



## **The Voiles de Saint-Tropez 2020 – Saturday, September 26 – Friday, October 9**

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

### **The Voiles de Saint-Tropez 2020: all aboard!**

**Despite the significant difficulties related to the current situation and health constraints, the 2020 edition of the Voiles de Saint-Tropez has been confirmed. Five days before the event kick-off, the Société Nautique de Saint-Tropez, Saint-Tropez town and all sponsors have spared no effort to put in place the necessary measures in order that the flagship Tropezian autumnal event can go ahead in the best possible conditions for participants, spectators and staff alike.**

Scheduled this year for the first time over a period of two weeks, from September 26 to October 9, the 22<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Voiles de Saint-Tropez is preparing to welcome a fleet of around 200 of the most beautiful classic and modern boats in the world, a figure down by a third compared to usual numbers for the event.

#### **Challenge Day Thursday, October 1: no Centenary Cup, only the Challenge Races**

Organised in collaboration with the Gstaad Yacht Club as part of the Voiles de Saint-Tropez since 2011, the Centenary Cup is a regatta open to boats over one hundred years old. The original format of this race, which is usually one of the highlights of the Challenge Day featured on Thursday, is to give staggered starts to the participating boats according to their speed potential, so that the first boat to cross the line is the winner. The quarantine measures in place between France and Switzerland do not allow the organisers this year to ensure the smooth running of this race, which has had to be written out of the programme. This setback should not prevent centenarians from challenging each other and sailing in the wake of the Club 55 Cup which will take place.

#### **Programme 2020:**

##### **Week 1: The Voiles de Saint-Tropez**

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September: registration for boats up to 20 meters (except for certain classes)

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September: racing for modern yachts

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October: racing for modern yachts and classic yachts

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October: Challenge Day

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October: prize giving (week 1)

##### **Week 2: The Voiles Super Boats**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October: big boat registration (Wally, IRCA, Maxi yachts, big Classic, big Schooner)

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>, Friday 9<sup>th</sup>: big boat racing

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October: prize giving (week 2)

*Measures put in place by the Société Nautique de Saint-Tropez (excluding those for competitors):  
Staff and volunteers*

- *Testing of everyone before and during the event*

#### *Voiles Race Village*

- *Reduction of village size to 400 m2 (instead of the usual 1 500 m2), 400 people maximum.*
- *Exhibitors limited to partner areas, no bar, no boutique inside the Village. Direct access to the official North Sails store.*
- *Wearing of mask, taking of temperature at the entrance to the Village, hydroalcoholic gel: compulsory.*
- *Presence of Cerballiance laboratory for testing of people wishing to do so.*
- *Entertainment: The traditional boules competitions, crew parade, crew party and sardinade cannot take place this year.*

#### *Media*

- *Dematerialized registration formalities, no press room, contact with the press service by email, sms or telephone only.*
- *Media Boat boarding: negative test result within 72 hours, wearing a mask compulsory, meeting point on the dock at the boats.*

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