

At the front table:

Andreas Bucher – President of the OC
Christian Stofer – Competition Manager
Matt Smith – FISA Executive Director
Paul Daetwyler - President of the Jury
Svetla Otzetova - Technical Delegate

1. Words of Welcome

- Andreas Bucher, the new President of the Organising Committee welcomed all participants and wished them a good regatta. He presented his team and made a short presentation on the 1962 – the first World Championships and the 50 year anniversary celebration, and the Naturarena Rotsee project.
- Matt Smith, Executive Director of FISA, introduced the representatives from FISA present:

President of the Jury	Paul Daetwyler
Technical Delegate	Svetla Otzetova
Fairness Committee	Thor Nilsen, Morten Espersen, Rosie Mayglothling
FISA Doctor	Jürgen Steinacker
Seeding Committee	Thor Nilsen, Gianni Postiglione, Rosie Mayglothling

2. Roll Call

- The roll call of nations was taken and the entries checked per event. Teams are reminded that withdrawals for non-medical reasons must be made three hours before the Draw. Withdrawals made after this deadline will incur a fine of CHF500, payable to FISA (development programme).
- The seeding system was explained and it was noted that for the heats, the seeded crews are drawn randomly to their lanes. A list of the seeded crews in each event is available from the FISA office after the Draw.
- The Draw was made and start lists were issued at the end of the meeting.

3. Training and Racing Issues

- **Traffic Rules:** Crews are reminded to observe traffic rules during training and racing. big boats must row in the outside lanes and small boats in the inside lanes. No boats should cross the lanes on the course. Crews must be off the water 30 minutes prior to the first race of each session. During racing, crews must stop when a race is approaching or passing. Yellow cards may be issued to crews not observing this rule. All traffic rules were provided with the Team Managers Manual, and additional copies can be requested from the Information Centre.
- **GPS devices:** Note that all boats must have a GPS device base plate fixed to their boat before the start of racing on Friday. Please come to see us if you have any questions



- **Progression system:** The World Cup progression system applies for this event. It is different from the World Championships Progression System and is displayed on the notice boards at the venue. Please ask us if you have questions.
- **Bye-Law changes:** A reminder that as a result of changes to the Bye-Laws, the following rules apply to the World Cup:
 - o There are new rules to avoid re-rows for dead heats in the repechage, quarter final or semi final rounds. If there is a dead heat in a heat, the normal rules regarding re-rows will apply.
 - o Races will not be stopped for equipment damage in the first 100m.
 - o Races will go on time – the Starter will not wait for crews that are late to the StartAnd please remind your athletes that every race counts – the situation could arise due to adverse weather conditions where the results from an earlier round of the competition are used to determine finals or semi-finals.
- **Crew changes:** Please check the names and seating order of your crews and inform us of any problems or changes. All crew changes must be submitted at the FISA office Regatta Centre to Daniela or Helmut.
- **Boat weighing** scales are located in the boat hangar and will be open during the opening times of the venue. Note that it is the crews' responsibility to ensure that their boat meets the weight requirements. (Weather changes can lead to significant changes in boat weight).
- **Athlete and Cox weighing** scales are located in the boat hangar. The test weighing scales are accessible during the opening times of the venue. Passports or photo identity cards are not required when weighing in.
- **Water distribution:** Coaches may hand water to their crews after their races from the victory ceremony pontoon until the A finals. In addition, bottled water will be provided by the Organising Committee volunteers on request (also from the victory ceremony pontoon). Please ask your athletes to throw the bottles in the bins provided and not into the water.
- **Cycling:** Cycling is completely prohibited at the regatta venue. Please do not ride **bicycles** in the boat house area or along the path between the boat area and the finish. If you come to the venue by bike, you must park your bikes at the security guard at the entrance to the venue.
- All **oars** must be painted with the federation **colours**.
- **Tie down boats** at all times.

4. Anti-doping

- A reminder about the No Needles Policy – during competition, any injections must be medically justified. More information is available in the Medical section of the World Rowing website.
- Blood testing: We are participating in the "Biological Passport" programme and taking blood for this purpose. We are limiting the advance warning as much as possible, however we are aware that this can be disruptive to teams' training schedules (athletes



must have been at rest for at least two hours after training before the blood is taken). We would like to create a system for the future such that a team representative 'checks in' when first arriving at the venue to check whether any athletes are required for testing.

- Please check in the FISA office if you want to verify your TUE status. Anyone who has questions about the new anti-doping rules please come and see us.

5. Other Issues

- **Stationary umpiring:** We will be experimenting with a stationary umpiring system during the heats on Friday. This means that umpires will be positioned on catamarans stationed at fixed points along the course and there will be no moving umpires (or TV catamarans on this day). Please note that this is an experiment, and we reserve the right to revert to the traditional umpiring system if we experience any problems with the stationary system.
- **Web Site Live Commentary, Live Race Tracker and Results** will be available at www.worldrowing.com as well as pdfs of the results from the day's racing. Video streaming and video on demand on World Rowing Live (European countries) via worldrowing.com. Team Managers can request copies of the **results** pdfs from the Information Centre. The pdfs are available on line on www.worldrowing.com.
- **TV broadcasts:** The A finals on Sunday will be broadcast live on Czech TV, SRG Swiss TV, Slovenian TV, RTR Russia TV, NZL Sky, Fox Australia. Universal Sports will stream the racing live in the USA. Delayed broadcasts or highlights will be aired on ZDF and Globo Brasil.
- **Boat stickers** – Country Codes and Samsung stickers should be collected from New Wave. Please ensure they are on all boats for training and racing.
- **Samsung World Rowing Cup T-shirts** for A finalists of the World Cup events can be collected from New Wave after the semi-finals.
- **Uniforms and blades:** A reminder to all NFs to submit photos or images of their racing uniforms and blades to FISA.
- **Sponsor logos:** if any teams have sponsor logo stickers for the World Cup Leader Bibs that have not already been submitted to FISA, please give them to Undine in the FISA office before Sunday.
- Team managers are asked to provide their **mobile numbers, email addresses and hotel names** to the OC regatta office if you haven't done so already.
- **Athlete rest area:** This area is for everyone and may not be reserved for teams. It is also not allowed to use this area for storing equipment, bicycles, doing ergometer training etc.
- There will be no further Team Managers Meetings is at this regatta. However if you have any questions or concerns please come to see us in the FISA Office

6. Logistic Issues

- **Tap water** at the venue is drinkable.



- **Lucerne Rowing Night (Nations Dinner)** on Saturday night will be at 19h30 at The Luzern Palace. Each country is entitled to two free tickets which can be collected from the OC Secretariat.
- **Grandstand:** Teams will have free access to the public grandstands during racing on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday, access to the grandstand is for ticket holders only. Each NF has been given two free tickets. Additional tickets for the grandstand on Sunday are still available at CHF 100 each – please enquire at the OC regatta office if you wish to buy any tickets.
- **Trailer parking:** All trailers must be parked at the dedicated trailer parking area in Ebikon. If you want to bring back a trailer to load boats at the end of the regatta on Sunday, you will need to complete a form, and get the signature of the security officer on site (Stefan) before you will be allowed to enter the venue with your trailer.
- **Catering:** Meal vouchers can be purchased from the regatta office for meals in the catering tent at the venue.
- **Team Manager mailboxes** are located in the blue booth at the base of the stairs of the regatta centre.

7. Olympic and Paralympic issues

- **LOCOG Rowing Manager**, Ann-Louise Morgan, will be at the Rotsee on Friday afternoon from 14h00 until 19h00. She will be based in the doping control area in the regatta centre and will be available to discuss any issues or questions you have regarding the London Games.
- **Update on non-accredited spares** (non-P accredited athletes) for OGs and PGs: For the Olympics, currently substitutions are only possible if the substituted athlete has a P-accreditation. We are waiting for further feedback from the IOC on the use of non-P accredited spares in London.
- **Names on boats:** No names will be allowed on boats for the Olympic Games – note that you will need to remove or tape over boat names.
- **Victory ceremonies:** The National Olympic Committees have exercised their right to have their athletes wear their track suits during the victory ceremonies. Each NOC will have the right to decide whether their athletes wear track suits or racing suits in the ceremonies. More information will be distributed as soon as possible.

8. New racing calendar in 2013 and the Samsung World Rowing Cup in Sydney – Matt x 2

- A reminder about the new racing calendar in 2013: the first World Cup will take place in Sydney, Australia, from 22 – 24 March. The European Championships will take place in Seville from 31 May to 2 June, followed by the second and third World Cups in their normal time slots.
- **Sydney World Rowing Cup:** Some key information:
 - o Teams are invited to compete in the Australian National Championships, and to attend training camps prior to the World Cup. A number of training camp



- opportunities exist before and after the World Cup. Please speak to the organising committee representatives for more information.
- o **Medallist programme:** All Olympic medallists will be invited to participate in the Sydney World Cup and will receive free flights as well as an accommodation and boat rental subsidies. The NFs involved will receive invitations in August 2012 after the Olympic Games. The invitations will contain full details about all subsidies, booking processes and deadlines. They should confirm their participation by 30 September and make their accommodation bookings by 15 November.
 - o **Booking deadlines:** We urge you to book your flights as early as possible to get the best possible prices. Olympic medallists receiving the free flights must book through FISA, and should confirm their accommodation bookings by 15 November. All other teams are invited to take advantage of Rowing Australia's special deal with Singapore Airlines and should contact the OC to enquire about flight prices. Accommodation must be reserved no later than 7 January 2013. This is the latest date that the rooms can be held for World Cup participants – after this date the rooms will be made available to the Australian schools regatta participants.
 - o **Boat rental:** You will have three options for boats: shipping your own boats over, renting from European boat builders and renting from Australian boat builders, clubs and schools. Please speak to the boat builders and the organising committee to find out more about these options.
 - o **Representatives of the organising committee are here this weekend** – please take this opportunity to speak with them to get more information about the regatta and organisation next year.

9. Weather Forecast

- We expect mostly sunny weather on Friday with temperatures rising to 21 degrees, and light (1-2m/s) north to north westerly winds, with a slight possibility of thundershowers in the afternoon. The weather on Saturday and Sunday will be similar, sunny with light winds, and with a possibility of thundershowers in the afternoon.

10. Questions

- **GRE: Will the races with quarterfinals have repechages or will the boats advance directly to the quarterfinals from the heats?** There will be 6 heats, and 24 crews will progress directly to the QF; these are all crews not finishing last in their heat, plus sufficient of the last placed crews ranked according to their times, to make up the 24 crews. Please refer to the World Cup Progression System on the notice boards.

