



CHALLENGERS, GET READY TO MAKE WAVES IN THE 2026 JERSEY FRANCE CHALLENGE!

The countdown has officially begun. This summer, swimmers from around the world will take on one of the most exhilarating open-water endurance events on the calendar, the **2026 Jersey France Challenge**.

On **Saturday 8 August 2026**, teams will gather at La Coupe Beach, ready to launch into a relay crossing of the Channel, finishing on the shores of Carteret Beach in France. Whether you're a seasoned sea swimmer or someone who simply loves the thrill of a challenge, the Jersey France Challenge offers an unforgettable experience of teamwork, adventure and open-water spirit.

A Growing International Community

Now in its fifth year, the Challenge has grown into a truly global event. Previous editions have welcomed swimmers from Jersey, France, Guernsey, the UK, Ireland, the United States and Australia. This year, we're excited to welcome our first-ever Spanish team, marking another milestone in the event's evolution and reinforcing its reputation as a must-attend international race.

More Than a Race

At its core, the Jersey France Challenge is about community. It's about the shared excitement of taking on the Channel, the camaraderie of relay teams, and the joy of celebrating the sea together. With the support of the Jersey Lifeboat Association, swimmers of all abilities can take part in a safe, well-supported environment.

And the impact doesn't stop at the water's edge.

In 2025, 16 teams and 70 swimmers raised an incredible **£21,213.38** for Dementia Jersey, helping to support islanders living with dementia, along with their families and carers. It's a powerful reminder of what this event represents — not just athletic achievement, but meaningful community support.

As **Claudine Snape, CEO of Dementia Jersey**, shared:

“Everyone involved in the Jersey France Challenge should feel incredibly proud of the difference they make. We simply couldn’t do what we do without this kind of support.”

A Celebration on Both Sides of the Channel

The Challenge receives tremendous support from France, with the Mayor of Carteret, harbour authorities and local media turning the finish line into a celebration of international friendship. The day concludes with a dinner and prize-giving ceremony, a fitting finale to an unforgettable adventure.

Event Founder and Race Director Simon O’Donoghue reflects on the event’s growth:

“From the very beginning, the Jersey France Challenge was about bringing people together through sea swimming. Whether it’s your first sea swim or you’re an experienced open-water swimmer, this challenge is about teamwork, inclusion and celebrating the sea.”

The event is proudly supported by sponsors Dickinson Gleeson and Kroll, whose continued commitment helps make the Challenge – and its fundraising impact – possible.

Ready to Take the Plunge?

REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY!