

Draw to form the teams for the Riviera Water Bike Challenge

The draw for the teams who will participate in the “Riviera Water Bike Challenge” took place on 15 May, 2017, at the Yacht Club de Monaco.⁽¹⁾

For this occasion, celebrities and world class athletes were present, notably Mr. Gareth Wittstock, Ms. Paula Radcliffe, marathon world record holder, Mr. Simon Shaw and Mr. Dan Luger, both English rugby world champions, Mr. Esteban Lozada, former Captain of the RC Toulon rugby team and Argentinian international, Mr. Luciano Orquera, former Italian international rugby player, Mr. Mika Häkkinen, Formula 1 World Champion, Mr. David Coulthard, former Formula 1 driver, Mr. Kevin Crovetto, Olympic gymnast, Mr. Pierre Frolla, four-time world record holder in free diving and ambassador for the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation.



From left to right : Mr. David Coulthard, former Formula 1 driver, Mrs. Paula Radcliffe, marathon world record holder, Mr. Pierre Frolla, four-time free diving world record holder and ambassador for the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation, Mr. Mika Häkkinen, Formula 1 World champion, Mr. Simon Shaw, English rugby world champion, Mr. Esteban Lozada, former Captain of the RC Toulon rugby team and Argentinian international, Mr. Dan Luger, English rugby world champion, Mr. Luciano Orquera, former Italian international rugby player
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The “Riviera Water Bike Challenge” is the first relay race of its kind on water and will take place on 4 June, 2017. The 21 kilometers between Nice and Monaco will be travelled on Schiller S1 water bikes. Merging modern design, technology, and engineering, these bikes are quiet, sustainable and 100% human powered.

This race fits the philosophy and values of the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation: team spirit, self-respect and respect for others, discipline and appreciation of hard work. The choice of a relay race is the embodiment of mutual aid and team work.

The funds raised at the gala dinner, which took place on 24 March, 2017 at the Yacht Club de Monaco will help finance the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation’s project in Burkina Faso.

The Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation is currently partnering with the Monaco and Burkinabe Red Cross whose aim is to transform and implant the Monegasque Pavilion at the Milan World Expo 2015 in Burkina Faso.



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During the course of 2018 the project will become a professional training centre most notably in hospitality. It will also be a first aid and CPR training centre which will focus on countries in the West African region.

As part of this project, the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation will create an aquatic rescue centre which will train lifeguards and swim instructors.

A Water Safety programme will be put in place to raise awareness about the risks related to water and a Learn to Swim programme will also be developed for 1,000 students from the neighbouring high school.

Pierre Frolla, Director of the Aquatic Rescue Centre of Monaco (Centre de Sauvetage Aquatique de Monaco – CSAM) will bring his expertise and know-how to deliver this project to its fruition.

About the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation:

Launched on 14 December 2012, the primary objective of the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation is to save lives by putting an end to drowning.

Its missions are to raise public awareness about the dangers of water, teach children preventive measures and teach them to swim.

A number of “Learn to Swim” and “Water Safety” programmes have been implemented around the world in order to fight against this scourge.

The Foundation’s actions are also based on the values of sport such as discipline, self-respect and respect for others, determination and team spirit.

The “Sport and Education” programme uses sporting activities as tools to contribute to the well-being and development for all children no matter their origin or circumstances.

From December 2012 through to December 2016 more than 307,000 people, mainly children, benefited from these three programmes in 30 countries.



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CYCLING – UK

MONTE CARLO POLO TEAM




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FREEDIVING – MONACO

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HANDBALL – FRANCE

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RUGBY – ENGLAND

SLAMMERS




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ATHLETICS – FRANCE

STELIOS PHILANTHROPIC FOUNDATION




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TIFFANY CROMWELL
CYCLING – AUSTRALIA

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