



# INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE INTERCELTIC AND ATLANTIC WATERGAMES

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## Atlantic Watergames 2008

**This year, the Interceltic and Atlantic Watergames will take place from July, 19th to 25th in Euskadi (Basque Country), in Getxo and Sopelana, 15 kilometres away from Bilbao.**

You may assist (and compete) to several competitions:

- Body Board
- Submarine Photo
- Swimming with fins
- Optimist
- Laser Standard
- Laser Radial
- Laser 4.7
- MiniJi
- 420
- O.D. Cruiser
- Kayak Polo
- Sea Kayak
- K1 Sprint/ Marathon
- Rowing 4+1
- Rowing Double
- Rowing Solo Surf
- Long board

The best athletes of the Atlantic Area will take part in this competition. A lot of entertaining activities are planned, such as a big Celtic Market, lots of concerts and parades. The opening ceremony will take place on July, the 19th at 8pm in Puente Colgante, Getxo.

To find more information about this year Watergames, please visit the Website of the Atlantic Watergames 2008 in Getxo and Sopelana, Euskadi:

[www.eusakdi2008.com](http://www.eusakdi2008.com)



Getxo



Sopelana



Visit the website of the 2008 Atlantic Watergames : [www.eukadi2008.com](http://www.eukadi2008.com)

## Registration to the Atlantic Watergames 2008



Visit the Website of the International Committee of the Interceltic and Atlantic Watergames: [www.jniea.eu](http://www.jniea.eu)

The registration form will be available from March, 1st on the website of the International Committee of the Interceltic and Atlantic Watergames : [www.jniea.eu](http://www.jniea.eu)

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## Atlantic Watergames 2009: Gambling is over

Two regions were running for the organisation of the 2009 Atlantic Watergames: the Norte Portugal and the Canary Islands. The applications were presented during the assembly of February, 8th in Rennes.

During this meeting, Norte Portugal representatives, Guil-

herme Guimarães and João Zamith, from Inter-céltica, made an outstanding presentation to the audience.

Considering the quality of its application, the Metropolitan Area of Oporto was chosen to organise the 2009 Atlantic Watergames, from August 3rd to 8th. Four cities will welcome the

different competitions and events: Porto, Matosinhos, Gondomar et Gaia.





## Interceltic and Atlantic Watergames 2007 in Morlaix and Crozon

### A Great success !!

This edition of the Interceltic and Atlantic Watergames, organised by the Pays de Morlaix, Nautisme En Finitère, the city of Crozon, the centres and nautical clubs of the Pays de Morlaix and Crozon, the Chamber of Commerce of Morlaix, and the economic forces of the region, was a great success.

511 athletes took part in the competition, numerous exhibitors animated the Celtic Market, traditional

boats sailed on the Bay of Morlaix and numerous bands entertained the public during this Celtic and sporty week. A great number of spectators assisted to this 13th Interceltic and Atlantic Watersports festival, even though the weather was often gloomy, sometimes rainy.

### Victory of the Basques

Once again, the Basques showed their talent by winning, for the 3rd time, the Interceltic and Atlantic Watergames.

### General Classification

1. Euskadi
2. Brittany
3. Cornwall
4. Galicia
5. Portugal
6. Canary Islands
7. Normandy
8. Scotland
9. Ireland
10. Catalonia
11. Wales



The « Podium 2007 » :

1. EUSKADI
2. BRITTANY
3. CORNWALL

## Results by sport

### Results by sport:

#### Sailing:

1. Brittany
2. Galicia
3. Euskadi



Surf in Crozon



Optimist

#### Canoeing:

1. Brittany /Cornwall
3. Euskadi



Rowing



Kayak

#### Sea Rowing

1. Euskadi
2. Galicia
3. Brittany

#### Surf

1. Euskadi
2. Cornwall
3. Canary Islands

#### Diving

1. Euskadi
2. Brittany
3. Galicia



Traditionnal Boats



Mini-J



## **Final words of the President: Jean-Pierre Thomin**

The 14th Watergames will take place from **July, 19h to 25th**, in the Basque country. The Organisation will be excellent and we are expecting an important number of high level competitors. I want to thank here the President of the Organisation Committee, Rafael Munilla, his team and the Basque Authorities for their great preparation work.

Fourteen years !! Who would have guessed, when the Watergames were created in 1995, that this event would last all this time, growing every year?

Since the first edition in Crozon, a lot of progress has been made :

- 13 editions have been organised, 3 times in Brittany, twice in Cornwall, twice in Galicia, twice in Asturias, once in Scotland, once in Wales, once in Portugal, once in Ireland.

- The participation spread over several new regions of the Atlantic Area: Canary Islands, Basque Country, Normandy...

- Two new sports, diving and sand-sailing, were added to sailing, canoeing, rowing and surfing

- The competition, with a constantly growing level, turns to be the best way to show the nautical performances of the Atlantic Area

- Almost 40 official sportive delegations, set up by the regional federations and gathering the best competitors from Western Europe

- Quality entertainment going along with the competition, promotes the cultural and economical assets of our regions, such as the Celtic Market, cultural performances, traditional boats...

Today, the Watergames are aimed at the whole Atlantic European Coast.

With this great international championship, we want to wear the colours of the Atlantic Coast, whose 33 regions, united by the Ocean, are becoming more and more conscious of their common History, their shared advantages, and their exceptional marine destiny.

Waiting to see you in Getxo and Spelana this summer !

Digemer mad e Euskadi da oll sportourien yaouank ar broiou keltieg hag aodou ar Mor-Atlantel

Jean-Pierre Thomin  
President of the International  
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### **The Watergames in a few words:**

The Interceltic Watergames were created in 1995 to gather the best athletes from the European Celtic regions for a week of nautical competition.

Today called the Interceltic and Atlantic Watergames, this competition brings together nautical regional federations of the Atlantic Coast, from Ireland to the Canary Islands, from Brittany to Norte Portugal. It is one of the biggest summer event on the European Atlantic coast.

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