



2008 Rowing World Cup II Lucerne, Switzerland

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MEDIA GUIDE SUPPLEMENT





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1. General

1.1 Lucerne welcomes second stage of the 2008 Rowing World Cup

Rowing is a big tradition in Lucerne, with rowing regattas being hosted here for over 150 years, and the sport is part of the city culture. Each year, the Rowing World Cup is a firm institution in the social calendar of anyone who is anybody in Lucerne.

Among the international rowing community, Lucerne, and its famed Rotsee (also known as the lake of the gods) are considered as the international rowing "Mecca". This, combined with all the beautiful sites and activities on offer in the city, make this regatta a "not-to-be-missed" event on the rowing calendar.

The rendez-vous will be attended by 38 national teams. After Great Britain's domination of Rowing World Cup I in Munich at the beginning of the month, the top crews are back to try to earn valuable World Cup points as well as some essential international racing experience in their preparation for this year's Olympic Games.

You shall find in this Media Guide Supplement all the info you need about the Rowing World Cup series. There is also a wide range of additional data in the Annual Media Guide which is available from the press centre staff. Don't forget to also consult the online athlete and results database on www.worldrowing.com for detailed information on all current and past rowers who raced at World Rowing events.

As already mentioned in Munich, we are very pleased to welcome on board Siemens as our new official sponsor for the 2008 Rowing World Cup series. Siemens is a leading global engineering company which provides innovative solutions to help tackle the world's major challenges, across the key industrial sectors of energy, industry and healthcare. Siemens is also a key provider of IT services and solutions and financial services and has been a loyal partner to the British Rowing team since 2006. We are delighted to have them as part of the rowing family once again.

As usual, we cannot forget to acknowledge all our longstanding partners: the European Broadcasting Union, WCSN, IMG Media, Swiss Timing and Swiss Timing Innovations as well as Supervision who have helped us throughout the years to provide exciting events, images, results and web services to rowers around the world and without whose expertise we would not be able to stage any of these events.

Of course without the support and dedication of the national teams there would be no racing and FISA appreciates all the efforts made by the National Federations in attending and maintaining the quality of racing at these events.

Last but not least, we are very grateful to you, the media, for your support and enthusiasm which helps increase the popularity of rowing each year worldwide. Thank you!

We wish you all exciting racing, and do not hesitate to contact us should you have any comments or suggestions on how we could improve our services to you throughout the season.

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1.2 The Rowing World Cup - Scoring system, Titles and Prizes

The Rowing World Cup in its current format was created in 1997 as a partnership between successful existing regattas and FISA in order to create top competition opportunities for the athletes and in order to better promote the sport of rowing.

The Rowing World Cup is a series of three regattas that include the 14 Olympic boat classes seeking points based on finish order. At each regatta, the national rowing federation with the most points at that particular regatta will be declared winner of that Rowing World Cup event and will receive the leading nation cup.

The title of Rowing World Cup champion in each Olympic boat class shall be conferred on the federation with the most points earned from racing in that boat class in all three regattas.

The National Federation with the most points overall from all Olympic boat classes will be declared overall winner of the Rowing World Cup. This will take place following the final race at the final Rowing World Cup regatta on Lake Malta in Poznan, Poland from 20 to 22 June.

At each regatta, in each event, the highest placing boat from a National Federation will be awarded the following points:

Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1 st	8	4 th	4	7 th	1
2 nd	6	5 th	3		
3 rd	5	6 th	2		

Points will not be awarded to the second crew of a federation placing a crew in one of the first 7 places.

Olympic and Rowing World Cup Boat Classes

Men

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

Women

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

Note: The other boat classes are known as International events



2. Rowing World Cup II – Lucerne, Switzerland

2.1 Key Media Information

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Media accreditation deadline: 16 May 2008

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

Currency

The official currency is the Swiss Franc

Exchange rates (at 19/05/08) – (source: www.XE.com)

UK	£1	=	2.04 CHF
USA	\$1	=	1.04 CHF
EUR	1	=	1.63 CHF

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Transport

Transport and Parking

You will need to make your own way to the regatta course. We strongly recommend using public transport. Bus number 1 in direction to Maihof runs every 5-10 minutes during the day (see timetable attached). From the bus stops Weggismatt or Rotseestrasse it takes about 10 minutes to walk down to the Rotsee.

There is only a very limited number of parking space available and these will only be available at the regatta course on Saturday and Sunday.

Should you need a parking place, please ask at the media office for a parking card. Priority will be given to those persons with heavy equipment such as photographers.

Media Facilities

The media centre will be open on Thursday, 29 May 16:00-18:00 and from Friday 30 May to Sunday 1 June from one hour prior to the first race until one hour after the last race of the day.

The media centre and tribune are located in the grandstand closest to the finish tower on the finish tower side of the course.

TV commentator positions are situated on the opposite side of the course. Ask at the media centre information desk for access to the commentary positions. The positions must be booked in advance through EBU/SFDRS.

Radio commentator positions are situated on the media grandstands. Please be sure to book your ISDN line through the host broadcaster if required. Individual monitors are not available for radio commentary booths.

The usual facilities are available to the press in the media centre and the tribune:

- Workspaces with power.
- Access to free wireless LAN in tribune (for technical information see www.pwlan.ch by Swisscom Mobile)
- Free remote access, ADSL/analogue/ISDN lines, are available at separate workplaces, to be shared with other users
- Private telephone/ISDN lines are available for radio stations only (to be booked through the host broadcaster)
- NB: no private telephone/data lines are available in the grandstand any more
- Internet terminal available
- International telephones in the press office
- Fax machine and copy service
- TV monitors in the media centre (no individual monitors on work place)
- Coffee, soft drinks, light snacks and sandwiches are freely available.
- For technical information contact media@runderwelt-luzern.ch

Note: Power sockets are Swiss two and/or three pin



Accreditation

Media accreditation requests can be made online through www.worldrowing.com. Go to “Media Centre” in the main menu. Local media should contact the local press officer directly.

Photographers

Photographers wishing to be taken to the start should sign up at the media centre information desk to ensure transport is organised in time for the chosen races. This service will leave from the Regatta Restaurant, in the small car park behind the finish area. Please ask in the media office for the shuttle schedule.

General Programme

Monday, 19 May 2008		Close of entries
Wednesday 28 May 2008		Opening of official training
Thursday 29 May 2008	17:00	Team Managers' Meeting and Draw
Friday 30 May	09:00	Heats and Repechages
Saturday 31 May	09:00	Repechages, semis and Finals C, D, E
	17:30	Finals A – International Events
	20:00	Nations Dinner
Sunday 1 June	09:30	Finals B and A – World Cup events
	12:00	Junior City Eight
	13:00	Thomas Keller Medal presentation
	approx. 15:45	End of the Regatta

Other useful information sources

www.worldrowing.com

The official World Rowing website provides detailed coverage of the Rowing World Cups. The live race viewer and race results feed allows you to follow the racing as it happens.

A wide range of photos covering the event will be uploaded regularly to the website photo gallery. Should you wish to get usage of these photos contact the World Rowing communications staff who will be happy to put you in touch with the right photographer.

Live internet streaming of the event is available on the WCSN website (www.wcsn.com). See www.worldrowing.com for a direct link.

World Rowing Athletes and Results database

Powered by Rowing One, this is perhaps the most comprehensive database of athlete biographies and results. We'd like to encourage you to use this fantastic resource. We will have PCs running the athletes database in the media centre. Please ask a member of the FISA media team to show you around the site.

www.infostradasports.com

World Rowing have compiled this media guide in association with Infostrada Sports Media Services. Infostrada provide historical and statistical information on a wide range of sports – from football to Formula 1 to rowing.



2.2 World Rowing Press Release

International Rowing

**For immediate release:
Lausanne, 22 May 2008**

Lake Rotsee welcomes 38 nations to Rowing World Cup II

A total of 627 competitors will compete at the second stage of the 2008 Rowing World Cup series which will be held from 30 May to 1 June 2008 at Lake Rotsee in Lucerne, Switzerland.

Defending the colours of 38 nations, a total of 251 crews will race in 17 events. Only 14 of these events earn points toward the highly contended World Cup. Points are awarded to the first seven crews ranking in the 14 Olympic category boat classes.

The Canadian team makes their first 2008 appearance in full force at Lucerne with 13 boats entered. Also travelling from afar is an extended New Zealand squad that includes their Olympic crews. This will be the chance to see Mahe Drysdale in the single sculls and his national team opponent Rob Waddell who shall be competing in the men's double with Nathan Cohen for the first time this year on the international circuit following this spring's highly publicised New Zealand Olympic team trials.

After a very successful and highly attended first Rowing World Cup in Munich, Germany, at the beginning of the month, the team from Great Britain lead the World Cup points table with 59 points. The German team, who were competing on home turf, gained 56 World Cup points in Munich, and with 22 crews entered (one more than Great Britain) they shall be making a big push to get ahead in the rankings and re-gain their dominant position.

China, this year's Olympic host nation, also travel to Lucerne in large numbers as they continue to narrow down who will be in the Olympic boats for their country.

This second Rowing World Cup event (as well as the other two events in the series) has particularly high stakes this year. Results at these three regattas, as well as last year's qualification World Rowing Championships, will be taken into consideration by FISA's seeding committee when placing boats in heats for the Olympic Regatta. With so much to gain from a good performance, the racing during this year's Rowing World Cup series promises to be highly competitive.

For the full list of entries, by event and by nation, please visit our website www.worldrowing.com. The website will also provide an event by event preview, race reports and photo galleries during and after the regatta.



The Rowing World Cup series will be televised and streamed live through World Rowing's partner website www.wcsn.com. This service can be accessed through www.worldrowing.com. As usual, the live race viewer and live audio streaming of the race commentary will be available throughout the whole regatta.

The Rowing World Cup series was launched in 1997 and includes all 14 Olympic boat classes. The overall **Rowing World Cup** champions are determined after a series of three regattas. Germany has dominated the series since its beginning ten years ago. This year, the three stages of the series will be held in Munich (GER) 8 to 11 May, Lucerne (SUI) 30 May to 1 June and Poznan (POL) 20 to 22 June.

Media accreditation can be requested through the website (www.worldrowing.com > media > media accreditation).

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2.3 Time Table of Events (provisional at close of entries)

Lucerne, Switzerland

30 May - 1 June 2008

PROVISIONAL COMPETITION SCHEDULE (Subject to the Draw at 17:00 hrs on Thursday, 29 May 2008)

As of Tuesday, 20 May 2008

N°	Event	#	Friday, 30 May 2008			Saturday, 31 May 2008			** Sun. 1 June 2008											
			Heats	Repechages & Friday Finals	Semi-Finals	Reps	FE	F	D	F	C	Reps	Semi-Finals	Final B	Final A	Final B	N°	Event	Final A	
International events																				
17	LW1x	12	09:30 09:36			09:30 09:36						16:56	17:10							
18	LM1x	12	09:42 09:48			09:42 09:48						17:02	17:22							
21	LM2-	6		*16:00									17:34							
22	LW4x	0																		
23	LM4x	0																		
19	LM8+	0																		
World Cup Events																				
1	W1x	24	09:54 10:00	10:12		16:06 16:12	16:18 16:24													
2	M1x	27	10:18 10:24	10:30 10:36	10:42 10:48	16:30 16:36	16:42 16:48													
3	W2-	14	10:54 11:00	11:06	16:54															
4	M2-	23	11:12 11:18	11:24 11:30	17:00 17:06	17:12 17:18														
5	W2x	17	11:36 11:42	11:48	17:24 17:30															
	*JM8**	6																		
6	M2x	12	12:06 12:12																	
7	M4-	16	12:18 12:24	12:30	17:36 17:42															
8	LW2x	18	12:36 12:42	12:48	17:48 17:54															
9	LM2x	20	12:54 13:00	13:06 13:12	18:00 18:06															
10	LM4-	13	13:18 13:24	13:30	18:12															
11	W4x	8	13:36 13:42																	
12	M4x	12	13:48 13:54																	
13	W6+	8	14:00 14:06																	
14	M8+	9	14:12 14:18																	
Training Times			6:00-9:00, after 18:30 hrs			6:00-9:00, 11:30-13:00, after 18:00 hrs			6:00-8:48											

* Races for allocation of lanes

*JM8** - Junior Men City Eight's race

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

Follow the live results on www.worldrowing.com



2.4 Actual Entries by Event (provisional at close of entries)

Olympic Events													
W1x	M1x	W2-	M2-	W2x	M2x	M4-	LW2x	LM2x	LM4-	W4x	M4x	W8+	M8+
[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]	[11]	[12]	[13]	[14]
24	27	14	23	17	12	16	18	20	13	8	12	8	9
ARG AUS BEL BLR BRA BUL CHI CHN CUB CZE FIN FRA1 FRA2 GBR1 GBR2 GER IRL1 IRL2 KOR NED NZL POL RSA SWE	ARG AUT BEL BRA CHI COL CZE EST FIN FRA GBR1 GBR2 GER1 GER2 IRL MEX MON NED NZL1 NZL2 SLO SUI SWE USA VEN	AUS1 AUS2 BLR CAN CHN1 CHN2 FRA GBR GER1 GER2 GER3 NZL USA1 USA2	AUS1 AUS2 BRA CAN1 CAN2 CHN1 CHN2 FIN CZE DEN EGY FRA1 FRA2 GBR1 GBR2 GER1 GER2 IRL1 IRL2 IRL3 NZL POL RSA SRB	AUS1 AUS2 BLR CHN1 CHN2 EST FIN FRA GER GBR NED NZL NOR NZL SUI USA1 USA2 USA3	AUS BEL BLR CAN CHN EGY FRA GBR GER NED NZL VEN	ARG AUS CAN CAN CRO CZE EGY FRA GBR1 GBR2 GER1 GER2 IRL KOR NED NZL SLO USA	AUS BRA CAN CAN CHN CHN DEN FRA FRA FRA GER GER IRL KOR MEX NED NZL POL RSA SWE	AUS AUT1 AUT2 BRA CAN CAN CZE DEN1 DEN2 FRA FRA GER GER IRL FIN FRA1 FRA2 GBR GER HUN IRL KOR NZL POL1 POL2	AUS CAN CAN CHN1 CHN2 EGY GBR GER UKR USA USA	ARG AUS CAN CAN CUB EGY FRA GBR GER POL SLO UKR USA	AUS CAN CHN GBR GER NED USA USA	AUS CAN CHN CRO FRA GBR GER NED POL	

Internet Service: www.worldrowing.com

FISA Data Service





International Events					
LW1x	LM1x	LM8+	LM2-	LW4x	LM4x
[17]	[18]	[19]	[20]	[21]	[22]

12	12		6		
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BEL	CAN	DEN
CAN	CHN	FRA
CHN	CUB	GBR
DEN	FRA1	GER
FIN	FRA2	NED1
GBR	GBR	NED2
GER	GER	
NOR	NED1	
POL1	NED2	
POL2	NZL	
SWE	SUI	
VEN	VEN	

	NFs	Crews	Competitors
Men	35	99	285
Women	27	71	184
Lightweight Men	22	51	114
Lightweight Women	21	30	46
Total	38	251	627

Legend

W1x	Women's Single Sculls	M1x	Men's Single Sculls	W2-	Women's Pair	M2-	Men's Pair
W2x	Women's Double Sculls	M2x	Men's Double Sculls	M4-	Men's Four	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	LW1x	Lightweight Women's Single Sculls	LM1x	Lightweight Men's Single Sculls
LM8+	Lightweight Men's Eight	LM2-	Lightweight Men's Pair	LW4x	Lightweight Women's Quadruple Sculls	LM4x	Lightweight Men's Quadruple Sculls

Internet Service: www.worldrowing.com
 FISA Data Service





2.5 Who to Watch in Lucerne

Canada has arrived in full force at Lucerne along with an extended New Zealand squad that includes their Olympic crews. After winning the first Rowing World Cup in Munich, Great Britain is back and hoping to repeat its opening season success. China and Germany both arrive with large squads as they continue to narrow down who will be in the Olympic boats for their country. This is the second of three Rowing World Cups for 2008.

Women's Single Sculls (W1x)

It was a sluggish start to the season for top sculler Romyana Neykova of Bulgaria and China's best Xiuyun Zhang at the first Rowing World Cup in Munich earlier this month. Neykova didn't finish the racing because of illness and Zhang only managed a B Final position. There is no doubt these two will be stepping up in Lucerne to go after medals and shake off World Cup leader Ekaterina Karsten of Belarus.

But Mirka Knapkova of the Czech Republic will almost certainly be part of the medals picture. Knapkova finished with silver behind Karsten at Munich and is willing to take race plan risks to get to the top. Last year's under-23 World Champion Emma Twigg of New Zealand is coming along strong and promises to pressure the best.

W1x: Major results since 2004

Place	OG 04	WRCh 05	WRCh 06	WRCh 07
1	GER	BLR	BLR	BLR
2	BLR	CZE	CZE	BUL
3	BUL	USA	SWE	USA
4	CZE	FRA	FRA	CZE
5	NZL	SWE	USA	CHN
6	ESP	RUS	RUS	NZL
7	RUS	AUS	SLO	FRA
8	SWE	GER	ITA	POL
9	USA	GBR	ESP	SWE
10	NED	SCG	CUB	RUS
11	CHI	RSA	SCG	ITA
12	MEX	LAT	GER	ESP

Men's Single Sculls (M1x)

Great Britain's Alan Campbell got off to a roaring start by winning gold at the first Rowing World Cup. This time he will be facing current World Champion Mahe Drysdale of New Zealand for the first time since last year's World Rowing Championships. Drysdale comes to Europe after spending much of his New Zealand summer season battling for his single spot against 2000 Olympic Champion Rob Waddell. Often Drysdale starts the international season off slowly, but it will be interesting to see the impact of this recent hard racing.

Czech Republic's Ondrej Synek is turning into a consistent medallist. He finished with silver at Munich and has matured in his ability to race under different circumstances. He will be one to watch along with Norway's Olaf Tufte who, like Drysdale, improves as the season progresses. Keep an eye out also for both German entries. Marcel Hacker is inconsistent but when he races well, he is a gold medal prospect. On the other hand, Germany's second entry in the single Karsten Brodowski is young and gifted with an under-23 world champion title already under his belt.

M1x: Major results since 2004

Place	OG 04	WRCh 05	WRCh 06	WRCh 07
1	NOR	NZL	NZL	NZL
2	EST	NOR	GER	CZE
3	BUL	CZE	CZE	NOR
4	ARG	BEL	NOR	GBR
5	CZE	CUB	BEL	GER
6	BEL	GER	GBR	SWE
7	GER	NED	SWE	BEL
8	SUI	SWE	NED	ARG
9	SLO	AUS	SUI	SUI
10	GBR	SCG	ARG	NED
11	AUS	ARG	CUB	AUS
12	CUB	GBR	USA	BUL

Women's Pair (W2-)

At the first Rowing World Cup this event was an open slate with China's You Wu and Yulan Gao finally taking the top prize, and comfortably so, with World Champions Belarus nowhere to be seen. Can Gao and Wu do it again? With silver medallists Germany not racing, it will be up to Australia to have a better race and former World Champions New Zealand to step up at their first international regatta of the season.

W2-: Major results since 2004

Place	OG 04	WRCh 05	WRCh 06	WRCh 07
1	ROU	NZL	CAN	BLR
2	GBR	AUS	NZL	GER
3	BLR	RUS	GER	ROU
4	CAN	ROU	USA	AUS
5	GER	BLR	NED	NZL
6	NZL	USA	DEN	CHN
7	CHN	GER	ROU	USA
8	BUL	FRA	CHN	CAN
9	USA	DEN	AUS	NED
10	FRA	BUL	BLR	DEN
11		NED	GBR	RUS
12		INA		GBR

Men's Pair (M2-)

Last year's gold and silver medallists are back. There has always been big rivalry between top dogs Drew Ginn and Duncan Free of Australia and New Zealand rivals Nathan Twaddle and George Bridgewater. They will meet in Lucerne to check out how their recent training places them on the international scene. At this regatta, however, they will not get to meet the best from the first Rowing World Cup as Croatia and Switzerland are not racing this time.

Instead it will be France's Erwan Peron and Laurent Cadot who will be the pace setters. Keep an eye out also for the Czech Republic. Vaclav Chalupa and Jakub Makovicka look to be coming together well and will be hoping to show improvement as they prepare to qualify for the Beijing Olympics at the Final Olympic Qualification Regatta in June.

M2-: Major results since 2004

Place	OG 04	WRCh 05	WRCh 06	WRCh 07
1	AUS	NZL	AUS	AUS
2	CRO	RSA	NZL	NZL
3	RSA	ITA	CAN	GBR
4	NZL	CAN	CHN	FRA
5	SCG	GRE	GER	RSA
6	GER	CRO	GBR	SRB
7	GBR	GER	RSA	POL
8	ITA	SLO	ITA	USA
9	SLO	AUS	CZE	GER
10	ARG	GBR	SLO	CRO
11	USA	CZE	SCG	DEN
12	CZE	FRA	USA	CAN

Women's Double Sculls (W2x)

China dominated this race at the first Rowing World Cup taking out the top two spots. Both crews will race against each other again as their coaches continue the Olympic selection process. At present reigning World Champions Qin Li and Liang Tian have the edge. But with the arrival of reigning Olympic Champions Caroline and Georgina Evers-Swindell of New Zealand, the Chinese might not manage a repeat performance.

Annekatrin Thiele and Christiane Huth of Germany are looking strong. They took bronze at the Munich World Cup and have had some more time to improve their rhythm together. Great Britain did not fare so well at Munich and have reshuffled their crew going back to last year's bronze medal combination of Elise Laverick and Anna Bebington. The field also contains many of the top lightweight combinations including World Champions Australia, Finland's top duo and USA Three which is currently the top lightweight combination in their country.

W2x: Major results since 2004

Place	OG 04	WRCh 05	WRCh 06	WRCh 07
1	NZL	NZL	AUS	CHN
2	GER	BUL	GER	NZL
3	GBR	AUS	NZL	GBR
4	BUL	GER	GBR	ROU
5	ROU	GBR	UKR	CZE
6	UKR	ITA	BLR	GER
7	FRA	NOR	CZE	ITA
8	ITA	USA	CHN	USA
9	AUS	BLR	HUN	AUS
10	RUS	JPN	ITA	HUN
11		KOR	FRA	KOR
12			USA	NOR

Men's Double Sculls (M2x)

There is no denying the power of Matthew Wells and Stephen Rowbotham of Great Britain. They took gold at the first Rowing World Cup but, going by last season, Wells and Rowbotham have not always been able to maintain the top billing. This time they will face World Champions Iztok Cop and Luka Spik of Slovenia, who missed Munich due to Spik having back problems.

Great Britain will also race again against Munich's World Cup silver (Germany's Clemens Wenzel and Falko Nolte) and bronze medallists (Australia's Scott Brennan and David Crawshay). There will be many eyes and expectant looks going New Zealand's way. Sitting in the bow of the Kiwi double is Rob Waddell who has come back to the sport after an eight-year hiatus. He joins the much shorter, but very dynamic, Nathan Cohen.

M2x: Major results since 2004

Place	OG 04	WRCh 05	WRCh 06	WRCh 07
1	FRA	SLO	FRA	SLO
2	SLO	ITA	SLO	FRA
3	ITA	GER	GBR	EST
4	EST	BUL	POL	GBR
5	CZE	UKR	BUL	BLR
6	USA	BEL	BEL	NZL
7	NOR	FRA	GER	CRO
8	GBR	CRO	CRO	AUS
9	GER	POL	BLR	USA
10	CUB	USA	NOR	GER
11	HUN	RUS	UKR	BEL
12	AUS	HUN	LTU	POL

Men's Four (M4-)

Great Britain won by a substantial margin at the first Rowing World Cup in Munich, but instead of being satisfied, Coach Juergen Grobler is trying a slightly different line-up as he heads towards picking the best crew for the Olympics. Meanwhile, Germany continues to test their top two boats with Germany One, who won bronze in Munich, hoping to get the Olympic nod.

The Czech Republic look like a new force on the four's scene after taking silver in Munich. This time they will go up against reigning World Champions New Zealand who open their 2008 international season here in Lucerne. Keep an eye out too for the Netherlands who only just missed out on a World Cup medal by less than a second and also the United States who are boating a mixture of some of their best sweep rowers.

M4-: Major results since 2004

Place	OG 04	WRCh 05	WRCh 06	WRCh 07
1	GBR	GBR	GBR	NZL
2	CAN	NED	GER	ITA
3	ITA	CAN	NED	NED
4	AUS	DEN	USA	GBR
5	NZL	USA	SLO	SLO
6	POL	NZL	FRA	FRA
7	GER	ITA	IRL	CZE
8	CZE	CZE	CAN	USA
9	SLO	AUS	NZL	GER
10	USA	IRL	CZE	IRL
11	RUS	POL	ESP	NZL
12	CRO	GER	ITA	AUS

Women's Lightweight Double Sculls (LW2x)

Germany's Berit Carow and Marie-Louise Draeger started the 2008 season off strongly by taking gold at the first Rowing World Cup. Following that result they look like the crew to beat at Lucerne. However there are a few unknown elements that could surprise. China has reconstituted their boat bringing back Hua Yu to join Dongxiang Xu after being in and out of the double in recent years. Then there's Denmark's Katrin Olsen and Juliane Rasmussen who finished third last year and opened their 2008 international season by racing open weight. Watch out also for the return of Olympic medallists Kirsten van der Kolk and Marit van Eupen of the Netherlands. They only just missed out on a medal at the Munich World Cup.

LW2x: Major results since 2004

Place	OG 04	WRCh 05	WRCh 06	WRCh 07
1	ROU	GER	CHN	AUS
2	GER	USA	AUS	FIN
3	NED	FIN	GRE	DEN/GER
4	AUS	POL	CAN	
5	CHN	IRL	GBR	GRE
6	POL	AUS	FIN	CHN
7	USA	GRE	IRL	CAN
8	CAN	GBR	POL	GBR
9	GBR	ITA	USA	JPN
10	DEN	RUS	GER	POL
11	ESP	ESP	ESP	USA
12	GRE	JPN	SWE	ITA

Men's Lightweight Double Sculls (LM2x)

This field has certainly gained depth since the first Rowing World Cup. World Champions Mads Rasmussen and Rasmus Quist are back racing lightweight after racing open earlier in the month. Two-time Olympic Champions Tomasz Kucharski and Robert Sycz of Poland, who are still looking to qualify for the Olympic Games, will be opening their international season in Lucerne.

But odds could well be on Great Britain's Zac Purchase and Mark Hunter who had a great start to the season when they won three weeks ago at the first Rowing World Cup in commanding fashion. Keep an eye out also for Maxime Goisset and Frederic Dufour of France. They took silver three weeks ago but looked a bit worse for wear by the finish line.

LM2x: Major results since 2004

Place	OG 04	WRCh 05	WRCh 06	WRCh 07
1	POL	HUN	DEN	DEN
2	FRA	DEN	ITA	GRE
3	GRE	POL	FRA	GBR
4	DEN	ITA	AUS	AUS
5	HUN	FRA	POL	ITA
6	JPN	GER	GER	JPN
7	USA	GBR	JPN	HUN
8	ESP	JPN	GBR	GER
9	CZE	SVK	GRE	CHN
10	IRL	USA	HUN	FRA
11	SVK	CZE	AUT	AUT
12	ITA	AUS	CAN	CAN

Men's Lightweight Four (LM4-)

As is common in this event, the field is close, and on the day a number of crews have the ability to be the top boat. At the first Rowing World Cup, 2006 World Champions China managed to regain their confidence and take gold, but their margin over Great Britain and Germany in silver and bronze medal position was small. These three countries face each other again in Lucerne. France is also back for another go. The French crew, who struck World Champion status in 2005, is trying out new team member Guillaume Raineau, and after finishing fourth three weeks ago, they will be hoping to step up a notch and onto the medals podium.

Keep an eye out also for the arrival on the international scene of Australia and Canada. Both of these boats have the merit to not only make the A Final, but also step into medal-winning positions.

LM4-: Major results since 2004

Place	OG 04	WRCh 05	WRCh 06	WRCh 07
1	DEN	FRA	CHN	GBR
2	AUS	IRL	FRA	FRA
3	ITA	ITA	IRL	ITA
4	NED	AUS	CAN	CAN
5	CAN	GER	GBR	CHN
6	IRL	POL	AUS	DEN
7	SCG	RSA	GER	AUS
8	RUS	GBR	POL	POL
9	USA	USA	USA	EGY
10	AUT	ESP	ITA	NED
11	GER	JPN	NED	USA
12	ESP	RUS	RSA	IRL

Women's Quadruple Sculls (W4x)

The odds will certainly be on three-time World Champions Great Britain to continue their winning streak. The British crew never take anything for granted and always have a wary eye on former dominators of this event, Germany. Germany is still working on their final Olympic line-up but at Lucerne they are boating the same crew that finished second (behind Great Britain) at the first Rowing World Cup.

China is still sorting out their Olympic crew by racing two boats at Lucerne. The coaches have remixed the two crews that finished third and fourth in Munich and only two of the top boat from last year (world bronze in 2007 and third at Munich's World Cup this year) remain together. This means that China could surprise as both crews have Olympic spots at stake.

W4x: Major results since 2004

Place	OG 04	WRCh 05	WRCh 06	WRCh 07
1	GER	GBR	GBR	GBR
2	GBR	GER	AUS	GER
3	AUS	RUS	GER	CHN
4	RUS	UKR	CHN	UKR
5	USA	USA	USA	CAN
6	DEN	FRA	UKR	USA
7	BLR	ROU	CAN	AUS
8		ITA		ROU
9		JPN		FRA
10				RUS
11				BLR
12				LTU

Men's Quadruple Sculls (M4x)

Poland has won the World Championships for the last three years and not lost a race since coming together in 2005. No other team can match these statistics. This puts Adam Korol, Michal Jelinski, Marek Kolbowicz and Konrad Wasielewski of Poland in the enviable position of being the crew to beat. Will Germany be the boys to do it?

Germany finished second to Poland at the first Rowing World Cup and, with a couple of adjustments to their 2007 bronze medal crew, they continue to impress. The French also look like they've taken their racing up a step especially with Slovenia breathing down their necks.

M4x: Major results since 2004

Place	OG 04	WRCh 05	WRCh 06	WRCh 07
1	RUS	POL	POL	POL
2	CZE	SLO	UKR	FRA
3	UKR	EST	EST	GER
4	POL	CZE	ITA	ITA
5	GER	FRA	CZE	CZE
6	BLR	GER	RUS	UKR
7	AUS	GBR	GER	RUS
8	SUI	RUS	USA	EST
9	EST	USA	AUS	USA
10	ITA	UKR	FRA	AUS
11	USA	AUS	BLR	CUB
12	GBR		ROU	BLR

Women's Eight (W8+)

No one could have guessed the medallists, or the huge margins, at the first Rowing World Cup. Australia won by a hefty six seconds with China in second and Romania in third. Australia and China are back to race again in Lucerne. They will face some new challenges. Germany has strengthened their line-up from the boat that raced at Munich. Canada arrive on the international scene and so do reigning World Champions, the United States. The USA will be aiming to get some hard racing practice before they shoot for Olympic gold later this year.

W8+: Major results since 2004

Place	OG 04	WRCh 05	WRCh 06	WRCh 07
1	ROU	AUS	USA	USA
2	USA	ROU	GER	ROU
3	NED	NED	AUS	GBR
4	CHN	USA	CHN	AUS
5	GER	GBR	CAN	GER
6	AUS	GER	ROU	CAN
7	CAN	BLR	NZL	NED
8		RUS	GBR	CHN
9			RUS	NZL
10			FRA	
11			BLR	
12			UKR	

Men's Eight (M8+)

Australia got their season off to a flying start by winning at the first Rowing World Cup with Great Britain and China taking out the minor medals. But all three of these crews will see the standard step up a level with the arrival of the fully intact reigning World Champions, Canada. This will mean that Lucerne has the makings of an Olympic trial run, but without the Americans. Germany is there as well as they continue to tweak and adjust their line-up in the hope of finding the perfect Olympic crew.

M8+: Major results since 2004

Place	OG 04	WRCh 05	WRCh 06	WRCh 07
1	USA	USA	GER	CAN
2	NED	ITA	ITA	GER
3	AUS	GER	USA	GBR
4	GER	GBR	AUS	USA
5	CAN	POL	GBR	RUS
6	FRA	RUS	POL	POL
7	ITA	CAN	RUS	CHN
8	POL	NED	SUI	AUS
9	GBR	FRA	CAN	SUI
10		BLR	FRA	NED
11		CRO	CHN	FRA
12		ROU	ROU	BLR

3. Current Season 2008

3.1 Rowing World Cup results 2008 - World Cup Events

(Final A results places 1 to 6 - Final B results place 7)

Men's Single Sculls (M1x)

Munich (GER)

Place	Team	Name	Time
1	Great Britain	Alan Campbell	7:26.68
2	Czech Republic	Ondrej Synek	7:27.95
3	Norway	Olaf Tufte	7:31.50
4	Sweden	Lassi Karonen	7:33.45
5	Germany	Marcel Hacker	7:41.63
6	Switzerland	André Vonarburg	7:55.39
7	Slovenia	Iztok Cop	7:26.43

Men's Pair (M2-)

Munich (GER)

Place	Team	Name	Time
1	Croatia	Sinisa Skelin Niksa Skelin	7:07.57
2	Switzerland	Florian Stofer Stefan Sax	7:07.76
3	France	Erwan Peron Laurent Cadot	7:10.58
4	Czech Republic	Jakub Makovicka Vaclav Chalupa	7:11.32
5	Italy	Giuseppe De Vita Raffaello Leonardo	7:12.45
6	Denmark	Morten Ølgaard Nielsen Thomas Larsen	7:22.33
7	United States	Jason Read Bryan Volpenhein	6:58.07

Men's Double Sculls (M2x)

Munich (GER)

Place	Team	Name	Time
1	Great Britain	Matthew Wells Stephen Rowbotham	6:52.78
2	Germany	Clemens Wenzel Falko Nolte	6:52.94
3	Australia	Scott Brennan David Crawshay	6:59.94
4	Croatia	Mario Vekic Ante Kusurin	7:00.96
5	Italy	Simone Venier Luca Agamennoni	7:10.72
6	Belgium	Christophe Raes Tim Maeyens	7:13.10
7	France	Jean-Baptiste Macquet Adrien Hardy	6:45.96

Men's Four (M4-)**Munich (GER)**

Place	Team	Name	Time
1	Great Britain	Tom Lucy Steve Williams Peter Reed	6:29.12
2	Czech Republic	Andrew Triggs-Hodge Michal Horváth Jan Gruber Milan Brunčvík Jr Karel Neffe	6:35.82
3	Germany 1	Kristof Wilke Andreas Penkner Florian Mennigen Mathias Flach	6:36.70
4	Netherlands	Matthijs Vellenga Geert Cirkel Jan-Willem Gabriels Gijs Vermeulen	6:37.42
5	Italy	Carlo Mornati Alessio Sartori Niccolò Mornati Lorenzo Carboncini	6:42.08
6	Germany 2	Gregor Hauffe Toni Seifert Urs Käufer Philipp Adamski	6:42.73
7	Slovenia	Tomaz Pirih Rok Rozman Rok Kolander Miha Pirih	6:18.25

Men's Lightweight Double Sculls (LM2x)**Munich (GER)**

Place	Team	Name	Time
1	Great Britain	Zac Purchase Mark Hunter	7:00.59
2	France 2	Maxime Goisset Frédéric Dufour	7:04.25
3	Italy 1	Lorenzo Bertini Daniele Gilardoni	7:08.35
4	China	Zhang Guolin Sun Jie	7:12.34
5	Hungary 1	Zsolt Hirling Tamas Varga	7:14.67
6	France 1	Jeremie Azou Remi Di Girolamo	7:20.52
7	Greece	Dimitrios Mougios Vasileios Polymeros	6:52.77

Men's Lightweight Four (LM4-)**Munich (GER)**

Place	Team	Name	Time
1	China 1	Huang Zhongming Wu Chongkui Zhang Lin Tian Jun	6:27.81
2	Great Britain	Richard Chambers James Lindsay-Fynn Paul Mattick James Clarke	6:28.40
3	Germany	Bastian Seibt Jost Schömann-Finck Jochen Kühner Martin Kühner	6:28.78
4	France	Franck Solforosi Guillaume Raineau Jean-Christophe Bette Fabien Tilliet	6:32.26
5	Ireland	Eugene Coakley Gearoid Towey Richard Archibald Paul Griffin	6:33.90
6	Serbia	Veljko Urosevic Nenad Babovic Goran Nedeljkovic Milos Tomic	6:43.18
7	Denmark	Thomas Ebert Bo Helleberg Mads Andersen Eskild Ebbesen	6:26.56

Men's Quadruple Sculls (M4x)**Munich (GER)**

Place	Team	Name	Time
1	Poland	Konrad Wasielewski Marek Kolbowicz Michal Jelinski Adam Korol	6:14.08
2	Germany	Stephan Krüger René Bertram Hans Gruhne Christian Schreiber	6:16.84
3	France	Pierre-Jean Peltier Cedric Berrest Jonathan Coeffic Julien Bahain	6:18.55
4	Slovenia	Janez Zupanc Jernej Jurse Janez Jurse Gasper Fistravec	6:22.24
5	Australia	Brendan Long Peter Hardcastle James McRae Dan Noonan	6:25.09
6	Italy 1	Luca Ghezzi Federico Gattinoni Rossano Galtarossa Simone Raineri	6:32.86
7	Estonia	Kaspar Taimsoo Vladimir Latin Igor Kuzmin Allar Raja	6:15.01

Men's Eight (M8+)**Munich (GER)**

Place	Team	Name	Time
1	Australia	David Dennis Sam Loch Karsten Forsterling Tom Laurich Jeremy Stevenson James Tomkins Samuel Conrad Stephen Stewart	6:05.38
2	Great Britain	Marty Rabjohns Alex Partridge Tom Stallard Matt Langridge Tom Solesbury Josh West Richard Egington Robin Bourne-Taylor Colin Smith	6:06.31
3	China	Acer Nethercott Sun Jian Zhang Guangheng Liu Zhen Wang Jingfeng Zheng Chuanqi Zhou Yinan Qu Xiaoming He Yi	6:08.32
4	Germany	Zhang Dechang Sebastian Schmidt Florian Eichner Philipp Naruhn Felix Drahotta Sebastian Schulte Thorsten Engelmann Philipp Stürer Bernd Heidicker Peter Thiede	6:13.79
5	France	Timothee De Lagarde Benjamin Lang Vincent Durupt Julien Pierson Frederic Doucet Lionel Jacquot Sebastien Lente Bastien Ripoll Christophe Lattaignant	6:19.89
6	Croatia	Vito Cavrlj Lenko Dragojevic Marin Begovich Branko Begovich Ante Janjic Marin Bogdan Josip Stojcevic Branimir Vujevic Silvijo Petrisko	6:22.25
7	Netherlands	Olaf van Andel Diederik Simon Simon Glazenborg Peter Vos Reinder Lubbers Jozef Klaassen David Kuiper Mitchel Steenman Hergen Meijer	6:04.43

Women's Single Sculls (W1x)**Munich (GER)**

Place	Team	Name	Time
1	Belarus	Ekaterina Karsten	8:17.54
2	Czech Republic	Mirka Knapkova	8:20.95
3	New Zealand	Emma Twigg	8:29.24
4	Italy	Gabriella Bascelli	8:31.05
5	Serbia	Iva Obradovic	8:33.63
6	Sweden	Frida Svensson	8:34.92
7	United States	Michelle Guerette	8:05.89

Women's Pair (W2-)**Munich (GER)**

Place	Team	Name	Time
1	China 1	Wu You Gao Yulan	7:49.94
2	Germany 1	Lenka Wech Maren Derlien	7:56.62
3	United States 1	Ellie Logan Caroline Lind	8:00.45
4	Netherlands	Sarah Siegelaar Annemiek de Haan	8:04.95
5	Belarus	Yulia Bichik Natallia Helakh	8:07.96
6	United States 2	Susan Francia Anna Goodale	8:13.32
7	Australia 1	Sarah Cook Kim Crow	7:48.08

Women's Double Sculls (W2x)**Munich (GER)**

Place	Team	Name	Time
1	China 1	Li Qin Tian Liang	7:40.66
2	China 2	Tang Bin Jin Ziwei	7:45.07
3	Germany	Ann-Katrin Thiele Christiane Huth	7:48.01
4	Czech Republic	Jitka Antošová Gabriela Vareková	7:51.32
5	Great Britain	Elise Laverick Sarah Winckless	7:55.07
6	Ukraine	Katerina Tarasenko Yana Dementyeva	7:56.71
7	United States	Megan Kalmoe Ellen Tomek	7:32.46

Women's Lightweight Double Sculls (LW2x)**Munich (GER)**

Place	Team	Name	Time
1	Germany	Berit Carow Marie-Louise Dräger	7:45.08
2	Greece 1	Chrysa Biskitzi Alexandra Tsiavou	7:48.39
3	China	Chen Haixia Xu Dongxiang	7:49.32
4	Netherlands	Kirsten van der Kolk Marit van Eupen	7:49.41
5	Poland	Magdalena Kemnitz Ilona Mokronowska	7:57.08
6	Italy	Erika Bello Laura Milani	8:05.36
7	Great Britain 1	Helen Casey Hester Goodsell	7:36.44

Women's Quadruple Sculls (W4x)**Munich (GER)**

Place	Team	Name	Time
1	Great Britain	Annie Vernon Debbie Flood Frances Houghton Katherine Grainger	6:54.38
2	Germany 1	Britta Oppelt Manuela Lutze Juliane Domscheid Kathrin Boron	6:56.29
3	China 1	Tang Bin Feng Guixin Xi Aihua Jin Ziwei	6:57.24
4	China 2	Zhu Weiwei Li Qin Tian Liang Zhang Yangyang	7:06.49
5	Australia	Amy Ives Kerry Hore Zoe Uphill Amber Bradley	7:10.76
6	Ukraine	Svitlana Spiryukhova Tatjana Kolesnikova Olena Olefirenko Nataliya Lyalchuk	7:12.50

Women's Eight (W8+)**Munich (GER)**

Place	Team	Name	Time
1	Australia	Robyn Selby Smith Phoebe Stanley Sally Kehoe Natalie Bale Elizabeth Kell Kate Hornsey Sarah Tait Sarah Heard	6:36.29
2	China	Lizzy Patrick Zhang Yanan Luo Xiuhua Zhang Yage Yan Xiaoxia Li Juju Yang Cuiping Li Meng Li Tong Zheng Na	6:42.48
3	Romania	Rodica Serban Viorica Susanu Aurica Barascu Ana-Maria Apachitei Simona Strimbeschi Ioana Papuc Georgeta Andrunache Doina Ignat	6:46.87
4	Netherlands	Elena Georgescu Femke Dekker Nienke Dekkers Nienke Kingma Marlies Smulders Annemarieke van Rumpt Roline Repelaer van Driel Sarah Siegelaar Annemiek de Haan	6:48.75
5	Great Britain	Ester Workel Olivia Whittam Carla Ashford Alice Freeman Louisa Reeve Beth Rodford Natasha Page Katie Greves Jessica Eddie	6:53.36
6	Germany 1	Caroline O'Connor Christina Hennings Marlene Sinnig Josephine Wartenberg Magdalena Schmude Nadine Schmutzler Silke Günther Nina Wengert Elke Hipler	6:57.61
7	Belarus	Annina Ruppel Natallia Pryvalava Anastasiya Fadzeyenka Hanna Kazlova Alena Zakharava Natallia Haurylenka Alina Makhneva Volha Shcharbachenia Volha Plashkova Anastasiya Katsiashova	6:45.05

3.2 Rowing World Cup standings 2008 (After Rowing World Cup I - Munich, GER)

Men's Single Sculls (M1x)

Place	Team	Points
1	GBR	8
2	CZE	6
3	NOR	5
4	SWE	4
5	GER	3
6	SUI	2
7	SLO	1

Men's Pair (M2-)

Place	Team	Points
1	CRO	8
2	SUI	6
3	FRA	5
4	CZE	4
5	ITA	3
6	DEN	2
7	USA	1

Men's Double Sculls (M2x)

Place	Team	Points
1	GBR	8
2	GER	6
3	AUS	5
4	CRO	4
5	ITA	3
6	BEL	2
7	FRA	1

Men's Four (M4-)

Place	Team	Points
1	GBR	8
2	CZE	6
3	GER	5
4	NED	4
5	ITA	3
6	SLO	1

Men's Lightweight Double Sculls (LM2x)

Place	Team	Points
1	GBR	8
2	FRA	6
3	ITA	5
4	CHN	4
5	HUN	3
6	GRE	1

Men's Lightweight Four (LM4-)

Place	Team	Points
1	CHN	8
2	GBR	6
3	GER	5
4	FRA	4
5	IRL	3
6	SRB	2
7	DEN	1

Men's Quadruple Sculls (M4x)

Place	Team	Points
1	POL	8
2	GER	6
3	FRA	5
4	SLO	4
5	AUS	3
6	ITA	2
7	EST	1

Men's Eight (M8+)

Place	Team	Points
1	AUS	8
2	GBR	6
3	CHN	5
4	GER	4
5	FRA	3
6	CRO	2
7	NED	1

Women's Single Sculls (W1x)

Place	Team	Points
1	BLR	8
2	CZE	6
3	NZL	5
4	ITA	4
5	SRB	3
6	SWE	2
7	USA	1

Women's Pair (W2-)

Place	Team	Points
1	CHN	8
2	GER	6
3	USA	5
4	NED	4
5	BLR	3
6	AUS	1

Women's Double Sculls (W2x)

Place	Team	Points
1	CHN	8
2	GER	5
3	CZE	4
4	GBR	3
5	UKR	2
6	USA	1

Women's Lightweight Double Sculls (LW2x)

Place	Team	Points
1	GER	8
2	GRE	6
3	CHN	5
4	NED	4
5	POL	3
6	ITA	2
7	GBR	1

Women's Quadruple Sculls (W4x)

Place	Team	Points
1	GBR	8
2	GER	6
3	CHN	5
4	AUS	3
5	UKR	2

Women's Eight (W8+)

Place	Team	Points
1	AUS	8
2	CHN	6
3	ROU	5
4	NED	4
5	GBR	3
6	GER	2
7	BLR	1

Overall Standings

Place	Team	Points
1	GBR	59
2	GER	56
3	CHN	49
4	AUS	28
5	CZE	26
6	FRA	24
7	ITA	22
8	NED	17
9	CRO	14
10	BLR	12
11	POL	11
12	SUI	8
12	USA	8
14	GRE	7
15	SLO	6
15	SWE	6
17	NOR	5
17	NZL	5
17	ROU	5
17	SRB	5
21	UKR	4
22	DEN	3
22	HUN	3
22	IRL	3
25	BEL	2
26	EST	1

3.3 Rowing World Cup results 2008 - International Events

Men's Lightweight Single Sculls (LM1x)

Munich (GER)

Place	Team	Name	Time
1	Netherlands 1	Jaap Schouten	7:44.46
2	Netherlands 2	Frederik Heijbrock	7:50.99
3	New Zealand	Duncan Grant	7:53.65
4	France	Pierre-Étienne Pollez	7:58.21
5	Austria 1	Sebastian Sageder	8:00.92
6	China	Dong Tianfeng	8:07.38

Men's Lightweight Pair (LM2-)

Munich (GER)

Place	Team	Name	Time
1	Denmark	Kasper Winther Morten Jørgensen	7:19.87
2	Italy 1	Andrea Caianiello Armando Dell'Aquila	7:21.49
3	France	Jérémy Pouge Vincent Faucheux	7:27.46
4	Italy 3	Luigi Scala Fabrizio Gabriele	7:32.55
5	Great Britain	Matt Beechey Robert Williams	7:36.16
6	Italy 2	Michele Savriè Giorgio Tuccinardi	7:41.08

Women's Lightweight Single Sculls (LW1x)

Munich (GER)

Place	Team	Name	Time
1	Germany	Laura Tibitz	8:42.81
2	Great Britain 1	Andrea Dennis	8:44.25
3	Austria	Michaela Taupe	8:45.63
4	Great Britain 2	Mathilde Pauls	8:48.38
5	China 1	Yu Hua	8:51.88
6	New Zealand	Candice Hammond	8:59.89

4. Best Times

4.1 Rowing World Cup Best Times (corrected as of 25 April 2008)

Event	Time	Name	Date	Location
Men's Single Sculls (M1x)	6:43.10	Slovenia Iztok Cop	22 Jun 1997	Paris, FRA
Men's Pair (M2-)	6:18.73	Croatia Oliver Martinov Ninoslav Saraga	09 Jul 1999	Lucerne, SUI
Men's Double Sculls (M2x)	6:03.25	France Jean-Baptiste Macquet Adrien Hardy	17 Jun 2006	Poznan, POL
Men's Four (M4-)	5:46.12	Norway Kjetil Undset Sture Bjoervig Steffen Størseth Nils Torolv Simonsen	09 Jul 1999	Lucerne, SUI
Men's Lightweight Double Sculls (LM2x)	6:10.02	Denmark Mads Rasmussen Rasmus Quist	23 Jun 2007	Amsterdam, NED
Men's Lightweight Four (LM4-)	5:45.60	Denmark Thomas Ebert Thomas Poulsen Eskild Ebbesen Victor Feddersen	09 Jul 1999	Lucerne, SUI
Men's Quadruple Sculls (M4x)	5:37.31	Poland Konrad Wasielewski Marek Kolbowicz Michal Jelinski Adam Korol	17 Jun 2006	Poznan, POL
Men's Eight (M8+)	5:21.21	Australia David McGowan James Marburg Matthew Ryan Samuel Conrad Tom Laurich Karsten Forsterling Cameron McKenzie-McHarg Jeremy Stevenson Marty Rabjohns	17 Jun 2006	Poznan, POL
Women's Single Sculls (W1x)	7:14.12	Germany Katrin Rutschow-Stomporowski	13 Jul 2003	Lucerne, SUI
Women's Pair (W2-)	6:56.27	Canada Emma Robinson Theresa Luke	09 Jul 1999	Lucerne, SUI
Women's Double Sculls (W2x)	6:47.02	New Zealand Caroline Evers-Swindell Georgina Evers-Swindell	13 Jul 2003	Lucerne, SUI
Women's Lightweight Double Sculls (LW2x)	6:49.77	China Xu Dongxiang Yan Shimin	17 Jun 2006	Poznan, POL
Women's Quadruple Sculls (W4x)	6:11.69	Germany Maren Derlien Meike Evers Manuela Lutze Kerstin Kowalski	09 Jul 1999	Lucerne, SUI
Women's Eight (W8+)	5:57.02	Romania Georgeta Damian Viorica Susanu Ioana Olteanu Aurica Chirita Magdalena Dumitrache Doina Spiricu Marioara Popescu Doina Ignat Elena Georgescu	09 Jul 1999	Lucerne, SUI