**Race Report: SwimRun Rheinsberg 2025**

**The Hottest Day of the Year Delivered a Thrilling Race**

On one of the hottest days of the year, with air temperatures soaring to 35°C and water temperatures reaching 24°C, more than 600 athletes made their way to the scenic lake district north of Berlin to take on the challenge of SwimRun Rheinsberg.

The highlight of the 2025 edition was the **My SwimRun World Championships – Half Distance**, which brought together nearly 120 athletes from several countries, all competing for the title in a race filled with dramatic duels and tight finishes.

Rheinsberg is known for its **fast and beautiful course**, featuring smooth trail paths and forested terrain. Athletes faced a total of 21.4 km, including 3.5 km of swimming and 263 meters of elevation gain. Despite the summer heat, the largely shaded running segments through dense woods offered some relief, making SwimRun the perfect summer endurance sport.

The race kicked off at 11:15 a.m. with a **split mass start** for solo athletes and teams — already under intense heat. In the men’s solo race, the battle for the top spot was fierce. Veteran Finnish athlete **Sampo Hyppölä**, known for his strong swim splits, took an early lead. However, on the 4.5 km running loop, Polish runner **Maciej Kubiak** surged ahead and managed to hold his slim lead to the finish line, winning in **2:00:46**, just 41 seconds ahead. **Alexander Sperl**, the fastest Masters athlete, finished third, about eight minutes behind the winner.

In the women’s solo race, rising German talent **Celia Jentzsch**, fresh off her sprint title win on the Costa Azahar three weeks earlier, delivered a dominant performance. She claimed her **second world title** in **2:20:40**, finishing ahead of all but seven male competitors.

The men’s team category was just as closely contested. Team **SCC Berlin Triathlon Masters**, featuring swim coach **Pavel Körner** and runner **Dorian Hohmann**, had a clear advantage in the water. However, the Polish duo **Mateusz Maculewicz** and **Błażej Pietrzak** proved stronger on land. With the course favoring runners, the Polish team took the win in **2:30:08**, ahead of the Berlin team.

In the women’s team race, the experienced duo from **Team Envol Berlin**, **Jessica Tamms** and **Sabine Kost**, once again showed their class by securing victory in **2:36:36**.

In the mixed category, **Team Tofu** (Klaus Schwarz and Lara-Isabell Franz) took the win in the elite division, while the Polish **Team Daphnia Swimrun** (Justyna Wolińska and Sławomir Cerbin) topped the Masters.

As every year, the **professional organizing team from SCC Berlin** provided excellent conditions and ensured athlete safety throughout the event. It was especially encouraging to see so many **new and young participants** at the start line — and hear the ringing of the “First-Timers’ Bell” at the finish. Thanks to dedicated preparation programs and strong word-of-mouth, the event continues to attract newcomers and leaves many eager to return.

Full Elite and Masters results are available here:
👉 [Results 2025 – SwimRun Rheinsberg](https://www.swimrun-rheinsberg.de/en/event/results/results-2025)

**Rheinsberg’s legendary finish line** once again lived up to its reputation: in the final 300 meters, a roaring crowd of spectators and supporters lined the course, cheering every last competitor across the line.

Another special highlight was Germany’s **largest Family SwimRun**, with 60 participants. Parent-child duos of all combinations — mother/daughter, father/son, and more — took part. Some even competed in both races on the same day!