

WORLD'S ABSOLUTE FREEDIVER AWARDS 2011

The WAFA awards is the most objective measure of freedivers' rankings in each calendar year. In 2011 I was honoured to win the award for the second time, and this year there were some great prizes. A special thanks to Ivo Truxa, who organises the award, and who is the genius behind the incredible rankings engine on the Apnea.cz webpage. Here is the official press release:

Last week APNEA.cz sponsored by Scubapro and Apneaman.cz announced the results of the annual award for the best and the most complete freediving competitors. The WAFA 2011 lists competitors with the best combination of performances in six freediving disciplines achieved in competitions or in individual attempts officially sanctioned by one of existing freediving federations. This year, the main awards belong to Alena Zabloudilová (Czech Republic) and to William Trubridge (New Zealand). They both receive a revolutionary diving computer Scubapro Uwatec Meridian with an integrated heart rate monitor, and freediving equipment from Apneaman.cz.

- The complete results can be found at <http://apnea.cz/?awards>
- Freediving ranking 2011 per discipline: <http://apnea.cz/ranking.html?simple+2011>

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APNEA.cz Absolute Freedivers 2011									
women					men				
1		Alena Zabloudilová		422.8 pts	1		William Trubridge		607.7 pts
		Static Apnea	STA	5:34 66.8 pts			Static Apnea	STA	7:21 88.2 pts
		Dynamic Apnea	DYN	171 m 85.5 pts			Dynamic Apnea	DYN	219 m 109.5 pts
		Dynamic Apnea without Fins	DNF	117 m 58.5 pts			Dynamic Apnea without Fins	DNF	174 m 87.0 pts
		Constant Weight	CWT	75 m 75.0 pts			Constant Weight	CWT	116 m (Y) 109.0 pts
		Constant Weight without Fins	CNF	56 m 56.0 pts			Constant Weight without Fins	CNF	93 m 93.0 pts
		Free Immersion	FIM	81 m 81.0 pts			Free Immersion	FIM	121 m 121.0 pts
2		Jody Fisher		393.8 pts	2		Rune Hallum Sørensen		548.0 pts
		Static Apnea	STA	6:09 73.8 pts			Static Apnea	STA	7:55 95.0 pts
		Dynamic Apnea	DYN	166 m 83.0 pts			Dynamic Apnea	DYN	236 m 115.0 pts
		Dynamic Apnea without Fins	DNF	150 m 75.0 pts			Dynamic Apnea without Fins	DNF	200 m 100.0 pts
		Constant Weight	CWT	54 m 54.0 pts			Constant Weight	CWT	86 m 86.0 pts
		Constant Weight without Fins	CNF	52 m 52.0 pts			Constant Weight without Fins	CNF	66 m 66.0 pts
		Free Immersion	FIM	56 m 56.0 pts			Free Immersion	FIM	81 m 81.0 pts
3		Jarmila Slovenčíková		385.4 pts	3		Jesper Stechmann		501.8 pts
		Static Apnea	STA	4:22 52.4 pts			Static Apnea	STA	7:04 84.8 pts
		Dynamic Apnea	DYN	129 m 64.5 pts			Dynamic Apnea	DYN	216 m 105.0 pts
		Dynamic Apnea without Fins	DNF	113 m 56.5 pts			Dynamic Apnea without Fins	DNF	180 m 90.0 pts
		Constant Weight	CWT	86 m 86.0 pts			Constant Weight	CWT	83 m 83.0 pts
		Constant Weight without Fins	CNF	51 m 51.0 pts			Constant Weight without Fins	CNF	48 m 48.0 pts
		Free Immersion	FIM	75 m 75.0 pts			Free Immersion	FIM	88 m 88.0 pts
4		Liv Philip		363.2 pts	4		Alexey Molchanov		477.6 pts
5		Irina Karina		346.2 pts	5		Mateusz Malina		470.6 pts
6		Natalia Zharkova		335.3 pts	6		Antero Joki		459.2 pts
7		Cristina Kümmel		319.7 pts	7		Aristeides Ioannidis		451.2 pts
8		Nanjan van den Broek		318.9 pts	8		Michal Rišian		443.8 pts
9		Jana Balounová		313.5 pts	9		Jonas Krahn		436.6 pts
10		Misuzu Hirai		294.7 pts	10		Samo Jeranko		432.7 pts

Alena Zabloudilová is a successful freediving competitor since many years, but it is her first time appearance on the list of the top 10 athletes, which she achieved thanks to balanced improvements in all disciplines. Her total score of 422.8 points is the second best rank of all times after the legendary Natalia Molchanova with incredible 540.1 points in 2009.

The second rank of Jody Fisher (Australia) is a big surprise. She was a complete newcomer in 2011. The third female rank belongs to another Czech, Jarmila Slovenčíková, who appears among the top awarded freedivers regularly.

In contrary, the first place of William Trubridge will not surprise any insider. He not only repeated his success from 2010 again, but he also managed to accomplish another historical achievement by beating his own best result of all times. In 2011, as the first man in the history, he broke the milestone of 600 points, and scored 607.7 points (over 65 points more than in 2010).

Danish freedivers confirmed their qualities this year again: Rune Hallum Sørensen finished on the second rank (third in 2010), and Jesper Stechmann ranked third.

In the country ranking, the Czech Republic did the best, followed by France, and Russia in the women category, and New Zealand won the male category, with France again on the second rank, and Denmark third.

Apnea.cz awards also the most diligent male and female competitors – those who booked the highest number of starts. In 2011 it was Junko Kitahama (Japan) with 27 starts and Grégoire Folly (Switzerland) with 23 starts.

All awardees receive prizes from the event sponsors Scubapro and Apneaman.cz.

The World's Absolute Freediver Award (WAFA) is an annual prize for freedivers with the highest combined score in six

freediving disciplines: static apnea, dynamic apnea with fins, dynamic apnea without fins (pool disciplines), constant weight with fins, constant weight without fins, and free immersion (depth disciplines).

Apnea.cz is a popular freediving website, maintaining the database of freediving competitions of all coexisting freediving federations.

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