



ANUAL REPORT
2024





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What does ADIPAV do?

ADIPAV was founded in 1951 to preserve and promote patí de vela worldwide. As an international class for patí de vela, ADIPAV organizes the season competition calendar, assigns the organization of the main events, ensures that they are conducted under the best possible conditions, and promotes participation. For this purpose, ADIPAV offers grants to its members so they can participate in the most important events of the calendar when they are held outside their region, thus fostering participation and relationships among members from different regions.

One of ADIPAV's strategic objectives is to encourage the inclusion of young sailors in our sport, keeping the age of the Sailing crowd relatively young, so the generation change of the class will be covered. To achieve this, programs are being carried out to assist club's sailing schools with boat restoration and clinics for junior sailors, where technical, tactical, and sportsmanship aspects are taught.

One of ADIPAV's most important mission is to ensure that all boats comply with the regulations and that updating those regulations do not lead to the obsolescence of the existing fleet. Ours is a one-design class, meaning all boats and their complements must offer similar performance. In our class, everyone compete under similar conditions, setting up limits that keep materials and components of the patí in a low price range, so everyone has access to all items, and the winner would be the most skilled sailor. For this reason, ADIPAV and its technical committee dedicate a lot of effort to certifying hull manufacturers and sail and mast producers, ensuring that the material used always complies with the specifications set by the rules.

The competition, which we love so much, requires not only participants and an organizing club, but also committees, judges, and measurers. ADIPAV, thru its competition committee, ensures the availability of those professionals to organize our events.

ADIPAV also dedicates many efforts to promote patí de vela internationally as well as among sports and administrative institutions, aiming to obtain benefits and advantages for our class and all its members. In this regard, it is worth noting, what Barcelona City Council, as other municipalities such as Cubelles or Badalona had done before, has declared patí de vela "genuine towns boat" and has made a commitment to promote and defend its practice and the clubs that make it possible. This institutional relationship allowed the 2024 Catalan Championship to be advertised with banners on the streets of Barcelona at no cost to ADIPAV or the organizing clubs.

ADIPAV has a Management Board, which is responsible for leading the association through problems and opportunities. This makes the official structure of the association. However, ADIPAV's members are all sailors, and we all have the opportunity and duty to collaborate and contribute what we can—a little time, a good idea, a helping hand to organize a regatta, and above all, keeping a positive attitude to enjoy without limits the time we dedicate to sailing, one of the simple pleasures in life, like patí de vela itself.



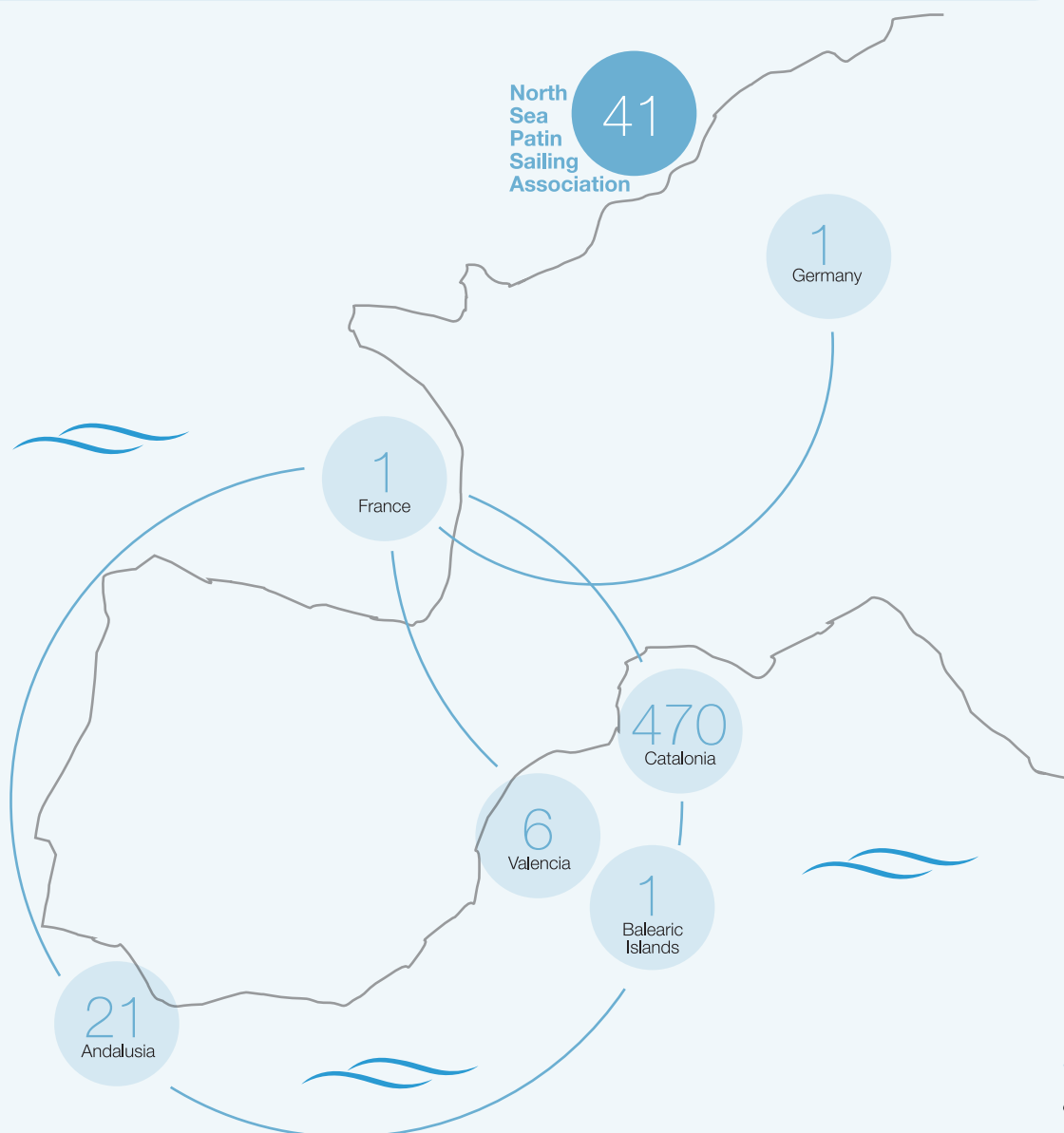
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Who are we?

L'ADIPAV brings together 500 sailors from Catalonia, Andalusia, Valencia, the Balearic Islands, France, and Germany. Despite this territorial diversity, most of the activity is concentrated in Catalonia, where 94% of the association's members sail. Although not part of ADIPAV, Belgium also has a fleet of 41 patin de vela, grouped under the North Sea Patin Sailing Association (NOSEPASA). The age range of our fleet is from 11 to 90 years, with an average age of 50. In terms of gender distribution, 90% of our sailors are men, while the presence of women continues to grow, now reaching 10%.

Given the composition and location of the fleet, ADIPAV is focused in the following areas:

- Inclusion of young sailors, both juniors and seniors.
- Increasing female participation.
- Consolidation and growth of regions with less presence and activity, such as Valencia.
- Inclusion of recreational and cruising sailors who do not participate in official regattas.



3. Communication

3.1 Digital Membership Card. App

Following the request from sailors who missed the sense of belonging that the physical class membership card provided, this year the new digital membership card was launched. The card is available through an app that all members can download on their mobile phones.

The app also includes news, the ADP Ranking, the regatta calendar, and personal results, as well as some control and broadcasting tools for the clubs. Clubs and regional entities have access to the app to add news and information about the regattas and activities they organize.

The use of this new digital membership card and its services, in its first year, has had almost 400 weekly visits.



3.2 ADIPAV on Instagram

Through ADIPAV's Instagram account, summaries of the main competitions of the year have been posted, along with useful tips on regatta techniques and rule interpretations. ADIPAV's Instagram account currently has 650 followers, many of whom are sailors from other classes and sailing enthusiasts in general.



3.3 New Corporate Website

The new ADIPAV website was launched this past year. This update includes technical improvements and the addition of new content, as well as its integration with the Digital Membership Card app.



4.

Junior Fleet

As previously mentioned, attracting young sailors to our fleet is one of ADIPAV's main goals and challenges. For this reason, it is necessary to promote and energize the activity of younger sailors, the Juniors. To this end, this year we have intensified our commitment to junior sailors, offering various initiatives to encourage their training and participation, including:

- Grants for the repair of junior patí de vela in club sailing schools, to make them available to sailors participating in regattas and championships.
- Grants for a clinic before the Junior Spanish Championship.
- Inclusion of the junior and senior patí de vela in the Youth Class Tests of the Catalan Sailing Federation.
- Changes to the Junior Class Rules to allow the construction of boats with fiberglass, among other improvements and updates.



New junior sailors enter the category through the club schools. After discussions with these schools, it was noted that the junior fleet needed significant repairs.

As a result, a grant program for boat restoration has been offered to clubs with active schools and a strong regatta team to continue. In 2024, the Club Natació Badalona, Club de Vela Sant Antoni, Club Marítim d'Altafulla, and Club Patí Vela Barcelona have benefitted from this program.

Moreover, it was observed that for the growth and consolidation of the Junior category, strong social bonds between its members, in addition to the opportunity to train together, are crucial. For this reason, ADIPAV organized a training clinic in Roses in the first week of September 2024, coinciding with the Spanish Championship of the class, where participants lived, trained, and competed together.



Junior Fleet

Both the junior boat restoration program and the clinic were possible thanks to the sponsorship and support of EUNCET Business School University Centre, with whom we have signed a collaboration agreement for supporting the Junior category, which we are grateful for.

To introduce our boat to young sailors transitioning from Optimist, the junior and senior patí de vela were included for the first time in the Youth Class Tests of the Catalan Sailing Federation. This initiative generated great interest among all the young sailors.

The amount spent on promoting the Junior patí de vela was €14,000.



5. Social

This year, ADIPAV's Annual Dinner was held at the Maritime Museum of Barcelona. As is customary, category transition badges and other sporting awards were given to the most outstanding sailors from the previous season and the winners of the ADP Ranking, both senior and junior.

Additionally, Ana Pujol was appointed Honorary President, and Grant Dalton, the head of the America's Cup and leader of Emirates Team New Zealand, was named Honorary Member for his support of the patí de vela. Special distinctions were also given to master sailor Joan Comajuncosa, the Maritime Museum of Barcelona, and the digital newspaper CMD Sport.



6.

Participation of the patí de vela in the America's Cup Barcelona 2024 events



Undoubtedly, 2024 will go down in history for the patí de vela connection with the America's Cup events held in Barcelona. The interest of Grant Dalton, the organizer, in our boat allowed the patí de vela to have a prominent place at key moments of the competition, which enabled us to showcase our boat worldwide.

Among these events, the regatta of the 300 patí de vela stands out, where the class responded to a challenge from Grant Dalton during the closing of the exhibition regatta with over 200 patins a vela, held during the preliminary America's Cup regattas in Vilanova i la Geltrú, in September 2023.

The organization and success of the 300 regatta was made possible by the collaboration of the entire class and all participants, but especially by the leadership and organizational capacity of Club Patí Vela Barcelona and its President, Rafel Figuerola, to whom we owe thanks for achieving this difficult challenge.



7.

Miscellaneous Actions

- A partnership has been agreed with the insurance company Occident to offer liability (RC) and all-risk insurance policies for patí de vela navigation at favorable conditions for ADIPAV members.

- A €5,000 grant has been requested and obtained from the Department of Culture of the Generalitat de Catalunya for the financing of the book *Història del Patí*, which is being worked on for publication in 2025. This work will document and preserve the most significant moments of our boat and will include a wonderful collection of photographs.

- Thanks to agreements with the Institut Barcelona Esports and the Sports Department of the Barcelona City Council, the Catalan Championship in Barcelona has been promoted and made visible through banners hanging from streetlamps throughout the city.



8.

International Promotion

This year, a new step was taken in promoting the patí de vela internationally, with the organization of promotional events in Le Noirmoutier, France. These sessions were a great opportunity to introduce the patí de vela to France.

Moreover, sailors Jaume Llobet, David Sainz, and Gianni Ruggiero sailed their boats along the coasts of Finland, a country with a strong maritime and sailing culture, where our boat attracted much interest and curiosity among Finnish sailors. During the trip, sailing courses and informative talks were held at the Hanko Yacht Club and HSS Helsinki Yacht Club.



9. Competition

Regarding competition, besides the usual tasks of overseeing the organization of cups and championships, awarding next year's championships, and coordinating the calendar, two important changes have been introduced:

- A new classification system specifically for the Master category (+65 years)
- A new promotion system to the first category for sailors in Catalonia: from now on, the promotion spots will increase proportionally to participation, adding one more spot for every 15 candidates.

Regarding competition promotion, grants have been offered this year for transport to sailors from Catalonia and Valencia to participate in the Spanish Championship in El Puerto de Santa María, and for transport of sailors from Andalusia and Valencia for the European Cup in El Masnou. Over 30 sailors took profit of them, either using their own trailers or truck transport.



10. 2025 Membership Fees

For senior sailors, the 2025 fees remain at €50 for registrations made between January 1st and March 31st and €60 for those made after the first quarter. To encourage participation from younger sailors, the following fees have been established:

- **Senior Under-21 Fee:** €20, valid until the year the member turns 22, inclusive.
- **Junior First Year Fee:** €10 for the first year of ADIPAV membership.
- **Junior Fee:** €20 for the second and subsequent years.



11.

Approval of Manufacturers

ADIPAV is responsible for certifying all class material manufacturers, including hulls, masts, and sails. This ensures that boats comply with the class rules and that the difference on the water is based on the helmsman's skill, not the material.

Currently certified manufacturers are:

Hulls:

- Barcu – Alfonso Clavero
- Abordo Watersports SL
- Patí Vela Barcelona

Sails:

- Depoorter
- Quantum Sails
- North Sails
- Climent
- David Mas
- Aerolite Sails
- Tack Velas
- Master Sails
- Ratsey & Laphorn

Mast Distributors:

- Zafir Masts
- Solipai
- Abordo Watersports SL





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