



**RACEBOOK**  
**SANDOKAN ENDURO**  
**NOV. 15th 2015**  
**CALHETA – MADEIRA**

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# ABOUT

## LOCALIZATION

Prazeres – Calheta, Madeira Island ([Google Map](#))

The mountains above the village of Calheta hide a secular heritage that the strength of men and nature carved.

The trail system that is now used for the practice of mountain biking, dates back to times when only shepherds and cattle regularly inhabited those mountains and the modern ways of transport have now thrown it into oblivion and neglect.

The Blackline was the first track in Prazeres and continues to be one of the most popular. Born in the era of "Freeride", the flow, atmosphere of the track and easy access made it an immediate success. Thousands of runs per year.

But it was the era of Enduro that led to the discovery of new trails. Sandokan was born from one of those explorations. We were excited in such a way that the idea of organizing an enduro race came naturally and so other paths start to be cleaned and "rediscovered" ...

Today images of these trails that meander through the gentle, sunny hills of Calheta, are shared around the world and bring enthusiasts to the region every day, going from obscurity to worldwide fame in just eight years!

# THE EVENT

The Sandokan Enduro is part of two different trophies, the Madeira Regional Cup and the Triple Crown - Atlantic Enduro. With entries already sold out, we have eight nationalities represented in six categories: ELITE; WOMEN; JUNIOR; MASTER 30; MASTER 40; MASTER 50.

## SCHEDULE

### **November 13, FRIDAY**

14:00 to 20:00 – Accreditation

*Engenhos da Calheta in front of City Hall*

18:00 to 20:00 - welcome Poncha

*Engenhos da Calheta Bar*

### **November 14, SATURDAY**

9:00 to 14:00 - Accreditations

*Engenhos da Calheta in front of City Hall*

9:00 to 18:00 - Free Training

*There is an agreement with tourism companies that will operate shuttles during training between Prazeres and Fonte do Bispo . This service must be booked at time of accreditation and has an additional cost of € 5 per athlete*

12:30 to 14:30 - Typical Lunch (CDR Headquarters Prazeres)

*At the Clube Desportivo e Recreativo dos Prazeres, Calheta Municipality offers a typical lunch with beef skewers, homemade bread and other treats.*

18:30 to 19:00 - Sunset & Yoga



*In the top deck of Saccharum Hotel, a master class of Yoga will be given . Parallel to this, physiotherapists will be available to " repair " some damage in the course of the training.*

### **November 15, SUNDAY**

8:00 to 08:30 - Briefing

*In front of the City Hall of Calheta.*

08:45 - Departure of the first transport toward the start

*Marginal Parking*

09:30 - First athlete out

16:30 – Estimated arrival of the last athlete

17:30 - Podium Ceremony

18:00 - Afterparty ...

## **TRAINING**

The trainings are restricted to Saturday, at the times stipulated by the organization and ONE pass per stage.

No training is allowed in the week before the race. However athletes can do reconnaissance on foot. Failure to follow these rules results in disqualification of the athlete.

## **RACE DINAMICS**

After the briefing, athletes go to the shuttles, departing for Fonte do Bispo.

At 09:30, the first athlete leaves to the first stage.

## **START**

Athletes start separated by a 30 seconds gap, except for the Top10 of Elites and Masters 30, separated by a 60 seconds gap.

The order of the categories: Masters 50; Masters 40; Masters 30; Juniors; Women; Elites

In between the categories will be a gap of a few minutes, defined by the organization.

The starting order list is the organization's responsibility and takes into account the various rankings and history of athletes present. Athletes interested in changing this order, can do so by informing the organization (always inferior to the established ranking place), who will decide at the start.

## **DELAYS**

In case of late arrival at a stage, please present yourself to the commissary, and wait to be given a new starting spot.

## **FEED ZONE**

The race provides one re-supply area, "Middle Station".

Athletes go through this area during connections between PEC2 and PEC3; between PEC3 and PEC4; and finally between PEC5 and PEC6.

There will be available: fruits; water; isotonic drink; gels and energy bars from Bioforma®.

First aid

Bike stand and some tools for emergency repairs.

**Note: It is not allowed to drop off any type of equipment, food or drink in this area.**

## TRANSPORT

There will be two supply area of transport to the starting area.

There will be two van-assisted uplifted, between the feed zone and the top of the mountain, in the middle of the connections between PEC3 and PEC4 and between PEC5 and PEC6.

It will be a continuous shuttle service of 5 vans with a capacity of 8 racers.

Athletes must respect the order of arrival to the loading zone.

Bicycles are the responsibility of the rider and its placing in the trailer/pickup as well. This must be done quickly.

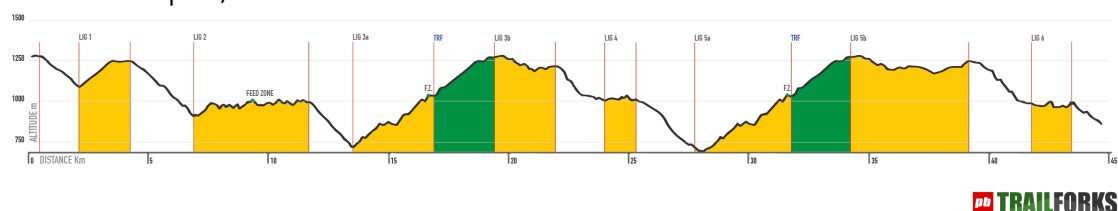
## TRANSFERS

The transfer times are counted from the end of a Special Stage till the beginning of the next.

There will not be any kind of neutralization, athletes must manage these given times over the whole day.

Please beware of the shuttled part, because even though the journey takes just 5 minutes, you need to load and unload your bike. And don't forget any of your gear in the vehicles!

During transfers on the road, it is mandatory to respect the traffic rules, and wear a helmet (an open helmet is accepted).



### TRANSFER 1

**30min**

**2,2Km 220↗10↘**

From the end of Sandokan, climb following the ER210 road till the top. Turn left on the dirt road before the cattle grid, ride across the recreation area and up another 100 m until the beginning of PEC2.

### TRANSFER 2

**40min**

**5,1Km 270↗190↘**

PEC2 ends on the dirt road that connects to chão das vacas or "middle station".

Follow it until your reach the ER210 road and the Feed Zone, then cross over 50 meters lower and continue on the level dirt road to the gate of PEC3 Blackline

### TRANSFER 3a e 3b

**90min**

**a)2,9Km 230↗0↘**

**b)2,3Km 20↗100↘**

Climb on the ER210 halfway up the mountain, till the Feed Zone.

Catch a shuttle till the top, and then ride the ER110 in the south-east direction, till the gate of PEC4 Hunters.

## TRANSFER 4

30 min

2,6Km 10↗30↘

Follow the dirt road towards the west till the gate of PEC5 Redline

## TRANSFER 5a e 5b

120 min

a)3,7Km 270↗0↘

b)4,6Km 120↗130↘

From the end of PEC5 Redline, follow markings to reach the abandoned factory building at the corner of the ER210.

Climb up the road till the Feed Zone, as for Transfer 3.

Once again, catch a shuttle to the top, then ride the ER110 in the south-east direction, this time further, till the grassy hill of Pico Gordo. Follow the signs to reach the top of the hill for the start of PEC6 Cabeças.

## LIGAÇÃO 6

30 min

2,1Km 40↗50↘

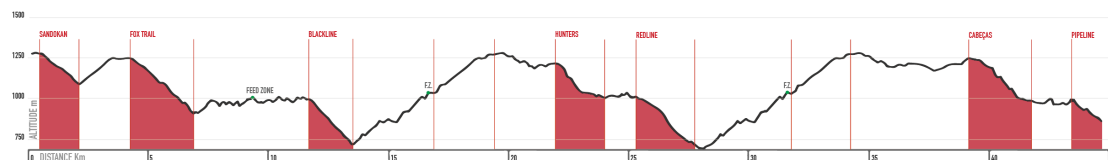
Follow the dirt road till you reach the road, with a BBQ picnic area, then cross over on the other side, 10 meters higher, in the direction of the Rabaçal Tunnel. Be respectful of eventual pedestrians and hikers on that section.

## SPECIAL STAGES

The seven "PECs" (= timed Special Stages) are characterized by a diversity of terrain, vegetation and landscapes.

The trails are exclusively descending, and lots of them follow ridges, used by shepherds to reach the high mountains.

They all face South, and at the end of the day, you will witness the magic happen...




### PEC 1 - SANDOKAN

Responsável pela PEC – Joselino Sanchez.

1700m

10↗200↘

"The special one"

The PEC which gives its name to the event, was extended this year from the top of the hill with lush meadows, and wet and slippery "toboggans". The constant light and terrain changes are a challenge in themselves and make us think how 1700m can be so fun!

### PEC 2 - FOX TRAIL

Responsável pela PEC – Joselino Sanchez.

2700m

10↗310↘

"The longest"

Introduced last year, this version of the popular Raposeira trail alternates between segments of fluid singletrack and some fast dirt roads. But note that the wet slippery soil can have you on the ground before you have time to say SANDOOOAAAA...

### PEC 3 - BLACKLINE

Responsável pela PEC – Joselino Sanchez.

**1780m**      **0 ↗ 290 ↘**

*"The famous"*

*One of the most popular trails in Madeira. Ridden thousands of times, photographed a plenty, and also the scene of many video shootings, with locals and international stars alike.*

*This enduro version, guarantees fun and excitement. Beware of the Python that lives there and make no mistake on the Cabelação jump!*

### PEC 4 - HUNTERS

Responsáveis pela PEC – Alexandre Rebelo e Ricardo Pinto.

**1210m**      **0 ↗ 170 ↘**

*"The beautiful."*

*With its start just 5 meters from the road, it yet passes completely unnoticed to car drivers.*

*Wrapped in heather bushes, this ancestral trail, dances down the hill, between rocky outcrops and natural drops. A landscape hymn.*

### PEC 5 - REDLINE

Responsáveis pela PEC – Alexandre Rebelo e Ricardo Pinto.

**1870m**      **0 ↗ 250 ↘**

*"The fast"*

*As the name suggests the Redline takes us to dizzying speeds. The view at its beginning is magnificent, a singletrack line shots towards the horizon toward a pine forest and quickly becomes a carousel of emotions until the end.*

### PEC 6 - CABEÇAS

Responsáveis pela PEC – Jérémy Frotey e Dobromir Dobrev.

**2400m**      **0 ↗ 290 ↘**

*"The mythical"*

*Opened for the first edition of Sandokan, we like it so much that last year it was served in double dose, once on each day of the two-day race.. New this year is its beginning at the top of Pico Gordo, and if the weather plays along, it will offer a view you will never forget. To reach the technical rocky singletrail, the route will start in the open, and it is required to pass the gates slaloming through the grassy side of the mountain.*

### PEC 7 - PIPELINE

Responsáveis pela PEC – Jérémy Frotey e Dobromir Dobrev.

**1240m**      **0 ↗ 120 ↘**

*"The scary."*

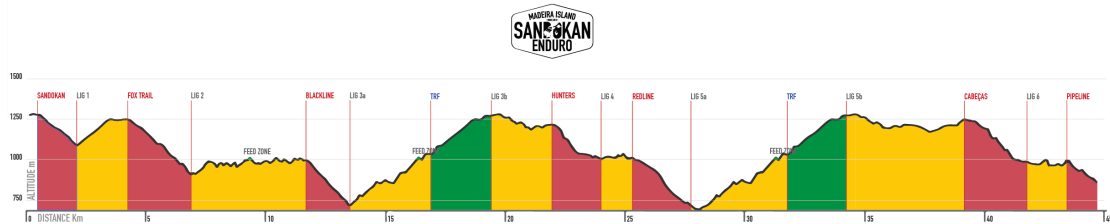
*Almost finished, but the Pipeline trail can ruin everything. It's a short track and with little elevation, but exposed and a mistake here can be fatal. Pay special attention to two narrow passages accross the pipes that carry water to the hydroelectric plant of Calheta. In the end, when reaching the house of the Levada caretakers, you will feel a mix of emotions, joy and accomplishment to have completed the course and the anguish of wanting to repeat it...*

*Simply go down streets and alleys to the warm ocean at the beach of Calheta, and enjoy the sunset!*

# MAPA

An interactive and zoomable map and altitude profile of the event can be found here:

<http://www.trailforks.com/route/sandokan-2015/>



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