



ANDF General Assembly 2023

Preamble :

Due to the weather conditions on Saturday evening 22nd of April, we took down the big tent which began to rise in the wind gusts. As a result, the place of the general assembly was moved to the Harbour Office and we kept the shuttle running until the start of the meeting to allow members arriving in Folleux South to cross the Vilaine.

At the start of the GA the number of members is 90 and according to our statutes the quorum is set at 20% of the members which means we need therefore the presence of 18 members minimum. 28 present members signed the attendance sheet and 8 proxy were forwarded to the Board of Directors.

Consequently, the decisions voted during this GA are deemed valid.

Moral report :

The co-presidents and the vice-president make a presentation of the moral report of the association for 2022 :

The presence of the ANDF at CLUPIPP's and Port Councils is constant and is systematically subject to a communication attached to the minutes of the Board. We remain extremely vigilant on the port tariffs. The port of Folleux is cheap but its distance from the estuary is obviously important and the prices charged must take this into account.

Our yearly "vide bateau" is becoming very popular, despite the two Covid seasons giving it a halt. It was this year again a success. The situation of Folleux also represents a significant tourism attraction. But above all it is the result of the commitment of the many volunteers who worked hard for two days. May they be thanked.

This year again more than 40 exhibitors were visited by more than a thousand visitors and the shuttle lent by the CPM (Compagnie des Ports du Morbihan) to take visitors from one bank to the other has been busy!

In 2022, the ANDF organized 3 flotilla outings. One of them was de "Route du Corail" which included 15 sailboats and one motorboat. This peaceful armada carried 43 navigators for 3 weeks.

Two other outings had to be cancelled due to bad weather.

The end-of-year meal took place in Caden. There were 45 members present in a very joyful atmosphere. The traditional "galette" took place at the start of 2023.

We also participated under the patronage of the UPPM (Union of Yachtsmen of the Ports of Morbihan) studying and then modifying the RPP (Special Police Regulations) of the Vilaine which was proposed to us by the "Région". These regulations dating from 1987 were subject to discussion because they have evolved, and coercive decisions were asked to be reviewed such as the ban on night navigation on the river which is not justified. A new text proposal has been sent to the Region and we will follow its development closely.

[The co-presidents request the vote of the assembly on this moral report which accepts it unanimously.](#)



Financial Report :

The years go by and are not alike. This is also true for our finances which have recovered thanks to the end of lockdowns due to Covid.

Our result for the year 2022 is positive of 1981 € allowing us to erase the losses of 2021 and generate a positive cumulative balance of 884 €.

Our operating expenses reflect our activities. No significant expenses were made in 2022 except the purchases necessary for the realization of the "Vide bateau". The profits made show a good management because they allow us to pay off our old investments (essentially the wooden cabin of the ANDF) which is 340 € per year.

Our cash at the end of 2022 is 6227 € which should allow us to replace our antique laptop and our overhead projector.

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Modification of our statutes:

Incidents over the past two years have shown us that the association is insufficiently protected from incivility and harmful external interventions.

The Board of Directors proposes amendments to our statutes and internal regulations in accordance with the description below :

Article 3: Composition and modalities of accession (amendment in yellow)

The ANDF is made of all the people concerned by the nature of the association and demonstrating their intention to join.

- To be admitted, members must apply and accept the statutes after having read them. **The Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse a membership without justifying its opinion;**
- An adherent will be considered as an active member after paying the annual fee. The amount of the fee is redefined annually by the Ordinary General Meeting;
- Donors can be qualified as benefactor members;
- Individuals making an outstanding donation to the ANDF may be qualified as honorary members.

Article 5: Loss of membership of the ANDF (amendment in yellow)

Membership of the ANDF is automatically lost under the following conditions :

- resignation of the member;
- **automatic exclusion** due to non-payment of the annual subscription;
- exclusion pronounced **by the Board of Directors by reasoned opinion or not.**

Modification of the Rules of Procedure

Article 12: (creation of new article in yellow)

Members commit to have, in the activities organized by the association, a behaviour respectful of others and consistent with the usual standards of life in society as to maintain a positive image of the ANDF.

Otherwise, a decision of exclusion may be taken by the Board of Directors as specified in Article 5 of the statutes of the association.

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Upcoming projects

Wind farms :

The ANDF is very involved in the negotiation of the conditions of passing inside the wind farms in the Atlantic. We are the first concerned as the first active wind farm is on the Bank of Guérande on our doorstep so to speak

The FNPAM (National Federation of Atlantic Yachtsmen) of which we are members via the UPPM (see above) has filed for a formal appeal with the Prefecture, the decree of which was published in December 2022 and requires the possession of an AIS transponder to cross the wind farm.

All the federations of sea users, UNAN, Federation of recreational fishermen, National Council of Yachting, etc. joined our appeal.

Unfortunately, the deadlines for administrative and legal reactions will not allow an amendment of the decree 2022 (present on our site andf.fr) for the 2023 season, the rules will therefore be as follows for this navigation season:

- Obligation to have an AIS class B or B+ transponder;
- Distance of 50 meters around the wind turbines to be respected;
- Distance of 200 meters around the substation to be respected;
- Speed limited to 12 knots;
- Stay on standby on channel 16 (VHF).

Monitoring of the future RPP :

The RPP (Special Police Regulations) must be followed by all boats on the Vilaine as well as the mandatory nautical instructions found in the annual sailing directions such as the “Marin Breton” or the “Bloc Marine”.

This obligation is apparently not known by the sailors ... We are in contact with the “Région Bretagne” for all matters relating to the disclosure of these RPP and we will make a general communication to all our members as soon as possible. Our wish being that the “Région” integrates this text into the instructions of the usual directions, which would be the simplest solution.

Lock (Arzal) operating protocol (future) :

The structure currently has significant saturation rates at times of high affluence. The problems are multiple and complex to explain and we are constantly involved in improving the service provided. The future operating rules will be discussed between the yachtsmen, the CPM and the EPTB Vilaine and we will give you feedback as things progress over the next few years.

In the meantime, the Board insists on the need to properly register on the lock passport. The modifications of crossing the lock remain possible until shortly before the effective lockage schedule. We insisted with the CPM that a registration service is always possible by telephone with each Harbour Office of the ports of the Vilaine for navigators who do not have internet connection.



Sustainable sailing :

We have been informed of dangerous practices concerning antifouling. It seems that a traffic of antifouling products intended for cargo ships is used on sailboats on the Vilaine. The ANDF can only condemn such a practice which endangers not only the user of these products but our local environment. The water of the Vilaine is used for consumption by many inhabitants and must get all our attention.

Similarly, playing the little chemist by adding biocides to your usual antifouling is a very usual practice and is also very toxic for the quality of the water and we can in no way approve it.

Office and Board of Directors modifications :

Sylvie LEMOINE steps down as secretary and *Loïc DORANGE* is **unanimously** elected to the Board of Directors and will take over the secretariat and will therefore be part of the ANDF office.

Gérard POUSSIER is also **unanimously** elected to the Board of Directors.