DEFENCE

BELGIAN NAVY
The Admiral

Commodore Ivo VÄRK
Commander of the Estonian Navy

Dear Commodore,

In July 2024, the Belgian Navy proudly hosted the "Navy Days" event, a three-day event which proved to be a tremendous success, with nearly 20,000 visitors at our Naval Base in Zeebruges. The international presence of allied navy ships significantly contributed to this success and their participation greatly stimulated the public's general interest and engagement.

Given the positive evaluation of the event, I am pleased to announce that the Belgian Navy will host the **38th edition of the Belgian Navy Days** on the weekend of **July 3rd, 4th and 5th, 2026**.
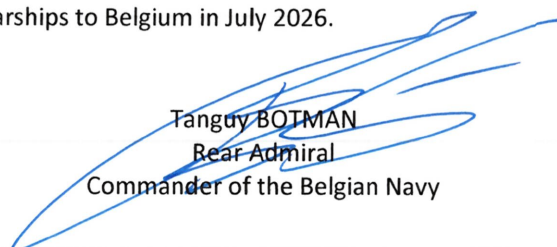
The vital and continuous work of our Navies is often underappreciated by our population, leading to what some describe as "sea blindness." The Navy Days 2026 will serve as a platform to highlight the critical role our navies play in contributing to collective defence and safeguarding overall maritime security, including the protection of our sea lines of communication and seabed infrastructure. This event offers an exceptional opportunity to showcase our capabilities and emphasise the importance of international naval cooperation.

It would be a great honour to welcome a unit and crew from your navy fleet to participate in the Belgian Navy Days 2026. Your presence would provide an excellent occasion to strengthen relationships with international partners and engage with the public in a festive and informative atmosphere.

Should you require any further details or assistance regarding the event, please reach out to our event team at COMOPSNAV-Stratcom-events@mil.be.

I sincerely look forward to welcoming one of your warships to Belgium in July 2026.

Best regards

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