

# 21<sup>st</sup> Dorestad Raid

Wednesday 10 - Sunday 14 September 2025



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# Dorestad Raid 2024 – a short recap

- Starting in Deventer, we repeated the route of the very first Dorestad Raids held in 2005 and 2006. Fantastic and varied waterways including the rivers IJssel and the Zwarte Water and the national Park Wieden – Weerribben.
- The weather made for a true sail & oar event: rain (only the day of arrival), sunshine, strong winds, headwinds and one day the entire fleet was becalmed.
- Large event with 2 accommodation vessels, 66 participants and almost 40 sail & oar boats.
- Participants from abroad from France, Switzerland and Belgium.
- Pride of the Fleet price was awarded to Arend with his Sally Lightfoot.



# Dorestad Raids 2005 – 2024 (history)

- 8 x NW Overijssel - 2005, 2006, 2007, 2010 (finish in Friesland), 2014, 2017, 2022, 2024
- 9 x Friesland - 2011, 2012 (finish in Groningen), 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019 (finish in Groningen), 2020, 2021, 2023
- 2 x Noord-Brabant – 2008 en 2013 (Niftrik – Aalst – Biesbosch)
- 1 x Noord-Holland/Zuid-Holland (Groene Hart) - 2009



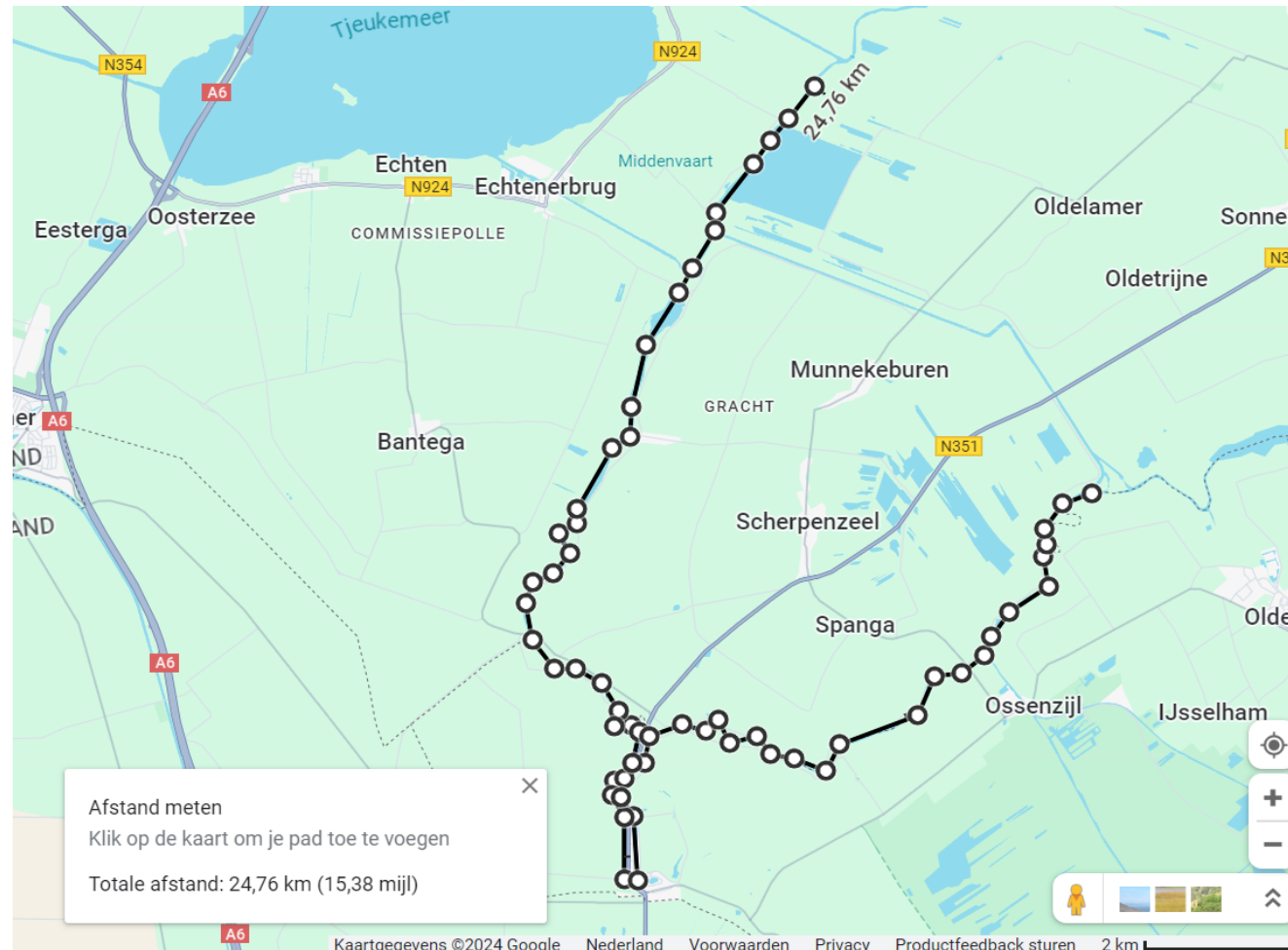


# Dorestad Raid 2025 – the plan...

- Wednesday afternoon 10 September – Sunday afternoon 14 september
- 21<sup>st</sup> Dorestad Raid - we continue where we ended in 2024!
- Start: Passentenhaven Driewegsluis (Nijetrijne)
- Finish: Jachthaven De Drijfveer (Akkrum)
- The weather conditions ultimately determine the route that we will travel. In any case it will be varied navigating rivers, canals and smaller and larger lakes.
- The cars and boat trailers we will drive over on Wednesday late afternoon already to a parking lot close to the place where we will finish. A bus will be arranged that will take us back to the In Dubio.
- There is not enough space to park in Akkrum. Therefore, we will park all cars and trailers in Terherne (with exception of 6-8 cars that we will park in Akkrum for an easy transfer to Terherne to collect the cars and trailers parked there).



# Dorestad 2025 – day 1





# Dorestad 2025 – sailing area





# Dorestad Raid 2025 – practical matters

- Naturally with the accommodation barge “In Dubio” owned and operated by Leo and Hannah.
- Depending on the weather conditions, we will typically cover around 24-25 km/day. That is a bit longer than we normally covered per day (on average) the past couple of years, but should be more than feasible considering the distances covered in 2024.
- Registration opens Monday 10 February 2025.
- The registration form will be published on the [natuurlijkwaren.nl](https://natuurlijkwaren.nl) website and is to be filled out and sent by email to Tineke.
- The Dorestad Raid 2025 takes place under application of the General Terms and Conditions and Safety Points published on the [natuurlijkwaren.nl](https://natuurlijkwaren.nl) website under the tab “Tochten” (Dutch for “Raids”). Please note that these documents were reviewed and revised recently in late 2023!

# Dorestad Raid 2025 – safety

- Sufficient buoyancy is mandatory (with exception of larger craft where it is reasonably impossible to install buoyancy, for example larger traditional craft – the organising committee decides).
- Capsizing – it is important to be prepared for this. We are sailing small open boats and ultimately you are responsible for your own and your crew's safety.
- Equipment – the items mentioned in the document “Safety Points” published on [natuulijkvaren.nl](http://natuulijkvaren.nl) are mandatory. Arrange for an anchor onboard, a paddle, a sufficient number of fenders and docking lines (the latter also of sufficient length), dry clothes, etc. We will actively check on these items during launching!
- Preparation – if your boat is new, please trial your boat before the event. Not only the sailing, but also rowing, setting and striking sail, etc.



- Costs: EUR 350/person when sleeping onboard the In Dubio and EUR 300 when sleeping on your own boat.
- A maximum of 25 persons can sleep onboard the In Dubio (so it is welcomed if people offer to sleep on their own boat!).
- The maximum number of participants (persons) is 40 due to the kitchen capacity and the number of persons we can seat in the dining area and salon.
- In case you have questions (is my boat suitable, etc.), kindly contact Joost and/or Tineke.



# Dorestad Raid 2025 – registration process

It has been decided to change the registration procedure for 2025 to find a good balance between regular Dutch participants, new Dutch participants and participants from abroad. Until Saturday March 1 we use the following 4 categories:

1. We reserve **5 places for new participants from the Netherlands**. In the event of over-registration within this category, a drawing will be held. If there are places left, they will become available for categories 3 and 4.
2. There are **12 places available for the board of Natuurlijk Varen** (6 board members + 1 crew member per boat). If there are places left, they will become available for categories 3 and 4.
3. A maximum of **8 places are available for participants from abroad**.
4. There are at least **15 places available for Dutch participants who have already participated in the Dorestad Raid**.

The final number of available places for categories 3 and 4 will be determined pro rata based on the total number of registrations in categories 3 and 4 in relation to the number of available places. The final number of available places is 40 places minus the places used in category 1 minus the places used in category 2. A draw will be held in categories 1, 3 and 4 if interest exceeds the number of places available.

# Dorestad Raid 2025 – details registration

- The registration form will become available on the [natuurlijkvaren.nl](http://natuurlijkvaren.nl) website on Monday, February 10. You register by sending a fully completed registration form to Tineke by email.
- We will draw lots on Sunday March 2 (if necessary). If there are places left, from this date onwards the available places will be allocated based on the date/time of receipt of the registration form. From March 2 onwards, there is no longer a limit for registrations from abroad.
- We will inform participants on Monday March 3 whether they have been registered.
- A deposit of **EUR 100 per person** must be paid upon receipt of confirmation of registration. This down payment must be received no later than March 17 to finalise the registration. Deposits are non-refundable.
- You will receive an invoice in due course and the remaining amount must then be paid in accordance with the payment term on the invoice.
- The board of Natuurlijk Varen decides on matters regarding registration and the refund of payments.



