



FINA 10km MARATHON SWIMMING WORLD CUP 2010

Alexander Meyer (USA) and Chad Ho (RSA) triumphant in the men's, Eva Fabian (USA) dominates both Asian stops

The Asian legs of Shantou (CHN) and Hong Kong (HKG) of the **FINA 10km Marathon Swimming World Cup** each welcomed about 60 competitors on September 25 and October 3, 2010, respectively.

Some big names in the world of open water prevailed in the fifth and sixth races of the event. Among men, the powerful **Alexander Meyer** (USA) won by a fingernail in **Shantou**, timing 1h55m30s39, and closely followed by teammate Francis Crippen, who clocked 1h55m30s89. Finishing third was Olympian Brian Ryckeman from Belgium, in a time of 1h55m33s.

In **Hong Kong**, the ever-impressive **Chad Ho** (RSA) emerged from a fiercely competitive field to win the race in a convincing fashion (2h03m54s). Ho finished just out of medal range in Shantou, taking fourth place. The German giant, Thomas Lurz, allowed him a silver-medal finish, touching home in 2h04m21s50 before Francis Crippen (USA), who placed third in a time of 2h04m21s80.

A tough race also unfolded in the women's field, with standout performer **Eva Fabian** (USA) dominating the operations in both races (in Shantou and Hong Kong), in respective times of 2h02m56s and 2h10m45s. 25km World champion Linsy Heister (NED) took silver in Shantou, clocking 2h02m57s. Consistent performer Angela Maurer (GER) captured the silver medal in Hong Kong (2h10m46s65) and secured the bronze in Shantou (2h03m03s). The American Emily Ann Brunemann claimed third spot in Hong Kong (2h10m46s75), but took fourth in the Shantou race.

Top three men's swimmers at the Asian races:

Shantou 2010		Hong Kong 2010	
1/ Alexander Meyer (USA)	1h55m30s39	1/ Chad Ho (RSA)	2h03m54s
2/ Francis Crippen (USA)	1h55m30s89	2/ Thomas Lurz	2h04m21s50
3/ Brian Ryckeman (BEL)	1h55m33s	3/ Francis Crippen (USA)	2h04m21s80

Top three women's swimmers at the Asian races:

Shantou 2010		Hong Kong 2010	
1/ Eva Fabian (USA)	2h02m56s	1/ Eva Fabian (USA)	2h10m45s
2/ Linsy Heister (NED)	2h02m57s	2/ Angela Maurer (GER)	2h10m46s65
3/ Angela Maurer (GER)	2h03m03s	3/ Emily Ann Brunemann (USA)	2h10m46s75

Full FINA 10km Marathon Swimming World Cup 2010 calendar:

Race 1: January 31, 2010 in Santos (BRA)

Race 2: February 6, 2010 in Viedma (ARG)

Race 3: June 26, 2010 in Setubal (POR)

Race 4: July 25, 2010 in Lac St-Jean (CAN)

Race 5: September 25, 2010 in Shantou (CHN)

Race 6: October 3, 2010 in Hong Kong (HKG)

Race 7: October 9, 2010 in Cancun (MEX)

Race 8: October 23, 2010 in Sharjah (UAE)