



# **Bulletin 1**

## **2026 ICF SUP World Cup & Paddle UK SUPER Festival**

**English Riviera, Torbay, Devon, UK**

**24–28 June 2026**



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## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1.1 Event title

2026 ICF Stand Up Paddling (SUP) World Cup: English Riviera

### 1.2 Event dates

Official Training: 24 June 2026

Opening Ceremony: 25 June 2026

Competition: 26-28 June 2026

### 1.3 Venue name/address

The event will take place in the heart of Torquay, centred around two stunning locations, **Torquay Inner Harbour (TQ1 2BG)** and **Torre Abbey Sands (TQ2 5DG)**  
**Coordinates: 50°27'43.13" N, 3°32'9.47" W.**

### 1.4 Key Contacts

Event Enquires: [superfestival@paddleuk.org.uk](mailto:superfestival@paddleuk.org.uk)

Media Enquiries: [mediaenquiries@paddleuk.org.uk](mailto:mediaenquiries@paddleuk.org.uk)

### Event Websites

SUP World Cup & SUPER Festival – <https://superfestival.paddleuk.org.uk>

### Results Page

Results will be published on the event website and communicated via official event channels.

## 2. EVENT & COMPETITION INFORMATION

### 2.1 Disciplines

The event will include ICF World Cup races and additional festival races and activities:

#### ICF World Cup Races

- Sprint
- Technical
- Distance

These will be contested in age categories including Juniors, Open, Over 40s, Over 50s under ICF SUP Competition rules and regulations.



## **Festival Events**

There will also be a series of festival activities available across the week. This will include more informal sprint, technical and distance races, a world record attempt and lots of activities for paddlers of all abilities.

These activities will be a fantastic opportunity for friends and family to engage in the event alongside supporting the ICF races

## **Additional Details**

Additional details on the ICF and festival events are detailed on the [events and schedule page of the event website](#).

## **2.2 Competition Format**

ICF races will follow the ICF SUP Competition Rules (e.g. sprint, technical, and distance formats). Prizes and ICF World Cup medal points will be awarded in open categories.

## **2.3 Outline Schedule (Provisional)**

Note: Final schedule subject to change and official publication.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Wed 24 June 2026	Registration & practice sessions
Thu 25 June 2026	Opening ceremony, schools' day
Fri 26 June 2026	ICF Sprint
Sat 27 June 2026	ICF Technical & SUPER Festival races
Sun 28 June 2026	ICF Distance & SUPER Festival races



## 2.4 Provisional Schedule & Start Lists

Will be published on the official event website and shared with National Federations following close of entries. Historic event formats indicate multiple races per discipline across the event.

## 2.5 Athlete Briefing

An athlete briefing will be held for all athletes prior to competition with further details to follow.

## 2.6 Event Communications

Pre-event information will be shared via:

- The event website - <https://superfestival.paddleuk.org.uk/>
- Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/superfestival/>
- Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/SUPERfestival/>

There is also an event newsletter which you can sign up to via the event website.

## 2.7 Bibs / Race Numbers



Details on collection, deposit requirements, and use on the water are to be published in the final Bulletin.

## **2.8 Competition Rules**

The event will be run under the [ICF SUP Competition Rules](#)

## **2.9 Results**

Live results will be available online during the event and full results will be published on the official event website post-event.

## **2.10 Medal Ceremonies**

Medal ceremonies will take place on designated days after finals. Athletes should be present in appropriate competition uniform.

## **3. ENTRIES PROCESS & FEE**

### **3.1 Entry Process & Deadlines**

Entries must be submitted via the [SUPER Festival website](#).

Entry categories include:

- ICF SUP World Cup races (sprint, technical, distance-open to all)
- Festival race entries (open to all extending to the broader paddler community)

### **3.2 Entry Fee**

Detailed entry fees, early bird discounts, age categories, and deadlines are published on the event site: entries include goodie bags and festival access.

## **4. TRAINING**

Official training sessions and warm-ups in the area around Torquay/Paignton/Brixham will be announced prior to the event. There is likely to be a period of unofficial practice leading up to race days. Participants should check the official website for updates.



## 5. VENUE

The event will take place across the English Riviera coastline, utilising sheltered bays and harbour areas for sprint, technical, and distance races.

These iconic waterfront settings offer ideal conditions for stand-up paddleboarding, combining sheltered waters, wide open space and a truly picturesque backdrop.

## 6. ACCOMMODATION

The English Riviera offers a wide range of accommodation options including hotels, B&Bs, guesthouses, and self-catering cottages around Torquay, Paignton, and Brixham. The [accommodation page](#) of the event website has information on a range of options.

## 7. VISA & ELECTRONIC TRAVEL AUTHORISATION REQUIREMENTS

Please note, the UK Government requirements have recently changed and all visitors to the UK now require either a visa or an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA).

Individuals can check if they require a UK visa or ETA by visiting: <https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa>

For information on entry to the UK please visit the UK Border Control website: <https://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control>

### VISA Guidance

A UK 'Standard Visitor' Visa will be required for athletes, officials and support personnel from countries which UK Border Agency has categorised as 'Visa Nationals'.

To find out how long getting a visa might take in the country you are applying from visit [www.gov.uk/visa-processing-times](http://www.gov.uk/visa-processing-times). *(Please note you do not apply for their visas in due time, it cannot be guaranteed that your application will be processed in time and that additional charges may be applied by the UK Government for an express service).*

You must apply online for a visit visa at [www.gov.uk/apply-uk-visa](http://www.gov.uk/apply-uk-visa). After you have applied online, you will need to make an appointment to attend one of our visa application centres. Find your nearest centre at [www.gov.uk/find-a-visa-application-centre](http://www.gov.uk/find-a-visa-application-centre)

Paddle UK will issue an official invitation to athletes, officials and support personnel from National Federations where the participants are listed as 'Visa Nationals'. Please contact Richard Stacey-Chapman [richard.stacey-chapman@paddleuk.org.uk](mailto:richard.stacey-chapman@paddleuk.org.uk) to obtain a visa invitation.

### ETA Guidance



To find out more about the ETA requirements and how to apply, visit <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-an-electronic-travel-authorisation-eta>.

There is also a government video available which details the process here - [\(127\) How to Apply For a UK Electronic Travel Authorisation \(ETA\) - YouTube](#)

## **8. MEDICAL SERVICES**

First aid and emergency services will be available on-site. Athletes, teams, and support personnel must ensure they have adequate personal medical insurance.

## **9. DOPING CONTROL**

Doping control will be conducted in accordance with ICF Anti-Doping Rules and WADA standards.