

J-CUP EUROPE 2026

J99 European Cup
Yacht Club of Cherbourg
18th to 20th June 2026
Cherbourg en Cotentin - France

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation [NP] (No Protest) in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.4(a).

Penalties for breaches marked '[DP]' or Class Rules are at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The prescriptions of the French Sailing Federation (FFVOILE) will apply.
- 1.3. Sporting events are primarily a space for exchange and sharing, open to all. As such, competitors and support persons are expected to always behave courteously and respectfully, ashore and afloat, regardless of origin, gender, or sexual orientation. Any competitor or support person who fails to comply with these principles may be penalized under RRS 2 or 69.
- 1.4. Applicable class rules are:
 - IRC Classes will race under the IRC 2026 Rating Rule.
 - J109: UK and Ireland J/109 Association Class Rules.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTION

- 2.1. Any change to the SI will be posted no later than 2 hours before the warning signal of the race in which it takes effect, except any change to the schedule of races, which will be posted before 20:00 the day before it takes effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice board at the **Yacht Club of Cherbourg** and published on the Yacht Club website: <https://yc-cherbourg.com>
- 3.2. Messages to competitors from the Race Committee may also be posted on the Competitors' WhatsApp group, but these are for information only and errors, contradictions, anomalies or failure to receive a message will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b). The WhatsApp group may be joined using this link:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KCvPbuaToG3Kz4exMBMpe0>
- 3.3. The Race Committee may draw attention to signals given on the Committee vessel and communicate other information on VHF at any time. The Race Committee will transmit on Channel 77. Failure to transmit or to receive such communication will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [NP][DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from Race Officials.
- 4.2. [NP][DP] At the end of each day of racing, the crews are required to place the advertising flags provided by the OA for each boat, in accordance with the instructions communicated by the OA.

5. SIGNAL MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be flown at the Yacht Club of Cherbourg flagstaff.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, RRS Race Signals are changed so that '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 60 minutes.'

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Official time: French Time (GMT+2)

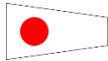
6.2 Schedule:

Date	Classes	Briefing Time	First warning Signal	Number of races Scheduled
18th June 2026	J99	09h00	10h30	1 to 3
19th June 2026	J99 and other J Boats (IRC)	08h30	10h00	1 to 3
20th June 2026	J99 and other J Boats (IRC)	08h30	10h00	1 to 3

- 6.3 Classes may be started together, or separately, and in any order, at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 6.4 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable after the completion of the previous race.
- 6.5 On last day (20th June 2026), the last warning signal of a race will not be made after 15h00.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1 Class flags are as follows:

Class	Class Flag
IRC	Numeral pennant 1 
J/99	Numeral pennant 2 

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 Courses will be located near the harbour of Cherbourg. (see appendix Race Area and courses)

9. COURSES

- 9.1 Courses will be Costal Races, selected from those described at appendix Courses, or Windward-Leeward races.
- 9.2 For Costal Races, **flag "O"** will be displayed on the committee vessel, with a numerical pennant corresponding to the proposed course number.
- 9.3 For "Windward/Leeward" races, **flag "Q"** will be displayed on the committee vessel. The diagrams in Appendix Courses show the course, the order in which marks are to be passed.

- 9.4 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 9.5 For Coastal Races, no later than the warning signal, the race committee will display flag D if the course includes an offset mark. A green flag will indicate it shall be rounded to starboard; absence of a green flag means it shall be rounded to port (this changes Race Signals)
- 9.6 Courses will be displayed on a board on the Committee Vessel using the codes contained in appendix Courses.
- 9.7 Courses will be advised on the designated VHF Channel 77
- 9.8 Marks used will be as described in every morning briefing. (see appendix Race area and Courses).

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Costal Races:
- 10.1.1 The outer distance mark will be a semi-rigid boat with an orange flag.
- 10.1.2 The finishing mark will be a small cylindrical orange buoy.
- 10.1.3 The offset mark (if used) is an inflatable tetrahedral red buoy.
- 10.2 Windward/ Leeward Races:
- 10.2.1 marks are described in appendix courses.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 The prohibited areas described in SI 19.4 shall rank as an obstruction for the purpose of RRS 19 and 20.

12 START

- 12.1 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an Orange flag will be displayed with one long sound as an Attention signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between a pole displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel at the starboard end and the orange flag on a RIB at the port end of the line.
- 12.3 [NP] [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.4 In addition to RRS 29.1, the Race Committee may, where possible, broadcast individual OCS recalls by sail number on VHF channel 77. Failure to do so or any delay or the order of the broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 12.5 In addition to the provisions of RRS A5, a boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal.

14 FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a mast displaying a blue flag on the Committee Vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 14.2 When a Race Committee vessel displaying ICF F and making repeated sound signals is positioned adjacent to a mark or gate of the course, boats, having rounded that mark or passed through that gate, shall proceed directly to the Finish line to finish. This changes RRS 32.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 15.2 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply. If a party, having been informed that an Arbitration Meeting will be held, does not attend, other parties may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time until the protest committee has completed taking evidence. This changes RRS Appendix T1(a).

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The finishing window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat in the class, sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the finishing window and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, and A5.2.
- 16.2 The finishing window for courses is calculated as: 3 minutes per nautical mile of course length by referring to the distances indicated in the description of the course, rounded up to the next higher whole minute.
- 16.3 For the "Windward/Leeward" Races: Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes of the first boat of its fleet which sails the course and finishes, will be scored 'Did Not Finish'. This changes RRS 35 and 63.1 and A5.

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 The protest time limit is one hour (1 hr) after the last boat to finish in the last race of each day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.2 Notice of protests by the race committee or the protest committee will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.3 Hearing requests must be written and filed at the Race Office (YCCherbourg).
- 17.4 Hearings will be held in the **Yacht Club of Cherbourg** and the schedule will be posted on the event virtual notice board to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named witnesses as soon as possible after the protest time limit expires. It is the responsibility of parties to make themselves available at the time and place indicated on the virtual notice board.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 A minimum of 2 races shall be sailed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.3 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.4 Corrected time will be calculated using the IRC Rating System (TCC 2026).
- 18.5 The coefficients used for corrected time calculations will be posted on the official notice board by 09:00 on the 18th June, and no later than one hour before the first scheduled race. Protests regarding these coefficients will only be accepted until the protest time limit of the first day of racing. This changes RRS 60.3

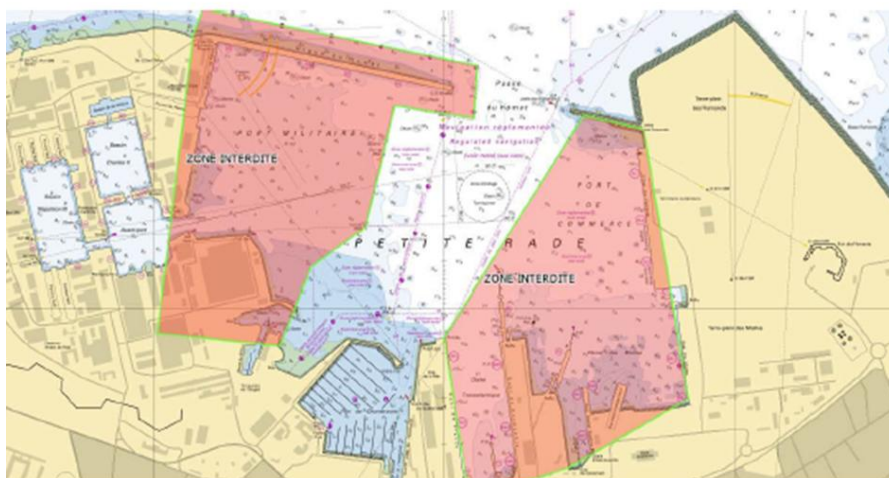
19 SAFETY REGULATIONS / PROHIBITED AREAS

- 19.1 [NP][DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible on VHF (77).
- 19.2 [NP][DP] Boats shall keep clear of commercial shipping at all times.
- 19.3 Bowsprit usage:

Unless otherwise specified in the class rules, the bowsprit may only be extended when setting, carrying or recovering the spinnaker. The penalty for each infringement is a One Turn Penalty as described in RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

- 19.4 [DP] When racing or not racing, a boat shall not enter the area bounded by the following chart:

Prohibited Area in "Petite Rade":



20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions.

21 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 21.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee or the jury.
- 21.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed without the approval of the technical committee or the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity

22 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 22.1 The main Committee Vessel is a blue and white Teaser 31.

23 PRIZEGIVING

- 23.1 Daily prizes may be awarded at 19:00 each day in the event tent village.
- 23.2 Regatta prizes will be awarded as soon as possible after racing on Saturday 20th June.

24 INSURANCE

- 24.1 Each Entry to the regatta shall comply with the requirements of Notice of Race.

Appointed Officials:

Race Committee Chair: **Eric LE ROI**

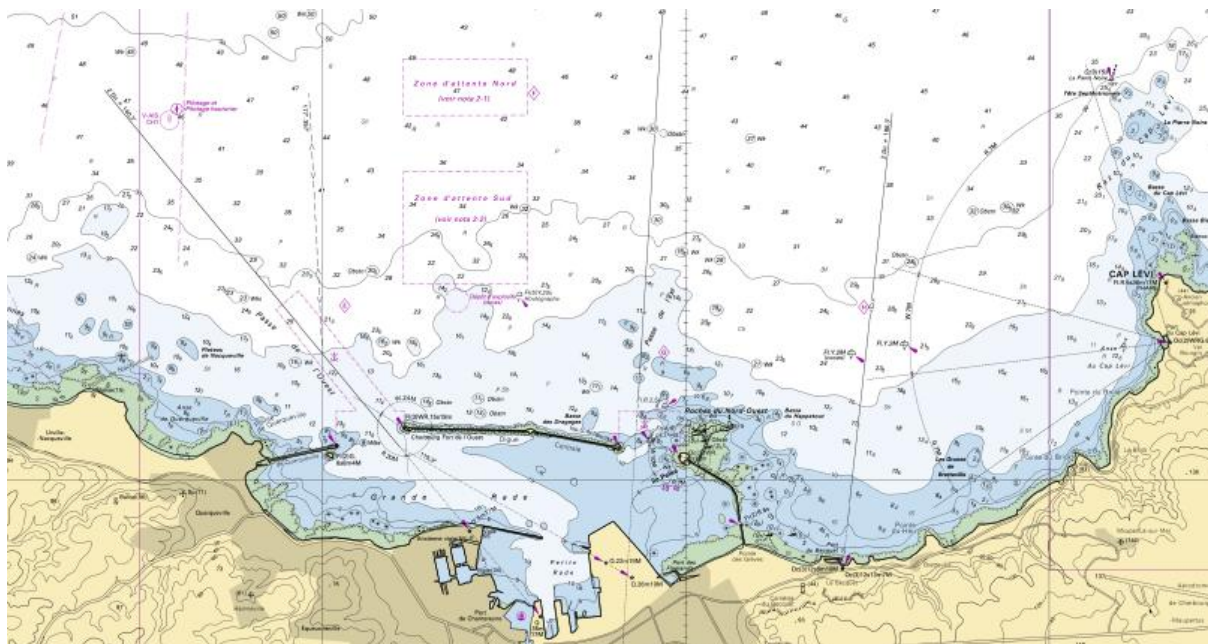
Race Committee Assistant: **Alexandre BOUCHARD**

Jury Chair: **Dirk VAN BEEK**

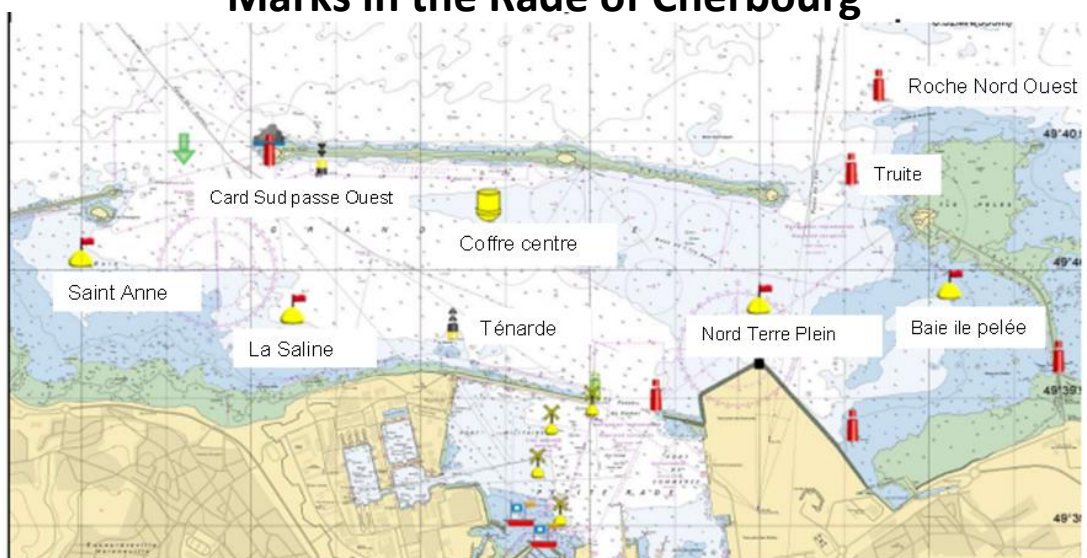
Jury: **Gwenaëlle JOULIE-METIVIER**

Appendix RACE AREA and COURSES

Race Area Inshore Courses

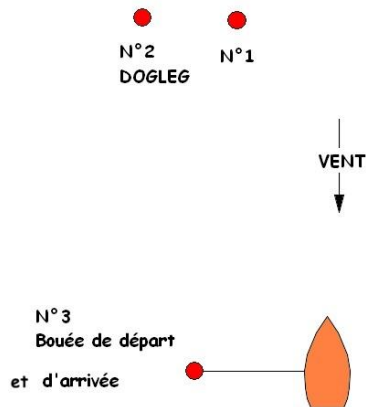


Marks in the Rade of Cherbourg



Nom de la marque	Forme	Coordonnées géographique	
Baie île Pelée	Bouée gonflable jaune	49°39,875'N	001°34,876'W
BN2	Marque spéciale	49°38,176'N	001°37,484'W
Bouée Du becquet	Marque spéciale	49°41,540'N	001°32,414'W
Cardinale Sud passe de l'ouest	Cardinale Sud	49°40,366'N	001°38,586'W
Coffre du centre	Coffre	49°40,183'N	001°37,595'W
Coffre des sous-marins	Coffre en baie du becquet	49°41,195'N	001°32,065'W
La Saline	Bouée gonflable jaune	49°39,779'N	001°38,750'W
Nord terre plein flamands	Bouée gonflable jaune	49°39,816'N	001°36,000'W
Roche Nord-Ouest	Lattéral babôrd rouge	40°40,654'N	001°35,300'W
Saint Anne	Bouée gonflable jaune	49°40,000'N	001°40,000'W
Ténarde	Cardinale Nord	49°39,725'N	001°37,812'W
Truite	Lattéral babôrd rouge	49°40,326'N	001°35,443'W

Windward-Leeward Race
(flag « Q » displayed on the committee vessel)



Course :

- Start (tetrahedral red buoy)
- Mark 1 in port
- Mark 2 in port
- Mark 3 in port
- Mark 1 in port
- Mark 2 in port
- Finish (tetrahedral red buoy)

Marks :

N°1 : Cylindrical yellow buoy

N°2 : Cylindrical yellow buoy

N°3 : Tetrahedral red buoy (Start and Finish)

Start :

The starting line will be between a pole displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the mark N°3 at the port end of the line.

Finish :

The finishing line is between the mast flying a blue flag on the committee vessel and the mark N°3.

APPENDIX FFVOILE PRESCRIPTIONS

FFVoile Prescriptions to RRS 2021-2024
translated for non-francophone competitors

FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 25.1** (*Notice of race, sailing instructions and signals*):

For events graded 4 and 5, standard notices of race and sailing instructions including the specificities of the event shall be used. Events graded 4 may have dispensation for such requirement, after receipt of FFVoile approval, received before the notice of race has been published.

For events graded 5, posting of sailing instructions will be considered as meeting the requirements of RRS 25.1 application.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 64.4** (*Decisions on protests concerning class rules*):

The protest committee may ask the parties to the protest, prior to checking procedures, a deposit covering the cost of checking arising from a protest concerning class rules.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 67** (*Damages*):

Any question or request related to damages arising from an incident occurred while a boat was bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing depends on the appropriate courts and cannot be examined and dealt by a protest committee.

A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that such action, admit liability for damages.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 70.5** (*Appeals and requests to a national authority*):

The denial of the right of appeal is subject to the written approval of the Fédération Française de Voile, received before publishing the notice of race. This approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 76.1** (*Exclusion of boats or competitors*):

An organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary reason.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 78.1** (*Compliance with class rules; certificates*):

The boat's owner or other person in charge shall, under his sole responsibility, make sure moreover that his boat complies with the equipment and security rules required by the laws, by-laws and regulations of the Administration.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 86.3** (*Changes to the racing rules*):

An organizing authority wishing to change a rule listed in RRS 86.1(a) in order to develop or test new rules shall first submit the changes to the FFVoile, in order to obtain its written approval and shall report the results to FFVoile after the event. Such approval shall be mentioned in the notice of race and in the sailing instructions and shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 88.2** (*Changes to prescriptions*):

Prescriptions of the FFVoile shall not be changed in the notice of race and sailing instructions, except for events for which an international jury has been appointed.

In such case, the prescriptions marked with an asterisk (*) shall not be changed in the notice of race and sailing instructions. (The official translation of the prescriptions, downloadable on the FFVoile website www.ffvoile.fr, shall be the only translation used to comply with RRS 90.2(b)).

(*) FFVoile Prescription to **RRS 91(b)** (*Protest committee*):

The appointment of an international jury meeting the requirements of Appendix N is subject to prior written approval of the Fédération Française de Voile. Such approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

(*) FFVoile Prescription to **APPENDIX R** (*Procedures for appeals and requests*):

Appeals shall be sent to the head-office of Fédération Française de Voile, 17 rue Henri Bocquillon, 75015 Paris – email: jury.appel@ffvoile.fr, using preferably the appeal form downloadable on the website of Fédération Française de Voile: <http://espaces.ffvoile.fr/media/127235/formulaire-dappel.pdf>