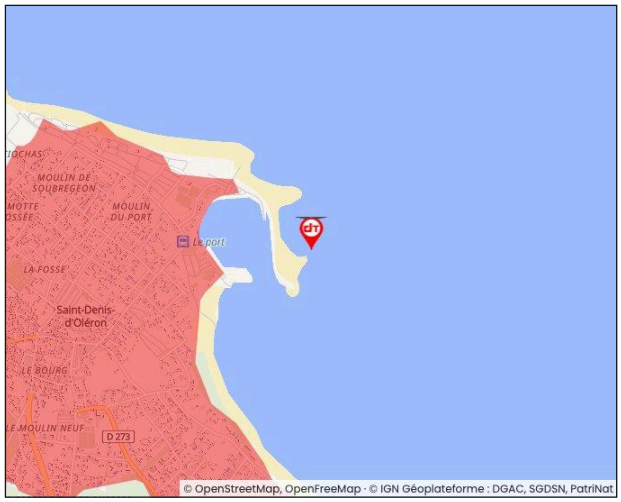
Saint Denis d'Oléron Harbor

Water · Charente-Maritime

GPS coordinates	46.03617, -1.36676
Elevation	1 m
Maximum height	120 m max
Access	On foot < 1,000 m
Nearest aerodrome	St Pierre d'Oléron Airfield (LFDP) 9.4 km SE · spot 5 m lower
Spot reference	305010



Spot location and restrictions (Drone-Spot map image)

Sun (local times, UTC+01:00)

Day	Dawn	Sunrise	Sunset	Dusk	Day length	Golden hour
Sat 21 Nov	07:41	08:14	17:28	18:01	9 h 14	08:14–09:01 · 16:41–17:28
Sun 22 Nov	07:43	08:16	17:28	18:01	9 h 11	08:16–09:03 · 16:40–17:28
Mon 23 Nov	07:44	08:17	17:27	18:00	9 h 09	08:17–09:04 · 16:39–17:27

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
St Pierre d'Oléron Airfield	Aerodrome	9.4 km SE	6 m
La Rochelle-Île de Ré Airport	Airport	21 km NE	23 m
Centre Hospitalier Heliport	Heliport	22 km NE	15 m

Description

The Saint-Denis marina is the fruit of people's fight against the silting up of the coasts, a fight won after several centuries of research and unsuccessful attempts. The construction of the harbor's first pier may date back to the 12th century, allowing wine from Chassiron to be shipped to the port of La Rochelle. The first documents appear in the 17th century, mentioning a tax intended for the repair of the harbor. The following two centuries were a series of constructions and repairs of dikes and piers, struggling against silting that was stronger than anything. At the beginning of the 19th century, the idea of a sheltered harbor was even abandoned and the breakwater destroyed. Thus, in 1926, in Paul Thomas's historical work, L'île d'Oléron à travers les siècles, one can read: "Before rounding the far tip of the island, another abandoned harbor: Saint-Denis, also a victim of the …

Scan to open the up-to-date spot page: weather, map and restrictions.

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=305010

Before every flight: check the UAS zones map, NOTAMs and temporary areas, the weather and the Kp index.

Preparing the flight

Pre-flight Check-List

- ☐ Area checked: UAS zones, restrictions, protected areas
- ☐ NOTAMs and temporary areas checked
- ☐ Weather: wind, gusts, rain, visibility; Kp index
- ☐ Operator number displayed on the drone
- ☐ Training certificate or licence with me
- ☐ Third-party liability insurance checked
- ☐ Batteries charged: drone, controller, phone
- ☐ Propellers, motors and frame in good condition
- ☐ Memory card inserted and empty
- ☐ Software up to date, compass and IMU calibrated
- ☐ Return to home: home point and return height set
- ☐ Electronic signalling or remote ID active
- ☐ Take-off area clear, people informed and at a distance
- ☐ Observer present for FPV flights

Key rules of the open category

Recreational flying in France: European open-category rules, applied by the DGAC.

- Maximum height: 120 m above the ground, lower where a restriction requires it.
- Always keep the drone in sight; when flying FPV, an observer keeps it in sight next to you.
- Never fly over crowds and keep the distances of your subcategory (A1, A2 or A3).
- Respect UAS geographical zones: around aerodromes, prohibited or restricted areas, protected areas, sensitive sites.
- Register as an operator if the drone weighs 250 g or more or carries a camera (toys excepted), and display the number on the drone.
- Training: online A1/A3 certificate from 250 g or for a class C1 drone; A2 certificate to fly closer to people with a class C2 drone.
- Always give way to manned aircraft and land if one approaches.
- Respect privacy: no images that identify people without their consent; aerial photography is prohibited in some areas.
- Check your third-party liability insurance.
- In France: registration and training on AlphaTango (DGAC); a drone of 800 g or more must broadcast electronic signalling (or the remote ID of class-marked drones).

Non-exhaustive summary: rules change. Reference: the DGAC open-category guide and the country's regulations.

Useful links

UAS zones map around the spot : https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/carte-uas.aspx?lat=46.03617&lon=-1.36676
Drone pilot library : https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/bibliotheque
DGAC open-category guide (French) : https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/bibliotheque/guide-categorie-ouverte
Registration and training (AlphaTango) : https://alphatango.aviation-civile.gouv.fr
NOTAMs and temporary areas (SOFIA Briefing) : https://sofia-briefing.aviation-civile.gouv.fr

My flight notes

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