



EOT press-statement, 22 August 2013

The third event of the 2013 EOT has been held at the pretty surf beach of Capbreton, just north of the famous surf spot Hossegor. About a 200 male and female athletes from 7 nationalities were present. The weather was beautiful and the Atlantic did put up some swell, so perfect conditions for real Oceanman and Oceanwoman.

The format was a normal (sprint) Oceanman in the order Ski-Swim-Board, the Oceanperf Challenge isn't a full carnival, but it holds several events. During the morning the open heats, junior and nipper events were commenced. And during the afternoon the Board, Ski, Oceanman and Beach Flags final were on the schedule and as a closing event a mixed Ocean relay (Junior boy, Junior girl, with 2 seniors).

At the women's event Emmanuelle Bescheron, who had just returned from a trip to Cali to represent France at the World Games took the lead, but she was closely followed by the favorite, Flora Manciet. The duo broke away from the rest of the field, during the final board leg, Flora broke away from Emmanuelle and won the event, Alexandra Lux from Capbreton managed to take third.

At the men's event the initial duo of favorites, Jonathan Desperges and Julien Lalanne took a small lead at the Ski leg. During the swim leg Thomas Vilaceca (also just returned from Cali) took over the lead while Rik Op het Veld managed to close the gap to Julien and Jonathan, Thomas started the board leg with a big lead but Julien managed to paddle back up to the reigning European Champion and they started the way back together with Jonathan behind. But Jonathan used his superb surf skills to catch up to the 2 leaders so it was a sprint for the line, with Jonathan taking the win, Julien in second and Thomas in third.

All results and also an update of the overall standings can be found online at:

[www.oceanmantour.eu](http://www.oceanmantour.eu)

Many beautiful pictures can be found under:

Patrick Boucquarts facebook page:

[https://www.facebook.com/patrick.boucquaert/media\\_set?set=a.450297005067535.1073741856.10002617193953&type=1](https://www.facebook.com/patrick.boucquaert/media_set?set=a.450297005067535.1073741856.10002617193953&type=1)

And under Capbreton Sauvetage cotier club page (Capbreton SLSC) page:

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In about 5 weeks the 4th and final round of the Oceanman Tour will be held in Barcelona, at the Catalunya Rescue festival on the 28 & 29<sup>th</sup> of September.

