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## **Successful lift-off for the (future) Class 30!**

**In response to its Request for Proposals for the future Class 30, over twenty-five applications from various candidates from the sailing world arrived in a dedicated inbox at L'Union Nationale pour la Course au Large (UNCL), organiser of the competition with its British partner the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC). The indisputable success of this project intended to inspire tomorrow's international training boat for offshore racing is an acknowledgement of its relevance as it brings together a number of the leading lights of naval architecture and prominent yards. Now, the support of America's Storm Trysail Club has given the initiative even further traction in the US by fleshing out the circle of organisers and with it the potential for the large adoption of the future one-design.**

### **An enthusiastic reception**

A key player with multiple offshore racing accolades, French legend Michel Desjoyeaux perfectly understands the appeal and the impact of such a project on a national level: *"Being a part of a process to design an affordable and attractive craft in a bid to recreate a crewed racing dynamic among active youngsters seems like an obvious move to me. This method for training crews has disappeared of late as there's no longer a boat that fits the bill. Prior to the switch to the Diam 24, the Tour de France à la Voile was often the first taste of offshore racing for numerous crews. Today, it is these crews who are quitting regattas and who need to be won back with this new one-design, which has to perform well and be attractive. That's why we've decided to stand up and be counted with CT Mer Forte".*

### **A fleshing out of the Jury**

The main new feature of this venture relates to the Jury, which has evolved since the project was launched: in addition to the 4 members of the UNCL and the 3 members of the RORC, a new American member, the **Storm Trysail Club** based in Larchmont, NY, to the north of New York City, is stepping up to the plate. This very sociable Club is the reference offshore racing club in the United States and so it shares the same values and experience as the RORC and the UNCL. A renowned mover and shaker, its sphere of influence extends far beyond Larchmont thanks to its 12 geographic stations encompassing the most famous stretches of water on the East coast, the great lakes, Florida and California, where it operates a fleet of 8 Figaro 2s. This addition further reinforces the international dimension of the project as the organisers were always keen to ensure that the French projects do not make up more than half of the proposals.

### **Eight teams selected**

In line with the scheduled programme, early May, the International Jury studied application requests from 9 different nationalities and made a pre-selection according to a matrix of weighted criteria, including how well the project was understood, references regarding design and production of similar boats, its eco-design credentials and its ability to innovate. In the end, **six teams of architects/yards** were selected on the basis of designing a new boat, including some world famous names in naval architecture and global boatbuilding, as well as **two other teams** with existing boats featuring similar specifications, who have to align with the brief, particularly to match boat price expectations. The applicants' various preliminary design proposals are expected by mid-June.

### **All information about the Request for Proposals Competition**

Information, Specifications, Presentation of the Project: on request via email addressed to [class30@uncl.com](mailto:class30@uncl.com)



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### **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, the 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.

**Présidente:** Anne de Bagneaux-Savatier

**Vice-Présidents:** Jean-Philippe Cau, Yves Ginoux

**Président Association de Propriétaires de bateaux jaugés IRC, PropIRC:** Philippe Serenon

## **RORC**

A unique and exclusive club, founded in 1925, dedicated to encouraging 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 exemplary clubhouses located in central London and the UK's sailing capital of Cowes.

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**Commodore:** James Neville

**Vice-Commodore:** Eric de Turckheim

## **Storm Trysail Club**

Founded in 1938 in Larchmont, NY, this Club is reserved for sailors who have experienced storm conditions and are capable of commanding a sailing vessel in such a situation. Its aim is to encourage blue water sailing and inshore and offshore racing. The Club is organised into 12 geographic stations, giving it representation in the major sailing centres in America.

The STC is renowned for being in the vanguard of the development of new events, corrected time solutions (handicap rating systems), boat design and safety procedures.

**Commodore:** Edward Cesare

**Vice-Commodore:** Ray Redniss

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