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# NEW AND DEFENDING CHAMPIONS RULE THE WAVES IN BARLETTA AT THE 2023 WORLD ROWING COASTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Under the beautiful blue skies of Barletta, the 2023 World Rowing Coastal Championships came to a conclusion today as the finals were raced on the Adriatic Coast off South Eastern Italy. A total of eleven nations claimed medals across the seven boat classes with boats representing Irish clubs securing an impressive three golds in addition to a bronze.

Ireland's first bronze came in the first final when Monika Dukarska of Killorglin RC dominated the coastal women's solo. It wasn't the last time we would see Dukarska as she won gold again in the last of the finals when she teamed up with Ronan Byrne of Shandon Boat Club to win the mixed double sculls.

The third gold for an Irish club came when Adrian Miramon Quiroga, representing Wicklow Rowing Club, defended his title in the coastal men's solo. This was on the back of winning gold in this boat class at last week's World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals.

There was also double gold for Janneke van der Meulen and Karien Robbers of Hollandia RC, who won both the women's coxed quadruple sculls and the women's double sculls, defending their title in the latter. To win gold in the women's double sculls, the Dutch rowers had to fight all the way against Austrian sisters Katharina and Magdalena Lobnig, with several clashes as they fought over the best racing line around the navigation buoys.

The defending champions in the men's double sculls, Dennis Gustavsson and Eskil Borgh of Stockholm och Hoganas Roddforening (SWE01) led for much of their race, but landing on the beach at the same time of Next Level Rowing from the USA, the sprint to the line was won by Kory Rogers, and the USA claimed gold by just 1.61 seconds in the closest final of the Championships.

Host nation Italy picked up two medals in the coxed men's quadruple sculls. The gold was claimed by Rowing Club Genovese with the bronze going to S.S. Murcarolo ASD.

During the Closing Ceremony, World Rowing President Jean-Christophe Rolland presented the Team Trophy, to recognise the leading Member Federation, to Spain.

You can find full results and reactions on [worldrowing.com](https://www.worldrowing.com).

The 2024 World Rowing Coastal Championships and Beach Sprint Finals will be hosted in Italy once again next year with the Beach Sprint Finals scheduled 6-9 September and the Coastal Championships 13 – 15 September 2024, both in Genoa.