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FINA 10KM MARATHON SWIMMING & GRAND PRIX 2011



World's best Open Water swimmers in actions at the Setubal and Capri-Napoli races

It was a busy week-end for the open water's global elite with a race of FINA's two major circuits taking place in Europe.

On June 18, the third leg of the 10km Marathon Swimming World Cup was held in **Setubal** (POR) while Italy hosted, on the 19th, the **Capri-Napoli** 36km race, the sixth stage of the Open Water Swimming Grand Prix.

Setubal Bay

More than 60 swimmers from 20 countries took the departure from Setubal Bay to get a foretaste of next year's Olympic Marathon Swim Qualifier taking place on June 9-10, 2012. Germany and Greece clearly dominated the operations. The men's event was won by powerful **Spyridon Gianniotis** (GRE) in a time of 1:40:29. He was closely followed by long-distance specialist **Petar Stoychev** (BUL), clocking 1:40:31. Reigning World champion in 5km and 10km **Thomas Lurz** placed third in 1:40:36. Lurz currently leads the general standings with a podium appearance in each of the races contested so far. Among women, **Angela Maurer** (GER) was the fastest (1:48:41) and celebrated her first podium of the season in the Marathon series. Compatriot **Isabell Donath** placed second (1:48:43), improving from her third-place finish in the Cancun leg last April. Taking third was up-and-comer **Kalliopi Araouzou** (GRE) in 1:48:51.

Capri-Napoli

In the men's Grand Prix race, Czech **Rotislav Vitek** was the surprising winner after a 7:05:49 effort. He had to contend with the likes of home favourite **Andrea Volpini**, who finished second in 7:06:00. **Mohammad Saleh** (SYR) ranked third with the time of 7:11:09. **Pilar Geijo** (ARG) won the women's event in convincing fashion and secures her overall lead, touching first in 7:34:21. Runner-up **Esther Nunez Morera** (ESP) crossed the line 37 minutes later (8:11:35) while local hope Alessandra Romiti placed third (8:21:13).

FINA 10k Marathon Swimming World Cup 2011 calendar

Race 1: April 17, 2011 in Santos (BRA)

Race 2: April 30, 2011 in Cancun (MEX)

Race 3: June 18, 2011 in Setubal (POR)

NEXT RACE: July 24, 2011 in Lac St-Jean (CAN)

Race 5: August 13, 2011 in Lac Megantic (CAN)

Race 6: September 25, 2011 in Shantou (CHN)

Race 7: October 2, 2011 in Hong Kong (HKG)

FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix 2011 calendar

Race 1: January 23, 2011 in Rosario (ARG, 15km)

Race 2: January 30, 2011 in Santa Fe-Coronda (ARG, 57km)

Race 3: February 5, 2011 in Viedma (ARG, 12km)

Race 4: February 13, 2011 in Hernandarias-Parana (ARG, 88km)

Cancelled: April 23, 2011 in Sumidero Canyon (MEX, 15km)

Race 6: June 19, 2011 in Capri-Napoli (ITA, 36km)

NEXT RACE: July 30, 2011 in Lac St. Jean (CAN, 32km)

Race 8: August 6, 2011 in Lake Memphremagog (CAN, 34km)

Race 9: August 7, 2011 in Sabac (SRB, 19km)

Race 10: August 14, 2011 in Ohrid Lake (MKD, 30km)

Race 11: September 17, 2011 in Jabelah (SYR, 30km)