

## **Simon Lessing against Danish dynamite**

In the first year as an ITU international points race and second year as the Danish Olympic Distance Championship , the Copenhagen International ITU points race has a very high number of international athletes. The scene is set for high quality triathlon competition, as more than 50 international athletes have chosen to compete including Stephanie Forester who will compete with the first Danish Olympic triathlon female Marie Overbye in her first comeback race since the Olympics in Sydney 2000. On the men's side, last week's victorious Simon Lessing will face the strong Danes, Rasmus Henning and Thobjørn Sindballe who won a long distance race in California last month.

On the woman's side the elite field counts 25 athletes and on the men's elite side 55 athletes, and the age group race will count 200 athletes for a complete start list see <http://www.dtrif-data.dk/startlister/index.asp>

The race will take place on the famous Danish beach road, which has been closed for the race. The spectators will be able to see the athletes in all 3 disciplines from the same place; so we expect a lot of spectators to give the athletes a strong supportive atmosphere.

The race is the second in a long term plan between the Danish top club TRI-4 and Danish triathlon federation. Last year we opened with Danish championship on the Olympic distance and this year extended with ITU point race (first in Scandinavian). The goal is in the next two years to position for a full ITU World Cup race.

We wish all the athletes a good race and the spectators a great experience

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