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Review: women's 5 km

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Ashley Twichell claimed the first gold medal for the United States at the 17th FINA World Championships. Aurélie Muller of France finished second, Ana Marcela Cunha of Brazil took the third place.

American Ashley Twichell won her first individual gold medal at the World Championships. Twichell had previously claimed the bronze medal in this event in Shanghai in 2011. In the same year she also won the gold medal in the 5km team time trial mixed event. Twichell became the second athlete from the United States to claim multiple medals in this event at the World Championships, after Haley Anderson with two gold medals.

Twichell's victory was the third in a row for the United States in women's 5km. It is the only country to have won this event three times in a row. Italy (2001-2003) and Russia (2005-2007) won it back-to-back.

Aurélie Muller of France claimed her second silver medal in this event, after finishing second in Shanghai in 2011, where Twichell was also on the podium. Muller is now the only woman with multiple silver medals in women's 5km.

Brazil's Ana Marcela Cunha finished third. She also took home the bronze medal in this event in Barcelona in 2013. Cunha's bronze medal was her eighth medal across all open water events at the World Championships: G2-S2-B4. Only Thomas Lurz (GER, 13), Edith van Dijk (NED, 9) and Angela Maurer (GER, 8) claimed eight or more medals in open water at the World Championships.