

FRG Germania men and Crefelder RC women win Rowing Champions League

The world premiere of the Rowing Champions League has been a great success. Frankfurter RG Germania won the mens final in dramatic fashion by beating their main rivals Crefelder RC merely by a canvas. In the best time of the day - 47,99 min - they were 50/100 sec. ahead. In the women's final of Rowing Champions League however, Crefelder RC beat Havelqueen Berlin by almost 1 length in a time of 56,49 min. With silver medal winners Havelqueen Berlin finishing in 57:51 sec.

Four weeks after the rowing world championships in Amsterdam the best European clubs and universities competed at the historical East-Side-Gallery, directly in front of O2-World in Berlin. Rowing Champions League takes place over a distance of 350m. Thousands of spectators watched the action from the banks of the Spree from start to finish.

President Gerhard Meuer was very satisfied: „That was club rowing at its highest level. Exciting races with dramatic finishes and changing leads even during races over the short sprint distance of 350m. Unfortunately the weather was very changeable during the morning, however the level of competition was outstanding.“

Clubs and universities of 10 European countries qualified for the finals of Rowing Champions League 2014 in Berlin. Leander Club, Lotto Bydgoscia Bydgoszcz and Dukla Prag are knocking on the door of the German dominance of this racing format which results from the German rowing regularly in Ruder-Bundesliga.