

>>> **A Yachting festival**

From Nort-sur-Erdre to Nantes cruising by Sucé-sur-Erdre...

>>> **Yachting meetings**

Ancient merchant harbour and city of water, Nantes built its reputation on an intense port activity which favoured the development of diversified boating : sailing ships, oars, every sort and kind of boats. Erdre was also, till the beginning of the XXth century, the paradise for the enthusiasts of navigation and protected environment, and the sign of a quality art of living. Nantes was, undoubtedly, the most important yachting resort after Paris.

>>> **On the banks**

Les Rendez-vous de l'Erdre are so an opportunity to emphasize the maritime and fluvial heritage of the region. Numerous restored and ancient ships are present on the quays: toues and gabarres of Loire, stream boats, nice wooden crafts but also naval modelling.

Associations working on to safeguard and promote this nautical heritage are invited to introduce their activities (Voile de Loire, Loire pour Tous, La Cale 2 l'Île, ABPN).

>>> **On the Erdre river**

The meetings of Yachting and Boating, organized as part of the Festival, are the window and the crossroad of the local nautical traditions..

During 3 days meets a hundred of crafts, constituting one of the most important gathering of old maritime and fluvial boats coming from France and Europe.

The participants take part in the regattas in a very convivial way between Nort-sur-Erdre and Sucé-sur-Erdre. Every city offers concerts and animations. The flottilla joins Nantes and the heart of the festival on Saturday.

This is a unique moment when the public can see these splendid boats cruising between Ile of Versailles and basin Ceineray

>>> **The boats**

Cruising boats (belouga, corsaire, Muscadet), work boats (skiff of Bordeaux, chippe), stormsails (vaurien, caneton, FD, 505, 420 ou 470...), sport boats (hirondelle, aile, star...), promenade boats (starne morgan, noirmoutrin), dinghies (pirmil, Norwegian prame), oar (skiffs, wherries, canoe), steamboats (clinches, chris-craft, rocca...).



>>> **3 days of boat races on one of the nicest rivers in France**