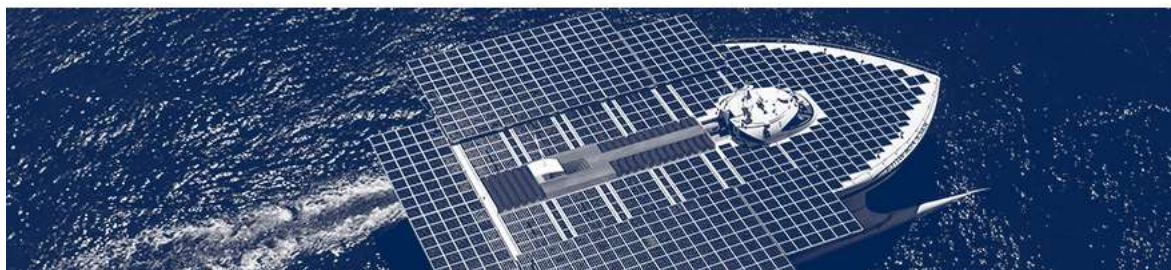


RACE FOR WATER ODYSSEY 2017-2021

A pioneering vessel, a crucial mission for the oceans



Three days of festivities in Lorient to celebrate
the start of the Race for Water Odyssey.

The festivities begin on Thursday, April 6. The vessel, *Race for Water*, leaves Lorient on April 9, 2017. The Race For Water team is busy at the Morbihan harbour of Lorient, making sure that everything is ready for a great party when it is time to cast off.

Three days of festivities are planned in La Base, Lorient, to celebrate the start of the five-year expedition. From April 7-9, *Race for Water*, will be centre stage as the guest of honour at the L'Orient Nautic, the South Brittany boat show. To mark the occasion, *Race for Water* will welcome the general public on board on Saturday April 8, with 45-minute **guided tours**. Four sessions of 25 people each will be organised from 10:00, subject to reservation.

Inside, the public will discover a **100m² exhibition** showing the role of the Race for Water Foundation in the preservation of our oceans and the proposed solutions for "waste valorisation". There will also be a focus on the scientific work carried out on board and on the renewable energies used for the propulsion and living on this exceptional vessel. *Race for Water* is powered solely by the sun, wind and water, thanks to its 500m² of solar panels fitted on the upper deck, coupled with a hydrogen production unit and a high-altitude kite. The combination of these technologies means ***Race for Water* is 100% energy self-sufficient and creates no CO² or fine particle emissions**. The exhibition will be seen by the classes of CM1 / CM2 from the school in Sourn in an advance preview on Thursday, April 6, as well as the elected representatives of the Lorient Agglo (Morbihan council) who have been invited on board on Friday, April 7, for the opening ceremony of the L'Orient Nautic, the Bretagne Sud Mini (Southern Brittany Mini), and the launch of the Odyssey.

Finally, the crew of *Race for Water* **will give the press a tour of the boat on Saturday, April 8 at 18:00** (French time). There will be a **press conference on Sunday, April 9 at 11:30** at the Cité de la Voile Eric Tabarly (the Eric Tabarly sailing centre), followed by lunch and **a sail in Lorient bay to witness the first nautical miles** of this incredible Odyssey.

Race for Water will then head for the first stop on its voyage, **Bermuda**, to coincide with the **America's Cup**.

Race for Water, 100% self-sufficient with clean energy, will leave its home port of Lorient on a five-year expedition around the globe, with **the core mission of preserving the oceans**. Through this Odyssey, the Race for Water Foundation has set itself four major objectives: **to promote innovative solutions** capable

of transforming plastic waste into energy resources, **to accelerate energy transition** through the development of the hybrid solar-hydrogen propulsion of the vessel, **to contribute to science** by hosting international research teams, and **to make decision-makers and the general public more aware** of the urgency of ocean conservation.

Press invitation for Odyssey Race for Water departure.

Marco Simeoni: President of Race for Water Foundation

G rard d'Aboville: Captain of the Race for Water Vessel

Alexandre Closset: President of Swiss Hydrogen SA

Stephan Wrage: President of Skysails

Norbert M tairie: Chairman of the Lorient Agglo

Franklin Servan-Schreiber: Spokesperson and member of the Race for Water Strategic Board

are delighted to discuss with you on Race for Water Odyssey
from Saturday 8th April 18h to the vessel departure Sunday 9th April 16h30 at Lorient.

Venue:

Navire Race for Water

Ponton A

Port de Lorient La Base

56100 Lorient

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Laure Lunven by email before 5 April 2017:

laure.lunven@raceforwater.org

Detailed programme:

- Thursday, April 6
 - 14:15 -16:15: Meeting with schoolchildren and tour of Race for Water
- Friday, April 7
 - Registration opens for 10:00 guided tour of Race for Water. Reservations can be made in front of vessel's footbridge
 - 17:15: Meeting with the elected members of Lorient Agglo for the opening ceremony and tour of the L'Orient Nautic (boat show) by Jean-Herv  Paulin (ANPL). Meet at La Capitainerie (harbour master's office)
 - 18:00: Reception for the Lorient Bretagne Sud Mini skippers, with Norbert M tairie (chairman of the Lorient Agglo) and Christophe Baudry (Lorient Grand Large – Lorient offshore training school) at the Cit  de la Voile - Auditorium
 - 18.30: Cocktail reception and tour of Race for Water for the elected representatives and the local press
- Saturday April 8
 - 10:00: Registration opens for the guided tours at 11:00, 14:00 and 15:00, in front of the vessel's footbridge.
 - 10:00, 11:00, 14:00 and 15:00: 45-minute guided tours by reservation only
 - 18:00: Press tour of the vessel and cocktail reception
 - 20:00: Press dinner

- Sunday, April 9
 - 11:30: Press conference at the Cité de la voile Eric Tabarly (Eric Tabarly sailing centre)
 - 12:30: Press lunch with the crew
 - 14:15: Press boarding
 - 15:00: Casting off and start of the Odyssey
 - 16:30: Press and guests return to the dock



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Race for Water remains committed and head back to sea with the Race for Water Odyssey : a 5-year expedition around the world dedicated to science and energy transition, using the ocean, the sun and the wind as its sole sources of energy. The Race for Water Foundation is an organization dedicated to the preservation of water and the ocean in particular. This indispensable resource is under massive threat from plastic pollution and must be protected. The Foundation aims to identify, promote and implement solutions that will give end-of-life plastic a value and create new sources of income for the people most affected by pollution. Using this innovative approach inspired by the principles of a circular economy and social entrepreneurship, Race for Water Foundation seeks to prevent plastic litter from reaching waterways and leaking all the way down to the ocean.

