



OK DINGHY EUROPEANS 2026

BRUINISSE - THE NETHERLANDS



SAILORS HANDBOOK



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WELCOME TO THE OK DINGHY EUROPEANS 2026

Welcome sailors and friends.

When the OK class approached us to host the OK Dinghy Europeans we saw an opportunity to combine our sailing passion with the great camaraderie of the OK class in our 'backyard'.

Together with my wife Arjenne, Jaco (race officer), Gijs (shore manager), Guido (rescue coordinator) and Karin we have gathered a group of likeminded volunteers who are here to make your event a success.

We chose Bruinisse as it is one of our favourite locations, combining sheltered water, a great marina and shore facilities. Our hosts at Aquavitesse and Jachthaven Bruinisse are getting used to the sight of large fleets of dinghies taking over the harbour and race areas. With all amenities close by it allows us to focus on delivering the best possible racing for this event.

We hope you'll not only enjoy the racing, but also the atmosphere on shore and in the town of Bruinisse. We wish you fair winds, great races, and a fantastic week on and off the water!

Thomas Wilkes, Chairman

This handbook will guide you through all you need to know:

- ➔ Race schedules
- ➔ Logistics in and around the marina
- ➔ Social activities
- ➔ Venue information



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Aquavitesse

JACHTHAVEN BRUINISSE

In 2026, the OK Dinghy European Championships will set sail from a Dutch location that is new for the class. Jachthaven Bruinisse is beautifully situated on the shores of the Grevelingenmeer, the largest salt water lake in Europe. The marina is modern, well-equipped, and perfectly suited to accommodate large groups of sailors and visitors. The race course is close to the harbour which ensures less waiting time and the launching beach is wide and easily accessible.

Facilities at the Marina

Jachthaven Bruinisse is part of Port Adhoc, known for its professional services and high-quality infrastructure. The harbour offers:

- Modern berths with excellent accessibility.
- Spacious trailer and car parking areas, making logistics easy for sailors and support teams.
- Restaurants, bars, and a supermarket within walking distance for all your needs.
- Service facilities including a crane, repair services, and fuel station.

Accommodation Options

On the other side of the dyke is Holiday Park Summio Aquadelta, offering apartments, bungalows, and group accommodations, all within walking distance of the marina. There are also limited on-site camping facilities available close to the dinghy park.

The Grevelingenmeer – Our Race Area

The regatta takes place on the Grevelingenmeer, the largest saltwater lake in Western Europe. As part of the 'Deltaworks' the lake is non tidal, and the low lying land around has less influence on local winds than smaller lakes.

The venue has been used for a wide range of national and international regattas and the harbour is pleased to welcome the OK Dinghy fleet to this new challenge.



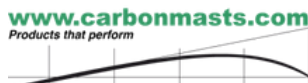
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PROGRAMME

Race dates and social events at the OK Digby Europeans 2026



Tuesday	08 sep	09:00 - 18:00 Registration and equipment inspection
Wednesday	09 sep	09:00 - 13:00 Registration and equipment inspection 14:00 Practice race 18:00 Opening Ceremony BRU 17, Havenkade 18, Bruinisse with drinks and <i>kibbeling</i>
Thursday	10 sep	09:00 Coffee and Bolus 13:00 Racing (2 races scheduled) After racing beers and snacks
Friday	11 sep	09:00 Coffee and Bolus 12:00 Racing (2 races scheduled) After racing beers and snacks 19:00 Class dinner Sponsored by Ovington Boats / Proset Resins
Saturday	12 sep	09:00 Coffee and Bolus 12:00 Racing (2 races scheduled) After racing beers and snacks
Sunday	13 sep	08:00 Coffee and Bolus 11:00 Racing (2 races scheduled) After racing Prize Giving Ceremony

Breakfast will be at 09:00 (08:00 on SUNDAY) at the Ark, and Dinner will be at 19:00 (no dinner on Sunday) at the Marquee. If you want to join us for breakfast and dinner, please sign up ASAP.

LOGISTICS

Logistics at OK Dinghy Europeans

There is a convenient drop-off point for boats and trailers near the Aquavitesse building. The dinghy park is situated just along from the marquee. Please remove trailers to the trailer park to avoid blocking the surrounding area. If you registered for a camper pitch please come to the Race Office, we'll give you directions to your camping spot.



Arrivals between 08:00 and 18:00 can use the first gate (POORT 5) to get to the Dinghy park. After-hours please call +31 653 909 237 (Thomas) to arrange entry.

- No unattended cars in the marina area. load, unload, and move on.
- Emergency access routes must remain clear at all times.
- Please keep the dinghy park tidy

SHORE FACILITIES

The lay of the land

The dinghy park is located next to Aquavitesse and the event marquee, with easy access to ample beach front for launching every day. The marquee will first be used for registration and measurement and then will become the focal point on shore for the event to relax after racing, grab a drink, and catch up with friends old and new. Dinners will be served here for those who made prior reservations while breakfast /lunch prep. will be available in the Aquavitesse building (also by prior reservation).



The Officials - Race office & Jury

Once registration has been completed you will be able to find the Race Office in the Ark, next to the Aquavitesse office.

The Jury room is at the end of the Aqualodges pier, very close to the dinghy park.

ON THE WATER

The race area and getting to it

Please follow instructions from the Rescue boats when leaving the harbour. With some northerly winds the smaller exit close to the beach should be avoided as there are shallow rocks. The depth in the middle is 1,4mtrs. In that case we will then use the main harbour exit.

Let us know at the race office if you are heading out to train.



The race area is approximately 1.4 Nm from the harbour entrance with a heading of 55°.



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ON SHORE

Sailing the OK Dinghy Europeans is of course the main reason to be in Zeeland, but if you are looking for other activities to do, we can suggest some of the following.

Aquavitesse rental

Aquavitesse has a number of sloops for rental. These are an ideal way to explore the Grevelingenmeer or for partners to see the racing from close by. you do not need a small craft licence for this. They also have open-top kayaks and SUPs available for rental. www.aquavitesse.nl

Bike rental

www.fietsverhuurzeeland.nl/locatie-bruinisse/ is your go to if you would like to see the local area by bike. Fortunately Aquavitesse manages the service in Bruinisse, so you can book through the website and pick up the keys at the front desk.

BRUZZZ Festival Saturday September 12th

BRUzzz Late Summer Festival, everything that makes Zeeland so special comes together: fresh regional products, live cooking, music, art, culture and the unique atmosphere of the harbour. Click on the link below to find out more: www.opschouwenduiveland.nl/en/events/

Souvenirs

Are you looking for some souvenirs to bring home? Check out this new store close to the Harbour: Landwinkel Houtekamer (15 min walk/ 4 min bike ride) www.landwinkelhoutekamer.nl

You can also visit the city centre of Bruinisse (30 min walk/7 min bike ride).

Weather information

www.windfinder.com has a weatherstation listed at 'grevelingensluis' which gives real time weather data and updated information on short term forecasts.

THANK YOU

Besides the sailors, the most important role is that of all the volunteers who make this event possible. Without our team of volunteers we cannot run an event.

On the water, Jaco de Bat and his experienced team have managed many events together from local events through to World Championships. The courses will be set with Robot Marks to ensure as fair a playing field as possible. Rescue Coordinator Guido Lafeber is tasked with your safety on the water. Please do follow his instructions and those of his rescue team if needed, after all they are here for your safety.

Gijs Pleyte is our shore manager, who together with Arjenne Wilkes, Karin Lafeber and the rest of the committee will take care of the after sails!

Additionally, a special word of thanks to:

Marieke & Richard from Aquavitesse for their hospitality and for helping us think through all the challenges. Jachthaven Bruinisse, for facilitating the event, and offering us a warm welcome. Furthermore, we are very grateful to all the sponsors who tirelessly listen to our plans and offer wise words, materials and funds when asked.

We hope that you will all have enjoyed the week and will return home with great memories of the event and this region of The Netherlands.

We look forward to seeing you again soon in our beautiful Zeeland.





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