

# Windy Conditions at Big Sur Marathon; Roach Wins for 4th time, Pantananan 2nd



**OCEAN VIEWS:** Justin Pantananan, Jason Karbelk and Adam Roach (right to left) lead the pack at the 31st Big Sur International Marathon.

The Big Sur International Marathon is known for its hills—and its wind. The conditions at the April 24 race were among the most challenging in the event's 31-year history with gusty headwinds of up to 25 mph.

Despite the challenging conditions, Adam Roach, 32, from Pebble Beach, stayed strong to win his fourth Big Sur title, a record surpassed only by one other runner, Brad Hawthorne, from the early years of the marathon. In addition to this year's victory, Roach took the title in 2012, 2013 and 2015. His 2016 time was 2:35:36 (5:56 mile pace).

Remarking about the conditions Roach said, "It's always really windy from [miles] 5 to 9, but at Hurricane Point the wind came swirling off the hill. I felt like I was going to fly into the ocean it was so strong."

But Roach and two other runners, Justin Pantananan, 35, of Lancaster and Jason Karbelk, 29, of San Francisco stayed close for much of the race, with only one second separating them until mile 22. Roach and

Patananan battled until the final miles, but ultimately Roach won by just over a minute. Pantananan was second at 2:36:41 and Karbelk third at 2:38:31.

Olympic marathoner Magdalena Boulet won the women's race with a time of 3:01:27. Tyler Stewart, 38, of Tiburon, finished second at 3:03:15 and Elizabeth Pittaway, 31, of New South Wales, Australia finished third at 3:07:51.

A tenth of the marathon field competed in the Boston Marathon and traveled to Big Sur for the Boston 2 Big Sur Challenge. Runners are ranked by combined times of both events and this year's B2B winners both hailed from Australia. Neil Pearson, 43, of Sydney, who came in seventh in the marathon, had a combined time of 5:25:07 to take the male title. Elizabeth Pittaway, third in the women's marathon, took first in the B2B with a combined Boston-Big Sur time of 6:10:14.

## *Pantananan, Sadraie win at Great Race*

Justin Pantananan, 35, of Lancaster, was first to cross the finish line at the 31st Dole Great Race of Agoura Hills on March 19, winning the 10K distance in 33:57. Sara Sadraie, 38, of Thousand Oaks won the women's 10K.

Chris Carlson, 20, from Oak Park, won the Chesebro Half Marathon in 1:20:22. Maggie Shearer, 38, from Newbury Park finished first in the women's race in 1:31:06.

Jesus Perez, 39, of Agoura Hills won the Pacific Half Marathon in 1:24:02 and Natalie Bullock, 23, of Moorpark, won the women's race in 1:32:25.

Visit [GreatRace.run](http://GreatRace.run) for all of the results. The 32nd Great Race of Agoura Hills is scheduled for April 1, 2017.

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