



Major competition

A Sailing boat for Champagne!

The village of Champagne will become,
thanks to you, the world paper boat capital

Presentation

For several decades now, the little Swiss village of Champagne has been making itself world-famous because of the resolute but peaceful struggle of its inhabitants and its local authorities against the large French province of the same name which is contesting both its name and its identity.

In 2016 and 2017, the name of Champagne will echo round the world thanks to La Fabrique, the sailing-boat of the young Swiss skipper Alan Roura which he has entered in the Vendée Globe, the most prestigious round-the-world, non-stop ocean race that is completed single-handed and without assistance. Indeed, on the boat's large sail are proudly inscribed the words: My village is called Champagne.

La Fabrique, the only Swiss single-hulled boat among the 29 competitors in the race, bears the name of the large centre in Champagne which houses an interactive museum and a workshop of the bakery – an activity that has contributed to the village's fame – a shop, some tasting areas and a large restaurant with panoramic views.

For this new Vendée Globe race, and to carry everywhere the name of the village, as well as its smile, La Fabrique is launching the campaign A Sailing boat for Champagne! The whole world is invited to take part by making a paper or cardboard boat bearing the name of Champagne. All the models will be exhibited, and prizes will be awarded for the 'best' ones.

Rules

Participation

- The competition is open to everyone, whatever their age and wherever they live. Participation is free of charge, and registration is not required.
- The participation of groups (school classes, educational centres, working groups, etc.) is authorised.
- Participants are not restricted to the production of one piece. They may make a maximum of three boats.
- Competition organisers are excluded.



Paper boats (sailing-boats)

- Boats must be made of paper, papier mâché, cardboard, etc. by folding and/or sticking. Materials other than paper or its derivatives, and glue, may also be used.
- The shape, size, colouring and decoration of the boats are left to the imagination of the participants. The name of every boat may (optional) include the word «Champagne».

Exhibition

- As soon as the organisers receive them, the boats will be exhibited at La Fabrique, in the village of Champagne, in a public place which is accessible without charge.
- The exhibition will last for the entire period of the 2016-2017 Vendée Globe race. After the race, it will remain open until a date to be decided by the organisers.
- After the exhibition, each piece will either be kept or exhibited in various places inside La Fabrique. No entry will be sent back to any participant.
- The exhibition will feature in a regularly updated photo gallery in the competition website.

Despatch & Period of competition.

- The paper boats must be sent to the following address:
Un Voilier pour Champagne, La Fabrique, Le Moulin-En Praz 2, 1424-Champagne, Switzerland.
- Individual participants must write, in a separate document, their surname, first name, postal address and e-mail address (and telephone number if desired), and their age if they are under 12 years old (in the children's category). For groups, the name of the group and the contact details of the person responsible will suffice. For groups of children who are under 12, the first names and ages of each child are required.
- The competition begins formally on 6th November, 2016, which is the day when the Vendée Globe begins, and it will continue throughout the race and for one month after the arrival of the last boat. Participation will be open during the whole of that period.

Jury and Prizes

- Children under 12 years of age (in a group or as individuals) form a separate category which will be awarded prizes separately.
- The composition of the jury, of which the skipper Alan Roura will be a member, and the date of the prize giving will be made known at a later date.
- Prize winners will be notified individually, and the list of prize winners will be published in the competition website.
- The decisions of the jury cannot be challenged, and there can be no appeal against them.

Participation in the competition implies de facto observance of these rules. Thank you for your contributions!



Prizes

Prizes in the adult category (12 years and older)

- 1st prize: a stay of one week in the region of Champagne (Switzerland), for two people including all expenses (the journey, hotel accommodation, visits to places of interest in the region, etc.), on dates to be agreed.
- 2nd prize: the winner's weight in local products from the region of Champagne (Switzerland).
- 3rd to 12th prizes: a gold coin (a Swiss Vreneli) or equivalent value.
- 13th to 50th prizes: a La Fabrique-Champagne baker's kit.

Prizes in the children's category (under 12 years)

- 1st prize: a wooden model sailing boat, worth €200, to be self-assembled.
- 2nd prize: a wooden model sailing boat, worth €100, to be self-assembled.
- 3rd to 12th prizes: a wooden model sailing boat, worth €50, to be self-assembled.
- 13th to 50th prizes: a La Fabrique-Champagne baker's kit.

NB: The jury reserves the right to award one or more special prizes.