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**GROUPE ATLANTIC PARTNER OF A
"YOUNG TALENTS" TEAM AT THE
69F CUP EUROPE 2023**



The GROUPE ATLANTIC crew is putting its title back on the line on the 69F circuit and setting itself a new challenge in 2023.

After winning the 69F Cup Europe in 2022 and finishing second in the Youth Foiling Gold Cup, the GROUPE ATLANTIC team, winner of the Tour Voile 2021, is putting its title on the line again on the European circuit: "69F Cup Europe". This competition takes place on the most beautiful European waters in Spain, Italy, Slovenia and France.

The GROUPE ATLANTIC, an international company (€3 billion), leader in thermal comfort in France, specialises in heating, ventilation and air conditioning products and is a major player in decarbonisation and well-being in the building sector.

The commitment to the "69F Europe Cup" circuit with a crew of young talents corresponds to the values of the GROUPE ATLANTIC: aiming for excellence, encouraging open-mindedness, developing individual skills to contribute to collective efficiency...



In addition to promoting learning, with our crew of young talents, this project brings together two other dimensions corresponding to the orientations of the GROUPE ATLANTIC: we are resolutely turned towards the development of high-tech products in heating, ventilation and air conditioning, and the "69F is a very technological foil boat; we are also resolutely oriented towards a decarbonisation approach, and sailing is a particularly clean sport, which is why it has that is why it caught our attention.





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A NEW CHALLENGE

While Clément, Valentin and Louis know each other well having sailed under the colours of GROUPE ATLANTIC on the 69F circuit last year, they have welcomed a new recruit, Jessica Berthoud.

Together, they had to test different configurations for the competitions, coordinate and communicate with each other...in short, a serious but effective introduction to the boat which they are delighted with a few weeks before the first competition of the 69F Cup Europe in Valencia.

The winter period was therefore very studious in La Grande-Motte. Accompanied by their coach Pierre Mas, the team has been working hard to get back on track on this 6.50 metre monohull, equipped with foils. A real technological jewel, demanding and spectacular.

The challenge is therefore huge for the crew, who want to win first place on both circuits this year.

Valentin Sipan "The weather conditions this winter were great and allowed us to fly on the 69F, to progressively push the speed of the boat to reach 30 knots, while being careful. It was great and it was quite smooth as we were discovering the boat. The learning process was well done and it will go even faster when we come into contact with the competitors.



ONE SEASON, TWO CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 69F Cup Europe



The 69F Cup Europe, which brings together some twenty European crews in six competitions in Europe. The week of competition is punctuated by several courses built during the day. The accumulation of points throughout the season reveals the overall ranking at the end of the championship.

The rhythm will be one day of training for 2 days of competition!

Rigour and consistency will therefore be required to hope to reach the top step of the podium.

The GROUPE ATLANTIC crew will be composed of Clément, Valentin, Louis and Jessica

Clément Cron: "Each stage of the championship will count, our objective is obviously to achieve the best performance but until we have sailed alongside our rivals, it is difficult to give any predictions! We'll talk about it after Valencia!

Grand Prix Europe events :

25-30 April - Valencia, Spain

May 29 to June 03 - Lake Molveno, Italy

June 26 to July 1 - Malcesine, Italy

From 25th to 30th July - Portoroz, Slovenia

From 19th to 24th September - Puntaldia, Italy

From 18 to 22 October: to be defined

The Youth Foiling Gold Cup



The Youth Foiling Golden Cup is unique in that it brings together crews under the age of 25 and mixed. The youth circuit competitions are held between the European circuit competitions, of which there are three. Valentin Sipan, who is over 25, will not be participating. The objective is to qualify for the super final of the championship which will take place in November, which brings together the best of the circuit and which is clearly the goal of the 69F Groupe Atlantic's crew. This final round will determine the overall winner of the Youth Foiling Gold Cup.

Clément Cron " One of the main objectives at the beginning of the season was to recruit a girl under 25 to compete in the Youth Foiling Golden Cup. season was to recruit a girl under 25 to compete in the Youth Foiling Golden Cup. Jessica was one of the selected girls. She quickly had to find her feet on the boat and in the crew. She clearly stood out from the crowd, she is a great person who is very keen to sail and is doing really well. She meets all our criteria and we are very happy with our choice.

Youth Grand Prix "Youth Foiling Golden Cup" (mixed crew -25 years)

From 8 to 12 May - La Grande-Motte, France

August 8 to 14 - Torbole, Italy

2 to 5 November, Super Final - Barcelona

REGATTA PLAN

2023



THE PERSICO 69F



The 69F has a bright future in sports sailing. PERSICO, the Italian manufacturer of this one-design foil boat, is opening the way to crewed sailing by offering a boat inspired by the America's Cup boats. The 69F can reach exceptional speeds - up to 35 knots - and can fly downwind as well as upwind, just like its big brothers in the America's Cup.

This boat has the particularity of being part of this circuit where one-design sailing is required. Its design is unique due to the use of high quality materials such as carbon, which guarantees light weight and high performance on the water.

Pierre Mas "We are all unanimous in saying that the boat is great, both downwind and upwind. As long as there are 10-15 knots, she's easy to handle, but as soon as 15 knots are passed, she becomes violent with incredible accelerations! We're now able to master it and know its limits. This boat flies very well upwind, which is one of its great qualities. It's very satisfying!

In a few figures

Length: 6.90m
Width: 2.1m
Gennaker size: 69m²
Weight: 380kg

THE TEAM



LOUIS CHAMBET TRIMMER

What is your academic background?

I have been at INSA Lyon since 2016, where I studied for three years in the "high-level sportsman" section of the integrated preparatory course. I then entered the mechanical engineering department and I am currently in my fourth year. I have always been attracted to the engineering pathway, it was an obvious choice. It's a great way to continue with sport and studies at the same time. I used to sail a lot in the 49er but the health crisis put a stop to my project. I've started sailing 29ers again with my brother and at the inshore centre in Marseille in Match Race and J70. Everything is going pretty well with my studies, the courses are less intense than in the first semester.

What are your professional aspirations?

My dream would be to work on boat design for sports teams. My dream job would be to work on the design aspect of the America's Cup boats. That's the kind of project that attracts me a lot. I would love to link the worlds of sailing and engineering.

What does sailing mean to you?

I started sailing on Lake Annecy when I was quite young and I really enjoyed it. I started with small regattas near my home, then everything happened quite gradually, I then continued on regional, national and international regattas. Until the end of my baccalaureate, I didn't necessarily intend to continue sailing at a high level, as I was focusing on my studies at the time, but the director of the sports section at INSA motivated me well, and that's when I decided to take up the 49er.

What is your job?

I am a trimmer on the 69F, I trim the spinnaker downwind and the mainsail upwind, which is the main source of power for the boat upwind. I'm in charge of the boat's balance and speed. It's a very physical job so I have to work to be at the top of my game and make the boat go as fast as possible!

What does the 69F circuit mean to you?

It's the evolution of sailing. We're moving more and more towards faster boats, shorter and more intense courses with close battles. It's really the future, the future of our sport towards regattas that will be more easily accessible to the public.

Achievements

- 1st at the International Spring Optimist Cup 2011/2012
- Runner-up in the 2011 French RS Feva Championship
- 9th World Championship 2012
- 3rd French Championship 29er 2014
- 4th Christmas International race De Palamos 29er 2016
- 15th European Cup 29er 2016
- 10th European Senior 49er FX Cup 2017
- 13th and 19th U23 49er World Championships 2018 and 2019
- Winner 69F Cup Europe 2022
- 2nd Youth Foiling Gold Cup 2022



CLÉMENT CRON

HELMSMAN

Hello Clément, what is your educational background?

I am a student at INSA (Institut National des Sciences Appliquées) in Rennes, a school that trains general engineers. I am in my 4th year, in the mechanical engineering department. The INSA allows us to take the diploma in 7 years instead of 5 years to take our degrees. This arrangement allows me to have time to sail.

What are your professional aspirations?

I chose this course because I liked science and particularly maths. Moreover, sailing is a mechanical sport, and I think that if you want to go far in this sport, the engineering training is a real plus!

What does sailing mean to you?

I have been sailing for almost 14 years. Everything I do nowadays is based around sailing, whether it's school courses or hobbies and leisure activities. I like the idea that it's a passion that you can do for years, without being stopped by your age. What I also like about sailing is that I can do it professionally, competitively, but also as a hobby with my friends whenever the opportunity arises.

What is your position?

I am the helmsman on board, which means that I am the one the boat and make the last minute decisions!

What does the 69F circuit mean to you?

It's a monohull but it's very similar to a multihull in the sense that it's very wide, its foils are very offset, I think the sensations are quite similar. I've sailed a lot on foils like the Moth, that's the big difference and it makes the sailing very interesting. It's a very accomplished boat, which I really enjoy sailing. It flies upwind, downwind, there are not many 6.90m boats that do that today, it's great!

Achievements

- 5 French catamaran championship titles
- 5th SL16 Catamaran World Championship 2018
- Selected for the Team France Jeune project in Diam 24 2018
- 9th overall and 4th youngster in the Tour de France à la Voile and Super Combativity Award
- Winner of the Tour Voile 2021
- Winner 69F Cup Europe 2022
- 2nd Youth Foiling Gold Cup 2022



VALENTIN SIPAN

N°1 & FLIGHT CONTROLLER

Hello Valentin, what is your educational background?

I recently graduated from INSA in Rennes, specialising in Materials Science and Engineering. I was able to adjust my curriculum to reconcile my studies with my sporting projects.

What are your professional aspirations?

I would like to use my experience as a sailor and my technical knowledge as an engineer to improve the performance of ambitious sports projects.

What does sailing mean to you?

For me, sailing brings me 3 essential aspects in which I find my balance.

-Freedom, the possibility to evolve in an incredible environment, inspiring, resourcing, close to the elements. The playground is infinite and changes every day. It is also a way to travel and allows me to discover the world from another angle.

-A source of stimulation thanks to the competition and the constant search for performance.

-The conviviality and the sharing of strong moments in a team.

What is your job?

I'm a flight controller, I'm in charge of getting the boat off the ground and adjusting its height and flight speed. This requires a lot of adaptability and agility to see the 69F take off.

What does the 69F circuit mean to you?

I've always had this culture of sailing new boats and learning about them, so I wasn't afraid of the 69F. so I wasn't afraid of the 69. It's a boat that goes much faster than than the Diam 24 and requires a special synchronisation for all manoeuvres. timing for all the manoeuvres. It requires more anticipation and concentration on board and during competitions where the fleet is dense.

Achievements

- 2020 French Diam 24 Championship: 1st
- Tour Voile 2019: 1st
- Tour Voile 2018: 2nd
- Tour Voile 2017: 3rd
- 5th in the ReBull Youth America's Cup 2017
- France's selection for the 2016 Olympic Games in 470
- 2x European Champion in 420
- World Youth Champion in 470
- 2x Vice World Champion in 420
- 2x Youth World Champion in 470
- 7 seasons in TP52
- SuperSeries, podiums at the Copa del Rey,
- Voiles de St Tropez, Giragli
- Winner of the Tour Voile 2021
- Winner 69F Cup Europe 2022



JESSICA BERTHOUD

N°1 & FLIGHT CONTROLLER

21 years old and aspiring to become a professional sailor. I would describe myself as a strong minded person, a good team player and a dedicated learner!

I am currently working as a sailing apprentice. It is important for me to promote the integration of women in sailing

Achievements

- 2017 - 2018 Nacra 15 crew
- 2018 - 2019 Nacra 15 helmswoman
- 2017 - 2021 8Mji and 10Mji Headsail Trimmer
- 2020 - 2021 Headsail trimmer
- 2020 - 2021 Nacra 17 helmswoman
- 2021 6Mji Mainsail trimmer
- 2021-2022 Flight controller 69F
- 2022 TF 35 ART Explorin 1st place Bol d'or Mirabaud



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A HIGH LEVEL FRAMEWORK

The fact that the sporting adventure is continuing alongside GROUPE ATLANTIC and with the same team on land and at sea is a very motivating aspect that is appreciated by all the members. The relationship of trust that has developed among the crew over the years has been strengthened and makes it much easier to handle the 69F.

Valentin Sipan *"The exchanges with coach Pierre Mas are very relevant and rich. All the questions we have, whether about the equipment or the use of the boat, are very well received by them and they are keen to help us find answers. It's a plus to have them!"*



PIERRE MAS PROJECT MANAGER CREW COACH GROUPE ATLANTIC

"My role is to put in place all the material and human elements to develop performance. On the Tour Voile, the work was spread out over several seasons, here, on the 69F circuit, we have to start now and get good results as soon as possible. We have all the means to learn and progress.

Four times winner of the Tour Voile (2 victories as skipper, 2 others as coach). Two round the world races with a crew, several solo Figaro races, three America's Cups, and winner of the Admiral's Cup, Pierre Mas is the coach of the crew and the director of the GROUPE ATLANTIC sailing project.

"We will continue to learn and discover many things from this circuit. The qualities of the 69F are attracting a lot of nations, which is very positive for the class, which is growing every year. The races are going to be great!

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