



DAKHLA DRIFTER DÉFI

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international long distance race for wind sports
KITESURF WINGFOIL PARAWING WINDSURF



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The Dakhla Drifter Défi brings together **Kitesurf, Kitefoil, Wingfoil, Parawing and Windsurf Fin** around one shared concept:

Long-distance racing, shared courses and a mixed fleet, in the exceptional setting of the Dakhla lagoon.

This FAQ provides the essential information you need to prepare for your registration, travel and participation.

1. REGISTRATION

When does registration open?

Registration opens on **1 October 2026**, online at:

www.dakhlahospitality.com/dakhla-drifter-defi

www.defiwind.fr

How many places are available?

The Dakhla Drifter Défi is limited to **300 participants**.

100 places are initially allocated to each of the three main disciplines:

Kitesurf – Wingfoil (including Parawing) – Windsurf

This allocation may be adjusted by the Organiser depending on registration levels.

How does the registration process work?

The process takes place in several steps:

1. I register online and select my discipline.
2. I provide the required information and pay my participation fee.
3. I receive the information required to book my accommodation with **Dakhla Hospitality Group (DHG)**.
4. I book and pay for my accommodation at one of the properties offered for the event.
5. Once my file is complete, my participation in the DDD is officially confirmed.

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How much is the participation fee?

The participation fee is **€220**.

A special fee of **€110 applies to Moroccan nationals**.

It includes the official race bib, official goodie(s) and organisation costs.

It does not include online registration platform fees, accommodation, travel to Dakhla, any sports licence fees or personal insurance.

Is my registration immediately confirmed?

No. Registration and payment are the first step.

Your registration becomes final once your file is complete and your accommodation with DHG has been booked.

Can I cancel my registration?

In the event of cancellation or non-participation by the participant, the DDD participation fee is non-refundable.

Accommodation cancellation conditions are separate and are governed by **DHG's Terms & Conditions**.

2. ACCOMMODATION & TRAVEL

Is accommodation included in the €220 participation fee?

No. The €220 covers participation in the DDD only.

Accommodation is booked and paid for separately through **Dakhla Hospitality Group – DHG**.

Where can I stay?

Four partner properties are available:

Dakhla Attitude (*recommended – DDD Base Camp*)

PK25

Lagon Energy

Les Dunes

Your choice will depend on availability and the different accommodation options offered.

Do I have to stay at one of these partner properties?

Yes.

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Booking your stay at one of the DHG properties offered as part of the DDD is required to obtain final confirmation of your participation.

How much does accommodation cost?

The special **“DDD Stay – Full Board”** rates at Dakhla Attitude, the DDD Base Camp, start from:

400 DHS / person / night in a 4-person bungalow

818 DHS / person / night in a single bungalow

Rates vary depending on the property, accommodation type and number of occupants.

Can I come with my partner, family or friends?

Yes.

Accompanying guests benefit from the same accommodation rates and conditions as participants, subject to availability.

Can I extend my stay?

Yes.

Subject to availability, you can extend your stay before or after the DDD. Additional nights must be booked according to the procedures provided by DHG.

Our special **“DDD offers” are valid from 20 January to 2 February 2027.**

How do I get to Dakhla?

Dakhla has an international airport.

Airport code: VIL

Direct flights are available from **Paris and Marseille with Transavia**, while **Royal Air Maroc** operates daily connections via Casablanca.

Other services, including Ryanair flights, may also be available depending on your departure city and travel dates.

Flight schedules and airline conditions should always be checked when booking.

When should I arrive?

We recommend arriving in Dakhla **no later than 25 January**, giving you enough time to collect your equipment, reach your accommodation, train and complete the necessary pre-event formalities.

Warm-up sessions and course familiarisation will be organised before the event.

When can I leave?

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We recommend planning your departure **from 1 February onwards**, so you can take part in the full programme, which ends on **31 January at the end of the day**.

Are airport transfers included?

Yes.

Transfers between **Dakhla Airport and your accommodation**, including your equipment, are included as part of your DDD stay.

Can I travel with my own equipment?

Yes.

Boardbag transport conditions vary between airlines and should be checked before travelling.

Royal Air Maroc allows one 23 kg boardbag at no additional charge.

You can also rent equipment directly at the partner accommodation facilities, with a **15% discount**.

3. INSURANCE & MINORS

Do I need insurance to participate?

Yes.

Every participant must hold valid personal insurance appropriate for participation in the DDD in Morocco, covering their sporting activity and the associated risks.

It is each participant's responsibility to check directly with their insurer that their coverage is appropriate for their situation.

Is a sailing federation licence sufficient?

Not automatically.

Some sports licences include insurance that may apply abroad. Each participant must check with their federation that their coverage specifically applies to **Morocco, and Dakhla in particular**, to their chosen discipline and to participation in a sporting competition.

Do I need to provide proof of insurance?

No, but **proof may be requested**.

By participating in the DDD, each participant confirms that they personally hold appropriate insurance coverage.

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Do I need to provide a medical certificate?

Yes.

The medical certificate must be uploaded as part of your online registration.

It must be dated **less than one year before the first day of the event** and must include the following statement:

“Fit to participate in competitive sailing.”

Will I have to sign a waiver?

At on-site check-in, each participant will be required to accept a **declaration of responsibility and acknowledgement of the risks associated with participating in the DDD**.

This declaration does not replace the requirement for each participant to hold appropriate personal insurance.

Can minors participate?

Yes. There is no minimum age.

However, the DDD is a demanding long-distance event requiring a **confirmed level of ability, genuine autonomy and appropriate physical fitness**.

All minors must provide parental authorisation and must be accompanied by their legal guardian or a designated responsible adult throughout the competition.

4. DISCIPLINE & EQUIPMENT

Which disciplines are included?

The DDD includes:

Kitesurf – Kitefoil – Wingfoil – Parawing – Windsurf Fin

When do I choose my discipline?

You select your discipline when registering.

You can change your choice directly through your participant account **until D-1**. After this deadline, your choice becomes final for the entire event.

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Can I change disciplines during the DDD?

No.

A participant cannot race some races in Kite and others in Wing or Windsurf.

The principle is simple:

1 participant = 1 discipline = 1 ranking.

Do Kitesurf, Kitefoil, Wingfoil and Parawing have separate rankings?

Yes.

Each discipline has its **own separate ranking**.

Additional categories and rankings will be announced at a later stage.

What equipment can I use?

Equipment is unrestricted within the chosen discipline:

Kitesurf & Kitefoil: unrestricted equipment

Wingfoil: unrestricted equipment

Windsurf: unrestricted equipment, **fin only**

Parawing: further details to come

What equipment is mandatory?

At this stage:

- wetsuit, minimum **3 mm shorty**;
- official race bib;
- impact vest;
- helmet mandatory for all **Foil disciplines** and strongly recommended for all other disciplines;
- appropriate safety systems and leash for the discipline concerned.

Weighted vests and weighted harnesses are prohibited.

Additional safety and tracking equipment may also be made mandatory, including an **on-board mobile phone with a SIM card operating in Morocco**, as well as a **tracking device and/or transponder**.

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Full details of the required equipment and procedures will be communicated to participants before the event.

Final equipment requirements will be specified in the **Participant Guide**.

5. RACING & RANKINGS

Do all disciplines race together?

Yes. This is one of the core principles of the Dakhla Drifter Défi.

Unless otherwise decided by the Race Committee, all disciplines race as a **mixed fleet**, starting together from the **same start line and racing on the same course**.

Rankings remain separate by discipline and category.

Why do all disciplines race together?

The DDD is built around the principle of **convergence**: bringing different disciplines together on the same playground and sharing the same sporting adventure.

We start together. We share the same course. We remain ranked within our own discipline.

How long are the courses?

Races are run over long-distance courses of approximately **15 to 40 km**.

Courses may vary from one race to another depending on the wind, conditions and safety requirements.

How many races will there be?

There is no fixed number of races.

Several races may be held on the same day depending on wind conditions and decisions made by the Race Committee.

What wind conditions are required to start a race?

As a guideline, an average wind speed of approximately **15 knots** is targeted.

The decision to start, modify, shorten or cancel a race rest with the Race Committee.

Is there a time limit?

There is no fixed time limit.

For safety reasons, however, the Race Committee may decide to stop a participant's race and organise their recovery.

How does the discard work?

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Once **4 races have been validated**, each participant's worst result is discarded from the overall ranking.

Only **one discard** applies, regardless of the total number of races completed.

6. SAFETY & LIFE ON SITE

What level do I need to participate?

The DDD **is not a beginner event**.

The courses take place in an open natural environment and may cover distances of up to approximately **40 km**.

Every participant must have a confirmed level of ability, be autonomous, have appropriate physical fitness and be capable of assessing their own limits.

Can I decide not to start a race?

Yes.

The decision to start or remain in a race is the participant's responsibility.

Every participant must know when to stop if their physical condition, equipment, level of ability or the conditions no longer allow them to continue safely.

What should I do if I see another participant in difficulty?

Assist them.

The safety of another person always takes priority over sporting results.

What should I do if I retire from a race?

Any participant who retires must **immediately report their retirement to the Organiser**, following the procedure explained during the briefing.

Do not return to your accommodation without first reporting that you are safely back.

How will I be identified?

Each participant will have a **unique, individually numbered race bib**.

The race bib must be worn during all races.

Where is the DDD Base Camp?

The DDD Base Camp is located at **Dakhla Attitude**.

It will host the main event facilities, including registration and welcome, Race HQ, briefings, catering and entertainment.

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Are shuttles available from the other hotels?

Yes.

Shuttles will connect **PK25, Lagon Energy and Les Dunes** with the DDD Base Camp and event activities.

Schedules and practical details will be provided in the Participant Guide.

What happens to my equipment after a long-distance race finishing away from Base Camp?

When a race finishes away from Base Camp, the Organiser will arrange the necessary logistics for the **return of participants and their equipment**.

Full details will be provided during the relevant race briefing.

Will there be a daily briefing?

Yes.

An in-person daily briefing is mandatory before racing.

The Race Committee will provide essential information including schedules, course details, weather conditions and safety instructions.

What happens if there is no wind?

We enjoy Dakhla!

A programme of activities and entertainment will be organised according to the conditions and the event schedule.

Will there be activities and evening events?

Yes.

The DDD is about more than racing on the water. A programme of activities, get-togethers and evening events will be part of the experience.

Full details will be included in the official programme.

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BEFORE YOU LEAVE: MY CHECKLIST

Before joining us in Dakhla, I make sure that:

- my DDD registration has been fully confirmed;
- my DHG accommodation is booked;
- my flights and equipment transport are confirmed;
- my travel documents are valid;
- my insurance covers my sporting activity in Morocco as part of the DDD;
- my equipment is complete and in good working order;
- I have all mandatory safety equipment;
- if I am under 18, my parental authorisation and accompanying adult arrangements are in place;
- I have read the **“Règles Essentielles – Racing Essentials”** document and the latest information provided by the Organiser.

STILL HAVE A QUESTION?

The **“Règles Essentielles – Racing Essentials”** document sets out the fundamental principles of the DDD.

The **DDD 2027 Participant Guide** will provide more detailed practical information covering the programme, travel, accommodation, on-site organisation, courses and racing procedures.

All instructions issued by the Race Committee during the event must be followed.

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Play with us.



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