



## INTERNATIONAL SAILING FEDERATION OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Southampton, December 21st 2013,

Letter to Jean-Pierre Champion, president of the French federation of sailing, FFV, member of the ISAF, and Pen Duick SA, organiser of the single-handed offshore race, the Route Du Rhum,

Following our first letter about the offshore class you call "Ultimes" in the 2010 edition of the Route du Rhum, in which we did asked you to consider the rule 52, one of the fundamental rules in our sport,

Following the facts that your national rules and the notice of race of the Route du Rhum 2014 seem not to have understand this rule,

Following the fact that the class "Ultimes" has still not be created and that its own rclass-ules and derogations are not defined,

**We have decided to un-validate the 2014 edition of the Route du Rhum due to the infringement of the Rule 52:**

### **52 MANUAL POWER**

A boat's standing rigging, running rigging, spars and movable hull appendages shall be adjusted and operated only by manual power.

Here are the different infringements noticed in the 2010 edition of the Route du Rhum:

- Big multihulls, out of the MOD50 and Class50 divisions, do not have their own ISAF Class. They have to respect the Route du Rhum notice of race, the FFV rules and the ISAF international rules. As they have no derogation about the use of an automatic system which free the sheets in case of dangerous change in the position of the hulls in the way to provide capsizes, this system can't be validated as it does not use manual power.
- One big multihull did use on-board a bicycle to trim the sheets, using foot power and not manual power.

In 2011, following the last edition of the Route du Rhum, we decided to not un-validated the results and we asked you to put your fleet and rules in agreement with the international rules of sailing for the 2014 edition.

Three years after, it looks like nothing has changed.

We then inform your national authorities that ISAF won't validate any more competition under your authorities until we have receive from both of you any improvement in your classification of sailboats allowed to compete in the 2014 Route du Rhum.



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