



EUROPEAN ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

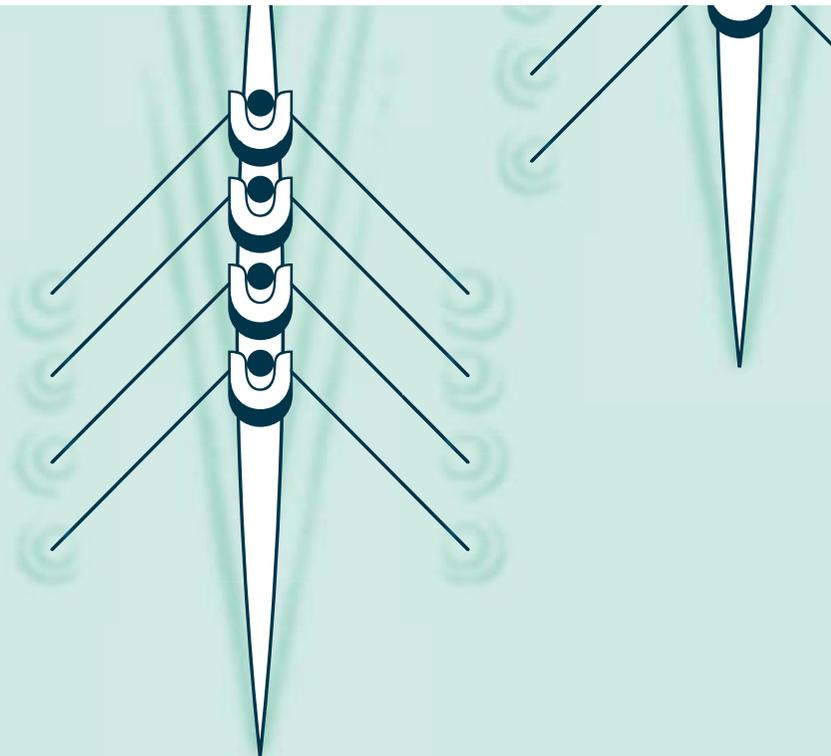
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Dear rowing friends,

As a Mayor of Plovdiv I feel free to call you my rowing friends, for a couple of reasons. First of all, I have the honour to be a Mayor of a city, which is quite popular worldwide and one of the reasons for that is the sport of rowing. Furthermore, I have the pleasant duty to present to the rowing world the City of Plovdiv as the host of the 2011 FISA European Rowing Championships. The official debut of our venue in the rowing society was the 1999 World Rowing Junior Championships. The responses that the regatta provoked were excellent and the course was pronounced as being the fastest in the world. Immediately afterwards, several theories regarding the record times of the juniors appeared. Some people said that the course was shorter, other suggested that the water was mineral.

As the Mayor of Plovdiv I can guarantee that none of the above is true. The truth will remain our secret and the only way to reveal it is to come to Plovdiv and to try it yourselves. I can only help you a little bit by saying that our city has the unique opportunity to offer to the world wonderful possibilities for training and staging of major sport events, along with the chance to take a look back in the history of the civilization.

Looking forward to seeing you in Plovdiv.

Slavcho Atanasov
Mayor of Plovdiv



Dear friends,

On behalf of all the Bulgarian rowing society I have the pleasure and the privilege to welcome you all in the city of Plovdiv for the European Rowing Championships. I feel great satisfaction that FISA has acknowledged the efforts of the Bulgarian Rowing Federation and all friends and supporters of that wonderful sport in Bulgaria by granting us the right to organize the Championships. I believe that once again what is considered to be one of the fastest regatta courses in the world, together with the efforts of all participating rowers will create good results that will bring more interest to the sport that we all love and enjoy. I can only wish you good weather, since I am convinced that nothing else can stand between you and one unforgettable experience in Plovdiv.

Ivan Popov
Head of Organizing Committee



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 holding the position of Technical Director at the Bulgarian Rowing Federation and is responsible for the preparation of the Bulgarian international rowing team. 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.





Ц. Рабров

Bulgarian painter and writer. He was born into an old and well-respected family and graduated from the French College in Plovdiv. Because of World War I, he was not able to enter the Academy of Art in Sofia and instead worked for his father in his shop. His visits to Vienna in 1921 and Italy in 1925 convinced him that he should become a self-taught painter. He was one of the most important artists in Bulgaria in the 20th century.

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.





HOTELS IN PLOVDIV

- 1 Four Stars Hotel ★★★★★
- 2 Three Stars Hotel ★★★
- 3 Three Stars Hotel ★★★
- 4 Three Stars Hotel ★★★
- 5 Three Stars Hotel ★★★
- 6 Two Stars Hotel ★★
- 7 Two Stars Hotel ★★
- 8 Two Stars Hotel ★★
- 9 Low cost Hotel
- 10 The sports school hostel

-  HOTELS
-  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	0	5 km	6-7 min	171 €* 131 €
	Double	321			

Total Category I beds available: 642

HOTELS ★★★ II Category	Room type	Rooms available	Distance to the venue	Driving time to the venue	Price per person
2. Three Stars Hotel	Single	26	7 km	7-8 min	138 € 108 €
	Double	128			
3. Three Stars Hotel	Single	42	5 km	6-7 min	138 € 108 €
	Double	147			
4. Three Stars Hotel	Single	45	5 km	6-7 min	125 € 96 €
	Double	81			
5. Three Stars Hotel	Single	30	8 km	10-12 min	125 € 96 €
	Double	90			

Total Category II beds available: 1035

HOTELS ★★ III Category	Room type	Rooms available	Distance to the venue	Driving time to the venue	Price per person
6. Two Stars Hotel	Single	0	8 km	10-12 min	103 €* 79 €
	Double	140			
7. Two Stars Hotel	Single	0	10 km	12-15 min	103 €* 79 €
	Double	90			
8. Two Stars Hotel	Single	20	7 km	7-8 min	103 € 79 €
	Double	100			

Total Category III beds available: 680

HOTELS (Low cost accommodation) IV Category	Room type	Rooms available	Distance to the venue	Driving time to the venue	Price per person
9. Low Cost Hotel	Double	160	2 km	2-3 min	59 €

Total Category IV beds available: 320

TOTAL BEDS AVAILABLE: 2677

All accommodation bookings must be made through the agents appointed by the 2011 European Rowing Championship organising committee. Starting from November 1, 2010 there will be a form on the website www.rowingbulgaria.org/euro2011, which can be completed when marking inquiries regarding availability.

Tel.: +359 32 934 481; +359 32 934 252
Fax: +359 32 934 160
Email: reservation@novotelpdv.bg

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY 10th JUNE 2011.

* Rooms with two beds can be taken as a room with one bed from a single person for the room with one bed price.

ACCOMMODATION FOR FISA, JURY, 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	0	5 km	6-7 minutes	156 €* 106 €
	Double	321			

Total Category I beds available: 642

HOTELS ★★★ II Category	Room type	Rooms available	Distance to the venue	Driving time to the venue	Price per person
2. Three Stars Hotel	Single	45	5 km	6-7 minutes	106 € 80 €
	Double	81			

Total Category II beds available: 207

TOTAL BEDS AVAILABLE: 849

PAYMENT POLICY

Reservations must be completed by the 10th June 2011 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 12th of August 2011.

Payments must be paid in Euros by direct bank transfer to:

United Bulgarian Bank – SWIFT/BIC: UBBSBGSF
Account number – BG75UBBS8002143747410 for EUR
Bulgaria

ALL BANK TRANSFER FEES MUST BE PAID BY THE SENDER.

Payment by credit card will be acceptable as well. A charge of 3% will be added to all VISA and MasterCard payments.



Rates include:

- accommodation at the requested standard hotel
- meals – breakfast, lunch and dinner in the hotel
- Transport from Sofia Airport to the hotel and return
- local transport from hotel to the regatta venue and return

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

CANCELLATION POLICY

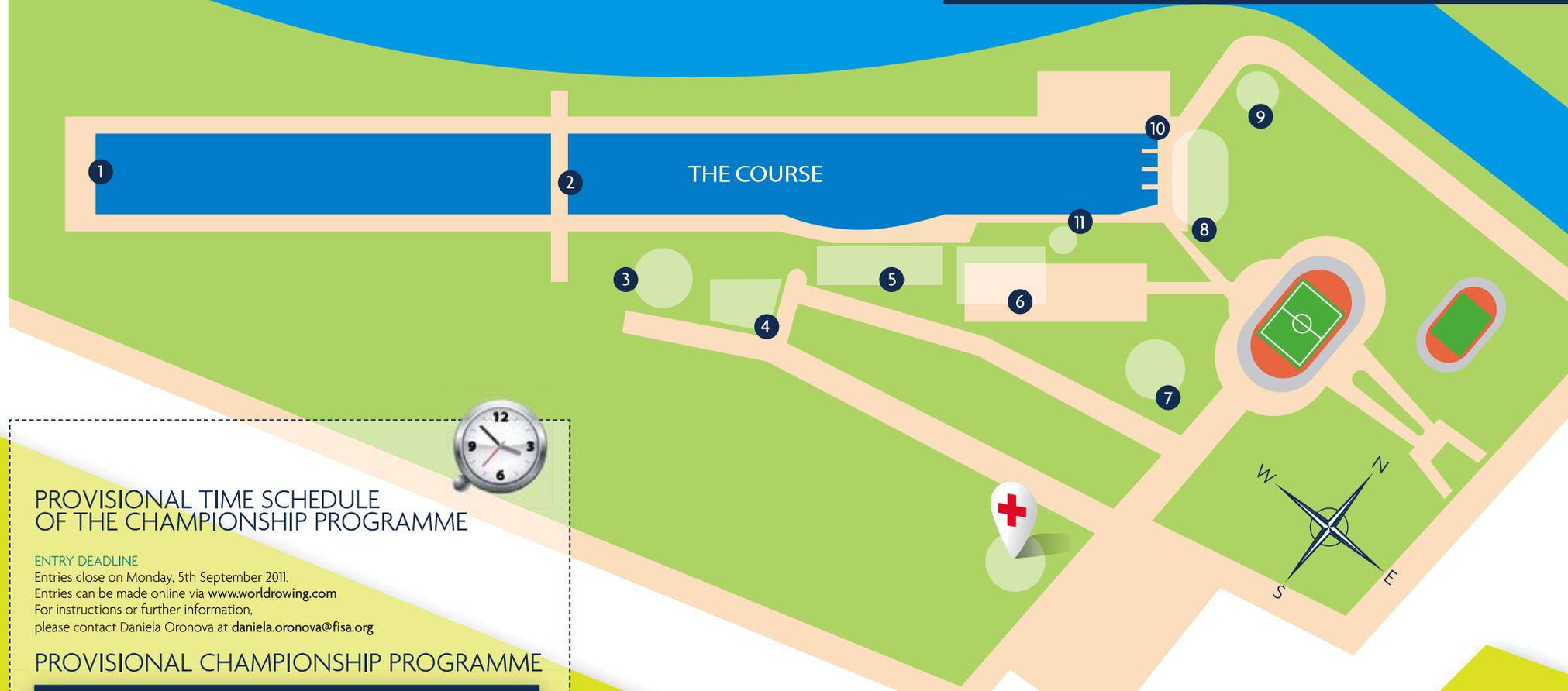
All cancellations in part or full must be in writing and notified to the accommodation agents as mentioned under the Reservations section. Refunds will be considered on the following basis:-

- notification prior to the 12 of July 2011 - 90% refund of all money paid
- notification after 12 July and prior to 12 August - 50% refund of all money paid
- after 12 August 2011 – no refund will be made



MARITZA RIVER

REGATTA VENUE



PROVISIONAL TIME SCHEDULE OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAMME

ENTRY DEADLINE

Entries close on Monday, 5th September 2011.
Entries can be made online via www.worldrowing.com
For instructions or further information,
please contact Daniela Oronova at daniela.oronova@fisa.org

PROVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAMME

Official Opening of the Regatta Venue - Wednesday, 14th September 2011.

Official Daily Opening Times of the Course

On training days from 07:30h to 19:00h. Venue opens at 07:00 hrs and closes at 19:30 hrs.

On racing days from 07:00h to 19:00h. Venue opens at 06:30h and closes at 19:30h.

Preliminary Team Managers Meeting – Wednesday, 14th September 2011.

Team Managers Meeting and Draw - Thursday, 15th September 2011

Opening Ceremony – Thursday, 15th September 2011

Heats & Repechages – Friday, 16th September 2011

Repechages, Semi-finals and Finals A, B, C - Saturday, 17th September 2011

Nations Dinner - Saturday, 17th September 2011

Finals A and B - Sunday, 18th September

European Federations General Assembly - Saturday, 17th September 2011

1. START AREA

2. BRIDGE

3. ZOO

4. RESTAURANT

5. PERMANENT GRANDSTANDS SEATS

6. TECHNICAL BUILDING ADMINISTRATIONS,
PRESS CENTER, PRESS GRANDSTANDS,
VIP SERVICES AND GRANDSTANDS

7. TRAILER PARKING

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

9. TEAM BUS DROP OFF

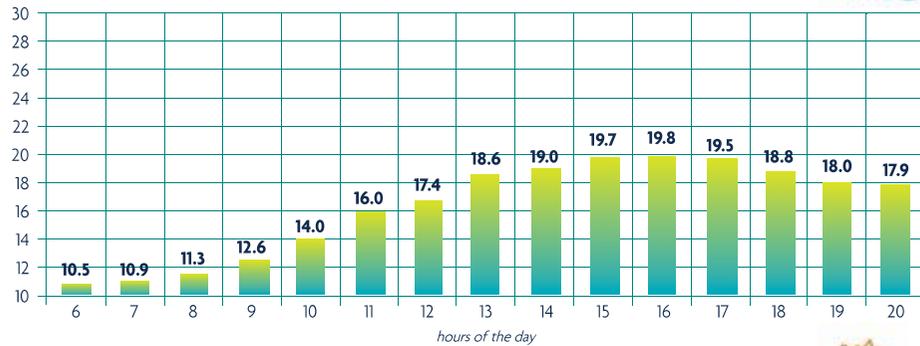
10. LAUNCHING PONTOONS

11. FINISH TOWER

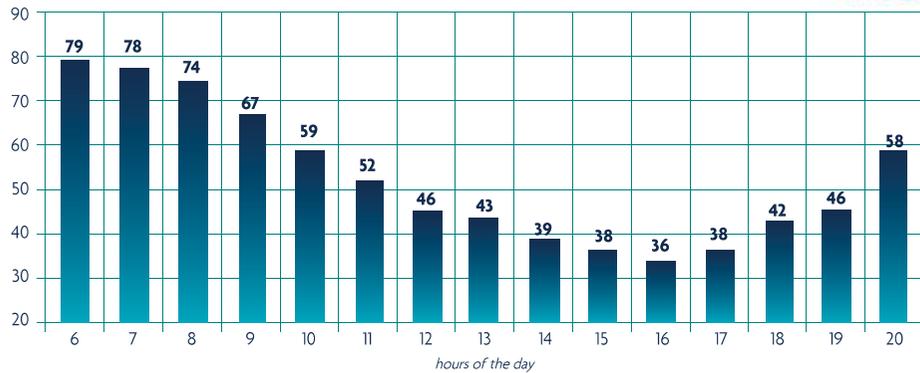
GENERAL INFORMATION METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS

HUMIDITY

17 to 30 September 2004-2008 Average Humidity Percentage



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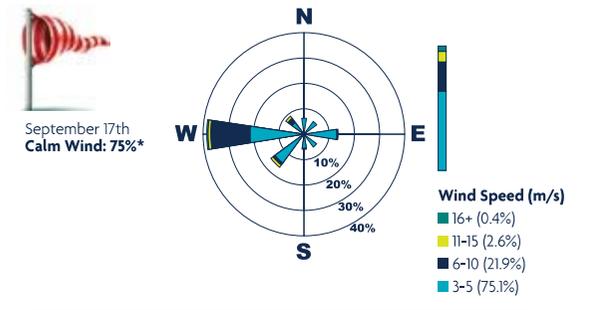
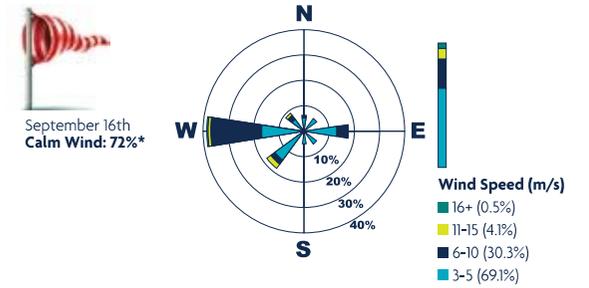
SUNRISE & SUNSET



Day (in 2011)	Sunrise	Sunset
Sept 14	06:01	18:35
Sept 15	06:02	18:33
Sept 16	06:03	18:31
Sept 17	06:04	18:30
Sept 18	06:05	18:28
Sept 19	06:06	18:26
Sept 20	06:07	18:24
Sept 21	06:08	18:23
Sept 22	06:09	18:21
Sept 23	06:10	18:19
Sept 24	06:12	18:17
Sept 25	06:13	18:16
Sept 26	06:14	18:14
Sept 27	06:15	18:12
Sept 28	06:16	18:10
Sept 29	06:17	18:09
Sept 30	06:18	18:07

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.



FOOD SERVICES

Meal arrangements for the Teams. The daily rate per person includes breakfast, lunch and dinner provided only at the hotel accommodation.

MEAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FISA AND JURY MEMBERS

For FISA and Jury members breakfast will be provided at the hotel, lunch will be provided at the venue and evening meals will be at their own cost or at the relative function where a meal is included.

MEAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA

For members of the Media breakfast will be provided at the hotel, all other meals will be at their own cost although light snacks will be provided at the venue in the media centre. Lunches at cost will be available at the venue.



TRANSPORT

A free of charge 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 official transport service provided by the Organising Committee.

The official transport service will begin operating from Wednesday, 14th September 2011. 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 hrs
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.



ACCOMMODATION BOOKING

All accommodation should be booked through the OC. (see page 8 for details)



TELEVISION

There will be a local television broadcaster covering the Championship. For more information, please contact the OC.

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 5th September 2011. 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 www.worldrowing.com using the form located in the Media section. The Accreditation centre is located at the in-door tennis court hall situated behind the permanent boathouse building. The Accreditation Centre will be open from Tuesday, 13th September 2011 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 the Organising Committee.



INTERNATIONAL 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.

THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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

THE HONORARY COMMITTEE ARE:

Svilen Neykov – Minister of Physical Education and Sport
Ivan Totev – Regional Governor
Slavcho Atanasov – Mayor of Plovdiv
Svetla Otzetova – President of Bulgarian Rowing Federation

ORGANISING COMMITTEE:

Ivan Popov – Chairmen
Georgi Tityukov – Deputy Chairmen
Georgi Belobradov – Deputy Chairmen
Pavel Todorov – Deputy Chairmen

THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS ARE:

Georgi Slavkov – Regatta Installations and Infrastructure
Rumyan Hristov – Race Director
Ivan Terziyski – Technical Support
Zdravko Dimitrov – Administration
Ginka Gyurova – Protocol and Ceremonies
Michail Vanchev – Media Services
Pavel Todorov – Transport, Accommodation and Food Services
D-r Nenkov – Medical Services
Pavel Todorov – Spectator Services
Mariana Hristova – Finances
Zdravko Popov – Publications
Lyudmil Karavasilev – Marketing
Ivan Popov – FISA and VIP Liaison
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Website: www.rowingbulgaria.org/euro2011



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 2011. Otherwise spectator tickets will be available for purchase as members of a tour group or through the website of 2011 European Rowing Championships www.rowingbulgaria.org/euro2011



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