



## Communiqué - Nautic Paddle: Registration is open

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The Nautic Paddle, the largest Stand-Up Paddle race in the world, will see some 800 candidates take the start line on 9 December 2018, which equates to 100 more competitors than last year. Indeed, the event will take on an XXL dimension as it will also form the setting for the final leg of the APP World Tour, which is being contested for the first time in Paris.

Please note that registration opens on 14 September at [www.nauticpaddle.com](http://www.nauticpaddle.com)

Take part in the Paddle event of the year

As is the case every year, the Nautic Paddle will serve as an opener to the International Paris Boat Show. 800 riders, from 5 continents (23 nationalities in 2017), will set off on Sunday 9 December from the Bibliothèque Nationale de France bound for the dockside at Port Javel Bas. They will be split into two categories: Leisure and Pro.

With the demand for participation always far exceeding the number of places available, competitors will be selected by drawing lots following online registration.

Registration requests must be made between 14 September and 1 October via the website [www.nauticpaddle.com](http://www.nauticpaddle.com). Each request may comprise 1 to 4 competitor names (individual or team), provided the latter are in the same category.

The drawing of lots will be made on Thursday 4 October to allocate the 700 open places. The 100 remaining places will be allocated by the Nautic to press, partners and celebrities attending the Nautic. The list of eligible competitors can be viewed from 5 October on the International Paris Boat Show website, and each competitor will then be asked to confirm their registration prior to 22 October.

This system of registration is deemed the fairest solution to satisfy the increasing demand.

The Paddle World Champion to be crowned in Paris

On 8 and 9 December, the APP World Tour (Association of Paddlesurf Professionals) will round off its season with the Nautic Paddle. This 3<sup>rd</sup> and final leg will crown the world champion 2018 of the APP World Tour.

The public will have a chance to come along and meet some of Paddle's world champions, including Connor Baxter, Casper Steinfath, Michael Booth, Mo Freitas, Arthur Arutkin, Sonni Honscheid and Candice Appleby, as well as some of the fresh young talent like Ryan Funk, Shae Foudy, Annie Reickert, etc.

Finally, faithful to its post and its presence at the Nautic, the SNSM (France's lifeboat association set up to save lives at sea) will guarantee the safety of the 800 competitors on the River Seine at daybreak in what promises to be a magical, grandiose spectacle!

Nautic – International Paris Boat Show, is a show owned by the French Nautical Industries Federation (FIN), organised by Nautic Festival SA, a subsidiary of the FIN.

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