



From April, 6th to 11th, 2010 - Marseille
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1st STAGE OF MATCH RACING TOUR 2010

Press communication n°5 – Thursday, the 6th of April 2010

Let's go !!!

Last December, the Yachting Club Pointe Rouge presented at the Salon Le Nautic in Paris its 2010 sportive programme, with Match Race France as its main event.

4 months later, the event can finally start !

Activity has increased in the Southern harbour since last week-end... The first skippers and their crews have invaded the pontoons. The official trainings took place the whole day, giving the opportunity to the teams to get used to the boat (J80) and get their bearings on the Marseille sea site.

The world's best skippers in Marseille this week...

12 crews involved, 4 men on board...

The very cream of Sailing and Match Racing is meeting in Marseille, among whom the current world champion Adam Minoprio and members of the French Match Racing crew : Sébastien Col and Mathieu Richard.

All of them are very decided to start the season at the top of the rank... matches will be very tight: a great show is starting !

<i>ranking</i>	<i>Skippers & crews</i>	<i>Nationality</i>
1	Adam MINORPIO Dave Swete - NZL Tom Powrie - NZL Nick Blackman - NZL	NZL
2	Torvar MIRSKI Langford Kyle - AUS Tudur Owen - UK Graeme Spence - AU	AUS
4	Mathieu RICHARD FRENCH TEAM / ALEPH SAILING Greg Evrard - FRA Thierry Briend -FRA Olivier Herledant - FRA	FRA
6	Ben AINSLIE TEAM ORIGIN Iain Percy - GBR Christian Kamp - DEN Matt Cornwell - GBR	GBR

7	Sebastien COL FRENCH TEAM / ALL 4 ONE Christophe André - FRA Gilles Favennec - FRA Cedric Château - FRA	FRA
10	Paolo CIAN TEAM ITALIA Pierluigi Fornelli - ITA Zennaro Enrico- ITA Gaetano Figlia di Granara - ITA	ITA
12	Peter GILMOUR Yaji Yasuhiro - JAP Douillard Thierry - FRA Gilmour David - AUS	AUS
14	Pierre Antoine MORVAN Nicolas Pauchet - FRA Mathieu Renault - FRA Nicolas Heintz - FRA	FRA
15	Philippe PRESTI Christian Ponthieu - FRA Julien Falxi - FRA Olivier Cardin - FRA	FRA
21	Francesco BRUNI TEAM AZZURA Matteo Auguadro - ITA Pierluigi De Felice - ITA Gabriele Bruni - ITA	ITA
47	Gian Luca PERRI Francois Brenac - FRA Philippe Buchart - FRA Mikael Mergui - FRA	MON
54	Bertrand PACÉ FRENCH TEAM / ALEPH SAILING Benoit Briand - FRA Hervé Cunningham - FRA Tanguy Carriou - FRA	FRA

>>> Programme – Wednesday, April 7th

9h00 Skippers' briefing
10h00 1st warning signal
18h00 Press Conference

>>> Programme – Thursday, April 8th

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10h00 1st warning signal
18h00 Press Conference

>>> New : an entertainment village, open to the audience

Beside the competition, a village will host the audience during the final week end (on the 10th and 11th): many free activities are offered, and also meetings and interviews with the skippers and their crews. Matches will be live-broadcasted on giant screens and commented by professionals : Thierry Fouchier will present the final, on Sunday, 11th – he is a French member of the BMW Oracle Racing Team (winner of the 33rd America's Cup 2010) and the patron of the event.

A special action "Regate en vue" (Regatta on the water) will be held on Saturday, 10th, and Sunday, 11th of April: the audience will be embarked to assist the matches, as close as possible (free entrance).

Free registrations (but compulsory) : 04 91 90 94 90.

More information : www.officedelamer.com

>>>> **Press Reception**

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>> Press boats are available for press, reporters, photographers and TV to follow all regattas. If you wish to embark, please get in touch with the Press team.

>> Press Conference every evening (when crews are back)

>> Coordination of Press travels are possible (limited offer)

>>>> **Pictures**

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Pictures can be downloaded each evening on the website www.matchracefrance.com

If you need more pictures, please contact the Press team.

>>>> **Website**

To get the last results, see pictures and read the last news:

www.matchracefrance.com

>>> **The Match Race France**

For the 8th consecutive year, the Marseille Yachting Club Pointe Rouge organizes international-level competitions of Match Racing. It has been two years since the Match Race France has entered the prestigious circuit of the World Match Racing Tour.

This year again, 12 of the biggest skippers in the world will compete in the harbour of Marseille to win the first stage of the 2010 World Championship. <http://www.wmrt.com/>

The 2010 World Match Racing Tour is made of 10 stages around the world, the 1st one being in France, from April, 6th to 11th.

New in 2010! Match Race France will host the public in the Escale Borély Entertainment Village... Matches will be broadcast on giant screens, with comments in live and activities for all the family.

All informations on Match Race France are available on the website:

<http://www.matchracefrance.com/>

Dates : Match Race France du 6 au 11 avril 2010
Lieu : Yachting Club Pointe Rouge – Escale Borely – Marseille 8ème
Niveau : Epreuve internationale –Championnat du Monde - Meilleurs skippers mondiaux

Retrouvez toutes les infos sur www.matchracefrance.com

