

Slovenian Nomination for Pepe Lopez diploma

Citation for Rok Dolinšek

Rok Dolinšek, Slovenian paragliding pilot, was attending the World cup paragliding competition in Sopot (Bulgaria), together with Slovenian pilots team. During the PWC he unselfishly helped his teammate, despite the fact that because of that he couldn't compete by himself.

For the transport of pilots and their equipment at the takeoff, a chairlift was used, which was not as modern as we are used to in the Alps. The chairlift was quite fast, because there was no slowing down system for getting up and down. Pilots usually loaded the equipment on the chairlift, and then they seated themselves beside it. One day Slovenian pilot Tadej Krevh putted his equipment on the chairlift, when something went wrong. His rucksack went up alone with the chairlift, because he was too late to seat beside it. So, Tadej took the next chair and he could just helplessly observe, what is happening with his paragliding equipment in the front - on the 22th pillar the equipment fell down, hit the rocks and rolled in to a steep forest. Tadej immediately explain to the meet director what happened and the mountain rescue team started with the mission to find his flying equipment.

Meanwhile, the task committee set the 119km long race. Tadej had a big ambition for this race, but the time was not on his side. When his teammate Rok Dolinšek saw the sadness in Tadejs' eyes, he borrowed him his own paragliding equipment. Rok also had ambitions for this race, but more than that, he want to help Tadej. They owned the same type of the glider, but the harness was different. Together they made very quick settings on the harness, so it fitted Tadej. The competition started. The flying day was long. Rok was very pleased that Tadej made it to the goal on the 4th place, with his equipment.

Rok has done a really unselfish act on such a big and important paragliding competition. This is a true sportsmanship. We truly believe that he deserves the Pepe Lopez Diploma.

Lep letalski pozdrav,

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