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Let's design the future!



France's Union Nationale pour la Course au Large – UNCL – with the support of its partner the Royal Ocean Racing Club – RORC – is launching an unprecedented Request for Proposals Competition intended to design tomorrow's international training yacht for offshore racing. Its aim: spearhead a campaign to train up-and-coming generations and guarantee the long term of some of the finest offshore events.

Code name: Class 30 One Design™

Sharing a passion for the sea is about sharing a way of life that respects the environment through a school of individual and collective courage in a free and open space governed by the laws of nature. These strong values, so prevalent in offshore racing, are highly celebrated by the general public during major offshore events. RORC and UNCL, long-standing associates and major offshore racing protagonists, are keen to jointly contribute to their reinforcement. Such is the incentive behind the **Class 30 One Design™**.

The specifications of the Request for Proposals for the **Class 30 Design™** concept, which is open to all architectural firms, boatyards and architect/yard groups without restriction worldwide, are designed to give rise to a fun yet safe race boat measuring between 9 and 9.60m (30 and 32 feet) suitable for day sailing with up to 6 crew and with 4 to 5 crew for several days out on the water, while incorporating eco-design principles right from the start of the design process.

One boat, three versions

In order to suit the needs of Yacht clubs, sailing or corporate Associations, private owners, who are keen to sail a high-performance, simple and economical boat, the **Class 30 OD** comes in 3 versions, liable to race together under the IRC rating in order to compensate for the differences in equipment and performance, as well as to open them up to all the major national and international races which use the IRC rating.

It should be noted that the UNCL and RORC launched and managed the CHS measured rating system, repackaged as IRC since 1999, calculating for each individual boat a handicap coefficient, enabling boats with different features to compete together by correcting real time accordingly. To date, over 44,000 boats worldwide have raced in IRC since its inception.

Class 30 Club: the basic version, which is simplified yet high-performance, is for training crew for offshore and one-design racing and features a particularly competitive introductory turnkey price for the 'Club' version making it accessible to as wide an audience as possible.

Class 30 One Design™: a step up from the Club version, to which fit-out modules have been added (electronics, carbon mast, navigation and galley modules, ballast tanks...) with the aim of extending the field and enhancing its performance when racing offshore. The Class 30 One Design version enables one-design racing in double-handed or crewed format, as well as being competitive in IRC.

Optional: Class 30 Olympic: in an advanced version, the Class 30 OD could be in the running for selection as a possible craft of choice if there is an offshore event for mixed pairings in the Olympic Games, notably through its ability to have video and remote transmission equipment on board in addition to more specialised equipment yet to be defined according to World Sailing's specifications.

Design and share

The fundamental premise of the approach with this new boat is to put together a huge pool of young crews trained in crewed racing, to promote a more collective rather than consumerist sailing practice and also enable sailing with various weather constraints and aspects of offshore navigation.

With the ultimate aim of becoming the craft of choice for one-design racing, the rules of the **Class 30 OD** are drawn up and managed by UNCL with the idea of quickly gaining the status of an International Class recognized by World Sailing. The construction could be licenced to various boatyards both in France, Europe and overseas.

From the second half of 2022, a racing circuit program specific to **Class 30 OD** and designed to be integrated in existing events will be put forward for competitions in the English Channel, Atlantic and Mediterranean, with inshore as well as offshore racing. The objective is to get a full circuit up and running from 2023 onwards, hosted and organised by the **Class 30 OD**, who will crown the best crews of the season in a grand Final.

A special challenge is also planned for young crews (under 30 years of age), providing an opportunity for the winner of the Final to get assistance with funding for the following season.

Technical specifications (extract), 'Club' version

- LOA between 30 and 32 feet (9 to 9.60 m),
- Minimum headroom of 1.75 m over one meter in front of the descent,
- Draught limited to 2.20 m for a fixed keel (or 2.40 m for a lifting keel) with the possibility of reducing the draught during storage on land,
- Cockpit able to accommodate 5 to 6 adults,
- Simple rig with a deck-mounted aluminium mast,
- Basic set of sails: a 2-reef mainsail, a hanked-on genoa, a storm jib and a symmetric or asymmetric spinnaker on a bowsprit,
- No electronics in the basic configuration (use of a waterproof tablet),
- Fit-out: 4 simple moulded bench seats,
- Central lifting point using a strop,

All the info about the Request for Proposals Competition

Information, Specifications, Presentation of the Project: on request via email addressed to class30@uncl.com

All the naval architects and shipyards who wish to take part must submit an application via email addressed to the UNCL before 6 May 2021.

UNCL

A Club of enthusiasts and racers open to all those involved in the practice and development of inshore and offshore racing. The National Offshore Racing Union was created in 1971 from the merging of the U.N.C., created in 1913 and the G.C.L., created in 1960. A club affiliated to the French Sailing Federation (FFVoile), the UNCL boasts over 250 members and its efficient operation relies on a great many volunteers who take care of its organisation and its management. Together with the RORC, UNCL created the Channel Handicap System (CHS), today's IRC (International Rating Certificate).

The UNCL takes charges of the development of an annual Mediterranean and Channel-Atlantic IRC Championship relying on races organised by the major Clubs in the region and managed jointly with the IRC measurement.

Its head office is located at 41 Avenue Foch 75016 Paris.

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RORC

A unique and exclusive club, founded in 1925, dedicated to encourage long-distance sea passages as well as other forms of races, regattas and activities associated with yachting. The Royal Ocean Racing Club's members comprise a vast network of sailors who benefit from two outstanding clubhouses located in central London and the UK's sailing capital of Cowes.

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