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Today: Storm Charles closes the Portimão bar as Faro stays the last district on red for wind, Corentin Horeau and Basile Bourgnon win the IMOCA and Ocean Fifty classes of the Route du Rhum two minutes apart, Sanlorenzo unveils its 60m 1150 Explorer, and the ARC+ start moves to Thursday.

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LEAD STORY

Storm Charles: Portimão bar shut, Faro last district on red

Charles reached the mainland this morning on a more southerly track than forecast, and it has weakened and split into two centres. IPMA says the models now show less wind than feared, and it has lowered the red wind warnings for Lisbon, Setúbal and Beja to orange. Faro is now the only district still on red for wind, with gusts of 120 km/h forecast and up to 140 km/h in exposed spots, into the evening. Reports give different end times, so check IPMA. Faro is also on red for heavy, persistent rain until 18:00 and yellow for thunderstorms.

The sea is the bigger worry for boats. The National Maritime Authority warns of a south-westerly swell with significant wave heights of up to 6 m and maximum waves of 10 m until midday tomorrow. Mean winds may reach 93 km/h, with gusts of up to 168 km/h, before the wind and swell veer through west-south-west to north-west. The next high tide is at 16:00, while the storm is still overhead. At 07:30, 18 bars were closed around the country. Portimão, Alvor, Lagos, Albufeira, Vilamoura and Quarteira were all shut to navigation. Reports differ on the bars further east, so check the Navy's Estado das Barras page before moving.

By 10:00, Civil Protection had logged 13 incidents in the Algarve, mostly fallen trees and structures. Portimão had five of them, more than any other municipality. Several roads in Faro and Quarteira are closed, and 14 flights had been cancelled at Faro by 09:20. The authorities' advice to boat owners is to reinforce mooring lines and keep a close eye on boats alongside or at anchor. Everyone should stay off breakwaters, sea fronts and cliff tops.

Source: Barlavento / RTP / Marinha Portuguesa, 11 Nov 2026

Sanlorenzo unveils 60m 1150 Explorer flagship

Sanlorenzo has shown its new flagship explorer, the 60m, 1,150GT 1150 Explorer, and the first hull is already well advanced at La Spezia for launch in early 2027. She has a steel hull and aluminium superstructure, an exterior by Zuccon International Project, and an interior by the yard's own Style Department. She takes 12 guests and six crew and has a range of 4,000 miles. There is a 140 m² beach club with fold-down terraces and a wellness area on the lower deck, a garage forward for a rescue tender and jet skis, and a crane that can lift tenders of up to 7.5 tonnes. Hull one has a 300 m² duplex owner's apartment over two decks, a glass-bottomed pool aft on the main deck and a touch-and-go helipad.

Source: BOAT International, 11 Nov 2026

First Riva 96' Argo Super shown inside

Riva has released interior images of the first 96' Argo Super, which made its debut at Cannes in September. The 28.8m flybridge yacht has a 6.5m beam and was designed by Officina Italiana Design with Ferretti's engineers. The owner's suite is full-beam on the main deck forward, and below there are three guest cabins, with a three-VIP-plus-twin layout as an option. The 43 m² flybridge has a black hardtop, and the garage takes a Williams 435 tender and a jet ski. Power comes from two 2,000hp MTU 12V 2000 M96X engines, with two Seakeeper stabilisers and a virtual-anchor docking aid.

Source: BOAT International, 10 Nov 2026

Custom Line Navetta 33 *Adelia* sold

The 33m *Adelia*, a 2021 Custom Line Navetta 33 with exterior lines by Zuccon International Project, has a new owner. The tri-deck yacht sleeps ten in five cabins, with the owner's suite forward on the main deck, and has quarters for six crew. Twin MAN diesels give a 12-knot cruise, a top speed of 15 knots and a range of 1,850 miles. She was asking €9.95 million. Jelena Vezia of Ocean Independence and Volga Diaugo of Divo Yacht acted for the seller, and Jonathan Browne of Power to Sail for the buyer.

Source: BOAT International, 10 Nov 2026

MarineMax loses $8.2m ahead of Safe Harbor takeover

The US dealer MarineMax made a net loss of $8.2 million in the year to 30 September. That is a big improvement on the previous year's $31.6 million loss, which included a $69 million goodwill write-down on its manufacturing business. The results come weeks before the company's $1.5 billion takeover by Safe Harbor. Because of the pending deal, MarineMax is holding no results call and giving no guidance for 2027.

Source: BOAT International, 10 Nov 2026

Gear: Seldén's 12V furler and a PredictWind revamp

Seldén has added the CXe15, a 12V electric furler for Code 0s and gennakers on yachts of up to about 37 ft. It runs off the boat's existing supply and is worked by push buttons in the cockpit. It comes either as a through-deck unit built into a bowsprit or as an on-deck unit that clips on when needed. Prices start at €1,900 plus VAT, and deliveries begin in February 2027.

PredictWind has released a free redesign of its app and website. A new dashboard puts wind, waves, rain, temperature and tide times on one screen with a ten-day outlook, and a My Location mode makes the forecast follow your phone's GPS. Both are available on the free plan. Weather routing and departure planning still need a paid subscription.

Source: Sail-World, 10 Nov 2026

Route du Rhum: Horeau and Bourgnon win two minutes apart

Two class wins came in within two minutes of each other at Pointe-à-Pitre overnight. Basile Bourgnon crossed first on *Edenred* at 01:12 local time (05:12 UTC) to win the Ocean Fifty class in 9 days, 17 hours and 10 minutes. He was the favourite before the start, and he held on despite losing his J0 headsail, a tropical depression and the light air around Guadeloupe. At 24, the race report says, he is the youngest winner in any class since Ellen MacArthur in 1998. His late father, Laurent Bourgnon, won the race outright in 1994 and 1998.

Corentin Horeau followed at 01:14 local time (05:14 UTC) to take the IMOCA class on *MACSF* in 9 days, 17 hours and 12 minutes. It was his first race in the boat that Yoann Richomme sailed to second in the last Vendée Globe. His key move came two days in, when he held a direct course while Sam Goodchild and Ambrogio Beccaria went north to avoid light winds. The 11th Hour Racing team says his time is more than two days inside the race record.

Behind him the IMOCAs are still crawling. Francesca Clapcich, sixth with a broken bowsprit, averaged under 2 knots over the past 24 hours and was 409 miles out this morning, 3.2 miles behind Sébastien Simon. Her team does not expect her to finish before tomorrow afternoon.

Source: Sail-World / Route du Rhum, 11 Nov 2026

Irish *Headcase* takes the J/24 Worlds

Ireland's *Headcase* won the J/24 World Championship at Sandringham Yacht Club on Port Phillip Bay, which finished today. They started the last day two points down, then scored 1, 3 and 2 in three races to win by 12 points from the Australian boats *Checkmate* and *Haywire*. The 38 teams from ten nations had everything from 20 to 30 knots and big seas early in the week to light, shifty air under 5 knots at the end.

Source: Sail-World, 11 Nov 2026

Star Worlds: Stout and Cayard take the lead

Will Stout and Danny Cayard (USA), runners-up at the 2024 Worlds, won the second race on Biscayne Bay in a light, shifty 7 to 9 knot south-easterly and now lead on 7 points. Day-one winners Leandro and Lucas Altolaguirre (ARG) and Eric Doyle and Payson Infelise (USA) are level on 11. Mateusz Kusznierewicz and Bruno Prada, 40th in the opener, came back with second, and Eivind Melleby and Christian Nehammer were third.

Source: ISCYRA / Sail-World, 10 Nov 2026

Moth Worlds: Balanger 16 points clear before the final day

After no foiling on Tuesday, the Moth fleet in Perth sailed three shifty races in a south-easterly on Wednesday before a fourth was abandoned. Enzo Balanger (FRA) scored 13, 1 and 4 and still leads by 16 points. Ryan Littlechild (AUS) won the last race and is second. Jack Bennett, Richard Didham, Jack Ferguson and Tim Howse are within six points of each other in the fight for third, and Hattie Rogers leads the women. Up to four races are possible on Thursday, the final day.

Source: Sail-World, 11 Nov 2026

Entries open for the 2027 YCCS Superyacht Regatta

The Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, which turns 60 next year, has opened entries for its Superyacht Regatta in Porto Cervo from 25 to 29 May 2027, with racing from 26 May. It is open to sailing yachts of 80 ft and over, and J Class yachts and multihulls of 50 ft and over return on a separate course with their own results. There is a Corinthian Spirit division and the 21st Southern Wind Rendezvous. Entries close on 15 April, with a lower fee until 15 March.

Source: YCCS / Sail-World, 10 Nov 2026

PORTUGAL & THE ALGARVE

Madeira counts the cost of a wild night

Charles hit Madeira harder than expected overnight, with winds of about 130 km/h and more than 240 mm of rain in six hours. RTP reports that cars were swept away in São Roque, Funchal, where a man of about 80 was carried off by floodwater and rescued alive with hypothermia at around 08:00. Roads into central Funchal were closed overnight and are reopening gradually. Three cruise-ship calls and the Lobo Marinho ferry to Porto Santo were cancelled, along with about two dozen flights. The warnings for the islands were lowered to orange this morning.

Source: RTP, 11 Nov 2026

Lagos underwater sites used to test a heritage risk index

Neptune Search, a non-profit in Lagos that maps and protects underwater heritage, represented the Algarve at a Mediterranean archaeology symposium in Warsaw on 5 and 6 November. Researcher Nuno Joel Costa presented IRIS-PAS, a GIS-based risk index he built for his master's at the University of the Algarve. It uses Lagos sites from Portugal's national archaeological database and weighs climate change, coastal erosion, human activity and sea data from Copernicus and EMODnet to decide which sites need protecting first.

Source: Barlavento, 9 Nov 2026

REGULATION & DESTINATIONS

ARC+ start now set for Thursday

World Cruising Club's ARC+ page now gives a new start date of Thursday 12 November for the fleet held in Las Palmas. The dock-out show is scheduled from 10:45 UTC and the start from 12:30 UTC, although the organisers say the timings may still change. Wednesday had been the provisional date. Spain had red weather warnings in place today for the Canaries and Andalusia, so anyone heading south via Cadiz or the islands should keep watching the forecast.

Source: World Cruising Club / RTP, 11 Nov 2026

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