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FINA 10km MARATHON SWIMMING WORLD CUP 2011



Germany's Thomas Lurz and Angela Maurer overall winners

Some heavyweights of the international open water scene were on-hand for the last stop of the **FINA 10km Marathon Swimming World Cup in Hong Kong** (HKG) on October 2, 2011. The competition welcomed 60 athletes (40 men and 20 women) from 16 countries.

The race was largely a German-American affair, with **Thomas Lurz** (GER) taking out the men's field, despite being challenged by fellow swimmer **Christian Reichert** and defending champion **Chad Ho** (RSA), the silver and bronze winners, respectively. All three touched home within seconds of one another after battling for the win:

- 1/ Thomas Lurz in 1:58:15,70,
- 2/ Christian Reichert in 1:58:16,90
- 3/ Chad Ho in 1:58:17,40.

China's Zhang Zi Bing missed the podium by 0.75 second.

Overall, the German great has totalled no less than 17 victories in the World Cup series: 2007 (1), 2008 (2), 2009 (9), 2010 (2) and 2011 (3).

Buoyed by her success in Shantou (CHN), **Emily Brunemann** (USA) was once again the best among women, crossing the finish line at 2:10:59,95. The rising talent faced pressure from Germany's powerful **Angela Maurer** and **Nadine Reichert**, who touched home a few seconds later (2:11:02,95 and 2:11:07,80, respectively).

Germany's **Thomas Lurz** (114 points) and **Angela Maurer** (98 points) are the overall winners of the World Cup 2011 Series.