



Tuesday, september 15

Day 1

A day dedicated to sharing

The 17 IMOCA's due to set sail on a series of speed Runs tomorrow were dockside at Lorient La Base in Brittany this morning. The local schoolchildren made the most of the opportunity to chat with the many skippers on the pontoons before the fleet set a course for nearby Concarneau to pay tribute to the late Charlie Dalin.



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Among the 17 participants going all out for victory in tomorrow afternoon's Runs in the waters between the island of Groix and mainland Brittany, there will be two relative outsiders, but everyone is sure to put on a show. The IMOCA's will cast off from the pontoons of Lorient La Base at 1:30 pm local time, with the first Runs due to kick off at 2:30 pm. The results will be published by late afternoon, early evening.

Thanks to the livestream broadcast online on YouTube and France TV Sport, audiences will be able to watch all the action as it happens and it will be worth keeping a particular eye on the new boats, like the two 2026 Verdier designs, DMG Mori Global One and Groupe Dubreuil-Air Caraïbes, as well as Charal, which will be competing this year with a new hull to complement her tried-and-tested appendages. The perfect opportunity for these competitors to test their mettle against the season's best placed IMOCA's, with Macif Santé Prévoyance currently leading the way, ahead of United by the Ocean, winner of The Ocean Race Atlantic, the finish of which was decided in Lorient just last Thursday.

Her skipper, Paul Meilhat, will also be in Concarneau this evening to pay a final tribute to Charlie Dalin, who he often competed against on the both the Figaro and IMOCA circuit, but

also paired up with throughout the 2021 racing season on Apivia. In fact, the duo won the Défi Azimut together that same year. Paul was keen to spend the evening on the boat among friends as he explained over the phone somewhere between Lorient and Concarneau: *"Naturally, I wanted to be there to remember Charlie, but I didn't want to get overly emotional. As a result, I invited lots of people, with as many Cape Horners as possible to pay a joyful tribute to Charlie. I set out with Benjamin Ferré and Éric Loizeau and we're picking up Jacques Caraës, Kojiro Shiraishi, as well as Anne Liardet and the Cotten family in Concarneau. I'll be in amazing company and I know it's going to be a night to remember."*



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Charlie Dalin et Paul Meilhat lors de leur victoire sur les 48h AZIMUT en 2021.

PROGRAM

Monday, September 14

- **From 10:00 AM:** Teams and media registration, at the Maison des Skippers
- **2:00 PM - 5:00 PM:** "Tech'Afternoon" workshop: "Shipyard hazards and mast climbing", organized by 507 Works, at the Karré (Cité de la Voile Éric Tabarly)

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- **8:45 AM - 4:30 PM:** Materials & Mobility Day
- **2:00 PM:** Free afternoon - Collective tribute organized by Charlie Dalin's family and loved ones in Concarneau
- **From 8:30 PM:** Welcoming the IMOCA's back from the sea - Défi Azimut, at the Maison des Skippers

Wednesday, September 16

- **11:00 AM:** General briefing and Speed Runs schedule at the Cité de la Voile Éric Tabarly, open to the media (zone, course, weather)
- **1:30 PM:** IMOCA's dock-out / leaving the harbor
- **2:30 PM:** Start line open for the Speed Runs
- **5:30 PM:** Speed Runs start line closed
- **8:00 PM:** Opening night and Speed Runs Prize Giving, in the Muséo area of the Cité de la Voile Éric Tabarly

Thursday, September 17

- **1:30 PM:** IMOCA's dock-out / leaving the harbor
- **3:30 PM:** Start of the 48h AZIMUT
- **2:00 PM:** Press Tour focused on sustainable innovation in ocean racing
- **6:00 PM:** "Apéro pro Azimut" (B2B networking drink) in partnership with the Bretagne brand, at the Comptoir Groix et Nature

Friday, September 18

- **8:30 AM - 4:00 PM:** Conferences: Architecture, Innovation, and Business Model Changes, with Bretagne Next, Audélor, and the UBS (University of Southern Brittany)
- **5:00 PM:** "Apéro pro" (B2B networking drink) for Breton networks with the Bretagne brand, at the Comptoir Groix et Nature

Saturday, September 19

- **10:00 AM - 6:00 PM:** IMOCA arrivals / finishes
- **8:00 PM:** Crew party and 48H AZIMUT Prize Giving

Sunday, September 20

- **11:00 AM:** IMOCA's dock-out / leaving the harbor
- **12:30 PM:** Start of the Tour de Groix
- **5:30 PM:** Skippers & OBR photo/video contest Prize Giving (Lorient La Base dock)



Live stream link for the RUNS

"The runs will be commentated by **Louis Duc**, who finished 26th in the last Vendée Globe."



Live stream link for the 48H race

The start of the 48h will be commentated by **Jacques Caraës**, team manager of DMG MORI Global One, and **Tanguy Leglatin**, coach and skipper.

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