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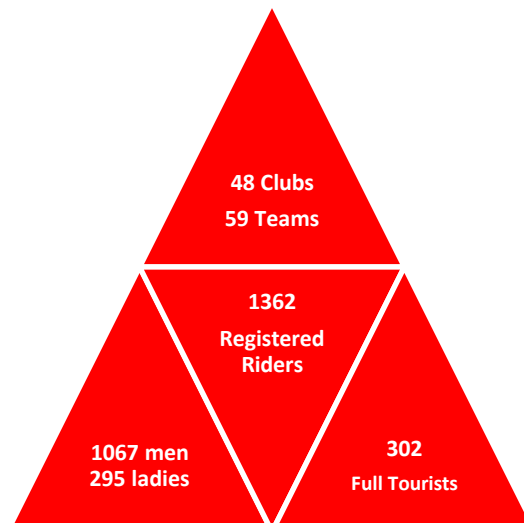
FRR Event Report

Series 2

Tour France

22 - 30 October 2022

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Thank you everyone...

This week has been special for many reasons, last year we ran the Series and racing style for the first time, we tried something different and of course while we all love different we also want simplicity as our time is precious and if something takes longer to explain than to race then It's too complex...

I have to say from the emails, messages, Facebook posts all week I think we have got there, albeit with a couple of tweaks to do for the next one so check out the feedback and enhancements section to make Britannia even better. Hard to imagine I know but it can get better, closer and dare I say it...exciting again for us all.

Before you dive into the results and stats I'd like to thank Hilary Readhead, over 13hours and this should be recognised as much as any of our winners. Our special Tour rider award goes to Hilary not because of the time but because of her own determination and a willingness to complete this Tour – I hope to see her again in Britannia... lest we forget the full Tour reward badge on offer!

Hilary's own personal journey for the Tour is what we are all about, engagement at all levels and following agreement with Hilary we are proud to rename the 'special award' the 'Readhead' award – there will be no set rules as to what or why... we will pick that up from our riders – but there will be a badge!

A question to everyone is, which you could post your answer to on Facebook or drop me an email, what did you expect from yourself this week? How did your performance meet your expectation, what did you learn about yourself, did you find a new edge or level?

For me it was the start of a return to fitness following a fractured pelvis 7 weeks ago from a side wall blow out down a hill at speed, a way to go yet but it was a good week.

I want to thank everyone who has taken the time to send funds through the [FRR GoFundMe](#) page, we do not push this and mention it only in passing as we all have our lives to live and I'm honoured that you let me into yours for this short time and feel moved enough to donate. As you may know 20% of donations received will be used to support causes World Wide.

Last Series we chose to assist MASAKA Cycling in Uganda – they are now well on their way IRL and we wish them well. This year I'm looking for that cause so please send in your suggestions and we will put it to a vote on the [FRR Facebook Event Group](#) and if you are not part of the group yet then we would love to see you there. We also run a [FRR Discord](#) server, so you can send us messages directly there too

FRR wants to open all that up for every class, give us something more than another just the next event to do, it will take time but I really don't see why 99% of the platform get very little air time. Together we can make a difference and shape better events.

In closing if you think you would like to be part of the journey to help improve what we have today then I'd love to hear from you. Web developer, DBA, graphic artist Social media expert, scrutineers panel.... I wear many hats and some I'm really a novice at... Doesn't matter where you are we can connect.

So as the Tour van puts the shutters down for now, we head off for ***Tour Britannia on Nov 26*** - everyone who took part in France is registered automatically and your new NP values are ready to be used from France, new riders will come so spread the word, post, message etc... from this fantastic start I'm excited to see how big this can become.

Many thanks to everyone your support and fantastic response has simply been incredible, and to those people who have helped make it possible from graphic design work, web coaching, Zwift advice and support from Zwift Support and most importantly from within my own home who have to put up with me every day and night in making FRR happen – without you we would have no event without them we would have no FRR.

See you very soon!

Richard
And Supporting FRR Team

What's next....

- FRR has events during the week which will test the new features for the Tour Series so look out for those
- **Tour Britannia** kicks off November 26 and will again have 8 stages in 9 days using London and Yorkshire courses – the schedule has been updated to work with ZRL but we will need to use TTT day that week.
- **Tour Watopia** kicks off Jan 2nd, 8 stages 8 days....the poster for that will come out closer to Britannia.
- **World Tour** is our Grand Tour Finale, 2 weeks – exact date needs to be agreed that will be epic in every sense.

Tour Britannia Poster – Starts Nov 26th

Tour Britannia Event Times (UTC) 0615 - 0800 - 1130 - 1400 1730 - 1915 - 2330 - 0100

Tour France results deck...

Tour France Podiums

And finally.... The NEW EVENT....

First **FRR World Championship**

- February 2023 on a Saturday (date to be decided but before the World Tour)
- **TWO** events back to back
- Event (1) - iTT (less than 30 mins)
- Event (2) - Points race (90mins max)
- ONE TIME SLOT for everyone
- We can only race against the riders who show but can you win your FRHC class... and become our first set of World Champions....
- My challenge is to find a sponsor, prizes and to make this event somewhere we can all stand up and be counted

Event Lessons Learned

If you have any additional observations then please contact [Race Control](#)

Reminder Our Tour Ethos...

- Multi day stage event where fatigue comes into play
- Remove game features and level the playing field
- Rider engagement from Stage 1 to the end
 - Mixed Team racing
 - Your Race Your Way – Race any event each stage
 - Fairer narrower racing Classes
 - KMZ – neutralised starts
- Engage riders of all levels
- Fair, honest and respectful racing

Feedback Point	Comments
Event PEN & KMZ	<p>One PEN worked well, however given the volume of rider's, new riders, language barriers and riders who turn messages off then the nice KMZ neutralised starts failed us this Tour.</p> <div style="background-color: #f08080; padding: 10px;"> <p>CHANGE</p> <p>For Britannia we will run TWO PENS A and C and utilise AUTOCAT. What this will do is control the start and make it more manageable for both groups of riders.</p> <p>PEN C will go first and X minutes before PEN A – both groups will be visible to each other once the race is in progress.</p> <p>CAY and JLP riders under FRHC will be no more than mixed C riders</p> <p>It's not quite KMZ but the start will be appropriate to the level and race times will be closer and not blown up by riders who can latch on to faster groups and gain an advantage.</p> <p>Note If CAY/JLP riders utilise the A PEN to seek an advantage then we will identify and upgrade to BON – in genuine cases that did not benefit from the faster group and were dropped then Race Control may apply 60secs time penalty</p> </div>
Event Times	<p>Event times worked, right up to the time GMT went back albeit for some a change in schedule was needed but fortunately there were options.</p>

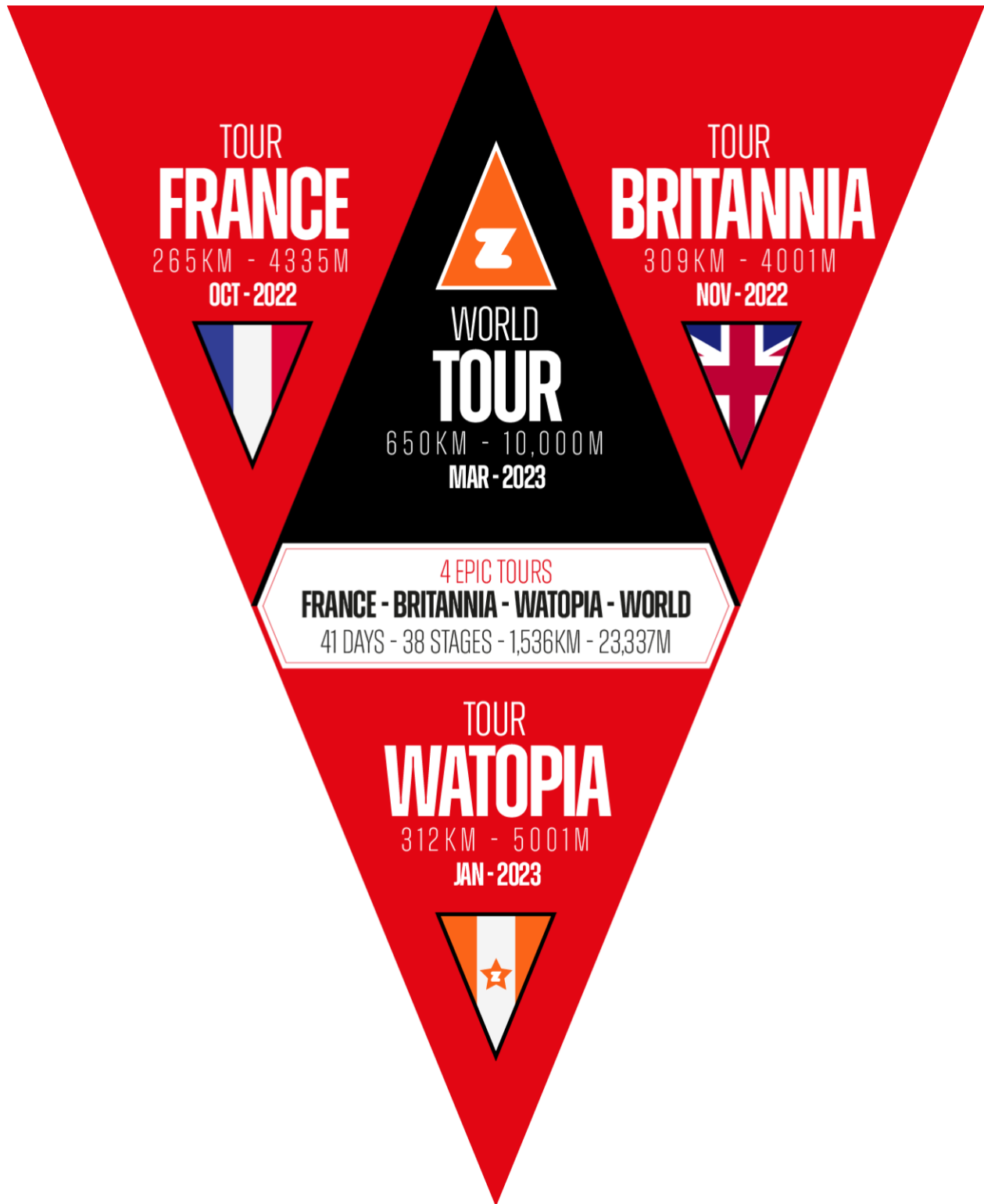
	<p>Over the Tour we increased times due to demand and equally to bring time forward early evening in EMEA</p> <p>CHANGE</p> <p>Each region for Britannia will have an early morning 0630am and early evening 1800 race slot if other region times work then you have more options.</p> <p>EMEA will have times that 1700 and 1830 times to cater for different time zones and early morning options.</p> <p>Hopefully this may encourage more APAC and US West coast riders to join the Tour... spread the word.</p> <p>iTT Stages will have additional times.</p>
<p>Flamme Rouge</p>	<p>One for the memory everlasting.</p> <p>Now whenever you are watching a race on TV as rider's pass under the 1km banner and the commentator says 'Flamme Rouge' you will think of FRR.</p>
<p>FRHC calculation</p>	<p>Our process relies on a rider's interpreting the rules, finding the key information and entering it correctly into their Profile – as such it is prone to human error.</p> <p>We check, compare but even then, riders will slip through which we then expect to catch through race performance – however we did identify a failing.</p> <p>FRHC considers gender, weight, mixed cat and NP power, adds fair margin, adjusts for lighter and heavier riders to produce a WKG value that fits into the FRHC scale.</p> <p>CHANGE</p> <p>FRHC calculation will be adjusted to reduce the weight compensation metric which will result in higher WKG values for certain riders and therefore potentially a different FRHC class.</p> <p>Refer to NP Power also as this is key.</p>

<p>FRHC rider grading</p>	<p>The FRHC ranges are there for setting a riders FRHC as we need a basis from which to start.</p> <p>So why did we not upgrade more riders?</p> <p>Races I would expect riders to push a little higher, we then take 95% of that NP value and add a WKG amount as fair margin for the difficulty of the stage to determine if a rider is within expected bounds for their FRHC.</p> <p>Where riders felt their category was too low they requested an upgrade which just shows that many riders do care about where and how they race.</p> <p>It is never a simple X divide by Y, that is too easy for a rider to manipulate.</p>
<p>FRR Merchandise</p>	<p>We are looking into some essential cycling basics and we will promote them on the FRR Event Group first so watch that space...</p> <p>We are also looking a nopinz Club shop once a design can be agreed... again watch the event Group to have some input into the design...</p>
<p>Leaderboards</p>	<p>We tried to keep the presentation of the results simple as it would have been so easy to have had so many tick boxes, drop downs etc... we went for something that allows you to view everyone, but gives the ability to search, filter and refine your display.</p> <p>To do this (for those that did not quite get there and just scrolled down...)</p> <p>On each Leaderboard there is a SEARCH box... enter in there anything that could find the results or rider you are looking for... ie. Entering GC-CAY on the GC Table would jump you to the CAY leader.. you can then click on any column heading and sort those results</p> <p>Same process for all the leaderboards....</p>
<p>NP Power</p>	<p>We now have all the values from this series, so we can recalculate FRHC based on Tour values, iTT excluded. No need to enter any new value and looking into Series 3.... Your FRHC will hold.</p> <p>Each Tour we will assess based on the previous Tour and any rider appeals.</p>

Personal Touch	<p>No change – we answered every email of which over the course of the week we had just 125 which means the format and the simplicity has to be good....</p> <p>Or you tell me pretty quick!</p>
Race chat	<p>If a rider has issue with something or a rider then please raise this with race control, really don't want to see rider's verbally message other in our events.</p> <p>Appreciate that this happens but if you have something to raise then race control is there for that, then perhaps we can give you the why, how and where necessary take action.</p> <p>So simply ride your race and raise a question we answer everything and action will be taken where necessary.</p>
Race results	<p>Complete success, the Leaderboards were deliberately kept simple while ensuring all the data was presented and cross referenced.</p> <p>Each section you can 'Search' then sort to find what you need – had we created more it would have confused.</p> <p>We presented 7 Tours on one page.</p>
Results Gender split	<p>FRHC considers gender as such there was no need to split results by gender, we trust the function and given our classes ladies placed.</p> <p>That said in the results below we have drawn out the leading riders and ladies in each FRHC class.</p>
Reward certificate	<p>Thank you for the requests, by the end of Britannia you will be able to download free personalised certificates displaying your Tour effort.</p>
Rider entry fees	<p>Riders have commented on this, for now we have no intention to request entry fees, however if you like the experience and feel that you want to donate then please use the FRR GoFundMe page.</p>
Rider ownership	<p>All our communication with regards FRHC asked riders to self evaluate, many did and requested a FRHC review. If a rider thinks they look too low or too high then we will always look and make a reasoned decision.</p> <p>We just want fair, honest racing and let the best rider win...</p>

Rider Upgrade	<p>Leading riders will be reviewed and may earn themselves a new higher FRHC challenge for the next Tour.</p> <p>Be the best you can be.</p>
Stage segments	<p>In Series 1 we produced a very detailed rider pack, but despite the effort very few actually read it and instead still sent questions about is it fastest, first over, which segments etc...</p> <p>So we removed it for France and simply said that all segments were included and clearly stated that we only ever tracked 'Fastest' segments never first over.</p> <p>CHANGE</p> <p>For Britannia we will ensure the SCHEDULE page reflects the segments in play as we did towards the end of the France</p>
Team Manager	<p>As riders could register a number of clubs had no active manager, as such we had to combine a number of Teams so that they would have a Team element to the week.</p> <p>CHANGE</p> <p>We will review the Teams from France and contact active members to update their role to manager, if of course this changes then we can add more managers to share admin around</p>
Team Manager Rider check	<p>CHANGE</p> <p>We reduced the ownership on managers and placed more ownership on riders to get their Profile's correct</p> <p>For Britannia the Manager role will have increased functions to correct their own rider's key data that feeds FRHC setting, this way Clubs can validate their roster and update quickly – as long as the rider has not raced – race control can be contacted if they are locked</p>
Your Race Your Way	<p>No change – Nice to see the Zwift mothership using a very similar term.. but of course you heard it here first!</p>

You know you need these badge's....



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**1900 UTC
11 - FEB - 2023**

CAN YOU BECOME A **FRHC** CHAMPION
COMBINED STAGE TIME = WINNER

1 EVENT - 2 STAGES - BACK TO BACK

STAGE 1 BOLOGNA ITT **8KM**

STAGE 2 WATOPIA PEAKS RACE **60KM**

Registration Closes February 4 2023 - 23:59 UTC
All riders will be assessed to ensure FRHC Classes are correct
Register at www.flammerougeracing.com