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## **GRAND PAVOIS LA ROCHELLE 2021, WITH THE HANDI CAP'ACCESS CENTRE FAVOURING PARTICIPATION BY ALL**

**MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATES FOR THE GRAND PAVOIS LA ROCHELLE  
FROM TUESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER TO SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER 2021**

### **Important information:**

- **11th year of the Handi Cap'Access Centre at the Grand Pavois La Rochelle,**
- **Objectives: Inform visitors, guide and assist people with disabilities who have come to try water sports,**
- **Free maiden trips and initiations for all,**
- **Handisport and Adapted Sport Departmental Committees with the help of major partners, numerous associations and private individuals.**
- **More than 500 supervised maiden trips during the last edition of the Grand Pavois La Rochelle.**

**The Handi Cap'Access Centre will celebrate its 11th edition this year at the Grand Pavois La Rochelle.** Remember that the aim of this centre, which is unique of its kind, is to **inform visitors, guide and assist people with disabilities who have come to try water sports thanks to maiden trips and shared experiences.** Set up as a partnership for many years with La Mutuelle Intégrance, Charente-Maritime Departmental Council and the two Departmental Adapted Sport and Handisport Committees with the support of Grand Pavois Organisation, this year, the Handi Cap'Access Centre will again offer maiden trips aboard sailboats present in the in-water space at the Grand Pavois La Rochelle and the chance to try water sport activities at the La Plage area (kayaks, jet-skis, etc.).

**A specific 100 sq. metre tent** will be placed at the entrance to the La Plage area with the presence of the Sport Adapté 17, Handisport 17 Departmental Committees and their partners in order to inform, welcome and supervise people with disabilities wishing to obtain information or discover and try their hand at water sport activities. Note that during the last edition of the Grand Pavois La Rochelle in 2019 (editor's note, cancellation of the Grand Pavois La Rochelle in 2020 due to the health crisis), **634 people benefited from the preferential admission fee and 509 maiden trips were offered free of charge during the 6 days of the show.** Six associations and two private individuals provided their equipment free of charge to the committees, not to mention the help provided by the Municipality of La Rochelle which supplied four Hippocampe and Trialos type beach wheelchairs. Also, in 2019, 31 employees and/or volunteers were present in this space.

### **Focus on the Handisport 17 and Sport Adapté 17 Departmental Committees**

The Adapted Sport and Handisport Committees supported by La Mutuelle Intégrance and the Departmental Council share one common ambition, namely to integrate the values of social cohesion, include people with disabilities in sport, and develop sports among this population. A true ambition shared by the Grand Pavois La Rochelle for 11 years!

### Additional information:

- Handisport 17 means 19 affiliated handisport clubs and sections. Further information: <https://handisport17.org/>
- Sport Adapté 17 means 2,057 licence-holders for 2019/2020 and 19 clubs affiliated to the Adapted Sport Federation. Further information: <https://sportadapte.fr/>
- The actions of Charente-Maritime Departmental Council: <https://la.charente-maritime.fr/personnes-handicapees/sport-et-handicap>
- The actions of La Mutuelle Intégrance: <https://www.integrance.fr/actualites/la-mutuelle-integrance-partenaire-de-champions-d-exception-2>

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### What you need to remember...

Surname: The Grand Pavois La Rochelle, the show for real fans!

Venue: Port des Minimes in La Rochelle

The 2021 dates: Tuesday 28 September to Sunday 3 October from 10 am to 7 pm

Guest country of honour: Greece

Patron: Yannick Bestaven, winner of the 2020/21 Vendée Globe

Area: 100,000 m<sup>2</sup>

Exhibitors: 800 international brands

Boats on show: 750 boats on show, including 300 in-water expected

Number of visitors: 80,000 visitors expected

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References: organiser of the international in-water boat show the "Grand Pavois La Rochelle" since 1973 (top five international in-water boat shows), Aix-Marseille-Provence Urban Community's in-water boat show "Les Nauticales" in La Ciotat (France, from 2013 to 2019), Rallye des Iles du Soleil (since 2017), Défi Atlantique Guadeloupe/La Rochelle 2019, Shenzhen China International Boat Show (China, from 2009 to 2011), Transat 6,50 Charente-Maritime/Bahia from 2001 to 2011, Imoca 60 Macif launches (2011), Class40 Le Conservateur (2014), etc.

Further information: [www.gpoevents.com](http://www.gpoevents.com)

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