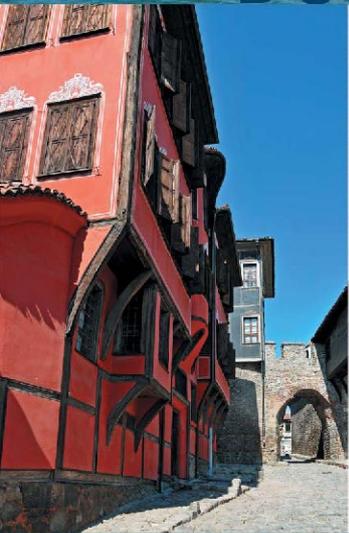




# 2015 WORLD ROWING UNDER 23 CHAMPIONSHIPS PLOVDIV



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The organising committee is established with an Honorary Committee and an Organising Committee.

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**Rozalin Petkov** – Regional Governor  
**Ivan Totev** – Mayor of Plovdiv  
**Emil Matev** – Bulgarian Rowing Federation President

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**Metody Manchenko** - Host Broadcasting

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Dear rowing friends,

As a Mayor of Plovdiv, for me is a great honor to welcome you for the 2015 World Rowing U23 Championships.

Plovdiv has a serious experience in the organization of major rowing events.

In 2012 our city took pride in the organization of the World Rowing Senior and Junior Championships with more than 1200 athletes from 58 countries meeting in Plovdiv, the oldest living city in Europe - a city both ancient and vibrant with life.

Dear rowing friends, on behalf the Plovdiv Municipality and me I want to assure you that for us, the rebirth of Plovdiv as international rowing sports center is important priority. A proof for that are our efforts for improving the infrastructure in the area of the Plovdiv Regatta Venue and the planned start supplementary facility.

We are a few days away from the start of the supplementary canal – turning the Regatta Venue into a modern facility, rising to meet all the requirements of the modern world. The completion of this project will give our city new confidence and support our ambition as a city administration to make at least one successful bid for a major water sport event each year. It is a well-defined goal ahead of us, and we will spare no energy or efforts to achieve it.

**eng. Ivan Totev**  
Mayor of Plovdiv  
Republic of Bulgaria



Dear friends,

On behalf of the Bulgarian rowing society, I must say that it was great pleasure and privilege to welcome you in the city of Plovdiv for the 2015 World Rowing U23 Championships. I feel great satisfaction from the acknowledgement of the efforts made by the Bulgarian Rowing Federation and the Organizing Committee. Acknowledgement I was able to find not only in the words, but also on the faces of athletes, officials and spectators during the event.

The time has come once again to invite you all to come and experience one of the fastest regatta courses in the world in the soon to be greatly improved Plovdiv Regatta Venue.

The face of our venue is about to change, but its spirit is as marvelous as it has ever been.

**Ivan Popov**  
Head of the OC for the Plovdiv's  
2015 World Rowing U23 Championships

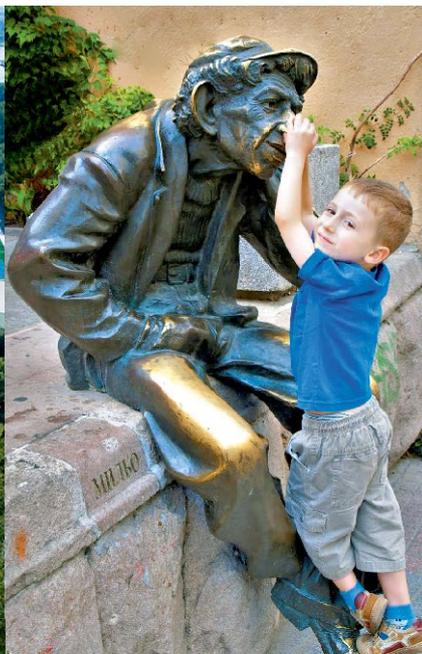


# Plovdiv

Bulgaria is in the heart of the busiest and historically the most reliable transport and communication junction in Europe, a natural cross-road between the West and the East, between Europe and Asia. Plovdiv is the second biggest Bulgarian city, situated in the most prosperous region of the country, not only in terms of natural resources and economic output, but also in terms of cultural and historical heritage. The favorable climate and the strategic location contributed to its progress during all historical eras. The six rock hills give to the city a picturesque beauty that is second to none. Plovdiv is a town that has had the extraordinary destiny to witness many historical turning points. Its 8000 years of history make the city contemporary of the human civilization and one of the most ancient cities in

the world. Evidence has been found in this part of the Balkans, that it was inhabited even in the late lower Paleolithic age, which invites parallels with ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia. Athens, Carthage and Constantinople came into being later.

Our first ancestors were the Thracians, which were very brave and freedom-loving people. Spartacus, the leader of the biggest slave uprising in the Roman Empire's history was from Thrace, as was Orpheus, the famous ancient singer, medical man and fortune-teller. Homer, Herodotus and other ancient authors describe the life, the traditions and the rich culture of the Thracians. Then in 342 BC Phillip II conquered the settlement, built new walls and called it Philipopolis (city of Phillip), which Lucius describes as the biggest and the most beautiful of all cities.



## Rumyana Neykova

Two-time world champion Rumyana Neykova, who won the Olympic bronze in Athens and silver in Sydney, missing out on the gold in the photo-finish, won the Olympic gold for Bulgaria in the women's single sculls final at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. She was named Bulgarian Sportswoman of the years - 2002 and 2008, and FISA Female rower of the year – 2002. Rumyana Neykova is honored with the highest Bulgarian state order – “Stara Planina”. Mrs. Neykova is currently involved in the development of the para rowing in Bulgaria. She is also engaged in several public campaigns, promoting sports activities among youngsters as an alternative of crime and drug addiction.

Rulers and invaders came and went, but the Bulgarians who settled in this land at the beginning of the sixth century, became the spiritual successors of rich cultures from different parts of the world and the ethos.

Bright ancient times, middle ages influenced by the Orient, renaissance and baroque, and preservation of the unique folklore traditions, form the contemporary appearance of the city center. Plovdiv has always been at the crossroads of different cultures and epochs, religions and superstitions, a junction of routes, connecting countries and continents.





**Tsvetana Pironkova** is a female Bulgarian tennis player. She was born and lives in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. Pironkova is right-handed and plays with a two-handed backhand. She achieved her career high of world no. 33 on July 26, 2010. She is currently the Bulgarian No. 1 and has won six ITF titles in her career. She is best known for reaching the semifinals at Wimbledon 2010, defeating 5-time champion and former World No. 1 Venus Williams in the quarterfinals, and reaching the quarterfinals at Wimbledon 2013, this time losing to the last year's Wimbledon finalist - Agnieszka Radwańska.

The spirit of Plovdiv inspires the creative power of its artists, writers and musicians. It is a scene of the Chamber Music International Festival, which takes place in the Old Town for more than 30 years now; the "Golden Box" International TV Film Festival, organized jointly with the Bulgarian National Television for more than two decades; the "Golden Rithon" International Festival of Documentary Films; the Verdi Festival, whose arena is the most attractive place in the City - the Ancient Theatre; the International Folklore Festival - an exotic and mass event at the end of the summer, and many more. Plovdiv is a center of international trade exhibitions with longstanding traditions. The Plovdiv Fair represents

Bulgaria at the International Bureau of Exhibitions. It is the sole organizer of the four commerce expositions that have received international acknowledgement long ago. In the present times the Region of Plovdiv comprises the central part of South Bulgaria and has a population of 430'000. There are important international routes passing through Plovdiv that connect the East with Europe, the Baltic with the Mediterranean, the Black sea with the Adriatic Sea.

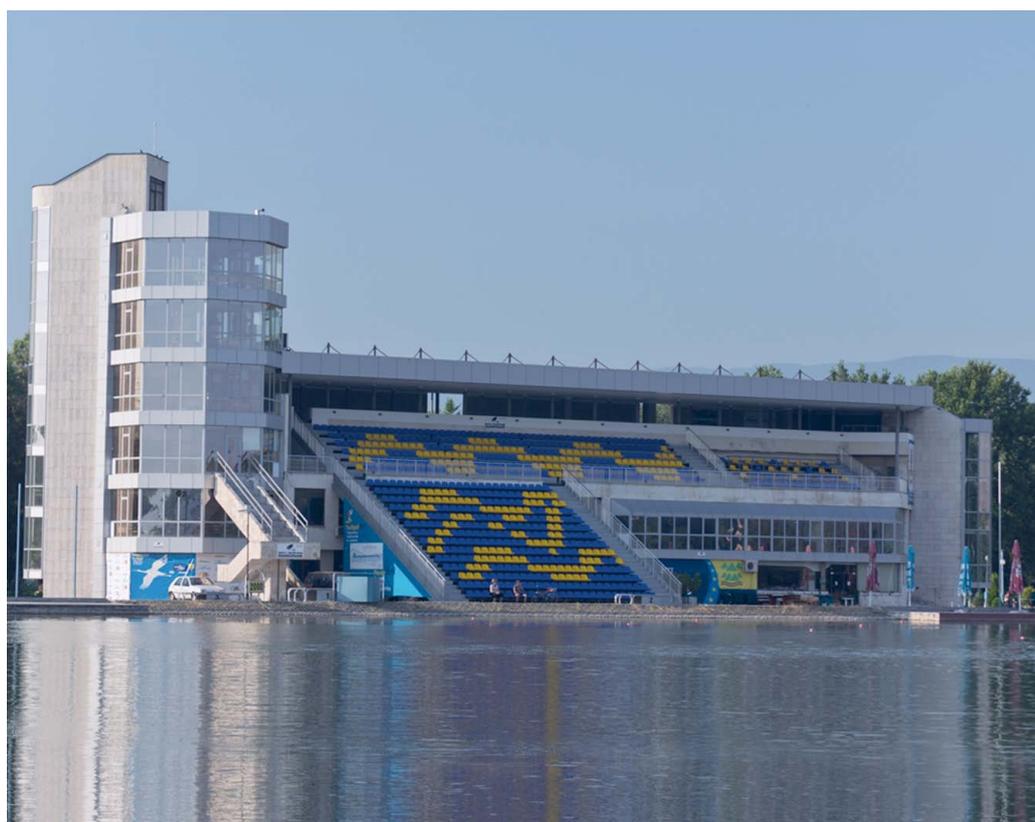
Plovdiv is situated at 150 metres above the sea level. The climate is mild due to the warm south influence penetrating the valley of the Maritza river. The city enjoys a relatively early spring, starting

in March and the midday temperature is regularly over 5oC. Summer begins quite early and continues from around May to the beginning of October, 160 days a year, on average. Autumn is sunny, warm, quiet and relatively long.

Since 1988 there is something more that the citizens of Plovdiv are very proud of and this is the Regatta course. The rowing venue is part of the huge sport complex that is situated around it and that consists also of the Plovdiv stadium with 70 000 seats, that hosted the World Junior Athletics Championships in 1990, and the tennis complex. These are only the sport facilities of the complex, but there are also a lot of local sport clubs, a center for sport medicine and



rehabilitation, and many cafes and restaurants that make the infrastructure complete and the complex the favorite recreation area of the Plovdiv people. The regatta course Plovdiv is an artificial canal with total length of 2 300m, that was specially designed by the architect Valentine Marinov with chief consultant Svetla Otzetova to meet the contemporary requirements for staging major water sport events. The location of the course was estimated very precisely to be surrounded by the natural forests, offering fair and equal conditions in all lanes. In addition to that the direction of the course is East/ West, which is parallel to the direction of the prevailing winds. However, the best demonstration for the quality of the rowing venue is the fast times that the Juniors recorded during the 1999 World Rowing Junior Championships – a result of the absolutely still weather.





SOFIA

BUS

DUNAV BLVD.

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MARITZA RIVER

MARITZA BLVD.

VASIL APRILOV BLVD.

RUSKI BLVD.

MARITZA BLVD.

TSAR BORIS III OBEZDINITEL BLVD.

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MARITZA BLVD.

6-th SEPTEMBER BLVD.

REGATTA VENUE

VASIL APRILOV BLVD.

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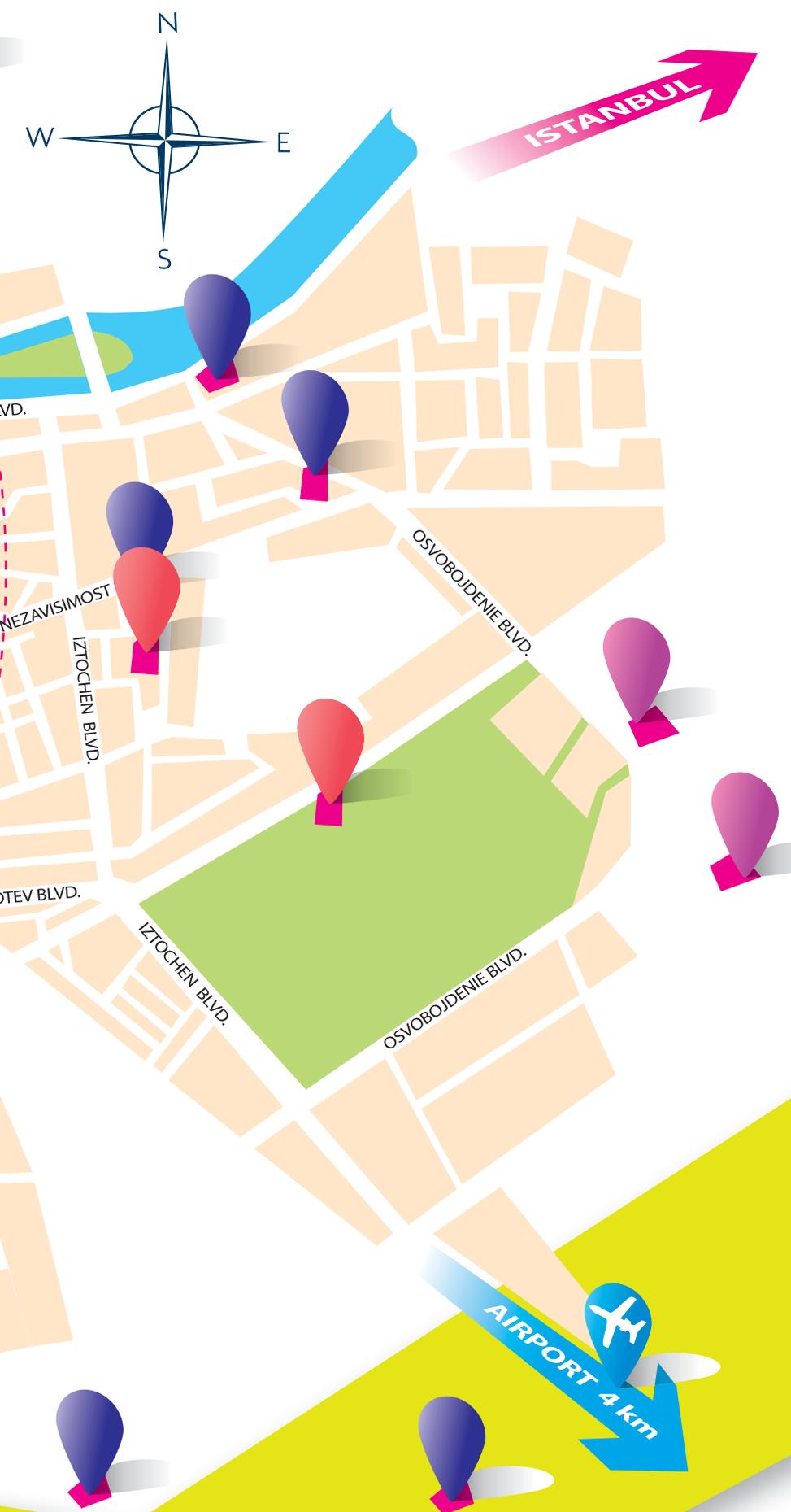
HRISTO BOTEV BLVD.

3 km DISTANCE AREA

HRISTO BOTEV BLVD.

5 km DISTANCE AREA

7 km DISTANCE AREA



**HOTELS IN PLOVDIV**

-  **CATEGORY I**
-  **CATEGORY II**
-  **CATEGORY III**
-  **LOW COST**
-  **SPECTATOR PARKING**
-  **VMI - MEDICAL CLINIC /CLOSEST TO THE VENUE/**
-  **CENTRAL BUS STATION**
-  **TRAIN STATION**
-  **AIRPORT**
-  **BUS DROP OFF/PICK UP STATION**

# ACCOMMODATION FOR TEAMS

Prices on a FULL BOARD basis in single and double rooms.  
ALL RESERVATIONS should be made through the travel agency chosen by the OC.

HOTELS ★★★★★ I Category	Room type	Rooms available	Distance to the venue	Driving time to the venue	Price per person
1. Four Stars Hotel	Single	60	5 km	7-10 min	171 €
	Double	430			131 €

Total Category I beds available: **920**

HOTELS ★★★ II Category	Room type	Rooms available	Distance to the venue	Driving time to the venue	Price per person
2. Three Stars Hotel	Single	64	4-5 km	6-10 min	138 €
	Double	178			108 €
3. Three Stars Hotel	Single	30	7-9 km	8-15 min	138 €
	Double	55			108 €
4. Three Stars Hotel	Single	10	10 km	15-16 min	138 €
	Double	47			108 €
5. Three Stars Hotel	Single	7	20 km	27-30 min	138 €
	Double	60			108 €

Total Category II beds available: **791**

HOTELS ★★ III Category	Room type	Rooms available	Distance to the venue	Driving time to the venue	Price per person
6. Two Stars Hotel	Single	1	4-5 km	6-7 min	103 €
	Double	35			70 €
	Triple	8			65 €
7. Two Stars Hotel	Single	35	7 km	15 min	103 €
	Double	47			70 €
	Triple	9			65 €

Total Category III beds available: **251**

HOTELS (Low cost accommodation) IV Category	Room type	Rooms available	Distance to the venue	Driving time to the venue	Price per person
8. Low cost Hotel	Double	60	5 km	10 min	59 €
	Triple	5			55 €

Total Category III beds available: **135**

**TOTAL BEDS AVAILABLE: 2097**

All accommodation bookings must be made through the 2015 World Rowing Under 23 Championships Organising Committee. Starting from May 1st 2014, there will be a form on the website

**WWW.WRU23CH2015.COM**, which can be completed when marking inquiries regarding availability.

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**ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY 1<sup>ST</sup> OF MAY 2015.**



# ACCOMMODATION FOR NF DELEGATES AND MEDIA

Prices on a BED & BREAKFAST basis in single and double rooms.  
ALL RESERVATIONS should be made through the travel agency chosen by the OC.

HOTELS ★★★★★ I Category	Room type	Rooms available	Distance to the venue	Driving time to the venue	Price per person
1. Four Stars Hotel	Single	50	5 km	8-9 minutes	150 €
	Double	10			110 €
2. Four Stars Hotel	Single	0	5 km	7-8 minutes	150 €
	Double	300			110 €

Total Category II beds available: 670

HOTELS ★★★ II Category	Room type	Rooms available	Distance to the venue	Driving time to the venue	Price per person
3. Three Stars Hotel	Single	20	6 km	9-11 minutes	110 €
	Double	34			90 €
4. Three Stars Hotel	Single	10	4 km	6 minutes	120 €
	Double	24			100 €

Total Category II beds available: 146

**TOTAL BEDS AVAILABLE: 816**

## PAYMENT POLICY

Reservations must be completed by the 1st May 2015 and the deposit of 50% of the total amount paid. The reservation is not completed until the deposit has been paid. The balance of the payment is due prior to the 1st of June 2015.

**Payments must be paid in Euros by direct bank transfer.**

Account details will be published at latter stage.

**ALL BANK TRANSFER FEES MUST BE PAID BY THE SENDER.**

**Team accommodation at the requested standard hotel also includes:**

- meals – breakfast and dinner in the hotel, lunch at the venue
- lunch at the hotel can be requested in advance for an extra cost
- Transport from Sofia Airport to the hotel and return
- Shuttle bus service from hotel to the regatta venue and return
- VAT tax

Costs for special requirements that vary from the standard arrangements described above can be considered upon request.

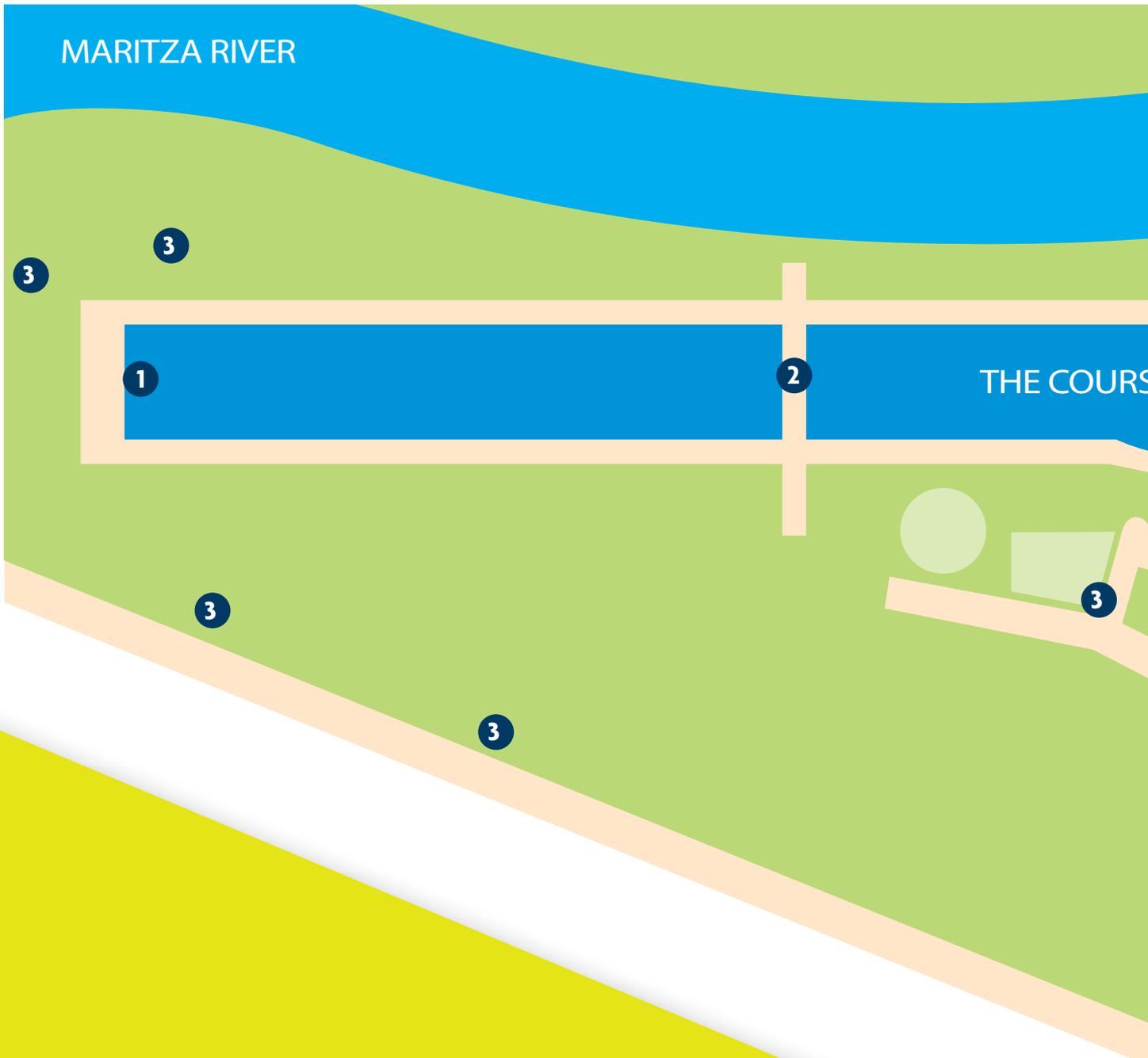
## CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations in part or full must be in writing and notified to the accommodation agents as mentioned under the Reservations section.  
Refunds will be considered on the following basis:-

- From confirmation to 45 days before arrival 75% refund.
- Between 44 – 35 days before arrival 60% refund.
- Between 34 – 25 days before arrival 50% refund.
- Between 24 – 05 days before arrival 20% refund.
- Cancellation less than 5 days before arrival or no show 10 % refund.



MARITZA RIVER



1. START

2. BRIDGE

3. RESTAURA

4. PERMANE

5. TECHICAL

MASTERS

GRANDST

GRANDST

6. FINISH TO

# REGATTA VENUE



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BUILDING FISA AND OC OFFICES,  
COMISION, PRESS CENTER, PRESS  
ANDS, VIP SERVICES AND  
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**7. LAUNCHING PONTOONS**

**8. PERMANENT BOATHOUSES,  
WEIGHTING, REST AREA, CHANGING/SHOWERS,  
MEDICAL FACILITIES, DOPING, MASSAGE**

**9. ACCREDITATION**

**10. TEAM BUS DROP OFF**

**11. BOAT RACKS**

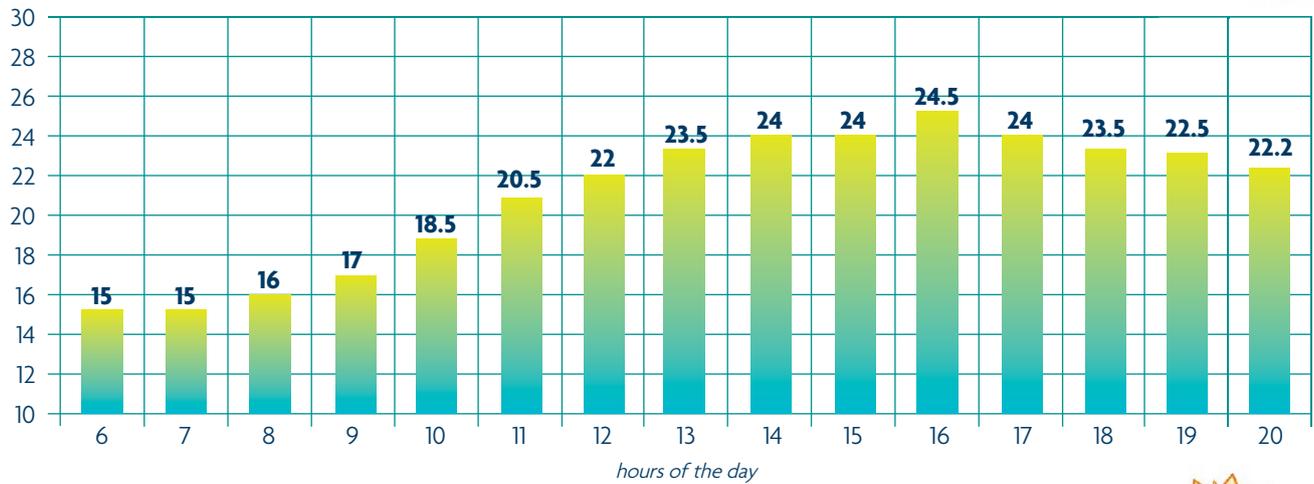
**12. TRAILER PARKING**

# GENERAL INFORMATION METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS



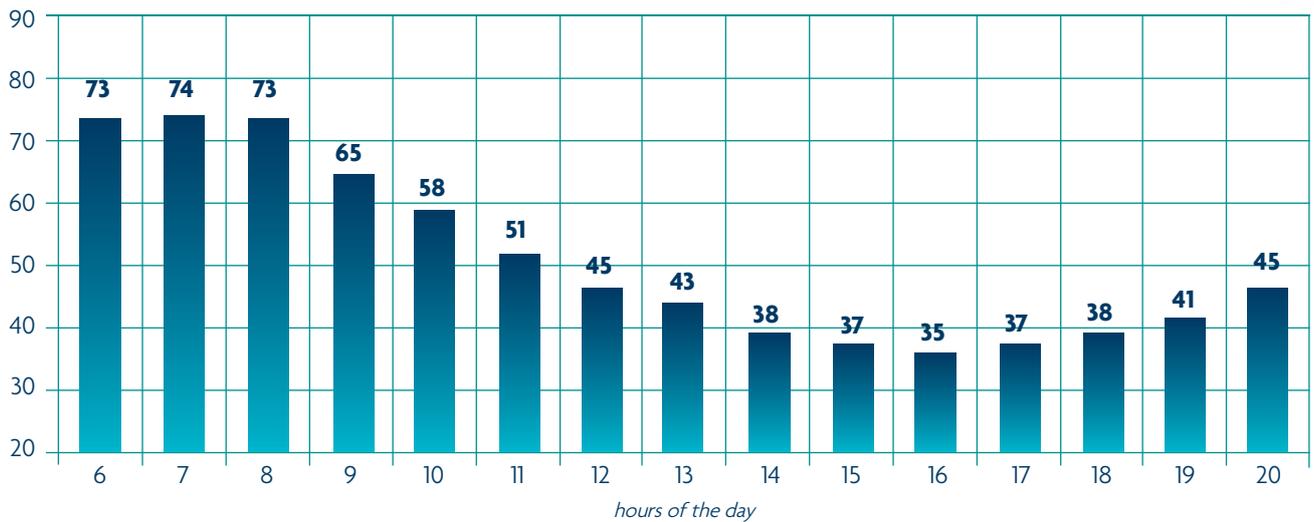
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11 to 26 July 2009-2013 Average Temperature Degree

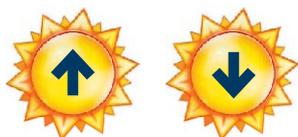


## HUMIDITY

11 to 26 July 2009-2013 Average Humidity Percentage



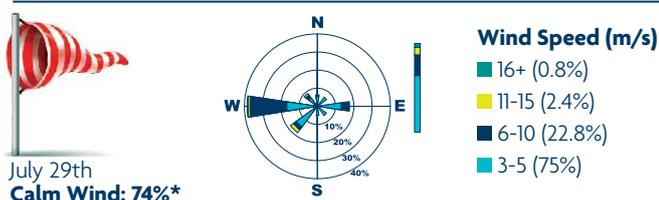
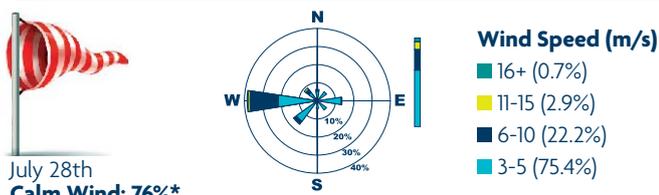
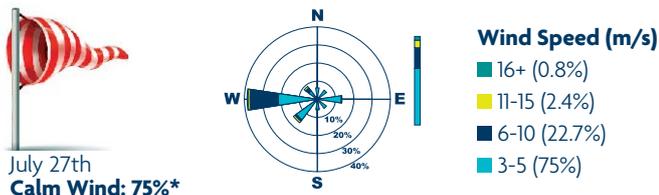
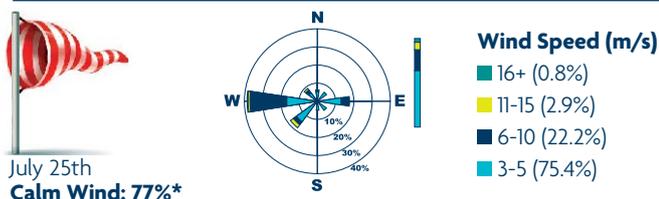
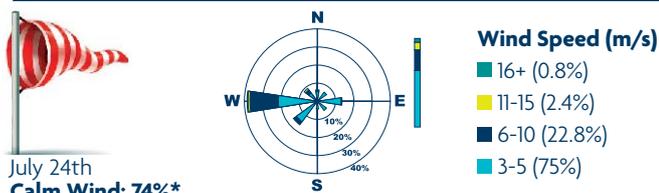
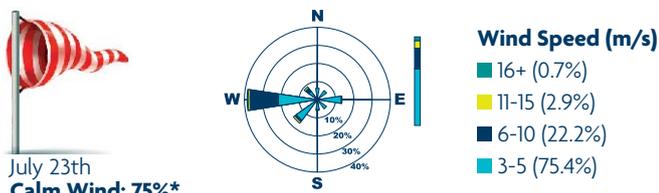
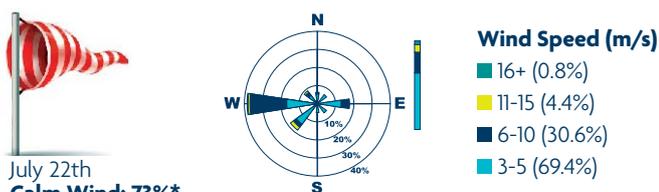
# SUNRISE & SUNSET



Day (in 2015)	Sunrise	Sunset
July 20	06:02	20:52
July 21	06:03	20:51
July 22	06:04	20:50
July 23	06:05	20:49
July 24	06:06	20:48
July 25	06:07	20:47
July 26	06:08	20:46
July 27	06:09	20:45
July 28	06:10	20:44
July 29	06:11	20:43
July 30	06:12	20:42
July 31	06:13	20:41

# WIND

Average wind speed and direction for last 4 years

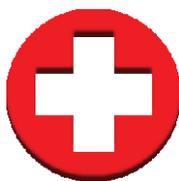


\*The predominating wind condition is calm (in more than 70% of the time), so the chart information is only for the time with notable wind speed of 3 m/s and above.



## VISA REQUIREMENTS

Bulgaria is a member of the European Union so if you are coming from another member country, you don't need a VISA to enter. For countries not members to the EU, normal visa regulations are in place. You can get a visa in our Embassy or Consulate in your country. Don't forget to bring your passport when entering the country.



## MEDICAL SERVICE

The regatta venue will be serviced with a medical centre situated in the permanent building by the boat park storage area. This centre will provide initial assessment and treatment for injuries and illnesses. Further treatment will be provided at the Medical Centre, located approx. 1.2 km from the venue. A water safety service will also operate during the official opening times of the venue. An ambulance will be on standby in the boat park area for emergencies.



## MEAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR TEAMS

Meal arrangements for the Teams  
The daily rate per person includes breakfast dinner provided at the hotel, and lunch at the venue. Lunch at the hotel can be arranged in advance for extra cost (5 EURO).

## TRANSPORT

A transport will be provided from the hotels to the venue and return. During the event Team Managers will be requested on a daily basis to complete a Transportation Request Form. Due to the limited parking space available at the venue teams will not be able to use their own transport vehicles for access to the venue and therefore all teams should plan on using the of-

official transport service provided by the Organising Committee.

The official transport service will begin operating from July 20th, 2015. Transport before this date would be available upon request at a cost.

The local transportation service will operate:

On training days from 06:30 to 19:30 PM

On racing days from 06:00 to 19:30 PM

## REACHING THE REGATTA VENUE

There will be signs placed near the bus and train stations, the entrances into the city and on the major road junctions.





## ACCOMODATION BOOKING

All accommodation should be booked through the OC. (see page 8 for details)  
 Tel.: +359 32 908 900  
 Fax: +359 32 908 901  
 Email:  
 ACCOMMODATION@WRU23CH2015.COM



## TELEVISION

There will be a local television broadcaster covering the Championship. For more information, please contact Methody Manchenko at **MEDIA@WRU23CH2015.COM**.

## ACCREDITATION

### TEAMS

The Accreditation Forms will be sent electronically to the National Federations at least one month before the closing date for accreditations. Please complete these files with the names of the participating and spare rowers, coaches, team support and NF officials and send them to FISA before the 9th July 2015. The Forms are to be returned by e-mail to the FISA office at **daniela.oronova@fisa.org**.

### MEDIA

Media accreditation can be requested online at **http://www.worldrowing.com/mediacenter/** using the form located in the Media section. The Media centre is located at the second floor of the Finish Tower. The Media Centre will be open from July 21st 2015 and will be operating from 08:00 to 19:00 hrs every day.

### MEDIA FACILITIES

There will be provided adequate media facilities and services. The press centre will be located in the permanent grandstand building, with the tabled media grandstand seats close to the finish line. For further details please contact Mihail Vanchev at **MEDIA@WRU23CH2015.COM**.

## BOAT TRANSPORT

There are no specific problems or restrictions concerning the transportation of boats or boat trailers. Federations may contact the Organising Committee to be advised for the most convenient routes to be followed from the Bulgarian borders to the Regatta venue.

## ORGANISED TOURS

It is recommended that all spectators should join a tour group in order to obtain the most practical means of accessing accommodation options and travel to the venue. A range of packages will be offered for the surrounding region rich with historical and cultural heritage. For more information contact the agents appointed by the Organising Committee. (see page 8 for details).

## TICKETS

A limited number of FISA family grandstand tickets will be available for purchase through the national federation of your country and details of these applications will be distributed by FISA early in 2015. Otherwise spectator tickets will be available for purchase as members of a tour group or through the website of 2015 World Rowing U23 Championships **WWW.WRU23CH2015.COM**. The information on ticket price can be found on your website.



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