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Central Tower of Paine, Riders on the Storm, Free Variations

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In early 2016, Ines Papert (Germany), Thomas Senf (Switzerland), and Mayan Smith-Gobat (New Zealand) repeated Riders on the Storm (1,300m, 7c A3, Albert-Arnold-Bätz-Dittrich-Güllich, 1991) on the east face of the Central Tower of Paine. Papert and Smith-Gobat were the first women to climb the route. They also climbed two pitches (up to 7c+) that had not yet been freed and discovered a five-pitch potential free variation in the middle of the climb, freeing two of these pitches.

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