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**NOCTURNAL RACE AND LIVE VIRTUAL MONITORING
ON THE PROGRAMME FOR THE 46th SNIM
22 – 25 APRIL 2011**

- **Trialled in 2010, the nocturnal race has earned a place on the programme for Snim**
- **Tracker: live virtual monitoring of the racing**
- **The Class 9.50 has place of honour**

With two months to go till the start of racing, the outline for the 46th Semaine Nautique Internationale de Méditerranée (International Nautical Mediterranean Week), organised by the team at the Société Nautique de Marseille and its President, Bernard Amiel, is being drawn up. Relunched last year with the arrival of the Class40s, the nocturnal race, a tremendous success amongst the racers, is part of this year's programme for the larger craft. The Snim will also open its pontoons to the Class 950, a craft which is a fantastic springboard for ocean racing with its deliberately limited budget range. A high point of the start of the Mediterranean sailing season for IRC, the week combines elements which are proven hits or novel, in a bid to attract the ever increasing number of racers, with some fresh course options and a brand new feature: live virtual monitoring of the racing!

Nocturnal race: Marseille-Porquerolles, they want more!

Sailing around the sumptuous natural surroundings of Marseille and its region is one of the major assets of the Snim. By offering the larger boats in the fleet a long, 90 mile race involving a return race between Marseille – around the island of Porquerolles – Marseille and setting out late afternoon, the organisers have a two-pronged objective: to satisfy the enthusiasm of the racers and spice up the week's race schedule with this dream course. Open to IRC 0, 1 and 2 and boats from the Class 9.50 and the Class40, the nocturnal race is scheduled to begin on Friday evening, with the possibility of delaying the start to optimise the race according to the weather forecast over Easter weekend.

iSea3D: The America's Cup tools previewing at the SNIM

Those participating in the 46th Semaine Nautique Internationale de Méditerranée (International Nautical Mediterranean Week) will also benefit from live virtual monitoring through simple use of their Smartphones. For the very first time and previewing at the event, Marseille's Société Nautique has signed a partnership agreement with the fledgling company KaliBee, a developer of iSea3D tracking solutions. This genuine technological innovation will also enable the onshore monitoring of the various fleets on the Société Nautique's website, for both the port races and the nocturnal race. A virtual race roundup will also be made available to the media after racing.

For further info visit: <http://isea3d.com/>

Class 9.50: a new opening to ocean racing

With its fathead mainsail and its planing hull form, the 9.50 straightaway gives you a glimpse of the racer's power and performance, especially downwind. Measuring less than 10 metres, what this thoroughbred doesn't reveal at first glance, is its accessibility. Conceived by Jean-Marie Vidal in 2008, this class measurement is more habitable than the 6.50 but not as large as the Class40 and its main focus is restricting key elements to control the budget. Indeed, by excluding certain materials in the construction and the appendages, and by limiting the equipment, the designer has ensured the success of the formula. After 3 years of sailing and trials, the Class 9.50 has been unanimously embraced: a lively and very seaworthy boat, with the maximum of sensations for a minimum budget.

The programme at Sea

Thursday April 21: Confirmation of registration, measurement control

Friday, April 22: 15h first possible start – Start of the night race (weather permitting)

Saturday, April 23: 11am first possible start

Sunday, April 24: 11am first possible start

Monday, April 25: 11am first possible start

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