



2019 Media Guide World Rowing Cup I

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Our planet depends on clean water

Water is the lifeblood of our planet. It is essential in supporting human life, nourishing indispensable habitats and supplying agriculture and industry. In order to accomplish these crucial tasks, water must be kept clean. The amount and availability of clean water has become one of the greatest challenges of our time. World Rowing believes that we all have a responsibility to apply environmentally-sustainable practices to our use and management of water.

Rowing is a clean water sport and everyone involved in rowing has reason to protect this vital resource.

In 2011 World Rowing and WWF, the World Wide Fund for Nature, formed a global clean water partnership. This engages all rowers, rowing clubs and national rowing federations to work towards safeguarding their freshwater environments.

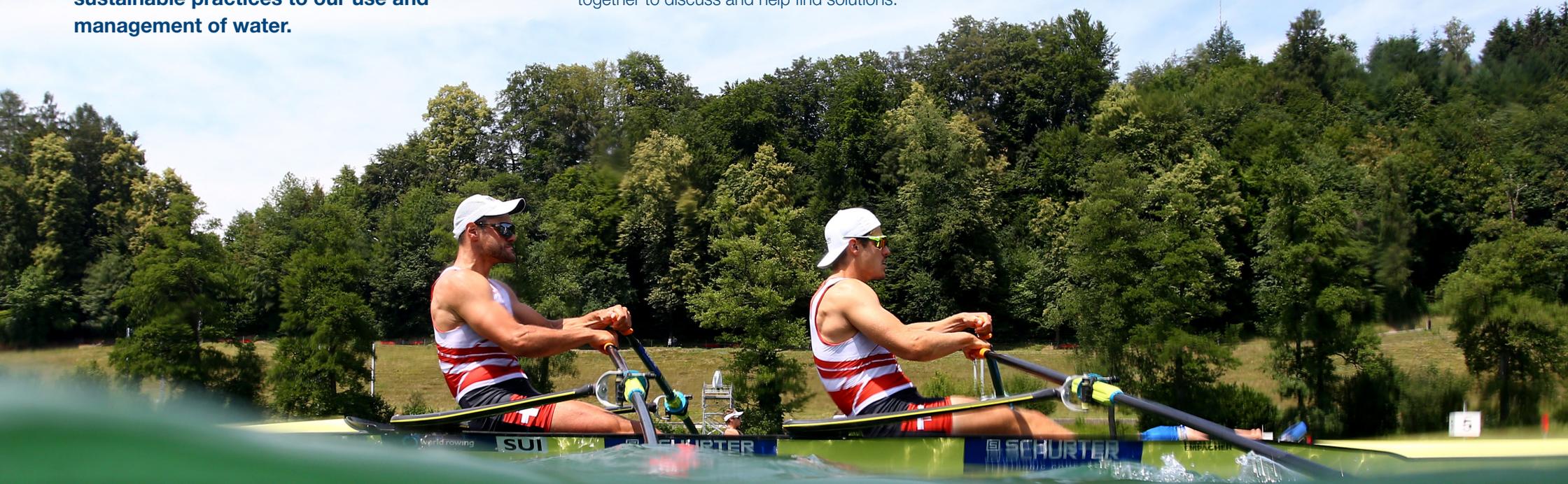
A joint action project, the Kafue River & Rowing Centre is a manifestation of this partnership. This project was inspired by the confluence of many pressures and problems in the Kafue River in Zambia and the need to bring all stakeholders together to discuss and help find solutions.

The development of a multi-purpose facility for water management education and research and the advancement of rowing in the region is underway. The global rowing community is at the forefront of a fundraising campaign to help establish the centre.

Donations are welcome

To find out more: www.worldrowing.com/environment

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1 General

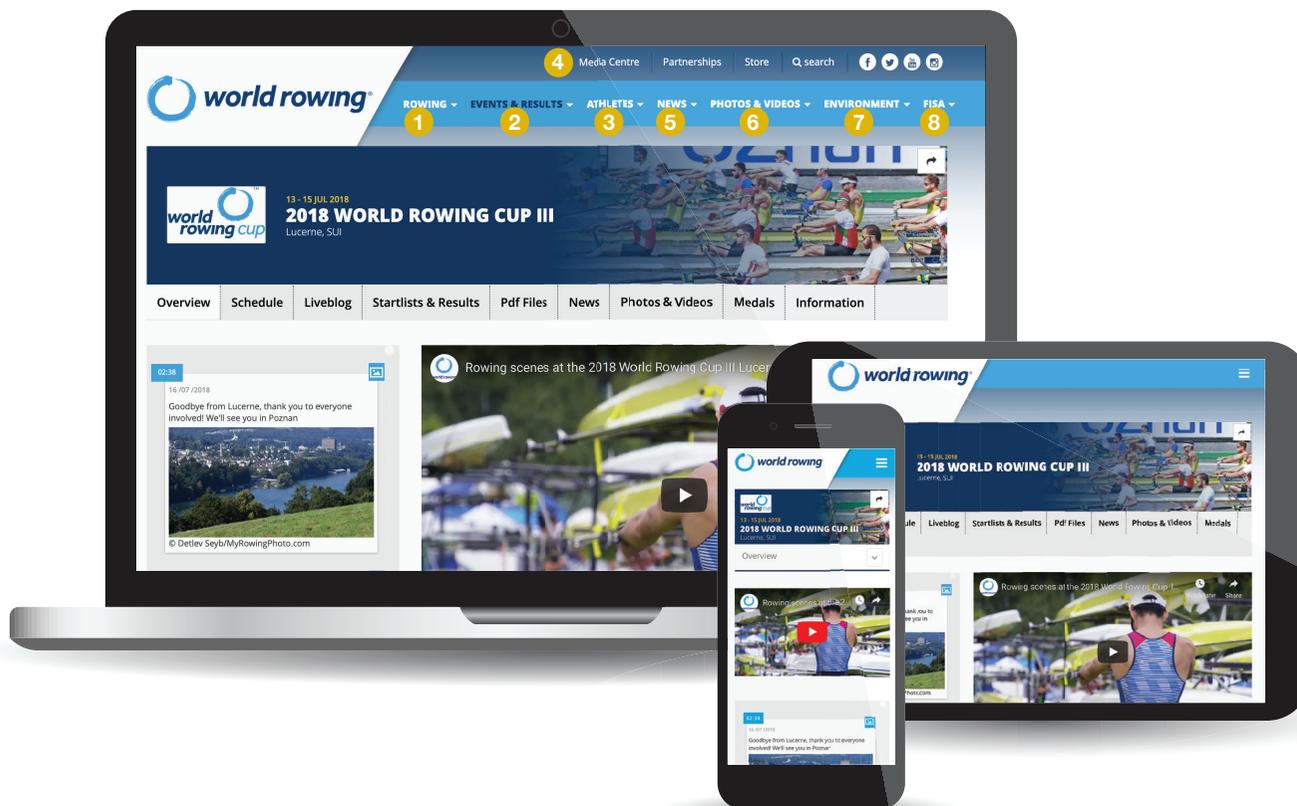
1.1 2019-2020 World Rowing regatta calendar

2019 Calendar			
May			
10-12	Plovdiv	BUL	World Rowing Cup I
18-19	Essen	GER	European Rowing Junior Championships
31-2 Jun	Lucerne	SUI	European Rowing Championships
June			
21-23	Poznan	POL	World Rowing Cup II
July			
12-14	Rotterdam	NED	World Rowing Cup III
20-27	Karelia	FIN	World Rowing Tour
24-28	Sarasota-Bradenton	USA	World Rowing Under 23 Championships
August			
7-11	Tokyo	JPN	World Rowing Junior Championships
25-1 Sep	Linz-Ottensheim	AUT	World Rowing Championships
September			
7-8	Ioannina	GRE	European Rowing Under 23 Championships
12-15	Velence	HUN	World Rowing Masters Regatta
October			
25-27 Oct	Shenzhen	CHN	World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals
November			
1-3 Nov	Hong Kong	CHN	World Rowing Coastal Championships

2020 Calendar			
February			
7-8	Paris		World Rowing Indoor Championships
March			
4-8	World-wide		World Rowing Virtual Indoor Sprints
15-15 Apr	World-wide		World Erg Challenge
April			
10-12	Sabaudia	ITA	World Rowing Cup I
May			
1-3	Varese	ITA	World Rowing Cup II
9-10	Gavirate	ITA	Final Paralympic Qualification Regatta
17-19	Lucerne	SUI	Final Olympic Qualification Regatta
22-24	Lucerne	SUI	World Rowing Cup III
30-31	Belgrade	SRB	European Rowing Junior Championships
June			
5-7	Poznan	POL	European Rowing Championships
July			
24-31	Tokyo	JPN	Olympic Games rowing regatta
August			
16-23	Bled	SLO	World Rowing Junior/U-23/Senior Championships
29-30	Tokyo	JPN	Paralympic Games rowing regatta
27-29	Zagreb	CRO	FISU World University Championships
September			
1-6	Linz-Ottensheim	AUT	World Rowing Masters Regatta
5-6	Duisburg	GER	European Rowing Under 23 Championships
October			
2-4	TBA		World Rowing Coastal Championships

For more event information: <http://www.worldrowing.com/events/>

1.2 How to follow World Rowing



Live Event Coverage

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- Videos
- Audio commentary
- Live blog
- Photos
- News
- Race Reports

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- 2 EVENTS & RESULTS** Past, current and upcoming event information and result statistics.
- 3 ATHLETES** Athlete bios, medical, training and anti-doping information as well as athlete of the month interviews, Top 10 athletes for the year and World Rowing Award information.
- 4 MEDIA CENTRE** World Rowing media guides, media accreditation, links media release and newsletter registration.
- 5 NEWS** Latest news, media releases, race reports, press releases and reviews.
- 6 PHOTOS & VIDEOS** All World Rowing events in photo galleries, YouTube videos including interviews, coaching tips and complete VOD of racing footage going back to 1991.
- 7 ENVIRONMENT** FISA's policy, including strategic alliance with WWF, tips for clubs on improving water quality and the Kafue River & Rowing Centre.
- 8 FISA** Governance documents and information about FISA, rule book, FISA publications and National Federation information.

2 Event information

2.1 Key media information

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About Plovdiv

The regatta course in Plovdiv is an artificial canal measuring 2300m in length. It was specially designed by architect Valentine Marinov, with chief consultant Svetla Otzetova (World Rowing's Events Director) to meet contemporary requirements for major water sports events. The course was built to be surrounded by natural forests and offer fair and equal wind conditions across all lanes. It is known for fast conditions due to the usually warm summer water and the prevalence of a direct tail wind. The venue has hosted many international rowing events, including most recently the 2018 World Rowing Championships and the World Rowing Under 23 Championships in 2015 and 2017.

Currency

The official currency is the Bulgarian Lev (BGN).

Exchange rates (at 9 April 2019) 1 EUR = 1.96 BGN, 1 USD = 1.74 BGN, 1 GBP = 2.27 BGN

Media accommodation

Booking requests should be made by email:

accommodation@wrcplovdiv2019.com

Media transport & parking

An airport-hotel transfer service will be available for accredited members of the media who have booked their accommodation via the Organising Committee. This service must be booked in advance by submission of a request form to: transport@wrcplovdiv2019.com

Requests must be received no later than 21 April, 2019.

Media facilities

The media centre will be open on Thursday 9 May from 13.00 hrs. On racing days (10-12 May) the Media Centre will be open from one hour prior to the first race until three hours after the last race.

TV commentator and radio commentator positions are situated in the media grandstand and should be booked in advance through <http://www.worldrowing.com/mediacenter/>

The usual facilities are available to the press in the media area:

- Workspaces with power (power sockets are Type F)
- Telephone line for urgent calls
- WiFi internet access
- Cabled broadband ISDN & analogue connections (please book ahead of time)
- Copy service
- Big screen on the opposite site of the lake for viewing racing on finals day (no individual monitors on work place)
- Drinks and small snacks throughout the day
- Hot food will be for sale at the venue

Media accreditation

All media accreditations should be submitted through FISA at <http://www.worldrowing.com/mediacenter/>. Last-minute media accreditation requests should be made directly to media@fisa.org.

All requests for filming and/or broadcaster accreditation (whether national or international) need to be approved by World Rowing. Accreditation can be collected on site upon arrival at the venue.

Photographers & TV camera operators

There will be a photographer shuttle service running from the media centre to the start area. Information on the schedule and the booking process will be available at the media centre. Bibs must be worn to distinguish accredited photographers from private/non-professional photographers or TV camera operators. These bibs must be worn throughout the event. They are handed out upon a deposit of 50 CHF.

Filming equipment needs to be approved by World Rowing and be identified with an event logo sticker that must remain clearly visible. Accredited camera teams must contact World Rowing in the media centre upon arrival and sign a Filming Request Form in order to receive an accreditation sticker for their equipment.

The World Rowing communications team

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Ben Chattell – Communications Assistant

Mauricie Summers – Communications Assistant

Igor Meijer – Photographer

Detlev Seyb – Photographer

Melissa Bray – Communications Manager – content (remote)

2.2 Boat classes & scoring

The World Rowing Cup, in its current form, was established by FISA in 1997 to give athletes more opportunities for top international racing. It is a series of three regattas that acts as a lead-up to the World Rowing Championships. The racing programme in Plovdiv includes the 14 Olympic boat classes and a selection of International boat classes.

Olympic and World Rowing Cup boat classes

Men

Single Sculls (M1x)	Single Sculls (W1x)
Double Sculls (M2x)	Double Sculls (W2x)
Lightweight Double Sculls (LM2x)	Lightweight Double Sculls (LW2x)
Quadruple Sculls (M4x)	Quadruple Sculls (W4x)
Pair (M2-)	Pair (W2-)
Four (M4-)	Four (W4-)
Eight (M8+)	Eight (W8+)

Women

International boat classes (to be contested in Plovdiv)

Men

Lightweight Single Sculls (LM1x)	Lightweight Single Sculls (LW1x)
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Women

Each Olympic boat class earns points based on the finishing order. The highest placing boat from a country is awarded the following points:

1st	8 points
2nd	6 points
3rd	5 points
4th	4 points
5th	3 points
6th	2 points
7th	1 point

If a country has more than one crew in a boat class, points will be awarded only to the first crew. The crew with the most points in each boat class is declared the World Rowing Cup leader and receives the yellow 'World Rowing Cup Leader Bib.' After the third World Rowing Cup regatta, the crew with the most points in each boat class is declared the World Cup winner and receives the World Rowing Cup for that boat class. At the end of each World Cup, the country with the most points will be declared winner of that World Rowing Cup regatta and will receive the leading nation cup. The nation with the most points overall from all boat classes is declared overall winner of the 2019 World Rowing Cup.

2.3 Timetable of entries

PROVISIONAL COMPETITION SCHEDULE (Subject to the Draw at 15:00 hrs on Thursday, 9 May 2019 – As of 30 April 2019)

			Friday, 10 May						Saturday, 11 May						Sunday, 12 May			
N°	Event	#	Heats		Reps		Preliminary	Final C	Semi-finals		Reps		Preliminary	Final B	Final A	Event	Final B	Final A
International Events																		
15	LW1x	7	10:12	10:19		14:54												12:30
16	LM1x	11	10:26	10:33		15:02	15:10								12:18	12:45		
17	LW2-	0																
18	LM2-	0																
19	LW4x	0																
20	LM4x	0																
World Cup Events																		
1	W2-	15	9:30	9:37	9:44	14:30			9:30	10:02	10:10					W2-	9:00	10:35
2	M2-	17	9:51	9:58	10:05	14:38	14:46		9:38	10:18	10:26					M2-	9:08	10:48
3	W2x	9	10:40	10:47							10:34					W2x	9:16	11:02
4	M2x	15	10:54	11:01	11:08	15:18			9:46	10:42	10:50					M2x	9:24	11:16
5	W4-	10	12:47	12:54							11:54					LM2x	9:32	11:30
7	W1x	8	11:23	11:30							10:58					LW2x	9:40	11:44
8	M1x	16	11:37	11:44	11:51	15:26	15:34		9:54	11:06	11:14					W4-	9:48	11:58
9	LW2x	13	11:58	12:05	12:12	15:42				11:22	11:30					M4-	9:56	12:12
10	LM2x	10	12:19	12:26							11:38					W4x		12:26
6	M4-	9	12:33	12:40							11:46					M4x		12:40
11	W4x	3											12:02			M8+		12:54
12	M4x	6											12:10			W1x	10:04	13:07
13	W8+	4						15:50								M1x	10:12	13:24
14	M8+	4						15:58								W8+		13:38
Training Times			7:00-9:00, 13:10-14:00, 16:13-19:00hrs												7:00-8:30hrs			

Notes for FISA and OC people:

- Thursday's meetings:
10:00 hrs - Technical Equipment Test and Timing Volunteers Instruction
13:00 hrs - Preparation Meeting for the Draw
13:30 hrs - Fairness Committee Meeting
15:00 hrs - Team Managers' Meeting and Draw
16:00 hrs - Jury Inspection of the Course
17:00 hrs - Rescue Rehearsal
17:00 hrs - Handover meeting

Broadcaster information: all times indicated are local times. Televised races are indicated in bold font. Please revert to the EBU offer for international signal times and details. The last medal ceremony will finish approximately 20 minutes after the start of the last race.

Follow the live results on www.worldrowing.com

2.4 Entries by event

As of 30 April 2019															
W2-	M2-	W2x	M2x	W4-	M4-	W1x	M1x	LW2x	LM2x	W4x	M4x	W8+	M8+	LW1x	LM1x
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
15	17	9	15	10	9	8	16	13	10	3	6	4	4	7	11
CHN1	BLR	BLR	BLR	CHN1	AUT	BLR	AZE	AUT	AUT	CHN	AUT	CHN	POL	AUT	BUL
CHN2	CHN	CHN1	BUL1	CHN2	CHN	BUL1	BEL	CHN1	BEL	NED	CHN	NED	ROU1	BLR	CRO
ESP	CRO	CHN2	BUL2	CHN3	CRO	BUL2	BEN	CHN2	CHN1	ROU	MDA	ROU1	ROU2	BUL	ESP
HUN	CUB	CUB	CHN1	NED1	ESP	CHN	BLR	CHN3	CHN2		MEX	ROU2	ROU3	CHN1	HUN1
JPN	ESP	HUN	CHN2	NED2	POL1	CZE	BUL	ESP	CHN3		POL			CHN2	HUN2
NED1	HUN1	JPN	CHN3	ROU1	POL2	MDA	CRO	JPN1	ESP		ROU			MDA	JPN
NED2	HUN2	NED	ESP	ROU2	ROU1	ROU	FIN1	JPN2	JPN1					MEX	MDA
POL	JPN	POL	HUN1	USA1	ROU2	SRB	FIN2	JPN3	JPN2						POL1
ROU1	MDA	ROU	HUN2	USA2	ROU3		FIN3	NED	POL						POL2
ROU2	POL1		JPN	USA3			JPN1	POL	POR						POR
ROU3	POL2		POL1				JPN2	POR							SLO
USA1	POL3		POL2				MDA	ROU1							
USA2	ROU1		ROU1				MEX	ROU2							
USA3	ROU2		ROU2				ROU								
USA4	SRB1		ZIM				SRB1								
	SRB2						SRB2								
	SRB3														

LEGEND

W2-	Women's Pair
M2-	Men's Pair
W2x	Women's Double Sculls
M2x	Men's Double Sculls
W4-	Women's Four
M4-	Men's Four
W1x	Women's Single Sculls
M1x	Men's Single Sculls
LW2x	Lightweight Women's Double Sculls
LM2x	Lightweight Men's Double Sculls
W4x	Women's Quadruple Sculls
M4x	Men's Quadruple Sculls
W8+	Women's Eight
M8+	Men's Eight
LW1x	Lightweight Women's Single Sculls
LM1x	Lightweight Men's Single Sculls

	Countries	Crews	Competitors
Men	19	67	157
Women	14	49	119
Lightweight Men	12	21	30
Lightweight Women	12	20	32
Total	24	157	338

3 Who to watch

3.1 Who to watch

Women's pair (W2-)

A solid contingent of 15 crews have entered the women's pair to start the season with a bang. The United States and Romania are both using this as an opportunity for internal selection and additional racing. The United States has entered four women's pairs with their number one crew including World Champion from the women's eight Tracy Eisser and the return of three-time Olympian Megan Kalmoe.

Romania has three women's pairs using combinations from their women's eight. However, last year's European Champions, Madalina Beres and Iuliana Popa, are not among them. Watch out too for Spain. Aina Cid has a bronze medal from last year's World Championships and is now paired up with new partner, Virginia Diaz Rivas. Rivas has spent the last few years competing in the women's single sculls.

W2-: Major results since 2013

Place	WRCH13	WRCH14	WRCH15	OG16	WRCH 17	WRCH 18
1	GBR	GBR	GBR	GBR	NZL	CAN
2	ROU	USA	NZL	NZL	USA	NZL
3	NZL	NZL	USA	DEN	DEN	ESP
4	USA	ROU	DEN	USA	GBR	ITA
5	NED	AUS	RSA	RSA	ESP	CHN
6	RSA	RSA	CAN	ESP	GER	IRL
7	SRB	RUS	ROU	CHN	ITA	GBR
8	GER	IRL	GER	GER	IRL	AUS
9	UKR	SRB	NED	ROU	SRB	USA
10	ITA	CAN	FRA	POL	CHN	UKR
11	RUS	UKR	BLR	ITA	MEX	RUS
12	AUS	CZE	CAN	FRA		HUN

Men's pair (M2-)

This field is robust with 15 crews lining up. There's no doubt that all eyes will be on World Champions Martin and Valent Sinkovic of Croatia. The Sinkovic brothers finally managed to take the world title last year at the World Rowing Championships after a season of injury and illness. They come to Plovdiv after dominating the Croatian National Championships.

The Sinkovic's will face a big challenge from Romania. Marius-Vasile Cozmiuc and Ciprian Tudosa have a silver medal from last year's World Championships and they will have spent the winter itching for gold. The question is: who wants to show their full potential this early in the season?

Watch out too for Spain. Javier Garcia Ordonez and Jaime Canalejo Pazos finished sixth at the World Championships, but in the absence of a few big names, they may find their way onto the podium. And do not be surprised to see Serbia and Poland in the final. They have both entered three crews and are likely looking to do some early-season selecting.

M2-: Major results since 2013

Place	WRCH13	WRCH14	WRCH15	OG16	WRCH 17	WRCH 18
1	NZL	NZL	NZL	NZL	ITA	CRO
2	FRA	GBR	GBR	RSA	CRO	ROU
3	NED	RSA	SRB	ITA	NZL	FRA
4	ESP	ESP	NED	GBR	FRA	CAN
5	POL	GER	ITA	FRA	GBR	NZL
6	ITA	USA	AUS	AUS	SRB	ESP
7	GBR	ITA	RSA	CZE	ROU	CZE
8	RSA	TUR	FRA	NED	CZE	GBR
9	SRB	ARG	USA	HUN	ESP	SRB
10	GER	NED	ESP	SRB	BLR	RSA
11	ARG	CHI	ROU	USA	USA	BLR
12	HUN	CRO	CAN	ROU	TUR	HUN

Women's double sculls (W2x)

In this nine-boat field, the Dutch are the crew to watch. Lisa Scheenaard and Roos de Jong won several medals in the 2018 season including a European Championship silver. With another year rowing together, they are likely to be frontrunners in this early phase of the 2019 season.

Scheenaard and de Jong will be challenged by Poland's Krystyna Lemanczyk-Dobrzalak and Martyna Mikolajczak. This duo finished sixth at last year's European Rowing Championships and eighth at the World Rowing Championships. Keep an eye out too for China and Belarus. They have entered new line-ups this year, but judging by past performance, they will be in medal contention.

W2x: Major results since 2013

Place	WRCH13	WRCH14	WRCH15	OG16	WRCH 17	WRCH 18
1	LTU	NZL	NZL	POL	NZL	LTU
2	NZL	POL	GRE	GBR	USA	NZL
3	BLR	AUS	GER	LTU	AUS	USA
4	GBR	LTU	POL	GRE	LTU	GBR
5	GER	CHN	LTU	FRA	CHN	NED
6	DEN	USA	GBR	USA	FRA	CAN
7	USA	NED	CHN	GER	CZE	CZE
8	RUS	GER	FRA	BLR	NED	POL
9	UKR	RUS	BLR	AUS	ITA	CHN
10	IRL	UKR	AUS	CZE	GER	GER
11	ITA	IRL	USA	CHN	SWE	GRE
12	KOR	DEN	CZE	NZL	GRE	FRA

Men's double sculls (M2x)

There are 15 crews contesting this boat class and the frontrunners might just be Romania. The Romanians are setting themselves up for a big World Cup score judging by the number of boats that they have entered at this first World Rowing Cup. Among their entries is Marian-Florian Enache and Ioan Prundeanu who finished sixth at last year's World Rowing Championships and second at last year's European Championships.

Watch out too for the new combination from Belarus. Stanislau Shcharbachenia has been around for a while, spending recent years in the men's single sculls. He has teamed up with Dzianis Mihal and if they have had enough time rowing together, this will be a promising combination.

The Polish are also likely to have a strong crew, although they have put their top two scullers into sweep boats for this event. And China has entered three crews, likely building up for Tokyo 2020 Olympic qualification. They might just find their way onto the podium.

M2x: Major results since 2013

Place	WRCH13	WRCH14	WRCH15	OG16	WRCH 17	WRCH 18
1	LTU	NZL	NZL	POL	NZL	LTU
2	NZL	POL	GRE	GBR	USA	NZL
3	BLR	AUS	GER	LTU	AUS	USA
4	GBR	LTU	POL	GRE	LTU	GBR
5	GER	CHN	LTU	FRA	CHN	NED
6	DEN	USA	GBR	USA	FRA	CAN
7	USA	NED	CHN	GER	CZE	CZE
8	RUS	GER	FRA	BLR	NED	POL
9	UKR	RUS	BLR	AUS	ITA	CHN
10	IRL	UKR	AUS	CZE	GER	GER
11	ITA	IRL	USA	CHN	SWE	GRE
12	KOR	DEN	CZE	NZL	GRE	FRA

Women's Four (W4-)

The women's four is a new Olympic boat class and it will only get harder as countries ramp up towards this year's Olympic qualification. This race seems to be acting as national selection for China, the Netherlands, Romania and the United States. All four countries have entered multiple crews, many of which are combinations of their women's pairs.

The United States' crews are packed full of talent, although there is only one remaining member of their 2018 World Champion women's four. Molly Bruggeman is joined by Gia Doonan, Kristine O'Brien and Victoria Opitz from the 2018 World Champion women's eight in USA1. The second four includes Olympic Champion Meghan Musnicki who is back after a two-year break following gold at the Rio Olympic Games.

Watch out too for the top crews from the Netherlands and Romania. There are big names in both boats and they will be looking for gold early in the season.

W4-: Major results since 2013

Place	WRCH13	WRCH14	WRCH15	OG16	WRCH 17	WRCH 18
1	USA	NZL	USA		AUS	USA
2	CAN	USA	GBR		POL	AUS
3	AUS	CHN	CHN		RUS	RUS
4	GER	FRA	GER		USA	DEN
5	ITA	CAN	IRL		NED	POL
6	KOR	UKR			CHN	CHN
7		NED			GBR	GBR
8		ITA			ITA	NED
9		GER			CAN	NZL
10		IRL			NZL	ITA
11					ROU	ROU
12					FRA	GER

Men's four (M4-)

The Romanian delegation to this first World Rowing Cup is significant including three crews entered in this boat class. They include the 2018 European Champion crew of Mihaita-Vasile Tiganescu, Cosmin Pascari, Stefan-Constantin Berariu and Ciprian Huc. Tiganescu, Pascari, Berariu and Huc finished fifth in a tough final at last year's World Rowing Championships and they are certainly ones to watch.

Romania will be challenged by Poland, who has also entered two crews. The Polish have changed their line-up slightly, but still have several members of their seventh-placed crew from last year's World Championships. Watch out too for Croatia. They've pulled up some of their young stars from the junior and under-23 level and it will be interesting to see how they perform on the senior level.

M4-: Major results since 2013

Place	WRCH13	WRCH14	WRCH15	OG16	WRCH 17	WRCH 18
1	NED	GBR	ITA	GBR	AUS	AUS
2	AUS	USA	AUS	AUS	ITA	ITA
3	USA	AUS	GBR	ITA	GBR	GBR
4	ITA	NED	CAN	RSA	NED	NED
5	GBR	CAN	GER	NED	DEN	ROU
6	CZE	GRE	NED	CAN	GER	GER
7	BLR	ITA	USA	USA	ESP	POL
8	ESP	GER	BLR	GRE	CAN	BLR
9	CRO	SRB	GRE	BLR	FRA	CZE
10	ROU	RUS	RUS	RUS	USA	RSA
11	SRB	ROU	ROU	FRA	AUT	SUI
12	GER	UKR	ESP	GER	NZL	UKR

Women's single sculls (W1x)

The women's single sculls sees the return of two rowing legends. Ekaterina Karsten from Belarus is now back to the women's single after she competed last year in the women's quadruple sculls. This marks the start of her 29th season of World Rowing events. Karsten will compete against another rowing great, 2012 Olympic Champion Mirka Knapkova of the Czech Republic.

Knapkova is working her way back after taking the 2017 season off to have a baby. She finished well down at last year's World Rowing Championships where she raced in her country's women's quad. But Knapkova won't stay down for long.

Watch out too for Bulgaria's young talent, Desislava Georgieva. She finished third at last year's World Rowing Under 23 Championships in the women's single and will be looking to step up this year in her senior-level performance. Keep an eye too for China's Yan Jiang. She was part of the women's quad that finished sixth at the 2016 Olympics and second at the 2017 World Rowing Championships.

W1x: Major results since 2013

Place	WRCH13	WRCH14	WRCH15	OG16	WRCH 17	WRCH 18
1	AUS	NZL	AUS	AUS	SUI	IRL
2	NZL	AUS	CZE	USA	GBR	SUI
3	CZE	CHN	CHN	CHN	AUT	AUT
4	AUT	IRL	USA	NZL	IRL	USA
5	USA	AUT	SUI	SUI	NED	DEN
6	NED	RUS	CAN	AUT	CAN	GER
7	GBR	CZE	SWE	CZE	USA	AUS
8	RUS	GBR	LTU	BLR	NZL	NZL
9	UKR	USA	AUT	DEN	DEN	CAN
10	ZIM	LTU	BLR	CAN	GER	LTU
11	NOR	DEN	IRL	ZIM	ESP	UKR
12	LAT	NED	ZIM	MEX	CZE	SWE

Men's single sculls (M1x)

The men's single sculls will see 16 competitors take to the waters of Plovdiv. There are a few standout names in this group, including the return of Croatia's Damir Martin. Martin did not compete at the World Rowing Championships last year, following a season struggling with injury and landing himself in the c-final at the European Championships. Martin is well-known for his challenge to New Zealand's Mahe Drysdale in the final of the 2016 Rio Olympic Games. He will certainly be looking to work his way back to the top.

The rest of the field is a toss-up with most of the competitors posting mixed results over the last few years. Mexico's Juan Carlos Cabrera pulled off an eight-place finish at the Rio Olympics, but found himself in the d-final at the 2017 World Rowing Championships. Aleksander Aleksandrov of Azerbaijan finished seventh at the European Championships last year and he could be in for the medals. Watch out too for Serbia, they have entered two athletes who have been racing in the men's double sculls.

M1x: Major results since 2013

Place	WRCH13	WRCH14	WRCH15	OG16	WRCH 17	WRCH 18
1	CZE	CZE	CZE	NZL	CZE	NOR
2	CUB	NZL	NZL	CRO	CUB	CZE
3	GER	CUB	LTU	CZE	GBR	LTU
4	GBR	LTU	NOR	BEL	CRO	GBR
5	NED	GER	CRO	BLR	NZL	NZL
6	LTU	AZE	CUB	CUB	GER	GER
7	AZE	BLR	BLR	POL	POL	DEN
8	BUL	BEL	GBR	MEX	SRB	POL
9	ISR	NED	POL	AUS	SUI	SUI
10	RUS	CAN	ISR	EGY	RUS	BLR
11	SUI	ITA	DEN	NOR	NED	SRB
12	IND	SUI	BEL	GBR	DEN	HUN

Lightweight women's double sculls (LW2x)

Thirteen crews are set to compete for the medals. All eyes will be on last year's World Champions Ionela-Livia Cozmiuc and Gianina-Elena Beleaga from Romania. Just nine short months ago Cozmiuc and Beleaga fought their way through a tough finals race to become World Champions on the same canal in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

The biggest challenge for Romania is likely to come from the Dutch. Bronze medallist Marieke Keijser, however, is not entered due to injury. Olympic Champion Ilse Paulis will compete together with Martine Veldhuis. Watch out too China. They have entered three crews. The top duo of Fang Chen and Dandan Pan come out of the 2018 World Champion lightweight women's quadruple sculls.

LW2x: Major results since 2013

Place	WRCH13	WRCH14	WRCH15	OG16	WRCH 17	WRCH 18
1	ITA	NZL	NZL	NED	ROU	ROU
2	USA	CAN	GBR	CAN	NZL	USA
3	GER	CHN	RSA	CHN	USA	NED
4	GBR	RSA	CAN	NZL	POL	SUI
5	NZL	AUS	DEN	RSA	GBR	GBR
6	NED	ITA	GER	IRL	DEN	NZL
7	AUS	GBR	CHN	POL	FRA	ITA
8	RSA	POL	POL	ROU	ITA	RSA
9	SWE	SWE	IRL	DEN	GER	CAN
10	POL	USA	RUS	USA	CHN	JPN
11	DEN	AUT	USA	GER	GRE	POL
12	ARG	CZE	SWE	JPN	RUS	AUS

Lightweight men's double sculls (LM2x)

There are ten crews entered and the podium could be anyone's. Favourites would have to be Tim Brys and Niels van Zandweghe from Belgium. This duo finished third at last year's World Rowing Championships after being regularly on the podium throughout the season. They are likely to face challenges from China, Poland and Spain. The Polish crew of Jerzy Kowalski and Milosz Jankowski finished a disappointing eighth at last year's World Championships, but together they have several medals around their neck and are likely to come out strong this year.

China and Spain have both entered new line-ups. The Chinese have put Man Sun and Junjie Fan together. Fan spent last season in the lightweight single and Sun is a bronze medallist from the 2017 World Championships. If they work well together, this duo might have a shot at the podium. The Spanish crew has sixth-place finisher from Plovdiv Rodrigo Conde Romero together with new partner Patricio Rojas Aznar. With all the new line-ups, the lightweight men's double is surely one to watch.

LM2x: Major results since 2013

Place	WRCH13	WRCH14	WRCH15	OG16	WRCH 17	WRCH 18
1	NOR	RSA	FRA	FRA	FRA	IRL
2	SUI	FRA	GBR	IRL	ITA	ITA
3	GBR	NOR	NOR	NOR	CHN	BEL
4	ITA	ITA	RSA	RSA	POL	NZL
5	GER	GER	ITA	USA	BEL	NOR
6	GRE	NED	GER	POL	GER	ESP
7	NED	GBR	POL	GBR	CZE	CZE
8	POL	CZE	USA	ITA	DEN	POL
9	AUT	SUI	AUT	GER	UKR	GBR
10	UKR	USA	SUI	DEN	GBR	UKR
11	DEN	DEN	IRL	CHN	ESP	AUT
12	USA	AUT	GRE	AUT	RSA	JPN

Women's quadruple sculls (W4x)

The Dutch are the crew to watch in this three-boat race. They have settled on their new line-up, which includes the return of Olympic silver-medallist Inge Janssen. Janssen took a one-year break following the crew's gold medal at the 2017 World Rowing Championships and is now back and aiming for Tokyo 2020.

The Chinese have entered a new line-up for 2019 with a few returning members from their fourth-placed crew at last year's World Rowing Championships. Romania is back with their 2018 line-up. They finished 10th at the World Championships and are looking to step it up going into the 2019 season.

W4x: Major results since 2013

Place	WRCH13	WRCH14	WRCH15	OG16	WRCH 17	WRCH 18
1	GER	GER	USA	GER	NED	POL
2	CAN	CHN	GER	NED	POL	GER
3	POL	USA	NED	POL	GBR	NED
4	NED	AUS	POL	UKR	GER	CHN
5	USA	NZL	AUS	USA	USA	GBR
6	ITA	CAN	NZL	CHN	AUS	USA
7	NZL	NED	CHN	AUS	CHN	AUS
8	AUS	POL	GBR		UKR	BLR
9	GBR	GBR	RUS		FRA	UKR
10	BLR	BLR	FRA			ROU
11	KOR	RUS	UKR			RUS
12		ITA				ITA

Men's quadruple sculls (M4x)

With many of the top crews missing from this first event of the year, the podium will be up for the taking. Poland may be the crew to beat. They have put together a new quad which includes Wiktor Chabel. Chabel stroked the boat to last year's sixth place finish at the World Rowing Championships.

Watch out too for Romania. They have entered a young crew by pulling up some of their under-23 and junior stars. If this boat has had enough time together, they might have a chance at the podium and youthful exuberance will be on their side. Mexico, Moldova and China round off this five-boat race.

M4x: Major results since 2013

Place	WRCH13	WRCH14	WRCH15	OG16	WRCH 17	WRCH 18
1	CRO	UKR	GER	GER	LTU	ITA
2	GER	GBR	AUS	AUS	GBR	AUS
3	GBR	GER	EST	EST	EST	UKR
4	UKR	CHN	GBR	POL	NED	NZL
5	EST	EST	SUI	GBR	POL	NED
6	SUI	SUI	LTU	UKR	NOR	POL
7	ITA	CAN	POL	SUI	NZL	GBR
8	NED	USA	UKR	CAN	GER	GER
9	SLO	FRA	NZL	LTU	FRA	FRA
10	RUS	POL	ITA	NZL	RUS	RUS
11	CZE	RUS	CAN		UKR	USA
12	CAN	NZL	USA		ITA	LTU

Women's eight (W8+)

The United States has decided to focus their effort in Plovdiv on the women's pairs and the fours, leaving a four-boat field in the women's eight. The fight will likely happen between the top Romanian boat and the Dutch.

The Romanians upset the world order two years ago by winning the World Rowing Championships in the women's eight, but they were not able to find the same speed last year, finishing fifth. The Dutch won early in last year's season, but were not able to keep up the momentum to pull off a podium at the World Rowing Championships. This will be a great early-season test for both crews.

W8+: Major results since 2013

Place	WRCH13	WRCH14	WRCH15	OG16	WRCH 17	WRCH 18
1	USA	USA	USA	USA	ROU	USA
2	ROU	CAN	NZL	GBR	CAN	CAN
3	CAN	CHN	CAN	ROU	NZL	AUS
4	GBR	ROU	GBR	NZL	USA	NED
5	AUS	RUS	RUS	CAN	GBR	ROU
6	NED	GBR	NED	NED	NED	GBR
7	NZL	GER	ROU	AUS	RUS	NZL
8	RUS	NED	AUS		CHN	CHN
9	ITA	FRA	CHN			
		AUS	GER			
		BLR				
12	AUS	CZE	CAN	FRA		

Men's eight (M8+)

There is a chance for the Romanians to go one, two, three in the men's eight. They have combined their fours and pairs into an impressive three men's eights. But with many young rowers in these boats, it is anyone's guess who will come out on top. They are joined by one Polish crew, which is also a young group of athletes. The first World Rowing Cup will give these athletes a great opportunity to race early in the season.

M8+: Major results since 2013

Place	WRCH13	WRCH14	WRCH15	OG16	WRCH 17	WRCH 18
1	GBR	GBR	GBR	GBR	GER	GER
2	GER	GER	GER	GER	USA	AUS
3	USA	POL	NED	NED	ITA	GBR
4	POL	USA	NZL	USA	NED	USA
5	NED	FRA	RUS	POL	ROU	ITA
6	FRA	RUS	ITA	NZL	NZL	ROU
7	AUS	AUS	USA	ITA	GBR	NED
8	ITA	NED	POL		AUS	CAN
9	RUS	ITA	AUS		UKR	NZL
10	KOR	CHN	FRA		POL	
11		BLR	ESP		RUS	
12		ESP	CHN		CHN	

4 World Rowing season 2018

4.1 World Rowing season summary 2018

The 2018 season has begun. Athletes are gearing up for the all-important Olympic qualification as they move closer and closer to their Olympic dreams. Here's a quick look back on how the 2018 season shaped up.

Germany narrowly won the World Rowing Cup series, finishing three points ahead of the Netherlands with 130 points. Great Britain scraped into third place with 104 points ahead of New Zealand's 99 points. The Germans, Dutch and British look to be rocketing towards a successful Olympic cycle with the Kiwis just slightly behind going into the 2019 season.

The German men's eight is leading their country's charge. The green boat won all three World Rowing Cups, the European Rowing Championships and the World Rowing Championships – the only crew in the field to pull off such a stunning performance. Expectations for their 2019 season remain high.

Germany also picked up World Cup points from their performance in the men's single sculls. They claimed two of the fastest men in the single sculls, Oliver Zeidler and Tim Ole Naske. After a season of seat-racing, Zeidler eventually earned the spot for the World Rowing Championships. Meanwhile, New Zealand had their own single sculling battle with Olympic Champion Mahe Drysdale fighting it out against World Best Time holder Robbie Manson. Manson won the spot but finished outside of the medals at the World Rowing Championships. Drysdale jumped into the men's quadruple sculls to finish a respectable fourth at the World Championships.

Germany's overall points were helped by a resurgence in the women's quadruple sculls. They had dominated this boat class in the last Olympic cycle and in 2018 came out guns blazing, winning the World Cup series.

Dutch success came early in the season when they scored a pile of gold medals at the first World Rowing Cup in Belgrade. Their top boats, the lightweight women's double sculls, women's quadruple sculls, women's double sculls and men's four continued to medal throughout the rest of the season.

Great Britain's World Cup points tally came less from topping the podium and more from picking up lesser medals and A-final finishes in many categories. Notably, their men's quadruple sculls won the World Cup series.

The World Cup season provided an exciting lead-up to the World Rowing Championships, but it was not always indicative of what was to come. Swiss star Jeannine Gmelin looked to be unbeatable in the women's single sculls after she won all three World Cups and the European Championships. But it was Ireland's Sanita Puspure that timed her season perfectly and rowed an incredible final at the World Championships to claim the crown.

After a season of upsets in the men's single sculls, it was Norwegian Kjetil Borch who came through to claim the gold medal. Borch will use this momentum to drive him into the 2019 season, where he will face fresh challenges from Manson, Zeidler, Ondrej Synek of the Czech Republic and many more.

Erik Horrie of Australia was back on top in the para PR1 men's single sculls. Horrie narrowly beat Ukraine's Roman Polianskyi in a thrilling sprint to the line. Horrie and Polianskyi have been regulars on the podium and are likely to put together successful campaigns in this Paralympic qualification season. Norway's Birgit Skarstein was once again crowned World Champion in the para PR1 women's single sculls. Skarstein is in a league of her own in this category. Both Skarstein and Horrie set new World Best Times in their A-final races at the World Championships.

The United States reclaimed their spot at the top of the podium in the women's eight. After a fourth-place finish in 2017 broke their 11-year winning streak, the United States had something to prove. Their crew beat the Canadians to the line by three seconds, while the 2017 World Champions from Romania fell back to fifth.

5 Statistics

5.1 Overall World Rowing Cup standings – 2015-2018

2018

Rank	Nation	Points	Rank	Nation	Points
1	Germany	130	27	Serbia	6
2	Netherlands	127	28	Cuba	4
3	Great Britain	104	28	Greece	4
4	New Zealand	99	30	Hungary	2
5	Australia	68	31	Estonia	1
6	Poland	62	31	Taipei	1
6	Switzerland	62			
8	Canada	46			
9	China	42			
10	Italy	36			
11	Czech Republic	35			
12	Denmark	33			
12	United States of America	33			
14	France	32			
15	Romania	29			
16	Ireland	25			
17	Austria	19			
17	Belarus	19			
19	Lithuania	18			
20	Belgium	17			
20	Norway	17			
20	South Africa	17			
20	Russia	17			
24	Croatia	14			
24	Spain	14			
26	Ukraine	7			

2017

Rank	Nation	Points	Rank	Nation	Points
1	Great Britain	134	27	Bulgaria	5
2	New Zealand	108	27	Ukraine	5
3	Poland	91	29	Belgium	4
4	Netherlands	82	29	Chile	4
5	Germany	56	29	Indonesia	4
6	Australia	53	29	South Africa	4
7	Switzerland	51	33	Estonia	3
8	France	47	33	Greece	3
9	Czech Republic	37	33	Turkey	3
10	China	34	36	Japan	2
11	Italy	33	37	Azerbaijan	1
12	Belarus	27			
12	Lithuania	27			
14	Russia	26			
15	United States of America	23			
16	Ireland	19			
17	Austria	18			
18	Serbia	17			
19	Romania	16			
20	Croatia	14			
21	Spain	13			
21	Norway	13			
23	Cuba	12			
24	Canada	8			
24	Denmark	8			
26	Argentina	6			

5.1 Overall World Rowing Cup standings – 2015-2018

2016

Rank	Nation	Points
1	New Zealand	119
2	Great Britain	115
3	Netherlands	103
4	Poland	76
5	Germany	71
6	Australia	69
7	Italy	51
8	United States of America	49
9	South Africa	47
10	Canada	43
11	France	42
12	Switzerland	38
13	Denmark	37
14	Russia	34
15	China	32
16	Croatia	30
17	Ireland	24
18	Norway	22
19	Belarus	20
20	Czech Republic	18
21	Lithuania	17
22	Cuba	15
23	Spain	14
24	Belgium	10
24	Romania	10
26	Finland	8

Rank	Nation	Points
27	Austria	7
27	Greece	7
29	Serbia	6
29	Ukraine	6
31	Estonia	4
32	Israel	2
33	Sweden	1

2015

Rank	Nation	Points
1	New Zealand	117
2	Germany	115
3	Great Britain	107
4	Australia	81
5	Poland	64
6	United States	61
6	China	61
6	Netherlands	61
9	France	53
10	Italy	47
11	Belarus	39
12	Czech Republic	37
12	Switzerland	37
13	Canada	32
14	Croatia	27
15	Serbia	21
16	Austria	19
17	South Africa	17
17	Spain	17
19	Denmark	16
20	Cuba	14
21	Romania	9
22	Hungary	8
23	Norway	7
24	Lithuania	6
24	Portugal	6

Rank	Nation	Points
24	Estonia	6
27	Argentina	5
27	Belgium	5
29	Bulgaria	4
29	Chile	4
29	Slovenia	4
29	Russia	4
33	Egypt	3
33	Greece	3
33	Sweden	3
36	Ireland	1

5.2 All time World Rowing Cup medals table by country – since 1997

Ranking determined by total gold, then silver, then bronze medals

Rank	Country	Combined				Women				Men			Total
		Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total	Gold	Silver	Bronze	
1	Germany	206	179	148	533	113	101	83	297	93	78	65	236
2	Great Britain	182	135	120	437	104	84	74	262	78	50	46	174
3	New Zealand	114	55	29	198	68	29	13	110	46	26	16	88
4	Italy	81	73	50	204	79	66	39	184	2	6	11	19
5	Australia	60	72	64	196	27	39	32	98	33	33	32	98
6	Denmark	50	51	55	156	42	34	33	109	8	17	22	47
7	Netherlands	47	61	63	171	21	23	38	82	25	38	25	88
8	Romania	44	28	31	103	9	8	10	27	35	20	21	76
9	China	41	44	53	138	9	15	11	35	32	29	42	103
10	Belarus	38	20	32	90	3	4	10	17	35	16	22	73
11	Czech Republic	35	48	48	131	32	30	32	94	3	18	16	37
12	Canada	33	41	41	115	13	18	20	51	20	23	21	64
13	France	32	51	62	145	29	43	53	125	3	8	8	19
14	United States of America	32	43	55	130	11	12	18	41	21	31	37	89
15	Poland	31	39	46	116	15	23	27	65	16	16	18	50
16	Croatia	29	21	15	65	27	19	10	56	2	2	5	9
17	Switzerland	25	29	29	83	14	20	20	54	11	9	9	29
18	Ukraine	20	16	12	48	9	5	6	20	10	11	5	26
19	Ireland	17	19	16	52	16	7	10	33	1	12	6	19
20	Russia	13	27	30	70	3	11	12	26	10	16	17	43
21	Slovenia	13	13	18	44	13	13	18	44	0	0	0	0
22	Norway	12	19	22	53	9	19	22	50	3	0	0	3
23	Hungary	11	17	13	41	11	15	9	35	0	2	4	6
25	Austria	11	15	22	48	6	10	13	29	4	4	9	17
24	Greece	11	12	13	36	5	8	10	23	6	4	3	13
26	Finland	6	1	1	8	1	0	0	1	5	1	1	7
27	Bulgaria	5	5	9	19	1	1	3	5	4	4	6	14
28	Estonia	5	4	10	19	5	4	10	19	0	0	0	0
29	Lithuania	5	3	3	11	4	3	1	8	1	0	2	3
30	Cuba	3	5	7	15	2	3	6	11	1	2	1	4
31	Slovakia	3	4	2	9	3	4	2	9	0	0	0	0
32	South Africa	2	10	8	20	1	6	6	13	1	4	2	7
33	Spain	2	9	11	22	2	3	8	13	0	6	3	9
34	Belgium	2	6	8	16	2	4	8	14	0	2	0	2
35	Portugal	2	2	4	8	2	2	4	8	0	0	0	0

5.2 All time World Rowing Cup medals table by country – since 1997 continued

36	Argentina	2	2	3	7	1	2	2	5	1	0	1	2
37	Sweden	1	8	16	25	0	4	4	8	1	4	12	17
38	Serbia	1	5	6	12	1	5	5	11	0	0	1	1
39	Japan	1	2	5	8	1	2	4	7	0	0	1	1
40	SCG	1	2	0	3	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0
41	Brazil	1	1	2	4	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
42	Yugoslavia	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0
43	Mexico	1	0	2	3	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
44	Egypt	0	4	5	9	0	4	5	9	0	0	0	0
45	Korea	0	1	2	3	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	1
46	Azerbaijan	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
46	MNB	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
48	Guatemala	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
48	Tunisia	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
50	Hong Kong	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
50	Latvia	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
52	India	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
52	Israel	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
52	Peru	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0

5.3 All time World Rowing Cup medal table by athlete – women

Ranking determined by total gold, then silver, then bronze medals

2 or more golds							
Rank	Name	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total	Events
1	Ekaterina Karsten	BLR	30	3	3	36	W1x; W2x; W4x
2	Katherine Grainger	GBR	23	5	8	36	W1x; W2-; W2x; W4x
3	Georgeta Andrunache	ROU	23	4	6	33	W2-; W8+
4	Viorica Susanu	ROU	19	3	6	28	W2-; W8+
5	Manuela Lutze	GER	14	9	1	24	W2x; W4x
6	Frances Houghton	GBR	14	4	6	24	W2x; W4x
7	Anna Watkins	GBR	14	2	2	18	W2x; W4-; W4x; W8+
8	Helen Glover	GBR	12	0	0	12	W2-
9	Debbie Flood	GBR	11	5	4	20	W2x; W4x
10	Doina Ignat	ROU	11	3	3	17	W2-; W8+
11	Kathrin Boron	GER	10	7	4	21	W1x; W2x; W4x
12	Carina Baer	GER	10	5	1	16	W4x
13	Elena Georgescu-Nedelc	ROU	10	3	3	16	W8+
14	Claudia Blasberg	SUI	10	2	2	14	LW2x
15	Annekatrin Thiele	GER	9	5	4	18	W1x; W2x; W4x
16	Ioana Olteanu	ROU	9	2	1	12	W8+
17	Meike Evers	GER	9	1	0	10	W2x; W4x
18	Heather Stanning	GBR	9	0	0	9	W2-
19	Marie-Louise Draeger	GER	8	7	3	18	LW1x; LW2x
20	Kerstin El Qalqili-Kowalski	GER	8	6	3	17	W2x; W4x
21	Annabel Vernon	GBR	8	5	4	17	W2x; W4x; W8+
22	Georgina Evers-Swindell	NZL	8	3	2	13	W1x; W2x; W4x
23	Caroline Evers-Swindell	NZL	8	3	1	12	W2x; W4x
24	Veronica Cochela-Cogeanu	ROU	8	3	0	11	W2-; W2x; W8+
25	Lisa Schmidla	GER	8	2	0	10	W4x
26	Mary Whipple	USA	8	1	1	10	W8+
27	Jana Thieme	GER	8	1	0	9	W2x; W4x
28	Britta Oppelt	GER	7	9	5	21	W2x; W4x
29	Marit Van Eupen	NED	7	6	4	17	LW1x; LW2-; LW2x
30	Lenka Wech	GER	7	6	3	16	W2-; W4-; W8+
31	Rebecca Scown	NZL	7	6	2	15	W2-; W8+
32	Elisabeta Lipa-Oleniuc	ROU	7	5	5	17	W1x; W2x; W8+
33	Silke Guenther	GER	7	5	4	16	W2-; W4-; W8+
34	Annina Ruppel	GER	7	5	3	15	W8+
34	Nicole Zimmermann	GER	7	5	3	15	W2-; W4-; W8+

5.3 All time World Rowing Cup medal table by athlete – women continued

36	Irina Fedotova	RUS	7	5	2	14	W1x; W2x; W4x
37	Constanta Burcica	ROU	7	2	2	11	LW1x; LW2x; W8+
38	Magdalena Dumitrache	ROU	7	2	1	10	W8+
39	Peggy Waleska	GER	6	7	2	15	W1x; W2x; W4x
40	Kimberley Brennan	AUS	6	6	3	15	W1x; W2-; W2x; W8+
41	Anja Pyritz	GER	6	6	1	13	W4-; W8+
42	Katrin Rutschow	GER	6	5	2	13	W1x; W2x
43	Sarah Winckless	GBR	6	4	7	17	W2x; W4-; W4x; W8+
44	Juliette Haigh	NZL	6	4	1	11	W2-
45	Dana Pyritz	GER	6	4	0	10	W8+
45	Sophie Hosking	GBR	6	4	0	10	LW2x; LW4x
47	Cath Bishop	GBR	6	3	5	14	W2-; W8+
48	Alexandra Tsiavou	GRE	6	2	1	9	LW1x; LW2x
49	Liliana Gafencu	ROU	6	1	1	8	W8+
49	Manja Kowalski	GER	6	1	1	8	W1x; W2x; W4x
51	Elke Hipler	GER	5	7	1	13	W2-; W8+
52	Rodica Serban	ROU	5	6	3	14	W8+
52	Stephanie Schiller	GER	5	6	3	14	W2x; W4x
54	Susanne Schmidt	GER	5	6	2	13	W2x; W4x; W8+
55	Emma Twigg	NZL	5	5	2	12	W1x
56	Rodica Anghel	ROU	5	5	1	11	W8+
57	Maren Derlien	GER	5	4	7	16	W2-; W2x; W4-; W4x; W8+
58	Magdalena Fularczyk-Kozłowska	POL	5	4	4	13	W2x; W4x
58	Yana Dementieva	UKR	5	4	4	13	W2x; W4x
60	Eniko Mironcic	ROU	5	4	3	12	W4x; W8+
61	Camelia Lupascu	ROU	5	4	2	11	W4x; W8+
62	Britta Holthaus	GER	5	4	1	10	W2x; W8+
62	Meghan Musnicki	USA	5	4	1	10	W2-; W8+
62	Simona Musat-Strimbeschi	ROU	5	4	1	10	W8+
65	Tetiana Kolesnikova	UKR	5	3	3	11	W4x
66	Julia Edward	NZL	5	3	1	9	LW1x; LW2x
67	Maria Brandin	SWE	5	2	9	16	W1x
68	Anna Cummins-Mickelson	USA	5	2	2	9	W2-; W4x; W8+
69	Tina Manker	GER	5	2	1	8	W4x
70	Caryn Davies	USA	5	1	2	8	W2-; W4x; W8+
71	Amanda Polk	USA	5	1	0	6	W8+
71	Angela Cazac	ROU	5	1	0	6	W8+

5.3 All time WRC medal table by athlete – women continued

73	Doina Spiricu-Craciun	ROU	5	0	2	7	W4x; W8+
73	Alison Cox	USA	5	0	0	5	W8+
75	Janet Raduenzel	GER	5	0	0	5	LW1x; LW2x
76	Yuliya Bichyk	BLR	4	8	9	21	W2-; W2x; W4-; W8+
77	Ioana Rotaru	ROU	4	8	2	14	W8+
78	Ashley Brzozowicz	CAN	4	7	3	14	W2-; W4-; W8+
79	Elena Serban-Parvan	ROU	4	6	2	12	W8+
80	Caroline Lind	USA	4	5	6	15	W2-; W8+
81	Beth Rodford	GBR	4	4	6	14	W4-; W4x; W8+
81	Rumyana Neykova	BUL	4	4	6	14	W1x; W2x
83	Aurica Barascu	ROU	4	4	5	13	W4x; W8+
84	Zsuzsanna Francia	USA	4	4	3	11	W2-; W4x; W8+
85	Natalie Mastracci	CAN	4	4	2	10	W2-; W4-; W8+
86	Erin Cafaro	USA	4	4	1	9	W2-; W8+
86	Rebecca Romero	GBR	4	4	1	9	W2x; W4x
88	Julia Richter	GER	4	3	3	10	W2x; W4x
89	Anastasiia Kozhenkova	UKR	4	3	1	8	W2x; W4x
90	Hester Goodsell	GBR	4	3	0	7	LW2x
90	Kateryna Tarasenko	UKR	4	3	0	7	W4x
92	Jane Robinson	AUS	4	2	5	11	W2x; W4-; W4x; W8+
93	Dongxiang Xu	CHN	4	2	4	10	LW1x; LW2x; W2x
94	Hua Yu	CHN	4	2	2	8	LW1x; LW2x; LW4x
95	Julia Wilson	AUS	4	2	1	7	W4-; W8+
96	Liang Tian	CHN	4	2	0	6	W2x
97	Olena Morozova-Ronzhina	UKR	4	1	3	8	W4x
98	Fabiana Beltrame	BRA	4	1	2	7	LW1x
98	Tracy Cameron	CAN	4	1	2	7	LW1x; LW2x
100	Grace Luczak	USA	4	1	1	6	W2-; W4-; W8+
100	Marioara Ciobanu-Popescu	ROU	4	1	1	6	W8+
100	Titie Jordache-Taran	GER	4	1	1	6	W1x

5.4 All time World Rowing Cup medal table by athlete – men

Ranking determined by total gold, then silver, then bronze medals

2 or more golds							
Rank	Name	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total	Events
1	Eskild Ebbesen	DEN	19	2	3	24	LM4-
2	Peter Reed	GBR	18	10	1	29	M2-; M4-; M8+
3	Thomas Ebert	DEN	18	3	1	22	LM2-; LM4-
4	Andrew T Hodge	GBR	17	9	1	27	M2-; M4-; M8+
5	Ondrej Synek	CZE	17	7	5	29	M1x; M2x
6	Martin Sauer	GER	17	5	0	22	M4+; M8+
7	Richard Schmidt	GER	17	4	0	21	M4-; M8+
8	Martin Sinkovic	CRO	16	3	1	20	M2x; M4x; M2-
8	Valent Sinkovic	CRO	16	3	1	20	M2x; M4x; M2-
10	Eric Murray	NZL	16	0	2	18	M2-; M4-
10	Hamish Bond	NZL	16	0	2	18	M2-; M4-
12	James Cracknell	GBR	15	1	2	18	M2-; M4-; M8+
12	Matthew Pinsent	GBR	15	1	2	18	M2-; M4-
14	Alex Partridge	GBR	14	4	7	25	M4-; M8+
15	Alex Gregory	GBR	14	1	2	17	M4-; M8+
16	Marcel Hacker	GER	13	9	6	28	M1x; M2x; M4x
17	Iztok Cop	SLO	12	9	13	34	M1x; M2x; M4x
18	Vaclav Chalupa Jr	CZE	12	9	12	33	M1x; M4x
19	Peter Thiede	GER	12	8	6	26	M4+; M8+
20	Steve Williams	GBR	12	7	3	22	M2-; M4-; M8+
21	Elia Luini	ITA	12	6	4	22	LM2x; LM4-; LM4x
22	Jueri Jaanson	EST	12	1	4	17	M1x; M2x; M4x
23	Mahe Drysdale	NZL	11	6	1	18	M1x
24	Leonardo Pettinari	ITA	11	3	0	14	LM2x
24	Peter Taylor	NZL	11	3	0	14	LM2x; LM4-
26	Kristof Wilke	GER	11	2	1	14	M2-; M4-; M8+
27	Mohamed Sbihi	GBR	10	4	7	21	M4-; M8+
28	Damir Martin	CRO	10	3	0	13	M1x; M4x
29	Jeremie Azou	FRA	10	2	3	15	LM1x; LM2x; LM4x
30	Daniele Gilardoni	ITA	10	1	2	13	LM1x; LM2x; LM4x; LM8+
31	David Sain	CRO	10	1	0	11	M4x
32	Thomas Poulsen	DEN	10	0	0	10	LM4-
33	Kasper Winther	DEN	9	8	3	20	LM2-; LM4-; LM8+
34	Morten Joergensen	DEN	9	8	2	19	LM2-; LM4-; LM8+
35	Ulf Siemes	GER	9	7	4	20	M4+; M8+

5.4 All time World Rowing Cup medal table by athlete – men continued

36	Matt Langridge	GBR	9	6	7	22	M2-; M2x; M4-; M4x; M8+
37	Stephan Koltzk	GER	9	6	2	17	M4+; M8+
38	Sinisa Skelin	CRO	9	6	1	16	M2-; M4+; M8+
39	Ingo Euler	GER	9	4	5	18	LM1x; LM2x
40	Franco Sancassani	ITA	9	3	0	12	LM2-; LM4-; LM4x; LM8+
41	Florian Mennigen	GER	9	2	1	12	M4-; M4+; M8+
42	Steve Redgrave	GBR	9	0	0	9	M4-
42	Victor Feddersen	DEN	9	0	0	9	LM4-
44	Thorsten Engelmann	GER	8	7	2	17	M8+
45	Lorenzo Bertini	ITA	8	6	3	17	LM1x; LM2x; LM4-; LM4x; LM8+
46	Jean-Christophe Bette	FRA	8	6	2	16	LM2-; LM4-; M8+
47	Adam Korol	POL	8	5	6	19	M2x; M4x
47	Marek Kolbowicz	POL	8	5	6	19	M2x; M4x
49	Richard Egington	GBR	8	3	6	17	M2+; M4-; M8+
50	Malte Jakschik	GER	8	3	0	11	M8+
51	Sebastian Schulte	GER	7	7	3	17	M4+; M8+
52	Enrico Schnabel	GER	7	6	4	17	M8+
53	Stefano Basalini	ITA	7	6	0	13	LM1x; LM2-; LM2x; LM4x
54	Richard Chambers	GBR	7	5	7	19	LM2-; LM2x; LM4-
55	Catello Amarante I	ITA	7	5	5	17	LM2-; LM4-; LM8+
56	Maximilian Reinelt	GER	7	5	2	14	M4-; M8+
57	Niksa Skelin	CRO	7	5	1	13	M2-; M8+
58	Eric Johannesen	GER	7	4	2	13	M2x; M4-; M8+
59	Hannes OČIK	GER	7	4	0	11	M8+
60	Jan Martin Broeer	GER	7	3	1	11	M4+; M8+
60	Zac Purchase	GBR	7	3	1	11	LM1x; LM2x
62	Rossano Galtarossa	ITA	7	3	0	10	M2x; M4x
63	Robert Sens	GER	7	2	4	13	M2-; M2x; M4x; M8+
64	Drew Ginn	AUS	7	1	1	9	M2-; M4-
64	Kevin Light	CAN	7	1	1	9	M2-; M4-; M8+
66	Curtis Rapley	NZL	7	0	0	7	LM4-
66	James Hunter	NZL	7	0	0	7	LM4-
66	James Lassche	NZL	7	0	0	7	LM4-
66	Lukas Mueller	GER	7	0	0	7	M8+
66	Maximilian Planer	GER	7	0	0	7	M8+
71	Olaf Tufte	NOR	6	11	9	26	M1x; M2x; M4x
72	Joerg Diessner	GER	6	8	3	17	M4+; M8+
73	Matthew Wells	GBR	6	6	5	17	M1x; M2x; M4x

5.4 All time World Rowing Cup medal table by athlete – men continued

74	Luka Spik	SLO	6	5	4	15	M1x; M2x; M4x
75	Stephan Krueger	GER	6	5	3	14	M2x; M4x
76	Cornel Nemtoc	ROU	6	5	2	13	M2+; M4-; M8+
77	William Lockwood	AUS	6	5	1	12	M2+; M4-; M8+
78	Storm Uru	NZL	6	5	0	11	LM1x; LM2x
79	Mads Rasmussen	DEN	6	4	8	18	LM1x; LM2x
80	Xeno Mueller	SUI	6	4	1	11	M1x
81	Sebastian Thormann	GER	6	3	7	16	M4-; M4+; M8+
82	Paul Mattick	GBR	6	3	4	13	LM2-; LM4-
83	Michal Vabrousek	CZE	6	3	2	11	LM1x
83	Toni Seifert	GER	6	3	2	11	M2-; M4-; M4+; M8+
84	Bernhard Ruehling	GER	6	3	1	10	LM2x
85	Mark Hunter	GBR	6	2	3	11	LM1x; LM2x; LM8+
86	Gregor Hauffe	GER	6	2	1	9	M4-; M8+
86	Stany Delayre	FRA	6	2	1	9	LM2x; LM4x
88	Tim Foster	GBR	6	2	0	8	M4-; M8+
89	Armando Dell'Aquila	ITA	6	1	3	10	LM2-; LM8+
90	Thor Kristensen	DEN	6	1	2	9	LM4-
91	Andreas Kuffner	GER	6	1	0	7	M4-; M8+
91	Thomas Lange	GER	6	1	0	7	M1x
93	Adam Kreek	CAN	6	0	1	7	M8+
94	Salvatore Amitrano	ITA	5	6	3	14	LM2-; LM4-
95	Manuel Brehmer	GER	5	6	1	12	LM2x; LM4x
96	Rasmus Quist	DEN	5	5	9	19	LM1x; LM2x; LM4x
97	William Satch	GBR	5	5	1	11	M2-; M4-; M8+
98	Bernd Heidicker	GER	5	4	4	13	M4-; M8+
98	Philipp Stueer	GER	5	4	4	13	M4-; M8+
100	Bruno Mascarenhas	ITA	5	4	2	11	LM2-; LM2x; LM4-; LM8+

6 Best times

6.1 World best times

Elite Overall Best Times				
Event	Time	Name	Date	Location
Women's Pair (W2-)	6:49.08	New Zealand Grace Prendergast , Kerri Gowler	18 Jun 17	Poznan (POL)
Women's Double Sculls (W2x)	6:37.31	Australia Olympia Aldersey , Sally Kehoe	29 Aug 14	Amsterdam (NED)
Women's Four (W4-)	6:14.36	New Zealand Kayla Pratt , Kelsey Bevan , Grace Prendergast , Kerri Gowler	29 Aug 14	Amsterdam (NED)
Women's Single Sculls (W1x)	7:07.71	Bulgaria Rumyana Neykova	21 Sep 02	Seville (ESP)
Lightweight Women's Double Sculls (LW2x)	6:47.79	Netherlands Ilse Paulis , Mailke Head	19 Jun 17	Poznan (POL)
Women's Quadruple Sculls (W4x)	6:06.84	Germany Annekatri Thiele , Carina Baer , Julia Lier , Lisa Schmidla	30 Aug 14	Amsterdam (NED)
Women's Eight (W8+)	5:54.16	United States Amanda Polk , Kerry Simmonds , Emily Regan , Laura Schmetterling , Grace Luczak , Caroline Lind , Victoria Opitz , Heidi Robbins , Katelin Snyder (cox)	14 Jul 13	Lucerne (SUI)
Lightweight Women's Single Sculls (LW1x)	7:24.46	New Zealand Zoe Mcbride	20 Jun 15	Varese (ITA)
Lightweight Women's Pair (LW2-)	7:18.32	Australia Eliza Blair , Justine Joyce	6-Sep-97	Aiguebelette (FRA)
Lightweight Women's Quadruple Sculls (LW4x)	6:15.95	Netherlands Mirte Kraaijkamp , Elisabeth Woerner , Maaik Head , Ilse Paulis	29 Aug 14	Amsterdam (NED)
Men's Pair (M2-)	6:08.50	New Zealand Eric Murray , Hamish Bond	28 Jul 12	Eton (GBR)
Men's Double Sculls (M2x)	5:59.72	Croatia Martin Sinkovic , Valent Sinkovic	29 Aug 14	Amsterdam (NED)
Men's Four (M4-)	5:37.86	Great Britain Alex Gregory , Pete Reed , Tom James , Andrew Triggs Hodge	25 May 12	Lucerne (SUI)
Men's Single Sculls (M1x)	6:30.74	New Zealand Robert Manson	18 Jun 17	Poznan (POL)
Lightweight Men's Double Sculls (LM2x)	6:05.36	South Africa James Thompson , John Smith	30 Aug 14	Amsterdam (NED)

6.1 World best times continued

Men's Quadruple Sculls (M4x)	5:32.26	Ukraine Dmytro Mikhay , Artem Morozov , Olexandr Nadtoka , Ivan Dovgodko	30 Aug 14	Amsterdam (NED)
Men's Eight (M8+)	5:18.68	Germany Johannes Weissenfeld , Felix Wimberger , Maximilian Planer , Torben Johannesen , Jakob Schneider , Malte Jakschik , Richard Schmidt , Hannes Ocik , Martin Sauer	18 Jun 17	Poznan (POL)
Lightweight Men's Single Sculls (LM1x)	6:41.03	Germany Jason Osborne	9-Sep-18	Plovdiv (BUL)
Lightweight Men's Pair (LM2-)	6:22.91	Switzerland Simon Niepmann , Lucas Tramer	29 Aug 14	Amsterdam (NED)
Light Weight Men's Quadruple Sculls (LM4X)	5:42.75	Greece Georgios Konsolas , Spyridon Goannaros , Panagiotis Magdanis , Eleftherios Konsolas	29 Aug 14	Amsterdam (NED)

6.2 World Cup best times

Elite Overall Best Times				
Event	Time	Name	Date	Location
Women's Pair (W2-)	6:49.08	New Zealand Grace Prendergast , Kerri Gowler	18 Jun 17	Poznan (POL)
Women's Double Sculls (W2x)	6:39.13	New Zealand Brooke Donoghue , Olivia Loe	18 Jun 17	Poznan (POL)
Women's Four (W4-)	6:22.65	Australia Katrina Werry , Lucy Sttephan , Sarah Hawe , Molly Goodman	18 Jun 17	Poznan (POL)
Women's Single Sculls (W1x)	7:13.26	Austria Magdalena Lobnig	18 Jun 17	Poznan (POL)
Lightweight Women's Double Sculls (LW2x)	6:47.69	Netherlands Ilse Paulis , Mailke Head	19 Jun 17	Poznan (POL)
Women's Quadruple Sculls (W4x)	6:09.38	Germany Julia Richter , Carina Baer , Tina Manker , Stephanie Schiller	25 May 12	Lucerne (SUI)
Women's Eight (W8+)	5:54.16	United States Amanda Polk , Kerry Simmonds , Emily Regan , Laura Schmetterling , Grace Luczak , Caroline Lind , Victoria Opitz , Heidi Robbins , Katelin Snyder (cox)	14 Jul 13	Lucerne (SUI)
Lightweight Women's Single Sculls (LW1x)	7:24.46	New Zealand Zoe McBride	20 Jun 15	Varese (ITA)
Lightweight Women's Quadruple Sculls (LW4X)	6:26.32	Australia Amy James , Alice Arch , Georgia Miansarow , Georgia Nesbitt	08 Jul 17	Poznan (POL)
Men's Pair (M2-)	6:16.01	New Zealand Eric Murray , Hamish Bond	23 Jun 13	Eton (GBR)
Men's Double Sculls (M2x)	6:03.25	France Jean-Baptiste Macquet , Adrien Hardy	17 Jun 06	Poznan (POL)
Men's Four (M4-)	5:37.86	Great Britain Alex Gregory , Pete Reed , Tom James , Andrew Triggs Hodge	25 May 12	Lucerne (SUI)
Men's Single Sculls (M1x)	6:30.74	New Zealand Robert Manson	18 Jun 17	Poznan (POL)
Lightweight Men's Double Sculls (LM2x)	6:09.26	France Jeremie Azou , Stany Delayre	21 Jun 15	Varese (ITA)
Men's Quadruple Sculls (M4x)	5:33.15	Russia Vladislav Ryabcev , Alexey Svirin , Nikita Morgachev , Sergey Fedorovtsev	25 May 12	Lucerne (SUI)
Men's Eight (M8+)	5:18.68	Germany Johannes Weissenfeld , Felix Wimberger , Maximilian Planer , Torben Johannesen , Jakob Schneider , Malte Jakschik , Richard Schmidt , Hannes Ocik , Martin Sauer	18 Jun 17	Poznan (POL)
Lightweight Men's Single Sculls (LM1x)	6:50.65	Netherlands Jaap Schouten	21 Jun 08	Poznan (POL)

6.2 World Cup best times continued

Lightweight Men's Pair (LM2-)	6:26.21	Ireland Neville Maxwell , Tony O'Connor	19 Jun 94	Paris (FRA)
Light Weight Men's Quadruple Sculls (LM4X)	5:49.93	France Pierre-Etienne Pollez , Fabrice Moreau , Jeremie Azou , Remi Di Girolamo	21 Jun 08	Poznan (POL)

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