

## The 44<sup>th</sup> Coupe Icare – Holy Cow!



The 44<sup>th</sup> Coupe Icare will take place from Thursday 21st to Sunday 24th, September 2017. At the end of summer, in the wake of school reopening, the « free flying planet » goes into orbit for the world's largest international free flight and ultra light sports meet in Saint-Hilaire-du-Touvet/Lumbin, smack in the heart of the Alps of the Isère region. It is THE place to be every mid-September, for top pilots worldwide along with a whole flock of fliers, not to mention the general public invited to witness the feats of the outstanding birdmen who perform amazing feats in Nature's theatre situated between the Chartreuse mountain range and Grésivaudan Valley, just 30 km from Grenoble and Chambéry.

### Save the date!

Like every year since 1974, the programme is promisingly rich and varied, **spotlighting over 20 hours of aerial demos of paragliders, paramotors, hang gliders, hot air balloons, ULMs, model aircraft, parachutes, slackline, aerobatic planes, kites and boomerangs.**

>> Details of the programme available in July at [www.coupe-icare.org](http://www.coupe-icare.org).

**The famous Icarneval costumed flight contest**, the main feature of the weekend and major draw for the spectators, will take place Saturday and Sunday at midday so that as many onlookers as possible can oooh and aaaah while watching the show.

>> [Online pilot registration this Spring.](#)

The Coupe Icare also promises **over 10 hours of aerial adventure projected on a giant screen for the Icares of Cinema international Aerial Film Festival.** And this year, the converging of 80,000 spectators, 10,000 pilots and 1000 volunteers, **will be saluted at the film festival celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> year.** Expect an even more surprising programme than ever!

>> [Film entries open online as of March.](#)

For spectators who have flown and those who dream of flying, **the Icarexpo trade fair (5000 m<sup>2</sup> covered, n°1 worldwide for paragliding and paramotor)** is the place to discover innovations, to talk to designers, manufacturers, "top-guns" and to embrace the spirit of free flight, the subtle alliance of hi-tech, freedom and love of Nature.

>> [Exhibitors information by telephone at +33 \(0\)4 76 08 67 39 or \[info@coupe-icare.org\]\(mailto:info@coupe-icare.org\).](#)

For over 30 years, the Coupe Icare has prompted thousands of children to explore the spheres of air and free flight. **Two Childrens' spaces (Icare Mômes)** welcome schoolchildren in the region on Friday, and their families to join in fun, pedagogical workshops throughout the weekend.

>> [Detailed programme online as of July. Information for schools/teachers can be obtained from the organizers by phone or e-mail.](#)

**Icare Folies consists of shows and animations** that will undoubtedly spice up the 4-day Coupe Icare event in Saint-Hilaire-du-Touvet/Lumbin, and add to the marvel and magic of the mountains!

>> [Detailed programme online in July.](#)

### So, you liked the poster of the 44<sup>th</sup> Coupe Icare?

Once again designed by local artist Valérie Dumas, painter-illustrator, the new poster image will appear on various articles to be sold for the sake of rounding off the budget.

**Carrier bags, the most popular articles, will already be available at the normal distribution spots around Grenoble in March 2017!** Other objects flaunting Icare colours can be purchased throughout the event at various boutique-stands.

>> [High-definition poster: www.frederiqueassael.com/files/CoupeIcare/Poster-CoupeIcare2017.pdf](http://www.frederiqueassael.com/files/CoupeIcare/Poster-CoupeIcare2017.pdf)

### The Coupe Icare in images

"Our News" available at [www.digivision.fr](http://www.digivision.fr) :

\*Saturday: the best costumes of Icarneval

\*Sunday: aerobatics with or without motor, the incredible Jetman over the Grésivaudan.

**Ready to diffuse (2-3') on [www.digivision.fr](http://www.digivision.fr) and [www.coupe-icare.org](http://www.coupe-icare.org) :**

\* Friday: Handiciel, a paraglider for everyone

\* Saturday Icarneval, the craziest in-flight costumes of the 43rd edition

\* Sunday : aerobatic paragliding, F. Ragolski 2016 World Champion and Jetman

>> [Photos on request from the press service.](#)

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