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59 BOATS SAILING 14TH ROUTE DU CAFE

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USPA NEWS - Today is the D1 for the fifty nine, skippers, who departed form Le Havre towards Bahia in Brazil, as they shall perform the 14th ROUTE DU CAFE TRANSAT JACQUES VABRE the longest ever cross of the Atlantic, for a ten days trip (October 27th-November 7th). The French Prime Minister made a short visit yesterday at the Village fo Transit Jacques Vabre, as Edouard Philippe used to be the Mayor of Le Havre, before ruling Matignon, in 2017. Many of the biggest names in offshore sailing will be among the 59 boats and 118 crew that cross the start line of the 14th edition of the Transat Jacques Vabre Normandie Le Havre tomorrow (Sunday, October 27) at 13:15 (French time) and begin their 4,350-mile race to Salvador de Bahia in Brazil. All will be remembering to set their watches, with the clocks going back an hour overnight! As usual the first night of the Route du Café will be hectic and the evolution of the forecast last night means that heading west looks best - how far west remains the question and the fleet may split as around Ushant. Depending on the age, size and capabilities of their boats (27 Class40, 3 Multi50 and 29 IMOCA 60), they could all be right.

TEN IMOCA in the mix TEN IMOCA IN THE MIX AND THREE MULTICOQUES----------
German skipper, Boris Herrmann has already enjoyed a fairly spectacular summer after delivering Greta Thunberg across the Atlantic to the UN Climate Change Summit in August in his IMOCA 60, Malizia II. Herrmann, 28, finished fourth in the last edition in 2017, and despite a ferociously competitive IMOCA fleet, he is aiming for a top five finish with 25 year-old British co-skipper, Will Harris. Britain´s leading solo sailor, Alex Thomson is playing down his chances having only just launched his astonishing, radical and seventh IMOCA, Hugo Boss. But he and Neal McDonald, Ocean Race veteran and Hugo Boss´s performance manger, will not be slow. And England´s victory against the All Blacks in the rugby World Cup semi-final will doubtless have given them a little boost. There was more than one screen tuned in, and not a few supressed celebrations, during the last skippers briefing on Saturday morning.----------
They are one of the five latest generation IMOCA. The always competitive, Samantha Davies will be pushing harder on an older, but heavily upgraded Initiatives-CÅ“ur, which has new enormous foils and Meilhat as co-skipper. And Germany´s Isabelle Joschke forms a powerful pair with Morgan Lagravière on MACSF. Volvo Ocean Racer and fastest rookie in the west, Charlie Enright, has the boat (11th Hour Racing) and co-skipper in two-time winner, Pascal Bidégorry, to set a record for the fastest debut double-handed crossing of the Atlantic. They are among ten possible winners in the IMOCA.

FRANCE VERSUS BRIATIN IN THE CLASS40----------
In the Class40, there are two British skippers among the four favourites. Luke Berry has Frenchman Tanguy Le Turquais with him on Lamotte ““ Module Creation and Sam Goodchild on Leyton, has Fabien Delahaye, the winner in 2013.
Their biggest rivals look like being Aïna Enfance and Avenir (Aymeric Chappellier / Pierre Leboucher) and Credit Mutuel (Ian Lipinski / Adrien Hardy). Chappellier starts favourite after finishing second in the Route du Rhum last year and in the 2017 edition of this race, by just 17 minutes. The Swiss boat, Banque du Léman (Simon Koster / Valentin Gautier) is the newest boat in the fleet, so new (it launched a month ago) that the skippers have only sailed 1,200 miles and neither has previous Class40 experience. But eight Class40´s have realistic hopes of victory. Charal (Jérémie Beyou / Christopher Pratt), will be the first to cast off their mooring from the Bassin Paul Vatine at 08:15 (French time) and head out towards the start line in front of the Cap de la Hève in the Baie de la Seine (Le Havre is at the mouth the River Seine after it wound its way 125 miles north-west from Paris). The start is rarely simple. With 12 knots of north-east breeze it may take them three hours to tack their way through a choppy shallow sea with plenty of current against them, along the 16 miles of coast to round the Region Normandie buoy off Ã‰tretat. Conditions in the Channel are looking relatively easier and they should pass the tip of Contenin early on the first night. The wind may get up to 25-30 knots and demand several sail changes ““ the most physically demanding aspect for these duos who will be sweating in their oilskins. It promises to be a long first 24 hours after an early start. The IMOCA and Multi50 could exit the Channel by Monday morning with the Class40 out by the afternoon.
By then the path and effect of the unusually huge low-pressure system over the North Atlantic, stretching from the Azores to Britain, may be clearer. “Traditionally at this time of year, the depressions sweep the Atlantic, allowing the passage of the fronts west then south,“ Richard Silvani of Météo France said. “This year, the big low is stationary and is forming a real block.“ Source Jacques

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