



## **Les Voiles de Saint-Tropez – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

13<sup>th</sup> June 2024

### **Les Voiles de Saint-Tropez celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary: Magic intact!**

The most beautiful yachts in the world come together in a sumptuous setting and a friendly atmosphere. The alchemy creating the magic of the Voiles de Saint-Tropez since 1999 will be at work once again this year as the event celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, as some 3,000 crew gather for what has become an event not-to-be-missed. From Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> October, the breath of passion will once again revive Saint-Tropez, its narrow streets, its harbour and its gulf, in anticipation of an exceptional week.

#### **Three classes, one atmosphere**

Eric Tabarly, who was a great fan of the Nioulargue – the original regatta of Les Voiles de Saint-Tropez – used to say that walking along the quays was like ‘strolling through the pages of an open maritime history book’. It is a history in the making, and once again this year it will feature three classes of yacht:

The **Classics**, of course, set off in majestic style in the coppery light of early autumn in Saint-Tropez. The 2024 edition will be marked by some boats reaching 50, 75 or 100 years of age, joining the already long list of centenarians present. The **Moderns** provide an architectural counterpoint to these ‘old ladies’ of yachting. All the Mediterranean’s prototypes, TP 52s and mini-Maxis will be in Saint-Tropez for some top-level racing on these yachts dedicated exclusively to performance. Once again, they’ll be up against the **Maxis**, the third lifeblood of the Voiles, which are competing in all their might to keep the event going. This class of yachts over 60 feet includes the marvellous Wally as well as super-yachts from all over the world, some of which are over 35 metres in length.

With registration in full swing, the Société Nautique de Saint-Tropez team, led by its president Pierre Roinson, will be maintaining a balance between the three classes, as every year, which is no small part of the Voiles’ success – crossroad of all passions. Between 250 and 270 boats are expected to take part in this major invitation-based event.

#### **Entertainment at sea and on land**

Regatta by day, party by night. Once again, the spectacle of the Voiles is guaranteed on the water as well as on the shore, allowing the people of Saint-Tropez and the general public to take part in the event on the Môle Jean Réveille, in the Voiles village, as well as around the port and in the streets of the town. The highlight of this year’s onshore activities will once again be the crews’ parade, scheduled for Thursday evening. The jury, set up on a platform in front of the harbour bars, is made up of a mix of locals - including some members of the municipal staff and shopkeepers - and skippers. To give the crews more time to prepare, this grand parade around the harbour has been scheduled for 7pm.

It’s worth noting that the regattas in the gulf are easy to see from land, especially from the most elevated spots such as the Citadelle or the church of Sainte-Anne, but that the harbour breakwater is also a very strategic spot to follow the boats as they come in and out, as well as to watch the starts of the Classics from the Tour du Portalet.

**Zoom on :**

### **- The Société Nautique de Saint-Tropez's involvement in the America's Cup**

As well as being the organising club for the Voiles de Saint-Tropez, the SNST is also the challenging club for the French Orient Express Racing Team, "which can count on the unwavering support of SNST's 500+ members, who are delighted to be a cornerstone of this 2024 campaign" says SNST President, Pierre Roinson.

The Société Nautique de Saint-Tropez is taking up the world's oldest sporting challenge, which will be held for the 37<sup>th</sup> time in Barcelona in September and October, against its British (Royal Yacht Squadron), Italian (Circolo della Vella), Swiss (Société Nautique de Genève) and American (New York Yacht Club) counterparts, not forgetting of course the New Zealand Defender (Royal New-Zealand Yacht Squadron).

### **LES VOILES DE SAINT-TROPEZ 2024 PROGRAMME**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September:** Registration for Maxis (over 18.28m) Classic and Modern yachts up to 18.28 metres.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September:** Registration for Maxis (over 18.28m) Classic and Modern yachts up to 18.28 metres. Arrival of the YCF Autumn Cup (Cannes Saint-Tropez)

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September:** Regattas for Maxis and Modern yachts

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October:** Regattas for all fleets

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October:** Regattas for Modern and Classic yachts

Day Off for the Maxis and Club 55 Maxi Cup

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October:** Challenge Day and Club 55 Cup for Modern and Classic yachts, regattas for Maxis

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October:** Regattas for all fleets,

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October:** Regattas for all fleets, Prize-giving ceremony for the Maxis

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October:** Prize-giving ceremony for Modern and Classic yachts

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