

Flagship project

The Nautical Stadium of Vaires-sur-Marne

In 2024, the Nautical Stadium of Vaires-sur-Marne will host the Olympic rowing events as well as the pararowing and paracanoe events of the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games at the leisure complex of Vaires-Torcy. It is the first newly built Olympic facility to have been delivered, in 2019.

Designed by the architects Auer+Weber+Assoziierte, the complex is built around the lake and the white water stadium, which houses new buildings with its landscaped roof, is accessible to the public.

The 4,400 sqm sports centre includes the new white water stadium with its two courses (300 m and 150 m), the rowing and sprint canoe-kayak course (2,200 m), a medical-sports annex, a weight-training centre, administrative areas and a media centre. There is also a training and accommodation centre.

A convention place for the representative bodies of these water sports and as host for the athletes, the complex constitutes a centre of excellence for sport: on par with Beijing and Sydney. It is one of the three sites in the world capable of simultaneously accomodating the Olympic and Paralympic canoeing and rowing events.

It has the capacity to accommodate between 12,000 (slalom canoeing, paracanoeing) and 24,000 spectators (canoeing and rowing).

This outstanding one-of-a-kind project in Europe, is located on a 150-hectare site designed as a "breathing space" in an urban environment. The new infrastructures were built in the framework of a high environmental quality (HEQ) approach, guaranteeing the protection and enhancement of the area. The white water stadium allows the leisure complex to expand its existing offer (rowing, canoeing, catamaran, stand-up paddle, windsurfing or optimist) for the people of Ile-de-France Region along with rafting and hydrospeed, as well as canoeing and kayaking.

