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Van Rijsselberge wins Olympic windsurfing gold

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WEYMOUTH, England -- His Olympic [gold medal](#) in windsurfing already guaranteed, all Dorian Van Rijsselberge had to do was stay on his board and finish the final race.

He did much more than that, skimming across the waves to finish first in the medals race and clinch his gold in style on Tuesday in windsurfing's farewell to the Olympics.

After winning the race, the 6-foot-3 Van Rijsselberge, who shaved his head just before the Olympics began, climbed on top of the console on his coach's boat and, hanging onto the pole that supports the weather vane, flashed the "hang loose" sign with his right hand. A large Dutch flag flew from the boat.

Van Rijsselberge won six of the first nine races. His lead was so big that he sat out the 10th race.

