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Council and Commission Members
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Circular No. 1 of 2011

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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A. World Rowing Event Schedules

1. 2011 World Rowing Championships Schedule

The Council re-confirmed the decision to stage the finals of the World Championship regatta over four days, from Thursday, 1 September to Sunday, 4 September 2011 with the Olympic boat class finals on the same respective day as they will be held at the Olympic Games.

In formulating the boat competition programme, the following competitive factors were considered:

- Equal treatment for all rowers entered in a boat class
- Even spread between men's and women's events
- A free day after repechage rounds, where possible
- For events with five rounds of racing, as much spread as possible
- Alternate between sweep and sculling events, if possible
- Emphasise the prime "Blue Riband" events (singles and eights)

The proposed 2011 World Championships finals schedule is:

WCH Finals Day 1 – IDMix 4+, ASW1x, LM2-, W2-, W4x, M8+
WCH Finals Day 2 – ASM1x, M2+, LW1x, LM1x, M2x, LM4-, W8+
WCH Finals Day 3 – TA2x, LW4x, W4-, M4x, M2-, W2x, M1x
WCH Finals Day 4 – LTAMix 4+, LM4x, LM8+, M4-, LW2x, LM2x, W1x

Please note that the Adaptive races will start at the 2000 meter start and finish at the 1'000 metre mark.

A provisional programme is posted with this circular.

2. 2011 World Rowing Junior Championships Schedule

The 2011 World Rowing Junior Championships will take place from Wednesday, 3 August to Sunday, 7 August 2011 in Eton, Great Britain. It is also the test event for the 2012 Olympic Games regatta. This regatta will feature the following:

- Finals will be held on the two final days.
- Heats will be scheduled for the afternoon of Wednesday, 3 August in: JW4-, JM4+, JW2-, JM4-, JW4x, JM8+. The finals in these events will be staged on the Saturday 6 August 2011.
- Heats will be scheduled for all other events on Thursday, 4 August and the finals will take place on Sunday, 7 August 2011.
- There will be a four round progression system for events with more than 24 entries (presented in the next circular).
- Please note that the Draw will take place at 10:00 hrs on the Wednesday, 3 August 2011.

A provisional programme is posted with this circular.

3. World Rowing Under 23 Championships Schedule

The 2011 World Rowing Under 23 Championships will take place from Wednesday, 20 July to Sunday, 24 July 2011 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

This regatta will feature the following aspects:

- Finals will be held on the two final days.
- Heats will be scheduled for the afternoon of Wednesday, 20 July in: BW4-, BM4+, BLW4x, BLM2-, BW2-, BLM4x, BW4x, BM4-. The finals in these events will be staged on the Saturday 23 July 2011.
- Heats will be scheduled for all other events on Thursday, 21 July and the finals will take place on Sunday, 24 July 2011.
- There will be a four round progression system for events with more than 24 entries (presented in the next circular).
- Please note that the Draw will take place at 10:00 hrs on the Wednesday, 20 July 2011.

A provisional programme is posted with this circular.

4. 2011 Rowing World Cup Schedules

You will also find the provisional racing schedules for the three stages of the 2011 Rowing World Cup in Munich, Hamburg and Lucerne. After careful consideration, the Council has decided that a test of time trials is needed for rowers and organisers in preparation for possible contingency scenarios in Eton next year. The full details of the time trials will be explained in the next circular.

5. Other 2011 Event Schedules

Also in this circular are the 2011 European Rowing Championships and the 2011 European Rowing Junior Championships Schedules.

Please carefully read these schedules and give us any comments or suggestions by 3 March 2011.

B. Adaptive Rowing

1. 2011 Adaptive Rowing Regulations

There have been a few small changes in these regulations. A clean and a marked up version are posted with this circular and in the adaptive rowing section of the website.

2. 2011 Adaptive Rowing Classification Guidelines

There was one small change in the classification guidelines. A clean and a marked up version are posted with this circular and in the adaptive rowing section of the website.

C. Other Council Decisions

1. **Council Membership** – Long serving Council member and Chair of the Rowing for All Commission Denis Masegla (FRA) has decided to step down from the Council in order to give his full attention to his new position as President of the French National Olympic Committee. After careful consideration, the Executive Committee has decided to appoint Guin Batten (GBR), presently a member of the Youth Rowing Commission, to complete the term of Denis Masegla as Chair of the Rowing for All Commission. The elections for the Chair of this Commission will take place in Bled on 5 September 2011.

2. **Commission Membership** – The Council has made the following appointments to fill casual vacancies in various commissions:

a. Masters Rowing Commission:

- Gary Bain (GBR)

b. Sports Medicine Commission:

- Dr. Mikio Hiura (JPN)
- Dr. Alison Sanders (GBR)
- Dr. Michael Wilkinson (CAN)

c. Media and Promotions Commission:

- Ken Lee (KOR)
 - Irene Eijs (NED)
- (additional appointments pending)

3. Continental Olympic Qualification Regattas

- a. African Olympic Qualification Regatta – The Council confirmed that Alexandria, Egypt will host this regatta from 20 to 23 October 2011. There will be a training camp held before this regatta from 10 to 19 October 2011. More details will follow shortly.
- b. Asian Olympic Qualification Regatta – The Council has confirmed the dates of this regatta which will take place in Chungju, Korea from 26 to 29 April 2012. There will be a training camp held before this regatta from 16 to 25 April 2012. More details will follow shortly.
- c. Latin American Olympic Qualification Regatta – There is still no final decision on this event.

Thank you for your attention to these issues.

Yours sincerely,



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