

PRESS RELEASE

HYDROCONTEST BY ENSM 2026: A SUCCESSFUL FIRST EDITION IN MARSEILLE, WITH STUDENTS AWARDED FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE OF THE MARITIME INDUSTRY!

MARSEILLE, STADE NAUTIQUE FLORENCE ARTHAUD – APRIL 30, 2026

From April 28 to 30, 2026, the Stade nautique Florence Arthaud hosted the first edition of HydroContest by ENSM, an international event dedicated to maritime innovation, energy transition, and the training of future talents.

Over the course of three days, students, professionals, industry leaders, and institutional representatives came together around two major competitions, HydroContest Design and HydroContest Retrofit Challenge, as well as high-level roundtables, making this inaugural edition a true success.

STUDENTS AT THE HEART OF THE EVENT

As the true driving force behind this first edition, the students demonstrated their ability to design, experiment with, and defend concrete solutions for a more sustainable maritime transport sector. On the water as well as before the juries, their commitment, creativity, and team spirit fully embodied HydroContest's ambition: to shape the future of the maritime industry.

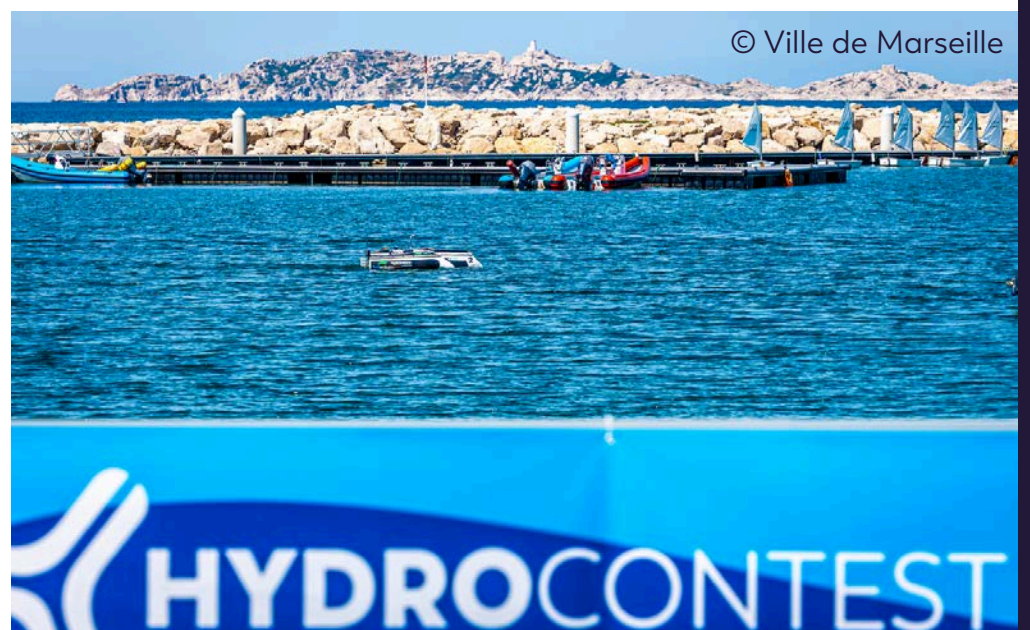
🏆 2026 AWARD WINNERS

HYDROCONTEST RETROFIT CHALLENGE

- **Grand Prize:** Stars Of Hydro – Yıldız Technical University (Turkey)
- **2nd Place:** Tribat – Maritime Engineering, École Nationale Supérieure Maritime Nantes (France)
- **3rd Place:** Econautica – Centro de Instrução Almirante Graça Aranha (Brazil)

HYDROCONTEST DESIGN

- **Performance Award:** HydroSpeedTeam - École Nationale Supérieure Maritime (France)
- **Eco-Design Award (PONANT):** HydroSpeedTeam - École Nationale Supérieure Maritime (France)
- **Best Pitch & HydroContest Spirit Award:** Hydrometra - National Unified Corporation campus (Colombia)
- **Circular Economy & Low-Tech Award:** HydroContest Brest – IUT de Brest-Morlaix
- **Hydroptère – Pioneer Spirit Award:** Hydrometra - National Unified Corporation campus (Colombia)



A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!

This event is organized by **the HydroContest by ENSM association**, created by the **École Nationale Supérieure Maritime** and **Jeune Marine** magazine.

Its success is built on the joint commitment of **numerous institutional and industrial partners**, whom the organizers **warmly thank** for their support, engagement, and trust.

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« This first edition of **HydroContest by ENSM** demonstrated, at the heart of the Stade nautique Florence Arthaud, the ability of students to imagine and embody the evolution of the maritime sector. **In light of the commitment, high standards, and creativity** they demonstrated, one thing is clear: this momentum must continue.

We look forward to welcoming many of you again for the next edition, so that **together we can continue to bring this ambition** to life alongside all our partners and the wider maritime community. »

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