



Flash Presse – 19 FÉVRIER 2026

MARCH 19th to 22nd, NICE BOATING TOMORROW BOAT SHOW A PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE

- The first international boating event dedicated exclusively to sustainable boating
- A four-day show open to the public
- Activities program: conferences, workshops, talks, screenings and awareness initiatives
- High-profile speakers including Sea Institute of Villefranche, the boat and its crew of Expédition 7e Continent, Plastic Odyssey, Posidonia preservation with Fontaine-Pajot, Mathis Bourgnon (winner of the Mini Transat 2025), and Besign, The Sustainable Design School...

In response to environmental challenges and the evolving expectations of recreational boaters, the maritime and boating industries are reinventing themselves. Eco-navigation is now an integral part of both our daily lives and our future.

NICE BOATING TOMORROW aims to become the must-attend international event for sustainable boating stakeholders, anticipating major industry transformations while embodying the future of yachting, navigation and marine ecosystems.

The event is also designed to engage a broad audience — experienced boaters, future enthusiasts, families and young visitors alike — raising awareness about ocean preservation and marine biodiversity.

To support this ambition, a dedicated **Activities Area** will host a rich program including workshops, talks, film screenings, boat visits and interactive discussions.

INSTITUT DE LA MER VILLEFRANCHE

The IMEV scientific mediation team will be present to discuss ocean science and environmental challenges.

Weekend highlights include:

- **Marine Protected Area Workshop** (group sessions at scheduled times): collaborative reflection on the impact of marine protected areas on biodiversity.
- **Plankton Observation Activity**: using binocular magnifiers and microscopes, participants will examine seawater samples rich in phytoplankton and zooplankton.

Daily big-screen highlights will also be presented during the show.

More information: <https://www.imev-mer.fr/web/>

EXPEDITION 7EME CONTINENT – March 19–20

Visitors will be able to visit the boat (Thursday and Wednesday) and discover its mission. Educational workshops will allow people to better understand marine waste pollution, its consequences, and possible solutions. Using microscopes, participants will analyze seawater samples containing microplastic particles. These workshops aim to raise awareness among public and local stakeholders about the urgency of combating marine plastic pollution.

More information: <https://www.septiemecontinent.com/>

PLASTIC ODYSSEY

Each year, millions of tonnes of plastic enter our oceans, threatening marine wildlife and global ecosystems.

Led by Simon Bernard, Plastic Odyssey is a global expedition dedicated to developing practical recycling solutions. Its vessel — a former oceanographic research ship — has been transformed into a floating laboratory designed to democratize simple, low-cost, easily replicable recycling technologies.

Twenty tonnes of plastic waste enter the ocean every minute, 80–90% of which originates from land. Visitors will be able to discover a documentary film about one of the expedition's missions during the show.

More information: <https://plasticodyssey.org/>

MATHIS BOURGNON

Mini Transat 2025 Winner – Film Screening & Talk

Thirty years after his father Yvan Bourgnon's victory in 1995, Mathis Bourgnon won the 2025 Mini Transat — a solo, non-assisted transatlantic race aboard a 6.50m prototype yacht.

Following his victory, he undertook a winter transatlantic return voyage from Guadeloupe to Brittany.

Mathis will present his film and share his experience alongside his clothing partner Akammak, also a partner of NICE BOATING TOMORROW.

BESIGN SCHOOL

The Sustainable design School. Based in Nice, Besign School is a true innovation laboratory where creativity and commitment combine to imagine a desirable, sustainable future.

- **My Reefs Projet Workshops**

Children will create ceramic marine figurines representing marine fauna and flora, which will later be installed in underwater farms to support biodiversity regeneration.

- **Exhibition "Objective Ocean By BESIGN"**

Featuring five triptychs and nine design projects presenting object design concepts and scenarios to help the public protect the ocean, along with storytelling of student engagement.

More information: <https://besignschool.com/>

POSIDONIA, THE BLUE LUNG OF THE MEDITERRANEAN

Posidonia, as we know, is a marine plant (not algae) endemic to the Mediterranean Sea. It plays a major ecological role as it protects the coastline, acts as a reservoir of biodiversity, captures CO2 through photosynthesis and improves water quality, but... it is fragile! Posidonia is threatened by boat anchoring, pollution, coastal urbanisation and global warming. We must therefore take action and work together to remedy this situation!

Conference organised by Fontaine-Pajot with Sigrid Mongeau (CSR manager at the Fontaine-Pajot Group), Alliance Posidonia, the WWF with Catherine Piante and Garmin with Thomas Dore.

WWF –FILM SCREENING: RORQUAL

The film *Rorqual*, written and directed by Hugo Hebbe and narrated by Gérard Darmon, is the result of 20 years of Mediterranean research conducted by WWF.

The documentary explores the mysterious fin whale — the second-largest living creature on Earth after the blue whale — and highlights the need to better understand and protect these giants from ship collisions, pollution and destructive human activities.

More information: <https://www.wwf.fr>

RALLYE DES ILES DU SOLEIL

Organised by Grand Pavois Organisation, the Rallye des Iles du Soleil is a supervised Atlantic sailing rally open to monohulls and multihulls over 10 meters.

Two laps:

- 970 nautical miles: La Palma to Mindelo
- 2,130 nautical miles: Mindelo to Marie-Galante (Guadeloupe)

Presentation at the show: Saturday March 21 at 4:30 PM.

Participants will discover how to cross the Atlantic safely in a flotilla, while respecting marine resources and minimizing fossil fuel consumption.

More information: www.rallye-ilesdusoleil.com

Nice, at the Heart of the Mediterranean Sea and the center of Sustainable Boating

Internationally renowned and historically connected to the Mediterranean Sea, Nice is the ideal host city.

Delivered in April 2025 for the United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC), the brand-new OcéaNice Convention Centre will host the Forum. The venue features multiple event spaces, a 1,300 m² rooftop with 360° panoramic sea views, and a waterfront esplanade where the exhibited boats will be displayed.

An event Grand Pavois Organisation

With over 50 years of experience in the boating industry and creator of the Grand Pavois La Rochelle as well as international boat shows in China and Brazil, Grand Pavois Organisation remains attentive to market evolution and industry transformation.

With NICE BOATING TOMORROW, GPO aims to establish the must-attend event for the boating industry of tomorrow.

Key Information :

Nice Boating Tomorrow

Location: Quai Infernet, Port de Nice (France)

Show dates: Thursday 19 to Sunday 22 March 2026, 10am–6pm

Forum dates: Thursday 19 & Friday 20 March

Website & ticketing : www.nice-boating-tomorrow.com

Photo link: [Nice Boating Tomorrow - Google Drive](#) (please respect the copyright)

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