



# DRHEAM

GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE

# CUP

► **CHERBOURG-EN-COTENTIN**  
From 11 to 15 July 2024

► **LA TRINITÉ-SUR-MER**  
From 17 to 21 July 2024



**COMPETITION, SHARING, CELEBRATION**

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## LA DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE for all, with all

Started in 2016 by Jacques Civilise, the DRHEAM-CUP/GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE has quickly **become an unmissable summer offshore race** held every two years. Each year, it attracts increasing numbers of competitors with the **competition-sharing-celebration** motto that is part of its DNA.

Competition, with the organiser's clear and stated aim for the DRHEAM CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE, held in even years, to become a reference event on the major international offshore race circuit, **like the Rolex Fastnet Race**, held in odd years, with both races linked to Cherbourg-en-Cotentin.

Sharing, with an **OPEN event** - hence its name GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE, open to all boats, all formats (solo, double-handed and crewed) and all sailors, amateurs, professionals, men and women, with a particular emphasis placed on young people, through the **Rêves de Large** operation.

Last but not least, **CELEBRATION**, the real DNA of this summer event that its host regions, Cherbourg-en-Cotentin, the Cotentin, Manche and Normandy Region on the one hand and La Trinité-sur-Mer, Auray Quiberon Terre Atlantique council and the Morbihan on the other, are delighted to welcome in a **friendly atmosphere** that attracts great numbers. At each edition, the public's enthusiasm rises, and people flock to the quays of Port Chantereyne and La Trinité-sur-Mer to see the yachts.

True to the spirit of innovation characteristic of the event since its beginnings, Jacques Civilise and his team have designed **three brand new courses**, 600, 1000 and 1500 nautical miles long, and **special trophies** will reward "sport" boats, clubs and boat builders, who are all part of this great celebration of offshore racing. See you from 11 to 21 July!



# Jacques Civilise

## Passion, determination and innovation

The creator of the DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE, Jacques Civilise, has had an unusual personal and professional life. Born in Pointe-à-Pitre in 1946, he moved to Paris at the age of 7 with his parents and three brothers and sisters, a “shock and uprooting” for him, who likes to say he was “born with his feet in the water.” He rediscovered the sea in Cherbourg where his uncle, a Naval Officer, lived, and where he spent all his holidays as a child and teenager. “I learnt to swim on the Napoléon beach and at around the age of 16, I discovered sailing at the Cherbourg Sailing School.”

It caught on and since his first beats in the Channel, Jacques Civilise has continued sailing and racing, along the coast and offshore. At the end of the 1980s, he moved from Cherbourg to La Trinité-sur-Mer, which became his new home port. It is no coincidence that the second edition of the DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE was held between the two harbours so close to his heart.

These formative years shaped the self-taught man, who married and became a father at the age of 21 (common at the time). At the end of the 1960s, he started working for car manufacturer Renault, where he climbed the ladder thanks to his ability to analyse and find solutions. “I was noticed as a “young person with potential”, enabling me to follow very comprehensive training courses in the company for several years, in law, finance, management, psychology, international trade, etc...”. An unusual career that took Jacques Civilise to the management of the company’s innovative programmes, with free reign to bring them to completion. “I managed everything like a sailor in a race: I was given the destination, but was free to choose my crew, the route, strategy in a truly “cooperative” manner.



Jacques Civilise - Creator and Organiser  
of LA DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE

Committed to human relations in the workplace, he specialised in the field and opened his own Innovation Consultancy practice, where he modelled a management strategy known as DRHEAM (Development of Human Relations and Management Applications), that he put to use with Renault first, and then other prestigious clients such as Bouygues Immobilier, Rhodia, Orange/ France Télécom, Michelin, DCNS as well as car racing with Formula 1 and sailing, with “Le Défi”, the French Challenger project during the 2003/2004 America Cup.

After retiring from this varied career as “innovation captain”, Jacques Civilise had not had enough and decided to create the race of his dreams, the well-named DRHEAM-CUP, which he has continued to develop with passion and determination.

# Looking back

## 2016: A happy first!

The first edition of the DRHEAM-CUP was held from 13 to 21 August 2016. After a prologue won by Lionel Lemonchois on his trimaran Prince de Bretagne, the main 400 Mile race between La Trinité-sur-Mer and Roscoff, via the Isles of Scilly and Wolf Rock, was particularly eventful. Indeed, the 40 crews, some double-handed, faced various conditions, with gale-force winds at Ushant forcing half of the fleet to retire. It was a win for the Multi50 Arkema in the first edition after 1 day 6 hours 4 minutes and 36 seconds at sea.

A victory of which Lalou Roucayrol, supported by Karine Fauconnier, Etienne Carra and Yannick Bestaven, would

say once he set foot back on land: “I am really happy. There was between 25 and 30 knots of wind, it is quite difficult to get ahead in those conditions, but we enjoyed a great downwind run under gennaker from Wolf Rock, which was adequate compensation!”

Second over the line was Souffle du Nord, Thomas Ruyant later explained: “This DRHEAM-CUP was part of my preparation for the 2016 Vendée Globe, it’s great to have a race like that at that point in the year, to prepare for the autumn. We also brought our partners onboard that year, that type of event over several days is ideal to share these moments.”

## The 2016 winners (40 entries)

**Multi50** : Arkema (Lalou Roucayrol)

**IMOCA** : Le Souffle du Nord (Thomas Ruyant)

**Multi 2000** : Acapella Soreal (Charlie Capelle)

**Class40** : Colombre XL (Massimo Juris)

**Mini 6.50** : Raoul Pastèque (Romain Bolzinger)

**IRC** : Groupe 5 (Patrice Carpentier)

**IRC 1** : Team Vendée 192-Les Parrains (Benjamin Dutreux)

**IRC 2** : Fleur du Sud (Patrick Molitor)

**IRC Double** : Groupe 5 (Patrice Carpentier)



## 2018: Showcasing women and new boats!

The second edition of the DREAM-CUP, the DRHEAM CUP-Destination Cotentin, was held from 19 to 28 July 2018, with two courses, 736 and 428 nautical miles, and a new port of arrival, Cherbourg-en-Cotentin. From 40 entries in 2016, the numbers grew to 76 boats that left La Trinité-sur-Mer on 23 July, including 55 of the 123 future participants in the 2018 Route du Rhum-Destination Guadeloupe, for which the DRHEAM-CUP was a qualification race.

The first boat to cross the finish line on the 428 Mile course was Charlie Capelle's Multi 2000 Acapella-Soreal-Proludic. "This victory is a nice new line on Acapella's hulls, and was written thanks to a crew of remarkable young people, who in my opinion, are future greats", explained Charlie Capelle. Multi 50 Solidaire en Peloton-ARSEP skipper Thibaut Vauchel-Camus, came first on the 736-mile course, winning his first race on the boat. "It's really gratifying, the game was very open, there

was Figaro-like atmosphere, trying to gain small advantages, managing ridges, playing with currents and tides" explained the delighted winner.

In IMOCA, a British woman claimed victory, Sam Davies (Initiatives Cœur), just ahead of the Franco-German skipper Isabelle Joschke (Monin), a real symbol in a race that made women's participation a priority. "I'm very proud, it's the first race that I have won solo in Imoca, I stayed ahead most of the race, and I won the prologue, I couldn't have dreamed better!", added Sam.

In Class 40, announcing his future victory in the Route du Rhum, Yoann Richomme (Veedol) was first on a brand-new Lombard design launched barely a month earlier, which explains why he said: "I am the first person to be surprised by this victory, as it was the boat's fifth sail only. I learned a lot."

### The 2018 winners (76 entries)

#### >> DRHEAM CUP 400

**Multi 2000** : Acapella-Soréal-Proludic (Charlie Capelle)

**IRC Double** : Hagat (Alain Duvivier)

**IRC 1** : Amanjiwo 2 (Sébastien Harinkouck)

**IRC 2** : FdS CAEC (Franck Ribot)

**Yachts classiques** : Haliotis de Kervilor (Patrick Perrin)

#### >> DRHEAM CUP 700

**Multi50** : Solidaires en Peloton-ARSEP (Thibaut Vauchel-Camus)

**Imoca** : Initiatives Cœur (Sam Davies)

**Class40** : Veedol (Yoann Richomme)

**Rhum Mono** : Cap Au Cap Location (Wilfrid Clerton)

**Rhum Multi** : Jess 12 (Gilles Buekenhout)



## 2020: A breath of fresh air!

The first multi-class race organised in France after the lockdown, La DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE 2020 attracted **95 crews** that were delighted to experience the outstanding atmosphere of such an event again, despite the situation that made organising a race village impossible: "We can only thank the organiser and the city of Cherbourg-en-Cotentin for giving us the opportunity to see our racing friends again and enjoy pre-race stress with all the safety checks and analysis of weather files. It is great to see each other on the pontoons, we are finally going to race, which is what our boats are designed for", explained Thibaut Vauchel-Camus (Solitaires en Peloton-ARSEP) the day before the race.

In this third edition, to group arrivals in La Trinité-sur-Mer as much as possible, Jacques Civilise innovated again and came up with three courses, DRHEAM-CUP 400, DRHEAM-CUP 700 and the DRHEAM-CUP 1100 designed for the Ultimes, with a mix of coastal and offshore sailing that is the salt of these major multi-class races. Although weather conditions led the new Race Manager Hervé GAUTIER reducing the last two courses (550 Miles and 750 Miles), the DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND

PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE was an opportunity for very close racing in all series, which finally rewarded **talent and diversity**.

The first over the line in La Trinité-sur-Mer was **Maxi Edmond de Rothschild**, raced by the duo Franck Cammas/Charles Caudrelier, who added a victory in the DRHEAM-CUP/GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE to their name for the first time, after a little under two days at sea (18.64 knots average speed). In Multi50, **Solidaires en Peloton-ARSEP** won a second time, as did Charlie Capelle in Multi 2000 on **Acapella Proludic**, winning in corrected time. The real time victory in that class came to the 100% disabled crew of **Team Vent Debout** (Fabrice Payen). As for the monohulls, a fierce battle was fought in the Figaro Bénéteau 3 class, which was taking part in the race for the first time, finally won with panache by British sailor Sam Goodchild (**Leyton**), as well as in Class40 - a victory for **Crédit Mutuel** (Ian Lipinski). In the IRC class, **Expresso** (Guy Claeys/Luce Molinier) won in the double handed race and **Lann Aël 2** (Didier Gaudoux) in the crewed class.

### The 2020 winners (95 entries)

#### >> DRHEAM CUP 400

**Multi 2000** : Acapella- Proludic (Charlie Capelle)

**IRC overall et équipage** : Lann Aël 2 (Didier Gaudoux)

**IRC double** : Expresso (Guy Claeys/Luce Molinier)

**Figaro solo** : Leyton (Sam Goodchild)

**Figaro double** : Guyot Environnement  
(Pierre Leboucher et Benoît Mariette)

**Yachts classiques** : Le Loup Rouge (Pierre Legoupil)

#### >> DRHEAM CUP 700

**Multi50** : Solidaires en Peloton-ARSEP (Thibaut Vauchel-Camus)

**Class40** : Ian Lipinski (Crédit Mutuel)

**Grands monocoques** : Formatives Network (Jean-Marie Patier)

**Rhum Mono** : Cap Au Cap Location (Wilfrid Clerton)

#### >> DRHEAM CUP 1100

**Ultimes** : Maxi Edmond de Rothschild  
(Franck Cammas/Charles Caudrelier)



## 2022: A colourful edition

Growing numbers of participants, racing at all levels, three demanding courses and varied weather... All the ingredients of this fourth edition of the DRHEAM CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE came together, making this competition rival the greatest, as well as serving as qualification of the Route du Rhum-Destination Guadeloupe. "Success depends on several factors: first, event staff that works with passion! Also, partners' and sailors' loyalty. It is a great satisfaction to see their trust in us when they return time after time. We have also managed to attract new competitors, with increasing numbers of international competitors" explains Jacques Civilise.

In addition to the numbers present, the level was exceptional. "In all categories, the competition was fantastic" he adds. The sailors say it best: Sam Goodchild, the great winner in the Ocean Fifty class, recounted the intensity of the race as he arrived in La Trinité-Sur-Mer:

*"What a race with Seb (Rogues), and Erwan (Le Roux)! we each had our little moment ahead, but fortunately I was there at the end. What is certain is that I didn't drop the ball. I am*

*proud of myself and what I achieved. Even during a Figaro leg, I have never been so far... I have never slept so little."*

In Class40, the largest category with 34 participants on the starting line, we had to wait the last few miles of the race to discover the podium. Absolute suspense!

Catherine Chabaud, winner of this edition in Rhum Mono on Formatives Network describes the beauty of the race, as she arrived with red eyes in the middle of the night: *"It is a privilege to be able to take part in this superb race. I think this race and this boat brings Jean-Marie and me good luck!"* Beautiful stories are unfolding in the DREAM CUP.

The enthusiasm of participants is transmitted to the host ports: "The growth of the event would be impossible without the support of the Chantereyne and La Trinité-sur-Mer ports, who, in high tourist season, reorganise their marinas to welcome increasing numbers of competitors. Their enthusiasm for the race and their involvement at our sides is very precious. We also wish to thank the Yacht-Club de Cherbourg, the race's support club and Organising Sporting Authority, an essential connection in the organisation of the race, adds Jacques Civilise.

### The 2022 winners (121 entries)

#### >> DRHEAM CUP 600

**Multi 2000** : Rayon vert (Oren Nataf)

**IRC overall et équipage** : Kuka 3 (Franco Niggeler)

**IRC double** : Solenn For Pure Ocean (Ludovic Gérard)

**Figaro double** : : Edenred (Basile Bourgnon et Robin Follin)

#### >> DRHEAM CUP 1000

**Ocean Fifty** : Leyton (Sam Goodchild)

**Class40** : Groupe SNEF (Xavier Macaire)

**Grands monocoques** : Pen Duick VI (Marie Tabarly)

**Rhum Mono** : Formative Network (Catherine Chabaud)

**Rhum Multi** : Metarom Group (Marc Guillemot)

#### >> DRHEAM CUP 1500

**Ultimes** : SVR Lazartigue (Tom Laperche)

## DRHEAM-CUP in figures

**576 000**  
people

reached in July alone on  
DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE  
de COURSE AU LARGE  
social networks.

**185 000**  
inhabitants

in the Cotentin Conurbation, that groups 129  
towns, including 80,000 in Cherbourg-en-  
Cotentin, which has hosted the start of the  
DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE  
de COURSE AU LARGE 2024 since 2020.

**60 000**  
visitors

to the official race village in Cherbourg-  
en-Cotentin in July, 10,000 people at the 1<sup>st</sup>  
concert in the town centre.

**72 500**  
virtual skippers

took part in the virtual THE DRHEAM-  
CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE  
COURSE AU LARGE on Virtual Regatta.

**1854**  
The year the

first Fastnet Lighthouse was built, a second  
one was built in 1904:  
54 metres high, it's beam is visible  
27 nautical miles.

**121**  
boats

took the start of the DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND  
PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE 2022,  
over three times the numbers of the first  
edition in 2016 (40)

**18,46**  
knots

Current record, in real-time average speed,  
held by the ULTIM boat Edmond de Roth-  
schild in the DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE  
FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE

**1500**  
nautical miles

the longest course (in addition to the  
DRHEAM-CUP 600 and 1000),  
designed for the Ultimes trimarans.

**32**  
metres

the length of the largest boats invited to the  
DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE  
COURSE AU LARGE,  
the Ultimes, the smallest  
are the Minis, 6.50 metres long,  
and five times smaller.



# The DRHEAM-CUP, GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE

Launched in 2016 by Jacques Civilise, LA DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE has continued to grow, with rising numbers of participants in each edition and a reputation that has now spread beyond the French coast. The fifth edition of the DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE will be held from 11 to 21 July will not make an exception to this rule as it has been listed in the French Sailing Federation's calendar since the very start as well as the Racing Division of the Yacht Club de France's calendar.

In 2024, the DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE has confirmed its international scope by entering the Royal Ocean Racing Club's annual championship and will be the second leg of the IRC Two-handed European Championship.

Several classes have added the race to their circuits: **CLASS40**, the race is part of the 2024 European Championship, the **MULTI 2000** as well as the **Figaro 3 Bénéteau** class have all listed the race in their calendars.

LA DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE 2024 will also be a major meet for the first season of the new **SUN FAST 30 One Design**, with a separate ranking for them.

A great international fleet is expected on the starting line in Cherbourg-en-Cotentin and obviously very worthy winners at the finish in La Trinité-sur-Mer.



## Key dates for the DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE 2024

**Thursday 11 July:** Opening of the village in Cherbourg-en-Cotentin and arrival of boats

**Saturday 13 July:** DRHEAM-TROPHY (Prologue) and Prizegiving

**Sunday 14 July:** Fireworks in Cherbourg-en-Cotentin

**Monday 15 July:** Start of the DRHEAM-CUP / DRHEAM-CUP GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE

**from Wednesday 17 to Saturday 20 July:** Estimated arrival of the first boats in La Trinité-sur-Mer

**Sunday 21 July:** Prizegiving in La Trinité-sur-Mer







## A word from the Race Manager, Hervé Gautier:

*It will be my third DRHEAM CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE as Race Manager.*

*As a sailor, I love the format of the DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE, and have myself taken part in many similar races, such as the Rolex Fastnet Race, the Rolex Middle Sea Race, the Bermuda Race and Caribbean 600. It is both a sprint and a marathon, typically the type of race in which very good amateurs can rival professionals, the mix between offshore racing stars and Corinthian racers is truly the salt of the DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE.*

*Like in 2022, the 2024 race will include three courses: the shortest will be 600 nautical miles, equivalent to a*

*long leg of the Solitaire du Figaro, the longest will be 1500 nautical miles. Between the Channel, English coast, Irish Sea, the tip of Brittany and Bay of Biscay, skippers will be served a clever mix of coastal sailing - which navigators love as there is plenty of strategy, they will play with current, as well as crew as there is plenty of deckwork - and very open long offshore reaches. This often leads to multiple plot twists until the end, as the previous editions have shown.*

*In this 2024 vintage, the increasing numbers of two-handed crews and international crews add an extra dimension to this race and broadens the fleet. The competition already promises to be great from the start in Cherbourg-en-Cotentin to the finish in La Trinité-sur-Mer."*

## Courses

### The DRHEAM-CUP 600

**600 nautical miles** (IRC, Sun Fast 30, Figaro 3 Beneteau, Multi 2000, Mini 6.50), from the South of England (Shambles West), the Isles of Scilly, Ushant and Plateau de Rochebonne, before heading to the finish.

### The DRHEAM-CUP 1000

**1000 nautical miles** (Ocean Fifty, Imoca, Class 40, Open Large Monohulls) will head to the Fastnet after the Isles of Scilly, before heading to Ushant and the BXA buoy (Gironde estuary) and Quiberon Bay.

### The DRHEAM-CUP 1500

**1500 nautical miles** (Ultimes) that will take the largest boats to the Isle of Man, then the Fastnet, past Ushant, across the Bay of Biscay to Bilbao and a last run to La Trinité-sur-Mer.



#### ◆ Le Drheam-Trophy Prologue

#### ◆ Parcours DC 600 600 milles

IRC, FIGARO 3, SUNFAST 30, MULTI 2000,  
MINI 6,50, CLASSICAL YACHTS

#### ◆ Parcours DC 1000 1000 milles

OCEAN FIFTY, CLASS40,  
OPEN LARGE MONOHULL, IMOCA

#### ◆ Parcours DC 1500 1500 milles

ULTIMES



## New in the 2024 edition

### B.R.M. Chronographes : official timekeeper of the DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE



For the first time, in its fifth edition, the DRHEAM-CUP/GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE will welcome an official timekeeper, B.R.M. Chronographes. Motivated by a passion for traditional workmanship and precise mechanics, the French luxury watchmakers will create a limited and numbered edition of ten men's watches and ten women's watches for the race.

In some twenty years' experience, B.R.M. Chronographes has managed to distinguish themselves from the watchmaking giants, forging a unique image. They have a natural affinity for high-performance sports and tradition.

In addition to the limited edition in the race's colours, one B.R.M. Chronographes in the race's colours will be awarded to the winner of the DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE virtual race.

Website : <https://brm-chronographes.com/>

MEN'S WATCH

WOMEN'S WATCH

### "Bag Drop" operation with Sevenstar Yacht Transport



Another novelty for the 2024 edition, Sevenstar Yacht Transport, the global leader in maritime yacht transport will work with the organisers on an original "bag drop" operation, transporting equipment between Cherbourg-en Cotentin and La Trinité-sur-Mer. No more worries with luggage left with friends or extra sails and equipment. They can be dropped off thanks to the new service on the Cherbourg pontoons and they will be reunited with their owners in La Trinité-sur-Mer.

A real help, especially for participants from abroad!

Website : <https://www.sevenstar-yacht-transport.com/>





## Sharing and celebration

### RÊVES DE LARGE, when the sea opens up to young people



When launching the **DRHEAM-CUP** in 2016, Jacques Civilise not only wanted to offer sailors, professionals and amateurs a high-level offshore race, he also wanted to bring together people from different generations and backgrounds to give them an opportunity to share a week-long experience. This explains the **Rêves de Large** initiative, where young people are invited onboard boats competing against each other in the **DRHEAM-TROPHY**, a twenty-mile prologue race. "Our young people need dreams and adventure and I wanted a race that promoted human relations and sharing between generations", explains the organiser.

The operation was a great success during previous editions, with young people and skippers, who were delighted to share their passion and knowledge, and even inspire future careers.

As Antoine Carpentier, a skipper with an impressive record, has said "It's perfect that organisers have organised regattas like this one to share with children and that children continue to have this passion for Offshore Racing" and as Jonas Gerkens confirms, "I also experienced this. I was once lucky to visit Loïc Peyron's boat when I was 7: it gave me ideas".

In 2016, some twenty children aged 10 to 16, mainly from inland, stepped on board "real racing boats. In 2018, 18 year 6 children from Morbihan schools came to discover racing on 17 boats in the **DRHEAM-TROPHY**, enabling them to experience the race from the inside with professional sailors such as Erwan Le Roux, Thierry Bouchard and Armel Tripon in the Multi50 class, Fabrice Amedeo and Manu Cousin on Imoca, Yoann Richomme, Louis Duc, Sebastien Marsset and Loïc Féquet in Class40. In 2020, the Covid 19 crisis prevented us from holding the operation, but it was successfully reinstated in 2022, when 24 children aged 10 to 15 from Cherbourg-en-Cotentin were able to turn the winches and hike out with professional offshore sailors in Class40 during the **DRHEAM-TROPHY** prologue.

As an integral part of the **DRHEAM-CUP**, the **Rêves de Large** is of course planned during the fifth edition, during the **DRHEAM TROPHY** held on 13 July.

To find them on the water, the boats welcoming young people will also fly a yellow "Rêves de Large" flag on their backstay.

## ALL FANS OF THE DRHEAM-CUP GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE!

### In the skipper's own words:

#### Armel Le Cléac'h

"LA **DRHEAM-CUP/GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE** is the multi-class race that was missing in the French sailing landscape, it is the equivalent of the Fastnet Race or the Sydney-Hobart. The format is a success, there is something for everyone, it is a great event."

#### Thomas Coville

"The **DRHEAM-CUP/GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE** enables all the talent pool in sailing and offshore racing to come together, from Minis to Ultime. Events like these give us a buzz and enable us to tell great stories, and it all begins with people who commit and put all their energy into organising them."

#### Charlie Capelle

"The mix of Class40, Figaro, IRC, Multi50, Multi 2000 and others enables all owners of boats to race in a beautiful fleet, which is part of the charm of the **DRHEAM-CUP/GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE**."

#### Catherine Chabaud

"It is a privilege to be able to take part in this race!  
Really, it's great!"

#### Charles Caudrelier

"It is a great race and I hope it will continue to live and grow. The courses are great!"

#### Sam Goodchild

"The **DRHEAM-CUP/GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE** is a perfect format, like a leg of the Solitaire du Figaro, with long and short runs, rocks, currents, there is everything."

## A word from

### Jean-Luc Denéchau, President of the French Sailing Federation

"In just a few editions, the **DRHEAM CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE** has become of the legend! It is now one of the large international offshore races like the Fastnet Race, Sydney Hobart or the Middle Sea Race"



# Partners

## Institutional partners

*"We wish to give a big thanks to  
**THE CITY OF CHERBOURG-EN-COTENTIN,**  
 our "ELITE" Partner,*

*a major player that has directly contributed to the fast development  
 of the DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE, which is now  
 fully one of the  
**Major International Offshore Races.***

*Its strong and long-term commitment to us is the best guarantee of  
 our event's steady and sustainable growth. Great thanks also to the  
**Local Authorities that support us, as well as our private partners."***

Jacques Civilise



# CHERBOURG en Cotentin

## Between two sea-going regions



From Cotentin to South Brittany, the DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE is one of the most beautiful regattas you could imagine, between two sea-going regions and two great French harbours: Cherbourg-en-Cotentin and La Trinité-sur-Mer. Open to amateurs and professionals, crews and solo-sailors, the race soon found its competitors. One hundred boats were at the start during the 2020 edition, and even more in 2022!

The spirit of the event is what has mainly attracted skippers: a race between big names in international sailing and dozens of amateur crews in a festive and popular atmosphere. It is also an opportunity for all those tempted to go up against the Irish Sea and the Atlantic on a demanding course that combines inshore and offshore racing. It is of course a great moment of sharing on the quayside of a town that will come alive with preparations until the start, between the outer harbour and the coast of La Hague.

Major race organisers do not choose Cherbourg-en-Cotentin by chance. Port Chantereyne is the largest deep-water port in the Manche area, protected by one of the largest artificial outer harbours in the world, in an exceptional location for sailing, opening on the Channel Islands. Our city has unparalleled advantages for sailors, with structured nautical and naval services and a welcome appreciated by all, which we promote through this type of event.

We fondly remember the 2020 and 2022 editions. We are eagerly looking forwards to 2024 and the start of the summer season.

BENOIT ARRIVÉ,  
 Mayor of Cherbourg-en-Cotentin  
 Vice-president of the Cotentin Council





## Cotentin Council



Cotentin is la "Terre Bleue". Although our maritime identity is anchored in our past, it now contributes to the economic development of our area. Our port perfectly illustrates it: 1<sup>st</sup> port of departure to Ireland in France, it has the most comprehensive range of services of the Channel/North Sea coast for the development of Renewable Marine Energy. The sea has shaped our identity and contributed to our prosperity. In this framework, the council has decided to develop an ambitious nautical policy known as "Terre Bleue: Le Cotentin".

By welcoming the DRHEAM-CUP, our "Terre Bleue" has become one of the major French Offshore racing sites. Just like its British cousin, the FASTNET RACE, the DRHEAM-CUP showcases our unique territory. With its 220 km of coastline, the Cotentin is a playground

renowned by both professional and amateur sailors.

See you on 11 July to enjoy the start of this extraordinary adventure and celebrate our sailors.

Fair winds to all!

David MARGUERITTE,  
President of the Cotentin Council



## Normandy Region



The Normandy Region is particularly delighted to support the DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE again in 2024. Through its financial participation, the Region is a major player in this race and contributes to the economic,

tourist and sporting development of Normandy. Sailing in Normandy is organised into 70 clubs, 26000 licence holders, 1 young elite centre, with many events on our coast and inland spots. Among them, we can name the Transat Jacques Vabre Normandie Le Havre, The Rolex Fastnet Race, the Normandy Channel Race, the Solitaire

du Figaro and the Tour Voile. These events and the DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE, enable Normandy to be sailing hotspot, visible and attractive on a national and international level.

We all know that coastal regions are now the most attractive. The image of a "coastal region" is highly valued. Normandy, with its 640 km of coastline and one of the busiest maritime routes in the world, has all the essential maritime characteristics for development.

I naturally will conclude by wishing fair winds to Normandy skippers and salute the involvement of volunteers who will ensure that this competition is a complete success.

Hervé MORIN,  
Président of Région Normandie



## La Manche



Dreams, and more dreams in this fifth edition of the DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE. In July, Cherbourg-en-Cotentin is honoured to be the start city for the race to La Trinité-sur-Mer in Morbihan.

It will be an opportunity for the wider public to experience the excitement of the last preparations, the final technical adjustments, tactical forecasts, final weather trends and the concentration required before going to sea. For all visitors, seeing a racing fleet get ready is already a journey, a way to join the race, a race that will take sailors

around the Breton peninsula, through sometimes hostile seas and against currents, in sometimes erratic weather. La Drheam Cup has confirmed each year its relevance in the international offshore racing circuit.

The Manche Département is delighted to welcome the start in one of its major ports. We see in this a concrete testimony to who we are: a region that knows how to welcome visitors, an adventurous environment surrounded by nature!

Fair winds to all!

Jean MORIN,  
President of the Manche Département Council



## Le Morbihan



This 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE is set to be an extraordinary competition and maritime festival founded on sharing, a principle close to Jacques Civilise's heart.

The DRHEAM CUP, in its quest for a challenge at sea, found in Morbihan a land to finish the race and welcome sailors, where tradition, beauty and adventure combine, providing an unforgettable experience for all sailors and seagoers, amateur and professional skippers who are lucky enough to take part in or follow the competition. I am naturally delighted to see our region showcased, with its exceptional sailing grounds, nautical industry and port infrastructure. As a partner in the race which is sure to be wonderful, the Département confirms that offshore racing is in its blood, as it is in all Morbihan inhabitants'.

David LAPPARTIENT,  
President of the Morbihan Département

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## Auray Quiberon Terre-Atlantique



The Baie de Quiberon, the most popular sailing hotspot in Europe, looks out to the ocean.

The Bay de Quiberon has a well-earned reputation. The quality of the spot, protected from swell and benefiting

from ideal meteorological conditions, is known around the world and hosts the bests dinghy sailing specialists in the world thanks to the various championships organised by the Ecole Nationale de Voile et des Sports Nautiques and other sailing clubs in the Quiberon Bay, as well as the largest inshore regattas in Europe, such as the Spi Ouest-France BPGO, the Transat Cap Martinique, Eurocat and the Tour de Belle-Île en Mer.

To welcome the thousands of boats that sail here all year round, cruising or racing, the Baie de Quiberon has many high-quality marine infrastructures. The geographical advantages of Auray Quiberon Terre-Atlantique have convinced the hundreds of professionals in the sailing sector who are part of the "Sailing Valley", catering to the needs of all yachts, cruising and racing. A unique training and development centre for racing yachts (Ultime, Class40, Mini 6.50, etc), the Baie de Quiberon is also open to the open seas and great offshore adventures, connected to the other South Brittany sailing spots.

Our region looks to the sea and Ocean Racing is in its DNA, as shown by the sailing in school programme led by the local council, to facilitate access to nautical activities. That's why, since 2022, the council supports Orlabay, the Quiberon Bay Offshore Racing Centre, labelled Offshore

Training Centre by the French Sailing Federation in 2024, that we hope will train the sailors of the future.

It is therefore natural that we support the DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE and that our sailing spot and ports welcome participants in this race, which has become fully part of the sailing landscape.

Of these ports, La Trinité-sur-Mer, which over the years has managed to combine modernity and authenticity, is by far the most prestigious. The birthplace of offshore racing and modern sailing, it has been home to the greatest names in sailing for 60 years (Tabarly, de Kersauson, Coville, Le Blevec, etc...). Indeed, the most inspiring pages in the history of modern sailing in general and offshore sailing in particular began along its granite quays and the Loïc Caradec peer. Protected from the prevailing winds, this haven and its iconic landmark bridge welcomes all racing yachts, from the smallest classes to the Ultime trimaran flying giants.

Many companies in the sailing sectors have premises in the town to meet the needs of racing and cruising skippers. La Trinité-sur-Mer is on the banks of the river Crac'h, which is also home to many oyster farms. A charming seaside town, dotted with beaches of all sizes, connected by a coastal path with unparalleled views of the Baie de Quiberon, it attracts many visitors each year who appreciate the varied landscapes, its natural, historical and megalithic heritage.

Philippe LE RAY,  
President of Auray Quiberon Terre Atlantic



## La Trinité-sur-Mer



La Trinité-sur-Mer has welcomed regattas between amateurs and renowned professionals for decades. In 1879, the Société Nautique de La Trinité-sur-Mer held its first regatta. Developing its reputation year after year, since, 2019, the SNT has been

ranked first competition club by the Fédération Française de Voile. The Spi Ouest France BPGO brought together over 400 boats this year and is one of the emblematic events in Quiberon Bay.

It comes as no surprise that the fifth edition of la DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE has chosen La Trinité-sur-Mer as arrival port and contributes to this growth.

The course between Cherbourg-en-Cotentin and La Trinité-sur-Mer connects two regions that hold close the values of the sea, where competition and adventure mix and diversity enables amateurs to race with professionals. These diverse, high-level competitors will outdo each other with tactical moves and endurance, and some will discover unusual and varied sailing conditions. First the channel, the Irish Sea, then the Atlantic up to the beautiful Baie de Quiberon, where the race village in La Trinité-sur-Mer awaits.

The town, Compagnie des Ports as well as the entire Auray Quiberon Terre Atlantique area are proud and impatient to welcome the DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE, which will once again reinforce their image of a sailing land".

Yves NORMAND,  
Mayor of La Trinité-sur-Mer



## La Marine Nationale



The French Navy is present in all the oceans, ready to react in all situations, from the most benign to the most intense. Its sailors are familiar with these unpredictable environments, that are sometimes violent and always require the best.

Team spirit, anticipation and battle spirit are key to the success of any mission, qualities that all French Navy crews share with offshore racers.

As the Maritime Prefect for the Channel and North Sea, I ensure that coastguard sailors are able to intervene all year round, 24 hours a day, to safeguard human life, safety at sea and protect our coast.

During the DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE 2024 edition, the BSAA Argonaute, used by the French Navy for state missions at sea, will welcome the French Sailing Federation (FFV) Race Committee. The start of the French Offshore Sailing Grand Prix will be given from the Argonaute in Cherbourg-en-Cotentin outer harbour.

VAE Marc VERAN,  
Maritime Prefect of the Channel and North Sea





## Sporting Partners

The DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE could not be organised without the support of the Yacht-Clubs it relies on, beginning with the Yacht-Club de Cherbourg, support club and the race's Organising Sporting Authority.

It also enjoys the backing of the Yacht Club de France Racing Division (which includes the former UNCL), which has included it in their IRC Manche-Atlantique Championship, as it has since the very first edition in 2016 and the SNT - Société Nautique de la Trinité.

The race is obviously overseen by the French Sailing Federation, which makes no mistake: "The race rapidly found its place in the offshore racing scene, and is now held every two years, alternating with the Rolex Fastnet Race... a recurring event in the Federation's calendar" confirms Marc Bouvet, head of the Yacht division of the FFVoile.

## The Yacht-Club de Cherbourg

For the first time in 2022, the Yacht Club de Cherbourg won the French Yacht racing club championship. This result confirms the position and progress of the Yacht Club de Cherbourg!

From offshore racing to coastal courses, the Yacht Club de Cherbourg contributes to the development of sailing and bringing the wonderful Cherbourg outer harbour to life. For the second time, the YCC has taken part in the wonderful organisation of the arrival of the Rolex Fastnet Race!

In this sporting spirit, the Yacht Club de Cherbourg, as partner club to the DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE, WILL SUPPORT THIS GREAT SAILING EVENT!

Olivier GOSSELIN,  
President



## Yacht Club de France, Racing Division

The DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE, by bringing amateurs and professionals together in an accessible yet elite level race, plays a beautiful role in the promotion of yachting which is the Yacht Club de France's DNA.

This 5<sup>th</sup> edition will be an opportunity to experiment the implementation, on our initiative, of a pooling of logistical means of hauling equipment and materials to reduce their environmental impact, and we are delighted to be partners and proud to see our members and our partner clubs' take part in this now essential event.

Philippe Héral,  
President

## The Société Nautique de La Trinité-sur-Mer

The Société Nautique de La Trinité-sur-Mer was already part of the first three editions of the DRHEAM-CUP, supporting the prologues and the starts. Since 2020, the SNT has overseen arrivals in the Baie de Quiberon.

The SNT is one of the great French Sailing clubs, with 145 years of history. It is renowned for its major events, the SPI Ouest-France BPGO, the Armen Race Uship, la Trinité-Cherbourg by Actual, Mini en Mai and La Nuit des Iles du Ponant.

With over 80 days of racing organised each year, the SNT is one of the clubs that issues the most FFVoile-Compétition licence cards.

The SNT is also a very active training club with a sailing school and racing school that is active all year, responsible for training many great sailors.

"It is natural that the Société Nautique de La Trinité-sur-Mer be, with the Yacht-Club de Cherbourg, the partner club of the DRHEAM-CUP / GRAND PRIX DE FRANCE DE COURSE AU LARGE!"

Thierry BUJON de l'ESTANG  
President









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