

**SPORT:** SUP & Paddleboard

**EVENT:** FIJI ISA WORLD SUP & PADDLEBOARD CHAMPIONSHIP 2016

**PLACE:** FIJI

**DATE:** 20 NOV 2016

Length: 7:08

00:04 Color

00:30 Action Team Relay Race

01:54 Interview (Kai Lenny, Team Hawaii, Team Relay Race Gold Medalist)

3:55 Action Women's 200m Sprint Race

04:24 Interview (Casper Steinfath, Team Denmark, Gold Medalist Men's 200m Sprint Race)

05:24 Closing Ceremony

06:39 Interview (Shakira Westdorp, Team Australia, Team Gold Medalist)

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At the fifth edition of the **2016 Fiji ISA World SUP and Paddleboard Championship**, Australia reclaimed the Team Gold Medal and Waikiki-Peru World Team Champion Trophy from USA who had ended Australia's three-year streak of Gold at the 2015 edition in Sayulita.

The Australians put on an excellent, well-rounded team performance. They won a total of ten medals including the Gold Medal in Women's SUP Surfing (**Shakira Westdorp**), Men's SUP Distance Race (**Michael Booth**), Women's Prone Technical and Distance Race (**Harriet Brown**), Men's Prone Technical Race (**Matt Poole**) and the Team Relay Bronze Medal.

Team France, USA and New Zealand distantly followed Australia by more than 1000 points with the Silver, Bronze and Copper Medals, respectively.

**ISA President Fernando Aguerre** said:

"This is the end of a historic week of competition as the limits for the sport of SUP were pushed and new standards were set. The epic waves of Cloudbreak and the pristine waters that run between Fiji's tropical islands were the ideal locations to display the excitement of this sport to the world.

“I would like to give a big thanks to Tourism Fiji and all those who made this event possible. The Fijian people greeted us with their warm, contagious ‘Bula’ vibes and left a lasting impression on all of us. We will leave here as ambassadors of this country, their culture and their amazing waves.”