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Carleton-sur-Mer, September 11, 2016. It's under a cloudy sky that the teams of the 300 K of the Raid International Gaspésie started the race from the Pointe Taylor in New Richmond, leaving by canoe into the bay at 5:00 am to reach Maria. For the racers of the 150 K, the start was given at 6:00 am.

On their way, they notably had to get the Control Point #2 in the barn lodging the organization team, where some croissant and muffins (from the Boulangerie/Pâtisserie La Mie Véritable) were offered to them. As rain and thunderstorms were threatening on Mount St-Joseph, a rope activity had to be cancelled there for the racers of the 300 K, as for the jump off a fire-fighter truck posted on the Carleton Dock for some teams of the 150 K and the 300 K. But on the finish line, it is with a smile on the face that 67 of the 70 initially participating in the raid arrived at the term of this awesome adventure. The Arns of Sparta (Daniel et Justin Arns), with one member injured, had to abandon the race today after the canoe section.

At the finish line, in Municipal Park Germain-Deslauriers, many people were gathered to applaud the racers in a festive mood despite the rain. And having now created a tradition, the Microbrewery Le Naufrageur from Carleton waited for the team (and the organization) with a beer!

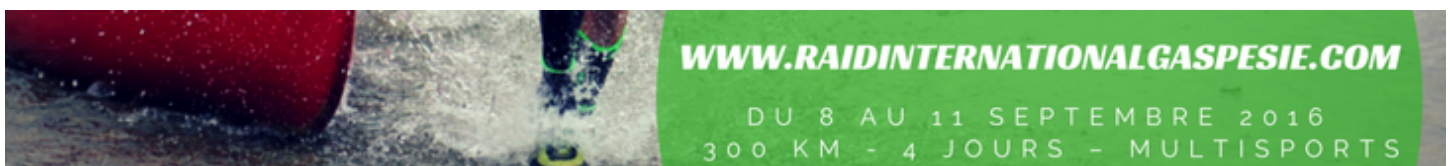
At the end of Day 3, team **Azimut Espresso Sport** (Lyne Bessette/Dany Déry-Chamberland/Benoit Simard/Martin Hardy) (**6 :01 :20**) preceded by few minutes the leaders of **Estonian ACE Adventure** (Timmo et Joosep Tammemäe) (**6 :11 :30**). In the third place, team **Dynafit/SkiMoEast.com** (George Visser/Jeff Rivest/Patrick Lussier/Évelyne Blouin) (**6 :19 :15**) continued to reduce the distance with the leading teams, finishing 8 minutes behind the Estonians.

Overall, after 4 days of race, the Estonians are the big winners of the 300 K this year with a total time of **22 :32 :21**. In second position come team **Azimut Espresso Sport**, only 5 minutes behind (1) with a time of **22 :37 :56**, and in third place, **Dynafit/SkiMoEast.com** after **24 :35 :12** of race.

At the 150 K, **Paysage Navigue.com** (Marc-André Toupin, Benoit Poirier, Jean-Sébastien Babin/Louis-Gabriel Pinard) finished once again in the first place (**4 :40 :04**), followed by the **Raideurs matinales** (Jean-François et Sébastien Richard, Luc Sévigny, Serge Denis) that are, however, out of race as they lost a member during the week-end (**4 :49 :12**), and by the teams **Intersport Carleton** (Keith Sexton, Joël Poirier) (**5 :04 :27**) and the female duet **Rhéal Pitre Sport/Clinique vétérinaire de la Baie** (Audrey Bastien/Marianne Desrosiers) (**5 :07 :50**).

Overall, after 4 days of race, for the 150 K, we find in first and second position **Paysage Navigue.com** (**16 :53 :23**), **Intersport Carleton** (**19 :04 :37**), and in third position, **Rhéal Pitre Sport/Clinique vétérinaire de la Baie** (**19:46:14**)

It's now time to party and a final ceremony is awaiting everybody tonight. Congratulations for all the teams for this outstanding performance!



To watch Prologue video, click here (Thursday, September 8, 2016) :

- <https://vimeo.com/182250980>

To watch Day 1 video, click here (Friday, September 9, 2016)

- <https://vimeo.com/182246288>

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