



ASSOCIATION EUROPEENE DES PROPRIETAIRES DE SURPRISE

EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF SURPRISE OWNERS

Laroque, September 1st, 2025

Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of the International Surprise Class Association, we are pleased to formally confirm our full support for the candidacy of Saint-Raphaël, proposed by the Club Nautique de Saint-Raphaël (CNSR) in cooperation with the French ASPRO Surprise, to host the Surprise European Championship 2026, scheduled to take place from 25 to 27 September 2026.

The International Surprise Class Association considers the CNSR to be a highly experienced and reliable organizing authority, offering excellent sailing conditions, suitable infrastructure, and strong organizational expertise. Saint-Raphaël provides an ideal venue for an international championship, both in terms of sporting quality and logistical capacity.

We also wish to underline the long-standing commitment and professionalism of the French ASPRO Surprise in promoting the Surprise class and ensuring the highest standards of competition, in accordance with World Sailing regulations and class rules.

The International Surprise Class Association therefore fully endorses this project and confirms that the Surprise European Championship 2026 may be organized under its authority, subject to compliance with the applicable class rules and international sailing regulations.

We look forward to a successful and memorable championship for the 50 year of the boat and remain at your disposal for any further information or formal requirements.

Yours faithfully,

For the International Surprise Class Association:

Mark HOWELL-JONES

Secretary