



Seb Garat charged the Teri Kitesurf Pro

Seb pulling some tricks
to challenge reigning
World Champ Hadlow

The last competition of the year for Seb Garat is over. He was in Nouméa for the Teri Kitesurf Pro from the 2nd to 9th of November. He finished 2nd in Freestyle, behind Aaron Hadlow, simply unbeatable... but no regrets, he had a really good performance and we all hope that next year we'll see many more challenge between those two highly talented riders. Anyway, Seb highlighted his overall performance winning the Course Racing in front of Mickael Fernandez and the local Fabien Morcant.

Read Seb's report of the competition!

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DAY 1

The 1st day we had perfect wind conditions to run the freestyle single elimination. It was a crazy day, cause I arrived in Nouméa (from France, 30 hours of travel!!!) at 7:30 in the morning. After that I went to the event site at 10 for Registration, then at 11 was the skippers meeting, and the wind was already blowing around 15 knots. Competition started at 12. I was on the water around 12.30 for my 1st heat of the day. Then wind picked up during the afternoon. I had to go on my 12 Obsession for the 1st heat. Then I was on my 10.5 for my second heat that I passed. I won on the next round (semi final) against my friend Tom Hebert, still on my 10.5. And I went up in final against the 5 times PKRA World Champ Aaron Hadlow. I did a really good heat, perfectly powered on my 9 Obsession, but not enough to beat Aaron. So I ended 2nd in the single.

DAY 2

The days after, the wind was still there, but not so strong. So race director goes for the double elimination, and I waited for my final heat. The wind dropped a bit for the finals. I had to go first against Tom Hebert to keep my 2nd place. I was well powered on my 15. I won my heat, but we both did a nice performance. And then I had one more chance to defeat Aaron Hadlow. I kept my 15 for the last final. I knew that I needed to make the perfect heat to have a chance to take a win over Aaron. So I started full power on the first tack, with a Big Blind Judge 3, directly followed by a perfect Front mobe to blind in front of the judge tower. I was quit happy with this start! I goes on to land my tricks one after one. But I missed a few at the end. And Aaron finally took the advantage. I could keep my 2nd place during the double elimination, so I'm quit happy about this result. We had really good conditions to give a great show to the spectators on the beach, and it's always a pleasure to ride a so good spot.



Seb on the higher stage
of the Race podium

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FINAL DAYS

During the rest of the week, we didn't have so much wind. We only could make the Course Racing and the Best Tricks, which was a big air best trick. But with 15 knots of wind, it was not possible to go so high.

I finished 5 on this best trick, while on the course race side, we only did 2 races and I won both. It was a classic course with a big upwind. I had a special race board so I had a good advantage to go upwind easily.

On the last Sunday, we had all the podiums. I was on the Course Racing and Freestyle Podium. There was also the Juniors Freestyle Podium, and like they can't have prize money, the juniors were happy with a lot of Kite Stuff. The 1st won one brand new Placebo board and one Hyper Type 2 kite. And the 3rd also won a Placebo board.

Thanks to RRD!

Now I'm back to France for 2 weeks, to see my family, before I fly back to New Caledonia for the winter time.

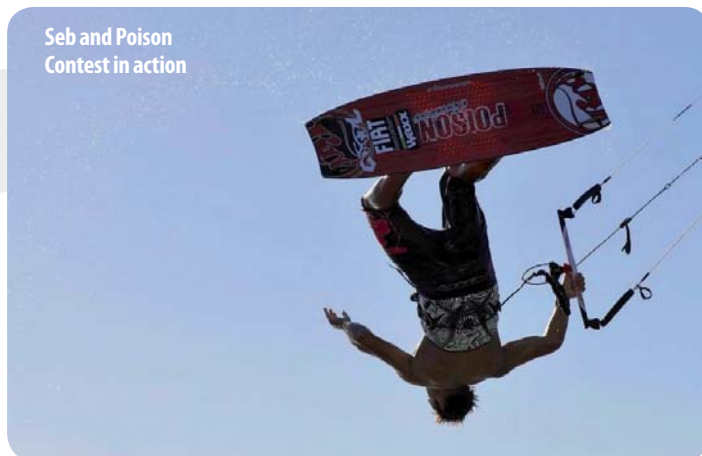


The Event site

Seb on the second stage of freestyle podium



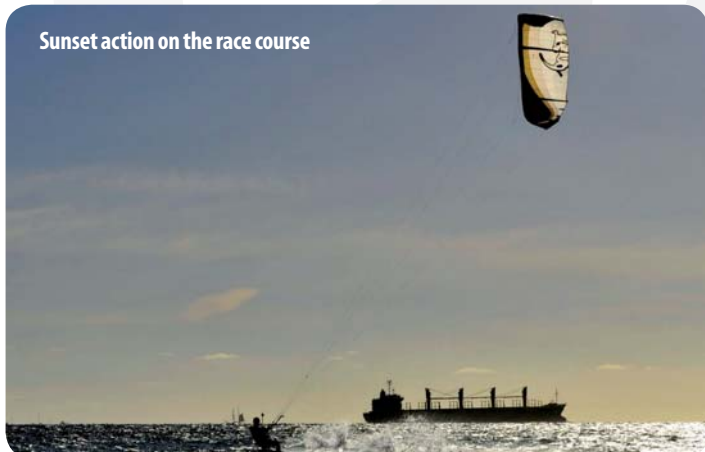
Seb and Poison Contest in action



Race action



Sunset action on the race course



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