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## *press release* *Raid in France, a wonderful second edition !*

**T**he adventure Raid in France, second edition, comes to an end on the 6th of June in the Fréjus harbour after a week tour through the Hautes-Alpes, the Alpes de Hautes Provence and the Var regions. The Quechua team wins for the second time this french stage of the adventure racing world series.

The second edition of Raid in France, the french stage of the adventure racing world series, finished on saturday 6th of June in the Fréjus harbour, final destination of the 510km course. The Quechua team crossed the finish line, for the second time in Raid in France, on friday at 19h10 after a 130 hours and 11 minutes race. The Quechua team arrived 5 hours and 49 minutes before the Cateye Outdoor Experiences team and 9 hours and 56 minutes before the Planète Tonique Acti 4 team. Then come : Vaucluse Aventures Evasions, Lethiguel Qualixpert Sfermi RN46, Lozère Sport Nature, Yogi Tea, Issy Aventure Léodis, Passion Extrême Liège, Endurance Aventure Pédini Iret and Intersport teams.

Starting on sunday 31st of May from La Chappelle en Valgaudemar, Hautes Alpes, the teams (4 racers + 2 assistants) arrived in the Fréjus harbour, Var, crossing 3 regions, the Hautes-Alpes, the Alpes de Hautes Provence and the Var. They went through breathtaking places and 100% "back to nature" as announced by the organizers. A course, considered by the racers quite difficult but grandiose ! They ran non stop rafting, trekking, biking, horse riding, canoeing and canyoning. The first 43.5 km trek has been particularly exhausting and selective. Not only had they to climb 4500 meters height but they also had to face terrible weather condition such as fog, rain and snow. Therefore their progression in the ascent of the Morges pass (2766m) the peak of the race and the Gouiran pass (2597) was very hard. The second part of the week was granted with sunny weather, especially in the Gorges du Verdon.

On the organization 's side, 80 volontaries (doctors, mountain guides, cooks, logistics, communication, check points.....) shared this stunning sporting and human adventure.

**Geoff Hunt, from New Zeland, director of the AR World Series, the world cup of the adventure races watched the race during the whole week and suggests that Raid in France be the world final round in 2011 or 2012, that is to say the adventure racing world series world final.**



### ABOUT RAID IN FRANCE

Raid in France was founded by former french racer Pascal Bahuaud aged 52 from Lyon. He started the challenge of organization in 2006 after a career full of success in adventure racing ( 10 Raid Gauloises with 6 podiums) and in rowing ( 13 times French Champion and Olympic Games finalist in Seoul).

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