

SPORT: SUP & Paddleboard

EVENT: FIJI ISA WORLD SUP & PADDLEBOARD CHAMPIONSHIP 2016

PLACE: FIJI

DATE: 17 NOV 2016

Length: 5:50

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0:28 Action Men's Sup Distance Race

01:32 Interview (Michael Booth, Team Australia, Gold Medalist Men's Sup Distance Race)

1:59 Action Men's Paddleboard Distance Race

02:54 Interview (Sam Shergold, Team New Zealand, Gold Medalist Men's Sup Distance Race)

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With the stunning visual backdrop of Fiji's natural island beauty, day four of the **2016 Fiji ISA World SUP and Paddleboard Championship** saw Australia's **Michael Booth** and New Zealand's **Sam Shergold** emerge victorious in the divisions of SUP and Paddleboard, respectively, in an exhilarating 17km race from Cloudbreak to Musket Cove in Fiji.

ISA President, Fernando Aguerre, said:

"Today in the SUP Distance Races the world's best paddlers showed us the grit and determination that it takes to compete at the highest level. This was true World Championship caliber competition. Congratulations to the medalists and to all those who powered through the challenging conditions to finish the race.

"I was happy to be at the finish line at Musket Cove to greet these athletes for their amazing accomplishment. Tomorrow we can expect more of the same as the world's best women take to the distance course and on Saturday do not forget to tune into the webcast as we are expecting a monster swell to arrive in time for the SUP Surfing Finals. These will be the biggest waves competitive SUP Surfing has ever witnessed!"