



FEDERATION OF FRENCH COASTAL SHIPOWNERS

French Coastal Shipowners

The federation of French coastal shipping companies

Since 1951, the Group has united and represented the shipowners who connect territories, islands and people, from mainland France to the overseas territories.

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From mainland France to the overseas territories. Locally rooted. Socially committed.



Our purpose

Citizens' first link to the sea

Coastal shipping companies are citizens' first link to the sea and the maritime world.

Every day, hundreds of thousands of French citizens use coastal links to work, seek care, study and live. These lifelines connect the islands to the mainland, cross the estuaries and ensure territorial continuity, from mainland France to the overseas territories.

They are operated by local companies under the French flag. The Group is their collective voice and the leading maritime passenger carrier on the French coast.



ON THE GROUND

Women and men who connect the territories



The Group in numbers

A collective of national scale

31

shipowner companies

429

vessels under the French flag

2,437

French seafarers

31.3 M

passengers per year

6.9 M

vehicles carried / year

~€193 M

combined revenue

41 members in total, including 31 shipowner companies. Source: armateurscotiers.fr, August 2026.



Governance

Governance in three colleges

COLLEGE A

Public service operators

26

public service operators

DSP · DIRECT OPERATION · PUBLIC CONTRACT · PSO

- Maritime public service in the broad sense
- Network and working groups

Deliberative vote · min. 2 seats on the Board

COLLEGE B

Private operators

6

private operators

WITHOUT PUBLIC SERVICE MANDATE

- Vessels operated on a strictly private basis
- Coastal navigation, mainland and overseas

Deliberative vote · min. 1 seat on the Board

COLLEGE C

Experts and authorities

9

experts and local authorities

PARTNERS AND INSTITUTIONS

- Experts, suppliers, institutions
- Owner authorities that do not operate

Advisory vote at the General Assembly

SOCIAL COLLEGE (cross-cutting) · members employing seafarers under CCN 3228 appoint the employer delegates to the CPPNI and vote on social negotiation mandates, whatever their college.



Why join

What the Group brings to its members

1

Influence with public authorities

Representation before administrations, local authorities and government.

2

A structured social framework

CCN 3228: annual wage negotiations, pay scale, employee benefits.

3

Regulatory advice

Legislative monitoring, legal support, peer expertise.

4

Professional network and services

Working groups, events, experience sharing and services at preferential rates.

5

Collective employer brand

Partnerships with training centers, jobs portal, promotion of maritime careers.

6

Energy transition

Alternative propulsion, collective decarbonization of the fleet.



CCN 3228

The collective agreement of coastal shipping

Extended by ministerial order in 2021, it covers all seafaring staff on France's water crossings and island services. The Group is its employer signatory.

1

Wage negotiations concluded every year

Steady improvement of working and pay conditions.

2

Transparent pay scale

From deckhand to captain, rewarding experience and qualifications.

3

Recognized social dialogue

Legitimate counterpart to the sector's trade unions.

4

Equal access to employment

Diversity, training, career bridges.



Ecological transition

Charting the decarbonization of coastal shipping

Hybrid vessels, fully electric propulsion on urban links, accelerated fleet renewal: the Group's companies are pioneers.

90 %

of vessels built in France

42

vessels in the renewal plan by
2040

~€20 M

in maintenance in France per year



Testimonials

In our members' words



The Group allows me to stay constantly abreast of regulations and to benefit from a public relations service equivalent to that of a large maritime group.

Nelly Depardieu

Director · Manche Îles Express · Secretary of the Group



For nearly 75 years, the Group has steadfastly defended the interests of coastal shipping companies. Our ambition is to strengthen our institutional presence and our operational effectiveness.

Baudouin Pappens

CEO · Compagnie Yeu Continent · President of the Group



Let's build the future of French coastal shipping together

Join the companies that, together, make the voice of the coast heard, from mainland France to the overseas territories.

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