



Welcome in Amsterdam

FISA World Rowing Under 23 Championships
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Welcome to the 2011 World Rowing Under 23 Championships

In 2004 FISA adopted the popular Nations cup and renamed it the World Rowing Under 23 championships. The first World Rowing Under 23 Championships was held in 2005 at 'de Bosbaan' in Amsterdam. Having adopted all FISA World Championship standards the event has grown into an important event on the World Rowing calendar and fulfilled its promise to provide a stepping stone for young athletes on the path to the Olympics.

On the 21st of July 2011, Amsterdam will host the World Rowing U23 Championships for the second time. This time we will undertake actions to recreate the warm Dutch atmosphere whilst testing venue setups for the World Rowing Championships in Amsterdam in 2014.

We are proud of the opportunities provided by the city of Amsterdam and the international rowing community, to enable you to experience this unique rowing course 'de Bosbaan' at a top location.

The organising committee (OC) will do its utmost to organise a prestigious event, deserving of the international rowing contestants. The competitors will stay in a luxurious hotel in the neighbourhood of 'de Bosbaan' for a reasonable price. During the event there will be a shuttle bus service to and from 'de Bosbaan' and in the evening to the nearby railway stations, which enables you to visit the city of Amsterdam and enjoy the Amsterdam hospitality, canals and atmosphere.

In this first information bulletin the U23 OC will give you the necessary background information for the event. To keep you informed we will provide updated information regularly throughout the forthcoming year and a second bulletin with more comprehensive information one year before the Championships. If you wish to receive more information about Amsterdam, the hotel or the Championships you can contact the members of the organising committee or the Dutch Rowing Association. You can also visit the website on www.amsterdamrowing.com

I am convinced that you will enjoy this unique opportunity to compete with the world's best athletes and enjoy the ambience of the oldest artificial rowing course and in the direct neighbourhood of a unique metropolis – Amsterdam.

We look forward to welcome you in Amsterdam 2011!

Joost de Geus
OC President



Amsterdam is proud to host Under 23 athletes!

In 2011 the Dutch rowing community will welcome the world's top Under 23 rowers to the Bosbaan venue (21-24 July). In this respect the Royal Dutch Rowing Federation is closely cooperating with FISA in order to combine professionalism and pleasure.

After a successful 2005 World Rowing Under 23 Championships and Rowing World Cup in 2007 this will be the first of a number of World Championship level events in the years to come. The Bosbaan venue, with its unique atmosphere, is one of the world's most special courses and that is why it is a great honour for Amsterdam to organise such an important contest. The Dutch government, the city of Amsterdam and our valued sponsors, our organising team and its many supporting volunteers will do their very best to make the Championships a fantastic regatta, both for rowers and supporters!

We hope that it will be an unforgettable event for all participating athletes on their way to the top. 2011 will offer all of them a perfect opportunity to show their rowing skills as well as to demonstrate that they may be the Olympic Champions of the future. Therefore, we also hope that all athletes will be back in 2014 for the World Rowing Championships!

I wish everyone a lot of success and pleasure in Amsterdam.

Amsterdam, December 2009



Mr. Eric Niehe
President Royal Dutch Rowing Federation



A warm welcome to Amsterdam!

The City of Amsterdam is honoured that FISA has awarded the organization of the 2011 World Rowing Under 23 Championship to the Royal Dutch Rowing Federation (KNRB) and the city of Amsterdam – and has done so for the second time. We are also very pleased that Amsterdam will host the FISA World Rowing Championships in 2014 at the city's Bosbaan, which is the world's oldest rowing course.

Amsterdam is a real sporting city. Sport plays a very large role in the city's policy: it is a thread that connects the Amsterdam community. The aim of our Sport Plan 2009-2012 is to get Amsterdam's inhabitants actively participating in sport, and to keep them moving throughout their lives in a cheerful, energetic and challenging way.

Amsterdam is proud of the Bosbaan. The rowing course and the facilities are located in the centre of the Amsterdam Woods and in the heart of our Sport Axis. Most of our top sporting facilities are situated in this axis, such as the Wagener Stadium – which is used for hockey matches – and the Olympic Stadium, which was built for the 1928 Summer Olympics. Attracting events such as the FISA World Rowing Under 23 Championship is one of the pillars of the Netherlands' Olympic plan – a plan to lift sports in the Netherlands to the Olympic level and to once again host the Olympics.

The Faculty of Human Movement Sciences of VU University Amsterdam has extensive knowledge of and expertise in sport research, movement sciences and health. It is one of four such high-performance centres in the Netherlands where top athletes and young sport talents can follow full-time training programmes in an environment that has optimal training conditions, and where they can also participate in tailor-made school programmes. The Royal Dutch Rowing Federation participates in this institute. Moreover VU University is very close to the Bosbaan rowing course, where you can see many top athletes and rowing talents in action every day

On behalf of the City of Amsterdam, I should like to extend a warm welcome to all the participants and their coaches, as well as officials, members of FISA, sponsors, media and spectators from all over the world. I hope that you all enjoy not only the sports event, but also our wonderful city and its historic and cultural atmosphere.

I have every confidence that the 2011 FISA World Rowing Under 23 Championship in the beautiful ambience of the Bosbaan will be successful. I think that for some of the participants, the event will also be a form of preparation for the 2012 Olympic Games in London. Amsterdam pledges its full support and cooperation in the realization of this top sporting event.

I look forward to meeting you all in Amsterdam in 2011!

Job Cohen
Mayor





Amsterdam

Let us welcome you in Amsterdam. An amazing city, with many faces that will make you marvel. From the historic heart of the city to the high-tech buildings on the city's new Zuidas, Amsterdam is a lively city and it invites you to come over and enjoy its pleasures. It is a place with a creative and informal atmosphere, a metropolis at the size of a village. Amsterdam has a lot to offer: some of the greatest works of art in the world, more canals than Venice, more bridges than Paris and 7,000 monumental buildings. No wonder Amsterdam's ancient centre is a nominee for UNESCO's world heritage list. Amsterdam has many other surprises as well. From world famous diamond factories to the city's many bars or nightclubs, 24 hours a day, Amsterdam will provide you with its endless possibilities and its free, open spirit. Welcome to Amsterdam!



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The venue

The Bosbaan rowing course is a man-made course. In the 1930's it was constructed through a social welfare project. Queen Wilhelmina officially opened the Bosbaan on June 12th 1937. It was the venue of several European Rowing Championships in the fifties and sixties. The facilities and course were upgraded in the early seventies to a 6 lane race course plus 1 spare lane. Amsterdam successfully organised the European Rowing Championships in 1964 (the first European Championship including female competitors) and 1967 and the World Rowing Championships in 1977.

Up until 2000, the Bosbaan hosted many national and international regattas, tournaments and championships, such as National Championships, the Nations Cup, the Coupe de la Jeunesse, the FISU World University Championships, the FISA World Cup in 1990 and 1991 and the annual international Koninklijke – Hollandbeker Regatta.

In 2001, the city of Amsterdam, together with the Royal Dutch Rowing Federation, broadened, deepened and renewed the regatta course to upgrade the Bosbaan to meet the 21st century standards. The new 8 lane course was completed in 2002, together with an enlarged boathouse and new sanitary facilities. In addition, new facilities along the race course were built.



With a broadened course, a new timing system, a new boat house, an upgrade of the start area with a traffic light starting system, a 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.

In 2005, Amsterdam successfully hosted the FISA World Rowing Under 23 Championships and in 2006 the FISA World Rowing Junior Championships. In 2003, the international Royal Holland Beker Regatta started again, and in 2007 was combined with the second Rowing World Cup.

Athletes very much like the conditions for the crews on the water, the facilities for the athletes and the friendliness of the organisation. The 'Dutch' enthusiasm on the bikes and in the rolling grand stand along the course is famous and inspires rowers to great performances.

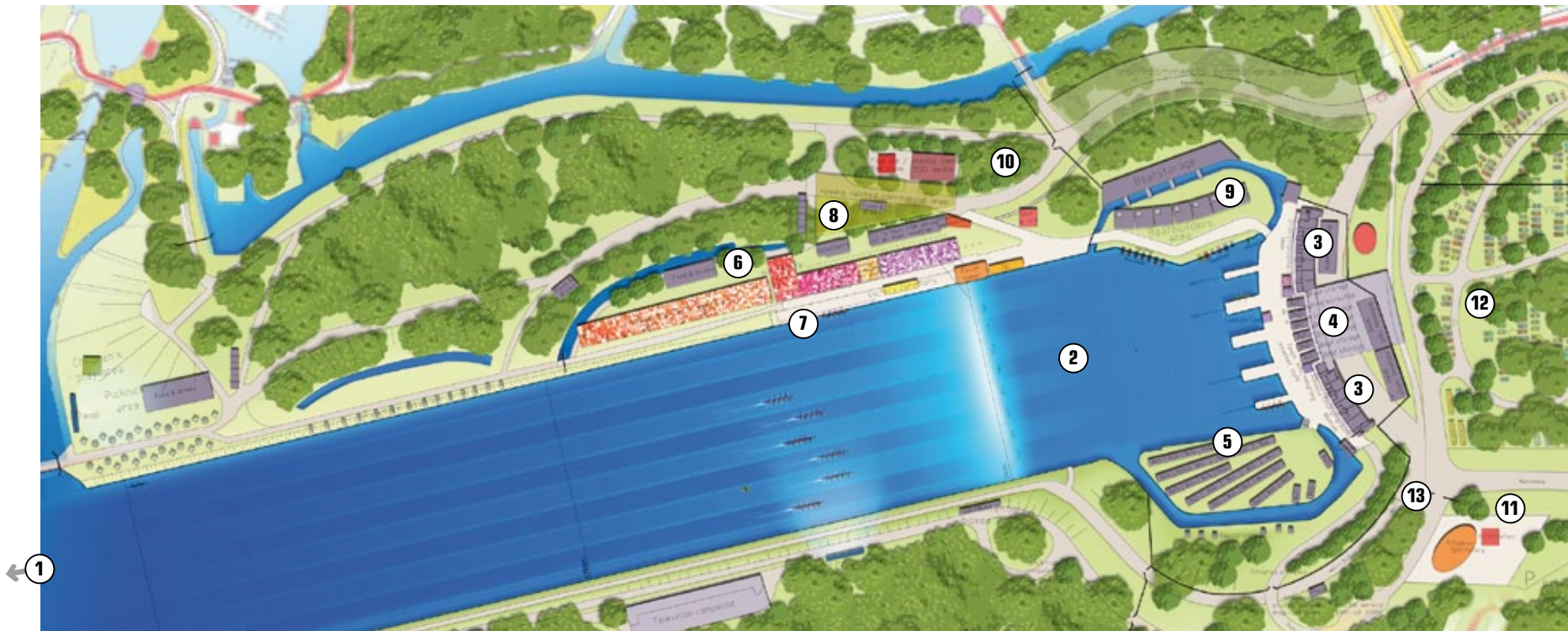




The course

The Bosbaan is now completely in tune with the current FISA requirements. The course, with a total length of 2300 metres, runs from southwest to northeast. On the north side you'll find a natural footpath, the main event location and the Olympic Training Centre (OTC). On the south side there are cameras, a cycling path for coaches and, unique to the world, a rolling grand stand. Rolling grand stands consist of large trucks on which large stands have been built. From these rolling grand stands, the audience can view the rowing competition in a magnificent way and root for their favourite athletes. The 2.2 meter deep race course is equipped with the Albano buoy system. Alongside the entire track there are small construction works that are used for measuring the interval times. The banks have been rebuilt with extra wave absorbing blocks and an ecological reed border.

1. Start
2. Finish
3. Changing rooms
4. Boathouse
5. Boat storage
6. Food and Drinks
7. Grandstand
8. Sponsor and commercial area / Offices
9. Boatbuilders
10. Press and offices
11. Accreditation
12. Parking / Buses
13. Team Shuttle drop off point



The start area

The start area still has the original start tower of the 1977 World Championships. In the spacious building, starters and other officials have an open view on the course. The public address systems in the start area and at 100 metre mark ensure that crews receive clear communications from the officials. On the roof there is a large and safe place for television and video cameras to capture live images of the start. The start-fingers have been completely integrated into the start-island. In this way these installations perfectly blend into the natural surroundings.

The finish area

The finish area is a site of many activities. The finish tower is the centre of the timing and results system. Here the umpires, photo-finish-cameras and the FISA timing and results service provider Swiss Timing, track all the races and determine the finishing order. On the second floor of the finish tower, the commentators have an excellent view of the race course and provide live coverage of the races in several languages. Behind the finish tower, on top of the embankment, is the Olympic Training Centre. This is where the FISA staff and commissions have their offices.

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



Accessibility

Amsterdam is easily accessible by air, by rail and road.

Amsterdam Airport Schiphol is a very modern, efficient and user-friendly airport. Scheduled services fly into Schiphol from at least 129 destinations within Europe and from 108 non-European destinations. Some 110 airlines fly from Amsterdam Airport Schiphol to more than 260 destinations worldwide. In 2007, Amsterdam Airport Schiphol served 47.8 million passengers. Schiphol train station is located directly below the airport and by train you arrive at Amsterdam Central Station within 15 minutes. Via Schiphol Plaza, you can walk straight to the departure or arrival hall. 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





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 stay in Amsterdam.

In addition to a splendid rowing course, Amsterdam provides a great variety of culture, bars, restaurants and shops. Wandering through Amsterdam will lead you across humpbacked bridges and through alleys filled with countless café terraces and eye-candy architecture. Don't forget the series of concentric and bisecting canals, known as the Grachtengordel (canal ring). It's like a preserved open air museum. What better way to experience this yourself by sleeping in the city centre.

Booking conditions

All accommodation for teams must be booked through the organizing committee.

Payment policy

Reservations must be made prior to the 14th of April 2011. A deposit of 30% is required for reservation. Final payment due the 22nd of June 2011.

Rates for teams

All rates are for Full Board accommodation, with the choice of lunch at the hotel or venue and local transport between the hotel and venue. Also arrival and departure shuttle services between the hotel and airport are included.



Accommodation options

Teams

Cat.	No.	Hotel Name	Type of Room	Nr. of Rooms of this type available	Distance to Venue (km)	Driving time to Venue (min.)	Price per person in Euros (in the year of the Championships)
I	1.	Hotel Mercure Amsterdam at the Amstel, based on full board	One bed	90	5-10 km	15 min	€ 168,00
			Two beds	80			€ 133,00
II	1.	Hotel Mercure Sloten	One bed	10	4 km	10 min	€ 155,00
			Two beds	65			€ 115,00
	2.	A4 van der Valk	One bed	24	20 km	20 min	€ 152,00
			Two beds	299			€ 109,00
III	1.	Ibis Amsterdam Airport	One bed	350	5-10 km	15 min	€ 110,00
			Two beds	100			€ 110,00
	2.	Etap Amsterdam Airport	One bed		5-10 km	15 min	
			Two beds	100			€ 90,00
			Three beds				

FISA, NF delegates and Media

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I	1.	NH Musica Amsterdam	One bed	70	2 km	3 min	€ 150,00
			Two beds	80			€ 115,00

Category I = Equivalent to 4 star rating

Category II = Equivalent to 3 star rating

Category III = Equivalent to 2 star rating

The weather

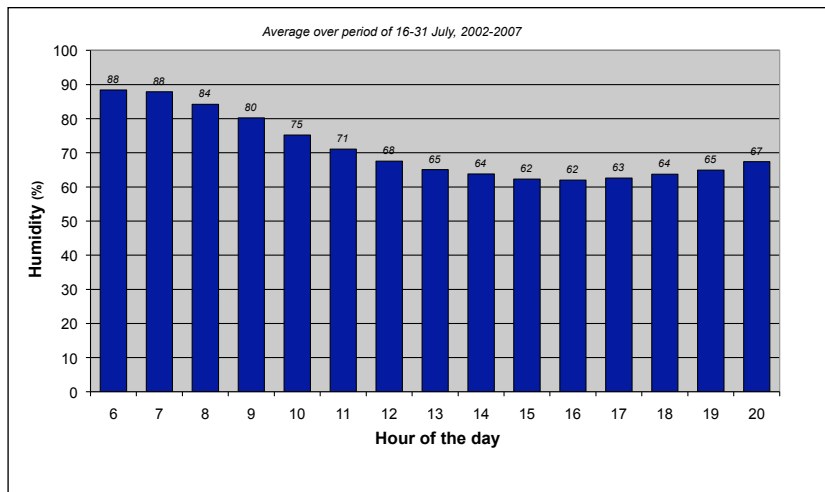
Climate

Amsterdam is situated in a moderate climate zone, with mild summers and cool winters. Rainfall is spread evenly throughout the year. The spring is crisp and rejuvenating. Hot and humid weather can occur between the months of June and September and the most precipitation occurs in October and November. From December to February the weather is often cold, but sunny and dry.

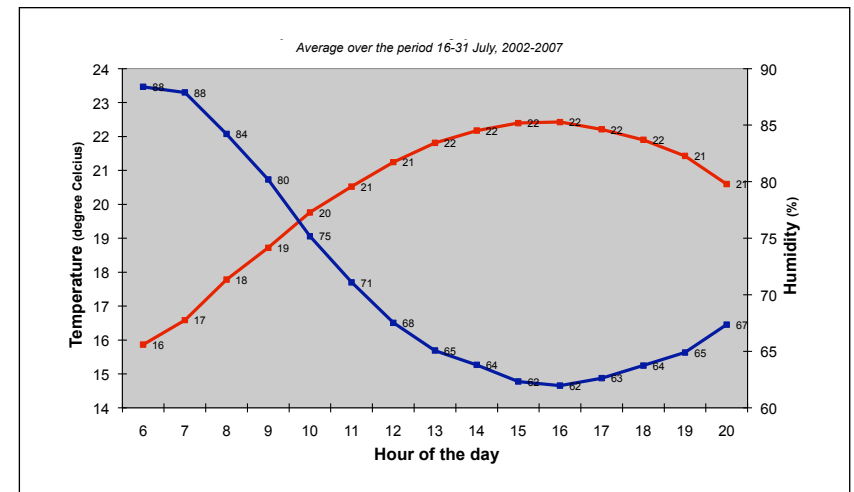
Sunrise and sunset times - July 2011

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Length of day		Solar Noon		
			This day	Difference	Time	Attitude	Distance
21 July	05:44	21:49	16h 05m 03s	- 2m 38s	13:47	58,1°	152,002
22 July	05:45	21:48	16h 02m 21s	- 2m 42s	13:47	57,9°	151,991
23 July	05:47	21:46	15h 59m 36s	- 2m 45s	13:47	57,7°	151,980
24 July	05:48	21:45	15h 56m 46s	- 2m 49s	13:47	57,5°	151,968

Humidity profile Amsterdam

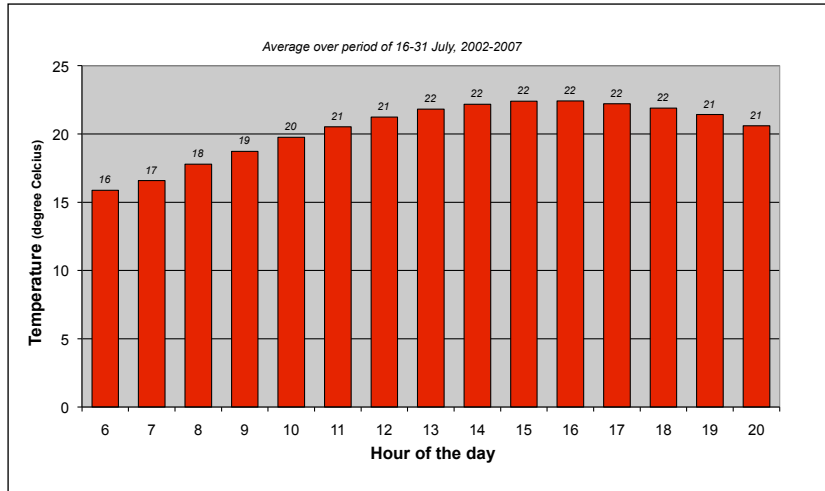


Temperature and humidity profile Amsterdam

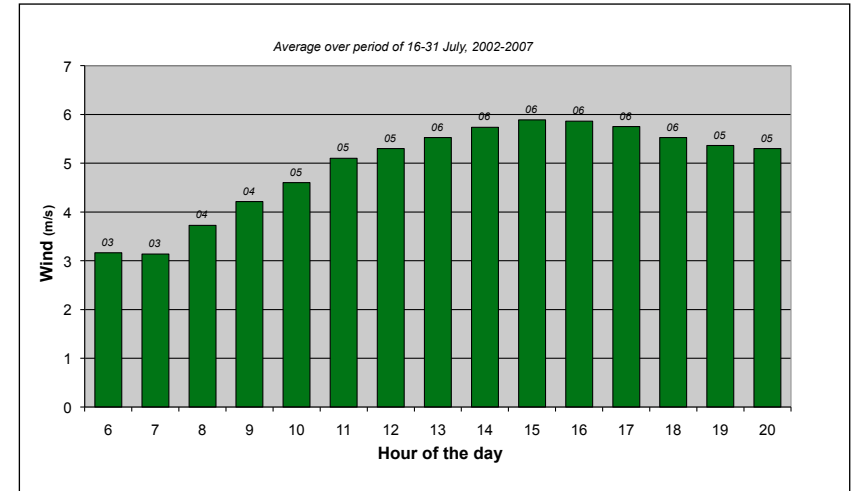




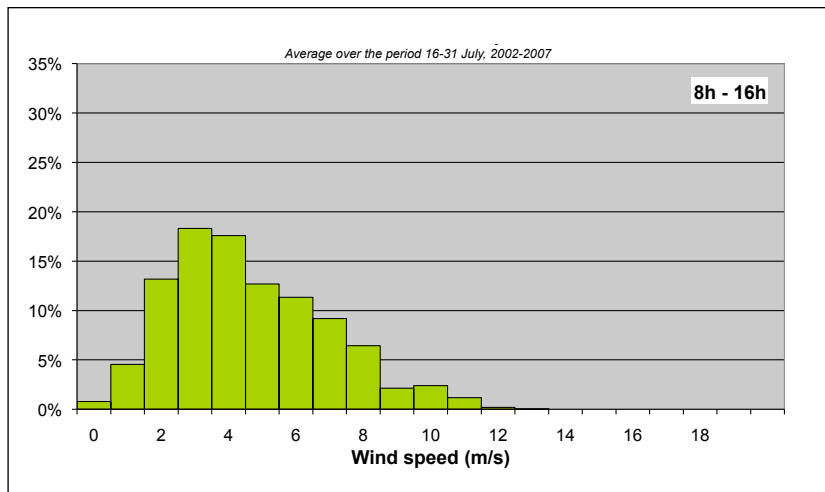
Temperature profile Amsterdam



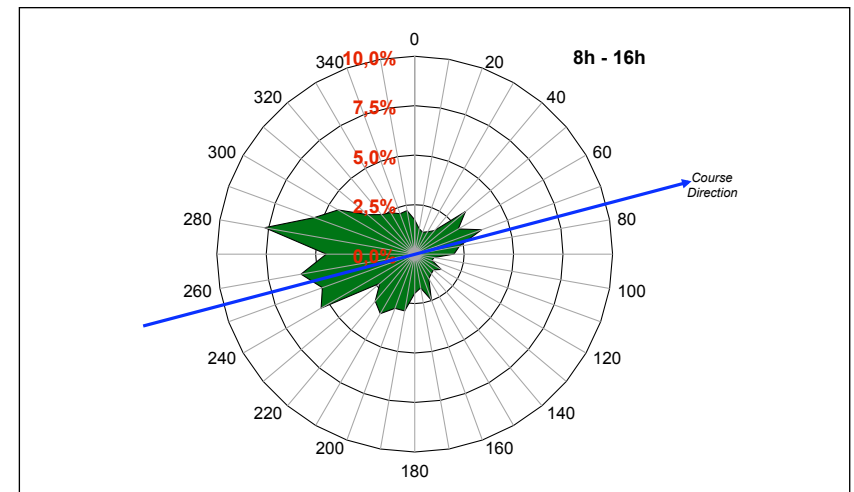
Wind profile Amsterdam



Distribution of wind speed



Distribution of wind directions



Organisation

Board of Governance

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Organising Committee

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Patrick Mast	Venue Manager
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Kirsten van der Kolk	Media and Sponsoring
Eveline Bakker	Finance
Joost de Geus	Accommodation and Logistics

The organising committee is assisted by

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