

1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER

1 DAY / 25 KM

ROWING LEVEL 

Rowing down the AA is France's northernmost rowing tour. The organizers will be happy to uphold the longstanding tradition of the North by welcoming you warmly to their beautiful region. You will depart from Houlle and sail the Houlle river across the Audomarois marsh. Then you will reach the widest part of the Aa, before re-joining with its wildest part where it forks with the Haute Colme. The Bistade drawbridge is lifted to the sound of horns when boats are passing, attracting many an onlooker. You will enjoy the local fauna and flora as you sail downstream this river that snakes the coastal plain down to the Vauban fortified town of Gravelines, which moat allows for rowers to row all around it.


### PROVISIONAL PLANNING


**8.00AM** Participants will meet at 8am in Gravelines' rowing club where a bus will take them to Houlle. Bus departs at 8.10am. If there are few participants then the meeting point will directly be in Houlle at 9am. The organizers will take care of the towing. Welcome drinks and snacks before departure in Houlle, to help gather strength for the tour. Boat preparation and rigging.

**9.45AM** Boat launch and departure for 4km on the Houlle then 21km on the Aa to reach Gravelines. U-turn and way back to arrive in Saint Georges-sur-l'Aa - Drinks and lunch shared inside the Gravelines' rowing club house.


Collective lodgings in Jean Binard nautical base and/or Sportica sport centre. Companions may follow the tour by bike (at their expense). Make sure to take fluorescent jackets and helmets. Activities may be proposed on Saturday afternoon for participants who arrived the day before.

 AA, river

 recreational four-person sculling boats

 **Rowers : 70 € with accommodation, 1 night, 1 meal / 35 € without accommodation, 1 meal**  
**Companions: 60 € with accommodation, 1 night, 1 meal / 25 € without accommodation, 1 meal**  
**35 seats available, 15 €**

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