
The Ultra Raidlight Beachcomber 2017

Technicality, adrenaline and breath-taking landscapes

On the 8th and 9th of July, nearly 1,000 people convened at the starting lines of one of the Ultra Trail Raidlight Beachcomber (UTRB)'s four trails. With its distinctive courses, breath-taking landscapes and 5-star refreshments prepared by Beachcomber hotel chefs, the event brought together all of the ingredients to be a resounding success. This fourth edition of the race marked a turning point for the event, now a firm favourite among open-air runners.

This year, the UTRB consisted of four trails set over 10 km, 25 km, 47 km and 120 km – the only ultra-race in Mauritius. The routes, drawn up by the Beachcomber team won participants over with their technicality and the beauty of their settings. Arianne Devienne Bellepeau, Leisure & Events Manager of the group, asserts: "The UTRB is ideal for lovers of the great outdoors who are looking for a technical trail offering views over Mauritius' most beautiful landscapes".

A number of prominent athletes took part in the trail's 2017 edition, making for excellent viewing once again. Nepal's Sange Sherpa took first place in the 120km circuit, completing the course in 13:57:08. The ultra-trail specialist outpaced the Italian Oliviero Ignazio Bosatelli, who ran the trail in 15:07:33. The 47 km saw Reunion's Jean Marie Cadet finish in first place with a time of 03:48:54. On the Nautile, the 25 km course, Reunion's Frederic Duchemann took first place with a time of 01:47:57. And in the 10 km category, Jean Patrice Payet, another Reunion native, ran a winning race in 34:20.

After setting up a new race record, Sange Sherpa declared that *"the race was highly scenic with a large number of technical sections. I was very impressed by the course markings and the quality of the refreshments. There was a great atmosphere in the UTRB village. It was a fabulous experience. Thanks for this warm welcoming and to the UTRB organisation for giving me the opportunity to discover this beautiful island."*

To conclude the event on a festive note, the prize-giving ceremony was followed by a buffet prepared by the Beachcomber team. All in all, an outstanding success for the UTRB. The dates of the 2018 edition will be announced soon.

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