

**SPORT:** SUP & Paddleboard

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

**PLACE:** FIJI

**DATE:** 13 NOV 2016

Length: 03:36

00:00 Color

00:41 Action

00:42 Sean Poynter, USA

00:51 Toshihiro Harada, JAPAN

00:58 Daniel Kereopa, NEW ZELAND

01:09 Jackson Close, AUSTRALIA

01:33 Roxy Davis, SOUTH AFRICA

01:37 Nicole Pacelli, BRAZIL

01:46 Shakira Westdorp, AUSTRALIA

01:57 Lara Claydon, HAWAII

02:05 Felipe Rodriguez, MEXICO

02:23 Interview (Felipe Rodriguez, MEXICO)

02:55 Interview (Charlotte Piho, KOOK ISLANDS)

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The action at the **2016 Fiji ISA World SUP and Paddleboard Championship** kicked off on Sunday, with SUP Surfing delivering a strong start to the week of competition.

The world's best men and women SUP surfers took to the water and showcased their talent in the famous wave of Cloudbreak, a shallow and powerful reef located in the open ocean off the Fijian island of Viti Levu.

**ISA President, Fernando Aguerre**, said:

“The competition is underway and the race for the Gold Medals is on. The SUP surfers that took to the water today gave us a glimpse of the high level of talent and team camaraderie that they possess. All of the teams were out in the water supporting their surfers in the channel, creating an amazing energy that will only grow as the week progresses. I put on my mask and jumped in the water, swimming between all different boats. Only in Fiji, this is an option...”

“The global growth of SUP is more evident than ever at this edition of the event, as it features competitors from countries that have never competed in the ISA before such as Slovenia, the Cook Islands and India.”

Regardless of the first day’s results, nobody has been eliminated. All the athletes placing 1st and 2nd move on to the next round, while all athletes that placed 3rd and 4th moved on to the Repechage Rounds, where they will get a second chance to redeem themselves.