



Communiqué **"Les Tonnerres de BREST 2012"**

"BREST 2012" expects the sailors, the boats and all the lovers of the Dutch maritime heritage!

From July 13 to 19, "BREST 2012", the International Maritime Festival of Brest hosts the finest maritime heritage fleets of all the world: from the tall ships and historic replicas to small rowing boats or gigs and of course the complete range of working boats and classic yachts.

5 guests of honour

International by nature, the festival of Brest welcomes next time: **Indonesia, Morocco, Mexico, Norway and Russia**. Each delegation brings its own exhibits, crafts, cuisine and music and has its own flotilla of traditional boats docked along its "village" ...

Celebrating 20 years of the festival

This sixth edition is also the 20th anniversary of the event conceived in 1992 by a bunch of Britons "fans"... For the occasion, all countries, all regions that have marked previous editions have been invited to return with their most emblematic vessels and animations and to join the iconic leaders of the maritime heritage of Brittany and French coasts. All will celebrate this reunion in a village dedicated. Therefore, we will find again the stalls, the exhibitions, the boats and also the nice people, from **Brazil, Croatia, Ethiopia, Galicia, Great Britain, Ireland, Madagascar, Switzerland, Vietnam ... and of course the Netherlands**. Naturally, we expect again a very attractive "Dutch space" in the BREST 2012 festival.

A long love affair with the maritime heritage of the Netherlands

Since the first edition of 1992 when a marvellous fleet of Frisian and Dutch small boats was transported on cargo ship to Brest, the Dutch maritime heritage has always been at the heart of the festival: the three tall ships **Oosterschelde, Europa and Swan van Makkum**, many beautiful charters sailboats as **Lotos, Iris, Jantje, Aphrodite, Astrid, Tolkien, Loth Lorien, Mare Frisium, Zuiderzee**, etc ... in 2000 the maiden voyage of the **Stad Amsterdam** and the Village "Northern Seas" organized by **Theodo Fruithof**, and each time, the magnificent fleet of small boats of the Zuiderzee...

Notice therefore to all Dutch crews In BREST 2012, they will be welcome as major actors and everlasting friends!

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