



Sport - Sailing
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THE 45th SNIM REVEALED!

- **The Class40 at the SNIM**
- **A night race around Porquerolles**
- **Glen Ellen V: welcome to the champion!**
- **Free trips to the race zone with "Regatta in Sight»**

A month before kick-off, the Semaine Nautique Internationale de la Méditerranée - SNIM (International Nautical Mediterranean Week) lifts the veil on the programme for its 45th running, which will take place in Marseilles from April 2th to 5th: new series, a new type of course, participation of the French IRC Champion and free boarding for the public with "Regatta in Sight », the benefits abound for the anniversary of the great international rendezvous of the Easter weekend - hosted for nearly half a century by the Société Nautique de Marseille - led by its chairman Bernard Amiel.

On the regatta side

With two sailing areas - under the direction of Paul Roussange for larger IRC boats in north-Rade and Dominique Berenger for IRC and other one-designs in south-Rade - the competitors will do battle on different types of courses.

New to 2010, an announced fleet of five Class 40 who are set to join in the festivities of the SNIM for the first time. The Class40 is an offshore race orientated monohull measuring 40 feet (12.18 m) in length. Created in 2006, the objective of the Class40 is to unite experienced amateur sailors and professional sailors around a programme of coastal and offshore races in a common spirit of conviviality and experience sharing. Such values embody the true spirit of the SNIM which has been supported by the Société Nautique de Marseille through 45 years of sailing at the highest level. The appeal of this class is partly due to the simplicity and rigour of its measurement and ability to operate with reasonable budgets.

To highlight the potential of these boats designed for offshore racing, the organisers have decided to set up a night race for them from Marseilles to Porquerolles and back, scheduled for Friday 2nd April.

Also guests of honor at the SNIM 2010, alongside the IRC, one design are once again well represented through a series of A 35, A 40, First 31.7, Selection and Open 5.70.

On the agenda of the French IRC Championship for the third year, SNIM 2010 will also have the honor of seeing the crew of Dominique Tian (Deputy Mayor of the 6th and 8th arrondissements de Marseille) aboard Glen Ellen V - crowned with the title of Champion of France IRC and member of the Société Nautique de Marseille – competing in this 45th edition.

Ashore and for the public

On land, all the members of the Nautique are rallying round to provide the best possible welcome to the 170 boats entered in the SNIM. Though the mooring is free for participants, the real challenge which is to offer dockside places for all competitors can be only achieved through the excellent spirit of cooperation that exists within the Club, with a lot of owners handing over their moorings

during the event. For example, the superb yachts of the "Pole sailing tradition" of the Nautique, which have been grouped on a floating pontoon dock along the quay for a year now, will free up the area to Class40.

Along the docks, 9 tents will be erected to house the "SNIM village », which will also benefit from the 240 square meters of the « Espace Nautique » installations on land, inaugurated in late 2008 on the ground floor of the building facing the famous Floating Club House of the Société Nautique. For the second year, a partnership with the Office de la Mer will allow the public from Marseilles to board for free on a large capacity vessel which will make regular return trips out at sea to follow the racing with the « Regatta in Sight » operation. "

The programme at Sea

Thursday April 1: Confirmation of registration, measurement control

Friday, April 2: 15h first possible start – Start of the night race for Class40 (weather permitting)

Saturday, April 3: 11am first possible start

Sunday, April 4: 11am first possible start

Monday, April 5: 11am first possible start

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