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Russia Hosts Bone-Chilling Ice Marathon on Lake Baikal

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Russia staged its annual Ice Storm ice racing competition on Lake Baikal on Feb. 14-16. According to event's organizers, the race was created "to understand the atmosphere of endless ice fields extending beyond the horizon and to feel the power of the planet's largest open ice rink called Baikal." About 50 extreme sporting lovers from around the world took part in this year's three-day marathon, covering 205 kilometers of limitless expanses of ice on nordic skates, skis and bikes. Here's a look at the frozen marathon in all its splendor:



People from all over the world came to test their athletic prowess and take in the beauty of Baikal's icy landscape. **Vera Salnitskaya / ice-storm.com**

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