

Les Voiles de Saint-Tropez 2020 – from Saturday 26 September to Friday 9 October Saturday 26 September 2020

The most beautiful boats set a course for Les Voiles de Saint-Tropez

The 22nd edition of Les Voiles de Saint-Tropez is opening its doors for the unmissable late season round-up in the fabulous setting of the port of Saint Tropez in France's Var region. The owners, skippers and captains of a fleet of some 140 modern and classic yachts are signed up for the opening week, the first weekend of which is devoted to the ritual of registrations where the health of all the participants takes centre stage. From Sunday, with the Mistral hopefully set to ease up, a fleet of classic yachts competing in the Yacht Club de France's Autumn Cup is expected to race from Cannes to Saint Tropez. Furthermore, the magic of Les Voiles de Saint-Tropez will be extended this year, for the first time, to encompass a whole two weeks of fun.

It's a first! Les Voiles is scheduled to take place in Saint Tropez for an entire fortnight from 26 September to 9 October 2020. Whilst the first week will be dedicated to yachts measuring up to around 24 metres (except for the special classes), the second will gather together the largest craft: Wallys, Maxi yachts, Grands Traditions and large Schooners. In another new feature, all the races will set sail from the Tour du Portalet, in front of the port of Saint Tropez.

In order to ensure the best possible heath conditions during the event, all the teams within the Société Nautique de Saint-Tropez, the Town and all the partners are rallied together around President Pierre Roinson and CEO Tony Oller.

From tomorrow, Sunday 27 September, enthusiasts of Les Voiles will be able to rekindle their ties with what is always a spectacular introduction to the week: the arrival of the competitors racing from Cannes in its Régates Royales. Competitors will have to set a course for Saint Tropez from 11:00 hours once they've completed a coastal course of around 23 miles.

2020 programme:

Week 1: Les Voiles de Saint-Tropez

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

Monday 28th September: racing for modern yachts

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

Thursday 1st October: Challenge Day

Saturday 3rd October: prize giving (week 1)

Week 2: Les Voiles Super Boats

Sunday 4th and Monday 5th October: big boat registration (Wally, IRCA, Maxi yachts, big Classic, big Schooner) Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th, Thursday 8th, Friday 9th: big boat racing

Friday 9th October: prize giving (week 2)

The measures set out by the Société Nautique de Saint-Tropez (outside the plan for competitors): Staff and volunteers - Screening of all the contributors before and during the event

Les Voiles Village

- Slimming down of the village to 400m2 (instead of the usual 1,500m2), maximum of 400 people - Exhibitors' spaces limited to partners. Access to the official North Sails boutique will solely be from the outside.

- Wearing of a mask, temperature check at the entrance and hand sanitising gel: compulsory

- Collaboration with the Cerballiance laboratory to screen those wishing to undergo testing.

- Entertainment: The traditional boules (bowling) competition, crew parade, crew festival and sardine feast will not be able to be hosted this year.

Media

- *Remote registration formalities, no press office, contact with the press office via email, text or telephone only.*

For embarking aboard a boat : negative test within 72 hours, wearing of a mask compulsory, meeting point for boarding the boats dockside.

Les Voiles de Saint-Tropez's partners.

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