

2023 International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Cadiz Coaches Meeting

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Date and time: 27st October 2023 – 10h00 (Paris Time)

Place: Federación Andaluza de Vela
Avda. de la Libertad, s/n (Puerto Sherry)
11500 El Puerto de Santa María - Cádiz

Moderating:

Class' Manager Gonzalo Costa Hoevel

Class' Executive Secretary Valérie Boutet Massonneau

The event organiser is present: Thierry ALLAMANNO – CNASP

Organisation of the 24' European Youth & Junior Championships in Embrun – France in July

Championships Venue

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A sailing pioneer in the Hautes-Alpes, the club was founded in 1957, even before the Serre-Ponçon dam was filled with water.

With almost 200 members, the Club Nautique Alpin Serre-Ponçon is now the largest sailing club in the Hautes-Alpes, affiliated to the French Sailing Federation. It also welcomes holidaymakers in July and August, with over 1,500 people taking part in introductory or advanced courses in windsurfing, catamaran sailing and dinghy sailing.

The Club Nautique Alpin is ideally located at the mouth of the Durance, straddling the Embrun lake and the Serre-Ponçon lake.

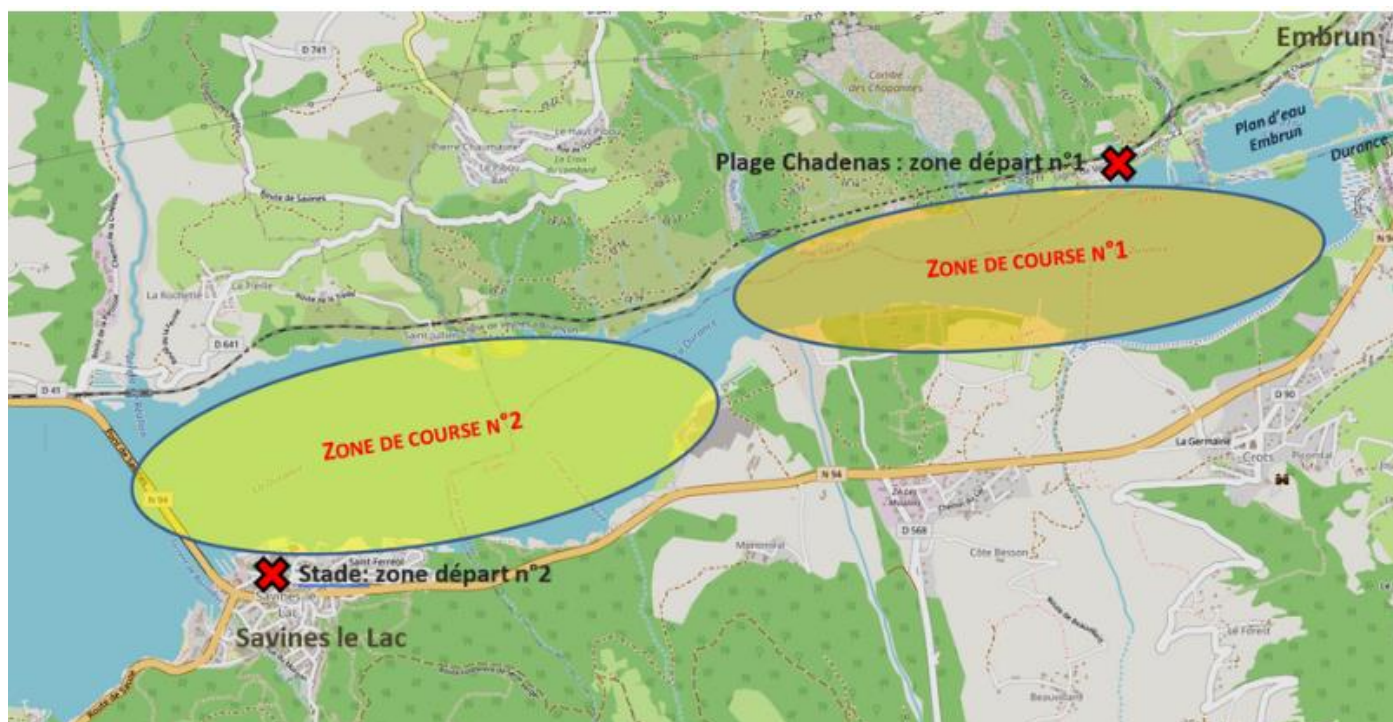
The mountains surrounding the lake and the temperature variations between day and night mean that thermal breezes appear almost daily from midday until late afternoon.

Stable and regular conditions, more pronounced to the north of the Savines-le-Lac bridge on the way up to Embrun, and the absence of waves, make this area a very favourable environment for organising an event such as the iQFOiL European Youth & Junior Championships.

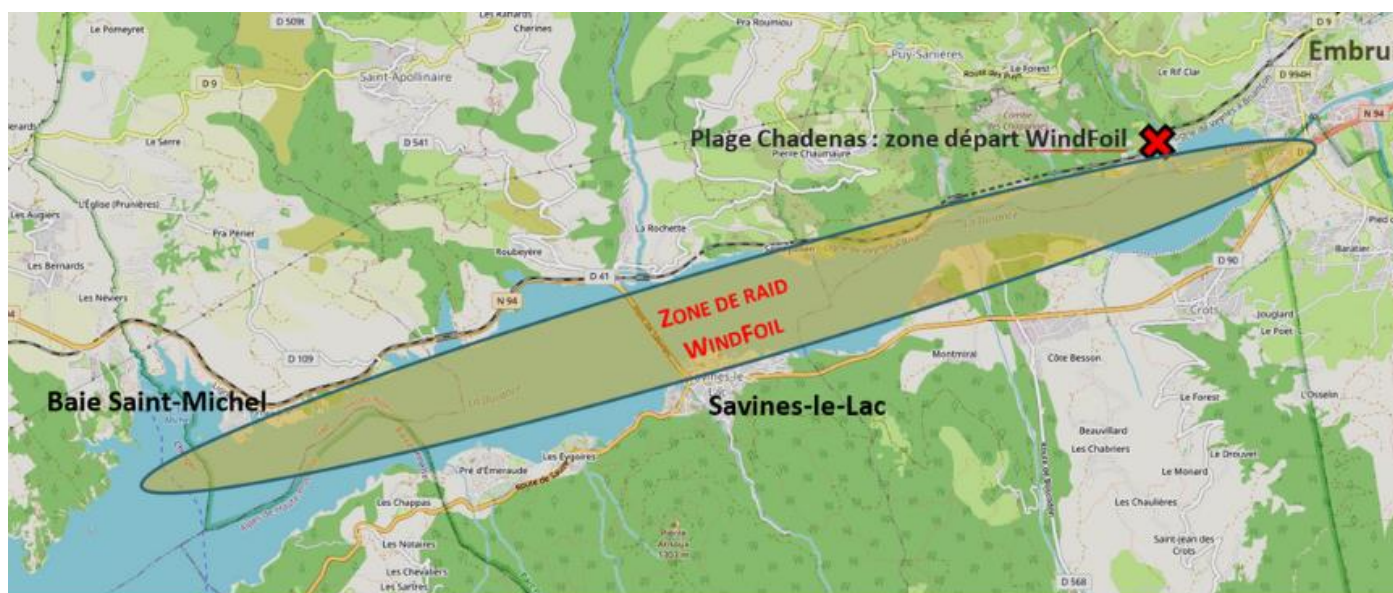
Racing areas

The starts for the iQFOiL races will take place in front of the Chadenas beach in Embrun, a stone's throw from the sports village.

The sailing area for the constructed courses will be in front of Chadenas beach in Embrun, with the possibility of watching the regatta from the dyke on the lake, the campsite dyke or the Crots dyke.



The sailing area for the raid courses will be between Baie Saint-Michel and Embrun, passing under the Savines-le-Lac bridge:



Support boats

Coach boats will not be allowed on the water during training and competition.
This prohibition will appear in the regatta's NoR.

Coaching from ashore

Two coaching zones will be set up on land:

1. One at the Chadenas beach - Start area n°1,
2. The other at Savines Le Lac - Start area n°2, where the organiser also has a water sports base.
In this second zone, a catering area will be set up and a beach marshal will relay useful information to coaches and competitors.

Safety device on the water

15 safety boats will be deployed on the race areas, as well as committee boats, mark layers, etc...
In addition, in each race zone, a dedicated safety boat could be equipped with spare parts.

Accommodation

The club also manages the campsite at the event venue. This campsite has its feet in the water, with fully-equipped sanitary facilities, a catering area, etc.

The Organiser is also in discussion with the holiday village located within walking distance of the event venue in order to offer negotiated rates.

Finally, there are also many AirBnB offers.

Differentiate the championship period for youth and junior categories

In view of the ever-increasing number of registrations, the coaches present at the meeting would like the two championships to be held back-to-back if possible: U19s first, then U17s.

The organiser seems to be in a position to arrange this change in schedule, even though the Tour de France Cycliste will require the regatta venue to be cleared before the 16th of July.

The event could therefore be organised from the 1st to the 8th July for the U19s and from the 9th to the 16th of July for the U17s.

2023 International iQFOiL Youth & Junior Class Association Cadiz Coach Meeting ended at 11.00

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Additional notes - information given after the coach meeting

After discussions with the local authorities, this solution seems complicated for the club, from both a human (volunteers and employees) and a logistical point of view: costs x2 for the organiser (and for the Class). The Organiser thinks this solution would have too great an impact.

What's more, other events are already scheduled (including the Tour de France cycle race!) and the local councilors want the iQFOiL European Championships to finish by the 12th of July at the latest.

In this respect, the Organiser suggests extending the championship by 2/3 days to give us more flexibility and, for example, give priority to the juniors on one day and the youths on another, allowing them to have a day off.

So, the event could take place from the 2nd or 3rd of July to the 11th or 12th of July, i.e. 10 days instead of the 8 initially planned.

We plan to meet again soon to discuss this in more detail and organise these championships the best possible way, taking into account the large number of potential registered sailors.