

## CREATION OF THE GRAND PAVOIS ACADEMY: FIRST THREE WEBINARS DESIGNED FOR ALL TO PREPARE YOUR RETURN TO THE WATER!

### Remember:

- The reference show for all enthusiasts is creating its Academy, with the support of Wapala, namely a series of webinars presented outside the show period, led by professionals, designed to facilitate all practices and provide real help for water sports,
- A first series of three webinars for all,
- The wish to create events all year round on general subjects or in restricted groups on specific subjects.

The Grand Pavois La Rochelle, the conviviality and proximity of which with the world of sailing, professionals and visitors are already well known, wants to be even closer to enthusiasts and those involved in all types of water sports. Thus, **from mid-May, the Grand Pavois La Rochelle is offering a programme of 3 webinars** organised with Wapala, **devoted to water sports and the return to water sport activities**. The wish? To enable all categories of participants to prepare for their forthcoming sea outings in terms of **Weather, Safety, and Boat Regulations**.

Although this first package of three webinars will be designed for all levels of practitioners, Grand Pavois La Rochelle and Wapala will also offer other packages including "Port manoeuvres", "Medical care at sea", "Maintenance of out-board engines", and also limited group webinars devoted to "Sailing in ice", "Preparing a Transatlantic", "Yacht dynamics", "Fishing, reading the information and correctly adjusting your probe", etc. A general programme will be published soon.

### **A first package of three webinars for €29.50!**

These first three webinars, each lasting 1.5 hours will be available on **Wednesday 19 May from 6.30 pm to 8 pm**, then on **Wednesday 2 and 16 June at the same times**. For a total cost of €29.50 for the three sessions with replays available for 1 month, web users will be able to follow these courses via a specialist platform administered by a moderator, and will benefit from all the training supports in addition to the comments and advice provided by the trainers.

### **Three high-level trainers for the first package!**

Do they really need to be presented? **Christian Dumard will give the first training session on the theme of "Weather Forecasting, optimise your cruise with Windy"**. The official meteorologist of the Vendée Globe, as well as a large number of transoceanic races such as the Mini Transat or the Volvo Ocean Race, Christian is also a sailor. His adolescence was marked by several years spent travelling around the world and, today, with his daughter Clara, he has an insatiable fascination for the Arctic ice and crossing the North-West passage. Remember that Christian also has a great history in racing with many competitions under his belt, including the America's Cup and the Admirals Cup, etc.

**Thierry Dubois will be in charge of the session on "Safety at sea"**. Thierry is known by all for his past as an ocean racer with a victory in the Mini Transat and many participations in the Imoca circuit, including the English Transat, and single-handed round the world races, namely the Vendée Globe and Around Alone. After his last round the world, **he stopped sailing and devoted himself to building a magnificent schooner designed to sail in Arctic waters**, and combines his two passions: the sea and the mountains. The Louise was launched in 2010 and Thierry now offers his customers the chance to sail in Greenland or Iceland.

**Frédéric Duthil will present "Adjusting your boat correctly".** A high-level regatta enthusiast, Fred, as he is known, made the Olympic pre-selections in windsurfing from 1993 to 2000. After that, he took up ocean sailing in the Mini Class and took part in the 2003 edition of the single-handed transatlantic event. He then progressed to the Figaro level and completed ten single-handed Figaro events between 2004 and 2013, taking the podium three times after winning three stages. At the start of 2016, he joined the Technique Voile sail-loft in La Trinité-sur-Mer.

#### **How to register?**

It couldn't be easier to register for this first session of three webinars... Just click on the following link: <http://wapalawebinars.com/grand-pavois-académie1>