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### **North Sound Maxi Regatta - Racing at its finest**

The penultimate day of the North Sound Maxi Regatta introduced the first Windward-Leeward format of the series, with a final home run into the North Sound. Crews were kept busy throughout, with action-packed starts and intense, tactical races as some of the world's most elite racing yachts went head-to-head in the BVIs.

After a dominant week, Freya secured the Performance Class title a day early, sealing their victory with another standout performance.

Jack Boutell, Crew Boss and Captain of V, summed up the day: "It was intense - really intense. We had big fluctuations in breeze, starting light in the first race and building into the mid-teens in the second. It was incredibly close between us, Leopard 3, and Galatea in both races. Very tactical, and small errors made a big difference -but it was a really fun day on the water with more great battles."

Read in full: [maxiregatta.com](http://maxiregatta.com)



## Big fleet, light winds, and tough decisions mark opening weekend

Photo credit: Paul Wyeth

JOG's opening race weekend delivered a brilliant start to the season, with over 100



boats lining up on Saturday for the first race of the year. Bathed in sunshine but challenged by light and testing conditions, crews were kept on their toes throughout the day. Tactical decision-making was key, with strong tidal influence across the Solent playing a major role.

JOG Racing Manager, Martin Evans, reflected on the weekend: "Seeing that level of enthusiasm for the club and racing on the opening weekend, in bright sunshine, was brilliant. Great to see so many boats out there."

Saturday's conditions presented a classic Solent challenge. With strong tides and very light winds, setting a fair and achievable course required careful judgement.

Full results: [here](#)

## OneSails launches the sailing industry's first sail trade-in recycling campaign

On 18 March, to celebrate Global Recycling Day, international sailmaking group OneSails launched the 4T FORTE Trade-In



Campaign, the industry's first sail trade-in and recycling initiative, marking a significant milestone in the brand's journey towards circular production in high-performance sailmaking.

Built around the company's proprietary 4T FORTE technology, the only fully recyclable sail material currently available on the market, the campaign allows sailors to return used 4T FORTE sails and receive an exclusive offer towards a new 4T FORTE sail set. The programme is open to all sails produced since the technology's introduction in 2013 and is available through the brand's global network of lofts.

Returned sails are processed through a certified recycling system managed by ESO Recycling, a company specialised in recycling sports items, ensuring materials are recovered and reintroduced into new production cycles wherever possible. The logistics are handled through a micro-collection model designed to optimise transport routes and minimise emissions across the entire recycling chain.

By combining recyclable materials, a structured take-back program and dedicated recycling infrastructure, OneSails is addressing one of the key challenges in sailmaking: end-of-life disposal.



"This represents an impactful step forward for sustainability in sailing," commented OneSails CEO Dede De Luca. "We are closing the loop on sail

production while offering a tangible advantage to our customers."

With this campaign, OneSails positions itself at the forefront of a more responsible and circular approach to sail design, aligning performance, innovation and environmental accountability.

[onesails.com](https://onesails.com)

### **Italian sailor Andrea Tesei joins Britain's America's Cup Challenge**

Andrea Tesei has become the latest sailor signing for GB1, joining the British Challenger for the 38th America's Cup. The Italian sailor brings experience of high-speed, elite racing, not only from his previous two America's Cup campaigns with Luna Rossa, but also from the 49er Olympic class r, SailGP and alpine skiing. Fresh from signing for GB1, Tesei has joined the British team for its training camp in Cagliari, Italy, this week for its first two-boat testing session with the AC40s. The 34-year-old is the fourth sailor signing for GB1, joining Helm Dylan Fletcher MBE and Trimmers Bleddyn Mon and Ben Cornish.

Read in full: [gb1.com](https://gb1.com)

### **Sunsail charter Sunsail 424 Classic – Abacos Bahamas**

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Full details [HERE](#)

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Full details [HERE](#)

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### **Guirec Soudee: News du bord : J86 - Boat and sailor exhausted**

The final run promises to be difficult. The Ultim MACSF is showing signs of fatigue and, even if Guirec is driven by extraterrestrial energy, the 86 days aboard a giant trimaran to watch like fire sometimes get the better of his lucidity.

Brittany has never been so close and so far away, the weather conditions to reach it will not make the maneuver easier.



Tracker: [here](#)

Read in full: [guirecsoudee.com](http://guirecsoudee.com)



### **BVI Spring Regatta & Sailing Festival - 2026 Scrub Island Invitational a winner!**

Benjamin Daniel, the Canadian skipper on Panacea X wore a big smile as he came ashore at Marina Cay with his crew who sailed to first place in CSA Performance Cruising. Even sailing with a new crew, his team were top performers today in the annual Scrub Island Invitational. Thirty nine boats and some 298 sailors finished the fun race which culminated in a festive beach party at Marina Cay.

"We're happy to get first in our class. It was pretty good, light winds, but nice flat water, which made it easy to keep going but it was super shifty out there which made it a little bit hard," Daniel says. "We definitely missed the biggest shift of the day, which Apollo got right and they got the overall win which I think was well deserved on their part. We went left early and I'm not going to give all our secrets away for why we did that, but we gave up on it a little bit too early. We should have stuck it out on the left.

Read in full: [bvispringregatta.org](http://bvispringregatta.org)



## **RORC appoints Ben Willows as Sporting Director**

The Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) has announced that Ben Willows will join the Club in April 2026 as its first Sporting Director. This newly created senior role underscores the Club's commitment to excellence across all aspects of its programme.



Willows brings a strong background in leading sailing organisations and youth development, having previously held senior positions as CEO of both the UKSA and RS Sailing. A competitive inshore and offshore sailor, he has raced in several Rolex Fastnet Race as well as numerous RORC races, as well as RS sailing on the UK and European circuits and National 12's in the GBR Youth Squad.

Read in full: [rorc.org](https://rorc.org)

## **Cape Horn Hall of Fame 2026 nominations**

News of a new Jules Verne Challenge record circumnavigation via Cape Horn set by Thomas Coville and his French team aboard Sodebo Ultim 3 on January 25 provides a timely reminder for sailing enthusiasts everywhere to nominate their favourite Cape Horner for the 2026 Cape Horn Hall of Fame awards.



The 32m foil-borne trimaran crewed by Benjamin

Schwartz, Frederic Denis, Pierre Leboucher, Leonard Legrand, and Guillaume Pirouelle set a new record of 40 days, 10 hours, and 45 minutes, an average speed of 27.17 knots for the 28,315-mile distance from Ushant around the three great Capes and back. That is 12 hours 44 minutes faster than Francis Joyon's long-standing previous record, set by IDEC Sport nine years ago.

Nominate here: [capehorners.org](http://capehorners.org)

Read in full: [here](#)

### Featured Charter

Mad Dash - Elan 410. Price:  
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Mad Dash is a true performance cruiser. Elan's 410 model was an early "crossover" design – part racer, part cruiser – and it excels in regattas. With a tall, full sailplan and compact hull sections, she accelerates readily even in light airs. One review praises the 410 as "in every respect a performance-orientated cruiser designed for success on the racecourse, but with the dual purpose to cruise extensively.

[See listing details in Seahorse Charters](#)

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Life is what happens to us while we are making other plans. -- Allen Saunders

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