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# RACE THE PEARL

24 HR BICYCLE RACE



*'The most Epic, Exotic & Exhilarating  
Ultra-Endurance Bicycle Race  
in the Indian Ocean'*

RACE THE PEARL is a 24 Hr Cycling Challenge that will push all known physical and mental boundaries on an attempt to ride a Bicycle across the Pearl of the Indian Ocean. Some will Race and some will Ride.

The route is between the furthest two points of Point Dondra and Point Pedro , stacking up 600 kms and will almost bisect the island taking you through pan flat straight arrow roads, uphill and downhill, green and barren land, while riding through day and night, rain and shine . RACE THE PEARL is an exhilarating, exotic and epic challenge that stacks up against any Ultra Endurance Event in the World. The men & women of steel who complete this will cherish the prestigious ' Pearl Jersey ' and add to the collection of stories of living life beyond limits !



# The Finest Island

"Undoubtedly the finest Island of it's size in the world"

Marco Polo, 13th Century Explorer



## RACE START - POINT PEDRO

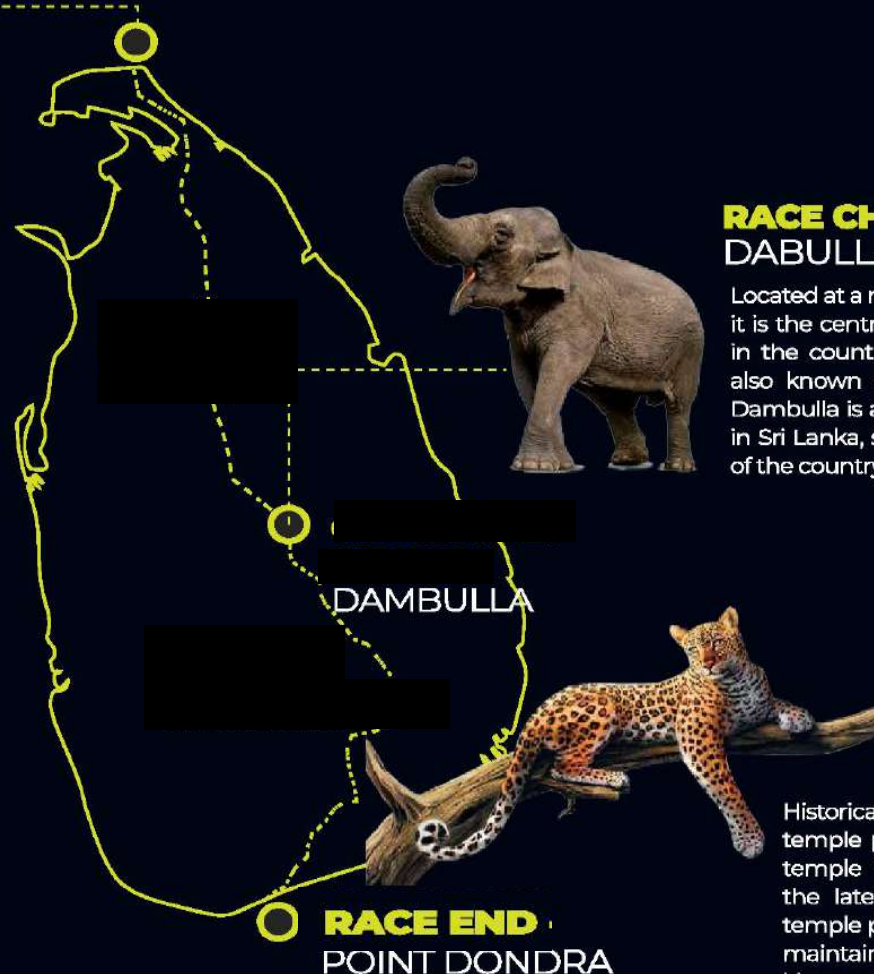
Jaffna is a city located in the Northern tip of Sri Lanka. It has opened its doors to tourism in 2009. The city has a lot of influence from India, you can see this on the streets and in their food which is different from Central or South Sri Lanka.



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**A 24 HOUR\*  
BICYCLE RACE  
ACROSS SRI LANKA**



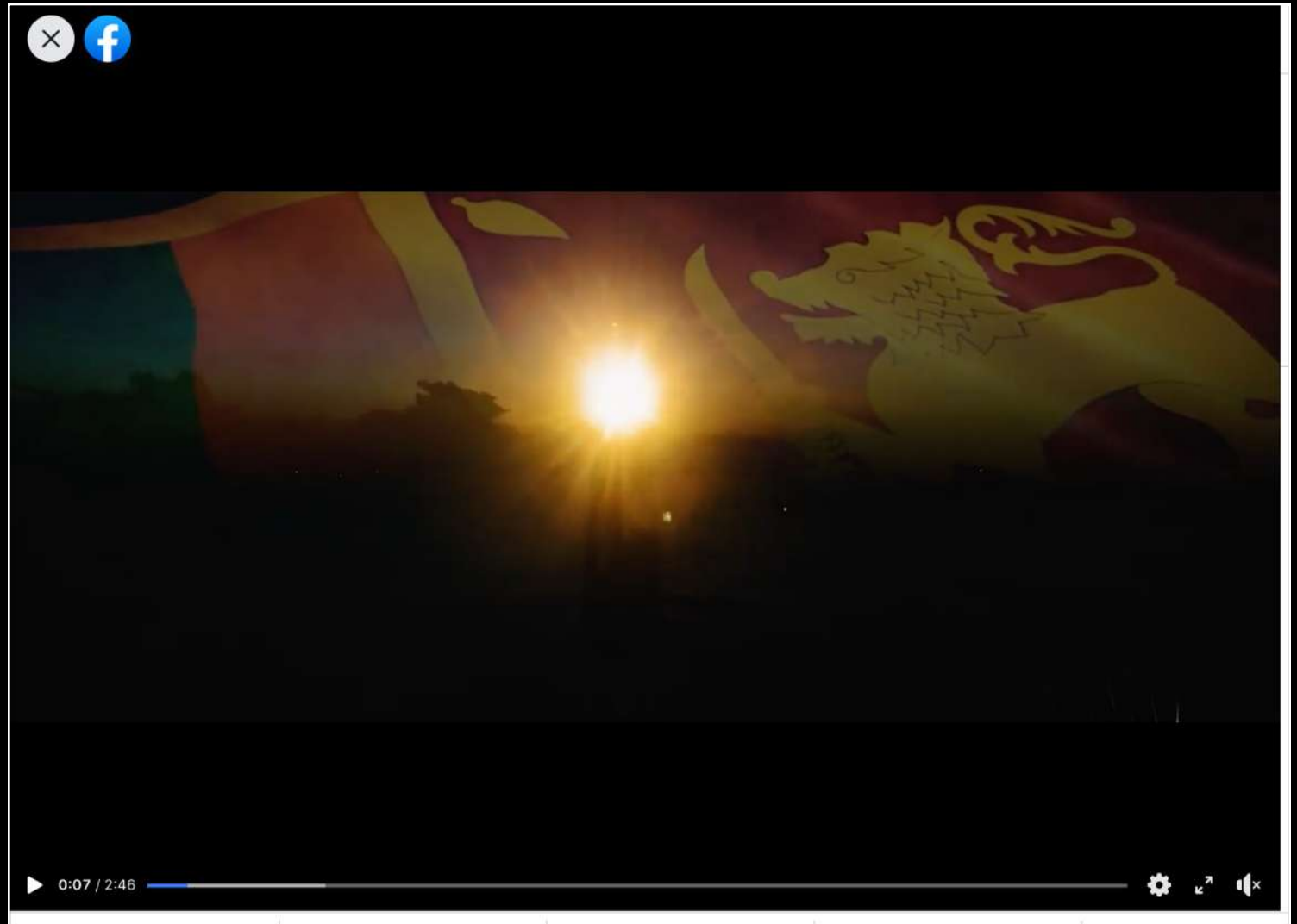
## RACE CHANGE OVER DAMBULLA

Located at a major junction of the island, it is the centre of vegetable distribution in the country. Dambulla cave temple also known as the Golden Temple of Dambulla is a World Heritage Site (1991) in Sri Lanka, situated in the central part of the country.

Historically known as Devinuwara temple port town or Devinuwara temple town, Dondra was until the late 16th century a historic temple port town complex. It was maintained primarily by Sinhalese kings and merchant guilds at the port town during its time as a popular pilgrimage destination.

# About The Race

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You've probably heard of Race Across America, Race Across Europe but there is nothing like #RaceThePearl. It's long enough to push your body and mind to boundaries beyond imagination, feast your eyes in the glory of nature, let your mind float searching for answers to life and still be at work on Monday morning 'There <sup>is</sup> nothing else like it!

Welcome to an epic, exotic and exhilarating race that could change your life !

**YASAS HEWAGE,**  
Race Founder & Rider

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Relay  
Power  
Play

## \*\*RELAY - 2 to 5 Riders

Stage 1 - 142 km

Point Pedro to Vavuniya

Stage 2 - 106 km

Vavuniya To Dambulla

Stage 3 - 92 km

Dambulla to Mahiyangana

Stage 4 - 116 km

Mahiyangana to Wellawaya

Stage 5 - 145 km

Wellawaya to Dondra

# Race In Summary

## LOCATION

Sri Lanka  
(7.8731° N, 80.7718° E)

## DATE :

5<sup>th</sup> /6<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022

## START POINT

Point Pedro

## FINISH POINT

Point Dondra

## DISTANCE

600KM (APROX)

## TERRAIN

Paved Road

## ELEVATION GAIN

## HIGHEST ALTITUDE

234 Meters

## TEMPERATURE

Max 35 C - Min 24C

## AID STATIONS

3 aid Stations en- route\*

## CURRENT RECORD TIMING

22 hours and 02  
minutes.

## MECHANICAL & MEDICAL SUPPORT\*

Available at the Point Pedro &  
at Dambulla Change over

## FOUR RACE OPTIONS

- 1) 24 Hour Solo 🏆
- 2) 24 hour Team
- 3) 24 Hr Relay (2 to 5 members)
- 4) 2 Day Challenge (30 Hours)

🏆 Earns Qualification to the Prestigious Race Across America /RAAM

\*\*Distances could marginally vary , await final update on race week



# RACE CATEGORIES



	Gender	Category	*Drafting	Distance	Race Time	**Cut Off	***Fee
<b>24 Hour Solo</b> 🏆	M/F	Individual	Not allowed	600 km	24 Hours		USD 165
24 Hour Team	M/F	Individual (ride in a team)	Allowed	600 km	24 Hours		USD 175
24 Hour Relay	M/F	Up to 5	Not allowed	600 km	24 Hours		USD 250
2 Day Challenge	M/F	Individual	Not allowed	600 km	30 Hours	30 Hours	USD 195

🏆 Earns qualification to the prestigious Race Across America /RAAM

\*A bunch of riders drafting each other cannot exceed more than a group of 5 at any given time

\*\* A rider failing to meet the allocated Race Timing, but goes on to complete within a stipulated time will be eligible for the Finisher T-shirt

## 24 Hour Solo

Ride alone with no drafting to complete the 600km in 24 hours . This is the ultimate challenge and completion with result in qualification for the prestigious Race Across America (RAAM)

## 24 Hour Team

Previously called as Ultra. Riders will participate in groups not exceeding 5 and are allowed to ride together to complete the 600 km in 24 hours . Drafting is allowed

## Relay

Teams of 2 to 5 riders will take designated Stages/Legs and complete the race in 24 hours . Accumulated timing of the team is considered for ranking

## Two day Challenge

A category for aspiring ultra endurance riders to give this herculean challenge a go with the comfort of a 30 hour cut off time.



Official Qualifier for  
the prestigious Race  
Across America



Introducing the non drafting 'Solo 24' hour  
category to achieve RAAM Qualifying Status



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## RAAM QUALIFYING RACES



### Hoodoo 500

August 26, 2022 - St. George, Utah

The most epic and challenging event of its kind, the Hoodoo 500 route passes through or around three National Parks, three National Monuments and several Utah State Parks. The scenery varies from majestic cliffs and striking red rock hoodoos, to aspen and pine forests and high mountain meadows. Solos and teams, non-stop and stage race options, with crew or self-supported. A top notch event, ends with a fun awards breakfast.

North America 511 Mile / 822 KM 30424 ft. / 9273 m.

RACE DETAILS

### Cascade Ultra

August 27, 2022 - Arlington, Washington

The 2022 edition of the race will feature a 530-mile course with 43,000 ft of elevation gain. The course will go across the Cascades and back, passing through North Cascades National Park and near the Canadian border. The scenery is truly spectacular. This will be Pacific Northwest riding at its best.

North America 530 Mile / 853 KM 43000 ft. / 13106 m.

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### Race Across United Kingdom

August 27, 2022 - Inverness, Scotland

Join one of the most magnificent ultracycling road events across the UK. Taking inspiration from Race Across France, Race Across UK is a new ultracycling event that will take you on a journey along the beautiful roads of Scotland, England and Wales. For the new 2022 edition, you will cross Scotland starting from Inverness, Wales & England, all the way to the finish line on the south coast of England in Hastings.

Europe 1001 Mile / 1600 KM 100207 ft. / 30550 m.

RACE DETAILS



### Race the Pearl

November 5, 2022 - Dondra, Sri Lanka

The most epic, exotic and exhilarating ultra endurance race in the Indian Ocean. 600 km in 24 hours connecting Point to Point, coast to coast, lighthouse to lighthouse. Basking in the sun is for sure, stopping for an elephant crossing and dancing peacocks is a possibility, smiles and cheers from locals is an assurance. Remember to pack few extra days for a recovery holiday, after all you are in the Pearl of The Indian Ocean, then Ceylon, now Sri Lanka. Organised by Spinner, the Technical and Organizing Partner of Ironman70.3, Everesting Sri Lanka, and Around The Pearl.

Asia 375 Mile / 600 KM 9203 ft. / 2805 m.

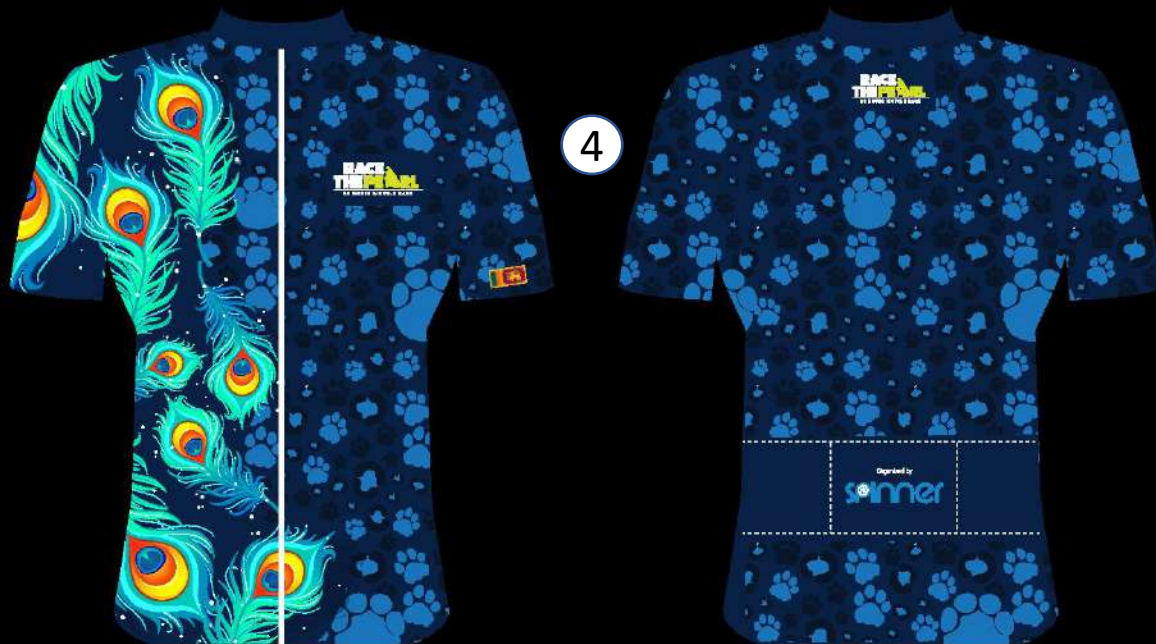
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# Earn the 'Pearl Jersey'

*Never given always earned...*



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Being the largest of the pheasants, the peacock is a native bird in Sri Lanka. Most often, the ones that you see on photographs with the beautiful plumage are the male peacocks – after which the simile 'proud as a peacock' was formed!



The Sri Lankan leopard has a tawny or rusty yellow coat with dark spots and close-set rosettes, which are smaller than in Indian leopards. They are solitary hunters, with the exception of females with young. They prefer hunting at night, but are also active during dawn & dusk, and daytime hours.



The Sri Lankan sub-species is the largest and also the darkest of the Asian elephants, with patches of depigmentation—areas with no skin color—on its ears, face, trunk and belly



Finisher Medal

Rider Jersey

Finisher T shirt

- 1 All registered athletes will get the the Rider jersey prior to Race day
- 2 All who complete within The Race Cut off time of 30 hours will get the Finisher T- Shirt
- 3 All who Complete within Race Time will get the medal of grit
- 4 The 24 Hour Solo and 24 Hour Team members are eligible to earn the Prestigious Pearl Jersey by beating the 24 Hour Clock . This is the ultimate achievement

# RACE ROUTE

<b>Dondra</b>	<b>0 km</b>	<b>596 km</b>
Tangalle	31 km	566 k m
Angunukolapelassa	52 km	547 km
Suriyawewa	79 km	519 km
Thanamalwila	109 km	490 km

<b>Wellawaya</b>	<b>145 km</b>	<b>454 km</b>
Buttala	160 km	<b>434km</b>
Monaragala	176 km	<b>414 km</b>
Bibile	217 Km	<b>375 km</b>
Mahiyangana	256 Km	338 km
Bakamuna	325 Km	267 km

<b>Dambulla</b>	<b>349 km</b>	<b>243 km</b>
Galkula	400 km	194 km
Mihintale	410 km	184 km
Rambewa	420- km	173 km
Medawattchiya	432 km	165 km
Punewa	440 km	156 km

<b>Vavniya</b>	<b>458 km</b>	<b>139 km</b>
Omanthai	470 km	124 km
Pulliyankulam	481 km	115 km
Mankulam	503 km	93km
Killinotchchi	531 km	67km
Elephant Pass	548	48 km
Pallai	561km	35 km
Kodikamam	576 km	20 km
Manthikai	590 km	6 km
<b>Point Pedro</b>	<b>596 km</b>	<b>0 km</b>

2022 Race Start  
From Point Pedro

The Approx distance from Point Dondra and Point Pedro is over 600 kms on great paved roads the distance could slightly vary based on the partner check points & aid stations . You will ride through buzzing towns but mostly surrounded by greenery , paddy fields , ascends descends ,the infamous heads winds of Northern Province and occasional torrential rain . The route is adjacent to two wild life parks and it's not rare to sight colorful peacocks and an occasional elephant , The route is sprinkled with many local roadside eateries giving you a multi-cultural food options and cold & hot drinks to keep you going with a frequent clap or pat on the back for encouragement . This route has adventure written all over it



[https://www.strava.com/activities/2123137839?fbclid=IwAR28hmTTzzhuzd3teZwIChKzvzjjuYUfM0B4BLCktrKC2BqHMfn\\_twBqQ](https://www.strava.com/activities/2123137839?fbclid=IwAR28hmTTzzhuzd3teZwIChKzvzjjuYUfM0B4BLCktrKC2BqHMfn_twBqQ)

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SUBSCRIPTION

Heart Rate

Est Power Curve

Est 25W  
Distribution

Laps

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## ➤ Agnes Safford – Ride



Give kudos

👍 73

💬 24



06:27 on Saturday, 5 February 2022 · Northern Province

### RTP 2022

With sleep, food & hydration stops: 27 hrs 48 min



590.96 km

Distance

23:31:31

Moving Time

2,788 m

Elevation

848

Historic Relative  
Effort

93 w

Estimated Avg  
Power

7,879 kJ

Energy Output

Speed

Avg

25.1km/h

Max

49.3km/h

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Elapsed Time

28:01:22



Partly Cloudy

Temperature

Humidity

24 °C

87%

Feels like

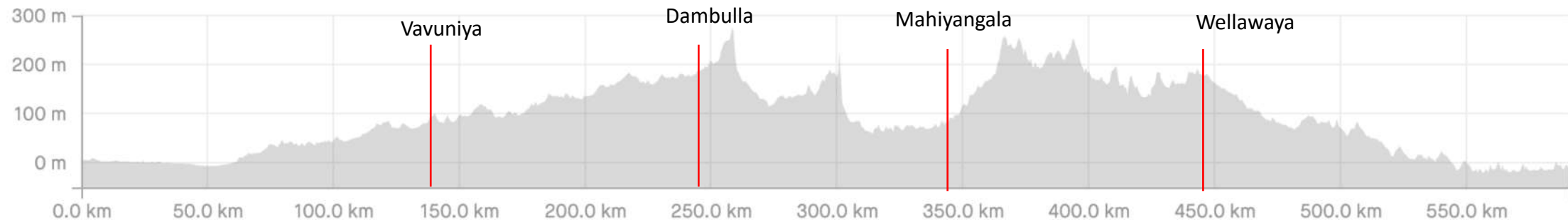
Wind Speed

Wind Direction

25 °C

11.9 km/h

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# Race the Pearl concludes with new cycling record

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24 Hour Finishers (from left) 2nd Place Geeth Samarasuriya, 3rd Place Denis Craisser, 3rd Place Mithun Liyanage and 1st Place Francois Comptdaer



Champion of RTP 24hr Francois Comptdaer



From left: 1st Place Winner Praveen Priyasad, Race the Pearl Event Director Yasas Hewage, 2nd Place Luke Perera



Relay winners: (From left) Sithira Gamwarige, Hansaka Abeywickrama, Mohamed Rismy, Sampath Perera

<http://www.ft.lk/Sports/Race-the-Pearl-concludes-with-new-cycling-record/23-687127>

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## Race the Pearl concludes with new cycling record!

October, 7, 2019



Race the Pearl, the 24-hour, ultra-endurance cycling challenge, concluded its second edition recently with a cycling event for kids in Point Pedro, Jaffna.

Held on 13 September 2019, this edition of Race the Pearl saw the participation of 30 cyclists from all walks of life, and even set a new record of completing the race in under 24 hours. The 600km cycling race from Dondra Head to Point Pedro pushed all mental and physical limits of its participants, who endured sun, rain and wind to achieve this extraordinary feat.

Setting a new record by completing the ride in 23 hours, 49 minutes and 20 seconds, Francois Comptdaer was awarded the winner of the second edition of Race the Pearl. The previous record of 26 hours, 38 minutes and 51 seconds was held by Yasas Hewage, founder of Spinner - Cycling Lifestyle Center, and Rajan Thanayanayagam.

<http://bizenglish.adaderana.lk/race-the-pearl-concludes-with-new-cycling-record/#:~:text=Setting%20a%20new%20record%20by,edition%20of%20Race%20the%20Pearl.>

## 1st Edition/ Record Set



<https://www.facebook.com/374646130003485/videos/487483735378661>

## 2nd Edition/ Record Broken



<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=776358536135698>



# BREAK THE RECORDS

**26 Hrs 38 Mins 51 Seconds**



Yasas Hewage from South and Rajan Thanayanagam from North of Sri Lanka chartered into the unknown and set this record at the inaugural Race The Pearl on 4th of Feb 2019 coinciding with the 71st Independence day of Sri Lanka. Their attempt to break the 24 hour record fell short by 1 hour and 38 minutes, but the message of #UnityInDiversity resonated as a result of this herculean effort.



**2300 Wheelchairs  
& Counting**

The wheels you spin across The Pearl, will spin the wheels of a wheelchair. Race The Pearl supports the Wheels for Wheels Foundation to raise funds for wheelchairs for Children with Cerebral Palsy, who suffer with challenges in mobility. Over the last five years 35 camps have been held around Sri Lanka to identify, diagnose, guide the parents and donate wheelchairs for the Children. The effort continues with a goal of 10,000 wheelchairs,



Support a child with a wheelchair  
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**Value of a  
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Here is the news coverage on National Television

**Derana News** 

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Riders  
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## TEAM BEHIND W4W



LEFT TO RIGHT  
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GOPI KITNASAMY  
Dr. JANAKI HEWAVISENTHI  
ASHWINI FERNANDO  
YASAS HEWAGE  
AJITH FERNANDO

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"Optimism is the faith that leads to  
achievement. Nothing can be done without  
hope and confidence."  
- Helen Keller -

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