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Six hours left

With only a few hours left until start, the racers are packing their bags and preparing everything in detail. Well, as much as they can prepare since they still not know where the race will start, or end. As Karen Lundgren, Team Sole Custom Footbeds USA/AUS puts it, "Packing for the unknown puts a twist to it." The racers leave Hampnäs Registration Centre at 20.00 this evening to be transported to the start somewhere in Sweden.

"It is kind of neat with races not knowing where to race", says Rob Miller, Supplieripline, Canada.

The sun is still shining over Hampnäs. We are extremely lucky with the weather, and it makes everything a lot easier with preparations for the teams and the 150 persons working day and night to make this come true.

Earlier today was a press conference with team captains from the top ten teams. International as well as Swedish press was there. The atmosphere was very relaxed as many of the team captains know each other from other races throughout the world. "The top teams of the world are here and it was a long time since we all raced against each other," said Karen Lundgren. "It will be a very exciting and unique race", she continued.

Mats Andersson, Team Cross Sportswear, former Human Link, commented on how it was to swim in the water yesterday at the water safety check. "It was cold, only 8 degrees, but there is nothing to discuss. You just have to do it!" On the other hand he is worried how the aeroplane will smell after the race...

Two "icons" in adventure racing, Petri Forsman, Nokia and Nathan Faávae, Seagate will both probably be fighting for the lead. Nathan says that the 24 hour of daylight will be a new experience for him. "Our team is much better than ever before and this will be a strong season for us", said Petri. Emma Roca, Team Buff, Spain countered with that her team too has their best season ever. Well, the teams are confident and strong. It will be a tough race starting tonight.

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