

DIAMOND RACE

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ALBERTKANAAL VIERSEL



PURE SENSATIE

1700 PK - 185 km/h

Gratis inkom vanaf 11h

ZAND HOVEN met de glimlach

MAES MONTACO

F&F CONSTRUCT

elektro SMETS

Viersel W S C
WaterSki Club

VIERSEL DIAMOND RACE
2026

VIERSEL WATERSKI CLUB vzw

Info

Address : Viersel Water-ski Club v.z.w.
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2240 Viersel
Belgium

President : Jules Leysen
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Treasurer : Philip Lamot
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Best Western Plus Aldhem Hotel (Grobbendonk) is the best and closest hotel to the event, herewith special rates :

- single room 117,- € (breakfast incl.)
- double/twin room 143,- € (breakfast incl.)

There are pre-booked rooms available, please contact Vera Van Den Bossche first!

Entry Fee : 100,- €/person > which go to the KBWSF/TC1 for Solidarity Rescue Team.
Euro-Kids are free of charge.

Merchandising : document with more details will follow soon!

All entries to be send to Secretary Office, before June 15, 2026

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PROGRAM DIAMOND RACE 2026

Saturday 28/06/2025

- Registrations/Scrutineering 09.00 – 14.30 h
- Free Practice 10.00 – 14.45 h
- Gemeente Zandhoven
 - o Reception at the Mayor's Office 15.00 – 17.00 h
- BBQ 17.00 – 20.30 h

Sunday 29/06/2025

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| 10.00 h | Briefing competitors | |
| 11.00 h | Novices (Nieuwelingen) | 20 min + 1 lap |
| | Euro Kids U12 | 15 min + 1 lap |
| | Euro Kids U14 | 20 min + 1 lap |
| 13.00 h | Men F3 | 30 min + 1 lap |
| | Juniors – Masters/Open | 30 min + 1 lap |
| 14.30 h | Ladies F1 – F2 – F3 | 35 min + 1 lap |
| 16.00 h | Men F1 – F2 | 40 min + 1 lap |
| 19.00 h | Prize Giving | |
| | Diamond race After Party! | |

Schedule depending entries received !

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Jury

Chief Judge	Peter Van Gastel	(BEL)
Assistant Chief Judge	Gust Lacroix	(BEL)
Judges	Mario Fahrnberger	(AUT)
	Thea Klarenbeek	(NED)
	Steve Benny	(GB)
	Marino Lacroix	(BEL)
Assistant Judge	Steve Cox	(BEL)
Reserve Judge	Derek Blackmore	(GB)
Calculator	Martine Ciroux	(BEL)
Time Keeper	Veronique Jolling	(BEL)
Assistants	Dominique Gathy	(BEL)
Chief-Scruteneer	August Lacroix	(BEL)
Assistant	Rod Hawkins	(GB)
	Steve Benny	(GB)
	Eddy Sipido	(BEL)
Starter/Finish	Geert Scheppers	(BEL)
Race Officer :	Kim De Witte	(BEL)
Safety Officer :	Ruben Van Toren	(BEL)
Paddock :	Stef De Witte	(BEL)

National assistants: KBWSF/TC1

Rescue Team : Sea Eagles Rescue Team – Responsible: Ruben Van Toren

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VIERSEL CAMPING AREA

The Camping site at Viersel will be aside the canal and after the bridge. We count on a 12m/car+caravan and 10m/camper. The total space of the Camping area will be allocated through the organisation.

Contact camping spaces: Erik De Hous e.dehous@telenet.be

Spaces (canal) will be limited available between the VIP Area and the lock .

As the VIP will be built after the club crane, these spaces are very limited towards the lock.

If you want to be on the waterfront there is a cost price of :

100,- €/space including 1 free BBQ ticket. Allocations for spaces have to be made beforehand and as long as there is availability on that side of the canal.

Spaces will be available behind the bridge and after the paddock crane.

These spaces are on a cost price of 50,- €/space including 1 free BBQ ticket.

Toilets and shower available in the paddock.

However due to the restricted space, we urge you adhere to following regulations :

- 1) All vehicles must be parked in a perpendicular position to the canal and within the camping site boundaries. This for two reasons :
- 2)
 1. In so doing, the campers take less space.
 2. It is safer because you can easily drive out of the camping space in case of fire or other emergency.
- 3) Extra passenger cars on the camping site are prohibited. (1 car/caravan).
- 4) Boats on the camping site are prohibited. A special boat paddock is at your disposal as from Saturday.
- 5) All persons present on the Camping Area will live according these rules and the announcements made by the Organising Committee.

All vehicles parked in the wrong way or outside the car-parking will be town away at owner's expense!

Furthermore we kindly request you to dispose all your garbage in the foreseen bins and refrain from littering.

We wish you a pleasant stay and a weekend full of sun and excitement.

**JOIN US AT THE 2026
Diamond Race**

B B Q
Party



SATURDAY 27 JUNE 2026

DOORS OPEN AT 17:00 PM UNTILL 20:00 PM

PRICE : ADULTS 35 € KIDS (UNTILL 12 YEARS) 20€

PRE ORDER :

Please sent mail to info@vierselwaterski.be

Bank account : Viersel Waterski Club

IBAN : BE32 1030 8989 3002



VIP ARRANGEMENT

PRE-ORDER YOUR VIP SPACE AT THE DIAMOND RACE 2026

From 13.00 h till 17.00 h

GOLD VIP

Individual entry (standing tables) : 160 €/person

4 persons VIP table : 600 €

Included : drinks, food, etc....

For more information and reservations please contact : Bart Smets or Frank Meirsman

Limited places available, so be quick to order this exceptional offer !

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HOW TO GET TO ... ? Viersel Competition Ground

Coming from the direction of Antwerpen :

Coming from Antwerpen take the E313-highway in the direction of Hasselt – Luik.
Take exit 19 – Massenhoven.

To get to Viersel Clubhouse : turn left – drive until next crossing and turn left at the small chapel.
Then drive until you pass under the highway – immediately turn right.

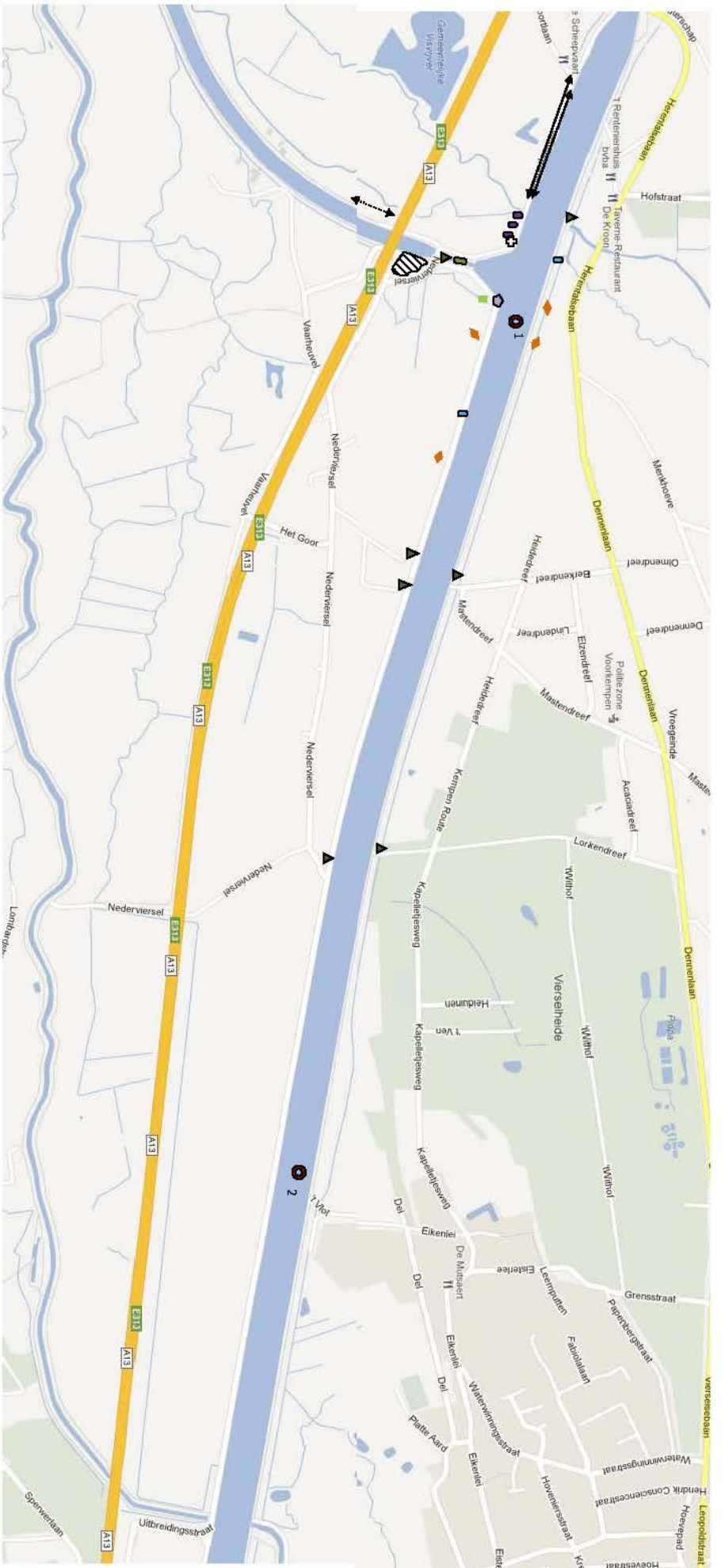
To get to the Camping-area : turn right – cross the highway (over the bridge) – immediately over the bridge turn left – follow the street right-ways – at the Albert canal turn right.

Coming from the direction of Aldhem Hotel – Hasselt – Luik :


Coming from this direction, you are on the highway E313 in the direction of Antwerpen. Take exit 19 Massenhoven.

To get to Viersel Clubhouse : turn left – drive until next crossing (not counting the highway-entry/exit) and turn left at the small chapel. Then drive until you pass under the highway – immediately turn right.

To get to the Camping-area : turn left and immediately turn right before the highway (the bridge) – follow the street right-ways – at the Albert canal turn right.



LEGENDE:

 Kaerboel

Algemeen Plan DR
Viersel Zandhoven

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Belgium has stipulated the following special rules on canal races:

1) Launching boats

Please note for safety reasons: Nobody is allowed in the boat during launching!

Hoisting Belts

At races during this World Racing Championship boats will be launched in the water with the help of a crane only in Hasselt there is also a slipway !

Therefore, each boat must have its own hoisting belts or straps to launch and lift the boat with use of a crane.

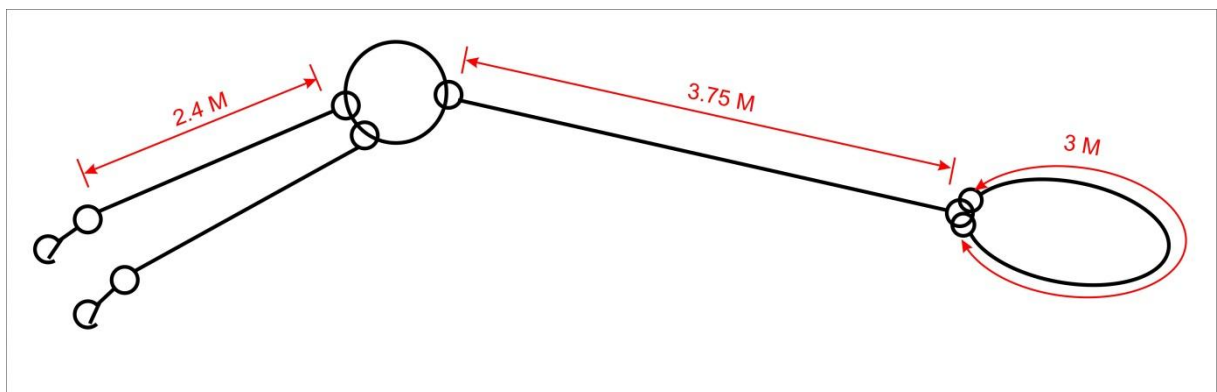
All hoisting ties, belts and ropes are the personal equipment and responsibility of the owner of the boat and must have the boat number.

They have to be fastened to the boat with sound hooks and closures.
The use thereof is the personal responsibility of the boat owner.

All lifting accessories together with the suspension link and eye hooks with safety valve have to be inspected and approved, at least every two years, by an authorized inspection organization (such as a member of the AIB Group-Vinçotte or other organizations), through a safety label showing VGS year and authorised lifting limit.

The weight of the boat, multiplied by 1.5, may not surpass the hoisting load. For lengths with three parts (triangles), the top angle between the parties is max. 120.⁰

The participants are obligated to spontaneously show their hoisting equipment to the Chief Scrutineer. Anyone who makes changes to his hoisting equipment, between two racing days or between two races, should inform the Chief Scrutineer before they participate again



Remark: Please note that this diagram is informative only and used for a standard boat with standard measurements – always check the advise given above – weight and length are decisive for triangle measurements.

Fuel

Fuel used must be "unleaded" premium grade pump fuel as commercially available in the Host Country. Unleaded fuel (95 up to 98 Octane) is available on all gas-stations.

2) Noise level

The maximum noise level for waterski racing in Belgium is 98 Decibels.

However, on advice of the K.B.W.S.F., the maximum tolerated noise level for the Worlds will be 105 Decibels at a distance of 30 meters.

3) Ski tow line

Length of ski tow line to be limited and governed by safety and venue. Races on Canals, Rivers and circuits with tight corners the ski rope length, including handle will be a maximum length of 60 metres (193 ft).

4) TURN BOYS - BOX SYSTEM - VERY IMPORTANT

For races on tight Canals E&A developed a "Box system" which is obligatory to be followed by ALL COMPETITORS.

Please find herewith the explanation of the system:

If course turns are considered tight such as on a Canal a Box System (an imaginary line drawn across the Canal dissecting the 100m buoy and an imaginary line drawn across the Canal at 50m past the Turn Buoy) should be used. All skiers falling in this area must be picked up and taken to the SAFEST POSITION outside of the box. You can resume in either area outside the box. The ski line must be retrieved before picking up the skier.

