



NICE BOATING TOMORROW FORUM ON THE FUTURE OF BOATING

*The international decision-making platform
for sustainable boating development*

Location: OcéaNice (Nice, France) Thursday 19 & Friday 20 March 2026.

Languages: French or English, with simultaneous interpretation.

Registration: <https://nice-boating-tomorrow.eventmaker.io/fr>

THURSDAY 19 MARCH

10:00 AM: Opening of the show

10:00 AM – 1.15 PM: Registration and free visit of the show

2 :00 PM: Official opening of the Forum with Eric Banel – Chief executive officer of Maritime Affairs, Fisheries and Aquaculture (DGAMPA)

2:15 PM: Intercession – Regulations and environmental standards

Eric Banel – Chief executive officer of Maritime Affairs, Fisheries and Aquaculture (DGAMPA)

2:35 PM: Roundtable – Pleasure boating, environmental impact and challenges

- Udo Kleinitz – Former General Secretary of International Council of Marine Industry Associations (ICOMIA)
- Adria Jover – President of IEMA (International Electric Maritime Association)
- Rachel Moreau – General Secretary and Coordinator of Eco navigation in France, Econav

3:20 PM: Roundtable – Offshore racing and regattas: field of innovation and excellence for yachting

- Laureà Fanega Macias – General Director Barcelona Capital Nautica
- World Sailing
- Prof. Giangiacoimo Minak – University of Bologna – Team RedWave

4:00 PM: Pitch your project

- Iacopo Roncuzzi – Competr (Electric propulsion for racing boats)

4:10 PM: Coffee break for networking

4:30 PM: Pitch your project

- Kim Saleen – Solar Boat Twente (Hydrogen Propulsion)

4:40 PM: Roundtable – Sharing economy: towards a new business model for boating?

Moderation: Emmanuel Van Deth (Editor in chief Multihulls World / Multicoques Mag)

- Mariana Clavier - Manager of Franchise Development and Operations, Freedom Boat Club Europe, Middle East, Afrique – Brunswick Group
- Romuald Poirot - CEO Liberty Pass
- Guillaume Jacquet-Lagrèze - Fonder SeaZen
- Gilles Wagner – CEO Sea Loop Marine (new brand launched during the show) and UPtoSEA

5:25 PM: Expert opinion - The future economic model for boating and yachting: meeting customer expectations

- Prof. Dr. Phil Klaus - Co-founder of Lexden Luxe and Professor of Customer Experience Strategy

5:45 PM: Pitch your project

- Chloé Zaïed - CEO Ephyra, Development of decarbonization solutions for shipping and hydrogen infrastructure in ports

5:55 PM: Testimony – How a serial boat production shipyard deploys a comprehensive approach to low-carbon strategy

Sigrid Longeau – CSR Manager Fountaine-Pajot Group

- Marcus Schlichting – Marketing and PR Bavaria Yachts

6:20 PM: Expert opinion:

Interview with Vincent Wauters, CEO Rossignol – « **How a company is transforming its business model by focusing on reparability, usage, and cooperation?** »

7:00 PM: Networking Cocktail reception

FRIDAY 20 MARCH

8:30 AM: Networking Coffee

9:00 AM: How can we move leisure boat engines toward decarbonization? Which energy sources should be used for which purposes? What infrastructure should be put in place for recharging or refueling?

Expert opinion – Together towards decarbonization

- Patrick Hemp – Technical Director of the International Council of Marine Industry Associations (ICOMIA)

9 :15 AM: Roundtable - Electrification of leisure boating

- Adria Jover - President IEMA (International Electric Maritime Association)
- Yannick Wileveau - President AFBE (French Association of electric boats), Naval architect and CEO of Naviwatt
- Xavier Lachérade – CEO BlueNav, low-speed hybridization and virtual anchor
- Milvio Ricci – Chief Commercial Officer Siala Yachts
- Thomas Putallaz – Co-founder & Public Affairs Mobyfly

9 :55 AM: Case studies & testimonials

- David Brunet - CEO e-soleboat
- Philippe Raynaud – CEO Millikan Boat
- Emil Finne – CEO Elvene Boats (World Premiere electric propulsion boat)
- Altti Nasi – Brand Director Viva Electrics Jets

10:20 AM: Roundtable – Hydrogen and leisure boating: what are the possibilities?

- Etienne Rochon du verdier – K Challenge
- Philippe Esposito – CEO Dhamma Blue

10 :45 AM: Networking Coffee Break

11:10 AM: Roundtable – Ports and marinas: Between ecological imperatives and new usage models

- Patrick Hemp - Technical Director of the International Council of Marine Industry Association (ICOMIA)
- Christophe Piana – General Secretary, French Federation of marinas (FFPP) and President UPACA (Union des Ports de Plaisance Provence Alpes Côte d’Azur)
- Véronique Tourrel – General Delegate UPACA (Union of Marinas Provence Alpes Côte d’Azur)
- Patrick Garcia – Directeur Port of Beaulieu
- Melanie Symes – Innovamarina
- Camille Lopez - CEO Hy plug

11:55 AM: Expert opinion

- Bertrand Castelnerac – CEO Littoral Energies Partagées

12:05 PM: Pitch your project

- Swann Benichou (Besign School) - What resilient solutions are available for marinas as sea levels rise? Towards an ecosystem of floating marinas

12:15 PM: Expert opinion – Prospective, the marina of the future?

- Victor Meyer – Sales and Event Manager M3 Monaco

12:30 PM: Lunch networking

2:00 PM: Pitch your project

- Projct Toyota (with Besign School) – A zero impact modular boat for Africa

2 :10 PM: Roundtable - Rethinking the sustainability of boat interiors

- Smart Interiors Horizon (SIH), Attached committee Water Revolution Foundation together with a shipyard and a designer

2.45 PM: Roundtable: Acting sustainably, from design to recycling, eco-design, materials, refit, recycling

Conference moderator and media journalist Jean-Christophe Guillaumin (Figaro Nautisme)

- Billy Devauchelle - CEO Naval Transition,
- Ph.D. Eng. Katarzyna Panasiuk, Faculty of Marine Engineering, Department of Engineering Sciences, Gdynia Maritime University
- Thierry Boussion - Yuniboat
- Ivana Lazarevic – General Delegate APER (Association pour la Plaisance Eco-Responsable)

3.25 PM: Pitch your project

Hannah Milkie (Besign School) – What kind of summer transportation could relieve congestion along the coast between Saint-Tropez and Monaco? A project for a foiling catamaran powered by hydrogen engines and two OceanWings from AYRO.

3.35 PM: Testimony:

- Interview with **Marc Van Peteghem**, naval architect and co-founder of the naval architecture firm Van Peteghem Lauriot-Prévost (VPLP) « Towards sustainable nautical solutions that benefit both society and the environment by combining technical performance, environmental responsibility, and social value»

3.55 PM: Closing session

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