



## 2011 World Rowing Awards Finalists

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### 2011 World Rowing Coach of the Year:

Name & Team	
<b>Dick Tonks - NZL</b>	<p>As head coach for New Zealand, Tonk's achievements in 2011 included 9 World Championship medals, among which four World Championship titles, one silver and four bronze.</p> <p>Tonks has held his head coach position since 2001 and gained much notoriety after New Zealand won four gold medals at the 2005 World Rowing Championships. He is New Zealand's most successful international coach.</p> <p>Dick Tonks was World Rowing Coach of the year in 2005 and 2010.</p>
<b>Gianni Postiglione - ITA</b>	<p>An internationally renowned coach, Postiglione is currently the head coach of Greece.</p> <p>His successes this year include a World Championship title in the lightweight women's double sculls as well as a World Championship silver medal in the men's four and a fourth place in the men's pair, placing Greece seventh in this year's overall medal table.</p> <p>Originally from Italy, where he coached for 20 years, Postiglione's coaching highlights include a seven year gold medal winning spree by the Italian lightweight men's eight (1985 – 1991).</p> <p>Postiglione received the World Rowing Coach of the Year award in 2006.</p>
<b>Tomas Kacovsky - CZE</b>	<p>Former lightweight rower until 1999, mainly in the lightweight men's single and double, Kacovsky is national coach of the Czech team and has, among others, coached Gabriela Varekova, Jitka Antosova and this year's World Champion Mirka Knapkova.</p>



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### 2011 World Rowing Male Crew of the Year:

Crew	Achievements in 2011	Other achievements
<b>DEN LM1x</b> Henrik Stephansen	2011 World Rowing Champion LM1x 2011 World Rowing Cup III, Gold LM1x 2011 World Rowing Cup II, Gold LM1x	23-year old Stephansen really came through in the lightweight men's single scull this year, completely dominating the field since the second stage of the World Rowing Cup in Hamburg. His best results are in the lightweight single, but he has also been seen to compete in the lightweight double, lightweight quad and men's quadruple sculls. Stephansen was Junior World Champion in the JM2x in 2006 (Amsterdam) and U23 World Rowing Champion in the BLM4x in 2008 (Brandenburg). Stephansen has also set new world records on the indoor rowing machine in 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2009 (still standing).
<b>NZL M2-</b> Eric Murray, Hamish Bond	2011 World Rowing Champions M2- 2011 World Rowing Cup III, Gold M2- 2011 World Rowing Cup II, Gold M2- 2011 overall World Rowing Cup winner M2-	New Zealand's men's pair has totally dominated this event throughout this Olympic cycle in a well-known rivalry with Great Britain. The two athletes were formerly part of the NZL M4- but transitioned to this boat after the Beijing Olympics.
<b>GER M8+</b> Gregor Hauffe, Andreas Kuffner, Eric Johannesen, Maximilian Reinelt, Richard Schmidt, Lukas Mueller, Florian Menningen, Kristof Wilke, Martin Sauer	2011 World Rowing Champions M8+ 2011 World Rowing Cup III, Gold M8+ 2011 World Rowing Cup II, Gold M8+ 2011 World rowing Cup I, Gold M8+ Overall 2011 World Rowing Cup winners M8+	Since their heartbreaking illnesses in Beijing, Germany's men's eight have achieved three consecutive World Championship titles in 2009, 2010 and 2011. They have also consistently performed in World Rowing Cup regattas. They have remained unbeaten on the international level since World Cup III in Lucerne in 2009.



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### 2011 World Rowing Female Crew of the Year:

Crew	Achievements in 2011	Other achievements
<b>BRA LW1x</b> Fabiana Beltrame	2011 World Rowing Champion LW1x 2011 World Rowing Cup II, Gold LW1x 2011 World Rowing Cup I, 4th LW1x	Following a post-Olympic break from international rowing in 2009, a year during which she became a mother, Beltrame came back in 2010 to immediately compete in the A Finals in the LW1x with a podium at the Lucerne World Cup final last year and a fourth position at the 2010 World Rowing Championships at Lake Karapiro. 2011 saw her at the top of her form, progressing from fourth at the Munich World Rowing Cup to first in Hamburg at stage two of the World Rowing Cup and finally a World Championship title to finish off the season. She is the first Brazilian to win a World Championship gold medal in rowing.
<b>GRE LW2x</b> Christina Giazitzidou, Alexandra Tsiavou	<b>Together:</b> 2011 European Rowing Champions 2011 World Rowing Champions  <b>Giazitzidou:</b> 2011 U23 World Rowing Champion in the BLW2x  World Rowing Cup III, 4th LW2x World Rowing Cup I, 6th LW2x  <b>Tsiavou:</b> World Rowing Cup III, Gold LW1x World Rowing Cup I, Gold LW1x	Giazitzidou and Tsiavou have been rowing on and off together for several years, but always get back together in the boat in the most important events. This year, they won back their World Championship status which they had already acquired in 2009, but had to concede to a bronze medal at Lake Karapiro in 2010. They are three-time consecutive European Champions in the LW2x in 2009, 2010 and 2011. Tsiavou also won European gold with another partner in 2008 and 2007. Giazitzidou is a three-time under-23 World Champion and Tsiavou a two-time under-23 World Champion.
<b>CZE W1x</b> Mirka Knapkova	2011 European Rowing Champion – W1x 2011 World Rowing Champion – W1x 2011 World Rowing Cup III, bronze W1x 2011 World Rowing Cup I, 5 <sup>th</sup> W1x 2011 overall World Cup 5 <sup>th</sup> (equal with Frida Svensson SWE)	Mirka Knapkova has been among the top women's single scullers in the world since 2001. She is several times European Rowing Champion, but only this year did she manage to break through to become World Champion in the single ahead of longstanding dominator of the single sculls Ekaterina Karsten. This is the first ever World Rowing Championship title for Czech women's rowing and only the third overall for Czech Rowing.



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### 2011 World Rowing Adaptive Crew of the Year:

Crew	Achievements in 2011	Other achievements
<b>GBR ASM1x</b> Tom Aggar	2011 World Rowing Champion ASM1x 2011 International Adaptive Regatta, Gold ASM1x	Tom Aggar has dominated his boat class since 2007 when he appeared on the scene and took gold at the Munich World Rowing Championships. He is 2008 Paralympic Champion and World Champion 2009. In 2010, Aggar improved on his own WBT, setting the new standards again for this event. He continued on his winning streak in 2011, becoming World Champion for the fourth time running and continuing on his unbroken streak of golds in eight consecutive top international events (three International Adaptive Regattas, one Paralympic Games and four World Rowing Championships). Aggar was the winner of the 2009 and 2010 World Rowing Adaptive Crew of the Year award.
<b>UKR ASW1x</b> Alla Lysenko	2011 World Rowing Champion ASW1x 2011 International Adaptive Regatta, Gold ASW1x	Alla Lysenko was also World Champion in 2009 and won World Cup golds in 2009, 2010 and 2011.
<b>GBR LTAMi4+</b> Pamela Relph, Naomi Riches, David Smith, James Roe, Lily Van Den Broecke	2011 World Rowing Champions LTAMi4+ 2011 International Adaptive Regatta, Gold LTAMi4+	The British legs, trunk and arms mixed coxed four have been in the medals of this event since way back in 2004. Naomi Riches has been the pillar of the crew, as she was already part of the crew back at the 2004 World Rowing Championships. Joined this year by newcomer Pamela Rlph and a new cox for the crew Lily van den Broecke, this boat immediately performed from the first international regatta of the season and culminated in a World Championship title.



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### 2011 World Rowing Distinguished Service to International Rowing:

Name	
<b>Bernd Schuhmacher - GER</b>	Bernd Schuhmacher has been a national team rower and a national team coach before moving to Munich in 1990 to be the director of the Munich Regatta Course. He has been a key person in the development of the World Rowing Cup series as well as chairman of the very successful 2007 World Rowing Championships. He is a longstanding member of FISA's Events Commission and always contributes significantly in any way possible to FISA's development programme by providing training camps, accommodation or equipment to participating crews. As Director of the Munich high performance centre each year he hosts a number of international teams for training camps as well as a large number of national and international events.
<b>Borge Kaas Andersen - DEN</b>	Borge Kaas Andersen is a former member of the FISA Executive Committee and long time chair of the FISA Umpiring Commission and is an honorary member of the FISA Council. He was Chair of the Danish National Rowing Federation for many years. Kaas Andersen rowed in the Danish men's four in the 1960 Rome Olympics. He is the former Secretary general of the International Masters Games Association (IMGGA).
<b>Fred Strachan - NZL</b>	Fred Strachan (NZL), Rowing coach in New Zealand for more than 60 years from school to national level, he is a great mentor and role model to all rowers in New Zealand. He was the coach of Hamish Bond (M2-) through his school aged rowing. He is still actively involved in coaching his local school and helping mentor new coaches. He still follows new up and coming rowers, and gives advice where needed.
<b>Peter Morrison - GBR</b>	Peter Morrison is a long time leader of Scottish Rowing, British Rowing, a Steward of the Henley Regatta and an international umpire. Morrison chaired FISA's Masters Commission from 1995 to 2010.
<b>Ricardo Ibarra - ARG</b>	Ricardo Ibarra has been a critical force in the success of FISA's development programme since 1986. He has been behind the advancements of rowing in Latin America. Ibarra has coached many teams and crews successfully both in Latin America and in Spain. He has himself been a very successful athlete in the single sculls, having notably rowed in the finals at the 1976 and 1984 Olympic games against some of rowing's greats like Karpinen and Kolbe.