

Alicante, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th of December

EMPACHER CUP

RCRA BEACH SPRINT 2025



From 4 to 7 December 2025, Alicante will become the home of Beach Sprint, the sea rowing discipline that will be an Olympic sport at Los Angeles 2028. The EMPACHER Regatta was created with a clear focus: dynamism, spectacle and proximity to the public. Land starts, buoy slaloms and a final sprint that concentrates the excitement in seconds—all in an urban and Mediterranean setting that invites you to experience the sport up close.

This edition is dedicated exclusively to Beach Sprint. We are looking for an agile and visual competitive experience, designed for both athletes and fans: fast series, direct duels and thrilling finals that showcase the essence of modern sea rowing. With Empacher's technical seal of approval, the event offers reference material and an atmosphere that combines performance, safety and respect for the environment.

More than a regatta, it is a meeting point: clubs, teams and the community rowing in the same direction to promote Alicante as the setting for the new Olympic rowing event.



Alicante and the sea are inseparable. With the EMPACHER Regatta dedicated to Beach Sprint—an Olympic sport in Los Angeles 2028—we want to celebrate the present and future of rowing: intense competition, closeness to the public and a city devoted to its bay. We look forward to seeing you for four days of excitement and great sport.

Miguel Lopez – RCFA President



THE REAL CLUB DE REGATAS DE ALICANTE



We are much more than a sports organisation: we are a living part of the city. Founded in 1889, we have grown alongside the port, the bay and everyday life in Alicante, turning the sea into a meeting place for generations of sports enthusiasts and families. Its location—with two integrated venues: the historic one in the port and the Sailing School with direct access to the sea—sums up its mission: to open up sport to the city and bring the city closer to sport.

Since its inception, the RCRA has championed an idea that is both simple and demanding: to make sport great through maritime culture. It has done so by promoting grassroots schools, technical training and events that attract clubs and national teams, and by investing in sports that put Alicante on the world map, such as sea rowing and Beach Sprint. Every activity, every regatta and every clinic is conceived as an invitation: for more people to discover the sea, for more athletes to grow and for the city to recognise itself in its bay.

Our values are the common thread of this mission:

- Excellence and effort: training and organising with high standards, both in and out of the water.
- Safety and respect: for athletes, for opponents and for the marine environment that gives us our identity.
- Closeness and community: an open, educational and participatory club, serving Alicante.
- Innovation with roots: a seafaring tradition that evolves with new disciplines and technology.
- Sustainability: events and practices that care for the environment we share.

On this basis, RCRA maintains a permanent commitment to promoting rowing: training, attracting talent, organising leading competitions and supporting those who dream of going further. At a time when Beach Sprint is taking a decisive step on the international scene, the club reaffirms its role: to be a platform, a bridge and a mouthpiece for a sport that is growing with its sights set on the horizon of Alicante.

OPERATING ECOSYSTEM BASED IN POSTIGUET BEACH

The EMPACHER Regatta is centred on Postiguët Beach, right in the heart of Alicante. This is where all the action takes place: the start on land, the slalom, the final sprint and the applause from the crowd on the sand. The bay and Santa Bárbara Castle provide the backdrop for a fast-paced, visually stunning and accessible competition, designed to bring athletes, fans and the city together in unison.

Postiguët first

The beach is the epicentre of the event. The course is designed to be seen from start to finish, with turns close to the shore and an initial and final sprint section that heightens the excitement for the public. The commentary guides the heats and keeps the experience on the sand at all times.

The RCRA's apparatus acts as invisible scaffolding: accreditation, control, timing and coordination are carried out without taking the focus away from the beach. Logistics are minimal and close at hand: functional tents (athletes, judges, announcer, chips), cloakroom and water points for reusable bottles. Everything is designed to allow for quick changes and seamless transitions between heats.

Alicante, an urban-Mediterranean setting

El Postiguët can be reached on foot, by public transport or from hotels and restaurants in the city centre. It is rowing in the city, with an iconic image and natural media coverage.



EMPACHER, OFFICIAL PARTNER OF THE REGATTA

The EMPACHER Regatta marks a milestone: it is the first regatta in which Boatyard Empacher makes its debut as an official partner in Alicante. Its technical expertise provides everything that Beach Sprint requires: reliable equipment, precise adjustments and immediate assistance on the beach. Together with the RCRA, Empacher will turn Postiguat into a showcase for modern sea rowing: start on the sand, visible slalom and final sprint with the peace of mind of competing on a benchmark fleet.

During the event, Empacher will activate a technical area with support for adjustments (oarlocks, bench, rower's feet), priority rental of 1x and 2x and demo of selected models, enhancing the athlete's experience from warm-up to finish line. For the public, its presence is a guarantee of quality, image and spectacle: iconic boats in the city centre, with a clean and operational set-up that keeps up with the pace of the races.



Race venue — Postiguat Beach

The regatta course is set up in the middle of Postiguat Beach, right on the seafront promenade, with Santa Bárbara Castle as a backdrop. The design prioritises visibility for the public, safety for the athletes and operational fluidity on the sand.



Main elements

- START/FINISH arch located halfway along the beach, aligned with the natural slope towards the water for a clean entry/exit of the boats.
- Side fences from the arch to the water, forming a wide angle that delimits the two competition lanes and the technical corridor.
- Important: there are no fences behind the arch to keep the preparation area clear.
- Spectator areas located on the sides of the arch and lanes, with excellent visibility from the adjacent promenade.
- Organisation and service tents (control, timing, calls, medical equipment) located behind the fences, out of the flow of boats.
- Boat park adjacent to the technical area, with direct access to the pre-start area and the water line.
- Signposted access points for teams, staff, press and emergencies, with reinforced sand corridors for safe transit



Provisional event programme

The regatta will be organised in accordance with [World Rowing Beach Sprint Rules](#).

The boats that will compete in Coastal Rowing Solo and Double, in the Absolute and Under-19 (Junior) categories, will be as follows:

CM1x, CW1x, CMix2x + CJM1x, CJW1x, CJMix2x

The race course could be open for training from 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 4.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

SATURDAY 6 OCTUBRE MAÑANA (TIME TRIALS)			SATURDAY 6 OCTUBRE MAÑANA (TIME TRIALS)			SATURDAY 6 OCTUBRE TARDE (KNOCKOUTS)			SUNDAY 6 OCTUBRE MAÑANA (ÚLTIMOS 8)		
CJW1x TT (16)	9:00:00		CM1x TT (16)	10:00:00		CJW1x	13:00:00	Knockout 1	CJW1x	8:20:00	QF1
	9:01:00			10:01:00			13:05:00	Knockout 2		8:25:00	QF2
	9:02:00			10:02:00			13:10:00	Knockout 3		8:30:00	QF3
	9:03:00			10:03:00			13:15:00	Knockout 4		8:35:00	QF4
	9:04:00			10:04:00			13:20:00	Knockout 5		8:45:00	SF1
	9:05:00			10:05:00			13:25:00	Knockout 6		8:50:00	SF2
	9:06:00			10:06:00			13:30:00	Knockout 7		9:00:00	FB
	9:07:00			10:07:00			13:35:00	Knockout 8		9:05:00	FA
	9:08:00			10:08:00		CJM1x	13:45:00	Knockout 1	CJM1x	9:15:00	QF1
	9:09:00			10:09:00			13:50:00	Knockout 2		9:20:00	QF2
	9:10:00			10:10:00			13:55:00	Knockout 3		9:25:00	QF3
	9:11:00			10:11:00			14:00:00	Knockout 4		9:30:00	QF4
	9:12:00			10:12:00			14:05:00	Knockout 5		9:40:00	SF1
	9:13:00			10:13:00			14:10:00	Knockout 6		9:45:00	SF2
	9:14:00			10:14:00			14:15:00	Knockout 7		9:55:00	FB
	9:15:00			10:15:00			14:20:00	Knockout 8		10:00:00	FA
CJM1x TT (16)	9:20:00		CJMix2x TT (16)	10:20:00		CW1x	14:30:00	Knockout 1	CW1x	10:10:00	QF1
	9:21:00			10:21:00			14:35:00	Knockout 2		10:15:00	QF2
	9:22:00			10:22:00			14:40:00	Knockout 3		10:20:00	QF3
	9:23:00			10:23:00			14:45:00	Knockout 4		10:25:00	QF4
	9:24:00			10:24:00			14:50:00	Knockout 5		10:35:00	SF1
	9:25:00			10:25:00			14:55:00	Knockout 6		10:40:00	SF2
	9:26:00			10:26:00			15:00:00	Knockout 7		10:50:00	FB
	9:27:00			10:27:00			15:05:00	Knockout 8		10:55:00	FA
	9:28:00			10:28:00		CM1x	15:15:00	Knockout 1	CM1x	11:05:00	QF1
	9:29:00			10:29:00			15:20:00	Knockout 2		11:10:00	QF2
	9:30:00			10:30:00			15:25:00	Knockout 3		11:15:00	QF3
	9:31:00			10:31:00			15:30:00	Knockout 4		11:20:00	QF4
	9:32:00			10:32:00			15:35:00	Knockout 5		11:30:00	SF1
	9:33:00			10:33:00			15:40:00	Knockout 6		11:25:00	SF2
	9:34:00			10:34:00			15:45:00	Knockout 7		11:35:00	FB
	9:35:00			10:35:00			15:50:00	Knockout 8		11:45:00	FA
CW1x TT (16)	9:40:00		CMix2x TT (16)	10:40:00		CJMix2x	15:55:00	Knockout 1	CJMix2x	11:55:00	QF1
	9:41:00			10:41:00			16:00:00	Knockout 2		12:00:00	QF2
	9:42:00			10:42:00			16:05:00	Knockout 3		12:05:00	QF3
	9:43:00			10:43:00			16:10:00	Knockout 4		12:10:00	QF4
	9:44:00			10:44:00			16:15:00	Knockout 5		12:20:00	SF1
	9:45:00			10:45:00			16:20:00	Knockout 6		12:25:00	SF2
	9:46:00			10:46:00			16:25:00	Knockout 7		12:35:00	FB
	9:47:00			10:47:00			16:30:00	Knockout 8		12:40:00	FA
	9:48:00			10:48:00		CMix2x	16:35:00	Knockout 1	CMix2x	13:10:00	QF1
	9:49:00			10:49:00			16:40:00	Knockout 2		13:15:00	QF2
	9:50:00			10:50:00			16:45:00	Knockout 3		13:20:00	QF3
	9:51:00			10:51:00			16:50:00	Knockout 4		13:25:00	QF4
	9:52:00			10:52:00			16:55:00	Knockout 5		13:35:00	SF1
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ALICANTE

Alicante is a bright and welcoming Mediterranean city, with a downtown area that leads directly to the sea. Its open bay, Postiguet Beach at the foot of Santa Bárbara Castle, and lively promenade create the perfect setting for events that seek proximity to the public and an urban backdrop.

Weather

Temperate Mediterranean climate: mild winters, stable light and generally favourable conditions for beach activities. The expected air temperature during the competition days will be between a maximum of 16°C and a minimum of 9°C. The water temperature will be around 16°C. As for the wind, the calm windows, the shelter of Mount Benacantil and the regularity of the waves in the bay facilitate the planning of races and the spectator experience.

Daylight hours

Sunrise at approximately 08:06 and sunset at approximately 17:38 (CET)

Connections

Alicante–Elche Miguel Hernández Airport (ALC) is approximately 15–20 minutes from the city centre and offers multiple domestic and international flights. High-speed rail and motorways connect the city with the country's main urban centres.

Convenient logistics: hotels, restaurants and event venues are within walking distance or a few minutes away, reducing travel time and downtime.





ACCOMMODATION

To facilitate logistics for teams and accompanying persons, we have partner hotels in the centre of Alicante, just a few minutes from Postiguat Beach, the seafront promenade and the event venues.

Eurostars Group (Alicante)

Eurostars Lucentum · ****

Eurostars Mediterránea Plaza · ****

Eurostars Pórtico Alicante · ****

Eurostars Centrum Alicante · ****



Discount code: TABARCAVELA

(Valid for all Eurostars hotels and apartments in Alicante. Discounts and conditions subject to availability at the establishment.)

Other partners

- El Plantío Golf Resort — apartments and services geared towards teams. (www.elplantio.com)
- BYPILLOW Paseo — Central, family-friendly hotel.

HOW TO GET THERE

From the south exit (Elche/Airport · A-70 / A-31)

- Enter Alicante via the A-70 (ring road) and take the exit for 'Alicante Centro / Puerto'.
- Follow the signs for Puerto / Centro until you reach the N-332 (Av. Loring → Av. Juan Bautista Lafora) along the coast.
- Stay on Av. Juan Bautista Lafora towards Playa del Postiguet.
- The Playa del Postiguet car park is signposted on the right, opposite the beach (before/below Santa Bárbara Castle)

From the north exit (Valencia/Benidorm · AP-7 / A-70)

Take the A-70 towards Alicante and follow the exit to 'Alicante / N-332 (Costa)'.

Take the N-332 towards the centre (tunnel/Serra Grossa winding road) until you reach Av. Juan Bautista Lafora.

Continue straight along the beach; you will see the sign for the Playa del Postiguet car park on your right.

Height and access: check height restrictions if travelling with a van/trailer. For trailers, use the areas designated by the organisation.

Nearby public car parks with direct access to the Postiguet promenade (beach 1–2 minutes away).



CONTACT

We are at your disposal for any queries regarding the regatta. The regatta director, Lionel Jimenez Vennégues, is the point of reference for general coordination and strategic matters.

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Event address: Playa del Postiguet (central area of the promenade), Alicante.

Office hours

Monday to Friday from 9am to 2pm and from 4pm to 7pm (CET). During the event, there will be a coordination telephone number operating on the beach.

What we can help with

- General information and calendar.
- Registrations and licence renewals/cancellations.
- Press accreditations and requests for material (dossier, images, mixed zone).
- Sponsorships and collaborations (activations, visibility, hospitality).
- Beach operations (access, logistics, suppliers, volunteers).

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