



WORLD ROWING UMPIRES SEMINAR

INTRODUCTION



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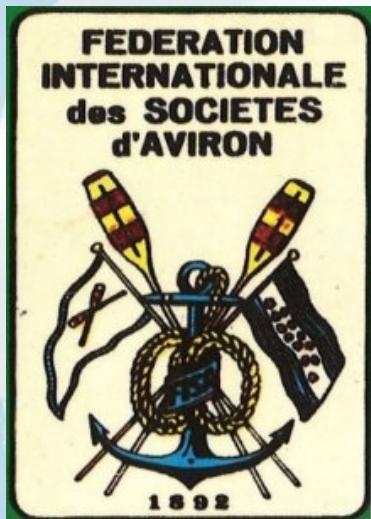
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FISA - Foundation

Fédération Internationale des Sociétés d'Aviron
(International Federation of Rowing Clubs)

Founded: June 25, 1892 in Turin (Italy)

Foundation Members:



Belgium
France
Italy
Switzerland
Adriatic (is now part of Italy/Slovenia)



FISA vs. World Rowing



**Is still the original “company” name, as known to
Swiss legislation**

**All legal and financial documents will mention FISA
(f.i. payment of travel subsidies)**



FISA vs. World Rowing



**Adopted at the October 2020
Extra-ordinary Congress**

For marketing/branding purposes



WORLD ROWING UMPIRES SEMINAR



**“State of the Union”
(an update)**

World Rowing Members by continent

158 Members (on Dec. 31, 2025)

Europe	46
Asia	38 → 37
Africa	36
North America (incl. Central America & Caribbean)	21 → 20
South America	10
Oceania	9
Total:	<u>158</u>

World Rowing Member Changes

New Member

2024 -SIERRA LEONE (Africa)



2025

- It was determined that Oman given provision membership in 2024 did not meet the requirements and the provisional membership was withdrawn
- The Bahamas Rowing Federation's membership was withdrawn due to the Federation not being able to show it was a member of its NOC and show that it met the requirements to be a member of WR



Recognised Continental Rowing Confederations

Asian Rowing Federation

ARF

Confederacion Panamericana de Remo

COPARE

European Rowing Confederation

ERC

Fédération Africaine des Sociétés d'Aviron

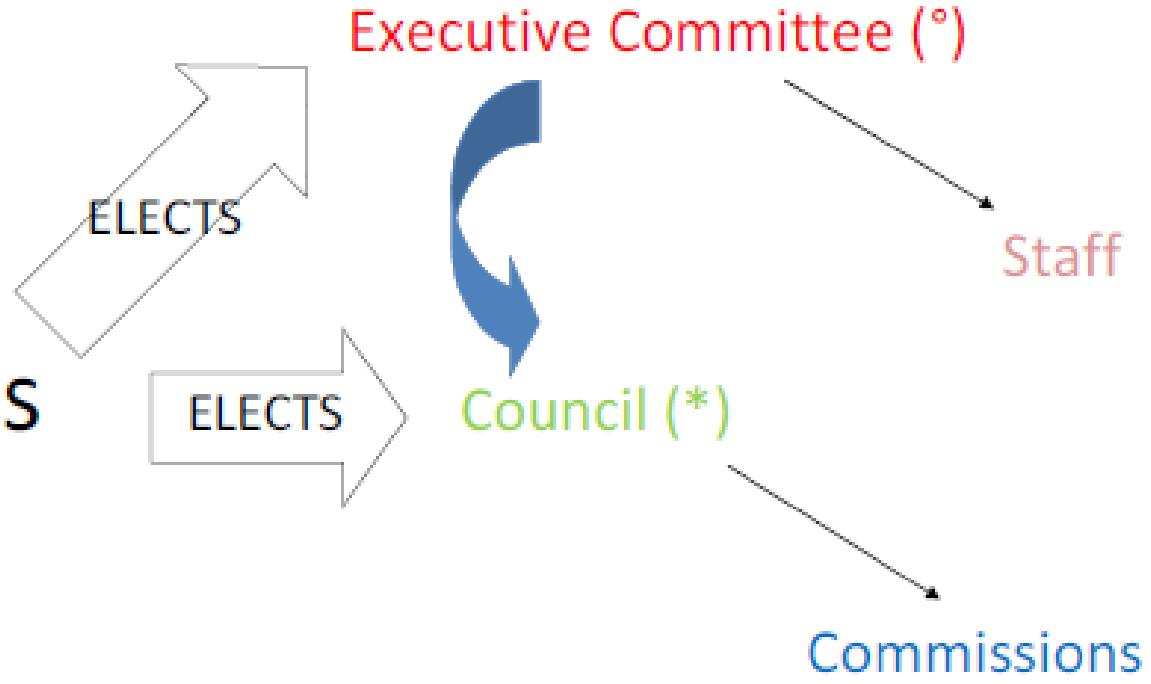
FASA

Oceania Rowing Confederation

ORCON

NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

Congress



(°) Executive director is nominated by Executive Committee

(*) Continental representatives are nominated by the Council

FISA - Congress

Is composed by the delegates of FISA's member federations.

Ordinary:

Each year during the World Rowing Senior Championships

2023	Belgrade	SRB
2024	St. Catharines	CAN -> Virtual !!! (Nov.16)
2025	Shanghai	CHN
2026	Amsterdam	NED

Extraordinary -> Quadrennial :

In principle early in the post-Olympic year

(modification of Statutes and Rules of Racing)

2021 -> oct 2020		virtual
2025	14-15 March	Lausanne SUI

Member Federation Votes

At the 2023 Congress in Belgrade, the Member Federations approved a change to the criteria for determining the number of votes each Member Federation can cast:

1 vote

The Member Federation is in good standing with World Rowing and meets all the obligations of membership of World Rowing in accordance with Article 13 -Obligations of Member Federations of the World Rowing Statutes.

Member Federation Votes (Continued)

+ 1 additional vote for a total of **2 votes**

The Member Federation meets the above criteria and:

1. has been a member of World Rowing for at least 3 years and
2. has competed at any of the following regattas with a total of at least 12 crews during the previous four-year period:
 - a. World Rowing Championships
 - b. World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals
 - c. World Rowing U19 & U23 Championships
 - d. Olympic or Paralympic Qualification regattas

+ 1 additional vote for a total of **3 votes**

The member federation meets the above criteria, and

For all crews having competed in the above regattas during the previous four-year period, excluding mixed crews, at least 25% shall have been women's crews and at least 25% shall have been men's crews.



World Rowing Member Federations

number of votes (individual situation 2025-2028)

AFG 1	BRA 3	DMA 1	HON 1	LAT 3	MTN 1	PRK 1	TGA 1
ALB 0	BRN 1	DOM 1	HUN 3	LBA 1	MYA 1	PUR 1	THA 3
ALG 3	BUL 2	ECU 1	INA 1	LBN 1	NAM 1	QAT 1	TKM 1
ANG 1	BUR 0	EGY 3	IND 1	LES 1	NCA 1	ROU 3	TOG 1
ARG 3	CAM 1	ESA 1	IRI 1	LTU 3	NED 3	RSA 3	TPE 3
ARM 1	CAN 3	ESP 3	IRL 3	LUX 0	NEP 0	RUS 1	TTO 1
ASA 1	CAY 0	EST 2	IRQ 1	MAD 1	NGR 1	SAM 1	TUN 3
AUS 3	CHI 3	FJI 1	ISL 0	MAR 1	NIG 0	SEN 1	TUR 3
AUT 3	CHN 3	FIN 3	ISR 3	MAS 1	NOR 3	SGP 1	UAE 1
AZE 1	CIV 1	FRA 3	ITA 3	MAW 1	NZL 3	SLE 1	UGA 1
BAH 0	CMR 0	GBR 3	JAM 1	MDA 3	OMA 1	SLO 3	UKR 3
BAN 0	COL 1	GEO 1	JOR 1	MDV 0	PAK 1	SOM 1	URU 3
BAR 1	CPV 1	GER 3	JPN 3	MEX 3	PAN 1	SRB 2	USA 3
BEL 2	CRC 1	GHA 1	KAZ 3	MGL 0	PAR 3	SRI 1	UZB 3
BEN 1	CRO 2	GIB 1	KEN 1	MKD 0	PER 3	SUD 1	VAN 1
BER 1	CUB 1	GRE 3	KGZ 0	MLI 0	PHI 1	SUI 3	VEN 1
BIH 1	CYP 3	GUA 1	KIR 0	MLT 1	PLE 1	SVK 1	VIE 1
BLR 1	CZE 3	GUI 1	KOR 1	MON 1	PNG 1	SWE 3	VIN 0
BOL 1	DEN 3	HAI 0	KSA 1	MOZ 0	POL 3	SWZ 0	ZAM 1
BOT 1	DJI 1	HKG 3	KUW 1	MRI 1	POR 3	SYR 0	ZIM 1

< 25% WOMEN

NO PARTICIPATION

< 25% MEN



12 World Rowing Commissions

Athletes

Competitive Rowing

Events

Masters Rowing

Equipment & Technology

Indoor Rowing

Para-rowing

Coastal Rowing (formerly Rowing For All)

Sports Medicine

Umpiring

**Gender Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (GEDI) (Cross Commission
formerly Womens Rowing)**

Youth Rowing

Composition

PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT

TREASURER

COMMISSION CHAIRS (3)

CHAIR ATHLETES COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

From 2026 - There is the possibility to add one additional Exec. Com. member in certain cases

COMMISSION CHAIRS (8)

CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATIVES (5)

•CO-OPTED MEMBERS max. 2=> 3 (from 2025)

Age limit: At the end of the year in which they reach **70**

BY
THE
CONGRESS

(except ED)

BY THE COUNCIL

President	1
Vice President	1
Treasurer	1
Executive Director	1
Chairs of the Commissions	12
Continental Representatives	5
Co-opted members (not mandatory)	3 (max.)
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>21 - 24</u>

with a total number of **20-23** votes (Executive Director has no vote)

Duration of mandates

●1-	PRESIDENT	4 year
●2-	VICE PRESIDENT	4 year
●3-	TREASURER	4 year
●4-	ATHLETE COMMISSION CHAIR (proposed by Athletes Commission members)	4 year
●5-15	COMMISSION CHAIRS	4 year
●16-20	CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATIVES	2 year
●21-24	CO-OPTED MEMBERS	2 year
●	COMMISSION MEMBERS	4 year

ELECTED BY
THE
CONGRESS

APPOINTED
BY THE
COUNCIL



Election by Ordinary Congress

NO ELECTIONS

**OLYMPIC
YEAR**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT

TREASURER

COMM. CHAIR

COMM. CHAIR

COMM. CHAIR

**OLYMPIC
YEAR**

+ 1

COMMISSIONS

ATHLETES (*)

COMPETITIVE

EVENTS

MASTERS

PARA-ROWING

UMPIRING

**OLYMPIC
YEAR**

+2

COMMISSIONS

COASTAL

**EQUIPMENT &
TECHNOLOGY**

**GENDER EQUITY,
DIVERSITY &
INCLUSION**

INDOOR

**SPORTS
MEDICINE**

YOUTH

**OLYMPIC
YEAR**

+ 3

Remark : Athletes Commission Chair is ex-officio member of Executive Committee



Appointment by Council





World Rowing Executive Committee Composition

Normal - 8 members:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Executive Director (appointed)

3 Commission Chairs

Chair Athletes Commission (ex officio)

blue = elected



World Rowing Executive Committee Composition

The 2025 Quadrennial Congress gave the 2025 ordinary Congress the ability to make a change to the structure of the Exec. Com.

At the September 2025 Shanghai Ordinary Congress, the following measure was adopted:

If the members of the Executive Committee represent fewer than 3 continents, then the Council can add an additional member to the Executive Committee who is from an unrepresented continent.

This must be done within 3 months after the Exec. Com. takes office and the Council must first look at the members from the Council. If there is no one from the Council who can or will fill the position, then they must consider Commission members.

After the 2025 elections all of the members of the Exec. Com. are from Europe triggering this clause and an additional member of the Ex. Com. Will be added within the first three months of 2026.



2024 World Rowing Executive Committee



Jean-Christophe Rolland
President - FRA



Tricia Smith
Vice President - CAN



Gert Jan Eggenkamp
Treasurer - NED



Vincent Gaillard
Executive Director – FRA/SUI



Patrick Rombaut
Commission Chair - BEL



Rosie Maygloythling
Commission Chair - GBR



Eva Szanto
Commission Chair - HUN



Frida Svensson
Athletes Commission Chair -
SWE

2025 World Rowing Executive Committee



Jean-Christophe Rolland
President - FRA



Tricia Smith
Vice President - CAN



Gert Jan Eggenkamp
Treasurer - NED



Vincent Gaillard
Executive Director – FRA/SUI



Mathias Binder
Commission Chair - SUI



Guin Batten
Commission Chair - GBR



Eva Szanto
Commission Chair - HUN



Frida Svensson
Athletes Commission Chair -
SWE

There will be an additional member added in 2026.

Beginning of 2026 World Rowing Executive Committee



Jean-Christophe Rolland
President - FRA



Annamarie Phelps
Vice President - GBR



Gert Jan Eggenkamp
Treasurer - NED



Vincent Gaillard
Executive Director – FRA/SUI



Mathias Binder
Commission Chair - SUI



Lenka Dienstbach - Wech (GER)
Co-opted



Eva Szanto
Commission Chair - HUN



Frida Svensson
Athletes Commission Chair - SWE

There will be an additional member added in 2026.

Continental Representatives



Dusan MACHACEK
EUROPE



Sara COOK
OCEANIA



Mehdi GARIDI
AFRICA



Victoria AGUIRREGOMEZCORTA
AMERICAS



Kim Fai HO
ASIA

**Continental representatives have been reconfirmed
for the period 2025 - 2026**

3 Co-opted Council members

On proposal of the Executive Committee 3 supplementary Co-Opted Council members can be elected by the Council. Their mandate is 2 years and they have the right to vote.

For the period 2025 -2026



Masakuni Hosobuchi (JPN)
Co-opted



Lenka Dienstbach - Wech (GER)
Co-opted



Nobu Ishizuka (USA)
Co-opted

Exec.Comm. / Council changes

- A. Annamarie Phelps replaces Tricia Smith as Vice President – Jan 1, 2026.
- B. Lenka Dienstbach replaces Guin Batten on Exec. Com. – Jan 1, 2026.
- C. Mike Wilkinson replaces Juergen Steinacker as Sports Medicine Commission Chair – Jan. 1, 2026.
- D. Angela Alonso replaces Patrick Rombaut as WR Umpiring Commission Chair – Mar.15, 2025.
- E. Nobu Ishizuka appointed as Co-Opted Council Member – Jul. 2025.
- F. Another Exec. Com member will be named in 2026 for continental diversity.
- G. Frida Svensson will step down as WR Athletes Commission Chair – Dec.31, 2026.

2025 World Rowing Council

Not member of Executive Committee



Till March 15, 2025

Rombaut (BEL)
Umpiring



Chen (USA)
Masters Rowing



Ravensbergen (NED)
G E D I



Mueller (BEL)
Youth Rowing



Zwolle (NED)
Competitive Rowing



Ljubicic (SRB)
Indoor Rowing



Steinacker (GER)
Sports Medicine



Orr (CAN)
Para-Rowing



Hosobuchi (JPN)
Co-opted



Dienstbach-Wech (GER)
Co-opted



Ho (HKG)
*Cont. representative
Asia*



Garidi (ALG)
*Cont. representative
Africa*



Machacek (CZE)
*Cont. representative
Europe*



Aguirregomezcorta (ARG)
*Cont. representative
Americas*



Cook (AUS)
*Cont. representative
Oceania*

2026 World Rowing Council

Not member of Executive Committee

New



Alonso (ESP)
Umpiring



Chen (USA)
Masters Rowing



Ravensbergen (NED)
G E D I



Mueller (BEL)
Youth Rowing



Zwolle (NED)
Competitive Rowing



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Wilkinson (CAN)
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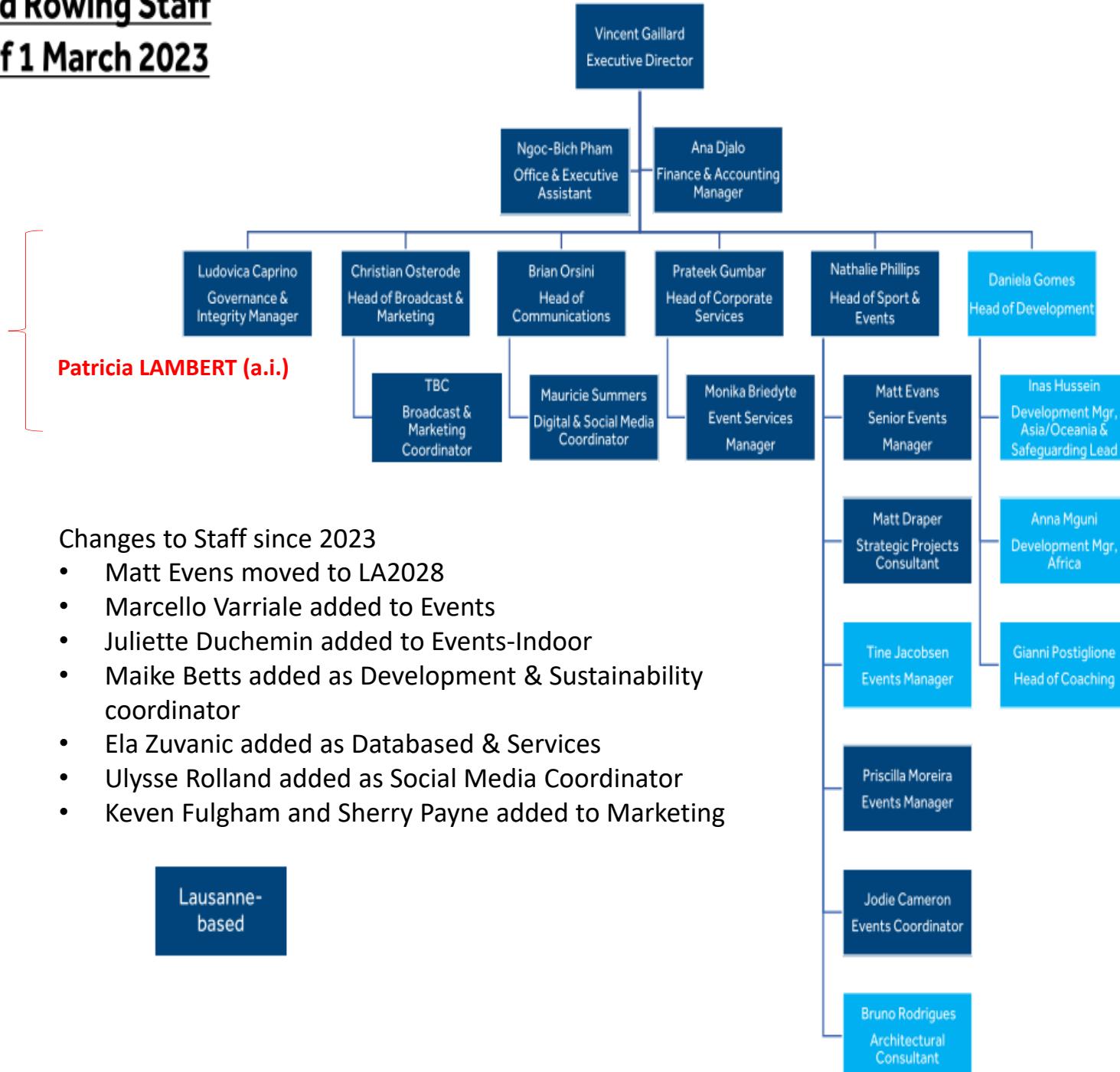
Cook (AUS)
*Cont. representative
Oceania*



Ishizuka (USA)
Co-opted

World Rowing Staff

As of 1 March 2023





World Rowing Umpiring Commission Composition (2025)



Morten Juel HANSEN
DEN



Angela ALONSO
ESP



Kristopher GRUDT
USA



Ines HAMMAMI
TUN



Nick HUNTER
AUS



Vladimir MEGLIC
SLO



Marisol
GUA

Till March 15, 2025



Jérôme MOULY
FRA

Till March 15, 2025



Stefanie PALFNER
GER



Patrick ROMBAUT
BEL

Till March 15, 2025



Takao SENDA
JPN

Till Dec 31, 2025





World Rowing Umpiring Commission Composition (2026)



Morten Juel HANSEN
DEN



Angela ALONSO
ESP



Kristopher GRUDT
USA



Ines HAMMAMI
TUN



Nick HUNTER
AUS



Vladimir MEGLIC
SLO



From June 2025

Marisol ALVARADO
GUA



Jérôme MOULY
FRA



Stefanie PALFNER
GER



From June, 2025

Anna WIDUN
POL



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World Rowing Events Commission Composition (2026)



Victoria Aguirregomezcorta
ARG



Joost de Geus
NED



Matt Draper
SUI



Jennifer THOMSON
GBR



Pascal Jolly
FRA



Kirsten Meisner
USA



Victor Ng
HKG



Bill Schenk
CAN



Jernej Slivnik
SLO



Eva Szanto
HUN

★ = WR umpire

Athletes Commission new procedure to be composed

The AC is composed of ten (10) members, who are Active Athletes or Recently Retired Athletes, of which **5 would be elected** and **5 appointed by the Council**. The mandate of the 10 members starts on 1 January 2023 for a 4 year period.

Of the 5 seats which were elected, **4 athletes** (with 1 position reserved for para rowing) representing the classic or so called flatwater rowing were voted in at World Rowing Championships, and **the remaining seat** at the World Rowing Coastal Championships & Beach Sprint Finals:

- Emma Twigg, New Zealand
- Mindaugas Griskonis, Lithuania
- Niels van Zandweghe, Belgium
- Benjamin Pritchard, Great Britain (Para rowing representative)
- Esther Briz Zamorano, Spain (Coastal rowing representative)

Athletes Commission new procedure to be composed

Following the elections, the remaining five members were appointed by the World Rowing Council, taking into consideration different factors such as knowledge transfer (continuity), skills, gender balance and universality:

- Frida Svensson, Sweden (re-appointed)
- Julia Michalska-Plotkowiak, Poland (re-appointed)
- Robin Prendes, United States of America (re-appointed)
- Luke Letcher, Australia (new)
- Nazanin Malaei, Iran (new)

5 male – 5 female

All continents represented

Flatwater – Para Rowing – Coastal Rowing

Athletes Commission new procedure to be composed

A large, semi-transparent image of a rowing boat is visible in the background, showing the hull and oars.

The commission chair – who **will be elected by the new Athletes Commission** and ratified by the Council – will sit on the World Rowing Council and Executive Committee.

Frida Svensson has been reelected afterwards by her pairs

Other WR Commissions (re)appointed for 2023-2026

Competitive Rowing *Henk-Jan Zwolle*

Paul Thompson (AUS)
Marcello Varriale (BRA)
Peter Cookson (CAN)
Mario Woldt (GER)
Chris Perry (HKG)

Faycal Soula (TUN)
Neboisa Ilic (TUR)

Masters Rowing *Ron Chen*

Gary Bain (GBR)
Sebastian Franke (GER)
Inga Daukantiene (LTU)
Santiago Fuentes (MEX)
Herman Van Velze (RSA)
Ana Nikolic (SRB)

Para Rowing *Rebecca Orr*

Gordon Marks (AUS)
Frederic Mallrich (BRA)
Helene Gigureux (FRA)
Simon Goodey (GBR)
Gaurav Dutta (IND)
Monika Kuczma (POL)
Marco Galeone (SWE)

 = WR umpire

Other WR Commissions (related to Umpiring topics)

Indoor Rowing *Filip Ljubicic*

Georgia Beattie	AUS
Felipe Garcia	ESP
Juliette Duchemin	FRA
Mark Davies	GBR
Daisuke Yasui	JPN
Eric Murray	NZL
Batenga Nakisozi	UGA
Linda Muri	USA

Coastal Rowing *Guin Batten*

Cameron Allen	AUS
Michel Caplot	FRA
Katharina v. Kodolitsch	GER
David Hussey	IRL
Pasquale Triggiani	ITA
Manuel Pita	POR
Sahbi Khardani	TUN
Will Daly	USA

Equipment & Technology *Matthias Binder*

Conny Draper	AUS
Thomas Ebert	DEN
Adrian Champion	GBR 
Simone Martini	ITA
Arnoud Greidanus	NED
Michael Martinov	USA

11 new World Rowing Umpires:

CZE (1) – GBR (1) – HKG (2) – KOR (1) – NED (1)

POL (3) – SUI (1) – USA (1)

8 women – 3 men

World Rowing Umpires

(some data at Dec 31, 2025)

Total number	496
New WR umpires in 2025	11
Female umpires	168 / 328 (31,9%)
Federations with World Rowing Umpires	68 / 158
To retire at the end of 2026 (age limit 70)	16
Age of the youngest (2026):	28 – <i>Jeongah KIM (KOR)</i> (° 1997)
Age of the “most experienced” (2026):	70 – <i>Arno BOES (GER)</i> (° 1956)
MF with highest number of WR Umpires	GER (33)

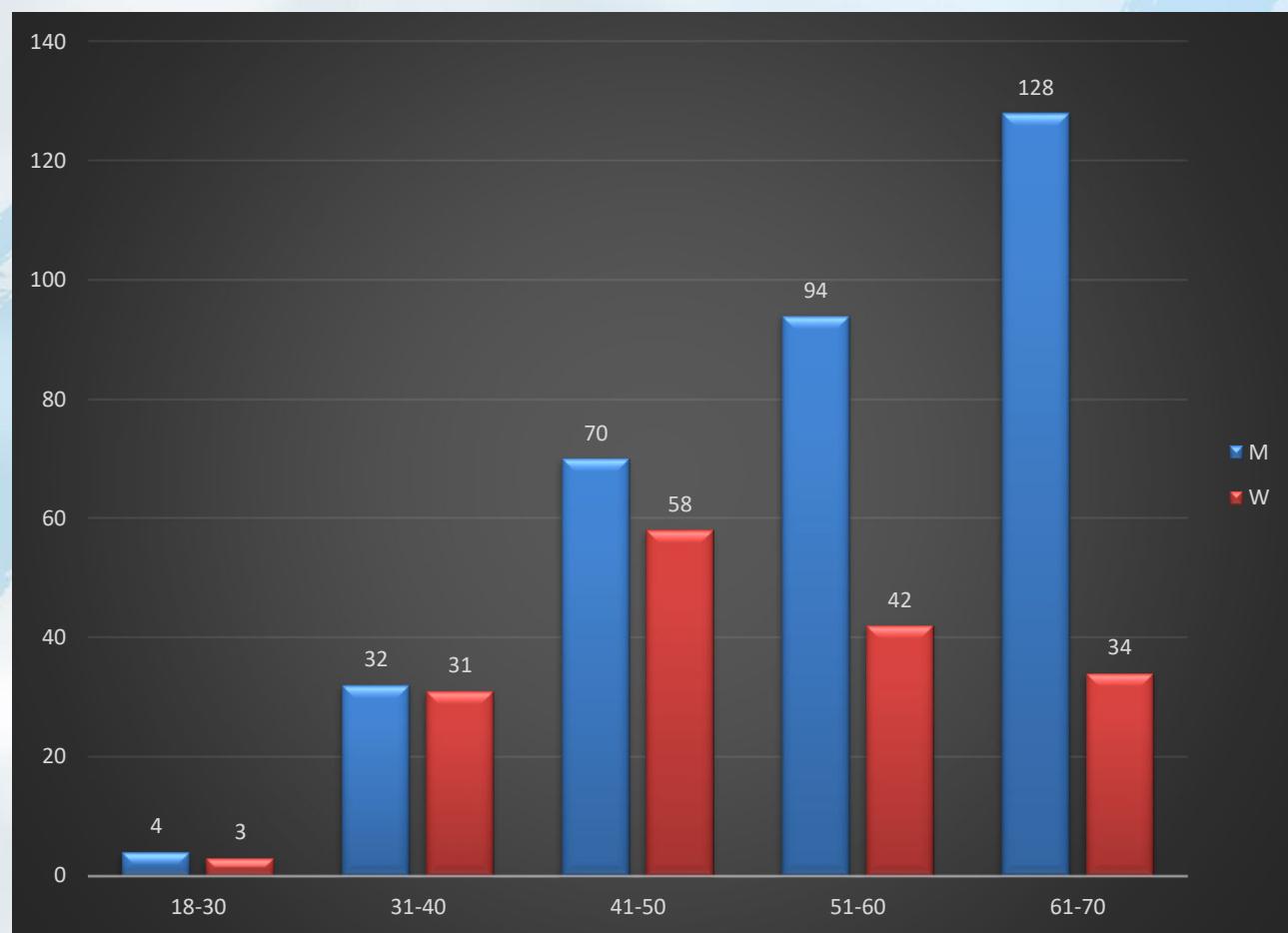
To retire at the end of 2026

SMITH	Gregory Edward	AUS
ROMBAUT	Patrick	BEL
COLAS	Philippe	CAN
DONEGAN	William	CAN
CHRISTOFFERSEN	Lars	DEN
EL SARKY	Moness	EGY
FLORENT	Roger	FRA
BOES	Arno	GER
SETIAWAN	Budiman	INA
MOSCHELLA	Nicola	ITA
KLAPP ESCRIBANO	Magdalena	MEX
STERN	Ivo	MEX
KHAN	Imtiaz	PAK
TORD	José Antonio	PER
GOLOB	Borut	SLO
GOLOB	Darko	SLO

Lowest licence n°s in 2026 – Top 20

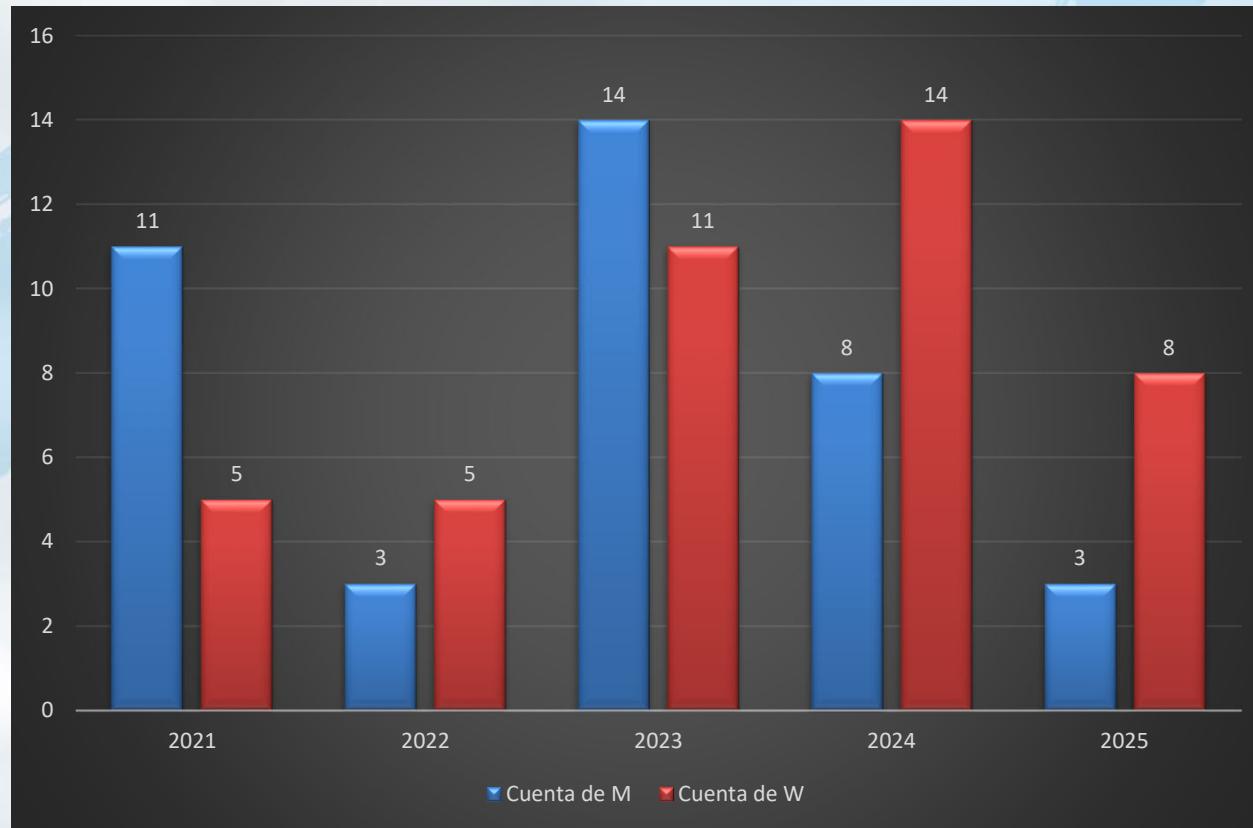
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2	CHRISTOFFERSEN	Lars	1984	DEN	0963
3	KOTHARI	Narendra	1984	IND	0971
4	KLAPP ESCRIBANO	Magdalena	1985	MEX	1010
5	SETIAWAN	Budiman	1987	INA	1027
6	KOENIG	Klaus-Dieter	1987	GER	1048
7	CHEN	Ronald	1987	USA	1050
8	ANDERSEN	Anders	1987	DEN	1064
9	ROMBAUT	Patrick	1988	BEL	1085
10	ISENSCHMID WEBER	Gabrielle	1989	SUI	1095
11	WITTRANT	Catherine	1989	FRA	1098
12	RUTENBERG	Daniel	1989	ISR	1116
13	XIE	Degang	1990	CHN	1123
14	CLIFFORD	Gunnar	1991	NOR	1128
15	CASTRO GOMEZ	Miguel	1991	CUB	1137
16	RUEDEL	Willi	1992	GER	1165
17	LANGUSCH	Dietmar	1992	GER	1168
18	WOUTERS	Paul	1992	BEL	1172
19	VERBRUGGE	Pepe	1992	NED	1179
20	CAMPBELL	Ken	1992	CAN	1184

Age of Umpires



In the next 10 years 162 umpires are going to retire.
We need to increase the number of younger umpires.

New Umpires 2021-2025



To replace the retiring umpires, we need to add 17 new umpires per year, that means we need to maintain or increase the average number of umpires per year that from the last 5 years is 16.



2026/2027 World Rowing Events

2026

WRCH
WRU23CH
WRU19CH
YOG
WR Masters Regatta
WBSCH/WRBSC
WRICH
WORLD CUPS

AMSTERDAM	NED
DUISBURG	GER
PLOVDIV	BUL
DAKAR	SEN
BLED	SLO
QINGDAO	CHN
VIRTUAL	
SEVILLE ESP, PLOVDIV BUL, LUCERNE SUI	
LUCERNE	SUI
VARESE	ITA
OEIRAS	POR

2027

WRCH
WRU23CH
WRU19CH
WR Masters Regatta
WBSCH/WRBSC

**Inclusion of rowing in
Continental/Regional Games**

2028 Olympic Program

2028 Olympic Rowing Course



2028-2032 Olympics & Paralympics



2028

LOS ANGELES, USA

2032

BRISBANE, AUS





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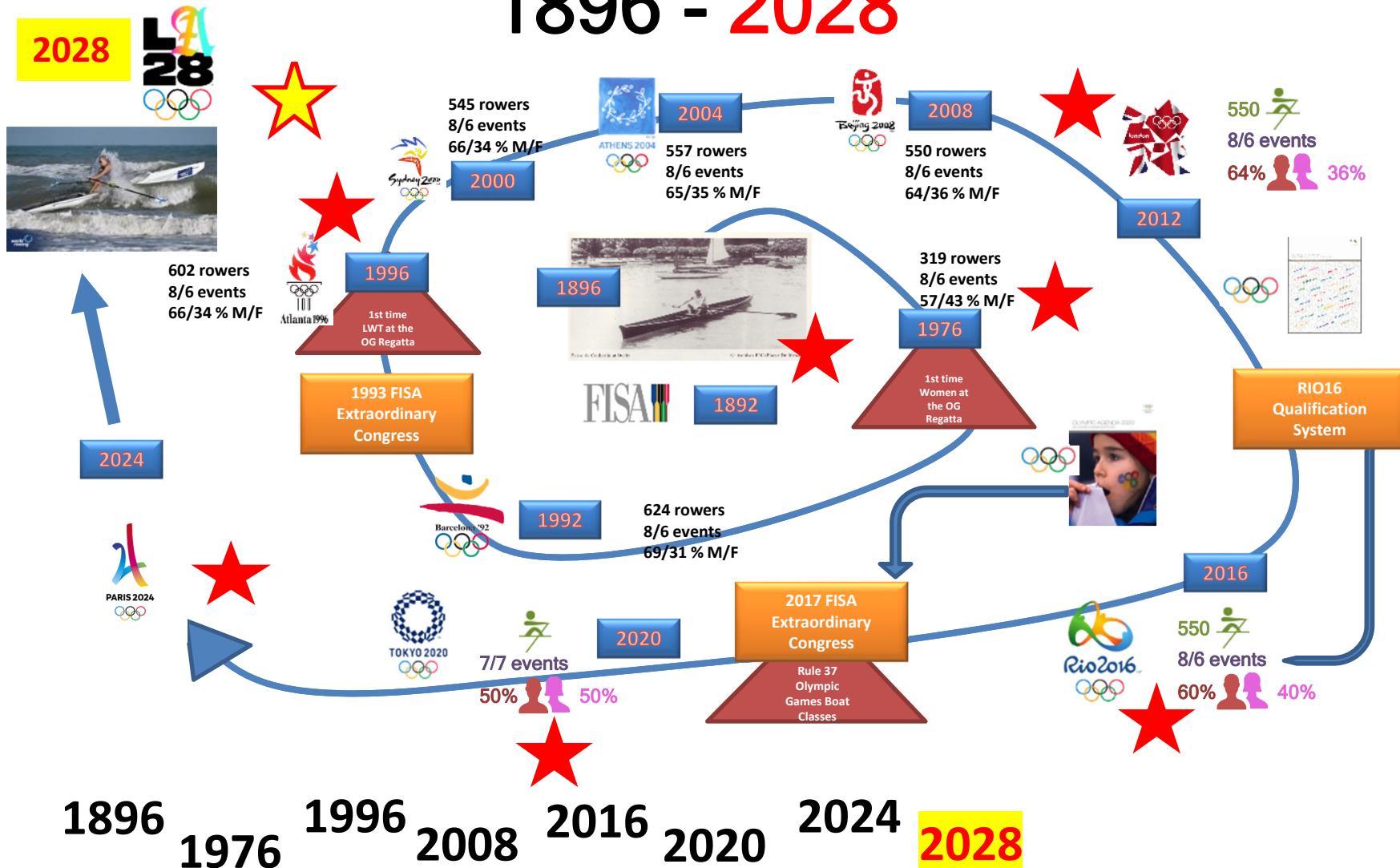
Top Priority:

*«Maintain Rowing's Strong position
in the Olympic Movement»*

Rowing Olympic History



1896 - 2028



1896 1976 1996 2008 2016 2024 2028

OLYMPIC PROGRAM 2024

2024 Olympic rowing events = 2020

M 1X	W1X
M2X	W2X
M4X	W4X
M2-	W2-
M4-	W4-
M8+	W8+
LM2X	LW2X

“seats” at OG 2024 = **502** (OG 2020 = 526 – OG 2016 = 550)



5 Paralympic rowing events = 2020 + PR3 Mix 2X

PR1 M 1X

PR1 W 1X

PR2 Mix 2X

PR3 Mix 4+

PR3 Mix 2X

“seats” at PG 2024 = 104 (PG 2020 = 96)





OG
64 NOC
10<
GBR
NED
ROU
USA

NOC	Nr Boats per NOC
AIN	2
ALG	2
ANG	1
ARG	2
AUS	9
AUT	2
AZE	1
BEL	2
BER	1
BRA	2
BUL	2
CAN	2
CHI	2
CHN	5
CRO	3
CUB	2
CZE	3
DEN	4
EGY	2
ESP	5
EST	1
FRA	5
GBR	10
GER	7
GRC	4
HKG	1
HUN	1
INA	1
IND	1
IRL	7
IRI	2
	0
ITA	8
JPN	3
KAZ	1
	0
	0
KUW	1
LBA	1
LTU	5
MAR	1
MON	1
MEX	2
NCA	1
NED	10
NOR	4
NZL	9
PAR	2
PER	2
PHL	1
POL	2
ROU	12
RSA	2
SGP	1
SLO	1
SRB	2
SUI	6
THA	1
TOG	1
TUN	2
TUR	1
UGA	1
UKR	3
URU	1
USA	12
UZB	2
VIE	1
ZIM	1
64	198

2024

PG
25 NPC
4<
FRA
GBR
GER
UKR

Nr Boats per NPC	NPC
0	
0	
0	
0	
3	AUS
0	
0	
0	
2	BRA
0	
1	CAN
0	
3	CHN
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1	EGY
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1	SUI
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1	TUN
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4	UKR
0	
2	USA
2	UZB
0	
0	
48	25



2028 Olympics



Los Angeles



No more Lightweights

M 1X	W1X
M2X	W2X
M4X	W4X
M2-	W2-
M4-	W4-
M8+	W8+
M2X	W2X

BEACH SPRINT ROWING BECOMES OLYMPIC!

3 events proposed: CM 1X – CW 1X – CMix 2X



14 -> 15 events (and same n° of athletes)

The IOC EB accepted WR proposal.



2028 Olympic Regatta Course

Google Maps

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Zoeken in Google Maps

Bekijk reistijden, verkeer en plaatsen in de buurt

Olympic Village

2 HRS BY ROAD ONE WAY

Lake Perris

20 km

3-11-2021

1/1/2026

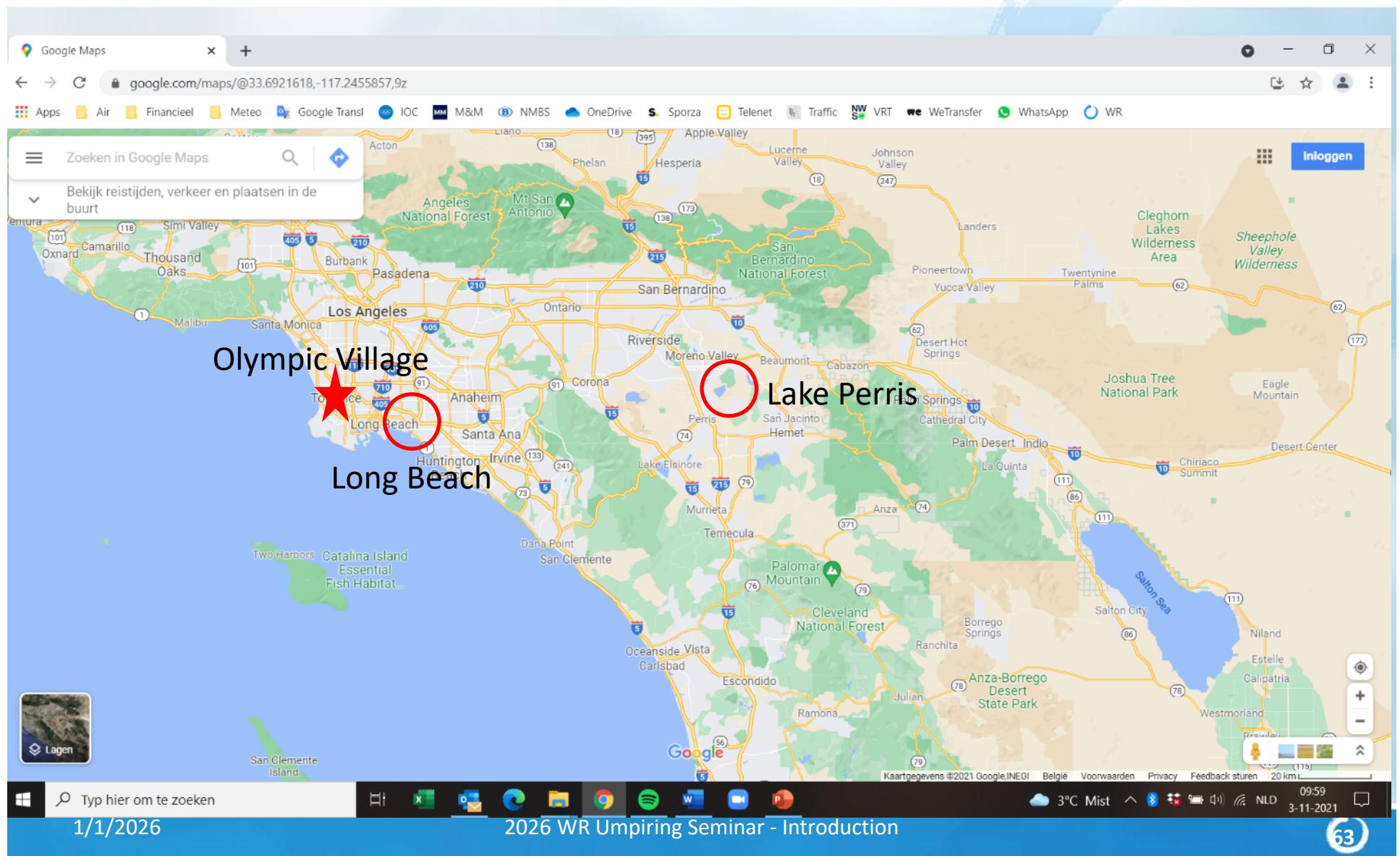
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A screenshot of a Google Maps search result. The map shows a route from 'Olympic Village' (marked with a red star) to 'Lake Perris' (marked with a red circle). A blue double-headed arrow indicates the distance between the two locations. The map also shows the Los Angeles area, the Salton Sea, and various national forests and parks. The search bar at the top contains the URL 'google.com/maps/@33.6921618,-117.2455857,9z'. The bottom of the screen shows the Windows taskbar with various icons and the date '3-11-2021'.

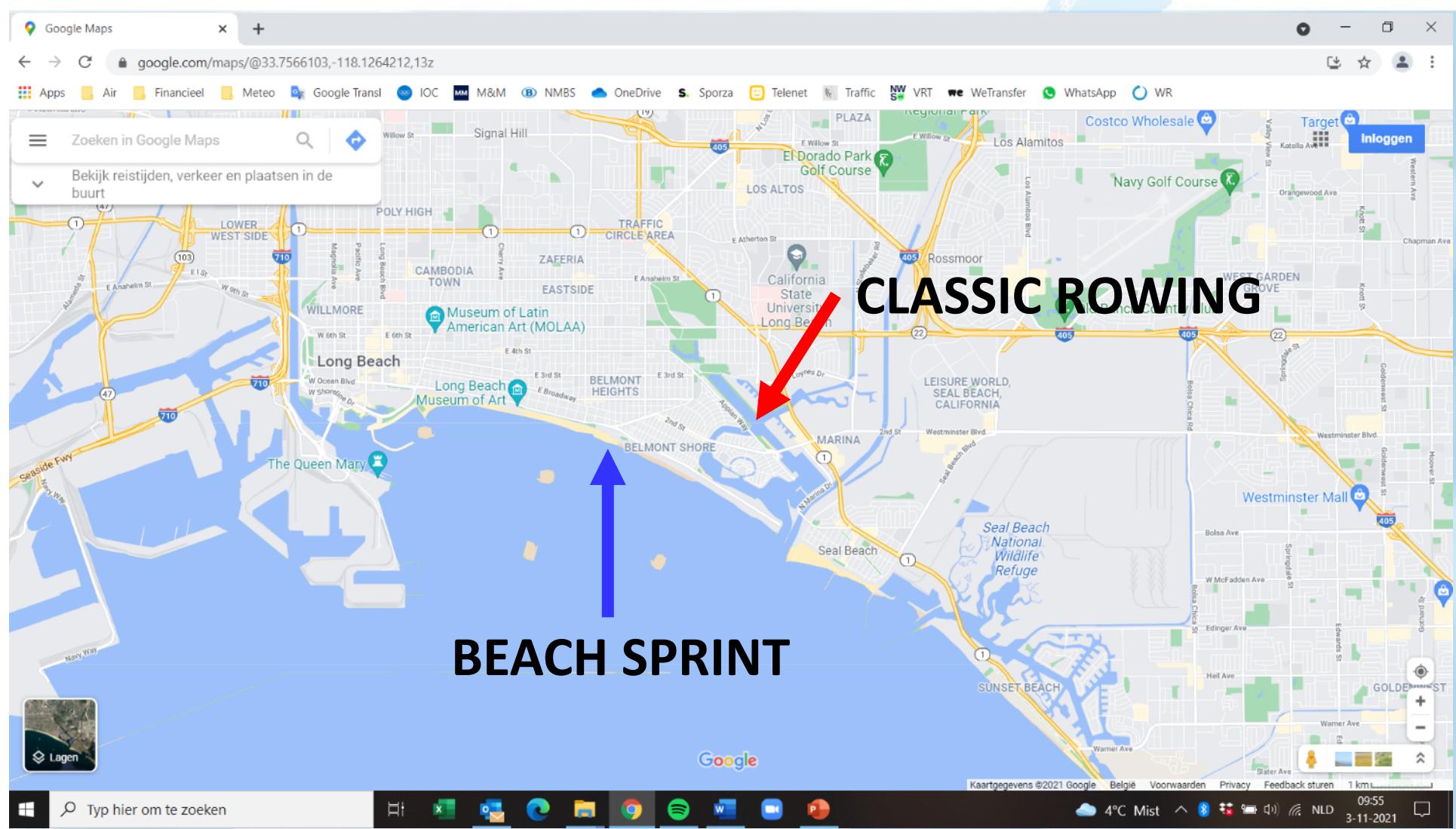


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2028 Olympic Schedule

CLASSIC ROWING

- 6 DAYS OF FINALS WITH MEDALS

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7	DAY 8	DAY 9
<i>Saturday, July 15</i>	<i>Sunday, July 16</i>	<i>Monday, July 17</i>	<i>Tuesday, July 18</i>	<i>Wednesday, July 19</i>	<i>Thursday, July 20</i>	<i>Friday, July 21</i>	<i>Saturday, July 22</i>	<i>Sunday, July 23</i>
Preliminary	Preliminary	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	
12:00 PM - 2:15 PM	12:00 PM - 2:15 PM	12:30 PM - 2:40 PM	1:30 PM - 3:40 PM	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	10:00 AM - 11:20 AM	10:30 AM - 11:50 AM	
ROW01	ROW02	ROW03	ROW04	ROW05	ROW06	ROW07	ROW08	RESERVE

COASTAL ROWING – Beach Sprints

DAY 10	DAY 11
<i>Monday, July 24</i>	<i>Tuesday, July 25</i>
Preliminary	Preliminary
8:30 AM - 12:15 PM	10:00 AM - 11:50 AM
RCB01	RCB03
Final	Final
2:30 PM - 4:50 PM	2:00 PM - 3:20 PM
RCB02	RCB04

4 Session Option - Overview							
Day 1				Day 2			
Session 1		Session 3		Session 1		Session 3	
8:30	TT 1	W1x		10:00	TT 1	Mix2x	
	M1x				TT 2	Mix2x	
	TT 2	W1x			Last 16	Mix2x	
	M1x				M1x		
	Last 16	W1x					
12:15							
Session 2				Session 4			
14:30/14:35	Last 8	W1x		14:00/14:05	Last 8	Mix2x	
	M1x				VC	Mix2x	
	VCs	W1x			M1x		
16:50							



2028 Paralympic Schedule

Competition Schedule – Para Rowing

	DAY 1 18-Aug	DAY 2 19-Aug	DAY 3 20-Aug
	Heats 09:00 PR1 W1x 09:15 PR1 W1x	Heats 09:00 PR2 Mix2x 09:15 PR2 Mix2x	Finals B 09:00 PR2 Mix2x 09:15 PR3 Mix2x 09:30 PR3 Mix4+
	09:30 PR1 M1x 09:45 PR1 M1x	09:30 PR3 Mix4+ 09:45 PR3 Mix4+	
	10:00 PR3 Mix2x 10:15 PR3 Mix2x	Finals B 10:00 PR1 W1x 10:15 PR1 M1x	FINALS A 09:45 PR2 Mix2x 10:00 PR3 Mix2x 10:15 PR3 Mix4+
		10:30 10:45 FINALS A PR1 W1x PR1 M1x	



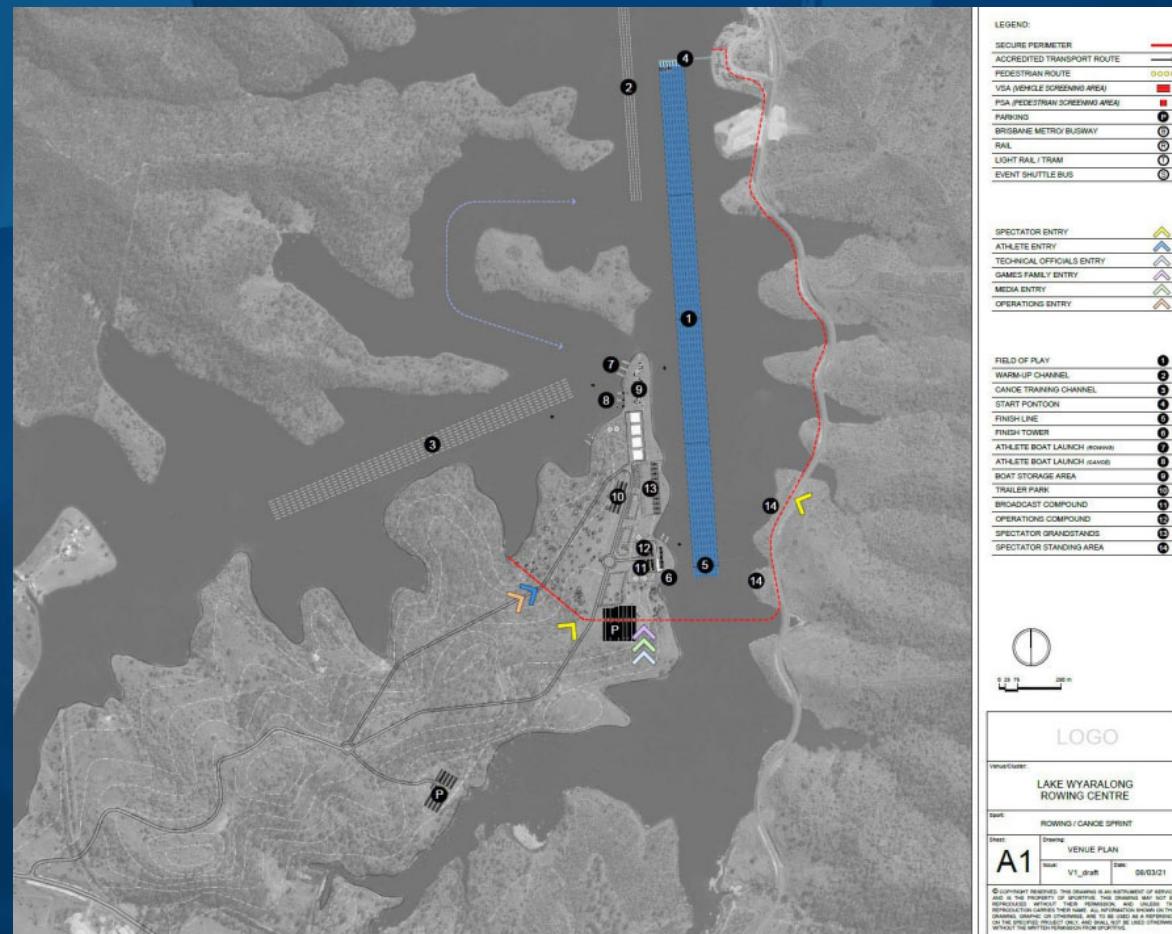
Brisbane



Originally proposed Brisbane - Wyaralong Dam

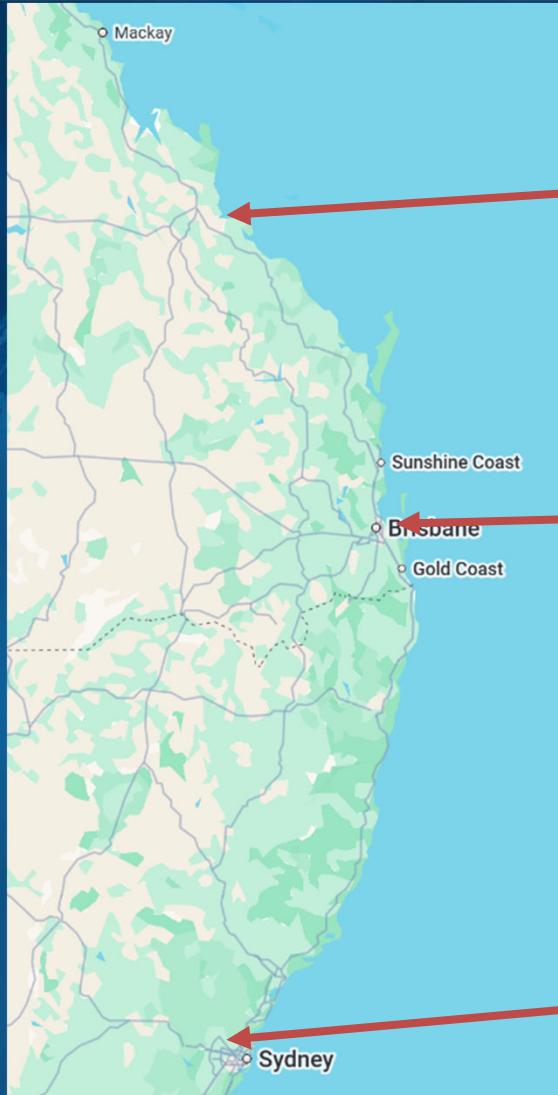


Brisbane - Wyaralong Dam



Brisbane Course

- For various reasons the Wyaralong Dam is no longer being considered
- The Organising Committee has suggested the Fitzroy River north of Brisbane
 - Concerns of flow and crocodiles
 - World Rowing and the International Canoe Federation have not committed to the Fitzroy River and talks are still ongoing
- Another option is the 2000 Sydney Olympic Penrith Course



Fitzroy River

Brisbane

Penrith

SEAP

STRATEGIC EVENTS ALLOCATION PROCEDURE

MAKING EVENTS MORE ATTRACTIVE

LENGTH – NUMBER OF EVENTS – NUMBER OF ROUNDS

LANE ALLOCATION BY ATHLETES

TO ALLOW THE CREWS TO ALLOCATE THE LANE BY THEMSELVES

CREW INTRODUCTION JUST BEFORE START

STARTING CREWS MORE “IN THE PICTURE” – INTERACTION WITH PUBLIC

SEAP

- IDENTIFY LOCAL “INTEREST”
- MORE FINAL DECISIONS BY COUNCIL
- MORE UNIVERSAL SPREAD OF THE WR EVENTS

BUT:

- LACK OF (UNIVERSAL) INTEREST FOR SOME EVENTS
- ALLOCATION SUFFICIENT “ON TIME” vs. ASSURED SUPPORT OF “AUTHORITIES”
- A SMALL GROUP OF “REGULAR” ORGANISERS

- **THE FACTS:**
 - LENGTH OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS (WRCH: 8 days)
 - A LOT OF PRESSURE TOWARDS OC
 - INCREASING COSTS FOR OC & PARTICIPANTS
 - “NON ATTRACTIVE” ROUNDS (R in particular)
 - MEDIA NOT COVERING THE FULL CHAMPIONSHIP
- **“SOLUTIONS”:**
 - SCRATCH A NUMBER OF EVENTS WITH REGULAR LOW ENTRIES
 - SKIP THE REPECHAGES
 - ABANDON THE DOGMA OF 1 RACE PER DAY
 - ABANDON THE DOGMA OF 1 REST DAY BETWEEN S and F
 - ? DO WE NEED AN ANNUAL WR (ER) CH (seniors) ?

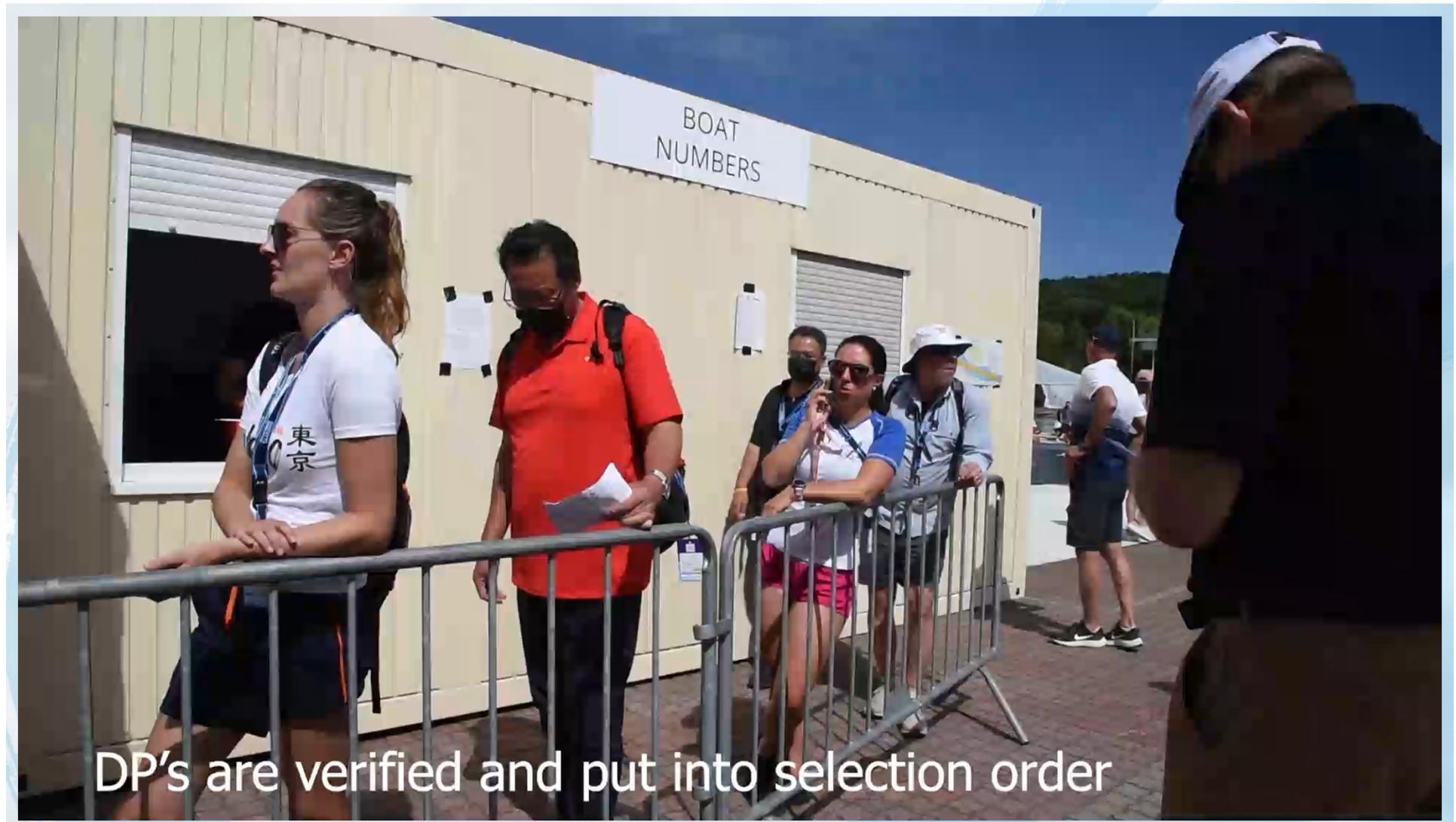
- **THE FACTS:**
 - SEASON : MAY – SEPTEMBER
 - 4 (5) EVENTS : 3 WRCups – 1 ERCH – 1 WRCH
 - AT LEAST 3 WEEKS BETWEEN THOSE EVENTS
 - CONCENTRATED IN EUROPE
 - VERY EXPENSIVE FOR NON EUROPEANS TO STAY
 - MORE FORMATS THAN 30 YEARS AGO MONTHS IN EUROPE
- **“SOLUTIONS”:**
 - CONTINENTAL EVENTS AS SEASON “STARTERS”
 - REDUCE THE INTERVAL BETWEEN REGATTAS
 - USE THE CONTINENTAL EVENTS AND WRCups AS QUALIFIERS OF THE WRCH
 - “LIMITED PARTICIPATION” AT WRCH

ACTUAL SITUATION

- MIDDLE LANES ALLOCATED TO BEST CREWS OF PREVIOUS ROUNDS, ETC.

PROJECT

- TO ALLOW THE CREWS TO ALLOCATE THE LANE BY THEMSELVES
- PRIORITY TO BEST RANKED OF PREVIOUS ROUND
- LOT OF TECHNICAL AND PRACTICAL ISSUES TO BE SOLVED
 - INFORMATICS
 - “WISHES OF THE ATHLETES”
 - COMMUNICATION TO MEDIA & PUBLIC



DP's are verified and put into selection order

ACTUAL SITUATION

CALM AND SILENT IN START AREA – ONLY STARTER's VOICE

PROJECT

MORE INTERACTIVE INTRODUCTION OF THE CREWS

BETWEEN 1MIN 40SEC AND 30 SECONDS BEFORE THE START

PUBLIC APPLAUSE TO BE HEARD IN START AREA AND POSSIBLE
REACTIONS FROM THE CREWS

CREW INTRODUCTION DURING START

Time to start	Starter	IRC operator	Tower announcer	TV director
- 02:00	"2 Minutes" call			opening graphics and start list
- 01:50	announcement of yellow cards or any other relevant messages to the finalists*		race introduction	side shot
- 01:40	order to stop IRC in case of urgent issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • opening sound channel • volume control • reacting to starting umpire's requests (decrease volume or shut down completely) 	lane-by-lane introduction following the TV pictures	lane-by-lane pictures alternating with wide or side shots
- 00:30		closing sound channel	last information / silence	shots of crews getting ready
- 00:20	roll call		<i>roll call and starting commands / buzzer live</i>	side shot
~ 00:05	"attention" – red light			
00:00	buzzer – green light		commentary start	starting sequence (side or back shot)

**BIDIRECTIONAL
NEWSLETTER
INPUT FROM THE UMPIRES**

**RULES WORKING GROUP
GOAL
INPUT NOT LIMITED TO RWG MEMBERS
PLANNING 2026 AND BEYOND**

FINALLY...

EDUCATION

- SEMINARS IN PERSON vs. ONLINE
- ELIGIBILITY

WR UMPIRES LICENSE

- UNIQUE LICENSE vs. “REGIONAL LICENSE”
“DIVERSIFYING RELATED TO FORMAT”

UMPIRES UNIFORM

- DIFFERENT FORMATS – DIFFERENT UNIFORMS...
- NATIONAL IDENTIFICATIONS – NEUTRALITY PERCEPTION

1991 - 2025...



**“Many thanks for your contribution
and your support”** (Patrick Rombaut)



Thank you!

