

# Press Release

Saturday, August 2nd – Plougasnou – Térénez  
STAGE 6

## An exceptional finale

**The final stage of the Tour Duf' Windsurf & Paddle 2014 took place today at Plougasnou in ideal conditions. Two windsurf races were validated and one downwind race for the Stand Up Paddleboards.**

Onlookers were surprised this morning when arriving in Térénez harbour in Plougasnou. The Datlons, the 3 musketeers, as well as a number of princesses, giant ladybugs, aliens and other clowns were busy in the car park. Celebration was in order for the Tour Duf's last stage and, as is now the tradition, costumes were out!

The start of the first race was given at 1:30 PM. The course took the day's contestants through the magnificent bay of Térénez: the "Chateau du Taureau", the "Ile du Stérec" and the "Ile Noire" were used as waypoints. The scoreboard remained mostly unchanged: Maxime Lhuillier in the raceboard category and Jérôme Pasquette in the RS: X category both won the first race of the day. Some changes occurred in the Bic Techno 293 OD category however. Indeed Hugo Billon bested both Yun Pouliquen (2nd) and Florian Salette (3rd). In order to give this 24th edition a proper send off, the races organisers had saved the best for last. For the final race, the competitors engaged in a treasure hunt by 12 knots of wind. The formula was simple: the racers had to fetch, on three separate nearby beaches, three small messages, which, once put together, made up a sentence. Tactic and strategy were in order for this fun and creative race. The finish line was on the beach and photo finish could often have been used! Indeed, in order to finish the race, the competitors had to engage in a final sprint to deliver the reconstructed message in the right order at the top of the beach. The message said: "Latvia and Mexico at the Tour Duf' forever!" a tribute to the foreign racers who have made the trip and who the organisers hope to see again next year.

The Stand Up Paddleboards also had their dose of competition: a "downwind" type course was laid out for them in 10 knots of wind. After 50 minutes of hard effort, Franck Le Ven came out victorious in front of Pascal Pouget (2nd) and Yohann Le Ven (3rd).

The Tour Duf' 2014 ends on a high note with this 6th and last stage. This evening, all the participants will meet for the final awards ceremony and a last dinner together, before arranging to meet next year.

## **A backwards glance at an exceptional edition of the Tour Duf'**

This 2014 edition of the Tour Duf' Windsurf and Paddle will remain in memory, not only because it assembled an impressive number of participants, but also thanks to the outstanding weather conditions and the good atmosphere. No less than 134 racers participated in at least one stage of this 24th edition, with an average of 100 racers present every day. Such a success in participation hasn't been reached since the years 2005 and 2006. This must be added to the many organisers who also took part in the festivities, animations, meals, and of course supercharged atmosphere that has brought finisterian

windsurfing spots to life this past week. *“This year’s Tour Duf’ was a great vintage, it was a pleasant surprise to have as many as 130 participants on the whole of the Tour, and at least 100 permanent participants. The Stand Up Paddle is also starting to catch on. As organisers, we are very happy to have a Tour Duf’ that renews with the number of competitors it had at the “grande époque”. We were also lucky to have exceptional weather conditions, which allowed the racers to take part in a great number of races and have a great deal of fun during these 6 days. The atmosphere was typical of the Tour, relaxed, festive and friendly”* said Christophe Boutet, the race’s manager.

### **The Tour Duf’ 2014 by the numbers**

- A total of 134 racers on the whole of the race
- An average of 100 competitors per stage
- An 32% increase in participation compared to 2013
- 200 participants at the Bic Sport SUP morning activities (total of the week)
- 4 countries represented: France, Belgium, Latvia and Mexico
- 11 foreign racers present
- Almost 200 people made up the Tour’s “caravan”
- 400 lunch, diner and breakfast baskets served by the organisers during the week
- 40 bread “baguettes” a day
- 5 160-person dinners served by the organisers
- 68 sessions on rented RS:One windsurfs

<b>Tour Duf’ Windsurf &amp; Paddle 2014 Overall Ranking</b>
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- Men’s raceboard after 6 stages (including 1 discard)
  1. Maxime Lhuillier (Aloha Attitude)
  2. Nicolas Le Gal (BN Ile Grande)
  3. Thibaut Lesur (AS Gerardmer)
- Women’s raceboard after 6 stages (including 1 discard)
  1. Karen Geny (A Carantec Nautisme)
  2. Béatrice Dagrón (V Iacanau Guyenne)
  3. Marie Sophie Cocho (Aloha Attitude)
- Men’s RS:X after 6 stages (including 1 discard)
  1. Jérôme Pasquette (Crocodiles de l’Elorn)
  2. Trevor Caraës (Crocodiles de l’Elorn)
  3. Avel Danycan (Crocodiles de l’Elorn)
- Women’s RS:X after 6 stages (including 1 discard)
  1. Lucie Belbeoch (Crocodiles de l’Elorn)
  2. Hélène Noesmoen (SN Sablais)
  3. Jeanne Dantes (CN Croisette)
- Under 17 men’s Bic Techno 293 OD after 6 stages (including 1 discard)
  1. Florian Salette (CN Lorient)

2. Hugo Billon (ASPTT Meyzieu Decine)
  3. Maxime Coutret (As Gerardmer)
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- Under 17 women's Bic Techno 293 OD after 6 stages (including 1 discard)
    1. Ketija Birzule (Club 360 Latvia)
    2. Alice Punte (Club 360 Latvia)
    3. Alice Littaye (Surf School St Malo)
  
  - Under 15 men's Bic Techno 293 OD after 6 stages (including 1 discard)
    1. Yun Pouliquen (CN Lorient)
    2. Cristobal Hagerman (Mexico)
    3. Gaspar Tregouet (V Lacanau Guyenne)
  
  - Under 15 women's Bic Techno 293 OD after 6 stages (including 1 discard)
    1. Chloé Weckel (AS Gerardmer)
    2. Lily Dieudonne (AS Gerardmer)
    3. Anniza Punta (Latvia)
  
  - Men's Long distance Funboard after 1 stage
    1. Clément Bozec (Crocodiles de l'Elorn)
    2. Xavier Collin (Nautica Cattenom)
    3. Aubin Quernec (CN Lorient)
  
  - Women's Long distance funboard after 1 stage
    1. Morgan Van Cleven (WSG Belgique)
  
  - Stand Up Paddle after 5 stages (including 1 discard)
    1. Pascal Pouget
    2. Franck le Ven
    3. Louis Rigaut