

Francois MARIE born May 7th 1957

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Began sailing at the age of 15 at the “Centre Voile Etang Saint Quentin”, ST Quentin en Yvelines (France)”

1972/1977 : Dinghy racing (420 et 470), and Cruising on CVESQ school cruising boats.

1977/1978 : **French Navy** .

. 3 month in French Navy School (Lanveoc Poulmic) to become “watch captain”.
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. 9 months as “watch captain” on the Aviso Escorteur Doudart de Lagrée in the Indian Ocean (Captain Francois Bellec): in charge during the shift of the whole boat (navigation, astro, telecom, safety, military exercises with others European or American fleets ...) and the crew (150 members).

Based in Djibouti, various missions around the Red Sea, in Damman (Saudi Arabia), Seychelles, Mauritius, La Réunion. Around 5000 NM.

1978/1981 . Dinghy racing on 470 (French national circuit), on “Dragon” (French military school champion) and offshore races (“course de l’ Edhec”): on “First 30” , and on “France 2” (12mJI owned by the “Baron Bic”).

1981/95 : **various cruises as skipper**

. from north Brittany Coast to Ireland onboard an “Armagnac”, with 5 friends.

. in Corsica , Brittany, Manche...

. during 5 years on “Andromede” (a “Chassiron” type boat) in Brittany

. participation to Winter Training and Spi Ouest France in La Trinité sur Mer.

1995/2005 :

. racing onboard a “Dart 18” catamaran, and “J80”: National, European and World championships.

. **1999 : Transatlantic crossing** from La Rochelle to Guadeloupe : « Transat des Alizés » onboard a « Sunkiss 47 » .

. cruising as skipper with a family crew during summer : from La Rochelle to Madeira, West Indies, French Polynesia (2 times) .

2006/2018 : Numerous races (inshore, offshore) and cruising onboard a J133 “Jivaro”

. 2009: La Barquera from Pornichet to Gijon and return (line honours and elapsed time winner)

. 2009 and 2011: Rolex Fastnet Race (Winner in 2009 IRC 0 , and 6th in 2011)

. 2015: Giraglia from St Tropez to Monaco

. 2016: Copa del Rey, Palma de Majorca

. 2017: Mediterranean Trophy, Corsica/Sardinia

. 2018: Aegean Regatta, Greece

. and various races: Spi Ouest France, Cowes Week, Cowes-Dinard ...

2006/2017 : lots of navigations with famous skipper Jean Luc Van den Heede

. 2006: cruising from Les Sables d’ Olonne to Iceland onboard a “Sunfast 52”

. lots of race in Les Sables d’ Olonne, Spi Ouest France etc.

. 2013: cruising in Patagonia : Cape Horn, Beagle canal ...



2008/9 : onboard Swan 65-14 « Cassiopeia », skippered by Dominique Dubois

. cruising from Puerto Vallarta (Mexico) to Los Suenos (Costa Rica)

. Race “ Rolex Swan-Cup” in Porto Cervo

2013: onboard Beneteau 57, cruising from Les Sables d’ Olonne to Horta (Azores), and return .

2015/2019 : onboard One off Berret Racoupeau 57’ « Ghéo », skippered by Dominique Dubois

. cruising from Rapallo (Italie) to Malaga (Spain)

. transatlantic crossing from Pointe à Pitre (Guadeloupe) to La Trinité sur Mer (France) via Horta (Azores)



2020 : onboard Swan 651 “FUTURO” , skippered by Dominique Dubois



. cruising around Sainte Lucie

. delivery from Horta (Azores) to La Trinité sur Mer



2020 : onboard a "Catana 65", cruising in Corsica, Sardinia, and French Riviera Around

2021: onboard a 60 feets, delivery from Cadix to Brittany Around