

**Open Forum**

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**Xpd here we come!**

All on way to Portugal for some sun and fun! AIM - to cross finish line!! Looks interesting!



Gill Watson  
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Posted 04. Dec, 2007

**good luck**

"sun and fun" ??? i remember the same comments pre Bimbache last year....lets hope you dont see any snow or emergency blankets!!!!  
Enjoy the rollerblading....



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Posted 04. Dec, 2007

**Not this time**

I think it will really be sun and fun this time. The weather here is a comfortable 20 degrees and teams are lodged in a deluxe apartment complex.

The race too is complex, with every stage a score event in its own right and maps not issued until the start of each stage.

Some teams are already settling in and Paul Mahon was the first of the English/Irish group to arrive last night.



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**XPD sun and fog!!**

Hi all, we are here in Estoril, lovely apartments and great to see people from previous races overseas including the Czech race organisers, Bimbache organiser Antonio fresh from IGWA and Jeff Hunt plus many faces from the Worlds!!

Course is complex with multiple choices of CPs within each section - so planning is essential and trying to work too hard early on to get the Obligado CPS plus the Optional may result in missing cut offs later on!!

Good news the Coasteering section after the first skate is cancelled as there are 5m waves - hooray!!

If no reports are to be seen on here check out .com site and the Portugal and Brazil sites .pt and .br.

Hope its nice at home see ya soon XXXX



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**Well done!**

Team SleepMonsters/inov-8 finished an impressive 6th in Portugal, moving up the leaderboard towards the end of the race. Well done all.



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**We are dead chuffed!!!**

Initial goal of crossing the line whatever - we never thought we would be up there in 6th with such a World class field but then that is the nature of the race. We are all very experienced which of course was essential but the tactics of not killing ourselves in first stages paid off as we were able to make cut-offs and have something in the tank for the end.

3rd - 4th and 5th were very close - Feed the machine were elated (Christian says HI Kev H ) he only had 40 mins sleep!!! Cyanosis and us were separated by time only - we were in same cafe bar at one point - if only we hadnt had a starter ha ha !!!

Anyway - it was brilliantly executed and the format enables all abilities to finish by just getting the mandatory CPs.

Skating was good - trikke biking in the dark excellent and the downhill trikke - exhilarating!!!

We guessed we were doing well when crowds of press and photographers started following us on the last stage - wheres the CP? we would say as 4 or 5 little heads with camers bobbed up!!

Gorgeous place - recommend this race highly - dont forget next year use to practise for Worlds in 2009.

Well done Alex, Claudio Fred and all XXX



Gill Watson  
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Posted 14. Dec, 2007

**well done**

Well done Gill et al.

I really wished I could have been out there in the team, especially for the Trike

So, good on ya

Sorry I can't make the new year bash

Let me know of events early next year, especially January Open 5 if you fancy racing in a pair?

Chat soon



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Posted 14. Dec, 2007

## Lots to do

OPen 5 clashes with Tough guy so dunno yet - but a good leg turn over event like the Trail quests. One this sun depeding on hangover and whether my bike works after Portugal!

Baja Travesia in March - girls ONLY!! I have been invited by Scott to Rock and Ice Ultra but think these clash!!

Bimbache in May?? bit warmer Antonio says!!! and maybe Bull in August girls ONLY!!!!!! plus some little UK events I spose. Oh - XPD December again!

Portugal was good - good experience and lovely people!!



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