reason for the complaint supported by any documents of proof.

No dispute or complaint concerning the Rally expressed orally will be taken into account.

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

In the case of translation, the French text shall prevail.



