



Dear paddlers and friends,

We would like to thank you for the enthusiasm you've shown for the very first 2026 IBCPC festival newsletter. Your positive comments and shares give us more confidence to come back to you with a new publication.

Now that we know each other better, we'll let you in on a little secret: we can't believe that a whole year has gone by since the official announcement of the 2026 Festival in France. Time just flies. We've done a lot, there is still much to do, and there are always some new challenges on the way. But you know the motto: stronger together.

In this newsletter #2, we will give you some more details about the organization of the festival, and on our own internal functioning as an organizing committee. We will be putting some faces on the variety of missions so you can get to know us a little better. As always, we will keep the information both accurate and fun, which is the spirit of a festival.

Happy reading!

A bientôt

The organising committee



CALENDAR.

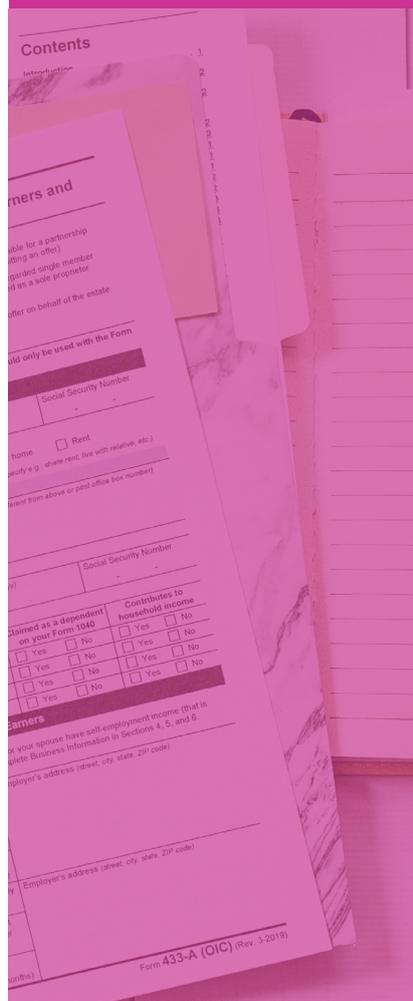
15 NOVEMBER 2024

- Registration platform upgrade + registration portal for managers/coaches
- Model of helm abilities certificate



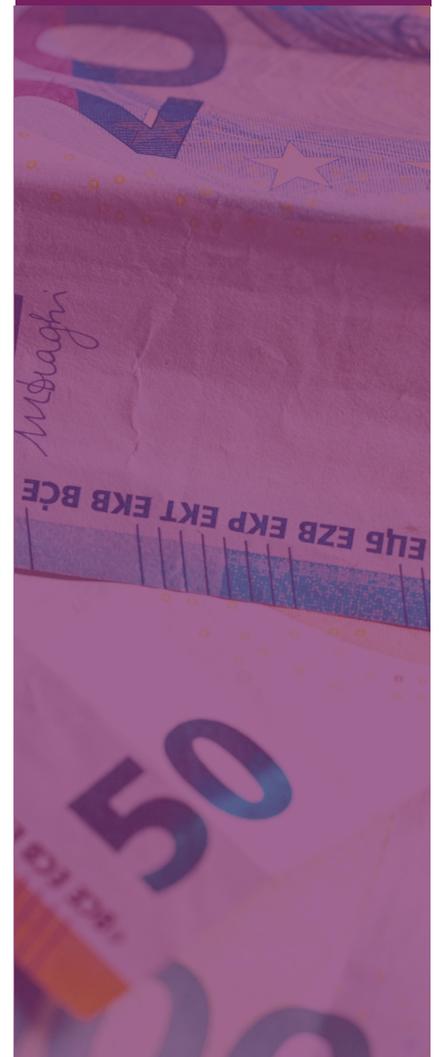
SEPTEMBER 2025

- Model of medical certificate including proof of breast cancer.
- Name entries opening



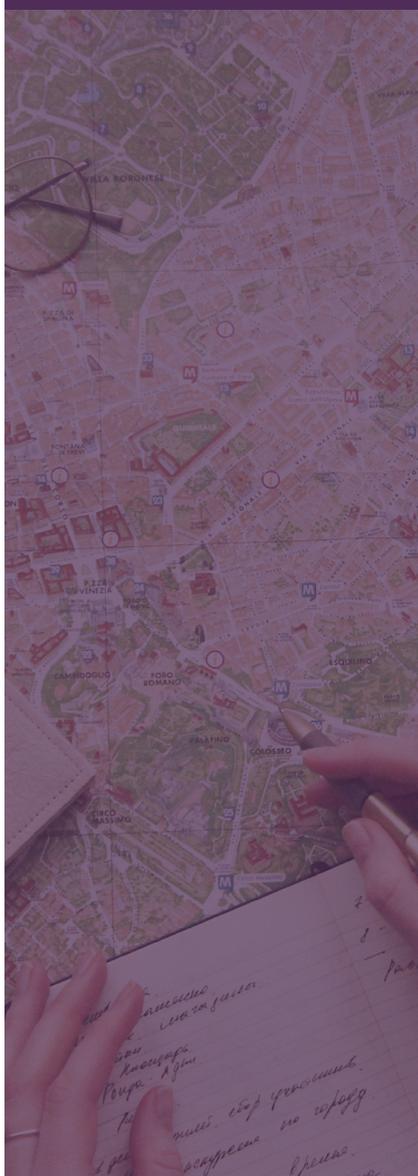
OCTOBER 2025

Registration fees :
balance payment due



END OF 2025

Transportation map



FEBRUARY 2026

**Ambassadors
assignment**



24-30 AUGUST 2026

**2026 IBCPC
FESTIVAL
AIX-LES-BAINS**



MORE ABOUT US



Hala AKKAWI
Doctor & co-president



Hugues GIRAUDET
Co-president



Geneviève BELANGER
Drôles de Rames



Claire FIASCHI
Ensemble pour Elles



Sylvain MUNIER
Dragon Boat Attitude
2026 IBCPC Festival
coordinator



Michel FRUGIER
Aix les Bains
Riviera des Alpes



Joël BUESSLER
Anncyy
Kayak & Dragon Boat
Club



Drôles de Rames and Ensemble pour Elles are the first two BCS teams created in France. Geneviève and Claire are the two IBCPC National Representatives in France. Their role is to be a communication relay between the IBCPC and the French BCS community. They promote the 2026 festival and are involved into the organizing committee. Geneviève is also dealing with merging the incomplete teams.

Did you know? Geneviève is a researcher specializing in theoretical particle physics and dark matter. Impressive!

Claire starred in a film on French television about the formation of a BCS team. A tailor-made role.

Dragon Boat Attitude (DBA) is the French leading company for the organization of dragon boat events. DBA has already organized the European Club Crews Championship twice, a World Junior Nations Championship and was at the head of the organization of the 2020 world club crews championship (covid pandemic, cancelled). For the IBCPC 2026 Festival, DBA is the organizational coordinator in charge of the logistical solutions.



Aix-les-Bains Riviera des Alpes is the tourist office. It is in charge of coordinating local actors and promoting the 2026 IBCPC festival on its territory. Aix-les-Bains Riviera des Alpes is a very supportive partner that makes thing easy regarding the venue.

The Kayak and Dragon Boat Club of Annecy (CKCA) will be a training area for the teams staying in Annecy during the 2026 IBCPC festival. Moreover, the CKCA will also provide qualified judges and volunteers for the event.



Who I am talking to when I write to the Organizing Committee?

Well, now you know how the Organizing Committee is organized. But who is behind the scenes? Let's put some faces to the different missions.

In this newsletter #2 we will be introducing some members of the team through a series of portraits. More portraits to follow in the future issues.

REGISTRATION PLATFORM, ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORT

Coline and Arnaud work for "QuickOff", the provider in charge of the registration portal (for BCS teams and later for volunteers). They are also in charge of coordinating the accommodation and transport.

If you write to stay@ibcpcfrance2026.com, they are the ones behind the screen.

Coline is a former ski champion who fell in love with the events industry. She has been involved in the organization of many major international events (rowing world championship, European football championship, World Ski Championship).



Arnaud used to paddle with the Annecy dragon boat team and is a mountain biking and triathlon fan.

COMMUNICATION TEAM

Writing and editing bulletins, newsletters, podcasts, press kits and presentation, designing logos, making videos, managing social networks and organizing press meetings: this is the job of Claire and Cécile. Claire is the creative brain and Cécile the editor.

Claire is multi-talented. She's equally at home with a computer, or on the field with a camera or a drone. She is also a strong paddler and a good singer. With Claire nothing's impossible.



Cécile loves writing as much as she loves food and mountain hiking. She wrote two books gathering her two passions. She's been paddling with the Annecy dragon boat club for 10 years.

COORDINATING TEAM



The word "coordination" is an umbrella term that covers a mountain of tasks. Sylvain and Lucie have countless missions: meetings with local authorities and political representatives, but also with boat manufacturer and all kinds of suppliers (electrical power providers, security, merchandising...). You can't imagine how much time they spend solving problems and making things happen.



Sylvain and Lucie are both paddlers, canoe and dragon boat instructors. They have been running Dragon Boat Attitude for over 14 years and have organized major dragon boat events as well as more intimate expeditions for BCS paddlers (e.g. : United Ladies' adventures on the Loire River).



MANAGERS & COACHES REGISTRATION

MA'AM, YES MA'AM!

The registration portal to register your coaches and managers will open November 15th, 2024. You will be allowed to add two people per team: 1 coach and 1 manager. We trust that you will allocate these 2 extra places to your coaches (and not to extra supporters: just in case you might have thought of that!)

WARNING: please be sure to mention your team number when registering your coaches, it will save our account manager from some bad nightmares when it comes to linking bank transfer to the registrations. If you do not add your team number your coach's and/or team managers registration may not be considered.

HELMS CERTIFICATE

Here it is! The Helm certificate is now out and available online :

<https://ibcpcfrance2026.com/registrations/documentation/>

This certificate will have to be filled in and uploaded onto the registration platform for every person intending to helm during the 2026 IBCPC Dragon Boat Festival.

AIX-LES-BAINS 2025 FESTIVAL: A FULL-SCALE REHEARSAL



**AIX-LES-BAINS
DRAGON BOAT
2025 FESTIVAL**

2026 IBCPC DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL PRE-EVENT

After the "Bourget Lake Tour" in June 2024, the Aix-les-Bains 2025 Dragon Boat Festival is the second and final pre-event organized to announce the 2026 IBCPC festival.

A year ahead of 2026 schedule, the Aix-les-Bains 2025 Dragon Boat Festival is positioned as a full-scale rehearsal.

It's open to everyone: of course to the BCS crews who want to have a sneak peak of the racing site, but also to clubteams, groups of friends, colleagues and families who love a good challenge, to local and regional associations and businesses, and even to the future 2026 volunteers.

Date : 27, 28 and 29 June, 2025.

More info to come : <https://aixlesbains-dragonboatfestival.fr/en/home/>