



PROGRAMME

Damen Maritime Festival 2026

10th Anniversary Edition

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Welcome to the 10th Anniversary of the Damen Maritime Festival!



This document provides additional details about this year's edition of Damen Maritime Festival, including the floorplan, practical information about the Damen Experience, Damen Innovation Talks, participating vessels and guided tour.

This milestone edition brings together our key suppliers, Damen companies and industry partners, celebrating 'A decade anchored in trust, building the maritime future together'. The programme highlights the latest innovations shaping the maritime industry, with a special focus on autonomous sailing and circular shipbuilding, while creating opportunities to connect, exchange insights and look ahead to the future.

Damen Experience

Walk through our vessels, innovations and maritime solutions and discover how Damen companies and PMCs work together as One Damen.

Participating Damen companies and product-market combinations (PMCs):

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| › Public Transport (PMC) | › Damen Trading Suzhou Damen |
| › Damen Services | › Anchors & Chains |
| › Damen Naval | › Harbour & Terminal (PMC) |
| › Defence & Security (PMC) | › Damen Research Development |
| › Concordia Damen | › & Innovation |
| › Offshore Energy (PMC) | › Damen Maritime Ventures |
| › Damen Shiprepair | › Aquaculture & Fishing (PMC) |
| › Dredging & Mining (PMC) | › Damen Marine Components Damen |
| › Damen Civil & Modular Constructions | › Air Cavity System |
| › Damen Technical Cooperation | › Damen Aftertreatment Solutions |
| › Damen Compact Crafts | › DFS Maritime Solutions |
| › Damen Cargo Vessels | › Damen Digital Solutions |

Additionally, the teams of Foundation Damen Support and Damen.com will be present.

Damen & Alewijnse Escape caravan challenge

Take on the challenge! Celebrate 10 years of the Damen Maritime Festival with the Damen & Alewijnse Escape caravan challenge. A vessel has returned from a long voyage, but the bar is locked. Solve the puzzles, unlock the bar, and get the celebrations started.

›› Think your team of 3 has what it takes? Set the fastest time and win a fantastic prize!

Guided tour

Join a guided tour between 13:30 and 17:30 to visit several vessels currently under construction, including a brand new electric Multi Cat. For the start of the tour please gather at the Meeting Point, marked with **T** on the floor plan.

Featured on the guided tour is Damen's first electric Multi Cat 1908. This vessel combines 25 years of proven Multi Cat expertise with advanced electrical technology, enabling fully electric, zero-emission workboat operations.

Vessels

Discover a selection of Damen vessels, both historic and modern, with opportunities for sailing and/or onboard visits, including:

Damen Interceptor 1102

This autonomous vessel is docked in the water as one of the latest innovations from Damen Naval. During the festival, a demonstration of both manual and autonomous sailing will take place and be streamed live in the Damen Experience, at Damen Naval. Public access begins at 13:30, and sailing is expected to continue until 17:30. Visitors who wish to sail along receive safety instructions and must sign to confirm their understanding.

Damen Waterbus

The modular design of the Damen Waterbus allows deployment across various operational contexts, including public transport, tourism, and event services. The vessel's composite structure is based on extensive operational experience and testing, resulting in a lightweight yet robust hull and superstructure. Both a hybrid and a fully electric version are showcased.

Damen HDPE vessels:

The **Damen HDPE Workboat 902 S** is a compact vessel designed for tough commercial operations, including patrol, offshore support, dredging, aquaculture, search and rescue, and public transport. Its superstructure provides enhanced protection, offering crew members shelter and safety in demanding operating conditions.

The **Damen HDPE Workboat 1003 S** is a heavy-duty vessel designed for a wide range of commercial and utility operations, including patrol, port services, offshore support, dredging, aquaculture, search and rescue, and public transport. Its superstructure provides enhanced protection, offering crew members shelter and safety in demanding operating conditions.

Both are constructed from durable High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE), suitable for local maintenance and designed for easy transport. The hulls are made from High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) panels. HDPE is maintenance-free, resistant to saltwater and UV, and highly durable. The hull material is fully recyclable.

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Damen Patrol Vessel (DPV) 1304 E

A fully electric patrol vessel used by Gemeente Amsterdam. The vessel is used for patrols in Amsterdam's canals and inland waterways. Thanks to its quiet and clean propulsion system, the vessel contributes to a sustainable living environment and minimal disruption to the city.

Damen Landing Utility Vessel (LUV) 2208:

A versatile vessel serving the aquaculture industry and remote and island communities. Designed to transport people, equipment, feed and other dry cargo, it can unload cargo either via RoRo operations or with a deck crane. The vessel features a large, free deck area, a deck crane and a robust bow ramp.

Damen Stan Tug 1706 ICE:

This vessel is a modern, seagoing twin-screw tug/workboat for inland water, harbour and coastal operations. Equipped for service in icy conditions, the vessel features an unobstructed aft deck with a strong bulwark all around, providing ample space for safe ship handling.

Damen Shoalbuster 2609

A compact, multifunctional workboat designed for a wide range of maritime activities. With its shallow draught, the vessel can undertake roles including towing, mooring, anchor handling and dredge support. The vessel features a spacious work deck and a moonpool to accommodate transducers.

Damen Heritage Fleet:

The following three vessels are present at Damen Maritime Festival:

- *Reiger*, a management- inspection vessel built in 1949;
- *Pushy Cat GV71*, this push-tug boat was built in 1971;
- *De Jonge Prins*, a compact but powerful patrol vessel, completed in 1989.

'Captain's Challenge'

Following its success at previous editions, the 'Captain's challenge' competition with the red mail boat from the Damen Heritage Fleet will be part of the programme again.



Damen Stage Programme



Presentation Radio Holland | 14:00 - 14:30

Speaker: Jeroen de Waal | Head of Business Development, Radio Holland



Bio:

Jeroen de Waal is a maritime NavCom professional at Radio Holland, with a focus on navigation and communication solutions for the maritime and defence industries. His work covers project sales and technical solutions across areas such as radar, AIS, VHF and GNSS resilience. He is also actively involved in developments around maritime technology, including GNSS jamming and spoofing, autonomous vessels and remote operations.

Jeroen de Waal will discuss the growing impact of GNSS disruptions on maritime safety, with developments in the Strait of Hormuz and Northern Europe, particularly the Baltic Sea, illustrating a broader shift: reliable satellite positioning can no longer be taken for granted. He explores what this changing reality means for safe navigation, vessel operations and crew preparedness, and outlines how current NavCom solutions and practical measures can help operators respond.

Damen Innovation Talks are moderated by: Erik Peekel



Bio:

Erik is a sought-after moderator for national and international conferences. As a talkshow host and programme maker, he brings experts together in lively conversations about innovation and business. He quickly gets to the point, making sure you come away with insights you can actually use. He creates live programmes and podcasts for RVO – Netherlands Enterprise Agency, NEN – Royal Netherlands Standardization Institute, Royal Maas Yacht Club and the Dutch Transition Team for Circular Construction Economy.

Damen Innovation Talks | 15:00 - 15:30 & 16:00 - 16:30

Key theme: Circular Shipbuilding

Speaker: Michael Nykjær | CEO, Dampa

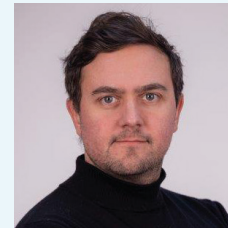


Bio:

Michael Nykjær is CEO of DAMPA, a Danish manufacturer with 75 years of experience in metal ceiling solutions. With a career rooted in the international marine industry, Michael is passionate about turning decades of specialist know-how into solutions for the ships and spaces of tomorrow.

Since becoming CEO in 2012, he has led DAMPA through continued development and innovation, with a strong focus on partnerships, sustainability and adding value for customers through innovative and responsible solutions.

Speaker: Renaud Gaudel | Senior Research Engineer, Damen RD&I



Bio:

As a Senior Research Engineer within Damen's Research, Development & Innovation department, Renaud leads research and innovation activities aimed at accelerating the transition toward circular shipbuilding. His work focuses on translating circular economy principles into practical solutions across the vessel lifecycle, from design to dismantling, with a particular emphasis on circular vessel interiors, design for disassembly, material transparency, and lifecycle value retention.

Originally trained as a naval architect, Renaud combines expertise in structural engineering, acoustics, and sustainability to bridge technical performance requirements with circular economy ambitions.

He is also the project manager of Damen's Circular Crew Cabin research initiative, a demonstrator that brings together shipbuilders, suppliers, and multiple Damen divisions and disciplines to validate circular materials, products, and design approaches in a realistic maritime environment.

Key theme: **Autonomous Sailing**

Speaker: **Fokke van der Veen | Programme Manager,
Netherlands Forum for Smart Shipping (SMASH!)**



Bio:

Fokke combines extensive nautical and maritime experience with a strong focus on innovation, automation and the future development of the maritime sector. His focus is on accelerating the practical implementation of advanced automation, remote operations and autonomous maritime technologies, while keeping a broader perspective on how these developments will reshape vessels, operations, infrastructure and the role of people at sea and ashore.

Drawing on his operational and nautical background, Fokke takes a bird's-eye view of the maritime transition: connecting technological possibilities with real-world implementation, safety, regulation and economic value. His ambition is to help shape a future-ready maritime sector in which digitalisation and automation are not ends in themselves, but enablers of safer, more efficient and more sustainable maritime operations

Speaker: **Bas Polkamp | Project Director Uncrewed Surface Vessels
and Autonomous Sailing, Damen**



Bio:

Bas combines extensive maritime operational and marine engineering experience with deep expertise in ship automation, digitalisation and artificial intelligence. Having worked across shipping, offshore energy, maritime technology and shipbuilding, he has built a strong track record in leading complex maritime projects and technology-driven business transformation.

As Project Director Uncrewed Surface Vessels and Autonomous Sailing, Bas leads the development and implementation of advanced automation, remote operations and autonomous vessel solutions within the Damen Group. The role brings together his unique combination of maritime domain knowledge, engineering expertise and AI background, enabling him to turn emerging technologies into safe, efficient and scalable maritime solutions.



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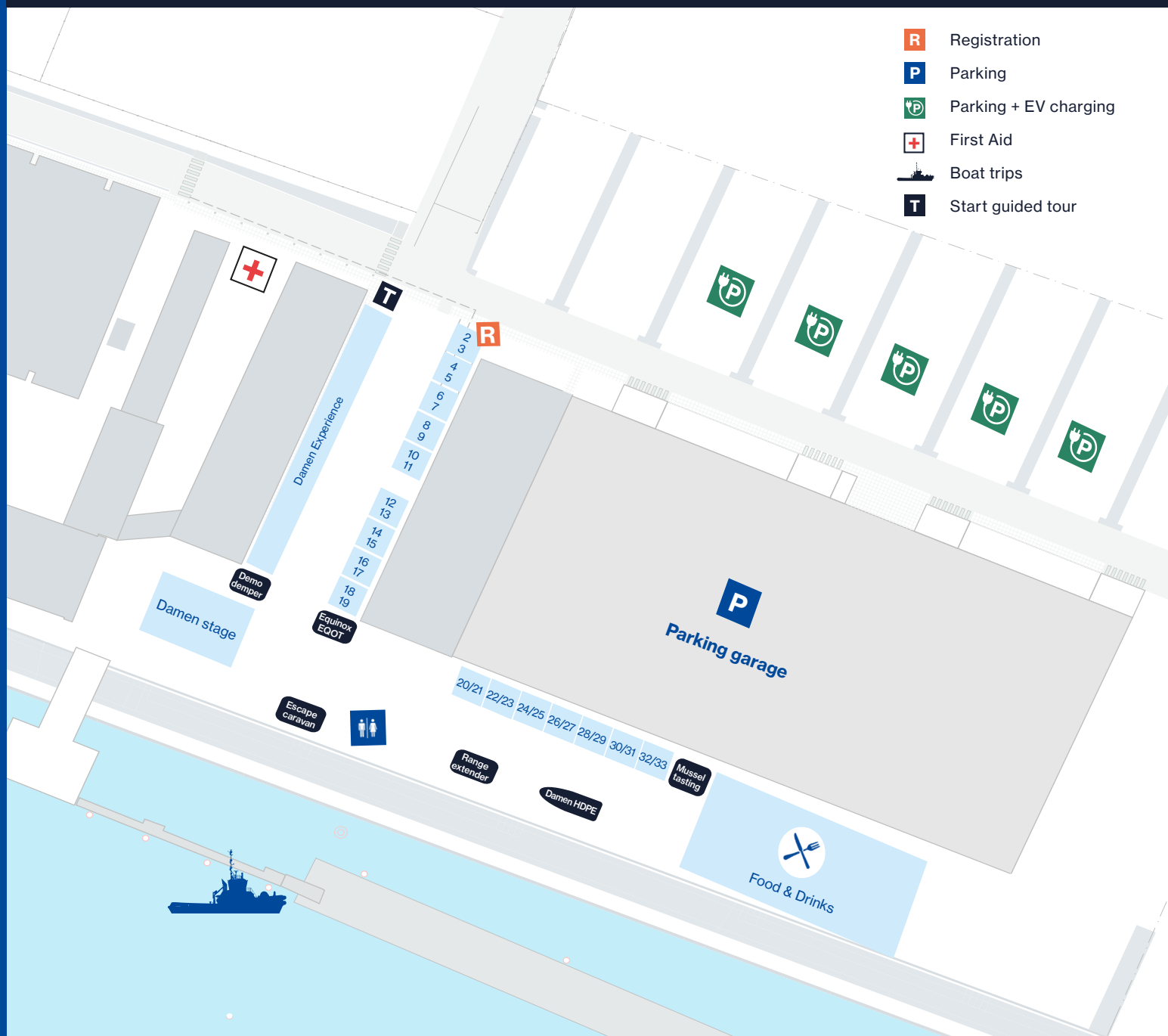
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» Opening hours

13:30 – 21:00

Event schedule

» Presentation Radio Holland	14:00 – 14:30 @ Damen stage
» 1 st session Damen Innovation Talks	15:00 – 15:30 @ Damen stage
» 2 nd session Damen Innovation Talks	16:00 – 16:30 @ Damen stage
» Speech by Arnout Damen	17:30
» Guided tour T	13:30 – 17:30
» Food, drinks & music	17:30 – 21:00

» Visitors can sail along on our vessels between 13:30 and 17:30

Practical information

For any questions, please contact our Event Manager, Berdine de With:
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Access / registration **R**

This is an invitation only event. Registration is required.
At the registration desk you will receive your personal badge.



***We wish you a pleasant visit
to Damen Maritime Festival
at our yard in Gorinchem.***



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