**Race Report: SwimRun Immeln – A Decade of Excellence**

**The 10th Anniversary Turns into a Grand Celebration**

SwimRun Immeln celebrated its 10th anniversary in true Scandinavian style, transforming the event into a vibrant festival of sport and camaraderie. Set amidst the stunning backdrop of Immeln Lake, with its 136 picturesque islands and iconic red cottages, the event offered perfect conditions: blue skies, warm waters, and an enthusiastic crowd of SwimRunners.

This year’s event saw record participation, with entries up by 70% compared to previous years. Attracting world-class athletes from various countries, the race included the prestigious SwimRun World Championships Marathon, which raised the competitive stakes and excitement even higher.

**Race Day Spirit**

The day kicked off with a warm and welcoming breakfast, setting the tone for the day ahead. The atmosphere was immediately filled with the spirit of camaraderie, as athletes mingled and made new connections even before the race began. The friendly vibe continued throughout the event, creating a sense of community among the participants.

SwimRun Immeln is masterfully organized by the orienteering team at Atobe, led by race directors Henrik Larsson and his son Melker. The race itself strikes a perfect balance between swimming and trail running, offering a course that challenges and excites competitors.

**The Marathon World Championships @MyswimRun Championships**

The long-distance course covered a total of 30.2 km, including 5.9 km of swimming and 24.3 km of running, divided across 41 stages. This meant the transitions between running and swimming were frequent, keeping the pace intense and dynamic. The course showcased the very best of Immeln's natural beauty, winding through majestic spruce forests, vast beech woodlands, and old-growth pine groves. Clear markings ensured smooth navigation, allowing athletes to maintain a high speed.

Athletes briefly paused at energy stations, where they were greeted by friendly volunteers, including a group of ladies who became local favorites by baking delicious cookies for the racers.

After completing a warm-up loop and passing the start line again, the field began to spread out as athletes found their positions.

**An Unforgettable Finish**

The excitement reached its peak as the champions crossed the finish line, setting a new course record and claiming the title of World Marathon Champions. The unbeatable duo of Viktor Törneke and Simon Björnholm from Team Evolvent Carbonpaddles finished in an impressive 3 hours and 30 minutes.

The competition for second place was fierce, with three strong mixed teams battling for the podium. Ultimately, the title was claimed by Hanna Skårbratt and Johan Skårbratt of Happy Swimrun. Hot on their heels were Patrik Mårtensson and Anna Larsson of Sivota Challenge, followed by the legendary duo of Martin Flinta and Lisa Ring from Team LisaochMartin, who had been last year’s titleholders.

A special shoutout goes to the women’s champions, the Lipstick Girls Camille Bourjaillat and Sabine Moret, who have been on an unstoppable winning streak, clinching their fifth consecutive victory in this year’s SwimRun series.

In the solo category, Jenny Eliasson and Rasmus Hagberg emerged as the victors, showcasing remarkable endurance and skill.

**Celebrating the Champs**

Congratulations to all the champions, podium finishers, and every athlete who completed the race. Full results can be found here: [SwimRun Immeln Results](https://ext.nytatime.se/race/?race=s69MN64sY7Nbs3i4Q).

**The Festival Continues**

But the festivities didn’t end with the race. Just an hour after the final finishers crossed the line, the Immeln Music Festival began, treating athletes and spectators alike to four hours of fantastic live music. As the sun set over the breathtaking Immeln Lake, everyone enjoyed a perfect evening of celebration.

**Racing for a Cause: Sustainability in Focus**

One standout feature of SwimRun Immeln is its commitment to sustainability, with the theme "Racing in Nature, for Nature" at its core. The event strives to be regenerative, benefiting both participants and the environment. One unique initiative is the ATOBEE medal, which supports insect biodiversity by providing housing for solitary bee eggs to survive the winter. After the race, athletes are encouraged to hang their medals in a sunny spot, knowing they’ve contributed to the protection of essential pollinators.

**A Perfect Day**

In conclusion, the 10th anniversary of SwimRun Immeln was an unforgettable celebration of sport, nature, and community. Huge thanks to the organizing team and volunteers for making this day a resounding success. We look forward to many more years of this incredible event.