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## EXEMPTION REQUEST FOR THE GRAND PAVOIS LA ROCHELLE 2020

In order to keep all the exhibitors and visitors expected at the Grand Pavois La Rochelle 2020 informed, Grand Pavois Organisation (editor's note: a non-profit organisation managed by yachting professionals since 1973), through its Board of Directors chaired by Mr Alain Pochon, has officially requested an exemption from the Prefect of Charente-Maritime to be able to welcome more than 5,000 visitors maximum at the boat show, from Tuesday 29 September to Sunday 4 October 2020. This request for exemption was also supported by the Mayor of La Rochelle and the President of the La Rochelle Urban Community.

It should be remembered that the Grand Pavois La Rochelle must now comply with the French Prime Minister's decisions from August 11, that bans events gathering more than 5,000 people, until at least 30 October.

However, in certain exceptional cases, where the Prefect of the Department (French official) is allowed by the Government to exceed this limit if the public health situation enables him to do so.

The Prefect of La Charente-Maritime has informed us that he will give us an answer by the middle of next week (from 24 to 28 August). At the mean time, a Grand Pavois Organisation Board's meeting will be held, in order to review all the facts and information that may have consequences regarding the holding of the 48th edition of the Grand Pavois La Rochelle.

At last and for your information, Grand Pavois Organisation has also asked the Unimev (Union Française des Métiers de l'Événement) to request clarifications from the government. (For instance: Is there a difference between indoor and outdoor events? Is the 5,000 gauge per day or at a given moment?)

### **Facts:**

Name : Le Grand Pavois La Rochelle, the reference for all enthusiasts sailors

Location: Port des Minimes in La Rochelle, France

2020 dates: Tuesday 29 September to Sunday 4 October from 10 am to 7 pm

Surface area: 100,000 sqm.

Exhibitors: 800 international brands

Boats on display: 750 boats on display, 300 of which are expected to be in water.

Number of visitors: 80,000 expected

Royalty-free photos in high definition: upon request

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