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**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP  
FIN SWIMMING OPEN WATER  
CARRY-LE-ROUET (13)  
SEPTEMBER 21-28, 2024**

**14 French fin swimmers and over 300 athletes on the starting line!**

Press release, September 9, 2024 - In the wake of the excitement generated by the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, the French and international public is expected to support the athletes at **the 22<sup>nd</sup> edition of the World Championship Fin Swimming Open Water, from September 21<sup>st</sup> till 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

This renowned competition will take place in the magnificent waters of **Carry-le-Rouet** bay.

**343 flippers** from **22 countries** will compete in 3 categories:

**Master** (over 30s) from September 21<sup>st</sup> till 23<sup>rd</sup> **Junior** (15-17s) and **Senior** (18-29s) from September 23<sup>rd</sup> till 27<sup>th</sup>



**What does fin swimming consists on?**

An incredible gliding sport and a high-level discipline, **fin swimming is a spectacular activity**, especially when it takes place in a natural environment. With single or twin fins, swimmers glide along like dolphins, reaching **speeds that can exceed 13km/h.**

**France's World Open Water Fin Swimming Team 2024**

French fin swimmers are among the best in the world. The 2024 selection promises to be a sparkling one.

**French Junior Open Water Team selection:**

**5 girls and 2 boys**

\***Gabryel Allain (2007)**: Bronze medal 4x1km relay 2022. French junior champion in 150m, 1km and 5km single fin in Saint-Avertin in 2024, European junior champion in 2024 in 100m immersion (with tank).

\***Laula Captien (2007)**: 1<sup>st</sup> selected for the French national team. Member of the U16 detection team. French junior champion in 1km and 5km.

\***Willem Delange (2007)**: French Junior Recordman 50-100-200-400 bi-palms French Junior Champion in 150m, 1km and 3km bi-fins. Bronze medal in 100 bi-fins at 2024 European junior championships.

\***Bérénice Depont (2007)**: 1<sup>st</sup> selected for the French national team. Originally a swimmer, Bérénice switched to fin swimming in 2023. French junior champion in 3km. World Cup bronze medalist in 50m double-handed in 2024.

**\*Amélie Domenach (2008):** 1<sup>st</sup> selected for the French national team. Member of the U16 2023 national squad. French junior champion in 1km bi-fins

**\*Kalliste Fourton Bellini (2007):** World relay champion with the 4x1000 single fin relay in Viverone (Italy) in 2022. Bronze medalist at the 2023 World Junior Championships in the 100 m immersion (with tank). Junior world record holder in 200 m immersion (with tank). Triple European Junior Champion 2024 in 100, 200 and 400 m immersion (with tank).

**\*Héloïse Soulaine (2009):** 1<sup>st</sup> selected for the French national team. Member of the U16 national team since 2022.

### Selection for the French Senior Open Water Team: 4 women and 3 men

**\*Clément Batte (2000):** 7-time World Champion. Has dominated the discipline since 2021. Bronze medalist at the 2024 World Pool Championships in the 400 bi-fins.

**\*Jeanne Daniel (2005):** Double Junior World Champion 2021, World Champion 2022 and 2023. Member of the French team since 2021. Bronze medalist at the 2024 World Swimming Championships in the 400 bi-fins.



**\*Emma Durand Toudoux (2000):** 1<sup>st</sup> selected for the French national team. National-level swimmer also in life saving sport.

**\*Louise Lefebvre (2003):** 2023 World Champion. Former French swimmer hopefuls who was part of the targeted group for Paris 2024. French champion in 150 m and 3 km double sculls.

**\*Evan Morin (2006):** 1<sup>st</sup> selection for the French team. His 2 parents were also on the French National team, as was his sister. From the U16 detection team.

**\*Anaïs Verger (2000):** World champion in relay 2021. Member of the French team since 2021 in single fin. World finalist 2024 in 200 m immersion (with tank).

**\*Nicolas Zugmeyer (2001):** Bronze medalist at the 2022 World Championships in the 150 m single fin. Member of the French swimming national team.

### *Three types of events to crown the open water queens & kings*

#### Cross-country events

These are head-to-head races (starting in a line) on a one-kilometer course marked out by directional buoys, using natural elements (wind, waves, currents, etc.) and the strategies of each competitor. Men and women complete the same course. Depending on the event, this course is completed one or more times.

## Elimination tests

These are chases over a 150-metre course, with the last competitor eliminated after each lap.

## Relay events

These are races for mixed teams of 4 athletes (2 women and 2 men). 2 athletes must compete with single fins and 2 with twin fins.

## **The Rouet beach, an ideal spot for competition**

Overlooking the Marseille's harbor, in a natural setting sheltered from the prevailing winds, the Rouet beach is ideally suited to hosting a large-scale open-water finning event, in compliance with the rules and regulations of the international federation (CMAS). The surrounding area is freely accessible to spectators, who can easily follow the races.

*This event is organized by the FFESSM (Fédération Française d'Etudes et de Sports Sous-Marins), delegated by the French Ministry of Sports and the Olympic and Paralympic Games, under the aegis of CMAS, the international federation for underwater activities. Fin Swimming is recognized as a high-level discipline by the International Olympic Committee, as well as by the French Ministry of Sports and the Olympic and Paralympic Games. <https://ffessm.fr/>*



*FFESSM contributes to the sustainable development goals of the United Nations Agenda 2030 (aquatic life, reduced inequalities and good health & well-being).*

*A member of IUCN-France (International Union for Conservation of Nature), it shares and supports the "One Health1" initiative, which aims to promote the interdependence of animal health, human health and ecosystem health.*

*In addition, there are many other initiatives, such as those promoting healthy sports.*

*The FFESSM has been awarded "Terres de Jeux" and "Engaged for Ocean" 2024 labels.*

**Participating nations in alphabetical order:** Algeria, Argentina, Belgium, China Taipei, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Russia (CMAS), Slovakia, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey, Venezuela.

*Program and event details: <https://ffessm.fr/evenements/2024-cmas-world-championship-finswimming-open-water>*

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