



EOT press-statement, 29 June 2013

The 2013 EOT season has started on the beautiful beach of Croyde in Devon, Great Britain. With the first race in Legacy Elite Series the season has started. About 30 athletes (EOT and invited GB athletes), were at the startline. The venue was the pretty Putsborough Beach, this was a change of plans since the wind was very strong and would mess with the craft on the beach. Putsborough on the other hand was sheltered by a headland. The swell was up and the conditions (13 degrees water and 20 degrees air temperature) were cold, but the event went smoothly thanks to the quick changes and adjustments event manager Nick Thorn had applied.

The format had been adjusted to an accumulator, the intended eliminator was dropped because of the conditions. In case of bad luck an athlete could fight/race their way back up in the ranking. The overall event was won by Sam Moore, the current GB Oceanman champion, followed by Lloyd Rosewell who spend the European winter in Australia training at Northcliffe. As for the EOT athletes the race result was a draw between Daniel Roggeland (GER), Kevin Schuler (SUI) and Rik Op het Veld (NED), with all athletes enjoying some good and bad luck during the race.

From the cold waters of the Atlantic Ocean at the Legacy Elite Series the athletes take on the Oxbow Race in Oostende Belgium in the Northsea at the 5th of July. First the athletes will have the weekend off and try to regain strength, before racing the Oxbow concept.

The Oxbow race is hosted by the RedFed, Flemish Lifesaving Federation and their director of sports has chosen for 3 qualifying rounds, a Surf race, Board race and Ski race and based from these results the first 16 male and female athletes will race a double Oceanman. But these sixteen start at a time difference, the no 1 gets a head start of several seconds based on the results in the qualifying rounds. So it will be a real chase for the seconds in the qualifying rounds and then it will be a chase after the leader in the closing Oceanman.

The races start at 09.00 at the beach, so be there!

After the Oxbow race the EOT will head to Capbreton at the Oceanperf Challenge (10 August) and during the last weekend of September the European Oceanman Tour will finish off in Spain at the beautiful Mediterranean beach of Barcelona.

