Canaries dominate the Spanish Longboard Surfing Festival Championships

* **Juan Francisco Cabrera from Gran Canaria was proclaimed Spanish champion in the men's and Kahuna (+45 years old) categories, while another Gran Canarian, Tony Araya, won in the Grand Master and Lorena Mazzola from Tenerife in the women's Master's category.**
* **Among the youngest, Ginger Caimi from Gran Canaria obtained the highest score of the championship and was crowned in the U18 women's category, together with Alfonso Zamora from Andalusia in the men's category.**

***Saturday, 6 July 2024.-*** The second day of the Oleaje Longboard Festival, which hosts the Spanish Longboard Championship 2024, began this Saturday with a change of location due to the lack of wave conditions on the beach of El Puertillo, where the first day had been held, so the event was moved to the beach of San Andrés, in the same municipality of Arucas, Gran Canaria.

With very good waves in El Puertillo, the first finals of the championship started, crowning the new Spanish Longboard champions in different categories. The first title of the day went to Juan Francisco Cabrera (better known as Kiko) from Gran Canaria in the absolute men's category, followed by Antonio Rodríguez and Marcos Sánchez, respectively.

The good conditions allowed the final of the Grand Master class (over 40 years old) to take place, in which Tony Araya from Gran Canaria won, with Jacobo Santana in second place and Eduardo García in third. Then it was the turn of the women's Masters category, in which the riders gave a real show of good surfing. The title went to Lorena Mazzola from Gran Canaria, with María Lafuente from Galicia in second place and Luzma Sosa from the Canary Islands in third.

Next, the Kahuna final, for competitors over 45 years old, entered the water. The first place again went to Kiko Cabrera, thus winning both titles of Spanish Longboard Champion, in the Master and Kahuna categories. Second place went to Tony Araya, while third place went to Carlos Alberto Ramos. José Hernández and Jacobo Santana took fourth and fifth place respectively.

After these four finals, a fun and entertaining Tag Team (team championship) took place, which then gave way to the last two rounds of the day: the finals in the U18 men's and women's categories.

**Ginger Caimi from Gran Canaria, Spanish U18 champion**

The very young Canarian surfer of Italian origin, Ginger Caimi, signed an excellent performance in the women's final, obtaining the highest score of the championship so far: an 8.67 and a 6.67, thus crowning herself as the new Spanish Under 18 Women's Longboard Champion. Second place went to another Canarian, Mia Ramakers, while third place went to Andalusian rider Lara Sastre.

In the U18 men's category, the Andalusian Alfonso Zamora was proclaimed champion in a heart-stopping last few minutes. Second place went to Martín García from Asturias. Basque competitor Oier Azpeitia took third place, while fourth place went to Matías Plumed from the Canary Islands.

So ended an intense second day of competition with the best Longboard of Spain during the Oleaje Longboard Festival. "Very good waves, a very high level and a lot of spectacle that we have enjoyed on the beach of San Andrés, in the municipality of Arucas", declared Jorge Juan Cabrera, technical manager of the Oleaje Surfing Club and organiser of the event, together with the Canary Islands Surfing Federation and the Spanish Surfing Federation. This Sunday, the titles of the absolute women's class will be decided, as well as the Open and Gran Kahuna categories.

The Spanish Longboard Championship is sponsored by the Arucas Town Hall, Iveco Bus, Grupo Rivera, Kalise and La Irlandesa. The event is also supported by the Instituto Insular de Deportes del Cabildo de Gran Canaria, the Dirección General de Deportes del Gobierno de Canarias, Securitas, Glassy Europe, Quesos San Mateo, Cuatro Ríos, Ánima Women's Surf Style, Gofio La Piña, Mojo Wax, Surkos Restaurante and Tablas Surf Shop.