

2014 Media Guide World Rowing Cup III



Lucerne, Switzerland
11-13 July 2014



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1. General

1.1 Introduction

Welcome to the 2014 World Rowing Cup III. This is the third regatta in the series of three World Rowing Cups and, as has been the tradition since the World Rowing Cup series began in 1997, Lucerne is the final stop.

This season's World Rowing Cup series started off in Sydney (AUS) in March where Australia took the top spot on the medals table. The World Cup then moved to Aiguebelette (FRA) for the second round. This saw Australia continue to lead the medals table, while Great Britain earned the most points at Aiguebelette. Now Lucerne will wrap up the series with the overall World Cup winning nation decided at this regatta.

Lucerne's regatta venue, the Rotsee is known as the Lake of the Gods with rowers appreciating the fair conditions and the beautiful surroundings. The Rotsee is in a protected reserve making nature an integral part of the rowing experience. No permanent structures are allowed and the trees lining the lake must not be disturbed. The annual World Rowing Cup is one of the few events allowed in the reserve.

As the last World Cup of the season, this regatta acts as a crucial measure for crews preparing for the World Rowing Championships, as it is the last opportunity to race each other before the World Championships. The competition, thus is fierce.

As well as racing, Lucerne serves as the venue for the presentation of the Thomas Keller Medal, rowing's most prestigious award.

This media guide has been designed to bring much of the essential information together in one useful place. As well as practical information for media representatives attending the regatta, there is statistical coverage of this season, a race-by-race 'Who to Watch' which includes highlighted athletes and an easy guide to finding further information.

World Rowing would like to acknowledge our partners Parmigiani Fleurier and Vnesheconombank for their support of rowing and also our strategic partner, WWF, World Rowing's partner for clean water.

To you, the media, we wish to extend a warm welcome to the Rotsee and World Rowing hopes that you enjoy this finale to the World Cup season. We appreciate your interest in and enthusiasm for our sport and as the suppliers of rowing information to the world, we want to help you have a great experience. World Rowing welcomes any feedback on the services provided.

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1.2 World Rowing Cup – Boat classes & scoring

The World Rowing Cup, in its current form, was established by FISA in 1997 to give athletes the opportunity of top international racing. It is a series of three regattas that acts as a lead-up to the World Rowing Championships.

The racing programme at the World Rowing Cup includes the 14 Olympic boat classes and a selection of International boat classes.

Olympic and World Rowing Cup boat classes

Men

Single Sculls (M1x)
Double Sculls (M2x)
Lightweight Double Sculls (LM2x)
Quadruple Sculls (M4x)
Pair (M2-)
Four (M4-)
Lightweight Four (LM4-)
Eight (M8+)

Women

Single Sculls (W1x)
Double Sculls (W2x)
Lightweight Double Sculls (LW2x)
Quadruple Sculls (W4x)
Pair (W2-)
Eight (W8+)

International boat classes (to be contested at Lucerne)

Men

Lightweight Single Sculls (LM1x)
Lightweight Pair (LM2-)
Lightweight Quadruple Sculls (LM4x)
Coxed Pair (M2+)

Women

Lightweight Single Sculls (LW1x)
Four (W4-)

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 2014 World Rowing Cup.

1.3 Where to find ... using www.worldrowing.com

The new look of worldrowing.com allows you to navigate easily through all content and find a host of information on rowing, athletes, results, statistics, news and events. You can also watch live events and VOD on your desktop, mobile or tablet and follow our live event coverage including live blogs and live race tracker.

The screenshot displays the worldrowing.com website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the 'worldrowing' logo and a menu including 'ROWING', 'EVENTS', 'ATHLETES', 'NEWS', 'PHOTOS & VIDEOS', 'ENVIRONMENT', and 'FISA'. A secondary bar contains 'Media Centre', 'Partnerships', and social media icons. The main banner features a large image of a bridge over a river with rowers, titled '16 May 2014 European Champs attracts rowing's powerhouses'. Below this is a 'LATEST NEWS' section with a list of articles and dates. To the right is a featured article titled 'WORKING TOGETHER TO PROTECT OUR PLANET'S MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCE: CLEAN WATER.' with a 'MORE INFO >' link. A horizontal menu below lists categories: ELITE, PARA-ROWING, UNDER 23, JUNIOR, UNIVERSITY, MASTERS, COASTAL, and INDOOR. At the bottom, there are three sections: 'RISING STAR' featuring David Hunt (RSA), 'ATHLETE OF THE MONTH' featuring Caroline Lind (USA), and 'UPCOMING EVENTS' listing the 2014 European Championships and Macon International Regatta.

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European Champs attracts rowing's powerhouses

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- Winds of change at Europe's largest university regatta 15 MAY 2014
- Parmigiani finalist first for graduation 14 MAY 2014
- British eights make a splash at Windermere Cup 07 MAY 2014
- Australia selects their best for 2014 06 MAY 2014

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ELITE PARA-ROWING UNDER 23 JUNIOR UNIVERSITY MASTERS COASTAL INDOOR

RISING STAR

DAVID HUNT
RSA

ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

CAROLINE LIND
USA

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 30 MAY - 01 JUN 2014
2014 European Championships
Belgrade, SRB
- 30 MAY - 01 JUN 2014
Macon International Regatta
Macon, FRA

Athletes: www.worldrowing.com/athletes

Includes:

- [Athlete Biographies](#)
- [Top 10 Athletes](#)
- [Athletes of the Month](#)
- [Rising Stars](#)
- [Thomas Keller Medal](#) and [World Rowing Awards](#)

Results: www.worldrowing.com/results

Includes:

- [Results Database](#)
- [World Cup points tables](#)
- [Championship medal tables](#)
- [Best Times](#)
- [Results from major international regattas](#)

The World Rowing results database contains results dating back to the first Olympic Games in 1900 all the way through to the most up-to-date results from 2014.

Events: www.worldrowing.com/events

To learn about upcoming events, visit the event section of our website. Each event has its own specific page that provides details about the programme, venue, host city and more.

Photos & Videos: www.worldrowing.com/photos-videos

View the photo gallery, racing videos and other rowing videos. Also view our YouTube Channel for interviews with athletes, coaches and more: www.youtube.com/WorldRowingFISA

Online Media Guides: www.worldrowing.com/mediacenter

The online version of all media guides and accreditation for World Rowing events is available to download here, together with media contact information.

Social Media: Facebook and Twitter

Updated regularly throughout the year especially during regattas
<https://www.facebook.com/WorldRowing>
<https://twitter.com/WorldRowing>

1.4 2014 World Rowing event calendar

28 – 30 March	World Rowing Cup I	Sydney, AUS
24 – 25 May	European Junior Championships	Hazewinkel, BEL
30 May – 1 June	European Rowing Championships	Belgrade, SRB
20 – 22 June	World Rowing Cup II	Aiguebelette, FRA
11 – 13 July	World Rowing Cup III	Lucerne, SUI
23 – 27 July	World Rowing Under 23 Championships	Varese, ITA
6 – 10 August	World Rowing Junior Championships	Hamburg, GER
17 – 20 August	Youth Olympic Games	Nanjing, CHN
24 – 31 August	World Rowing Championships	Amsterdam, NED
12 – 14 Sept	World University Rowing Championships	Gravelines, FRA
10 – 12 October	World Rowing Masters Regatta	Ballarat, AUS
17 – 19 October	World Rowing Coastal Championships	Thessaloniki, GRE

1.5 Tribute to FISA President Denis Oswald

After a remarkable 25 years as FISA President, Denis Oswald is stepping down and it is apt that the World Rowing Cup in Lucerne will be Oswald's final regatta.

An Olympic rower from Switzerland, Oswald was a regular competitor on Lucerne's Rotsee regatta course as a 13-time Swiss national rowing champion. Oswald also competed at three Olympic Games, winning a bronze medal in the coxed four at the Mexico 1968 Olympics.

Oswald says his rowing background helped shape his personality. "Starting out in a small club with no coach, I realised if you want to achieve something you have to make all of the necessary effort yourself and, if you do your best, you will reach your goal. It pays off to invest time and energy. For me, things in life are more important if you use your values system to set your priorities."

While rowing, Oswald studied to be a lawyer and through his professional career he established his own law firm and later became a law professor and the director of the International Centre for Sport Studies. He also used his legal sports knowledge as an arbitrator at the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Former FISA president Thomas Keller identified Oswald as his successor. "Thomi said to me, 'in FISA we have a tradition, leaders should be former athletes and I think you should join FISA and become my successor.'" In 1977, following his third Olympic Games, Oswald retired from elite rowing and became secretary general of FISA. He remained in this honorary role for 12 years. Then in 1989 Oswald was elected FISA president.

In that year FISA had 67 member federations. During Oswald's time as president, that number has more than doubled to 142 in 2014. This increase can be credited to Oswald's instrumental role in establishing rowing as a global sport. He also guided FISA to become a professional federation. This began in 1990 with the hiring of a paid professional secretary general and the establishment of a new FISA office in Switzerland.

Oswald's influence in the world of sport has reached far beyond rowing. In 1991, he was made a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and in 2000 joined the IOC Executive Board. In 2000, Oswald also became the president of the Association of International Olympic Sport Federations (ASOIF) and remained in this position for 12 years. Oswald was then asked by IOC President Rogge to chair the IOC Co-ordination Commissions for both the Athens 2004 and London 2012 Olympic Games. He served on many IOC Commissions including the Eligibility Commission, the Juridical Commission and the Medical Commission.

The FISA that Oswald leaves behind is very different to the one he inherited. The federation now has more than 20 full and part-time staff, an office near the IOC in Lausanne, Switzerland, a global federation membership with women making up a large proportion of competitors and a strong footing in the Olympic family.

The wish of Thomi Keller and Denis Oswald lives on with Olympic Champion Jean-Christophe Rolland succeeding Oswald as FISA president. A three-time French Olympian, Rolland won gold in the men's pair at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games and also bronze in 1996.

Rolland has been involved in FISA since 1994 when he joined the Athletes' Commission. In 2002 as chair of the Athletes' Commission, Rolland became part of the FISA Council. Two years later he joined the Executive Committee.

Since being elected to succeed Oswald, Rolland has been attending sports events with Oswald to help prepare for his role as president. He has recently moved with his family to be near the FISA offices in Lausanne.



2. *Event Information*

2.1 Key media information

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About Lucerne

Lucerne is a city of exquisite beauty in central Switzerland. It is famous for its architectural monuments such as the restored Chapel Bridge, its historical town squares and churches and its world-renowned festivals of classical music and renaissance paintings. Above all it is famous for its breathtaking scenery and, amongst rowers, the Rotsee in Lucerne is considered to be the “Mecca” of rowing.

Regattas have been organised in Lucerne for over 150 years and the Rotsee has been a World Rowing Cup venue since its beginning in 1997. The lake has hosted four World Rowing Championships (1962, 1974, 1982, 2001) and many World Best Times have been set on this beautiful natural arena.

Transport and parking

Parking is limited at the Rotsee. If you have ordered a parking pass, this will be issued to you upon arrival at the media area. Whenever possible, please use public transport to access the regatta venue. The Rotsee can be accessed by bus line 1 (from Lucerne central train station). Get off at “Maihofmatte” and walk down Rotseestrasse to the regatta course.

Media facilities

The media centre will be open on Thursday 10 July from noon onwards and from Friday 11 July to Sunday 13 July for a minimum of one hour prior to the first race until three hours after the last race of the day.

TV commentator positions are situated on the opposite side of the lake and should be booked in advance through EBU/Swiss TV. Radio commentator positions are situated in the media grandstands.

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

- [Workspaces with power](#)
- [Telephone lines](#)
- [Access to wireless LAN](#)
- [Internet terminal](#)
- [Copy service](#)
- [TV monitors in the media centre for viewing racing on finals day](#)
- [Drinks and snacks throughout the day](#)

Accreditation

All accreditation can be collected on site upon arrival in the media centre. Last minute media accreditation requests should be made directly to media@fisa.org and last minute local media requests can go directly through the local press officer.

Accreditation can be collected on site upon arrival at the venue. A media accreditation confirmation email will be sent to media approved for accreditation for this event.

Photographers

Photographers wishing to be taken to the start should enquire at the media centre information desk well in advance of the chosen races.

General programme

Thursday 10 July 2014	15:00	Team managers meeting and draw
Friday 11 July 2014	09:00	Heats, repechages, quarterfinals
Saturday 12 July 2014	09:30	Semifinals, repechages, E/D/C-finals
	16:35	B-finals International boat classes
	19:00	Nations dinner & official FISA presidency handover.
Sunday 13 July 2014	08:25	B-finals World Cup boat classes
	09:35	A-finals World Cup and international boat classes

2.2 Timetable of entries

PROVISIONAL COMPETITION SCHEDULE

(Subject to the Draw at 15:00 hrs on Thursday, 10 July 2014)

N°	Event	#	Friday, 11 July 2014			Saturday, 12 July 2014						Sunday, 13 July							
			Heats (Time Trials)			Reps & Quarterfinals			Reps	Semi-finals	Final C	Final D	Final E	Final F	Reps	Semi-finals	Final B	Final A	
International Events																			
15	W4-	4																W4-	9:35
16	M2+	4				*15:30												LM2-	9:45
20	LM2-	18	9:00	9:05	9:10	15:35	15:40		9:00	9:06								LM1x	9:55
18	LM1x	17	9:15	9:20	9:25	15:45	15:50		9:12	9:18								LM1x	10:05
17	LW1x	18	9:30	9:35	9:40	15:55	16:00		9:24	9:30								W4-	10:15
22	LM4x	5				*16:05												LM2-	10:25
21	LW4x	0																LM1x	10:39
19	LM8+	0																LW1x	10:51
World Cup Events																			
1	W2-	16	9:20	9:25	9:30	15:20	15:25											W2-	8:25
2	M2-	25	9:35	9:40	9:45	15:30	15:35											M2-	8:30
9	LM2x	25	9:50	9:55	10:00	10:10	10:15	15:40	15:45	15:50	15:55							LM2x	8:35
8	LW2x	20	10:20	10:25	10:30	16:00	16:05	16:10	16:15									LW2x	8:40
5	M4-	13	12:25	12:30														M4-	8:45
	*JM8+		12:35	12:40														W4x	11:38
11	W4x	10	12:45	12:50														W4x	12:50
12	M4x	14	12:55	13:00														M4x	13:03
4	M2x	23	10:40	10:45	10:50	16:20	16:25	16:30	16:35									LM4-	13:18
3	W2x	18	11:00	11:05	11:10	16:40	16:45											M2x	13:33
10	LM4-	15	*13:05															W2x	13:48
13	W8+	6	11:15	11:20	11:25	11:30	11:35	11:40	16:50	16:55	17:00	17:05						W8+	14:03
7	M1x	34	11:45	11:50	11:55	17:10	17:15	17:20	17:25									M1x	14:18
6	W1x	22	13:10	13:15														W1x	14:33
14	M8+	10	13:10	13:15														M8+	14:48
Training Times			6:30 - 8:45, 13:55-15:15, 18:40-20:00 hrs			6:30-9:15, 12:10-13:15, 16:45-19:00 hrs			6:30-8:10 hrs										

General notes

- * Races for allocation of lanes
- * JM8+* - Junior Men City Eight's event with a maximum of 7 boats.

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

Notes for FISA and OC people:

Thursday's meetings:

- 13:00 hrs - Handover meeting
- 13:30 hrs - Fairness Committee Meeting
- 14:00 hrs - Preparation Meeting for the Draw
- 15:00 hrs - Team Managers Meeting and Draw
- 16:00 hrs - Jury Meeting and Inspection of the Course
- 17:30 hrs - Technical Dress Rehearsal/Rescue Rehearsal

Follow the live results on www.worldrowing.com

2.3 Entries by event

As of 1 July 2014

W2-	M2-	W2x	M2x	M4-	W1x	M1x	LW2x	LM2x	LM4-	W4x	M4x	W8+	M8+	W4-	M2+	LW1x	LM1x	LM2-	LM4x
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(20)	(22)

16	25	18	23	13	22	34	20	25	15	10	14	6	10	4	4	18	17	18	5
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AUS	ARG	AUS	ARG	AUS	AUS1	AUS1	ARG	ANG	AUS	AUS	AUS	AUS	AUS	FRA1	GBR	ALG1	AUS	AUS	DEN
CAN	AUS1	AUT	AUS1	CAN	AUS2	AUS2	AUS1	ARG	AUT	CAN	CAN	CAN	BLR	FRA2	GER	ALG2	BUL	AUT1	GER
CRO	AUS2	BLR1	AUS2	CRO	AUT	BEL	AUS2	AUS	BRA	DEN	CZE	GBR	GBR	GER1	NED	AUS	DEN	AUT2	HKG1
CZE	CRO	BLR2	AUT	CZE	BUL1	BLR	AUT	AUT	CAN	GBR1	EGY	GER	GER1	GER2	RUS	AUT1	FRA1	BUL	HKG2
FRA	CZE	BUL	CAN	ESP	BUL2	BRA	BRA	BRA	CZE	GBR2	EST	NED	GER2			AUT2	FRA2	CZE	INA
GBR1	ESP	CZE	CRO1	GBR	CZE	BUL1	CAN	CAN	DEN	GER	GBR	ROU	NED1			DEN	GBR	FRA	
GBR2	GBR1	DEN	CRO2	GER	DEN	BUL2	CZE1	CZE	ESP	ITA	GER		NED2			GER1	GER	GBR	
GER	GBR2	EST	CZE	GRE	GBR	CAN	CZE2	DEN	FRA	NED	ITA		NZL			GER2	GRE1	GRE	
IRL	GER	FIN	DEN	ITA	GER1	CRO1	DEN	FIN	GBR	NZL	NED		POL			GRE1	GRE2	HUN	
ITA	GRE1	GBR	EGY1	NED	GER2	CRO2	FRA	FRA	ITA1	POL	NOR		RUS			GRE2	ITA	ITA1	
NED	GRE2	GER	EGY2	POL	IRL	CZE	GBR	GBR	ITA2		NZL					HKG	JPN	ITA2	
NZL1	HUN	ISR	ESP	RUS	ITA	DEN	GER	GER1	JPN		POL					ISR	RSA	JPN	
NZL2	ITA1	ITA	EST	SRB	LTU	EGY1	INA	GER2	NED		SLO					ITA	SLO1	NED	
ROU1	ITA2	LTU	GBR		NED	EGY2	ITA	GRE	NZL		USA					JPN1	SLO2	POL1	
ROU2	NED1	NED	GER		NOR	FIN	JPN	HUN	POL							JPN2	SRB	POL2	
RSA	NED2	NZL	ITA1		NZL	GBR	NZL1	INA								NED	SUI1	SUI	
	NZL	POL	ITA2		RUS	GER1	NZL2	ITA								NZL	SUI2	TUR1	
	POL	USA	KOR1		SRB1	GER2	POL	JPN								RSA		TUR2	
	ROU		LTU		SRB2	INA	RSA	NED											
	RSA1		NED		SUI	ISR1	SWE	NOR											
	RSA2		NOR		SWE1	ISR2		NZL											
	RUS		NZL		SWE2	ITA1		POL											
	SLO		POL			ITA2		POR											
	SRB1					KOR		RSA											
	SRB2					LTU		SUI											
						NED													
						NOR													
						NZL													
						ROU													
						RUS													
						SRB													
						SUI1													
						SUI2													
						USA													

LEGEND

W2-	Women's Pair
M2-	Men's Pair
W2x	Women's Double Sculls
M2x	Men's Double Sculls
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
LM4-	Lightweight Men's Four
W4x	Women's Quadruple Sculls
M4x	Men's Quadruple Sculls
W8+	Women's Eight
M8+	Men's Eight
W4-	Women's Four
M2+	Men's Coxed Pair
LW1x	Lightweight Women's Single Sculls
LM1x	Lightweight Men's Single Sculls
LM2-	Lightweight Men's Pair
LM4x	Lwt. Men's Quadruple Sculls

	Countries	Crews	Competitors
Men	35	123	322
Women	28	76	195
Lightweight Men	30	80	175
Lightweight Women	22	38	55
Total	44	317	746

2.4 Who to watch

Women's Pair (W2-)

There is no doubt about the crew that will dominate. The Olympic Champion duo of Helen Glover and Heather Stanning (Great Britain) had a comfortable win at Aiguebelette last month and their confidence to continue to improve is evident. The question is who can step up to the standard that Glover and Stanning are setting.

With the United States not racing in Lucerne, the big challenge may come from Rebecca Scown and Louise Trappitt of New Zealand. After winning at the Sydney World Cup, Scown and Trappitt were unlucky to not make the A-final in Aiguebelette. Debuting their 2014 season is South Africa's young and dynamic pairing of Lee-Ann Persse and Naydene Smith. Persse and Smith raced in the A-final at last year's World Rowing Championships and this regatta will reveal their current form.

Keep an eye out too for Romania. Regularly strong in the pair, Romania is boating Laura Oprea and Mihaela Petrilla in one crew and Nicoleta Albu and Roxana Cogianu in another. Both of these combinations will be strong.

W2-: Major results since 2010

<i>Place</i>	<i>WRCh10</i>	<i>WRCh11</i>	<i>OG12</i>	<i>WRCh13</i>
1	NZL	NZL	GBR	GBR
2	GBR	GBR	AUS	ROU
3	USA	AUS	NZL	NZL
4	AUS	CHN	USA	USA
5	CAN	ROU	ROU	NED
6	GER	RSA	GER	RSA
7	ROU	ITA	CHN	SRB
8	CRO	USA	RSA	GER
9	CHN	CAN	ARG	UKR
10	NED	GER	ITA	ITA
11		BLR		RUS
12		FRA		AUS

Men's Pair (M2-):

Essentially this will be about the race for second. New Zealand's Eric Murray and Hamish Bond have been completely dominant for the last five years, leaving other countries to scratch their heads to work out new winning formulas. More than other international races this season, Lucerne may see some surprises, as some new dynamic combinations are racing. Serbia is back with Dusan Bogicevic and Veselin Savic who raced splendidly to gold at the European Rowing Championships.

Greece is trying some new pairings with Georgios Tziallas and Konstantinos Christomanos in their country's number one crew. Great Britain has stepped up for Lucerne by putting James Foad and Matthew Langridge together. Both Foad and Langridge raced at the World Cup in Aiguebelette in the silver medal eight.

But it may be Rogier Blink and Mitchel Steenman of the Netherlands who will really shine. They have a solid track record including a medal from last year's World Rowing Championships, and as their country plays host to the World Rowing Championships, they have an added incentive to do well. Watch out too for Germany's Bastian Bechler and Anton Braun who come to Lucerne after finishing second to the New Zealanders at Aiguebelette.

M2-: Major results since 2010

<i>Place</i>	<i>WRCh10</i>	<i>WRCh11</i>	<i>OG12</i>	<i>WRCh13</i>
1	NZL	NZL	NZL	NZL
2	GBR	GBR	FRA	FRA
3	GRE	ITA	GBR	NED
4	ITA	GRE	ITA	ESP
5	GER	CAN	AUS	POL
6	FRA	GER	CAN	ITA
7	RSA	AUS	GER	GBR
8	ESP	NED	USA	RSA
9	USA	USA	GRE	SRB
10	SRB	SRB	POL	GER
11	ARG	HUN	NED	ARG
12	SLO	FRA	SRB	HUN

Lightweight Women's Double Sculls (LW2x):

The unbeaten crew of Laura Milani and Elisabetta Sancassani from Italy are back after not competing at Aiguebelette. Milani and Sancassani are the current World Champions and they have shown their ability to win from behind. The Italians will have their work cut out for them as winners of the World Rowing Cup II last month were Katherine Copeland and Imogen Walsh of Great Britain. Copeland is the Olympic Champion in this boat class and has made a successful return to international rowing after taking a year off.

Germany has brought Lena Mueller and Anja Noske back together for Lucerne. Mueller and Noske are the bronze medallists from the 2013 World Rowing Championships and also have a silver together from this year's European Rowing Championships.

Keep an eye out too for Canada and Sweden. Both of these crews raced in the A-final at Aiguebelette and both are edging towards a medal spot.

LW2x: Major results since 2010

<i>Place</i>	<i>WRCh10</i>	<i>WRCh11</i>	<i>OG12</i>	<i>WRCh13</i>
1	CAN	GRE	GBR	ITA
2	GER	CAN	CHN	USA
3	GRE	GBR	GRE	GER
4	AUS	USA	DEN	GBR
5	GBR	AUS	AUS	NZL
6	NZL	NZL	GER	NED
7	CHN	CHN	CAN	AUS
8	USA	DEN	NED	RSA
9	ITA	NED	NZL	SWE
10	BEL	ITA	CUB	POL
11	AUT	GER	USA	DEN
12	ESP	BEL	JPN	ARG

Lightweight Men's Double Sculls (LM2x):

France's Jeremie Azou and Stany Delayre are on fire this season. They already collected gold at the Aiguebelette World Cup and European Rowing Championships and they have every intention of remaining at the front of the field.

World Champions, Kristoffer Brun and Are Strandli of Norway look to be building as the season advances and will be aiming to improve on their Aiguebelette bronze medal. Also ones to watch out for are the Greek duo of Eleftherios Konsolas and Panagiotis Magdanis, who have shown great results in the past.

Willing to fully challenge Azou and Delayre will be Germany's Lars Hartig and Konstantin Steinhuebel. After an average performance in Aiguebelette, Hartig and Steinhuebel will be aiming to show their country's selectors that they are the best combination.

LM2x: Major results since 2010

Place	WRCh10	WRCh11	OG12	WRCh13
1	GBR	GBR	DEN	NOR
2	ITA	NZL	GBR	SUI
3	NZL	ITA	NZL	GBR
4	CAN	GER	FRA	ITA
5	CHN	DEN	POR	GER
6	POR	CHN	GER	GRE
7	GER	FRA	ITA	NED
8	FRA	GRE	GRE	POL
9	GRE	NOR	NOR	AUT
10	NOR	POR	CUB	UKR
11	USA	CAN	HUN	DEN
12	SLO	POL	JPN	USA

Men's Four (M4-):

There is no doubt that the British crew of Alex Gregory, Mohamed Sbihi, George Nash and Andrew Triggs Hodge are looking hard to match. This is their first season together, but so far they remain unbeaten and have the power to lead for the entire race. Australia, however, has a strong affiliation with the men's four and, despite finishing second to Great Britain at Aiguebelette, they will be training to win gold.

Watch out for Canada. They had a very strong finish at Aiguebelette and if they get out of the start a bit quicker they will be able to challenge for the medals. Greece also has a talented line up that is able to produce a devastating sprint when needed.

M4-: Major results since 2010

<i>Place</i>	<i>WRCh10</i>	<i>WRCh11</i>	<i>OG12</i>	<i>WRCh13</i>
1	FRA	GBR	GBR	NED
2	GRE	GRE	AUS	AUS
3	NZL	AUS	USA	USA
4	GBR	USA	GRE	ITA
5	USA	GER	NED	GBR
6	ITA	NED	GER	CZE
7	AUS	CAN	BLR	BLR
8	GER	NZL	ITA	ESP
9	CHN	BLR	CAN	CRO
10	ESP	ITA	SRB	ROU
11	NED	SRB	NZL	SRB
12	CAN	CZE	ROU	GER

Women's Quadruple Sculls (W4x):

Following their dominating win at the World Rowing Cup last month in Aiguebelette, it looks like Germany has found the perfect combination for the season. The current World Champions are sticking with Carina Baer, Julia Lier, Lisa Schmidla and Annekatrin Thiele to fly the flag for Germany.

Challenging Germany for the lead is likely to be bronze medallists from Aiguebelette, New Zealand. This is a new line-up for New Zealand, but their Aiguebelette medal proved that they have strong capabilities.

Keep an eye out too for Canada, Great Britain and Australia. These nations regularly put together medal winning quads and both Canada and Great Britain raced in the A-final at Aiguebelette. Australia won the Sydney World Cup in March and, with the very experienced Kerry Hore in the boat, this crew will be aiming to impress.

W4x: Major results since 2010

<i>Place</i>	<i>WRCh10</i>	<i>WRCh11</i>	<i>OG12</i>	<i>WRCh13</i>
1	GBR	GER	UKR	GER
2	UKR	USA	GER	CAN
3	GER	NZL	USA	POL
4	AUS	AUS	AUS	NED
5	USA	CHN	CHN	USA
6	NZL	UKR	GBR	ITA
7	CHN	GBR	NZL	NZL
8	CAN	POL	POL	AUS
9		SUI	ITA	GBR
10		RUS	ROU	BLR
11		ROU	VIE	KOR

Men's Quadruple Sculls (M4x):

One of the biggest surprises from the World Cup in Aiguebelette was the win by Great Britain's Cousins, Lambert, Thomas and Townsend over Germany. They will now race with a target on their back as other crews now know their capabilities. It also means that Germany will be ready and waiting to strike back.

Great Britain and Germany may be the front runners, but they had better watch out for Australia and Canada. The Canadian's debuted at Aiguebelette and finished third, while Australia has a new line up racing internationally for the first time in Lucerne. Australia has gone through a series of trials to select this crew and are expecting some positive results.

Watch out too for the new United States line up. There are some familiar names in the boat including the Graves brothers and it will be interesting to see what they can achieve together with Benjamin Dann and Stephen Whelpley.

M4x: Major results since 2010

Place	WRCh10	WRCh11	OG12	WRCh13
1	CRO	AUS	GER	CRO
2	ITA	GER	CRO	GER
3	AUS	CRO	AUS	GBR
4	GER	POL	EST	UKR
5	GBR	RUS	GBR	EST
6	RUS	ITA	POL	SUI
7	NZL	GBR	NZL	ITA
8	USA	USA	RUS	NED
9	CHN	SUI	UKR	SLO
10	UKR	NZL	FRA	RUS
11		UKR	ITA	CZE
12		CUB	SUI	CAN

Lightweight Men's Four (LM4-):

The results from the World Rowing Cup in Aiguebelette last month got people talking. This race usually presents very tight finishes. But in Aiguebelette, New Zealand won with a handy margin over World Champions, Denmark. Was this a one-off by the New Zealand crew of Hunter, Lassche, Rapley and Taylor or will they be able to do it again in Lucerne? One thing is for sure, Denmark will not make it easy for New Zealand.

Also right in the mix will be Great Britain. The British are back with three members of the crew that took silver at the London 2012 Olympic Games. They finished third in Aiguebelette and will be aiming to go higher in Lucerne.

Keep an eye out too for France who raced in the A-final at Aiguebelette and are looking to remain on the path of improvement as the season advances.

LM4-: Major results since 2010

<i>Place</i>	<i>WRCh10</i>	<i>WRCh11</i>	<i>OG12</i>	<i>WRCh13</i>
1	GBR	AUS	RSA	DEN
2	AUS	ITA	GBR	NZL
3	CHN	GBR	DEN	GBR
4	GER	CHN	AUS	FRA
5	NED	DEN	SUI	USA
6	ITA	SUI	NED	RSA
7	FRA	POL	FRA	ITA
8	SUI	CZE	USA	POL
9	DEN	GER	GER	ESP
10	USA	FRA	CHN	AUS
11	RSA	RSA	CZE	CZE
12	JPN	SRB	ITA	NED

Women's Double Sculls (W2x):

Leading the way this year are Sally Kehoe and Olympica Aldersey of Australia. Kehoe and Aldersey won at both the first and second World Rowing Cups and this new combination look like they have really gelled. Kehoe and Aldersey will face the reigning World Champions, Milda Valciukaite and Donata Vistartaite of Lithuania. Valciukaite and Vistartaite got off to a slow start this season in Sydney, but there is little doubt that they will be stepping up for Lucerne.

Also in strong contention for the medals will be Aiguebelette silver medallists Meghan O'Leary and Ellen Tomek of the United States and bronze medallists Magdalena Fularczyk and Natalia Madaj of Poland. Both these crews will add to the potential for a very close finish.

And the talent does not end there. Keep an eye out for silver and bronze medallists from last year's World Rowing Championships - New Zealand and Belarus. Both crews have retained their line ups, Zoe Stevenson and Fiona Bourke for New Zealand and Ekaterina Karsten and Yuliya Bichyk for Belarus.

W2x: Major results since 2010

<i>Place</i>	<i>WRCh10</i>	<i>WRCh11</i>	<i>OG12</i>	<i>WRCh13</i>
1	GBR	GBR	GBR	LTU
2	AUS	AUS	AUS	NZL
3	POL	NZL	POL	BLR
4	CZE	UKR	CHN	GBR
5	USA	POL	NZL	GER
6	GER	CZE	USA	DEN
7	NZL	GER	CZE	USA
8	CHN	CHN	NED	RUS
9	DEN	USA	GER	UKR
10	ITA	FIN	UKR	IRL
11	FIN	SRB		ITA
12		IRL		KOR

Men's Double Sculls (M2x):

There is an evolution going on in the men's double. No crew has yet to come out as a definite medal prospect with a variety of crews medalling so far this season. At the World Cup in Aiguebelette Croatia's Sinkovic brothers came first. The Sinkovic's are remaining in the double (rather than their World Champion quad) for Lucerne and will be high on the list to medal again.

Australia's Alexander Belonogoff and James McRae finished third at Aiguebelette and in their first season together their extra time in Europe will surely be paying dividends. New Zealand's Karl and Robert Manson are in a similar situation. With more time in Europe they will be well settled into the racing season.

Keep an eye out for World Champions Kjetil Borch and Nils Jakob Hoff of Norway. Despite a slow start to the season they cannot be dismissed. A similar scenario goes for Italy's Romano Battisti and Francesco Fossi. Third last year, Battisti and Fossi have had a very slow start to the season.

M2x: Major results since 2010

<i>Place</i>	<i>WRCh10</i>	<i>WRCh11</i>	<i>OG12</i>	<i>WRCh13</i>
1	NZL	NZL	NZL	NOR
2	GBR	GER	ITA	LTU
3	FRA	FRA	SLO	ITA
4	NOR	AUS	ARG	GER
5	AUS	SLO	GBR	ARG
6	GER	GBR	LTU	NZL
7	USA	EST	NOR	SRB
8	EST	NOR	AUS	AUS
9	CZE	ARG	GER	GBR
10	ARG	LTU	FRA	USA
11	SUI	CAN	UKR	CUB
12	CHN	CZE	CAN	DEN

Women's Eight (W8+):

Last month in Aiguebelette, Canada led for the majority of the race before being overtaken by the World Champions United States on the line. Canada can take pride in this performance and will come to Lucerne with added confidence of their racing abilities. But, in the absence of the United States, Canada has a new challenger - Romania.

The Romanians had a great start to the season by winning at the European Rowing Championships. They are also the silver medallists from the 2013 World Rowing Championships and have done some strategic tweaking to find the best line up.

At Aiguebelette, Great Britain finished third and looked rather displeased with this result. They will be using their bronze medal to motivate them to move up the medal ranks. Keep an eye out too for the Netherlands who are known to medal when they put it all together on race day.

W8+: Major results since 2010

<i>Place</i>	<i>WRCh10</i>	<i>WRCh11</i>	<i>OG12</i>	<i>WRCh13</i>
1	USA	USA	USA	USA
2	CAN	CAN	CAN	ROU
3	ROU	GBR	NED	CAN
4	GBR	ROU	ROU	GBR
5	NED	NED	GBR	AUS
6	CHN	CHN	AUS	NED
7	GER	UKR	GER	NZL
8	NZL	GER		RUS
9	RUS			ITA

Women's Single Sculls (W1x):

The 2013 World Champion, Kim Crow of Australia is back on the international scene after missing the World Rowing Cup in Aiguebelette. In the meantime, Emma Twigg of New Zealand scored her second World Cup win of the season. Twigg won in Aiguebelette and also beat Crow at the start of the season in Sydney. When these two top scullers meet again in Lucerne it will be a full 2000m fight to the line.

Coming along in rapidly is Magdalena Lobnig of Austria. The young Austrian was fourth at last year's World Rowing Championships and then in Aiguebelette she scored bronze. Lobnig will be challenging Olympic Champion Mirka Knapkova of the Czech Republic for a medal spot.

Keep an eye out too for Ireland's Sanita Puspure and the ever-improving Chantal Achterberg of the Netherlands.

W1x: Major results since 2010

<i>Place</i>	<i>WRCh10</i>	<i>WRCh11</i>	<i>OG12</i>	<i>WRCh13</i>
1	SWE	CZE	CZE	AUS
2	BLR	BLR	DEN	NZL
3	NZL	NZL	AUS	CZE
4	CZE	CHN	NZL	AUT
5	RUS	SWE	BLR	USA
6	SRB	GER	CHN	NEd
7	GER	AZE	USA	GBR
8	CHN	RUS	LTU	RUS
9	GBR	LTU	RUS	UKR
10	USA	GBR	SWE	ZIM
11	UKR	USA	GER	NOR
12	ESP	EST	AZE	LAT

Men's Single Sculls (M1x):

Back leading the pack after a win at the Aiguebelette World Cup is Mahe Drysdale of New Zealand. Drysdale overtook World Champion Ondrej Synek of the Czech Republic in a close finish. Synek, however, is not ready to play second fiddle to Drysdale and he will be using his racing skills to get the better of the New Zealander in Lucerne.

Always ready to challenge is Marcel Hacker of Germany. The experienced Hacker is in his 20th year on the German national team and when he has a good race, he medals. Coming up through the ranks is A-finallist from Aiguebelette, Stanislau Shcharbachenia of Belarus. This sculler has proved that he is one to watch. Also with the potential to push into the A-final is Roel Braas of the Netherlands and Mindaugas Griskonis of Lithuania. Braas recently won his country's prestigious Holland Beker regatta, which will boost his single sculling confidence. Griskonis is a regular A-finallist with his most recent result being a bronze medal at the European Rowing Championships.

M1x: Major results since 2010

<i>Place</i>	<i>WRCh10</i>	<i>WRCh11</i>	<i>OG12</i>	<i>WRCh13</i>
1	CZE	NZL	NZL	CZE
2	NZL	CZE	CZE	CUB
3	GBR	GBR	GBR	GER
4	NOR	GER	SWE	GBR
5	CHN	SWE	AZE	NED
6	SLO	NOR	GER	LTU
7	SWE	LTU	CUB	AZE
8	LTU	CUB	LTU	BUL
9	EST	AZE	NOR	ISR
10	GER	CHN	ARG	RUS
11	BEL	USA	CHN	SUI
12	USA	BUL	BEL	IND

Men's Eight (M8+):

The final of the men's eight in Aiguebelette last month was not as expected. The United States won, with Great Britain and Belarus taking the lesser medals. This was a coup for Belarus who have not seen medals in the eight for a number of years. Can Belarus do it again in Lucerne?

In the absence of the United States, there will be room for another crew on the medals podium, but with the Olympic Champions Germany back racing, a medal spot may have already been reserved by the Germans. Germany, however, cannot expect an easy ride. Russia finished second at the European Rowing Championships and, under the guidance of new coach Mike Spracklen, they will be looking for a World Cup medal. Watch out too for New Zealand who arrive with a young crew filled with high expectations.

M8+: Major results since 2010

<i>Place</i>	<i>WRCh10</i>	<i>WRCh11</i>	<i>OG12</i>	<i>WRCh13</i>
1	GER	GER	GER	GBR
2	GBR	GBR	CAN	GER
3	AUS	CAN	GBR	USA
4	NED	AUS	USA	POL
5	NZL	POL	NED	NED
6	USA	NED	AUS	FRA
7	CAN	UKR	POL	AUS
8	POL	USA	UKR	ITA
9	CHN	CZE		RUS
10	UKR	NZL		KOR
11	RUS	CHN		
12		FRA		

3. Current Season 2014

3.1 2014 World Rowing Cup I results – Sydney (AUS)

Women's Pair (W2-)

Place	Nation	Name	Time
1	NZL	Louise Trappitt, Rebecca Scown	7:09.70
2	CHN1	Min Zhang, Tian Miao	7:14.62
3	CAN2	Natalie Mastracc, Susanne Grainger	7:17.02

Men's Pair (M2-)

Place	Nation	Name	Time
1	NED1	Rogier Blink, Mitchel Steenman	6:34.38
2	NZL	Thomas Murray, Alex Kennedy	6:39.16
3	CHN2	Zengxin Yang, Dongjian Li	6:42.14

Lightweight Women's Double Sculls (LW2x)

Place	Nation	Name	Time
1	AUS2	Hannah Every-Hall, Maia Simmonds	7:02.26
2	NZL	Lucy Strack, Julia Edward	7:05.46
3	AUS1	Ella Flecker, Georgia Nesbitt	7:07.54

Lightweight Men's Double Sculls (LM2x)

Place	Nation	Name	Time
1	GRE	Eleftherios Konsolas, Spyridon Giannaros	6:34.08
2	CHN1	Xiaoxiong Li, Tianfeng Dong	6:37.05
3	AUS1	Perry Ward, Adam Kachyckyj	6:37.20

Men's Four (M4-)

Place	Nation	Name	Time
1	AUS1	Angus Moore, Alexander Hill, Spencer Turrin, Alexander Lloyd	5:56.05
2	NED	Boaz Meylink, Vincent Van Der Want, Mechiel Versluis, Robert Luecken	5:59.94
3	AUS2	William Lockwood, Scott Laidler, Joshua Dunkley-Smith, Fergus Pragnell	6:03.09

Women's Quadruple Sculls (W4x)

Place	Nation	Name	Time
1	AUS	Jessica Hall, Kerry Hore, Madeleine Edmunds, Jennifer Cleary	6:25.88
2	GER	Marie-Catherine Arnold, Carina Baer, Lisa Schmidla,	6:27.20
3	POL	Sylwia Lewandowska, Joanna Leszczynska, Magdalena Fularczyk, Natalia Madaj	6:31.31

Men's Quadruple Sculls (M4x)

Place	Nation	Name	Time
1	AUS1	John Linke, Nick Hudson, Cameron Girdlestone, Alexander Belonogoff	5:50.68
2	CHN	Jian Ma, Zhiyu Liu, Cunming Li, Quan Zhang	5:52.13
3	AUS2	Kieran Kobelke, James Mcrae, David Watts, Hamish Playfair	5:53.02

Women's Double Sculls (W2x)

<i>Place</i>	<i>Nation</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Time</i>
1	AUS1	Olympia Aldersey, Sally Kehoe	6:54.69
2	LTU	Donata Vistartaite, Milda Valciukaite	6:57.07
3	GER2	Julia Lier, Mareike Adams	6:59.69

Men's Double Sculls (M2x)

<i>Place</i>	<i>Nation</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Time</i>
1	LTU	Rolandas Mascinskas, Saulius Ritter	6:15.10
2	AUS1	Cameron Girdlestone, Alexander Belonogoff	6:17.43
3	ITA	Francesco Fossi, Romano Battisti	6:20.48

Women's Single Sculls (W1x)

<i>Place</i>	<i>Nation</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Time</i>
1	NZL	Emma Twigg	7:25.02
2	AUS	Kim Crow	7:25.16
3	CHN1	Jingli Duan	7:30.15

Men's Single Sculls (M1x)

<i>Place</i>	<i>Nation</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Time</i>
1	NED1	Dirk Uittenbogaard	6:55.69
2	LTU	Mindaugas Griskonis	6:58.95
3	CHN	Liang Zhang	7:00.93

Men's Eight (M8+)

<i>Place</i>	<i>Nation</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Time</i>
1	AUS1	William Lockwood, Scott Laidler, Angus Moore, Alexander Hill, Fergus Pragnell, Joshua Dunkley-Smith, Spencer Turrin, Alexander Lloyd, David Webster	5:35.58
2	NED	Sjoerd De Groot, Govert Viergever, Stefan Broenink, Thomas Doornbos, David Kuiper, Tone Wieten, Gerbren Spoelstra, Boudewijn Roell, Peter Wiersum	5:37.76
3	NZL	Thomas Murray, George Howard, Jonathan F. Wright, Isaac Grainger, Shaun Kirkham, Alex Kennedy, Brook Robertson, Stephen Jones, Caleb Shepherd	5:40.74

Lightweight Women's Single Sculls (LW1x)

<i>Place</i>	<i>Nation</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Time</i>
1	CHN1	Wenyi Huang	7:50.84
2	CHN3	Dandan Pan	7:54.09
3	CHN2	Miao Wang	8:01.37

Lightweight Men's Single Sculls (LM1x)

<i>Place</i>	<i>Nation</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Time</i>
1	CHN	Tiexin Wang	7:05.54
2	AUS1	Richard Coakley	7:13.54
3	AUS2	Jackson Harrison	7:20.87

3.2 2014 World Rowing Cup II results – Aiguebelette (FRA)

Women's Pair (W2-)

Place	Nation	Name	Time
1	GBR 1	Helen Glover, Heather Stanning	7:02.91
2	USA 1	Megan Kalmoe, Kerry Simmonds	7:06.98
3	USA 2	Grace Luczak, Caroline Lind	7:09.12

Men's Pair (M2-)

Place	Nation	Name	Time
1	NZL	Eric Murray, Hamish Bond	6:22.51
2	GER 1	Bastian Bechler, Anton Braun	6:33.00
3	GBR 1	Matthew Gotrel, Paul Bennett	6:34.62

Lightweight Women's Double Sculls (LW2x)

Place	Nation	Name	Time
1	GBR 1	Imogen Walsh, Katherine Copeland	7:01.85
2	GBR 2	Eleanor Piggott, Charlotte Taylor	7:05.23
3	GER	Leonie Pless, Anja Noske	7:06.01

Lightweight Men's Double Sculls (LM2x)

Place	Nation	Name	Time
1	FRA 1	Stany Delayre, Jeremie Azou	6:19.63
2	GER 2	Jason Osborne, Moritz Moos	6:21.89
3	NOR	Kristoffer Brun, Are Strandli	6:23.26

Men's Four (M4-)

Place	Nation	Name	Time
1	GBR 1	Alex Gregory, Mohamed Sbihi, George Nash, Andrew Triggs Hodge	5:50.27
2	AUS	Christopher Cunningham-Reid, Spencer Turrin, Fergus Pragnell, Joshua Dunkley-Smith	5:55.85
3	USA	Grant James, Michael Gennaro, Henrik Rummel, Seth Weil	5:55.94

Women's Quadruple Sculls (W4x)

Place	Nation	Name	Time
1	GER	Annekatrin Thiele, Carina Baer, Julia Lier, Lisa Schmidla	6:16.85
2	USA 1	Grace Latz, Tracy Eisser, Eleanor Logan, Felice Mueller	6:20.87
3	NZL	Sarah Gray, Georgia Perry, Lucy Spoor, Erin-Monique Shelton	6:22.27

Men's Quadruple Sculls (M4x)

Place	Nation	Name	Time
1	GBR	Graeme Thomas, Sam Townsend, Charles Cousins, Peter Lambert	5:44.40
2	GER	Karl Schulze, Philipp Wende, Kai Fuhrmann, Tim Grohmann	5:46.49
3	CAN	Pascal Lussier, Michael Braithwaite, Will Dean, Matthew Buie	5:47.47

Lightweight Men's Four (LM4-)

<i>Place</i>	<i>Nation</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Time</i>
1	NZL	James Hunter, Peter Taylor, James Lassche, Curtis Rapley	5:53.81
2	DEN	Kasper Winther, Jacob Larsen, Jacob Barsoe, Morten Joergensen	5:56.17
3	GBR	Peter Chambers, Mark Aldred, Richard Chambers, Chris Bartley	5:57.32

Women's Double Sculls (W2x)

<i>Place</i>	<i>Nation</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Time</i>
1	AUS	Olympia Aldersey, Sally Kehoe	6:53.90
2	USA	Meghan O'Leary, Ellen Tomek	6:55.33
3	POL	Magdalena Fularczyk, Natalia Madaj	6:56.53

Men's Double Sculls (M2x)

<i>Place</i>	<i>Nation</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Time</i>
1	CRO 1	Martin Sinkovic, Valent Sinkovic	6:12.70
2	AZE	Aleksandar Aleksandrov, Boris Yotov	6:13.64
3	AUS	James Mcrae, Alexander Belonogoff	6:13.69

Women's Eight (W8+)

<i>Place</i>	<i>Nation</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Time</i>
1	USA	Megan Kalmoe, Kerry Simmonds, Amanda Polk, Lauren Schmetterling, Grace Luczak, Meghan Musnicki, Victoria Opitz, Caroline Lind, Katelin Snyder	6:04.77
2	CAN	Lisa Roman, Cristy Nurse, Natalie Mastracci, Rosanne Deboef, Susanne Grainger, Christine Roper, Ashley Brzozowicz, Lauren Wilkinson, Lesley Thompson-Willie	6:05.82
3	GBR	Rosamund Bradbury, Zoe Lee, Katie Greves, Donna Etiebet, Jessica Eddie, Polly Swann, Caragh Mcmurtry, Louisa Reeve, Zoe De Toledo	6:11.39

Women's Single Sculls (W1x)

<i>Place</i>	<i>Nation</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Time</i>
1	NZL	Emma Twigg	7:40.16
2	CHN	Jingli Duan	7:41.99
3	AUT	Magdalena Lobnig	7:45.36

Men's Single Sculls (M1x)

<i>Place</i>	<i>Nation</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Time</i>
1	NZL	Mahe Drysdale	6:55.15
2	CZE	Ondrej Synek	6:56.97
3	CUB	Angel Fournier Rodriguez	6:58.36

Men's Eight (M8+)

<i>Place</i>	<i>Nation</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Time</i>
1	USA	Thomas Peszek, Ambrose Puttmann, Stephen Kasprzyk, Michael Gennaro, Robert Munn, Matthew Miller, Nareg Guergian, Thomas Dethlefs, Zachary Vlahos	5:41.51
2	GBR	Scott Durant, Alan Sinclair, Nathaniel Reilly-O'Donnell, Matt Langridge, Pete Reed, James Foad, Matthew Tarrant, William Satch, Henry Fieldman	5:43.15
3	BLR	Dzimitry Furman, Dzianis Mihal, Yauhen Aliakhnovich, Dzianis Suravets, Vadzim Lialin, Ihar Pashevich, Mikalai Sharlap, Uladzimir Vrubleuski, Piotr Piatrynich	5:44.03

Women's Four (W4-)

<i>Place</i>	<i>Nation</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Time</i>
1	CHN 1	Dan Zhang, Linlin Guo, Liqin Yi, Huan Zhang	6:36.35
2	CAN	Jennifer Martins, Kirsten Bauder, Christine Roper, Ashley Brzozowicz	6:38.55
3	CHN 2	Sihui He, Qiuqiu Gao, Xiaotong Cui, Rui Ju	6:40.29

Lightweight Women's Single Sculls (LW1x)

<i>Place</i>	<i>Nation</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Time</i>
1	NZL	Julia Edward	7:41.17
2	GBR	Ruth Walczak	7:42.83
3	CHN	Dandan Pan	7:46.04

Lightweight Men's Single Sculls (LM1x)

<i>Place</i>	<i>Nation</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Time</i>
1	CHN	Tiexin Wang	6:58.21
2	GER 1	Daniel Lawitzke	7:02.00
3	GER 2	Jost Schoemann-Finck	7:03.21

Lightweight Men's Pair (LM2-)

<i>Place</i>	<i>Nation</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Time</i>
1	CZE	Jiri Kopac, Miroslav Vrstil Jr	6:39.48
2	FRA 1	Clement Duret, Theophile Onfroy	6:39.83
3	ARG	Carlo Lauro, Agustin Campassi	6:40.34

3.3 World Rowing Cup overall standings (after Aiguebelette)

<i>Rank</i>	<i>Nation</i>	<i>Points (WRC I)</i>	<i>Points (WRC II)</i>	<i>Overall standing</i>
1	Australia	72	19	91
2	New Zealand	37	44	81
3	Great Britain		62	62
4	People's Republic of China	36	25	61
5	United States of America	6	50	56
6	Germany	12	43	55
7	Netherlands	28	9	37
8	Canada	8	24	32
9	Czech Republic	8	12	20
9	Lithuania	20		20
11	France		19	19
12	Poland	5	9	14
13	Belarus		10	10
13	Denmark	4	6	10
15	Croatia		9	9
16	Greece	8		8
17	Austria		7	7
17	Norway		7	7
19	Azerbaijan		6	6
20	Cuba		5	5
20	Italy	5		5
22	Russian Federation	4		4
22	Sweden		4	4
22	Vietnam	4		4
25	Argentina		3	3
25	Estonia		3	3
25	Hong Kong, China	3		3
25	Republic of Korea	3		3
29	Ireland		2	2
29	Mexico		2	2
31	Islamic Republic of Iran		1	1
31	Serbia		1	1

4. Best Times

4.1 World Best Times

<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Date</i>
W2-	6:53.80	Romania	Seville, ESP	21 September 2002
M2-	6:08.50	New Zealand	Eton Dorney, GBR	28 July 2012
LW2x	6:49.43	New Zealand	Lucerne, SUI	25 May 2012
LM2x	6:10.02	Denmark	Amsterdam, NED	23 June 2007
M4-	5:37.86	Great Britain	Lucerne, SUI	25 May 2012
W4x	6:09.38	Germany	Lucerne, SUI	25 May 2012
M4x	5:33.15	Russia	Lucerne, SUI	25 May 2012
LM4-	5:45.60	Denmark	Lucerne, SUI	9 July 1999
W2x	6:38.78	New Zealand	Seville, ESP	21 September 2002
M2x	6:03.25	France	Poznan, POL	17 June 2006
W8+	5:54.16	United States	Lucerne, SUI	14 July 2012
W1x	7:07.71	Bulgaria	Seville, ESP	21 September 2002
M1x	6:33.35	New Zealand	Poznan, POL	29 August 2009
M8+	5:19.35	Canada	Lucerne, SUI	25 May 2012
W4-	6:25.35	Australia	Eton Dorney, GBR	26 August 2006
LW1x	7:28.15	Romania	Paris, FRA	19 September 1994
LM1x	6:47.82	Great Britain	Eton Dorney, GBR	26 August 2006
LM2-	6:26.21	Ireland	Paris, FRA	19 September 1994
LM4x	5:45.18	Italy	Montreal, CAN	13 August 1992
M2+	6:42.16	Croatia	Indianapolis, USA	18 September 1994

4.2 World Cup Best Times

<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Date</i>
W2-	6:54.8	United States	Belgrade, SRB	5 May 2012
M2-	6:16.01	New Zealand	Eton, GBR	23 June 2013
LW2x	6:49.43	New Zealand	Lucerne, SUI	25 May 2012
LM2x	6:10.02	Denmark	Amsterdam, NED	23 June 2007
M4-	5:37.86	Great Britain	Lucerne, SUI	25 May 2012
W4x	6:09.38	Germany	Lucerne, SUI	25 May 2012
M4x	5:33.15	Russia	Lucerne, SUI	25 May 2012
LM4-	5:45.60	Denmark	Lucerne, SUI	9 July 1999
W2x	6:40.41	Poland	Lucerne, SUI	25 May 2012
M2x	6:03.25	France	Poznan, POL	17 June 2006
W8+	5:54.16	United States	Lucerne, SUI	14 July 2013
W1x	7:14.12	Germany	Lucerne, SUI	13 July 2003
M1x	6:33.68	Germany	Munich, GER	27 May 2011
M8+	5:19.12	Great Britain	Munich, GER	27 May 2011
W4-	6:30.74	Australia	Lucerne, SUI	13 May 2003
LW1x	7:28.15	Romania	Paris, FRA	19 September 1994
LM1x	6:50.65	Netherlands	Poznan, POL	21 June 2008
LM2-	6:26.21	Ireland	Paris, FRA	19 September 1994
LM4x	5:49.93	France	Poznan, POL	21 June 2008

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In 2013, nominations were received from 12 countries and the inaugural winner was James Cook, a mechanical engineering student at the University College of London, Great Britain. Cook has dedicated many hours to coaching young rowers while training at the elite level and studying. Cook has also been part of the Row Zambezi Expedition which raised money for clean water charity, Village Water.

Cook received a hand-crafted Parmigiani Fleurier watch as well as a Filippi eight racing shell which was presented to the women's eight crew at his rowing club, University of London Boat Club.

A panel of judges including New Zealand's Olympic men's single sculling champion Mahe Drysdale, FISA council representative Lenka Wech, Parmigiani Fleurier CEO Jean-Marc Jacot and FISA President Jean-Christophe Rolland will decide the 2014 winner. Those shortlisted will be announced in September and the announcement of the winner will be made shortly after.

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