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## X England is triumphant! The XPD Portugal World Champions are British - congratulations

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The Brits streaked through to a surprising last minute victory, pipping Team Nike/Beaver Creek at the post - surprising everybody.

Helly Hanson/Prunesco are the 2009 Adventure Racing's World Champions with a time of 128:32:58. With an average age of 37, the British Team Helly Hansen-Prunesco surprised everybody with a vigorous final sprint and conquered their first world title in adventure racing. Team leader Tom Gibbs - an Airbus designer - revealed the team's strategy: *"We came to Portugal with no major expectations and therefore put little pressure on the team. Our strategy turned out fine and it was all decided on the final hours of the race".*



Geoff Hunt, AR World Series director, and of Southern Traverse New Zealand fame, in the closing speeches, said, *"If one racer in the room [Tom Gibbs of Helly Hansen Prunesco] can fail to finish in four World Championships, then he on the winning team in his*

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