

Race France To France Leaves Antarctica to Starboard

The Race France To France left Antarctica to starboard on January 1, 2023, after a month-long stopover to refuel and reprovision. The fleet of four IMOCA 60s is now headed for the Southern Ocean, where they will face some of the most challenging sailing conditions on the planet.

The Southern Ocean is known for its strong winds, big waves, and cold temperatures. The sailors will also have to contend with icebergs and sea ice. The first boat is expected to cross the finish line in France in early March.



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The Race France To France is a biennial event that was first held in 2017. The race is open to IMOCA 60s, which are the fastest monohull sailboats in

the world. The race is a test of endurance and skill, and it is considered one of the most prestigious events in sailing.

The four boats competing in the 2023 Race France To France are:

- Apivia (Charlie Dalin and Paul Meilhat)
- Corum L'Epargne (Nicolas Troussel and Sébastien Josse)
- Holcim-PRB (Kevin Escoffier and Nicolas Lunven)
- Malizia - Seaexplorer (Boris Herrmann and Will Harris)

The race is expected to be very close, and any of the four boats could win. The sailors will be pushed to their limits, but they will also be rewarded with some of the most beautiful scenery in the world.

Here are some of the challenges that the sailors will face in the Southern Ocean:

- **Strong winds:** The Southern Ocean is known for its strong winds, which can reach speeds of over 100 knots. The sailors will need to be able to handle their boats in these conditions.
- **Big waves:** The Southern Ocean is also known for its big waves, which can reach heights of over 50 feet. The sailors will need to be able to keep their boats from capsizing in these waves.
- **Cold temperatures:** The Southern Ocean is very cold, with temperatures that can drop below freezing. The sailors will need to be able to stay warm and dry in these conditions.

- **Icebergs and sea ice:** The Southern Ocean is home to icebergs and sea ice. The sailors will need to be able to avoid these obstacles, or they could damage their boats.

The sailors in the Race France To France are some of the most experienced and skilled in the world. They are prepared for the challenges that they will face in the Southern Ocean, and they are determined to win the race.

Follow the Race

You can follow the Race France To France online at the race website: <https://www.racefranceto.com>. The website will provide live updates on the race, as well as video footage and interviews with the sailors.

You can also follow the race on social media. The race has a Facebook page, a Twitter account, and an Instagram account.

Images

[Image of the Race France To France fleet leaving Antarctica]

[Image of a sailor on the deck of an IMOCA 60 in the Southern Ocean]

[Image of an iceberg in the Southern Ocean]



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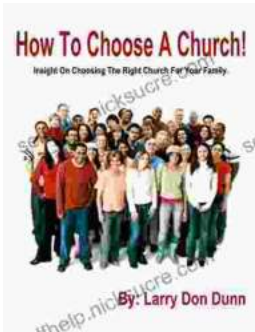
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