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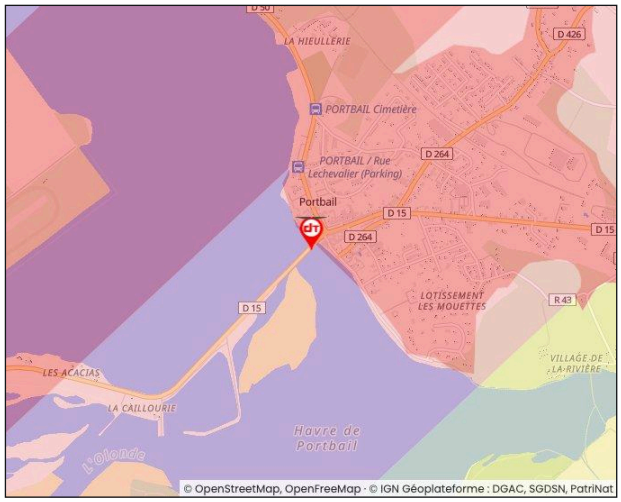
FLIGHT CARD

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Portbail

Water · Manche

GPS coordinates	49.33419, -1.70027
Elevation	8 m
Maximum height	30 m max
Access	Direct access by car
Nearest aerodrome	Aérodrome de Lessay (LFOM) 20 km SE · spot 20 m lower
Spot reference	316617



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	07:51	08:27	17:19	17:54	8 h 51	08:27–09:18 · 16:27–17:19
Sun 22 Nov	07:53	08:28	17:18	17:53	8 h 49	08:28–09:20 · 16:26–17:18
Mon 23 Nov	07:54	08:30	17:17	17:52	8 h 47	08:30–09:22 · 16:25–17:17

Nearby aerodromes

Aerodrome	Type	Distance	Elevation
Aérodrome de Lessay	Aerodrome	20 km SE	28 m

Description

This little haven is a well-known landscape in the Cotentin: crossed from side to side by the bridge of XIII arches, at the foot of the Church of Notre-Dame, it is split in two from north to south. During spring tides, the water rises above the height of the piers and reaches the parapet of the bridge. It is the ideal spot to watch, under the bridge, the strength of the current and its reversal: "la renverse". With each rising tide, the sea works its way inland, where it mixes with the fresh water of the rivers. The haven thus allows an exceptional fauna and flora to develop. At the far end of the Port-Bail estuary, on the road from Omonville to Varreville, there is a tidal gate. Its purpose is to stop sea water from flowing inland and destroying crops because of the salt in the water. It closes automatically with the rising tide and opens at low tide. The Havre de Port-Bail-sur-Mer, a …

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

https://www.drone-spot.tech/en/fiche-spot.aspx?id=316617

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=49.33419&lon=-1.70027
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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