

# Marie-Agnès Péron Trophy Mini Fastnet



**DOUARNENEZ**



## 2 sailing races in June 2021

leaving from **Douarnenez** organised by the



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## THE 17<sup>TH</sup> MARIE-AGNÈS PÉRON TROPHY

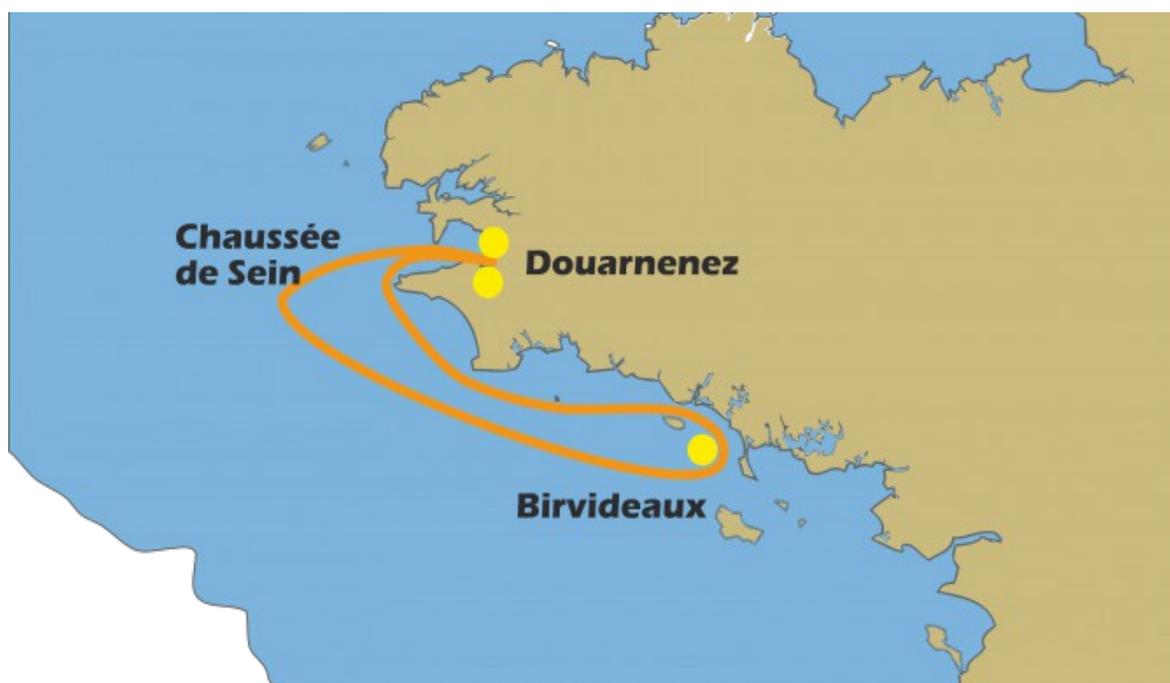
This solo race created by Winches Club in 2005, which honours the memory of the sailor Marie-Agnès Péron, lost at sea during the 1991 Mini-Transat, has been part of the Class calendar since 2006.

It has been the second challenge of the *French Championships Offshore Solo Race – Mini 6,50* since 2012.

This year the race will be held between 3 - 5 June.

*The escort boats : 2 sailing boats will accompany the race*

**The course** (220 nautical miles) : Douarnenez – Iroise sea – South Brittany – Douarnenez



### The programme :

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| - Free mooring period for boats :                          | from Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May |
| - Start of security checks and registration confirmation : | Monday 31 May                    |
| - End of security checks :                                 | Wednesday 2 June                 |
| - Skipper welcome reception – Buffet :                     | Wednesday 2 June                 |
| - Close of registration :                                  | Thursday 3 June                  |
| - <b>Departure :</b>                                       | <b>Thursday 3 June</b>           |
| - <b>Announcement of results and prizegiving :</b>         | <b>Saturday 5 June</b>           |
| - End of free mooring period for boats :                   | Sunday 13 June                   |

## THE 35<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF THE MINI-FASTNET

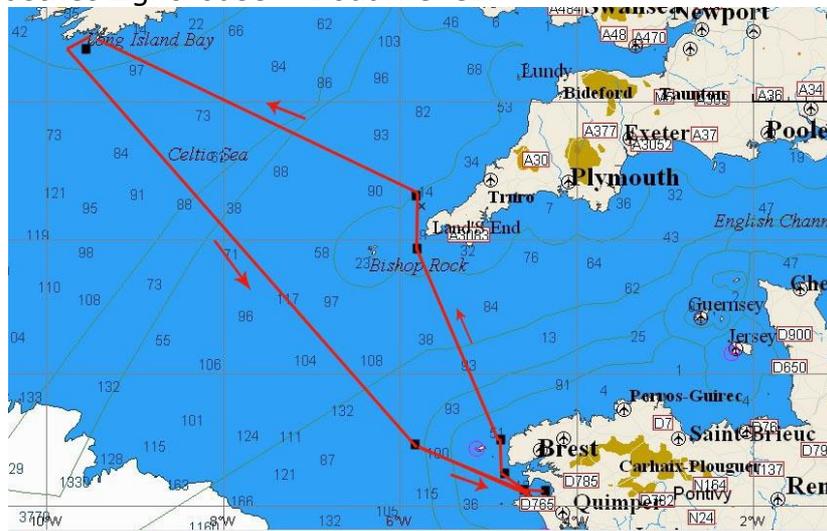
The Mini-Fastnet - organised since 2002 by Winches Club will take place from 12 to 19 June 2021.

The Mini-Fastnet : 600 miles to enter into Class Mini's history. 4 unforgettable days and nights to seek out Fastnet's legendary lighthouse : this is a shared race, the foundation challenge.

In short, you can't be on the Mini circuit without one day getting to the « Mini-Fastnet ».

**The escort boats :** 3 sailing boats will accompany the race.

**The course** (about 600 nautical miles) : Douarnenez – Chenal du Four – Wolf Rock – Racon Buoy northern extremity DST [traffic separation device] East of the Scilly – Stags Buoy - Fastnet Lighthouse – Douarnenez.



### The programme :

- Start of the free mooring period : Saturday 5 June
- Start of security checks and registration confirmation : Tuesday 8 June
- End of security checks : Friday 11 June
- Close of registration : Friday 11 June
- **Obligatory Prologue in Douarnenez Bay** (Beacon trials and VHF testing) **Saturday 12 June**
- Official skipper reception and buffet : Saturday 12 June
- **Depart :** **Sunday 13 June**
- **Announcement of results, prizegiving :** **Saturday 19 June**
- End of free mooring period : Sunday 27 June



## THE MINI :

**Testing ground for offshore sail racing for over 25 years, the Mini has two categories : « PROTO » and « SERIES ».**

**It measures 6 metres 50.**

Today the Mini Class numbers nearly 1000 boats, built since 1985. Since 1995, the successor of the emblematic *Muscadet* (Harlé design) is mainly for the *Pogo 1* series (Pierre Rolland design), joined by the *Pogo 2* (Group Finot-Conq design), the *Zéro* (Marc Lombard design), the *Super-Calvin* (J.P. Magnan design), the *Tip-Top* (Sam Manuard design), the *Naus* (Disegnocontrario design), the *Dingo and Dingo 2* (Pierre Rolland designs), the *Ginto* (S. Magnen design), the *Mistral* (Bernard Nivelt design), the *Nacira* (Nacira Design), the *RG 6.50* (N. Goldenberg design), the *Argo 6.50* (Marc Lombard), the *Pogo 3* (Guillaume Verdier), the *Ofcet 6.50 and the new Vector – Maxi 6.50* (Etienne Bertrand design)...

### **Security is the goal**

One of the main concepts of the Class is making sure the Mini's evolve promoting security, whilst retaining their sporty and innovative appeal. This idea, marked by raw memories of the sea's dangers, has ended up by creating a boat/skipper partnership which is amongst the safest on the circuit. Responsibility, design, materials, security checks, sea sense: on a Mini, everything is Maxi.

### **A springboard and a passion**

The Mini concept unites the sailor, the boat and the sea. That's it ! No contact with the land ! As doubles or solo, this concept has launched many of the great offshore racing sailors of today.

Never before has an offshore racing school such as the Mini included so many highly skilled names in such prestigious events. Some of the winners of the most exceptional prizes have quite often made their debut and won their first races in this series: Isabelle Autissier, Catherine Chabaud, Elle MacArthur, Thierry Dubois, Laurent Bourgnon, Bruno Peyron, Michel Desjoyaux, Bernard Stamm, Jean-Luc Van den Heede, Clarisse Cremer... So many of them have gone on to participate in transatlantic races such as the Transat Jacques Vabre, the Vendée Globe, the Route du Rhum or the AG2R.



Today, the Mini class unites about 300 members, mainly skippers, from all walks of life, from the carpenter to the engineer, the sailing instructor to the banker, the journalist to the professional skipper. It is above all an association of enthusiasts, for the lovers of these great little boats, who want to share the huge waves, the budget nightmares, the caprices of the weather and every moment of excitement that the sea offers !

The " Minists " skim across the Atlantic as well as the Mediterranean, thanks to the race organisers who, setting the bar high, have interwoven nautical and friendly links of the highest quality between the skippers and the association.

The Board of Directors contributes to the dynamism of the Class in France and abroad. Each year, the race programme is enriched to form a coherent calendar, to mix things up a bit and attract new skippers.



## THE 2021 MINI SEASON IN DOUARNENEZ

From 24th May, the Mini's will gather in Douarnenez for the two big races of the 2021 calendar : the *Marie-Agnès Péron* Trophy a challenge of the « French Championships in Solo Offshore Racing – Mini 6.50 » and the *Mini-Fastnet*.

### Highlight of the season

Before the departure, on the pontoons of Tréboul, it's pure anticipation. The preparations are going well in the great atmosphere specific to the Mini races. The skippers are accessible and visitors will be welcome if sanitary measures make it possible.

**Foreigners are faithful to the Mini circuit. Outside of France, not less than 16 nationalities have lined up at the start of the MAP and Mini-Fastnet in the last three years: Germany, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Croatia, Spain, Great Britain, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Russia, Czech Republic, Switzerland, Turkey and the USA.**

During the race we can follow the flotilla's progress on maps. Every year, in June, Douarnenez is the key destination for the Class Mini 6.50. For three weeks, more than a hundred skippers will tread Tréboul's pontoons.

The two races organised by Winches Club represent two very different profiles.

The Marie-Agnès Péron Trophy, solo over 220 nautical miles, is structured by a competitive framework which includes in no particular order, the second stage of French Championships of Solo Offshore Racing – 6,50, the preparation of the Mini Transat in September and the classification in international ranking of the Class, while remaining, of course, a race apart.

The Mini-Fastnet is uncontestedly the jewel of the double races of the Class. Just look at the winners of the 34 previous editions since 1987 – a good number of the current competitors weren't even born then: The Mini Fastnet and its mythic 600 nautical mile course represents a Grail in itself.

### A year of recovery

After a 2020 season rocked by the health crisis this new season is looking intense. We've noticed a huge desire to sail from the skippers and we're already at 150% of registrations for the Atlantic races. Everybody is waiting for the decision of those higher up which could kick off the 2021 season from April. We can therefore hope to follow the "almost normal" competition calendar which concludes with the Mini-Transat. Each race counts even more - after a year severely disrupted by storm Covid – towards acquiring miles and experience to qualify for the Mini Transat. So see you in June for the high points which are the Mini races in Douarnenez!

**Just to remind you, the 2020 podium of the Marie-Agnès Péron Trophy :**



Prototypes (from left to right in the photo):

Second : Arno Biston – 551 – 1day 12hr 11min 03sec  
First : Fabio Muzzolini – 945 – 1day 10hr 25min 19 sec of racing  
Third : Nolwenn Pébelier - 716 – 1day 12hr 30min 45sec



Series (from left to right in the photo) :

Second : Léo Debiesse – 966 – 1day 11hr 52min 19sec  
First : Hugo Picard - 1014 – 1day 11hr 06 min 59 sec  
Third : Lennart Burke - 943 – 1day 11hr 58min 15sec

## **DOUARNENEZ, THE TOWN OF THREE PORTS, MEETING PLACE OF THE MINI'S**

Like other ports with a strong character, the sea remains inseparable from the image of the « Sardine Head » town. The past reinforces the strength of these roots which have created the town's three ports.

- The Port-Rhu : The Port-Museum, an exceptional site of conservation and maritime heritage, with its floating boats and its museum which hosts interesting exhibitions.
- Rosmeur fishing port : the sea's riches have made the town flourish and made Douarnenez the capital of tinned fish.

Tréboul marina, sailing mecca and rendezvous of sailors all over the world, has just hosted the *Grand Prix Guyader*. This is the starting point for the Mini's who have come to compete for the *Marie-Agnès Péron Trophy* and the *Mini-Fastnet*, two of the major races of the circuit.



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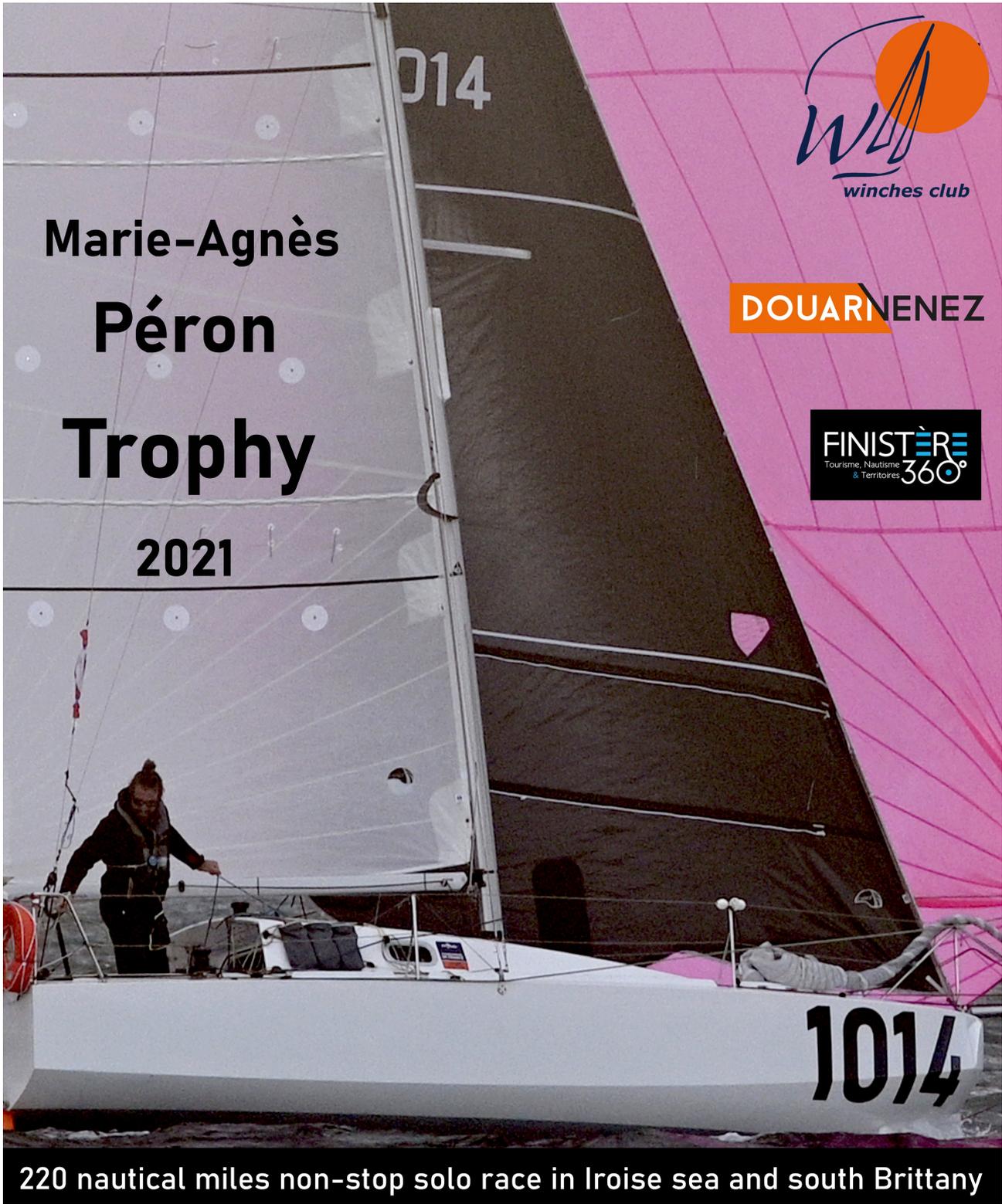
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220 nautical miles non-stop solo race in Iroise sea and south Brittany

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600 nautical miles non-stop double-handed race : Douarnenez – Fastnet Lighthouse – Douarnenez



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