

2025 World Rowing Cup II - Lucerne

Media Guide



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About the Event

The 2025 World Rowing Cup II takes place in Lucerne, Switzerland, from June 27 to 29. As part of the prestigious World Rowing Cup series, this regatta is the second and final event of the 2025 season. Only two regattas are being held this year instead of the usual three. Overall World Rowing Cup winners will be determined by points accumulated across both events.

This regatta also marks the return of two Paris 2024 Olympians, Paul O'Donovan and Imogen Magner. Siobhán McCrohan, who secured a bronze medal at the 2024 World Rowing Championships, returns to compete in the Lightweight Women's Single Sculls.

Rowing Ireland will be represented by 19 athletes competing across 7 boat classes. Among them is Sathbh Ní Laoghaire, who will make her Senior International debut in the PR3 Mixed Double Sculls.

Watch this explainer [Video](#) to learn how crews will advance through the competition.

World Rowing Results & Audio/Livestream: [HERE](#)

Race Schedule: [HERE](#)



Sathbh Ní Laoghaire

Schedule

Sunday 29th June

Time (IST)	Boat	Race
8:40am (IST)	W2x (Cremen & Hyde)	B Final Lane 4
8:50am (IST)	W4- (Feerick, Hayes, Magner & Long)	B Final Lane 4
9:10am (IST)	M4x (Byrne, Colsh, Murphy & Sheehan)	B Final Lane 3
11:37am (IST)	M2x (McCarthy & Pazzia)	A Final Lane 3
11:37am (IST)	M2x (O'Donovan & Lynch)	A Final Lane 6
12:38am (IST)	W1x	A Final Lane 4

2025 Crews





PR3 Mixed Double Sculls PR3 Mix 2x

Previous Boat Category Results

Olympic Championships	Australia
2023 World Championships (Not a Category in WCH24)	Australia
2025 WCI Championships	Germany
2025 European Championships	Germany

PR3 rowers can compete in standard racing boats, as defined by the World Rowing Rules of Racing, which allow the use of sliding seats. Rowing Ireland previously fielded a PR3 Mixed Coxed Four at the 2012 London Paralympic Games, though in recent years, Irish para athletes have mainly competed in the PR2 category. Tiarnán O'Donnell and Sadhbh Ní Laoghaire will race in the PR3 category in Lucerne, as the PR2 event is not being held due to a lack of entries. Their participation will provide valuable racing experience and support their classification ahead of the World Championships.

Sadhbh Ní Laoighre



- Age: 18
- Club: Bantry Rowing Club
- Hometown: Bantry, Cork
- Position: Stroke

Sadhbh started her para rowing journey in 2024 . In that same year, Sadhbh took home two golds from the 2024 Home International Regatta in both the 2000 metre race and 500 metre sprint race. She was nominated in the rowability category at the 2024 Rowing Ireland awards. Lucerne marks her first World Cup participation where she hopes to be classified as a PR2 athlete.

Tiarnán O'Donnell



- Age: 27
- Club: Lee Rowing Club
- Hometown: Limerick
- Position: Bow

A relative newcomer to rowing, Tiarnán has already shown immense potential, transitioning from being one of Ireland's top wheelchair basketball players to rowing. Tiarnán competed at the 2024 Paris Paralympics in the PR2 Mixed Double Sculls alongside Katie O'Brien. The double marked Ireland's return to Paralympic rowing since London 2012. He also won silver at the 2024 World Rowing Cup II and III in the PR2 single sculls. In 2025, Tiarnán won a gold medal at the World Cup I in Varese. This marked Tiarnán's first gold medal on the international circuit, just one year after making his international debut.

PR3 Mix 2x

Day	Time (IST)	Race
Friday 27 th June	1:50 pm	Preliminary Heat Lane 1
Saturday 28 th June	11:55am	A Final Lane 4



Lightweight Women's Single LW1x

Previous Boat Category Results

2024 World Championships	Romania
2025 WCI Champion	Mexico
2025 European Champion	Austria

Mags Cremen won silver in the Lightweight Women's Single Sculls (LW1x) at the 2024 European Rowing Championships. Siobhán McCrohan claimed gold at the World Cup II in 2024 and went on to win bronze at the 2024 World Championships, adding to her gold from the previous year. At the 2025 European Rowing Championships, Izzy Clements represented Ireland in the LW1x and finished fourth.



Siobhán McCrohan

- Age: 38
- Club: Tribesmen Rowing Club
- Hometown: Galway

Siobhán made a comeback to the rowing scene in 2023 after a seven year hiatus. She first represented Ireland in 2007 at World Cup II in the LW1x and raced in the double with Olympian Claire Lambe in 2010 and 2011. Since her return to rowing Siobhán won a gold medal at the 2023 World Championships and bronze at the 2024 World Championships. She also won the gold medal in the LW1x at last year’s World Cup II.

LW1x Race Schedule

Day	Time (IST)	Race
Friday 27 th June	8:22am	Heat 1 Lane 4
Friday 27 th June	2:39pm	Semi Final 2 Lane 3
Saturday 28 th June	12:07pm	A Final Lane 6



Women's Double W2x

Previous Boat Category Results

Olympic Championships	New Zealand
2023 World Championships (Not a Category in WCH24)	Romania
2025 WCI Championships	China
2025 European Championships	The Netherlands

The Irish Women's Double Scull secured a top-10 finish at the 2024 Olympic Games, a remarkable result for a young crew. Zoe Hyde returns to the boat, joined by Mags Cremen, who made her debut in the heavyweight category at the 2025 European Championships. The duo will aim to build on their fourth-place finish at the 2025 European Championships.

Zoe Hyde



- Age: 27
- Club: Tralee Rowing Club
- Hometown: Killorglin, Kerry
- Boat Position: Stroke

In 2022, Zoe Hyde won a bronze medal at the World Rowing Championships and secured a silver medal at World Cup II in the Women's Double Sculls (W2x), qualifying the boat for the 2023 World Championships. She made her Olympic debut in Paris 2024, achieving a top-10 finish. Zoe finished fourth in the W2x at the 2024 World Rowing Cup II. Off the water, Zoe is a brand ambassador for Deloitte, where she collaborates with the Early Careers team to strengthen the firm's partnerships with the Olympic Federation of Ireland, Paralympics Ireland, and university talent programmes.

Mags Cremen



- Age: 26
- Club: UCC Rowing Club/ Lee Rowing Club
- Hometown: Rochestown, Cork
- Boat Position: Bow

Mags began her rowing career in 2014 with Lee Rowing Club. She now rows with UCC where she is studying Sports Studies and Physical Education with Irish. Mags is an A-finalist from the 2024 Olympic games in the LW2x 5th place. She is also the 2024 European Silver medalist in the LW1x. Mags competed in the A Final of the 2024 World Rowing Cup II in the LW2x.

W2x Race Schedule

Day	Time (IST)	Race
Friday 27 th June	9:34am	Heat 2 Lane 1
Saturday 28 th June	9:55am	Semi Final 1 Lane 6
Sunday 29 th June	8:40am	B Final Lane 4

Men's Double

M2x



Previous Boat Category Results

Olympic Championships	Romania
2023 World Championships (Not a Category in WCH24)	Netherlands
2025 WCI Championships	Switzerland
2025 European Championships	Poland

Ireland holds the Olympic bronze medal in the Men's Double Sculls, with Philip Doyle and Daire Lynch making history as the first Irish crew to medal in men's heavyweight rowing at the Olympic Games. In 2025, a new combination has emerged, with Fintan McCarthy teaming up with Konan Pazzoia. This crew won bronze at the 2025 European Rowing Championships. Also competing in the event at this regatta is a newly formed crew of Paul O'Donovan and Daire Lynch.

Konan Pazzoia



- Age: 24
- Club: Queen's University Belfast BC
- Hometown: Geneva, Switzerland
- Position: Stroke

Konan won gold in the Men's Double Sculls at the 2023 World Rowing U23 Championships in Plovdiv, following up on a bronze medal in the same event the previous year. Born and raised in Switzerland, Konan's mother is originally from Belfast and moved to Switzerland to complete a PhD — and has lived there ever since. Before relocating to Northern Ireland, Konan completed five months of military service in Switzerland. He later accepted an offer to study at Queen's University Belfast, where he quickly made his mark on the water. Konan is fluent in English, French, German, and Italian!

Fintan McCarthy



- Age: 28
- Club: Skibbereen RC
- Hometown: Skibbereen, Cork
- Position: Bow

Fintan made history at the 2020/2021 Olympic Games in Tokyo when he and Paul O'Donovan won Ireland's first ever rowing gold medal winning the Lightweight Men's Double Sculls. The duo then went on to win gold at the 2024 Paris Olympics in the LM2x, being the first Irish duo to win back to back gold medals at the Olympics. Fintan made his heavyweight debut this year at the European Championships.

Paul O'Donovan



- Age: 30
- Club: Skibbereen Rowing Club
- Hometown: Skibbereen, Cork
- Position: Stroke

Paul began rowing in 2001 and is widely considered one of the best rowers in the world having won multiple World Championship titles and Olympic gold medals in the LM2x category. In 2024, Paul raced in the LM2x at the Paris Olympics, securing his second Olympic gold after winning gold at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Paul's first Olympic medal came in 2016, when he won bronze alongside his brother Gary in the LM2x, marking Ireland's first-ever Olympic rowing medal. Paul has won seven World Championship medals. This will be Paul's second time racing in the heavyweight category following the 2024 European Championships. Paul is currently balancing training alongside his medical career.

Daire Lynch



- Age: 25
- Club: Clonmel RC/ UCD Boat Club
- Hometown: Clonmel, Tipperary
- Position: Bow

Daire alongside Philip Doyle won a bronze medal at the 2024 Paris Olympics in the M2x, making history by being the first men's heavyweight crew to win an Olympic medal for Ireland. Lynch studied and rowed at Yale and is now studying and competing with UCD Boat Club. Daire won a bronze medal at the 2020 European Rowing Championships in the M2x.

M2x Race Schedule

Day	Time (IST)	Race
Friday 27 th June	9:44am	Heat 1 Lane 2
Friday 27 th June	9:59am	Heat 4 Lane 3
Saturday 28 th June	10:05am (McCarthy & Pazziaia)	Semi Final 2 Lane 2
Saturday 28 th June	10:05am (O'Donovan & Lynch)	Semi Final 2 Lane 5
Sunday 29 th June	11:37am	A Final Lane 3
Sunday 29 th June	11:37am	A Final Lane 6



Women's Four W4-

Previous Boat Category Results

Olympic Championships	Great BritNetherlandsin
2023 World Championships (Not a Category in WCH24)	Netherlands
2025 WCI Championships	USA
2025 European Championships	Netherlands

Ireland made history at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics by becoming the first Irish women's heavyweight crew to win an Olympic medal, securing bronze in the Women's Four. At the 2024 Paris Olympics, Ireland followed up with a top-ten finish in the same event. The Women's Four at this regatta features two Paris 2024 Olympians: Natalie Long and Imogen Magner.

Natalie Long



- Age: 33
- Club: Lee Valley Rowing Club
- Hometown: Johannesburg, South Africa
- Position: Stroke

South African-born Natalie Long has been competing in Ireland since 2015. Natalie was part of the 2022 crew that won silver at the European Championships in the women's four. In 2024, Natalie raced in the W4- at the Paris Olympics top 10. She also placed 4th at World Rowing Cup I that year.

Imogen Magner



- Age: 26
- Club: Lee Valley Rowing Club
- Hometown: Cambridge, England
- Position: Three

Imogen Magner spent five years living in Spain from the age of 12-17 following her passion of tennis. She only properly took up rowing when she was studying Zoology in the University of Reading. Imogen won U23 gold in 2017 at the British Indoor Rowing Championships and in 2021 won the Wargrave Challenge Cup at Henley with Leander. Imogen was part of the W4- that competed at the 2024 Paris Olympics securing a top - ten finish.

Aisling Hayes



- Age: 35
- Club: Skibbereen Rowing Club
- Hometown: Westmeath
- Position: Two

Aisling made her international debut at the 2025 European Championships. She learned to row aged 26 in the UK, and after winning at Henley Royal with Oxford Brookes in the student 8+ she made a move to Skibbereen to develop her sculling skills. She has tested her sculling in Ireland, and taken it further afield to the UK, Belgium and Australia to gain more racing experience. Aisling works part time as a pharmacist.

Claire Feerick



- Age: 26
- Club: Neptune Rowing Club/Oxford Brookes University Boat Club
- Hometown: Castleknock, Dublin
- Position: Bow

Claire returns to the Irish squad after a break since 2021. She won silver in the Women's Four at the 2019 U23 Worlds and placed fourth in the Single at the 2020 U23 Europeans. While completing two Master's degrees at Oxford Brookes, she won Championship Eights at the British Universities and Colleges Sports Regatta in 2023 and 2024, Henley Women's, and the Remenham Challenge Cup. She recently claimed the Irish Senior title in the Women's Single Scull.

W4- Race Schedule

Day	Time (IST)	Race
Friday 27 th June	10:06am	Heat 1 Lane 2
Sunday 29 th June	8:50am	B Final Lane 4



Men's Quad M4x

Previous Boat Category Results

Olympic Championships	Netherlands
2023 World Championships (Not a Category in WCH24)	Netherlands
2024 WCIII Championships	Poland
2024 European Championships	Italy

Ireland first entered a heavyweight Men's Quad at the 2023 World Rowing Championships. That crew included Andrew Sheehan and Ronan Byrne, both of whom return for this year's World Cup. The crew competed at the 2025 European Championships and will now be joined by Brian Colsh for the regatta in Lucerne.

Andrew Sheehan



- Age: 23
- Club: UCC Rowing Club/ Lee Rowing Club
- Hometown: Cork
- Position: Stroke

Andrew Sheehan initially started rowing with Lee Rowing Club in 2015. Over the last three years Andrew has one three U23 World Championships silver in the coxed four in 2021, bronze in the coxless four in 2022 and silver in the single scull in 2023. Andrew made his first senior debut at only 20 years old at the 2023 World Championships.

Adam Murphy



- Age: 22
- Club: UCC Rowing Club/ Shandon Boat Club
- Hometown: Cork
- Position: Three

Adam Murphy started rowing in 2015 with Shandon BC. He is currently in UCC studying Business Information Systems. Murphy most recently won a bronze medal at the 2024 U23 World Championships in the BM2x. He raced at the 2021 and 2022 U23 World Championships picking up a silver medal in the coxed four and a bronze the following year in the coxless four.

Brian Colsh



- Age: 22
- Club: University of Galway
- Hometown: Ballymote, Sligo
- Position: Two

Brian Colsh first started rowing with Sligo RC in 2016. He's now rowing for the University of Galway where he is studying Accounting. In 2021 Brian raced at the Junior World Championships where he won bronze in the men's quad. In 2022 and 2024 he won bronze in the U23 men's double and in 2023 he won gold at the U23 World Championships. He raced in the M2x at the 2024 World Cup II securing a top 10 finish.

Ronan Byrne



- Age: 27
- Club: Shandon Boat Club
- Hometown: Cork
- Position: Bow

Ronan Byrne competed alongside Philip Doyle in the 2020/2021 Tokyo Olympic Games after they won a Silver medal at the 2019 World Championships, qualifying the boat for Tokyo. Byrne's first major event was the 2016 Junior World Championships with Daire Lynch. Byrne also has a gold medal in the Coastal Mixed 2x from the 2023 World Rowing Coastal Championships.

M4x Race Schedule

Day	Time (IST)	Race
Friday 27 th June	10:48am	Heat 2 Lane 3
Sunday 29 th June	9:10am	B Final Lane 3



Women's Single W1x

Previous Boat Category Results

Olympic Championships	Netherlands
2023 World Championships (Not a Category in WCH24)	Netherlands
2025 WCI Championships	Great Britain
2024 European Championships	Great Britain

Ireland had previously enjoyed a period of dominance in this event with Sanita Purspure. Sanita was two-time World and European Champion in this event. Fiona Murtagh represented Ireland in the W1x at the 2025 European Championships where she claimed a silver medal. Ireland has two entries in the W1x at the 2025 World Rowing Cup II.



Fiona Murtagh

- Age: 29
- Club: University of Galway RC
- Hometown: Woodquay, Galway

Galwegian Fiona Murtagh was part of the historic women's four that won bronze at the 2020/2021 Tokyo Olympic Games. She placed 4th in the W2- at the 2023 World Rowing Championships alongside Aifric Keogh, qualifying the boat for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Fiona went on to race in the W2- at the Paris Olympics, finishing 8th. Fiona just recently claimed a silver medal at the 2025 European Championships. After rowing as a junior with Galway Rowing Club, Fiona represented the University of Galway before transferring to Fordham University in New York, where she won the Head of the Charles two years in a row.



Alison Bergin

- Age: 23
- Club: Fermoy Rowing Club
- Hometown: Kildinan, Cork

At just 20 Alison set a U23 world record in the single scull at the 2022 U23 World Championships where she won a bronze medal. In 2023 she bettered that result claiming a silver medal at the U23 World Championships. Bergin placed 4th in the 2023 World Championships in the W2x qualifying the boat for the 2024 Olympics, where she had a top ten finish alongside Zoe Hyde.

W1x Race Schedule

Day	Time (IST)	Race
Friday 27 th June	7:30am	Heat 1 Lane 2
Friday 27 th June	7:30am	Heat 1 Lane 3
Saturday 28 th June	7:55am (Bergin)	D Final Lane 2
Saturday 28 th June	10:35am (Murtagh)	Semi Final 2 Lane 4
Sunday 29 th June	12:38am	A Final Lane 4

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