TOP TIME SCHEDULE Date 18/4/2011 Announced Record attempt? Announced Athlete Discipline **Top Time** (W)orld / (N)ational depth dive time 10:00 Macarena Benitez FIM 35 1:25 N (CHI) N (JAP) 10:10 Junko Kitahama CNF 53 2:40 Lena Jovanovic CWT 65 2:05 N (SRB) 10:21 10:31 Jyri Vehmaskoski CWT 68 2:10 77 2:45 10:41 Eric Fattah CWT 10:52 Natalia Molchanova CWT 3:00 camera break 11:20 Carla-Sue Hanson CNF 49 2:15 N (USA) 73 11:30 Carolina Schrappe CWT 2:05 N (BRA) 11:41 William Trubridge CWT 120 3:40 N (NZL) 11:52 Dave Mullins CWT 122 N (NZL) 3:40 Results - DAY 8 It was another funky day in the Blue Hole - three no-shows, a handful of early turns and two surface blackouts meant that with two divers to go the judges still hadn't shown a white card today. Luckily Igor Liberti, who has been dependable throughout this competition, brought home another national record for Switzerland, extending his mark in Free Immersion to 82 meters. William Trubridge followed with a white card on a CNF dive to 91m. He has been plagued by an equalisation issue at depth since the 121m FIM dive on the third day of the event, so today was a chance to enjoy a dive to a more conservative depth. One last day remains in Vertical Blue 2011. Announcements will be placed in 3 hours, so stay tuned to see what the last day's action will bring! Results - Day 8 17th April 2010 Realised Dive Announced Discipline Penalties Points Athlete Nationality Card depth time depth FIM Macarena Benitez CHI 35 CNF DNS Niki Roderick NZL 55 Junko Kitahama JAP FIM 60 55 2:19 49 Jyri Vehmaskoski FIN CWT 68 66 2:10 early 3 63 2:14 SRB 68 68 B.O. 0 Lena Jovanovic CWT Walter Steyn AUS 110 110 3:54 B.O. 0 19 13 USA CNF 50 32 1:27 Carla-Sue Hanson early 10 Simon Bennett CHI FIM 60 51 2:13 early 41 early Carolina Schrappe BRA CWT 73 66 1:47 8 58 82 82 3:08 82 Igor Liberti SUI FIM William Trubridge 3:40 NZL 91 CAN DNS Eric Fattah CWT 92 light blue are national records, dark blue are world records top times for DAY 8

Results - DAY 9

Nationality

CHI

JAP

SRB

FIN

CAN

RUS

USA

BRA

NZL

NZL

light blue are national records, dark blue are world records

top times for DAY 9

Discipline

CNF

CWT

CWT

CWT

CNF

CWT

Announced

depth

53

65

68

77

49

73

120

122

Dive

time

1:38

0:38

2:12

2:14

2:34

3:01

2:24

1:28

3:22

depth

14

77

49

59

114

DNS

Penalties

Points

35

0

65

0

77

0

0

0

Record attempt?

(W)orld / (N)ational

N (CHI)

N (SRB)

N (AUS)

N (USA)

N (CHI)

N (BRA)

N (SUI)

Announced

depth

35

55

60

68

68

110

50

60

73

82

91

92

Discipline

FIM

CNF

FIM

CWT

CWT

CWT

CNF FIM

CWT

FIM

CNF

CWT

Announced

dive time

1:25

2:30

2:40

2:16

2:10

4:00

2:15

2:35

2:10

3:05

3:35

3:05

national records for Chile's Simon and Macarena, and a confident dive to 106m CWT from Walter Steyn, which means

Dive

time

1:04

2:33

2:02

1:03

1:33

3:34

Card

early

early

early

Penalties

6

34

14

N (AUS)

N (USA)

N (CHI)

N (MEX)

w

N (NZL)

N (NZL)

Points

25

47

57

0

106

You can see more photos and dive profiles from the event at the Vertical Blue Facebook page here.

Realised

depth

25

DNS

54

63

34

58

106

Announced

25

55

68

68

71

106

Card

S.P.

S.P.

S.P.

S.P.

S.P.

Results - Day 9 18th April 2011

Macarena Benitez

Junko Kitahama

Lena Jovanovic

Eric Fattah

Jyri Vehmaskoski

Natalia Molchanova

Carla-Sue Hanson

Carolina Schrappe

William Trubridge

Dave Mullins

Athlete

NATALIA MOLCHANOVA FREEDIVES 100m!! We knew she can do this depth in Constant Weight (and she has done it before a year ago, but lost the record due to a judging technicality), but after 3 black outs in Dean's Blue Hole, some people might have wondered if Natalia would leave Vertical Blue empty-handed. Today Natalia donned her lucky yellow suit (the new red one was too thin it seems) and finally made it official for the books, with a dive time of 3:42. The indomitable Russian once again has all the female records in competitive freediving. This was the 28th freediving world record set in Dean's Blue Hole. Other than this historic dive, it was a day for early turns at Vertical Blue. The only exceptions were another pair of

he now ranks 9th in the world in both this discipline and CNF.

Discipline

FIM

CNF

FIM

CWT

CWT

CWT

CWT

Nationality

CHI

NZL

JAP

FIN

SRB

BRA

AUS

TOP TIME SCHEDULE

Athlete

Macarena Benitez

Niki Roderick

Junko Kitahama

Jyri Vehmaskoski

Carla-Sue Hanson

William Trubridge

Simon Bennett Carolina Schrappe

Igor Liberti

Eric Fattah

results - DAY 7

Lena Jovanovic

Walter Steyn

Date 17/4/2011

Top Time

10:00

10:10

10:20

10:31

10:41

10:51

11:20

11:30

11:41 11:51

12:02

12:13

Results - Day 7 16th April 2010

Macarena Benitez

Niki Roderick

Junko Kitahama

Jyri Vehmaskoski

Carolina Schrappe

Lena Jovanovic

Walter Steyn

Athlete

camera break

Carla-Sue Hanson USA CNF 49 46 2:00 pulling 0 FIM 52 52 52 Simon Bennett CHI 2:16 Alfredo Romo Hernandez MEX CWT 62 DNS SUI FIM 73 73 2:57 73 100 100 3:42 100 Natalia Molchanova CWT William Trubridge NZL CWT 119 105 3:07 15 90 early Dave Mullins CWT 122 101 2:51 22 79 NZL light blue are national records, dark blue are world records top times for DAY 7 TOP TIME SCHEDULE Date 16/4/2011 Announced Announced Record attempt? Athlete Discipline **Top Time** depth dive time (W)orld / (N)ational 9:30 Macarena Benitez FIM 25 1:45 N(CHI) 9:40 Niki Roderick CNF 55 2:30 9:50 Junko Kitahama FIM 60 2:15 10:00 Jyri Vehmaskoski CWT 68 2:16 10:10 Lena Jovanovic CWT 68 2:10 N (SRB) CWI 71 2:05

106

49

52

62

73

100

119

122

FIM

CWT

an issue for some divers, and Natalia was shivering just before her official top.

Announced

depth

50

55

60

60

68

40

49

71

74

80

84

90

100

119

122

Discipline

CWT

CNF

FIM

FIM

CWT

CNF CNF

CWT

CNF

FIM

FIM

CWT

CWT

CWT

CWT

Realised

depth

50

DNS

52

60

68

40

49

DNS

74

80

84

43

100

DNS

97

3:50

2:15

2:20

2:07

2:40

3:45

3:38

3:40

Act Two concluded today with four more national records, and another close miss for Natalia Molchanova. Again she descended to 100m, and ascended all the way to the surface under her own power, but she had blacked out just below the surface and arrived already unconscious. The weather was overcast this morning, meaning that coldness became

Chile (Simon & Macarena), Australia (Walter) and Switzerland (Igor) were the countries to earn national records - all of

In her first national record attempt Carla-Sue Hanson came as close as you can get without being successful: a long samba meant she went overtime on her surface protocol, but she will definitely be back for another attempt, and

Dive

time

1:40

2:15

2:11

2:09

2:08

2:20

2:51

3:03

3:33

1:42

3:41

2:40

Card

early

BO

SP

early

80

Penalties

43

26

(W)orld / (N)ational

N (CHI)

N (SRB)

N (CHI)

N (USA)

N (AUS)

N (SUI)

N (ESP)

N (NZL)

N (NZL)

Points

50

43

60

0

40

0

74

80

84

0

0

71

Jyri and Eric both registered their first FIM dives in competition to 60 and 84 respectively. Dave, Alfredo Roën and Junko were all early turners, while Niki, Carolina and William took the day off. Results - Day 6 14th April 2011

Athlete

Macarena Benitez

William Trubridge

Dave Mullins

Top Time

9:30

9:40

9:50

10:00

10:10

12:02

12:14

12:26

certainly has this depth in her.

Top Times for DAY 6 TOP TIME SCHEDULE Date 14/4/2011 Record attempt? Announced Announced

depth

50

55

60

60

68

40

49

71

74

80

84

90

100

119

122

dive time

1:40

2:30

2:30

2:15

2:10

2:00

2:12

2:00

3:00

3:00

2:45

3:00

3:45

3:38

3:40

At the half way point of VB 2011 several athletes took rest days - some planned them and didn't announce a dive,

Those who did compete had a productive day in the aquatic office, with another 4 national records added to this year's

loot. Alfredo Roën completed the second no fins dive of his life, with a 50 meter effort that just happened to be a Spanish national record also. Walter Stevn cemented his place as one of the great all-rounders of the sport, with a

discipline. Simon Bennett and Igor Liberti both improved on their national records, registering 37m CNF and 77m FIM

solid CNF dive to 70m, making it look easy for the safety divers and placing him at 10th equal for all time in this

Results - Day 5 13th April 2011 Announced Realised Dive Athlete Discipline Card Penalties Points Nationality depth depth time Junko Kitahama JAP FIM 40 40 1:59 40 CWT DNS Macarena Benitez CHI 50 Alfredo Roën ESP CNF 50 50 2:18 50 Niki Roderick CNF 55 DNS NZL CWT 61 2:09 Jyri Vehmaskoski FIN 68 early 53 Walter Steyn AUS CNF 70 70 2:38 70 CNF 1:51 37 Simon Bennett CHI 37 37 Carla-Sue Hanson USA CNF 49 DNS Carolina Schrappe BRA 68 68 1:55 68 Igor Liberti SUI FIM 77 77 2:57 77 William Trubridge NZL CWT 119 108 3:08 12 96 DNS Dave Mullins NZL CWT 122 light blue are national records, dark blue are world records top times for DAY 5

Announced

depth

40

50

50

55

68

70

37

49

68

77

119

122

Discipline

FIM

CWT

CNF

CNF

CWT

CNF

CNF

CNF

CWT

FIM

CWT

CWT

highlighted in this colour then it denotes either a national or world record.

Announced

51

62

88

102

34

46

52

65

65

77

102

104

119

122

Discipline

CWT

CNF

CWT

CWT

CWT

CNF

CNF

CNF

CWT

CWT

Announced

dive time

1:30

1:40

2:15

2:25

2:16

2:50

2:00

2:15

2:05

2:45

3:38

3:40

Today the first half of the scoreboard is blocked out in blue, and it was these personal victories that punctuated the

Macarena Benitez and Alfredo Roën improved on their national records for Chile and Spain, while Simon Bennett claimed his second discipline for Chile, with a 34m CNF dive. Lena Jovanovic set the Serbian record for CWT with a

Dive

time

1:34

2:15

1:52

3:00

3:34

1:45

2:11

2:33

2:17

1:50

2:38

3:52

3:21

2:54

48

51

62

88

102

34

52

65

65

102

104

DNS

Announced

depth

48

51

62

88

102

34

46

52

65

65

Penalties

5

13

Points

48

51

62

88

102

34

46

0

60

60

52

0

104

81

Record attempt?

(W)orld / (N)ational

N (CHI)

N (SRB)

N (ESP)

N (AUS)

N (CHI)

Card

 \checkmark

BO

Grab

Grab

Early

Early

Announced

dive time

1:40

2:10

1:55

2:55

3:40

1:50

2:08

2:35

2:10

1:55

problems at depth convert to problems on the surface, but in this one I managed to stay relaxed during the ascent

Dive

time

1:53

1:54

1:40

2:03

2:42

2:58

3:17

1:33

2:12

1:24

3:28

4:13

2:16

Act One will conclude with a record attempt from competition host William Trubridge, who will attempt to secure his third square number record (after 81m CNF in 2007 and 100m CNF in 2010) with a Free Immersion dive to 121 meters.

There will be plenty of national record attempts on day three, for Chile (Macarena and Simon), Switzerland (Igor),

Announced

depth

50

51

55

60

76

85

102

45

46

64

90

121

122

Realised

depth

48

48

50

55

43

58

70

116

Announced

depth

47

48

48

50

53

43

63

70

117

122

Discipline

CNF

FIM

CWT

CWT

CNF

CWT

FIM

CWT

CWT

Dive

time

2:13

1:57

2:11

1:30

1:51

1:59

1:34

2:34

3:31

2:20

Card

SP

Weight

Early

Early/Pull

Announced

dive time

2:30

1:42

2:15

1:35

1:50

1:55

1:50

2:35

3:30

3:40

Penalties

7

Record attempt?

(W)orld / (N)ational

N (CHI)

N (NZL) N (NZL) Points

47

48

48

0

0

43

52

70

109

The rest of the competitors are inching towards their national records as well, and as the sun burns ever higher in the sky and the waters of Dean's Blue Hole continue to warm we can expect to see some intrepid forays into the depths

Announced

dive time

2:30

2:20

1:45

2:00

2:40

2:40

3:40

1:40

2:10

1:55

3:30

4:15

3:40

Card

SP

early

1

early

SP

early

Penalties

5

12

Record attempt?

(W)orld / (N)ational

N (CHI)

N (SUI)

N (ESP)

N (AUS)

N (CHI)

W

N (NZL)

Points

0

34

55

60

76

85

93

45

0

41

90

121

Record attempt?

(W)orld / (N)ational

N (CHI)

N (ESP)

N (AUS)

N (CHI) N (USA)

N (SUI)

N (NZL)

N (NZL)

dive to 62m in a scorching time of 1:52. Walter Steyn improved on his Australian national record, diving to 102 meters in a time of 3:34, cementing his post as the greatest athlete down under in the 'land of the down under.' This depth also ranked Walter as 9th deepest of all time in Constant Weight. However that particular title only lasted

FIM 77 2:45 N (SUI) 12:01 N (CAN) 12:13 Eric Fattah CWT 104 3:24 12:25 William Trubridge CWT 119 3:38 N (NZL) CWT 122 3:40 N (NZL) 12:37 Dave Mullins results - DAY 3 Here are the official results from day three - the last of Act One in Vertical Blue 2011. Three national records fell today, the first to Igor Liberti, who has been freediving for more than a decade, but is competing in his first event. Igor was the photographer at both the AIDA World Champs in 2009 and Project Hector last year. He dove to 76 meters in Free Immersion to set a new record for Switzerland. Alfredo Roën, who lives and trains in the Canary Islands, and is the Spanish national champion in the pool, set his first depth national record with a clean and comfortable 85 meters in Constant Weight. So comfortable in fact that he gave the bottom plate camera a wave, to the delight of the surface crew who were following him on the live monitor. Macarena improved her Chilean national record, with a 45m Constant Weight dive completed in a speedy 1:33. This is her first competition as well, and she has definitely risen to the occasion! There were solid dives from Lena, Jyri and Natalia as well, while Junko, Simon, Walter, Carolina and Dave all made early turns. Carla-Sue completed her CNF dive to 46m, and stayed strong on the surface, but unfortunately went over time on the surface protocol. Second-to-last, William Trubridge attempted a world record in Free Immersion. William writes: "I was fairly calm going into the dive, as I'd done a 120m dive in training in which I hit my head on the plate, and I knew if I managed to equalise it should be fine. The descent was good, but when my second alarm went off at 115 I was already running out of air, and managed one last equalisation, before I had to ride my ears. I heard a strange noise from the left ear, just above the plate, and worried that I had ruptured the eardrum, I quickly grabbed at a tag, but lost the line in the process. From having done countless deep no fins dives, my first instinct was a no-fins stroke, which brought me back in contact with the line, and from there I continued to pull up it. Sometimes

and completed the surface protocol cleanly for a tough but welcome world record."

Announced

depth

50

51

55

60

76

85

102

45

46

64

90

121

122

FIM

FIM

CNF

FIM

CWT

The current world record, held by Austrian Herbert Nitsch, is 120m.

from all competitors in the coming days of the event.

Athlete

Junko Kitahama

Simon Bennett

Lena Jovanovic

Igor Liberti

Alfredo Roën

Walter Steyn

Macarena Benitez

Carla-Sue Hanson

Carolina Schrappe

Natalia Molchanova

William Trubridge

Dave Mullins

Jyri Vehmaskoski

Spain (Alfredo Roën), Australia (Walter Steyn) and New Zealand (Dave Mullins).

Discipline

CNF

FIM

CWT

CWT

FIM

CWT

CWT

CWT

CNF

CWT

CWT

FIM

CWT

NZL

Top Times for DAY 3

Realised

depth

41

43

55

60

76

85

98

45

46

53

90

121

SRB CWT Lena Jovanovich Jyri Vehmaskoski FIN CWT Carla-Sue Hanson USA CNF CWT Carolina Schrappe BRA Igor Liberti SUI FIM William Trubridge CWT 117 NZL Dave Mullins NZL CWT 122 light blue are national records, dark blue are world records top times for DAY 2

Athlete

Alfredo Romo Hernandez

Junko Kitahama

Simon Bennett

Lena Jovanovic

Jyri Vehmaskoski

Carla-Sue Hanson

Carolina Schrappe

William Trubridge

Igor Liberti

Dave Mullins

TOP TIME SCHEDULE

Date 9/4/2011

Top Time

10:00

10:10

10:20

10:30

10:40

11:15

11:26

11:37

11:49

12:01

camera break

Athlete	Nationality	Discipline	Announced depth	Realised depth	Dive	Card	Penalties	Points	
Simon Bennett	CHI	FIM	45	45	2:03	V		45	
Junko Kitahama	JAP	CWT	50	50	1:31	1		50	
Carolina Schrappe	BRA	CWT	60	60	1:38	V		60	
Alfredo Roën	ESP	CWT	80	80	2:37	V		80	
Walter Steyn	AUS	CWT	105	105	3:48	B.O		0	
Carla-Sue Hanson	USA	CNF	37	37	1:40	V		37	
Macarena Benitez	CHI	CWT	42	42	1:13	1		42	
Alfredo Romo Hernande	MEX	CNF	48	DNS	DNS				
Igor Liberti	SUI	FIM	68	64	2:18	no tag	5	59	
Eric Fattah	CAN	CWT	94	94	3:09	1		94	
Natalia Molchanova	RUS	CWT	103	103	4:05	B.O.		0	
light blue are national re	cords, dark b	lue are world	d records						

speed bump, with a surface blackout after ascending from 105m in Constant Weight.

CWT

CNF

FIM

CWT

CWT

42

48

68

94

103

Molchanova suffered a blackout on her 103 meter attempt.

Announced Announced Record attempt? Discipline depth (W)orld / (N)ational dive time FIM 45 2:15 N (CHI) CWT 50 1:30 CWT 60 1:50 CWT 80 2:40 105 CWT 3:40 N (AUS) CNF 37 2:00

1:30

1:42

2:26

3:05

3:55

N (CHI)

W

Strong dives from Alfredo Roën, Carolina Schrappe and Junko Kitahama started off the day, before Walter Steyn hit a

10:20 10:30 Walter Steyn CWT camera break CNF 11:00 Carla-Sue Hanson FIM 11:10 Simon Bennett 11:20 Alfredo Romo Hernandez CWT 11:30 Igor Liberti 11:41 CWT Natalia Molchanova 11:53 William Trubridge CWT

Dave Mullins

Results - DAY 6

them improvements on their existing records.

Nationality

CHI

NZL

NZL

Athlete

Macarena Benitez

Junko Kitahama

Jyri Vehmaskoski

Natalia Molchanova

William Trubridge

Dave Mullins

Results - DAY 5

others decided on the day, and "did not start" (DNS).

Lena Jovanovic

Niki Roderick

light blue are national records, dark blue are world records

Discipline

CWT

CWT

CWT

12:05

Niki Roderick NZL CNF Junko Kitahama JAP FIM Jyri Vehmaskoski FIN FIM Lena Jovanovic SRB CWT CNF Simon Bennett CHI Carla-Sue Hanson USA CNF Carolina Schrappe BRA CWT Walter Steyn AUS CNF Igor Liberti SUI FIM Eric Fattah CAN FIM ESP Alfredo Roën CWT Natalia Molchanova RUS CWT

camera break Simon Bennett 10:40 10:50 Carla-Sue Hanson 11:00 Carolina Schrappe 11:10 Walter Steyn 11:11 Igor Liberti camera break 11:40 Eric Fattah 11:51 Alfredo Roën

respectively. Junko and Carolina both bought home white cards, while Jyri and William turned early in their dives.

TOP TIME SCHEDULE

Athlete

Junko Kitahama

Alfredo Roën

Niki Roderick

Walter Steyn

camera break

Jyri Vehmaskoski

Macarena Benitez

Date 12/4/2011

Top Time

10:00

10:10

10:20

10:30

10:40

10:50

11:20 Simon Bennett 11:30 Carla-Sue Hanson 11:40 Carolina Schrappe 11:50 Igor Liberti 12:02 William Trubridge 12:14 Dave Mullins Results - DAY 4 Anyone who has followed the past 3 editions of Vertical Blue will know that blue equals record - when the result is

first day of Act Two of VB2011.

an hour, as Eric Fattah was to attempt 104 meters. He had been complaining that the water was too warm (27°C), but that didn't seem to perturb him, as he completed the dive with a solid surface protocol and a time of 3:21. Amongst the other divers, Carla-Sue Hanson finally nailed her 46m CNF announcement, a depth she has been pursuing for some time. Junko Kitahama had a narrow miss, with a surface blackout, and Carolina and Jyri completed good dives other than an extra pull at the bottom, for which they were penalised. Natalia Molchanova made another valiant attempt at an over-100 dive, and looked stronger than her previous 103m attempt. However she still ran out of steam towards the end, and although she reached the surface under her own power she had an immediate blackout. She is clearly capable of this depth, and has reached it before on several occasions, so we can definitely look forward to more attempts from her. William stayed away from depth today, as his ear isn't completely recovered from the strain it received in his 121m FIM. Dave Mullins made some progress with equalisation, turning at 102m this time. It seems Vertical Blue will have to invest in an underwater scooter so the safety divers can keep up with him: this time his ascent from 100m took a minute flat.

Results - Day 4 12th April 2011

Athlete

CHI Macarena Benitez Niki Roderick NZL Lena Jovanovich SRB Alfredo Roen ESP Walter Steyne AUS Simon Bennett CHI Carla-Sue Hanson USA Junko Kitahama JAP FIN Jyri Vehmaskoski Carolina Schrappe BRA Igor Liberti SUI Natalia Molchanova RUS Eric Fattah CAN William Trubridge NZL Dave Mullins NZL light blue are national records, dark blue are world records

top times for DAY 4

Nationality

Discipline

CNF

CWT

CWT

CNF

CNF

CNF

CWT

FIM

CWT

CWT

CWT

TOP TIME SCHEDULE Date 12/4/2011 Athlete Top Time 9:30 Macarena Benitez Niki Roderick 9:40 9:50 Lena Jovanovic 10:00 Alfredo Roën 10:11 Walter Steyn camera break 10:40 Simon Bennett 10:50 Carla-Sue Hanson Junko Kitahama 11:00 11:10 Jyri Vehmaskoski Carolina Schrappe 11:20 camera break 11:50 Igor Liberti

Results - Day 3 10th April 2011 Athlete Nationality Discipline Junko Kitahama JAP Simon Bennett CHI SRB CWT Lena Jovanovic Jyri Vehmaskoski FIN CWT Igor Liberti SUI Alfredo Roën ESP CWT AUS CWT Walter Steyn Macarena Benitez CHI CWT Carla-Sue Hanson USA Carolina Schrappe BRA CWT Natalia Molchanova RUS CWT William Trubridge NZL

Dave Mullins

TOP TIME SCHEDULE

Date 10/4/2011

Top Time

10:00

10:10

10:20

10:30

10:40

10:51

11:02

11:35

11:45

11:55

12:06

12:18

12:30

camera break

results - DAY 2 Results - Day 2 9th April 2011 Announced Athlete Nationality Discipline depth Junko Kitahama JAP CNF 47 Alfredo Romo Hernande: MEX 48 CNF Simon Bennett CHI FIM 48 50 55 43 63 70

Results - DAY 1 Preliminary results for Day 1 of Vertical Blue... Results - Day 8th April 2011 Athlete Simon Bennett Junko Kitahama Carolina Schrapp Alfredo Roën

Igor turned early at 64 meters, but was very clean on the surface, so it is just a question of equalisation for him at this point. Eric Fattah and Carla-Sue Hansen started out their campaigns well with conservative dives below their PB. Top Times for DAY 1 The 4th edition of Vertical Blue will begin with a world record attempt from the queen of freediving, Natalia Molchanova, who has been past 100 meters before, but will attempt to do it officially for the first time, with an announcement of 103 meters. The two debuting Chilean divers, Simon Bennet and Macarena Benitez will attempt to set the first national records for their country, and Walter Steyn will try to become the 9th deepest constant weight diver, with a national record attempt for Australia of 105 meters. Many of the other divers are warming up with formidable dives also on day one...

Athlete

Simon Bennett

Junko Kitahama

Alfredo Roën

Walter Steyn

Igor Liberti

Eric Fattah

Carolina Schrappe

Carla-Sue Hanson

Macarena Benitez

Natalia Molchanova

Alfredo Romo Hernandez

TOP TIME SCHEDULE

Date 8/4/2011

Top Time

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