



# PRE NOTICE OF RACE

## SINGLE-HANDED TRANSATLANTIC RACE 2020

*(Established in 1960 as the first solo transatlantic race,  
and known often since as the OSTAR, renamed in 2004 "THE TRANSAT")*

**15th Edition, starting Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020.**

**Brest (FR) to Charleston (USA)**

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### Race History

In 2004, OC Sport rescued the event known as the OSTAR, rebranded it and invested heavily to ensure its continuance. After a successful edition in 2016, the race is back in 2020 and aims to gather a varied and competitive fleet with today's best offshore-racing boats. The event will offer great VIP opportunities at the start and at the finish, and will deliver a captivating show both on land and at sea for the public, the partners and the media.

THE TRANSAT, now embarking on its 15th edition, has a long history as the heir of the oldest singlehanded transatlantic race, the OSTAR, which shaped modern offshore racing. At the core of the race is a story about sport, adventure and human endeavour.

### Position in the calendar

Other sporting events have been taken into account when defining the schedule of The Transat, such as the Transat New-York – Vendée – Les Sables organized for the IMOCA class which is planned to start from New-York on June 16th, and The Atlantic Cup for the Class40 which will depart from Charleston June 10th.

## 1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY AND OFFICIAL NAME

- 1.1. The goal of this Pre-Notice of Race is to announce and promote the event "THE TRANSAT".
- 1.2. OC SPORT Pen Duick is the official organizing authority in affiliation with the FFVoile.
- 1.3 The official **name** of the event is **THE TRANSAT**, however the name might change in case of a title partnership to become "The XXX TRANSAT or The Transat XXX".

*Note: The trademark THE TRANSAT and logo are registered Europe wide by the Intellectual Property Office. Ref: Community Trade Mark E3873908, registered the 10 April 2006, Classes 16, 41, in English and French.*

## 2. RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.1. THE TRANSAT is governed by the rules, as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing in force at the period of the event. These rules apply to each class/category participating in THE TRANSAT.

- The Offshore Special Regulations category 1 (OSR 1)
- The Racing Rules of Sailing by World Sailing (RRS). However, some rules can be modified in the Notice of Race. The Race is classified a "WS race".
- The Part B of The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea (IRPCAS)

2.2. Weather Routing: Weather routing or any similar form of outside assistance is permitted for the Ultimes and Multi50 classes only. This changes RRS 41.

2.3. Access to online weather information shall be limited to public websites, as defined in the Sailing Instructions (*key points but not exhaustive spec are: must have a URL, must be able to be found by a standard search on Google.com, and must be made available to all skippers*).

2.4. The RRS related to outside help will be modified to allow a technical stopover.

### 3. BOATS AND SKIPPERS

3.1. The race is **single-handed**.

3.2. THE TRANSAT is open to monohulls and multihulls, split into several classes/categories.

3.3. The following boats are invited to participate in THE TRANSAT :

- **IMOCA 60 Class**: monohulls as defined in IMOCA class rules.
- **Class40**: monohulls as defined in Class40 rules.
- **Multi50 Class**: multihulls as defined by Multi50 class rules.
- **Ultimes**: Multihulls measuring 60 LOA and over.

A ranking specific to each class/category will be established.

At least 4 entries in each class/category will be required for a class/category to be admitted and allowed to take the start.

### 4. RACE COURSE

4.1. THE TRANSAT is a transatlantic race starting in **Brest** (France) and finishing in **Charleston** (USA)

4.2. OC SPORT Pen Duick reserves the right to add race buoys, waypoints or safety gates (lines that each boat will have to cross or go around at least once). These can vary between classes/category.

4.3 The start of THE TRANSAT will be given in Brest on **Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> 2020**.

4.4 The boats will be expected in Brest on the evening of Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup>.

### 5. NOTICE OF RACE AND ENTRIES

Entries will be open during the autumn in 2019 after the release of the Notice of Race.

## 6. CONTACTS

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