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2026 Paddle Europe OCEAN RACING Championships

August 26-30, 2026
Brest/Ploudalmézeau





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Legendary islands, a natural harbour that delights sailors from all backgrounds, a peninsula that attracts hikers from around the world, Brest with its surprising urban walks never far from the sea, a breathtaking coastline, and internationally renowned cultural and tourist facilities... The Brest Region brings together all the very best of Brittany.

Here, the power of nature is felt more intensely than anywhere else, and the energy carried by the sea seems to come ashore. You only need to take your time: stroll across the Recouvrance Bridge, climb the rocks of Kerlouan, gaze at the ocean from the cliffs of Crozon, or watch the lighthouses light up at nightfall over the Iroise Sea... Moments suspended in time that reveal the unique beauty of this remarkable territory.

The Brest Region has a maritime oceanic climate, characterised by frequent rainfall distributed throughout the year. The best time to visit is from May to October, when temperatures are mild and pleasant. In summer, the average temperature is around 25°C, while in winter it drops to about 7°C. Sea temperatures range from 11°C to 18°C.

The official language is French, but locals remain deeply attached to their regional language, Breton. You will often see signs and information displayed in both languages.

The currency used is the euro. Shops are generally open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and restaurants often serve until midnight. During the low season, some businesses may be closed on Mondays.

PREPARE YOUR STAY



TRAVEL TO BREST



Brest Bretagne Airport, the leading regional airport with over one million passengers per year, offers numerous connections both within France and internationally.

The airport offers 11 daily flights to Paris and also provides daily connections to major French cities such as Lyon, Marseille, Bordeaux, Lille, Toulouse and Nice. With more than 28 international routes, Brest is quickly connected to major European capitals and cities including London, Brussels, Barcelona, Rome, Venice and many more.



Brest is located 3 hours and 15 minutes from Paris and benefits from 8 daily connections to Paris-Montparnasse thanks to the high-speed TGV train.



With a dense road network, Brest is an easily accessible city. Two free expressways serve the area: the RN 12 towards Rennes, Paris and Northern Europe, and the RN 165 towards Nantes, Bordeaux and Southern Europe.



Public transport: easy connections between the airport, the train station and the European Championships venue

Brest has an efficient public transport network, with more than twenty bus lines and a tramway line. These services provide easy and fast connections between the airport, the train station and the European Championships venue.



Dedicated shuttles. The organiser will set up a shuttle service between the airport, the train station and the European Championships venue from 24 to 30 August 2026. Reservations will be available on the event website starting from 18 January 2026.

ACCOMMODATION IN BREST



Accommodation within walking distance

At the Moulin Blanc marina, you will find various types of accommodation.

Group accommodations:

The Moulin Blanc Watersports Centre offers accommodation for 64 people and a restaurant with 90 seats.

(+33) 2 98 34 64 64 – Email: centre-nautique@brest-metropole.fr

Youth Hostel: With 136 beds and the same capacity for dining, along with several meeting rooms.

(+33) 2 98 41 90 41 – Email: brest@ostal.org

Hotels:

COUETT'HOTEL BREST: A hotel with 40 rooms including 1 apartment.

(+33) 2 98 02 55 55 – Website: couett-hotel-brest.fr

B&B HOTEL Brest Port du Moulin Blanc:

(+33) 8 92 78 80 21 – Website: www.hotel-bb.com/fr/ville/hotels-brest



Accommodation accessible by car or public transport

Hotels: Within a 10 km radius, there are 39 establishments offering a wide range of budgets and services.

AIRBNB: In the Brest area, there are more than 800 accommodation options available, offering a wide range of budgets and services.

Campsites:

Camping du Goulet (Brest): 11 km from the event village. Phone: (+33) 2 98 45 86 84 – Email: info@campingdugoulet.fr – Website: campingdugoulet.fr

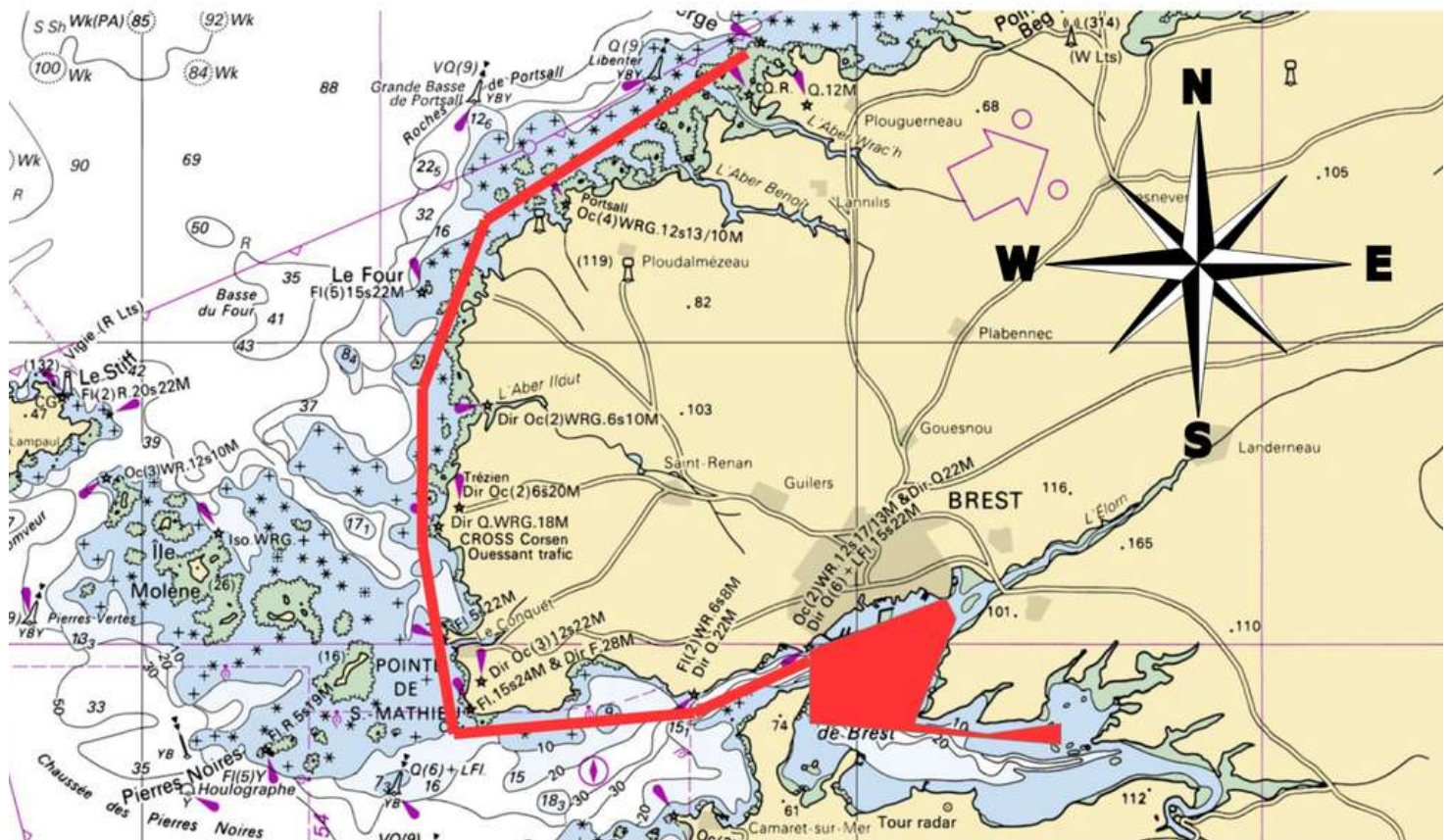
Camping Saint Jean (Plougastel-Daoulas): 12 km from the event village. Phone: (+33) 2 98 40 32 90 – Email: info@campingsaintjean.com – Website: campingsaintjean.com

Camping La Récré des 3 Curés (Milizac-Guipronvel): 16 km from the event village. Phone: (+33) 2 98 07 95 59 – Website: larecledes3cures.com

COMPETITION VENUES



The north-western coast of the tip of Brittany, also known as the “breaking coast”, is shaped by heavy weather and ocean swell. The race courses offer an exceptional yet demanding environment for navigation, influenced by currents, waves, swell, wind and rapidly changing weather conditions.



The competition area offers a wide variety of courses depending on weather conditions and wind direction. With 110 km of potential racing zone, we can guarantee an international-level course in all circumstances.

All competition sites are located within 40 km of the European Championship venue.

THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP VENUE

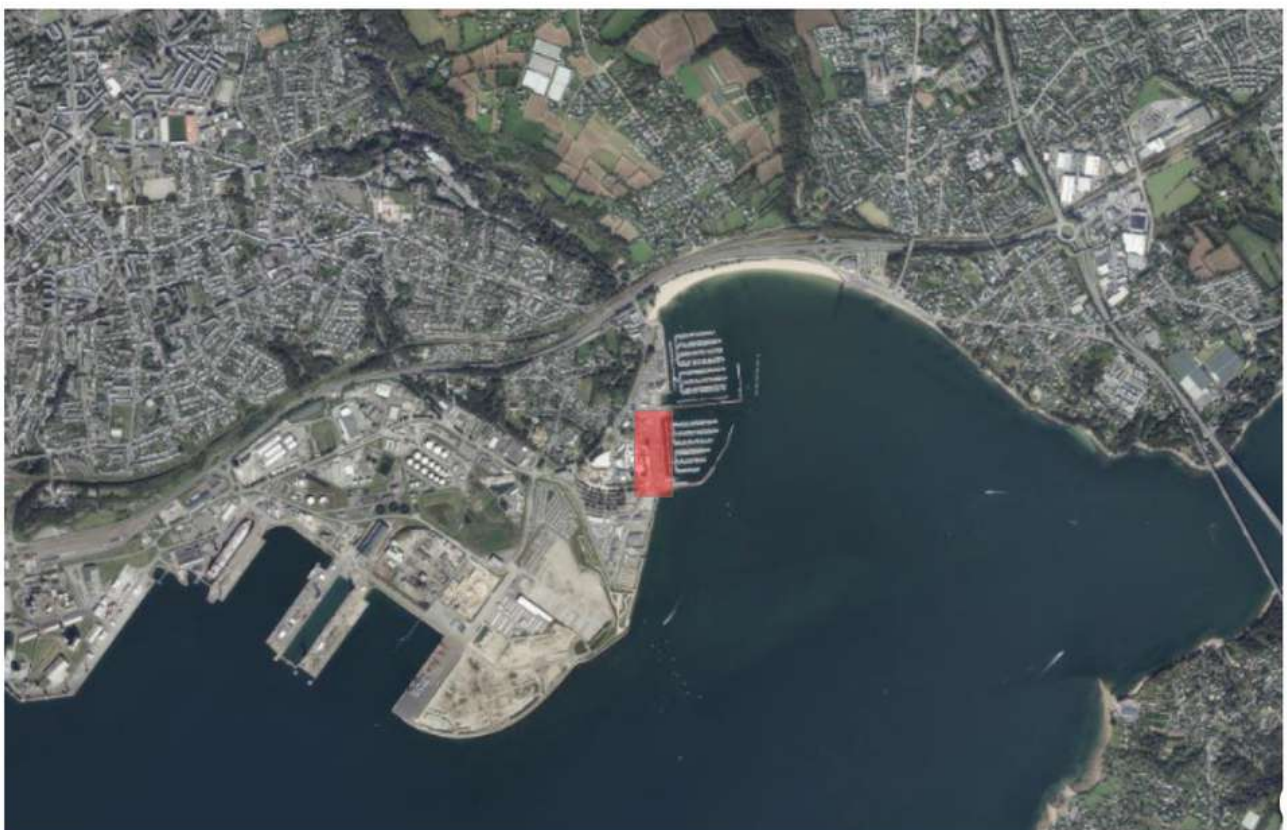


An exceptional venue between the bay and the open ocean

Located at the heart of the Moulin Blanc marina, at the gateway to the Brest bay, the championship venue offers ideal conditions for Ocean Racing: sheltered for logistics yet quickly exposed to winds and the bay's dynamic conditions.

The watersports center, perfectly connected to the pontoons and launch areas, provides an efficient and convenient base for athletes and their teams.

This modern, accessible, and resolutely sea-oriented setting will host the Ocean Racing European Championships village — a true meeting point and lively hub at the heart of the event.





Private area dedicated to athletes

In this private area, athletes will have access to a space for rest and socialising, a photocall, a massage area, a media zone, a bar, a games area and Wi-Fi access.

Entertainment & Activities

A public entertainment area will offer a food court, nautical activities, a stage for entertainment and concerts, exhibitor stands, as well as dedicated spaces for partners and VIPs.

This area will also allow spectators to watch the races live.

Administrative area

Rooms will be made available to accommodate all functions related to the management of the European Championships, as well as for anti-doping controls.

A boat storage area

A designated, equipped area will be dedicated to storing all athletes' boats.

A fully secured site

Throughout the entire duration of the championship, a private company will ensure the security of the entire site through the presence of a security officer and a guard dog handler.

The European Championship programme



Wednesday, 26 August 2026

- 8:30 - Opening of the village
- 10:00-14:00 - Registration confirmation
- 17:00 - European Championship opening ceremony

Thursday 27, Friday 28 and Saturday 29 August 2026

- Racing period: SS1, SS2, OC1 and OC2.

Saturday, 29 August 2026

- 18:00 - Award ceremony
- 19:00 - European Championship closing ceremony, followed by a dinner and a concert

Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 August 2026

- Sea Festival - Organised by the City of Brest

Sunday, 30 August 2026

- V6 race - City of Brest Challenge.



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European Ocean Racing Championship

26-30 August 2026

Registration fee for competitors and staff (registration and accreditation): €120.00 per person - Categories eligible for a European title

Accreditation fees: Access to the site and use of its facilities, medical assistance on the course, security services on the course, comprehensive insurance covering the event, access badge and parking space for one trailer and one accredited vehicle (up to 3.5 tonnes) per team, miscellaneous services (snacks, drinking water, internet, etc.).

Categories eligible for a European title:

MSS-1 Men Surfski Single, WSS-1 Women Surfski Single, U23MSS-1 Under 23 Men Surfski Single, U23WSS-1 Under 23 Women Surfski Single, JMSS-1 Junior Men Surfski Single, JWSS-1 Junior Women Surfski Single, XSS-2 Mixed Surfski Double, U23XSS-2 Under 23 Mixed Surfski Double, JXSS-2 Junior Mixed Surfski Double, Masters MSS-1 Surfski Single, Masters WSS-1 Surfski Single, Masters XSS-2 Surfski Double, Paracanoe Open Men SS-1, Paracanoe Open Women SS-1

You can click on the following link to register: [registration](#)

Registration fee for competitors and staff (registration and accreditation): €100.00 per person - Invited categories

Invited categories:

JWOC1, JMOC1, U23WOC1, U23MOC1, WOC1, MOC1, JXOC2, U23XOC2, XOC2, WOC2, MOC2, MMSS2, MWSS2

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SS1 and SS2 category races will take place on different days, with the SS1 category scheduled on the best day within the weather window.

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Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to discover the latest updates, official announcements, behind-the-scenes content, and upcoming highlights.

Facebook: [2026 European Ocean Racing Championship](#)

Instagram: [euro.or2026](#)

For any questions or specific requests, please contact us at:
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Website launch and registrations: [**oceaneuro2026.com**](#)

Get your paddles ready and sharpen your training: registrations are coming very soon.

See you soon on the start line!

Our partners

