

NOTICE OF RACE AND RULES 2021

Nautic Paddle - 11th Event

4 and 5 December 2021 - Crossing Paris from East to West on the River Seine - Stand Up Paddleboarding.

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1. GENERAL:

- A. Solo Stand Up Paddleboarding competition (1 person per board).
Multi-person boards are not permitted unless agreed by the Organisation. These boards will not be entered into the rankings.
- B. Organised by the 60th Nautic - Paris International Boat Show.
- C. Registration limited to 1,000 competitors for both Divisions. The registration procedures are defined below → article 3.3
- D. Open entries in the "PRO Division" or in the "LEISURE Division → article 3.4
- E. Registration fee: 70 € INCL. VAT.
- F. The following are required: either a medical certificate of fitness to practice Stand Up Paddleboarding in competition or a valid surfing licence (French or International), dated less than one year before 5 December 2021.
- G. Minimum age: 13 years at 5 December 2021.
- H. The Junior Leisure Division includes competitors under 15 years of age as of 5 December 2021.
- I. Parental consent for minors is required.
- J. Nautic Paddle 2021 will consist of one leg only on the Seine
It is a flotilla-type race.
All competitors, LEISURE, PRO, women, men and juniors start at the same time.
The start is a mass-start.
- K. SUP boards must be between 10'6" and 14" in length.
- L. Wearing a wetsuit is mandatory.
The suit should cover at least the legs, thighs, torso and back.
- M. One leash connecting the competitor to his/her SUP is compulsory.
- N. The race bib must be worn.
The race bib must be worn above all other equipment (including a backpack).
NB: For competitors wearing novelty costumes, subject to a specific request being made at the time of registration, an exemption may be granted by Race Management.
- O. Ongoing respect for the environment, other competitors, the organisers, compliance with specific health rules (P.); respect for the public, the media, etc.
- P. The specific health rules concerned are in addition to the official French health regulations. They will be defined by the Organiser, based on directives issued by the prefecture.
As necessary, they will be available on the website www.salonnautiqueparis.com by Tuesday 30 November 2021 at the latest.

These specific health rules may not be used as a reason to cancel participation in Nautic Paddle 2021 and to request a refund of the registration fees.

- Q. The organiser reserves the right to add one or more extra classifications.
- R. The final of the APP (Association of Paddlesurf Professionals) World Tour will be taking place during Nautic Paddle. Competitors on the APP World Tour will have additional rankings.
- S. EXHIBITORS at Nautic 2021 will have additional rankings.

2. PROGRAMME:

Except for the times when it is compulsory for competitors to attend, the dates and times communicated are given as an indication only. The programme for Sunday will be specified at the briefing to be held at 5:00 pm on Saturday 4 December 2021. This briefing will take place during the Nautic Festival - the Nautic International Boat Show in Paris.

Saturday 4 December 2021:

Invitation for two people to the Nautic Festival, available with your race registration ticket:

- 10.00 am to 4.30 pm: Confirmation of registrations in the Nautic exhibition halls.
Nb: the presence of the participant is mandatory for the confirmation of registration.
- 10.00 to 5.00 pm: Loading the boards onto trucks.
- 17.00 : Competitors' briefing in the Nautic exhibition halls (attendance mandatory).
NB: The exact location of the briefing, in the Nautic exhibition halls, will be announced at the time of confirmation of registrations.

Sunday 5 December 2021:

- 5.45 am: The Nautic's doors open, with the premises serving as changing rooms.
- 6.45 am: Last bus departs to the Bibliothèque Nationale de France (BNF).
- 07.30 am: Competitors' Briefing at the Quai de la Gare (BNF).
- 07.35 am: Following instructions from Race Management - Launch into the water.
- 07.45 am: Race Management is available.
- 08.45 am à 10.00 am:
 - Arrival at Quai de Javel Bas.
 - Loading the boards onto trucks.
 - Transfer to Nautic Festival - Porte de Versailles.
- 11.30 am: Brunch in the Nautic Exhibition Halls
- 1.00 pm: Prize-giving/drawing in the Nautic Exhibition Halls
NB: During the prize-giving ceremony, prizes drawn will only be awarded to persons who are physically present, wearing their race bib.

3. RULES:

3.1 INTRODUCTION

Registration for Nautic Paddle 2021 means acceptance in full of the Race Notice and the associated rules.

Boarding/surfing on the River Seine is subject to strictly enforced regulations.

- Major river traffic (commercial cargo barges, bateaux-mouche riverboats, etc.).
- **Stand Up Paddleboarding is prohibited unless authorised by way of exception.**
- Where necessary, the Vigipirate plan applies.
- Compliance with specific health rules.

Bathing and swimming are prohibited. We would like to inform you that, according to the Ile-de-France Regional Health Agency (ARS), the quality of the water in the Seine is still insufficient for swimming, despite clear improvements.

Compliance with the general rules of navigation on the Seine is mandatory. Any breach of these rules, even before the event, will be punished by immediate disqualification of the competitors concerned.

It is up to each competitor to make their own judgement regarding their technical and physical ability to start and remain in the race, depending on the prevailing weather and water conditions.

3.2 USEFUL INFORMATION

Round 1, on the Seine, takes place mainly in the direction of the current.

Typical readings at the beginning of December :

- Water temperature in Celsius: from **+ 5° to + 11°**
- Air temperature in Celsius: **- 2° à + 10°**
- Current: **1 to 3 knots** in the direction of travel → upstream (start) to downstream (finish)
- The wind, especially when strong, is generally in line with the Seine → in either a downwind or an upwind direction.
- Neoprene boots are recommended.
- A 5m tow-line is recommended.

In exceptional cases, river traffic will be partially or totally stopped, depending on the race

areas and the time at which competitors are passing.

COURSE:

- Approximate distances, depending on the chosen course and the relevant Divisions:
 - "LEISURE" → 11 km.
 - "PRO" → 14 km.
- START = Bibliothèque Nationale de France → River Seine Kilometre Point = PK 166.
- ARRIVAL = Port de Javel Bas → Seine Kilometre Point = PK 177.
- **MANDATORY** passing of the Pont d'Iéna before 9.30 am → River Seine Kilometre Point = PK 174.5.

CAUTION : It is strongly recommended that you carry out a good warm-up before you enter the water (movements, stretching, etc.). Please note that falling into cold water may cause physiological difficulties (hypothermia, etc.).

Approximately fifteen boats will be on hand to assist competitors and Race Management. A "pontoon boat(s)" will be used to receive competitors who abandon the race. They will be positioned at the rear of the flotilla.

The boats of the Brigade Fluviale (River Police) are not part of the above measures but may be called on to intervene in dangerous and/or urgent situations. Their instructions should be followed immediately in full.

3.3 REGISTRATION

3.3.1 Applications:

- Applications must be made **between Friday 17 September and Friday 1 October 2021** via the Nautic 2021 website <https://www.salonnautiqueparis.com/fr> or via the Nautic Paddle 2021 website <https://www.nauticpaddle.com>
- Application forms may contain the names of up to four competitors. Competitors appearing on the same application form may apply for registration in either the "PRO" or "LEISURE" Divisions.
- One competitor can appear on one application form only. It is therefore forbidden to make an application for registration in the "PRO" Division and also an application for registration in the "LEISURE" Division and/or to make multiple applications, whether individual or joint.

3.3.2 Eligibility for Registration:

If more than 1,000 competitors submit applications to the Organiser, then on **Tuesday 5 October**, a draw will be held to allocate the **900 places** available for Nautic Paddle 2021.

NB: The remaining 100 places will be allocated by the Nautic: to its exhibitors, partners, partner races, journalists and guests.

3.3.3 Relative distribution of the 900 places:

- **100 places** will be drawn in the "**PRO**" Division.
- **800 places** will be drawn in the "**LEISURE**" Division.
- For each of the Divisions:
 - If the quota of places allocated is not achieved in one Division, the remaining places will be made available to the other Division as a priority.
 - If the last application drawn exceeds the quota for the Division concerned, the surplus names will be placed at the beginning of the Division's waiting list in the order of priority in which they appear on the application form.
 - In each division, 30% more places will be drawn, in order to create the waiting lists.
 - Namely, 30 places for the "**PRO**" Division.
 - Namely, 240 places for the "**LEISURE**" Division.If the last application drawn exceeds the quota for the Division concerned, the surplus names will be added to the Division's waiting list in the order of priority in which they appear on the application form.
 - For each of the waiting lists, the order of the draw will define the order of the waiting list.
- The lists containing the **100 places** allocated to the "**PRO**" Division and the **800 places** allocated to the "**LEISURE**" Division will be available from **Thursday 7 October** via the Nautic 2021 website: <https://www.salonnautiqueparis.com/fr> or via the Nautic Paddle 2021 website <https://www.nauticpaddle.com>
- A confirmation e-mail will be sent to each competitor selected, after which it will be possible to access the registration confirmation and payment stage. Only complete applications, including all attached documentation and payment of €70 including VAT, will be considered.
- Each competitor eligible to participate in Nautic Paddle 2021 must confirm

in full on an individual basis their registration via the Nautic website <https://www.salonnautiqueparis.com/fr> or via the Nautic Paddle website <https://www.nauticpaddle.com> before **Wednesday 20 October** midnight.

Only complete applications with the correct attached documentation and payment will be considered: 70€ INCL. VAT.

- Once the registration fee has been paid, a place will be **reserved** for the application in question.
Consequently, the Organiser will retain the registration fee in the event of cancellation for any reason whatsoever.
- For each Division, **places not confirmed by midnight on 20 October will automatically be reallocated to competitors on the waiting list.**
- Competitors who receive reallocated places will be notified by e-mail. They will have **eight calendar days** after dispatch of the e-mail or, if there are no more than eight calendar days left, at the latest on Friday 3 December at 2:00 pm to confirm their registration individually in full.
After this period of eight days, for each of the Divisions, any unconfirmed places will be automatically reallocated to competitors who have been placed on the waiting list.
- In each Division, any places available after Friday 3 December at 2:00 pm will be reallocated from **Saturday 4th December at 4.30 pm**, directly at the registration confirmation point on the Nautic.
NB: Applications must be complete.

3.4 CATEGORIES → DIVISIONS

Depending on their level of experience, participants in Nautic Paddle 2021 will be able to register for either the "PRO Division" or the "LEISURE Division". The Organiser of Nautic Paddle 2021 will validate, before the draw on Tuesday 5 October, the Division in which the competitors are permitted to race. The organiser's decision is final.

3.4.1: Rules for competitor rankings:

- Competitors having been ranked in the top 10 of the "LEISURE Division" during the 2014 or 2015 or 2016 or 2017 or 2018 or 2019 editions of the Nautic Paddle will automatically be registered in the "PRO Division".
- Competitors having been ranked in the top 50 of the "PRO Division" of the 2014 and/or 2015 and/or 2016 and/or 2017 and/or 2018 and/or 2019 editions of the Nautic Paddle will be automatically registered in the "PRO

Division".

- **Article 3.4.1 applies regardless of the age of competitors.**

3.5 RACING RULES

3.5.1 The briefings will include

- Start procedures.
- The start line.
- The courses and possible course markers based on the different "Divisions".
- Special provisions relating to use of the River Seine.
- The finish line.
- Any health regulations.

3.5.2 Special Rules:

Nautic Paddle 2021 Race Management is in permanent contact with the Seine Navigation Department and the River Police. Consequently, it may at any time, in particular for safety reasons, make arrangements different from those announced during the briefings.

Unless otherwise instructed, navigation on the Seine is only possible on the right half of the river.

- **Before the start:**
 - The launching of SUPs will only be carried out after authorisation from Race Management.
- **After the finish:**
 - Crossing the Seine to reach the left bank and the reception quay for exiting the water may be carried out only after being authorised by Race Management.
- It is **STRONGLY FORBIDDEN** to tie up to any kind of structure (barge, quay, mooring, etc.).

Failure to comply with these instructions will result in disqualification of the participants concerned. They will be classified as DSQ (Disqualified).

- All competitors who are **upstream of the Pont d'Iéna after 9:30 am** will be collected by the support boats automatically and will be classified DNF (Did Not Finish).
- For safety reasons, Race Management may decide at any time to remove from the competition anyone who shows signs of physical infirmity. These potential competitors will be classified as DNF (Did Not Finish).
- **In the event that you abandon the race, make some distress signals** (both arms above your head - up and down movements) and also signal your

abandonment to a support boat at the first possible opportunity; or else to another competitor who will be able to pass on the information. These potential competitors will be classified as DNF (Did Not Finish).

- **The rules of prudent river use apply in full.** You must assist any person in difficulty and then inform the organisers as rapidly as possible.
- When crossing the finish line, the competitor must not be kneeling or lying on their board. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a 1 point penalty.
- Participants may be equipped with a tracker. In this case, the tracker must be worn either under the participant's number or on their ankle.

4. RANKINGS:

4.1 THE DIFFERENT RANKINGS

For the PRO and LEISURE Divisions, each of the rankings will be created based on extraction from the respective rankings of each Division.

➤ **PRO Division:**

- PRO Scratch Ranking → all competitors
In the PRO Division.
- PRO Women Ranking → all women in the PRO Division.
NB: Women are ranked in both PRO rankings.
NB: There is no junior ranking in the PRO Division.

➤ **Leisure Division:**

- LEISURE Scratch Ranking → all competitors
In the LEISURE Division.
- LEISURE Women's Ranking → all women in the LEISURE Division.
- Junior LEISURE Ranking (-15 years) → all Junior girls and boys in the LEISURE Division.
NB: Juniors are classified in the LEISURE Scratch and LEISURE Juniors rankings.
NB: Junior girls are ranked in LEISURE Scratch, LEISURE Women and LEISURE Juniors.
NB: there is no junior LEISURE ranking.

➤ **APP:**

- Ranking APP men.
- APP women ranking.

➤ **EXHIBITORS at Nautic 2021:**

- PRO EXHIBITOR 2021 Nautic ranking.
- LEISURE EXHIBITOR 2021 Nautic ranking.
- Team ranking of EXHIBITORS at Nautic 2021.
 - ⇒ A team ranking of Nautic 2021 EXHIBITORS will be implemented in the LEISURE Division only.
 - ⇒ A team ranking of Nautic 2021 EXHIBITORS will be implemented by adding up the individual rankings obtained by the four competitors in the team in the LEISURE Division. The team with the fewest points will be declared the winner and so on.
 - ⇒ If a team consists of fewer than four competitors, then 1,000 points will be added for each missing competitor.
 - ⇒ No ranking of Nautic 2021 EXHIBITORS will be implemented for competitors in the PRO Division

➤ **Other rankings:**

- Where appropriate, additional rankings may be created. An appendix will set out the detailed arrangements for these by no later than the time of confirmation of registrations.

4.2 AWARDING POINTS

4.2.1 Awarding points in the PRO and LEISURE Divisions:

For each of the Divisions:

- The competitor who finishes first receives 1 point.
- The competitor who finishes second receives 2 points.
- After this, each competitor receives the number of points corresponding to their place.
- Withdrawal (DNF) = number of finishes in the Division + 1 point
NB: all competitors located upstream of the Léna bridge after 9.30 am will be classified DSQ.
- Disqualified (DSQ) = number of starters in the Division.
 - For each Division, the number of starters is based on the number of competitors who have confirmed their registration on Saturday 4 December.
- Non-starters (DSQ) = number of registrants in the given Division.
 - For each Division, the number of entries is based on the number of competitors who have registered for the event, including those who have not confirmed their entry by Saturday 4 December.

5. LOGISTICS

5.1 STAND UP PADDLEBOARDS

For the competitors who wish to do so: their Stand Up Paddleboard will be loaded, with its fins and leash removed, into the organisation's trucks at the Nautic on Saturday 4th December 2021 between 10.00 am and 5.00 pm (on the day of confirmation of registrations).

Stand Up Paddleboards must be identified by each participant, using the stickers supplied at the time of registration confirmation - positioned on the front surface.

If a protective cover is used, it must also be identified by each participant, using the stickers supplied at the time of registration confirmation.

For the competitors who wish to do so: after the race arrives at the Port de Javel Bas, the SUP's fin and the leash will need to be dismantled before the SUP is reloaded into the truck to be brought back to the Nautic.

5.2 PADDLES AND ACCESSORIES

Competitors are responsible for looking after their paddles and accessories (fins, leash, screwdriver, etc.). During transport by bus, paddles should be stored in the bus's lockers.

Competitors must keep their fins and leashes with them (Please bring a screwdriver). These can only be affixed after the trucks have been unloaded at Quai de la Gare (BNF) on Sunday morning.

5.3 BAG AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

You can take a bag with, containing your personal belongings (clothes to change into after the race finishes, screwdriver, fin, leash, water, tow-rope, energy bars, windbreaker, etc.).

This bag must be identifiable by means of the sticker given at the time of registration confirmation (to be affixed around the carrying strap).

ATTENTION: on Sundays, this bag can be transported:

- In the organisation's buses, together with its owner, for the trip from the Nautic to the Quai de la Gare (BNF).
- In the Organisation's vans during the race: from Quai de la Gare (BNF) to Quai de Javel Bas.

NB: Do not leave anything behind in the buses, they do not all leave again to the finish area!

- The bag will be collected by each competitor on arrival at Quai de Javel Bas. The organisation's vans will be parked in the finish area.
- Bags not collected from Quai de Javel Bas will be returned to the Nautic.

6. JURY & COMPLAINTS

The jury is composed of three members of the Nautic Paddle 2021 Organisation. It will meet after any complaint made by Race Management and/or a Competitor.

- Complaints must be communicated in writing to Race Management before 11.00 on Sunday 5 December.
- Complaints concerning production of the various rankings will be accepted up to 5.00 pm on Monday 6 December 2021.

Any complaint made after the deadline will be deemed to be inadmissible.

The decisions of the jury are at its discretion and cannot be appealed against. They may extend to exclusion from the event, including in subsequent years.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

7.1 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I gain entry to the Nautic?

Your race ticket gives you access to the Nautic, for two persons on Saturday 4 December (10am to 7pm) and/or Sunday 5 December (10am to 7pm) 2021.

How do I park at the Nautic?

It is possible to drive a car into the exhibition centre grounds, in order to drop off your equipment:

- If you are alone → a "1 hour" access permit will allow you to bring your vehicle in, to unload your equipment. The vehicle must then leave again via the Porte de Versailles Exhibition Centre.
- If your party consists of at least two competitors → from Saturday 4 December at 10am, a "parking badge" will be available, permitting you to park your vehicle at the Centre until Sunday 5 December 7pm.

Please note: for security reasons, since March 2017, all vehicles can only enter the Porte de Versailles Exhibition Centre after pre-registration on the Viparis website (operator of the Porte de Versailles). The precise arrangements governing this pre-registration process will be announced by no later than 30 November 2021, via the Nautic website <https://www.salonnautiqueparis.com/fr> or via the Nautic Paddle website <https://www.nauticpaddle.com>

Until when can I leave my board at the Nautic?

SUPs can be stored from Saturday 4 December - 10.00 to Sunday 5 December - 19.00. The storage location will be specified in the confirmation of entries.

How can my friends follow the race on the Seine?

- Paris is quiet at 8am on a Sunday morning in December. However, not all the Quais de Seine are open to traffic and parking is rarely possible. Meeting points will be communicated during the briefing!
- While at the start, at the BNF, there is no particular problem as regards parking, at the finish (Port de Javel Haut), the number of parking spaces will be limited to approximately thirty. We recommend that you make arrangements accordingly.
- The Vélip' (or other venues) is a good solution. Freedom, tranquillity and floating along to the rhythm of an SUP in Paris, a city still fast asleep just while the sun is still waking...

Can I come along with a companion?

If you plan to come with someone and you would like that/those person(s) to come into the Nautic and/or to participate with you at the BRUNCH on Sunday, 5 December, which will be served at the Nautic, please let us know by registering online before 20 November, via the Nautic website: <https://www.salonnautiqueparis.com/fr> or via the Nautic Paddle website <https://www.nauticpaddle.com>

Please note that, for the brunch, the accompanying person will have to pay an entrance fee of €25 including VAT.

7.2 USEFUL ADDRESSES

- **Nautic - Paris International Boat Show - 4 to 12 December 2021**
Parc des Expositions de la Porte de Versailles | 75015 Paris
- **Organiser:**
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- **Start line - Nautic Paddle 2021:**
Port de la Gare - Escales Bibliothèque - PK 166 - Rive Gauche, between the Tolbiac bridge and the Simone de Beauvoir footbridge - Paris, 13th arrondissement.
Access to the Quai via "allée Arthur Rimbaud".
- **Finish line - Nautic Paddle 2021:**
Port de Javel Bas - Escales de Javel, Parc André Citroën - PK 177 - Rive Gauche, between the Mirabeau bridge and the Garigliano bridge.
Entry to the Quai via "Quai d'Issy-les-Moulineaux".
- **Brunch (from 11.30 am) & showers on Sunday 5 December** at the Nautic.
Parc des Exposition de la Porte de Versailles 75015 Paris
- **For further information, please contact**
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