

NOTICE OF RACE

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# New Caledonia Groupama RACE

► Start 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022

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# **NEW CALEDONIA GROUPAMA RACE**

## **DATES**

19<sup>th</sup> June to 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022

## **PLACE**

Noumea, New Caledonia

## **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

Yacht club Cercle Nautique Calédonien BP 235 –  
98845 Nouméa Cedex

## **WEBSITE**

[www.groupamarace.nc](http://www.groupamarace.nc)

## **EMAIL**

[contact@groupamarace.nc](mailto:contact@groupamarace.nc)



## **PREAMBLE**

The New Caledonia Groupama RACE is a crewed  
654 NM race around New Caledonia.

This year, additionally we are opening the race to include  
“Short-handed” category (2 people) and a “Cruising” category.  
Both get the specific criteria detailed below.

The start of the New Caledonia Groupama RACE all categories  
combined (fully crewed, short-handed, and cruising) will take  
place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

The start procedures will be given in the sailing instructions  
and during the briefing.





## 1. RULES

### The regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1 COVID-19 Protocols: Protocols relating to COVID-19 may be published at any time and will state if they have the status of a rule.
- 1.2 The rules as defined in World Sailing (WS) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.3 WS Offshore Special Regulation Category 3 plus life raft multihull or monohull + Organizing Authority (OA) additions.
- 1.4 IRC class rules, part A, B and C.
- 1.5 ORC class rules.
- 1.6 Offshore Multihull Rule (OMR).
- 1.7 Between sunset and sunrise, when a boat cannot determine with certainty what tack the other boat is on, she shall keep clear of that boat. Competitors are reminded that part of the definition of “room” in the RRS includes taking into account the existing conditions (including visibility).

Nothing in the notice of Race or Sailing Instructions relieves a boat of her responsibility under civil law to comply with the international Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea or local regulations.
- 1.8 Official communication: Amendments will be posted on the website [www.groupamarace.nc](http://www.groupamarace.nc) and emailed to competitors.
- 1.9 In case of conflict in translation, English text shall prevail.

## 2. ADVERTISING

In application of World Sailing Regulation 20 (Advertising Code), as supplemented by the FFVoile advertising regulations, the boats must carry the advertising chosen and supplied by the AO.

- 2.1 RACE FLAG

All boats registered for the race will receive a “Groupama Race” racing flag at the latest on arrival at Port Moselle, which must be displayed in the rigging (minimum height 1,5m above the deck) from the opening of the Groupama Race village, throughout the race and until the prize giving ceremony.
- 2.2 BOW STICKERS

The OA will give each registered boat: 2 “Groupama Race” Bow Stickers to attach as close as possible to the bow on each side.
- 2.3 Other partner markings may be added either by adding a dockside flag or stickers on the boom. They will be indicated by an amendment to this notice of race.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY



#### 3.1 Eligibility of boats

The regatta is open to all monohulls with certified stability and to multihulls.

A boat shall:

- Be single hulled and self-righting, or a multihull.
- Have an overall length (LOA) not less than 8,5 meters and a waterline length (LWL) not less 7.3 meters.
- Have a marine radio VHF that can be heard inside and outside the boat and have a satellite phone with minimum 60 minutes of credits for calling.
- The following Classes are eligible to participate at the Groupama Race:

**For monohulls:**

- IRC class
- IRC + ORC class
- Cruising class

**For multihulls:**

- Offshore multihull (OMR) class
- Cruising class

- As well as any other category determined by the Organizing Authority, according to the interest of the participants.
- In any case and under the organizing Authority, one group or class will be established if there a minimum number of registered boats in order to provide a satisfactory regatta.
- Boats shall nominate which Class they are entering at time of lodging their entries in the regatta before the 20 May 2022.
- Boats with an IRC and IRC + ORC, valid certificate for 2021. Groups are consulted on official rules of rating IRC and ORC.

The Organizing Authority may alter, amalgamate, or divide any group, may reassign boats to other groups to equalize the groups and may add group as required. The Organizing Authority may cancel any group if fewer than three entries have been received by the closing date. In this event, boats that have entered will have the option of transferring to another group (if eligible) or having their entry fee refunded. The Race Committee's decision shall be final and not be subject to requests for redress. This alters RRS 62.1 (a)

CLASS	TCC RANGE	CLASS FLAG
IRC Zero	1.275 and greater	Pennant 0
IRC One	1.101 - 1.274	Pennant 1
IRC Two	1.051 - 1.100	Pennant 2
IRC Three	1.004 - 1.050	Pennant 3
IRC Four	0.850 - 1.003	Pennant 4

For IRC and IRC + ORC Boats with an IRC and/or ORC valid certificate for 2021 and under the Organizing Authority's criteria and depending on the entered yachts, the fleet may divided into groups, which will be noted in the sailing instructions.

Cruising boats category have the possibility to use the engine mode propulsion.

They can do so two hours after departure.

The propulsion mode engine operating time and the distance travelled during this time shall be logged. The logged time is from the real-time crossing of declared points. The skipper shall declare the time of use of the engine mode propulsion, the distance travelled during this time.







### 3.2 Eligibility of crew

Groupama RACE will be run as “Short-handed” (2 people) or “Fully Crewed” race.

#### For the IRC Overall (Short-handed + Crew)

- For crews of 2 people, the minimum age is 18 years. For crews of at least 3 people, the minimum age is 16 years.
- At least 30% of the crew including the skipper shall have completed at Sea Survival Certificate World Sailing approved. Copies of the crew members current certificates shall be provided at the time of registration.
- For Short-handed, 100% of the crew shall have completed at Sea Survival Certificate World Sailing approved. Copies of the crew members current certificates shall be provided at the time of registration.
- For 3 people crew, at least 2 people shall have completed at Sea Survival Certificate World Sailing approved. Copies of the crew members current certificates shall be provided at the time of registration.
- At least 30% (rounded up) of the crew including the skipper & or sailing master shall have completed at least a category 3 race or an equivalent passage.
- At least one crew member on the boat shall have a Senior First Aid Certificate or equivalent or higher qualification. Copies of the certificates must be submitted at the time of registration.
- All crew shall have a Personal Location Beacon. PLB 406 or AIS beacon worn at all time. AIS beacon are only required if the boat have on board an AIS receivers.
- Insurance:

Each skipper must be a member of the National Authority of their country of Nationality or residence.

Each crew member residing in France, must present at the time of registration, their valid FF Voile license bearing the medical stamp.

Foreign skippers who do not hold a FFV Sailing license must present at the time of their registration shall supply:

- Proof of their membership of a National Authority member of World Sailing
- Valid proof of third-party insurance for the boat with a minimum coverage of 1.5 million Euro
- A medical certificate not less than one year old certifying individual crew members fitness to sail in this event (in French or English)

#### For Short-handed race (2 members on board):

Competitors interested in participating in New Caledonia Groupama RACE with a reduced crew must send an Intention to Participate to the organization, accompanied by a document describing their experience in offshore navigation, racing or cruising, and their nautical experience in general. Candidates who have not already completed a double-handed offshore race, or similar voyage, must participate in an offshore race recognized as a qualifying event by the OA before the start of Groupama RACE or complete, in conjunction with the OA, a course of at least 100 miles with a reduced crew (in Groupama RACE configuration). The OA may refuse any entry if it believes the entry does not comply with this item.

- The minimum age of the crew shall be eighteen (18) years.
- All crew including the skipper shall have completed at Sea Survival Certificate World Sailing approved and a Senior First Aid Certificate or equivalent or higher qualification. Copies of the crew members current certificates shall be provided at the time of registration.
- All crew shall have a Personal Location Beacon. PLB 406 or AIS beacon worn at all time. AIS beacon are only required if the boat have on board an AIS receivers.
- Insurance:

All participants must be in good standing with the National Authority of their country of nationality or residence.

Each crew member residing in France, must present at the time of registration, their valid FFVoile license bearing the medical stamp.

Foreign skippers who do not hold a FFVoile license must present at the time of their registration shall supply:

- A proof of their membership of a National Authority member of World Sailing
- A valid proof of third-party insurance for the boat with a minimum coverage of 1.5 million Euro
- A medical certificate not less than one year old certifying individual crew fitness to sail in this event (in French or English)

### 3.3 Entries

Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee, to Cercle Nautique Calédonien no later than 20 March 2022. In return, a final registration form will be sent to the applicant, who must return it duly completed before May 20, 2022.

BANK TRANSFER, PAYMENT ONLINE IS PERMITTED.  
OUR BANK DETAILS ARE:

#### CERCLE NAUTIQUE CALÉDONIEN YACHT CLUB BANK ACCOUNT

Banque de Nouvelle Calédonie : code BIC : CEPANCMXXX  
Code IBAN : FR76 1488 9000 8301 4062 0609 109  
Account number : 14889 00083 01406206091 09

3.4 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of OA.

3.5 Request for a rating : A valid measurement Certificate must be received before the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2022. Any modification will be accepted after this date except as a result of a claim or to correct an administrative error (coming from the Organization or the authority of handicap system).

3.6 Groups will be established definitively by the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2022.

## 4. REGISTRATION FEE

The fee for each boat is:

\*Fee include:

- The tracking beacon
- An event tee-shirt per each crew
- Bow stickers and events flags
- 3G sim to transmit the onboard video to shore

### LOA

8,5m<= LOA <10m

10m<= LOA <12m

12m<= LOA <14m

14m<= LOA <16m

>or= 16m

### FEE

(Until 28/02/2022)

40 000 xpf

55 000 xpf

60 000 xpf

75 000 xpf

90 000 xpf

### FEE

(After 02/28/2022)

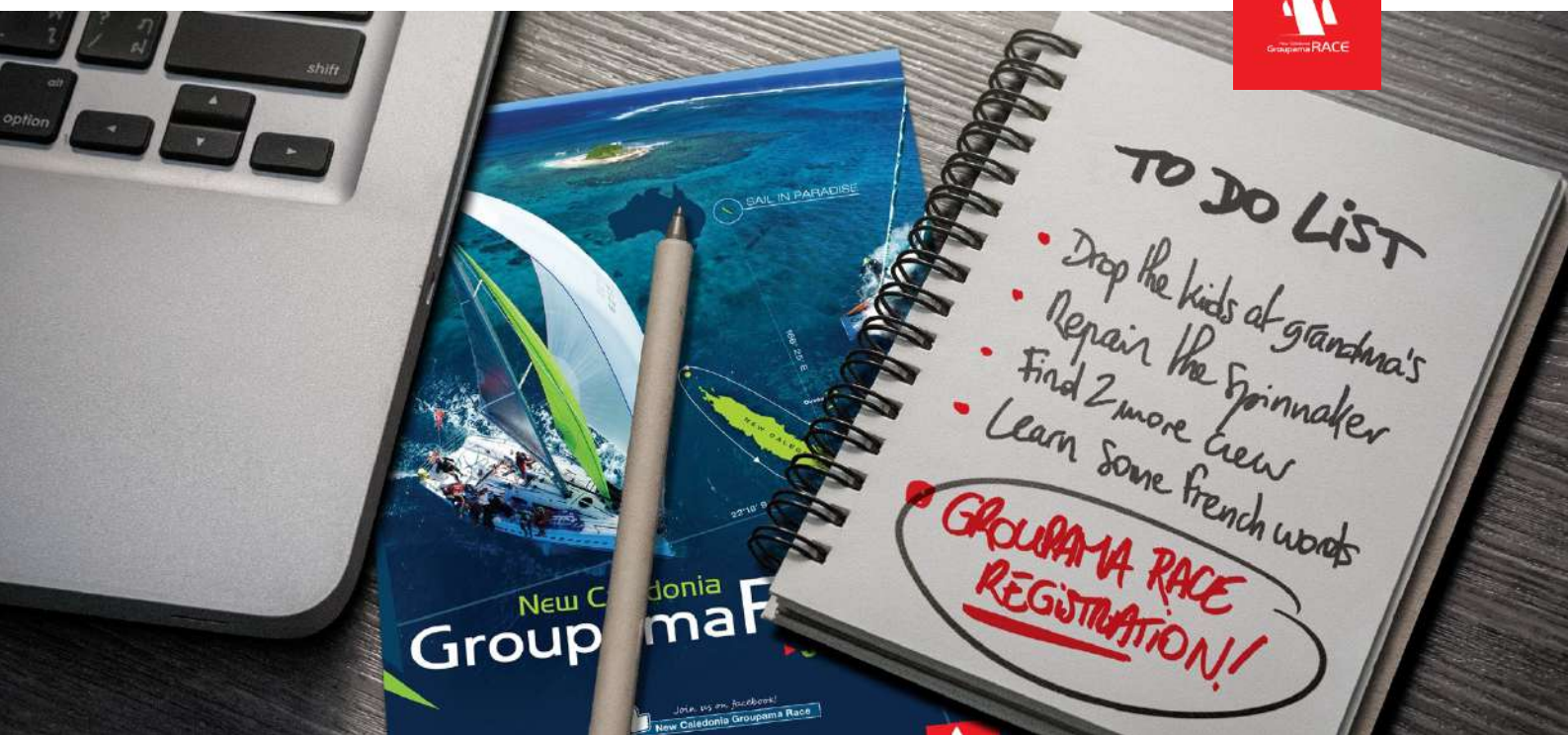
52 000 xpf

71 500 xpf

78 000 xpf

97 500 xpf

117 000 xpf







## 5. SCHEDULE

Upon publication of the notice of race: opening of pre-registration – please lodge your pre-registration form (doc in attachment) at [contact@groupamarace.nc](mailto:contact@groupamarace.nc)

### ► Before 20 MAY

Validation of your registration by lodging:

- **For discounted rates** : Pay the full registration fee before February 28, 2022
- **For increased rates** : Pay the full registration fee before May 20, 2022S
- A biography on the boat and its crew (10 lines)
- Photo of the boat under sail
- The characteristics of the boat (length, width, draft, need for marina berths).

### ► FRIDAY 20 MAY

**Closing of registrations with the following documents:**

- Boat insurance
- Composition of the crew and official licenses
- T-shirt size
- Valid World Sailing approved Sea Survival Certificate or proof of registration for the exam
- List of PLB / AIS identifiers
- Boat class and handicap
- Official papers for custom

### ► SATURDAY 28 MAY

Man overboard exercise under spinnaker:

- From **May 30 to June 4**: safety visit of Caledonian boats for final validation of registration
- From **June 7 to 14**: safety visit of foreign boats for final validation of registration

### ► TUESDAY 7 JUNE

Rating certificate final lodgment

### ► FROM 7 JUNE TO 14 JUNE

Safety check onboard of foreign vessels for final validation of the registration

### ► SATURDAY 11 JUNE AT 2 PM

Presentation of navigation around New Caledonia by a local sailor and a media presentation (currents, reefs, dangers, prevailing winds ...)

### ► WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE

Sunset regatta with all participants

### ► FRIDAY 17 JUNE

Crew presentation party

### ► SATURDAY 18 JUNE AT 4 PM

Race briefing, parade briefing and weather briefing: (location to be specified later)

### ► SUNDAY 19 JUNE

The expected time of the warning signals is 10:00 am

### ► SATURDAY 25 JUNE

The prize giving ceremony. The time and the place of the ceremony will be advised later

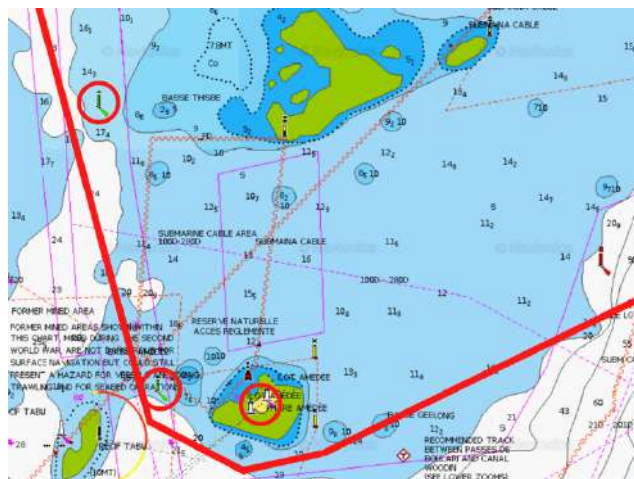
## 6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The race instructions and any appendices will be sent before the briefing day, which will take place on Saturday 18 June 2022 at 4pm.

## 7. RACE

Offshore regatta : starting from Noumea around New Caledonia counter clockwise and finishing in Noumea through Cap N'Dua (South) and "Grand passage" (consecutive GPS points as follow):

- North east end of the reef: S 18° 47,74' – E 163° 30,530'
- North west end of the reef: S 19° 01,36' – E 163° 02,360'



### ► A start towards the Amedée lighthouse

2 beacons and Amedée Island to be left on port side and then, Île Ouen on star board.

Gps:

Basse Thisbé: S 22° 26.83' – E 166° 29.95'

Basse Amedée: S 22° 28.59' – E 166° 27.34'

Amedée Island on port side

Île Ouen on star board

### ► There is an exclusion zone around Belep Islands

Boats shall not cross any line between WPT1 and WPT2 ; WPT2 and WPT3 ; WPT3 and WPT4 ; WPT4 and WPT5 ; WPT5 and WPT6 ; WPT6 and WPT1 (appendix 2)

GPS positions shall use the WGS84 datum described as follows:

WPT 1: S 18 47.74' – E 163 30.53'

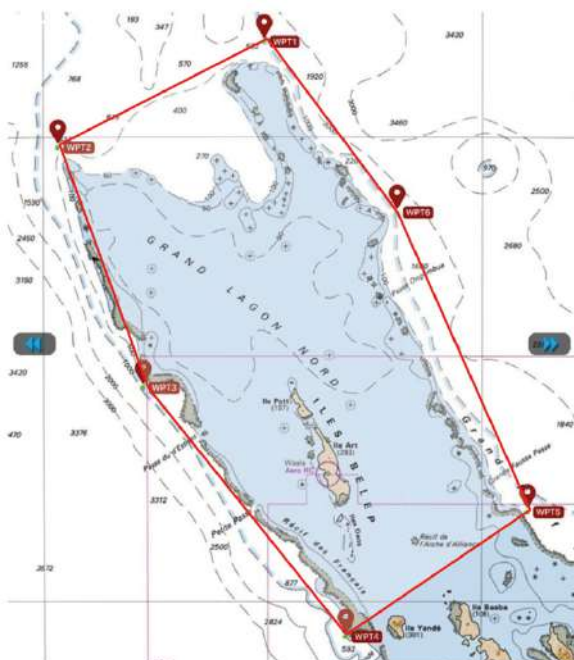
WPT 2: S 19 01.36' – E 163 02.36'

WPT 3: S 19 32.43' – E 163 13.97'

WPT 4: S 20 04.61' – E 163 41.72'

WPT 5: S 19 48.45' – E 164 06.60'

WPT 6: S 19 09.82' – E 163 48.66'





## 8. CLASSES



### Race rankings

- Monohull – IRC overall and if needed by group
- Monohull – line Honours
- Multihull – line Honours
- Multihull – OMR overall and by group
- Monohull – ORC overall and by group
- Cruising Monohull – ranking
- Cruising Multihull – ranking

### Short-handed race rankings

- Monohull – IRC overall and if needed by group
- Cruising – ranking

## 9. MEDIA IMAGES and AUDIO

All boats shall be provided with Iridium Radio Communications (satphone). Communication amongst yachts will be permitted at hours stated in Sailing Instructions. You shall send a daily video (30s to 90s) and 5 photos per day onboard. The OA will provide a SIM card for that.

## 10. CLASS RULES AND RRS CHANGES

### 10.1 IRC rules

IRC rule 11.2 & 21.6.1: a boat in the IRC Handicap Category may carry one more spinnaker than shown on the boat's IRC Certificate without an increase of rating.

IRC rule 22.4: the maximum total weight of crew in kilograms that may sail aboard a boat shall not exceed the crew number printed on the boat's IRC Certificate multiplied by 87,5.

### 10.2 ORC rules

A boat that is also entered in the ORC division may carry the maximum number of spinnakers allowed under its IRC certificate plus the additional spinnaker allowed under IRC rule 11.2 and 21.6.1.

### 10.3 RRS

RRS 42: A boat in the Cruising Division may use its engine for propulsion from two hours after its starting signal. That use must cease prior to the boat finishing. Engine hours and miles covered under engine must be logged and forwarded to the organization.

### 10.4 Automatic and Wind-vane devices for Steering

Automatic and wind-vane devices for steering are permitted (this changes RRS 52 and amends IRC Rule 15).

## 11. PRIZES

Prizes will be as follows for both crew race and short-handed race ranking:

- **The winner New Caledonia Groupama Race Main Trophy IRC**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Monohull GROUPAMA line Honours prize
- 1<sup>st</sup> Multihull GROUPAMA line Honours prize
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monohull IRC GROUPAMA offshore by group prize
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monohull ORC GROUPAMA offshore by group prize
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Multihull OMR GROUPAMA offshore by group prize
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Short-handed Monohull IRC GROUPAMA offshore by group prize
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Cruising division Monohull
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Cruising division Multihull
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Short-handed Cruising division Monohull
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Short-handed Cruising division Multihull

## 12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. (Rule 4, decision to Race). The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.



## 13. INSURANCE

For the event each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1.5 million Euro or equivalent.

## 14. FURTHER INFORMATION

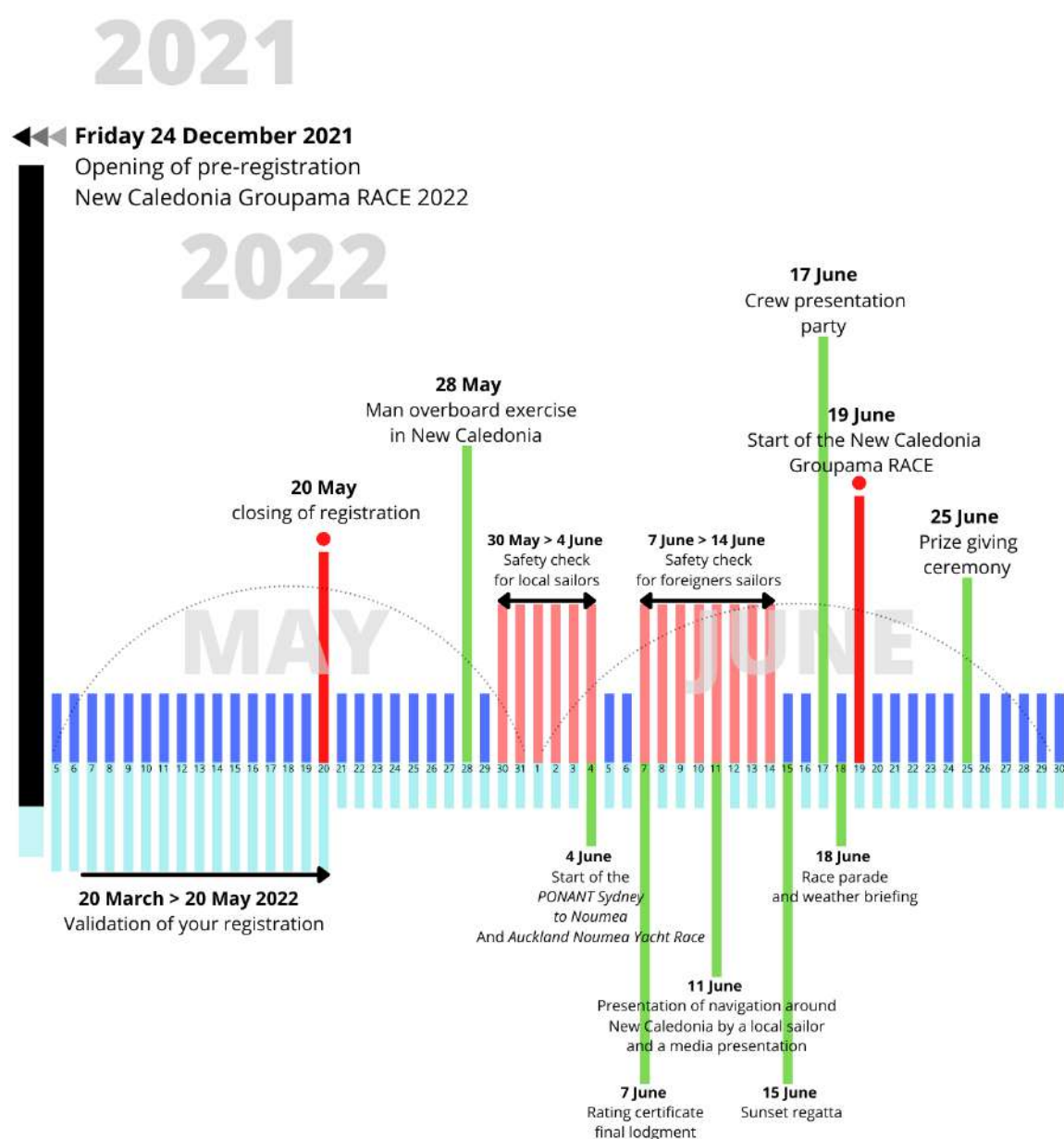
World Sailing safety courses will be held in 2021 and 2022, open to all participants in the New Caledonia Groupama Race. The exact dates will be communicated to you later.

Berthing is provided by the Organizing Authority from one week before the beginning of the regatta and one week after the end of the event. The PONANT Sydney to Noumea Yacht Race will start on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Refer to the CYCA club's website for more information: [www.cyca.co.au](http://www.cyca.co.au) (cruising Yacht Club of Australia).

**For further information please contact:**

[contact@groupamarace.nc](mailto:contact@groupamarace.nc)

## ► IMPORTANT DATES







## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

Please register my interest to complete in the GROUPAMA RACE 2022.

Boat Name:

Sail number:

Design:

LOA:

Class: ☐ IRC ☐ ORC ☐ OMR ☐ IRC Short-handed ☐ OMR Short-handed  
☐ Cruising Monohull ☐ Cruising Multihull ☐ Cruising Monohull Short-handed  
☐ Cruising Multihull Short-handed

Skipper/ Owner/  
Yacht Club:

Email:

Postal address

Phone number:

☐ I would like to receive any updates and information as it becomes available regarding the Groupama RACE 2022

☐ I may interested to have a marina berth from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form before the 20 March 2022\* to:



Cercle Nautique Calédonien  
BP 235 – 98 845 Nouméa cedex



Email :  
contact@groupamarace.nc



Fax :  
(687) 26.28.38

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\*Entree close on the 20 May 2022