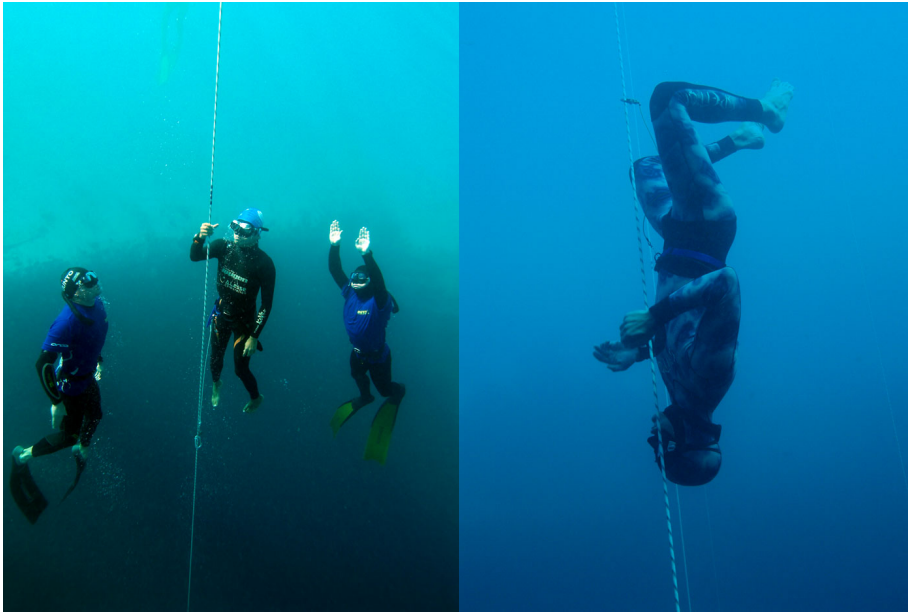


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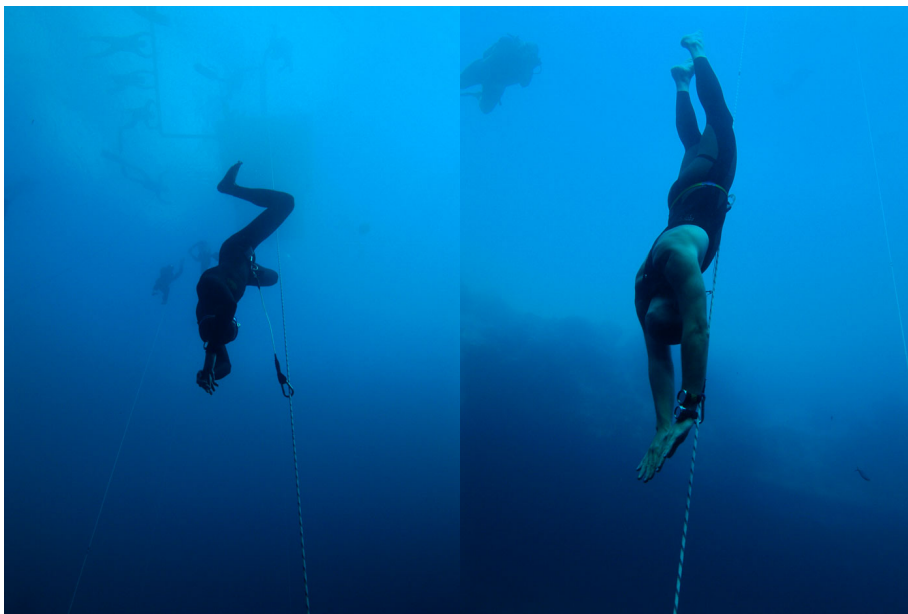


Tatsuma Kitahara (left) and Jason Weller Barrett (right and below), diving to 43 and 47 meters. Jason's was a new CNF record for Spain.

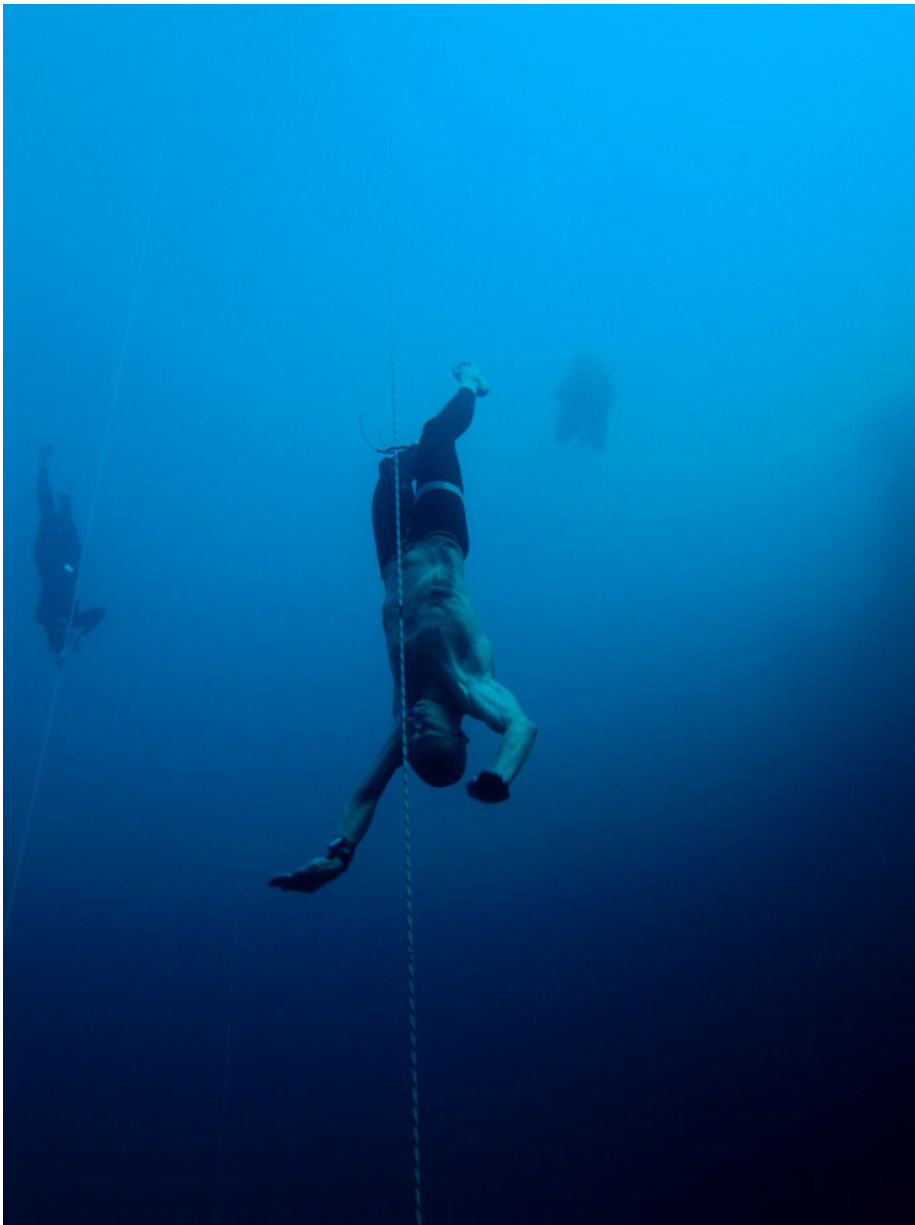




above: Pavel Alcocer of Venezuela, all smiles after a clean dive to 47 meters



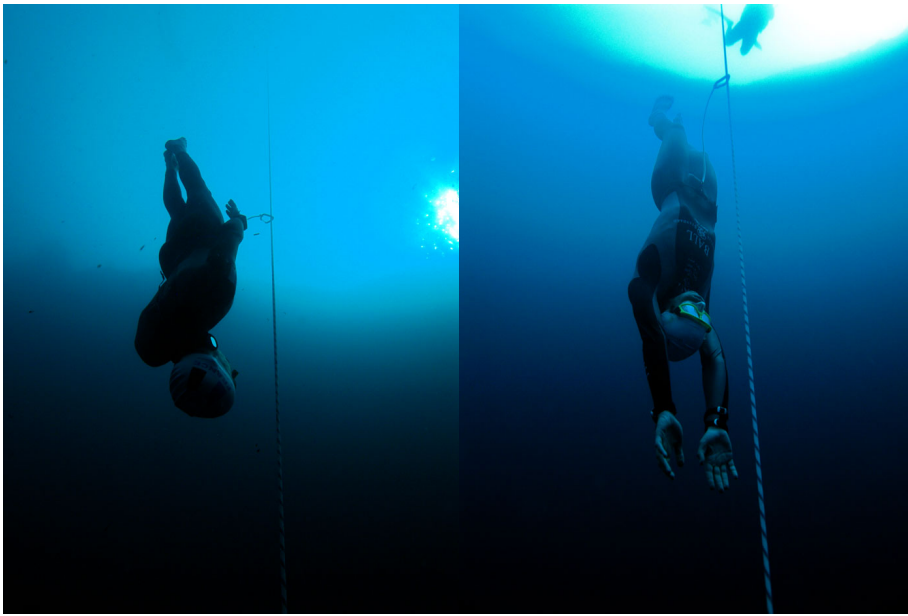
Mikko Pontinen (left) swam to 50m in a time of 2:18, while Anders Larsson of Sweden (right, and below) hit 63 meters, along with 4 other divers. This was the first of three Swedish CNF records for the day - it was followed with Sebastian Naslund's 65m and Christian Ernest's 66m.



Christian Ernest putting some muscle into the armstroke. Below: athletes program their whole day around their 'official top time' the zero hour for their dive - Christian has written it on his hand, in which he holds the tag he brought to the surface 3 minutes and five seconds later.

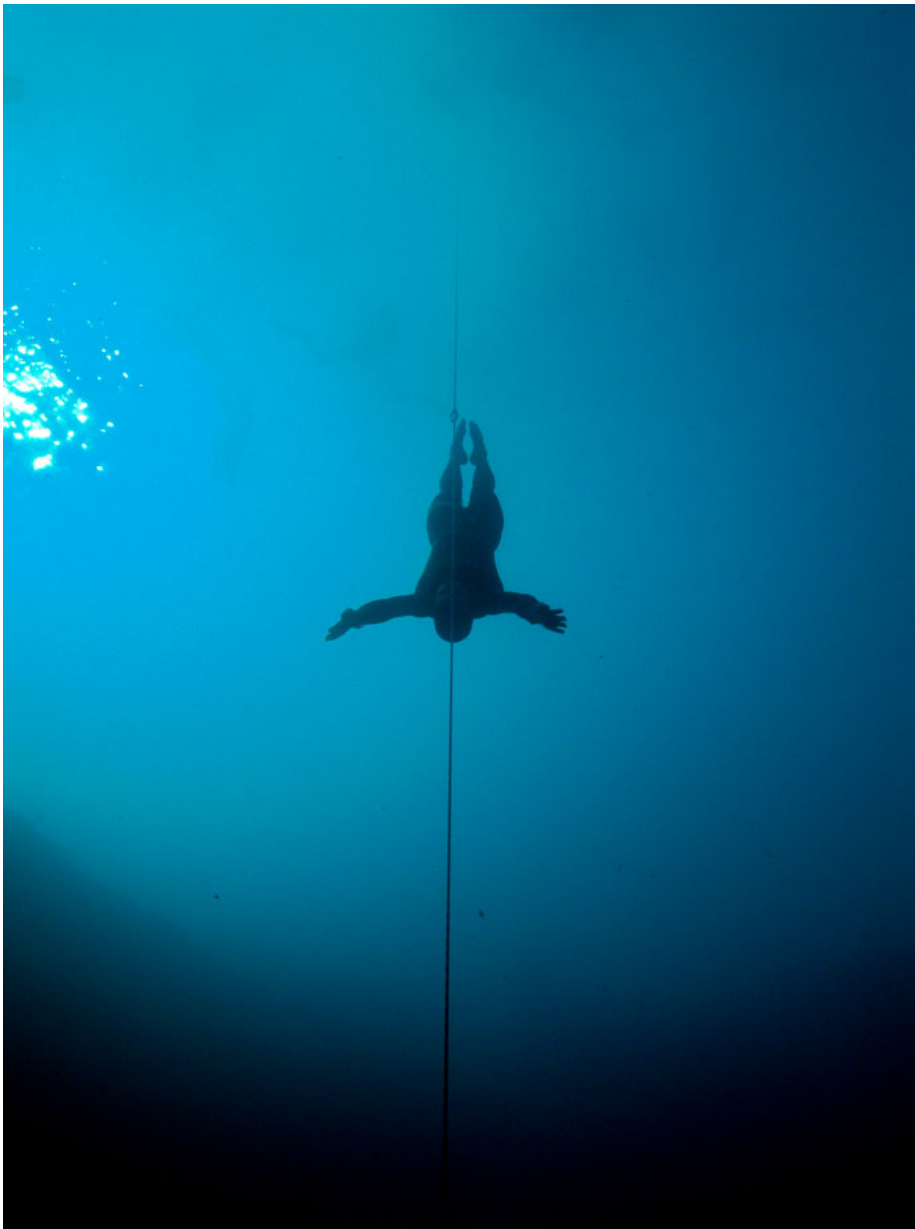


Above: having made stratospheric advances in training, it wasn't to be for Kerian Hibbs on the day. Attempting 72m (after arriving at the World Champs with a PB of 55m), he blacked out just below the surface.



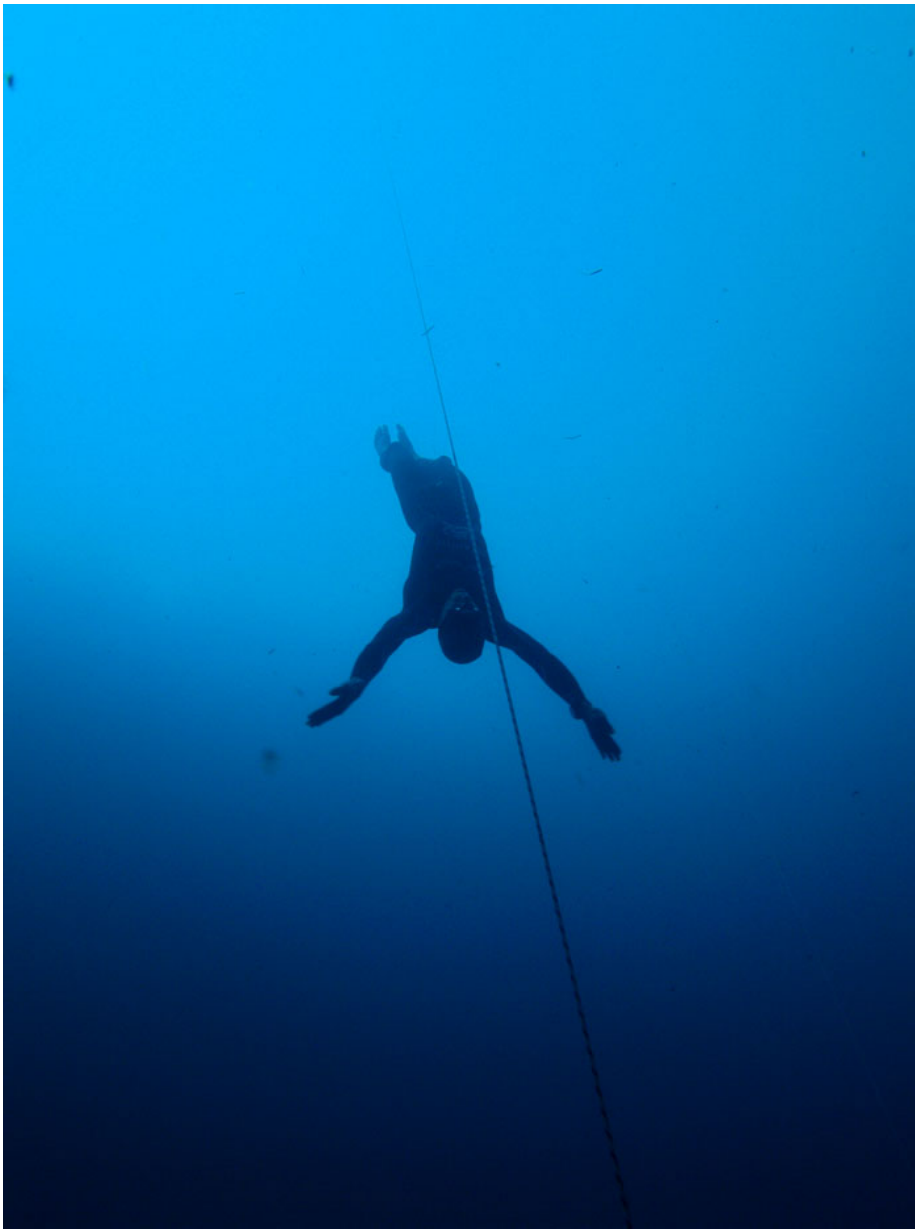
Christian Maldame (above left) and Guillaume Nery (right) on their way to 73m. Morgan Bourc'his (below left) also announced the same depth, maximising the chances for all three CNF divers to go through to the finals. It paid off, and they will have a chance to improve on their depth on the 3rd December. Frederic Lemaitre, doctor and coach for the French team is on the right.





For the first time in years William Winram announced a depth in CNF that was less than his training PB. 80m, in a quick dive time of 2:58, and a new pan-American record for his favoured discipline.





William Trubridge was last to dive for the day, and had announced 85m. He was greeted on the surface by his new



wife, Britta.

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We need some video! This is biggest event in freediving and still no video-reports.

by *odvan* on 2009-11-29 08:52:36

Great photo's! indeed expressing the spirit of the sport well! Nice reporting, I'm looking forward to the next! And I'm especially happy for William Winram, who was many times close, but now is succeeding!

by *Kars* on 2009-11-29 09:07:55

Great pictures, and a looks a great destination. Wish I could be there.

by *dave king* on 2009-11-29 14:31:36

what a pleasure to support the french team and especially, brigitte, Guillaume Nery, Morgan Bourc'his, and to see nice

pictures of the competition. thanks! and take care everybody! Alexandre
by alex osteo nice on 2009-11-30 04:24:23

vamos alfredo!!!, que son tuyos. Animo desde la jaca.
by Jeronimo alvarez on 2009-12-01 16:25:29

Sei grande Igor, Bravissimo per riuscire ancora a farci sognare pur essendo qui con Te. Grazie mille e saluti.
by Marcello on 2009-12-03 20:55:51

Fascinating. But i agree with Odvan that it would be nice with some serious filming, done by someone who know what hes doing. And beacuse this is such an different sport and a bit extreme, it would realy be interesting to follow the divers into the deep.
by Bo fernström on 2009-12-05 12:17:21

Gracias por las fotos, pero necesario mas videos...Felicidades Alfredo Romo un Orgullo para los Mexicanos...un abraso.
by Luis Valdez ,,,pistolerosdelmar on 2010-05-08 09:18:27