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Ladies and Gentlemen,

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1. Beijing Boat Transport Offers

Please be advised that we have finalized the following arrangements with BOCOG, UPS and the designated boat builders Empacher, Filippi and Stämpfli for the two boat shipments for the 2008 Olympic Regatta from Europe to China in June this year.

Transport 1: Loading of rowing boats after Lucerne World Cup on 1 June 2008

From Europe: Boats that are already qualified for the Beijing Olympics will be given to Empacher, Filippi and Stämpfli on 1 June in Lucerne Switzerland for loading and transport.

- Arrival to Shunyi: Boats will arrive and be ready for unloading by 28 July (opening day of the venue) at the Shunyi Regatta Venue
- Return to Europe: Boats will be returned to either Eberbach, Germany; Zurich, Switzerland or Donoratico, Italy after the games.

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Transport 2: Loading of rowing boats after Final Olympic Qualification Regatta in Poznan, Poland on 18 June 2008

- From Europe: Boats that have qualified in Poznan will be given to Empacher immediately after racing on 18 June and be transported to Empacher's workshop in Eberbach, Germany for immediate loading. The containers loaded with boats will then be transported to Bremerhaven on 20 June for shipping. The container ship schedule is not yet confirmed but should leave Bremerhaven between 22 and 29 June and arrive approximately 30 July to the Port of Xingang, China. The containers will then be cleared and transported to Shunyi in 3 days from Xingang.
- Arrival to Shunyi: Boats will arrive at the latest 3 August (possibly earlier) at the Shunyi Regatta Venue (if there are no sea shipping delays). Any delays from shipping are not the responsibility of UPS, BOCOG or FISA.
- Return to Europe: These boats will be returned to Empacher's workshop in Eberbach, Germany after the games.

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PLEASE CONTACT YOUR NOC AND THE BOAT BUILDER YOU WILL USE TO CONFIRM SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR TEAM IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO.

BOCOG, UPS and FISA have made every attempt to make the best possible transport arrangements with the boat builders for the teams but any delays are understood to be at your risk.

2. 2008 Paralympic Games Classification List

The “Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games Classification Master List” has been posted on the FISA website as a link in the adaptive rowing section. Please go to <http://www.worldrowing.com/index.php?pageid=17>

This list should include all rowers who may be eligible to compete in the 2008 Paralympic Games, and their current status. The closing deadline for updating this list with FISA is 28 April 2008. By this date, ALL rowers and spares who are believed to be eligible to compete in Beijing MUST be named on the list or they will not be accepted to compete at the Paralympic Regatta, even if they are otherwise qualified.

Please note the sport class status titles of PPS (Paralympic Permanent Status) and PRS (Paralympic Review Status) and PNS (Paralympic New Status) are slightly different than the FISA sport class status. The PPS, PRS and PNS status apply for the 2008 Paralympic Games only. The key is as follows:

- **Paralympic Permanent Status (PPS)** means that the athlete does not require further classification prior to the Paralympic Games;
- **Paralympic Review Status (PRS)** means that the athlete must undergo further classification prior to competition in the Paralympic Games;
- **Paralympic New Status (PNS)** means that the athlete must be classified by a FISA International Classification Panel prior to the Games. (PNS status athletes must compete at a FISA event prior to the Paralympic Games and be classified at that event, or they will not be eligible.)

All athletes competing in the Paralympic Games must also have competed in a prior FISA event. If you are unsure whether your rower has met this requirement, please check the 2008 Adaptive Athlete Classification Link to see when they competed at such an event.

It is the responsibility of every NF/NPC to review the “Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games Classification Master List” and contact Judy Morrison, the Head of Classification, at jborkpt@aol.com with any discrepancies you may find. This is not the final list, but is the first, and will be updated until 28 April with any amendments or additions notified by NF/NPCs. If Judy does not hear from your NF/NPC, then FISA will assume this list is correct.

If you have rowers who have not yet competed in a FISA event but are planning to do so prior to 7 July, they are still eligible to compete at the Paralympic Regatta (subject to qualification), and they should be included in the list. Please inform Judy as soon as possible of the names of these athletes (no later than 28 April deadline). The sport class status of these athletes may be updated through IPC and FISA, but new athletes will not be able to be added after the deadline.

You are reminded that ALL rowers wishing to compete at the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Regatta MUST be included in this Classification Master List prior to the 28 April deadline. We would also like to remind you that every Athlete Accreditation Application for the Paralympic Games must be completed by 2 May, 2008 per BOCOG requirements. This includes all spares and athletes who expect to qualify through the Munich Qualification Regatta.

If you have any other questions or comments, please feel free to contact Judy Morrison at the above mentioned email.

3. 2008 Adaptive Regulations and Classification Guidelines

These two documents are now available for reference at:

2008 Adaptive Rowing Regulations:

http://www.worldrowing.com/medias/docs/media_354737.pdf

2008 Adaptive Rowing Classification Guidelines:

http://www.worldrowing.com/medias/docs/media_354738.pdf

4. 2008 FISA International Adaptive Rowing Calendar

According to Paralympic Rules, all athletes competing in the Paralympic Games must also have competed in a prior FISA event. Here is a listing of these events:

http://www.worldrowing.com/medias/docs/media_354733.pdf

5. Rental of Adaptive Boats for the Final Paralympic Qualification Regatta

With the upcoming Final Paralympic Qualification Regatta taking place in Munich, Germany from the 8 to 10 May 2008, we would like to remind you that for the adaptive boat rentals, Wintech will have a limited number of 1x's, 2x's and 4+'s available for rental during the regatta. This will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

Teams wishing to rent adaptive boats should, **by 8 April 2008**, contact Terry O'Neill from Wintech at TerryO@concept2.co.uk or by phone at +44 77 857 67 151 .

Some boats are available for purchase and pick-up after the Final Paralympic Qualification Regatta in Munich for 2'700 €for the 2x's and 5'600 €for the 4+'s (note these boats can be fitted after purchase with quad riggers). Please note all boats will be fitted for parts before the regatta and/or sale. Anyone interested in **purchasing** these boats should contact Terry O'Neill at the address above.

6. 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games Qualification Regattas

Here are the remaining dates and venues for the Olympic Qualification regattas:

- 2008 Asian Olympic Qualification Regatta –
 - Shanghai, China from 24 to 26 April 2008
- 2008 Final Paralympic Qualification Regatta
 - Munich, Germany from 8 to 11 May 2008
<http://www.worldrowing.com/display/modules/events/dspEvent.php?eventid=16102>
- 2008 Final Olympic Qualification Regatta –
 - **Poznan, Poland** from 15 to 18 June 2008
http://www.worldrowing.com/medias/docs/media_354729.pdf

7. 2008 World Rowing Events Information

Event Bulletin has been posted for information on the regattas:
<http://www.worldrowing.com/index.php?pageid=67>

For your information, we attach the provisional “programmes” of racing at the:

- 2008 Rowing World Cup regattas
 - Munich: <http://www.worldrowing.com/display/modules/events/dspEvent.php?eventid=16102>
 - Lucerne: <http://www.worldrowing.com/display/modules/events/dspEvent.php?eventid=16103>
 - Poznan: <http://www.worldrowing.com/display/modules/events/dspEvent.php?eventid=16104>
- 2008 World Rowing Under 23 Championships in Brandenburg:
<http://www.worldrowing.com/display/modules/events/dspEvent.php?eventid=16105>
- 2008 World Rowing Senior and Junior Championships in Linz:
<http://www.worldrowing.com/display/modules/events/dspEvent.php?eventid=16106>
- 2008 Olympic Games Regatta in Shunyi, Beijing
<http://www.worldrowing.com/display/modules/events/dspEvent.php?eventid=16107>
- 2008 Paralympic Games Regatta in Shunyi, Beijing
<http://www.worldrowing.com/display/modules/events/dspEvent.php?eventid=35031&pageid=27>
- 2008 European Rowing Championships in Marathon
<http://www.worldrowing.com/display/modules/events/dspEvent.php?eventid=35081>

These are, of course, subject to the final number of entries in each boat class and subject to change with notice. In addition, they might be adjusted according to the weather conditions. Please review them and prepare your travel and accommodation accordingly.

8. 2008 International Regatta Calendar

All international events can be checked in the Calendar section:
<http://www.worldrowing.com/index.php?pageid=37>

A summary version can be found here:
http://www.worldrowing.com/medias/docs/media_354734.pdf

9. 2008 International Masters Rowing Calendar

Information on all international Masters regattas can be found on this calendar:
http://www.worldrowing.com/medias/docs/media_354606.pdf

10. 2008 World Rowing Event Juries

The FISA Executive Committee, on the basis of a thorough review and recommendation from the FISA Umpiring Commission, is pleased to announce the International Umpires who will make up the Juries at the 2008 World Rowing Events.

The international umpires listed here will receive individual email messages with all details.

Please consult the following link:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/display/modules/news/dspNews.php?newid=324330>

11. Youth Commission Casual Vacancy

National Federations are advised that the Youth Commission of FISA seeks to fill a casual vacancy during 2008. NFs are asked to propose names of candidates who could positively contribute to this commission. Letters of support and up to date Curriculum Vitae must be received **by 30 April 2008** at FISA Headquarters. NFs nominating candidates are expected to commit themselves to provide financial support for the travel and work of the Commission member.

12. Appointment of New Commission Members

The Council has appointed Henk-Jan Zwolle of the Netherlands to the Competitive Rowing Commission until the end of the current term in December 2010. As well, Elisabeta Lipa of Romania has been appointed to the Athletes Commission until the end of the current term in December 2011. Their contact details can be found on the Worldrowing.com website.

13. European Rowing Management Board

We are am pleased to inform you that Ryszard Stadniuk of Poland was selected by the Council to become the new Chair of the European Rowing Management Board, effective immediately. Mike Sweeney has retired from this post in line with his wishes.

Eva Szanto of Hungary was elected by the European National Rowing Federations as their fourth member. The Council has replaced Mike Sweeney as a FISA member of the ERMB with Roland Weill of France. Roland was a Vice President of FISA for 16 years (from 1981 to 1997).

The make up of the European Rowing Management Board is now:

Roland Weill (F) and Ryszard Stadniuk (Chair, NF) until 2008 General Assembly
Patrick Rombaut (F) and Dag Danzglock (NF) until 2009 the GA
Algirdas Raslanas (F) and Nebojsa Jevremovic (NF) until 2010 the GA
Eva Szanto (NF) until the 2011 General Assembly

(F) = FISA representative, (NF) = National Federation representative

Yours sincerely,



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