

Welcome to Amsterdam



2014 World Rowing Championships
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Welcome to the 2014 World Rowing Championships!

We are looking forward to welcoming competitors, spectators and team officials to the 2014 World Rowing Championships in Amsterdam. It had been 37 years since the last World Championships were held on our historic Bosbaan racecourse. The Bosbaan has been completely renovated, but is still situated in a lovely woodlands minutes from one of the most beautiful cities of the world.

Our ambition is to celebrate rowing. The Dutch have a long tradition of honouring athletes and creating a friendly and inclusive competitive environment. In 2014 we aim to continue this tradition by offering world class racing while involving spectators and the general public in an experience that demonstrates the values of rowing and includes them in the sport and the racing as much as possible.

For competitors, the organising committee has arranged comfortable hotels close to the venue, good food and convenient transportation. For relatives, spectators and other members of the rowing family, we will arrange special Amsterdam packages to enable you to experience our historic city while still taking in the excitement of the World Championships.

This bulletin provides you with the latest information to assist you in your preparations for coming to The Netherlands. We look forward to your arrival. Be prepared to celebrate rowing like never before.

We look forward to welcoming you to Amsterdam in 2014!

Henk-Jan Zwolle
President of the Organising Committee



Offering an inspiring event to participants and spectators!

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We are very proud to welcome all participants and visitors to the Bosbaan rowing course in Amsterdam.

After a 37-year absence, the FISA World Championships are returning to Amsterdam. In recent years we have enjoyed hosting the 2007 World Cup as well as the 2006 Junior and the 2011 Under-23 World Championships. Now we are excited to host rowing's premiere event, the World Championships, at our famous Bosbaan in August 2014.

Our organising committee is working hard to create a rewarding event for all athletes, officials, spectators and representatives of the media. The committee is supported by hundreds of volunteers as well as by national and local authorities. And of course, we thank our many sponsors for their great help and support.

We hope to offer you a World Championships that inspires all participants to achieve their best performance while offering our spectators a fantastic experience at the Bosbaan and in the city of Amsterdam.

Frans Cornelis
President
Royal Dutch Rowing Federation



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A very warm welcome to Amsterdam!

The city of Amsterdam is very honoured that FISA has awarded the organisation of the 2014 World Rowing Championships to the Royal Dutch Rowing Federation (KNRB) to be held on the Amsterdam rowing course, the Bosbaan. We welcome all the athletes, as well as all the members of the FISA family and other visitors to this World Championships!

Sport plays a major role in the city's policy as it connects the community and promotes a healthy lifestyle. Amsterdam is also very proud of the Bosbaan, the world's oldest rowing course with excellent facilities and located in the centre of Amsterdam's woodlands in the heart of our Sport Axis. It is not far from the famous Wagener hockey stadium and the Olympic Stadium which was built for the 1928 Olympics.

Amsterdam also hosts a high-performance sport research centre at the VU Amsterdam University where young sports talent can follow full-time training programmes in combination with a tailor-made educational curriculum. The Royal Dutch Rowing Federation participates in this institute, located very near the Bosbaan rowing course.

On behalf of the City of Amsterdam, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all participants and their coaches, FISA members and officials, relatives and other spectators, and the media from all over the world. I hope that you will enjoy watching the world's top rowers as they compete for the title of World Champion. I also hope that you will enjoy our wonderful historic city, its canals and its cultural heritage.

I look forward to meeting you all in Amsterdam in August 2014!

Mr. E.E. van der Laan
Mayor of Amsterdam.



Amsterdam

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Let us welcome you to Amsterdam, an amazing city that offers plentiful opportunities for culture, history, cuisine and entertainment. From her 400 year-old UNESCO World Heritage canals to the post-modern architecture of the Zuidas to the quiet cafés and small shops of the Jordaan, Amsterdam has something for everyone. Our city entrances visitors with her creative and informal atmosphere, a metropolis the size of a village that has a lot to offer: The greatest works of art in the world, more canals than Venice, more bridges than Paris and 7,000 buildings that qualify as national monuments. No matter what you are looking for, Amsterdam will surprise you. From famous diamond factories and the world class shopping of the Nine Streets to quiet bike rides near windmills to the rowdy bars and nightclubs of our renowned Red Light District, Amsterdam will provide you with endless possibilities 24 hours a day. Welcome to Amsterdam!



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The venue

The Bosbaan is a man-made rowing course, built in the 1930s through a social welfare project. Queen Wilhelmina officially opened the Bosbaan on June 12, 1937. In the 1950s and 1960s, it was the venue for several European Rowing Championships. The facilities and course were upgraded in the early 1970s to add a spare lane to the six-lane racecourse. Amsterdam hosted the European Rowing Championships in 1964 (the first to include female competitors) and 1967 and the World Rowing Championships in 1977.

Over the following decades, the Bosbaan provided the venue for many national and international regattas, including the Dutch National Championships, the Nations Cup, the Coupe de la Jeunesse, the FISA World University Championships, the 1990 and 1991 FISA World Cups, and the annual international Koninklijke–Hollandbeker Regatta.

In 2001, the city of Amsterdam, together with the Royal Dutch Rowing Federation, broadened, deepened and renovated the regatta course to upgrade the Bosbaan to 21st century standards. The new eight-lane course was completed in 2002, together with an enlarged boathouse, new sanitary amenities and additional facilities along the racecourse.



With a wider course, new timing system, new boat house, upgraded start area with a traffic light starting system, new finish tower and aligner's hut, an Olympic training centre and several other new facilities, the upgraded Bosbaan has been the venue for many national and international regattas and championships.

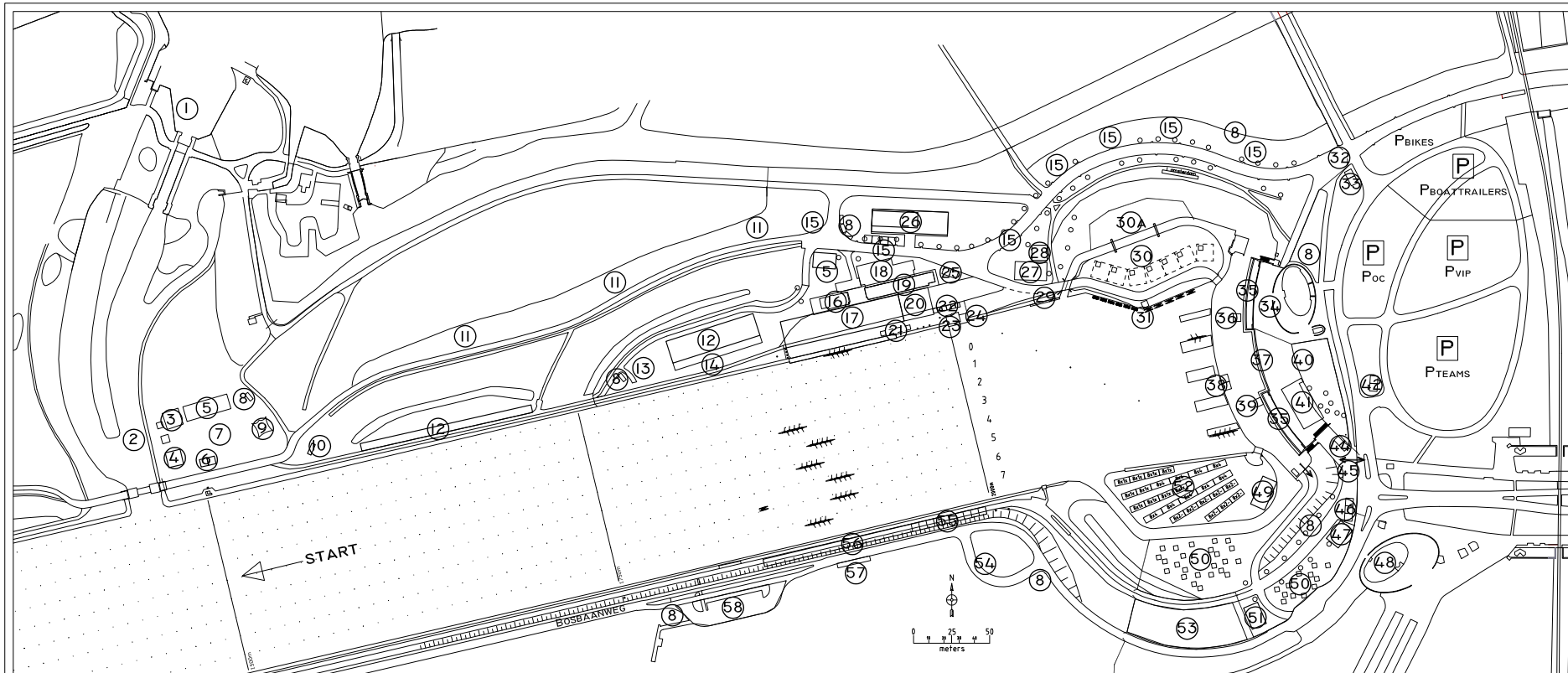
Since the renovation, Amsterdam has successfully hosted the 2005 and 2011 World Rowing Under 23 Championships, the 2006 World Rowing Junior Championships, and the 2007 World Cup. Due to frequent strong tailwinds, athletes like the Bosbaan's favourable rowing conditions in addition to the athlete's facilities and the open, friendly atmosphere of the event. The enthusiasm of Dutch spectators, both in the grandstand and along the course on bikes, is famous and inspires rowers to perform to their highest potential.



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The course

The Bosbaan is now completely in compliance with current FISA requirements. The course, with a total length of 2300 metres, runs from southwest to northeast. Along the north side runs a natural footpath, the main event facilities and the Olympic Training Centre (OTC). On the south side there are TV camera positions, a cycling path for coaches and, unique in the world, a rolling grandstand. The rolling grandstands consist of large trucks furnished with bleacher seats from which spectators have a magnificent view of the rowing competition, following their favourite athletes from start to finish. The 2.2 meter deep racecourse is equipped with the Albano buoy system. The banks have been rebuilt with extra wave absorbing blocks and an ecological reed border.



The course, legend

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1. Drop off point water shuttles from parking
2. Rowing related water activities
3. Children's entertainment
4. Arcadis pavillion
5. Food & beverages
6. Clean water elements
7. Picnic area
8. Toilets
9. Stage for entertainment
10. Big screen/LED wall
11. Cultural area
12. Taste Experience
13. Children's entertainment
14. Picnic area
15. Marketplace & commercial area
16. Volunteers
17. Grandstand covered
18. KNRB offices
19. VIP & hospitality
20. Media grandstand with tabled seats
21. Victory ceremony area
22. Waiting/interview area victory ceremony
23. Finish tower
24. Equipment GBE
25. Infodesk spectators
26. Media area tent
27. FISA offices
28. Organising Committee offices
29. Water drop coaches
30. Boatbuilders
- 30A. Additional storage boatbuilders
31. Rescue tent
32. Main entrance
33. Ticket sales
34. AEGON fan zone
35. Dressing rooms
36. Doping control
37. Indoor boat storage
38. Control commission/bow numbers
39. Para-rowing commission
40. Team picnic area
41. Athlete lunch area
42. Athlete bus shuttle
44. Athlete information office
45. Athlete entrance
46. Lockerroom
47. Massage area
48. Accreditation center
49. Indoor rowers
50. Team tents location
51. Athlete rest area
52. Outdoor boat storage
53. Parking broadcasting
54. Pick-up point moving grandstand
55. Television commentary
56. Grandstand
57. Big screen/LED wall
58. Broadcasting compound

The start area

The start area has the original start tower from the 1977 World Championships, a spacious building where the starter and other officials have an open view of the course. The public address system in the start area and at the 100-metre mark ensures that crews receive clear communication from officials. On the roof there is a large, secure location for television and video cameras to capture live images of the start. The start fingers have been completely integrated into the start island, aesthetically blending into the natural environment.

The finish area

The finish area is the site of many activities. The finish tower is the nerve centre of the timing and results system, where umpires, photo-finish cameras and the FISA timing provider Swiss Timing track the races and determine the finish order. On the second floor of the finish tower, the sport presentation team has an excellent view of the course and provides live coverage of the races in English and Dutch. On the embankment behind the finish tower is the Olympic Training Centre, where the FISA office is located.

The embankment between the finish tower and the OTC will house temporary grandstands to accommodate spectators, the FISA family and the international press and media. An enormous video screen will be visible from the public grandstand, showing live coverage of all the races from start to finish as well as the results of each race. During the finals, the victory ceremonies will take place directly in front of the grandstand, enabling spectators to get a close look at the medallists.



Accessibility

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Amsterdam is easily accessible by air, rail and road.

Amsterdam's Schiphol airport is a very modern, efficient and user-friendly airport. Scheduled services fly into Schiphol from at least 129 cities within Europe and from 108 non-European destinations. Some 110 airlines fly from Schiphol to more than 260 destinations worldwide. In 2011, Schiphol served 49.8 million passengers. Schiphol train station is located directly below the airport, making it easy to access any train station across Amsterdam in under 20 minutes. There are also 15 to 20 trains a day to destinations such as Brussels, Paris and Frankfurt.

Flight times:

Amsterdam – London	1 hr	10 min
Amsterdam – Paris	1 hr	15 min
Amsterdam – Berlin	1 hr	20 min
Amsterdam – Stockholm	2 hrs	
Amsterdam – New York City	7 hrs	30 min
Amsterdam – Beijing	9 hrs	20 min
Amsterdam – Los Angeles	11 hrs	5 min
Amsterdam – Rio de Janeiro	11 hrs	20 min
Amsterdam – Sydney	21 hrs	30 min

By car:

Several roads are going to Amsterdam. The venue is located south of the city. Go to the 'ringroad' A10, leave at exit 5 (s108), go direction 'Amstelveen' and follow the signs to the world championships at the Bosbaan.



Accommodation

To fully appreciate Amsterdam we recommend staying in one of the hotels we have selected for our competitors, officials and spectators. These hotels are situated near the city centre and guarantee a great experience in Amsterdam.

In addition to a splendid rowing course, Amsterdam provides a great variety of culture, shopping, restaurants and bars. Wandering through Amsterdam will lead you across humpbacked bridges, through alleys filled with countless cafés and along waterways lined with historical gabled canal houses. Amsterdam's series of concentric and bisecting canals, known as the grachtengordel (canal ring), is like a preserved open-air museum. What better way to experience all of this yourself than by sleeping in the city centre?

Booking Conditions

All accommodations must be booked through the travel agent of the organisation. For bookings contact the address: rowing.netherlands@atpi.com, (phone: +31 20 20 11 215).

National federations are encouraged to make their accommodation request urgently by sending an e-mail to the address mentioned above; all accommodations must be booked in writing. Accommodation for teams is limited and taken on a first come, first serve basis. Please send your bookings before 1 January 2014, if possible.

Note: for bookings made after 1 May 2014 prices advertised in this Bulletin cannot be guaranteed.

Please send our agent (and the organisation) your complete rooming list latest 4 weeks before your arrival! Our agent can also assist you with your (group)flight bookings.

Payment Conditions

A deposit of 30% of the total amount before 14 April, 2014 is required to confirm the reservation. The balance payment is due prior to 24 July, 2014.

Rated for teams

All rates are for Full Board accommodation, with the choice of lunch at the hotel or at the venue. VAT and visitor tax are included in the rates. Transportation will be provided between the hotel and the venue, as will a shuttle service between the hotel and the airport.

Cancellation Conditions

All cancellations, in part or full, must be in writing with specifying details, and notified to our travel agent ATPI (rowing.netherlands@atpi.com with a copy to our organisation (administration@amsterdamrowing.com).

Refunds will be considered on the following basis:

- cancellation before 1 May, 2014: no cancellation fee.
- cancellation between 1 May, 2014 and 25 June, 2014: 35% cancellation fee of the total amount.
- cancellation between 26 June, 2014 and 24 July, 2014: 70% cancellation fee of the total amount
- cancellation after 24 July, 2014: no refund will be made.

Accommodation options

Teams (full board)

Cat.	No.	Name of hotel	Type of room	No. of this type of room	Distance to venue	Driving time to venue	Price per person
I	1.	Mercure Amsterdam Airport	Single	25	5 km	8 min.	€ 155,00
			Double	50			€ 115,00
	2.	Novotel Amsterdam City	Single	100	3 km	6 min.	€ 160,00
			Double	150			€ 125,00
	3.	A4 Hotel van der Valk	Single		20 km	17 min.	€ 165,00
			Double	222			€ 120,00
	4.	Park Plaza Amsterdam Airport	Single	50	15 km	16 min.	€ 165,00
			Double	200			€ 127,50
II	1.	Ibis Amsterdam Airport	Single	100	10 km	15 min.	€ 145,00
			Double	150			€ 110,00
III	1.	Ibis Budget Amsterdam Airport (previously Etap Amsterdam Airport)	Single	0	10 km	15 min.	€ 135,00
			Double	25			€ 95,00

FISA, Jury, NF delegates and Media (including breakfast)

Cat.	No.	Name of hotel	Type of room	No. of this type of room	Distance to venue	Driving time to venue	Price per person
I	1.	NH Musica	Single	80	2 km	5 min.	€ 165,00
			Double	40			€ 135,00
	2.	Holiday Inn Hotel Amsterdam	Single	10	3 km	7 min.	€ 170,00
			Double	40			€ 135,00

Category I = Equivalent to 4 star rating

Category II = Equivalent to 3 star rating

Category III = Equivalent to 2 star rating

All prices are including VAT.

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The weather

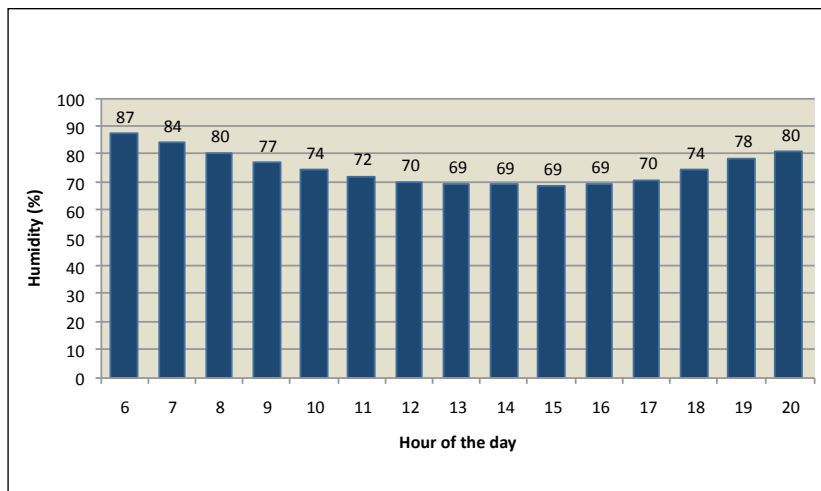
Climate

Amsterdam is situated in the moderate climactic zone of northern continental Europe, with mild summers and cool winters. The spring can be crisp and wet. The summer months between June and September can be alternatively hot and humid or cool and rainy. The most precipitation occurs in October and November. From December to February the weather is often cold, but sunny and dry.

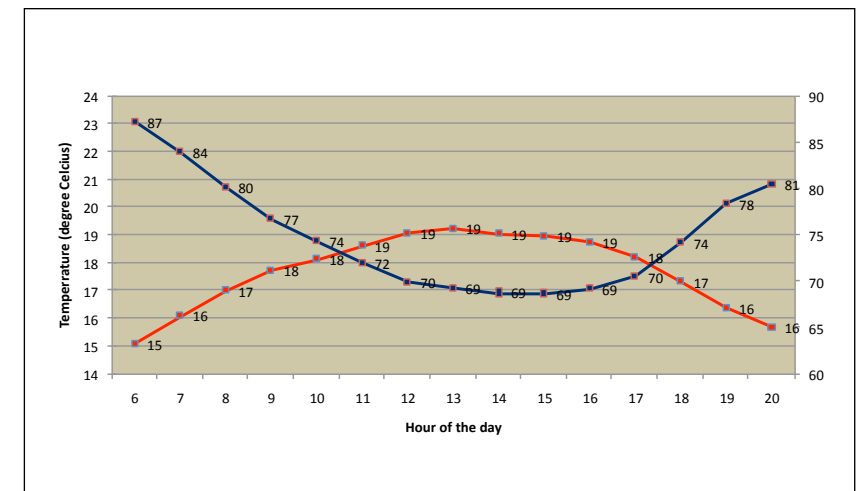
Sunrise and sunset times - August 2014

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Length of day		Solar Noon		
			This day	Difference	Time	Altitude	Distance
24 aug	06:38	20:47	14h 08m 31s	- 3m 51s	13:43	48,7°	151,243
25 aug	06:40	20:44	14h 04m 40s	- 3m 51s	13:43	48,3°	151,211
26 aug	06:41	20:42	14h 00m 47s	- 3m 52s	13:42	48,0°	151,179
27 aug	06:43	20:40	13h 56m 54s	- 3m 53s	13:42	47,6°	151,145
28 aug	06:45	20:38	13h 52m 59s	- 3m 54s	13:42	47,3°	151,111
29 aug	06:46	20:35	13h 49m 05s	- 3m 54s	13:41	46,9°	151,077
30 aug	06:48	20:33	13h 45m 09s	- 3m 55s	13:41	46,6°	151,042
31 aug	06:50	20:31	13h 41m 14s	- 3m 55s	13:41	46,2°	151,006

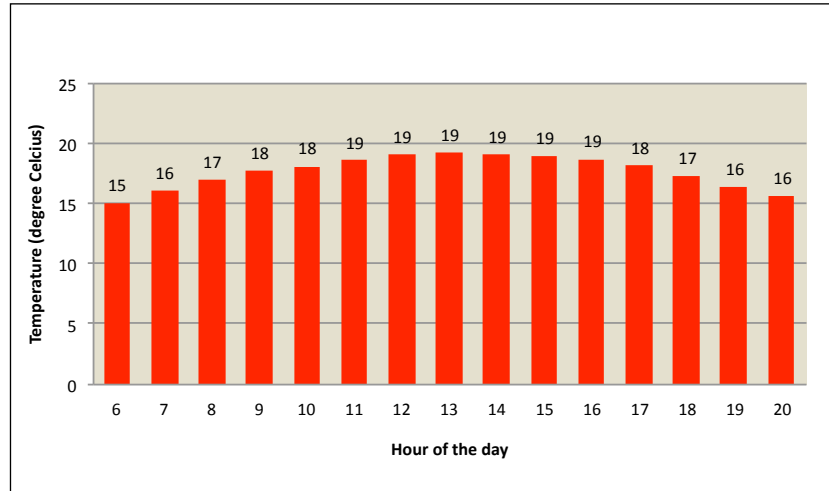
Humidity profile Amsterdam



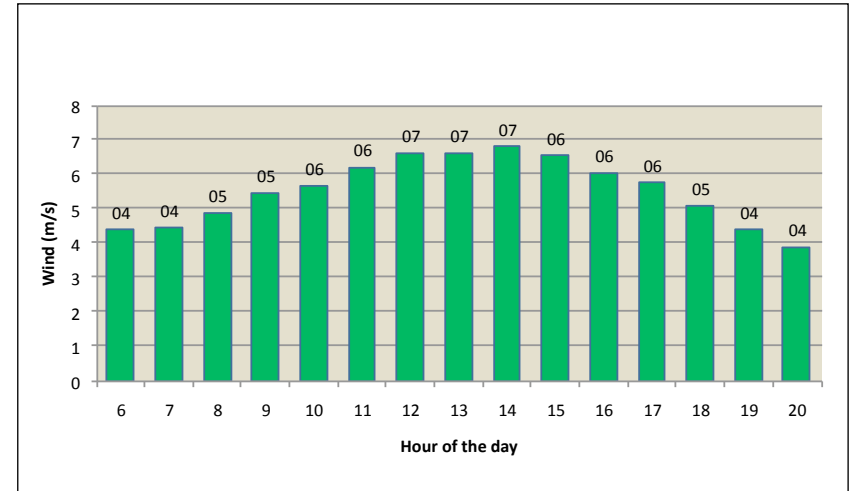
Temperature and humidity profile Amsterdam



Temperature profile Amsterdam

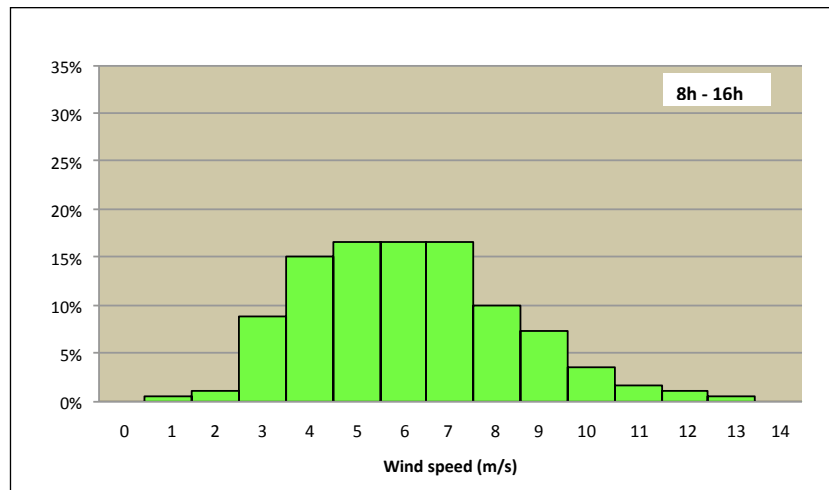


Wind profile Amsterdam

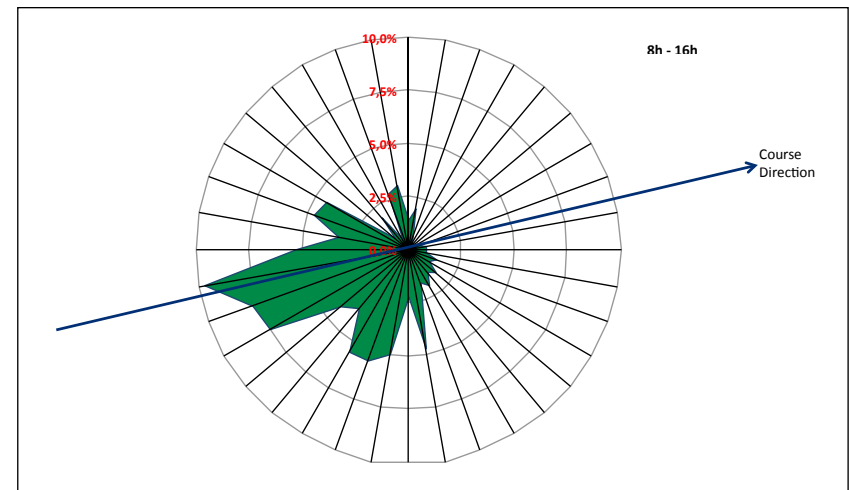


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Distribution of wind speed



Distribution of wind directions



Additional information

Provisional Programme

The World Rowing Championships will officially begin on Sunday, 24th of August, 2014. The official timetable is established by FISA and will be published on our website and on www.worldrowing.com closer to the event. The venue opens for training on Wednesday, August 20, 2014. On training days and racing days, the venue will open at 06h30, 30 minutes before the course opens for training and closes at 20h30, 30 minutes after the course closes.

Wednesday 20 August Venue officially opens for training

Friday 22 August Preliminary Team Managers meeting

Saturday 23 August Spare races
Para-Rowing classification
Team Managers meeting and Draw
Opening Ceremony

Sunday 24 August Heats

Monday 25 August Heats
Heats for Para-Rowing

Tuesday 26 August Repechages
Repechages for Para-Rowing
Coaches meeting

Wednesday 27 August

Repechages
Semi finals
Semi finals and finals C Para-Rowing
Umpires' seminar

Thursday 28 August

Finals E
Semi finals C/D
Finals A & B Para-Rowing
Team doctors meeting

Friday 29 August

Finals D/C/B
Semi finals A/B
Finals A & B international events

Saturday 30 August

Finals A & B Olympic boat classes
Nations Dinner

Sunday 31 August

Finals A & B Olympic boat classes
Closing Ceremony

Monday 1 September

FISA Congress

Visa and entry information

The Netherlands are part of the European Union (EU) and belong to the Schengen area. Many countries enjoy visa-free entry to The Netherlands. However, citizens from some non-EU countries are required to have a valid visa when travelling to the Schengen area. If a visa is required, be sure to apply at least a month before your visit.

More information on entering the country can be found on the website: www.government.nl/ministries/bz/issues and click on visa.

If you need a letter of invitation you can contact the organisation (administration@amsterdamrowing.com). Please provide in that case the following details: full names, passport numbers and dates of issue and expire, dates of birth, and relevant travel information.

Medical arrangements

The nearest hospital is 1,5 km from the rowing course. During official practice times and on race days, medical support will be provided at the course for both athletes and spectators.

Food services

A professional catering company will provide meals for the teams at the course. At the athletes' accommodations, breakfast, lunch (optional) and dinner will be served buffet-style. A lunch buffet will also be served at the venue and teams may change lunch plans between the venue and the hotels with a 24-hour prior notification. FISA will be consulted on the menu. For NF delegates and VIP/Sponsors, the hotel accommodation will provide breakfast. Lunch will be available for purchase at the venue. For the media the hotel will also provide breakfast; lunch will be available in the press centre. For the public there are separate catering facilities.

Transport and parking

There is a shuttle service from all the accommodations to the venue and back to the hotels. In order to provide efficient service, there will be a request form for each team to complete daily during the event. Shuttle buses will be operated in accordance with a pre-determined schedule and will run on racing days every 30 minutes during peak times and every hour during off-peak times.

Boat storage will be near the venue; details will be provided in the team manager's manual. There will also be (limited) parking for private teamcars near by. However, there will be no public parking at the course, apart from a limited number of places for disabled persons. Shuttle service will run from the public parking to the course.

Media

Media accreditation will open in early 2014; we look forward to welcoming all media from all over the world to the Bosbaan. FISA will handle international media accreditation. The deadline for applications for accreditation is August 1, 2014. Requests should be submitted at www.worldrowing.com. Accreditation cards can be collected at the accreditation centre near the entrance of the Bosbaan, starting August 22. Media centre hours will be 12h – 18h on August 22, 8h – 18h on August 23, and on racing days from one hour before racing to three hours after racing. Dutch media should fill in the accreditation registration form at our website www.amsterdamrowing.com, starting February 1, 2014.

The press centre will be located close to the finish area with the grandstand a short walk away. Media services will include high bandwidth internet and 150 wired workplaces in the press centre, a press grandstand with 150+ seats, wireless internet throughout the regatta venue, an athlete-press mixed zone, and interview rooms for meeting with athletes and coaches post-competition. NOS television has been appointed host broadcaster of all World Championship races on the Bosbaan.



Ticketing

A limited number of FISA family grandstand tickets will be available for purchase. Details of the ordering process for FISA family tickets will be published on the website www.amsterdamrowing.com and in the FISA information bulletin in early 2014. FISA family tickets may only be purchased via your national federation.

Tickets for the general public can be purchased through the website www.amsterdamrowing.com in 2014. The availability of VIP packages options will also be published on this website in 2014.

FISA Congress

The FISA Congress will be held at the Amsterdam City Novotel, on Monday September 1, 2014. Notification will be forwarded to the national federations by FISA.



Para-Rowing

Para-Rowing is an integrated part of the World Championships. All accommodations are suited for para-rowers and adequate transport will be provided. For more information, contact the organisation.

Training facilities

The Netherlands have multiple rowing locations in the country suited for training camps. Contact the organisation for more information, including the details of your request through the website www.amsterdamrowing.com

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