2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Rowing
Press Kit

(Qualified Small Boat Trials)
June 9-13, 2008

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About the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Rowing

May 12-17, 2008 (Non-Qualified Small Boats)

The first set of 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Rowing was held May 12-17. Referred to as the non-qualified small boat trials, the regatta featured racing in the men's single sculls, lightweight women's double sculls and lightweight men's double sculls. At the 2007 World Championships, the United States failed to qualify these three boats for the Olympic Games, so the U.S. must race at a last-chance qualifier to earn a spot in the Olympics.

The lightweight men's double sculls went into a third race in the best two-out-of-three final, with Dan Urevick-Ackelsberg and Cody Lowry winning by over 11 seconds against Mike Aller and Gavin Frase. Jen Goldsack and Renee Hykel won the lightweight women's double sculls, edging out Julie Nichols, who will compete in the single sculls at the qualified small boat trials, and Libby Peters. Ken Jurkowski won the men's single sculls.

The winners will compete at the 2008 Olympic Qualification Regatta June 15-18 in Poznan, Poland. Qualification spots at the regatta are available to the top three finishers in the men's single sculls, top two finishers in the lightweight men's double sculls and top two finishers in the lightweight women's double sculls. If the U.S. crews finish high enough, they will make the Olympic Games.

June 9-13, 2008 (Qualified Small Boats)

The second set of 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Rowing will be held June 9-13. Known as the qualified small boat trials, this event feature racing in the women's single sculls, men's double sculls, men's pair and women's pair. The winners will be named to the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team.

Entries

Men's Double Sculls
Name (Hometown), Club Affiliation(s)
Thomas Graves (Cincinnati, Ohio)/Peter Graves (Cincinnati, Ohio), Bantam Boat Club
Elliot Hovey (Manchester, Mass.)/Wes Piermarini (West Brookfield, Mass.), California Rowing Club
Michael Holbrook/Andrew Liverman (Oakton, Va.), California Rowing Club/Penn AC
Deaglan McEachern (Portsmouth, N.H.)/Francis Cuddy (Amherst, N.H.), Durham Boat Club
Jonathan Burns (Vancouver, Wash.)/John Lorton (Seattle, Wash.), Lake Union Crew
David Coughlin (Havertown, Pa.)/Chris DeFelice (Centereach, N.Y.), Penn AC
Joe Spencer/Patrick Rufo, Penn AC
Mark Flickinger (Big Flats, N.Y.)/Gabe Winkler (Saint Johnsbury, Vt.), USRowing Training Center
Warren Anderson (Paso Robles, Calif.)/Jonathan Greer (Chester, N.H.), USTC/CRC
Mike Perry (Ann Arbor, Mich.)/J. Sloan DuRoss (South Portland, Maine), USRowing Training Center
Joshua Brown (Clarkston, Mich.)/Ben Churchill (Portland, Ore.), Vesper Boat Club
Andrew Grzybowski (Philadelphia, Pa.)/Dan Scholz (Springfield, Ore.), Vesper Boat Club

Men's Pair
Name (Hometown), Club Affiliation(s)
Steve Kasprzyk (Cinnaminson, N.J.)/Austin Nichols, Penn AC
Cameron Winklevoss (Greenwich, Conn.)/Tyler Winklevoss (Greenwich, Conn.), USRowing Training Center
Jake Cornelius (Brooktondale, N.Y.)/Chris Callaghan (Tualatin, Ore.), USRowing Training Center
Brodie Buckland (Olympia, Wash.)/Sebastian Bea (San Francisco, Calif.), USRowing Training Center
Ben Harrison (Dedham, Mass.)/Alex Hearne (Princeton, N.J.), USRowing Training Center
Sam Burns (Seattle, Wash.)/Ted Farwell (Madison, Wis.), USRowing Training Center
Micah Boyd (St. Paul, Minn.)/Steve Coppola (Buffalo, N.Y.), USRowing Training Center
Josh Inman (Hillsboro, Ore.)/Matt Schnobrich (St. Paul, Minn.), USRowing Training Center
Kyle Larson (Seattle, Wash.)/David Worley (Oak Harbor, Wash.), USRowing Training Center
Micah Boyd (St. Paul, Minn.)/Chris Liwski (Sarasota, Fla.), USRowing Training Center
Mark Voorhees (Bow, Wash.)/Paul Falcigno (Wallingford, Conn.), Vesper Boat Club
Pat Godfrey (Gorham, Maine)/Jaime Velez (San Jose, Calif.), Vesper Boat Club

Women's Single Sculls
Name (Hometown), Club Affiliation(s)

Lisa Schlenker (Lake Oswego, Ore.), New York Athletic Club
Michelle Guerette (Bristol, Conn.), Unaffiliated
Meghan Sarbanis (Hampstead, N.H.), Undine Boat Club
Julie Nichols (Livermore, Calif.), Vesper Boat Club

Women's Pair
Name (Hometown), Club Affiliation(s)
Anna Cummins (Bellevue, Wash.)/Portia McGee (Seattle, Wash.), USRowing Training Center
Caroline Lind (Greensboro, N.C.)/Elle Logan (Boothbay Harbor, Maine), USRowing Training Center
Ala Piotrowski (Manchester, N.H.)/Megan Cooke (Los Gatos, Calif.), USRowing Training Center
Sam Magee (Simsbury, Conn.)/Megan Smith (Templeton, Calif.), USRowing Training Center
Esther Lofgren (Newport Beach, Calif.)/Lindsay Shoop (Charlottesville, Va.), USRowing Training Center
Rachel Jeffers (Los Gatos, Calif.)/Brett Sickler (Los Gatos, Calif.), USRowing Training Center
Erin Cafaro (Modesto, Calif.)/Susan Francia (Abington, Pa.), USRowing Training Center
Anna Goodale (Camden, Maine)/Caryn Davies (Ithaca, N.Y.), USRowing Training Center
Ann Holmes (San Francisco, Calif.)/Shannon Kaplan, Vesper Boat Club

Schedule

Sunday, June 8, PM	
6:00 p.m.	Athlete Meeting

Monday, June 9, AM	
7:30 a.m.	Men’s Double Sculls (M2x) Heat
7:40 a.m.	Men’s Double Sculls (M2x) Heat
7:50 a.m.	Men’s Double Sculls (M2x) Heat
8:00 a.m.	Women’s Pair (W2-) Heat
8:10 a.m.	Women’s Pair (W2-) Heat
8:20 a.m.	Women’s Pair (W2-) Heat
8:30 a.m.	Men’s Pair (M2-) Heat
8:40 a.m.	Men’s Pair (M2-) Heat
8:50 a.m.	Men’s Pair (M2-) Heat
Monday, June 9, PM	
5:30 p.m.	Men’s Double Sculls (M2x) Repechage
5:40 p.m.	Men’s Double Sculls (M2x) Repechage
5:50 p.m.	Women’s Pair (W2-) Repechage
6:00 p.m.	Men’s Pair (M2-) Repechage
6:10 p.m.	Men’s Pair (M2-) Repechage
Tuesday, June 10, AM	
7:30 a.m.	Men’s Double Sculls (M2x) Semifinal
7:40 a.m.	Men’s Double Sculls (M2x) Semifinal
7:50 a.m.	Women’s Pair (W2-) Semifinal
8:00 a.m.	Women’s Pair (W2-) Semifinal
8:10 a.m.	Men’s Pair (M2-) Semifinal
8:20 a.m.	Men’s Pair (M2-) Semifinal
Wednesday, June 11, AM	
7:30 a.m.	Men’s Double Sculls (M2x) Final 1
7:40 a.m.	Women’s Pair (W2-) Final 1
7:50 a.m.	Men’s Pair (M2-) Final 1
8:00 a.m.	Women’s Single Sculls (W1x) Final 1

Thursday, June 12, AM	
7:30 a.m.	Men’s Double Sculls (M2x) Final 2
7:40 a.m.	Women’s Pair (W2-) Final 2
7:50 a.m.	Men’s Pair (M2-) Final 2
8:00 a.m.	Women’s Single Sculls (W1x) Final 2
Friday, June 13, AM	
TBD	Final 3, if necessary

An Explanation of the 2008 Olympic Selection Procedures

The selection process for rowing for the 2008 Olympic Games has several layers but falls into four basic categories. Boats are first categorized into “big boats” and “small boats” and then they are categorized into qualified or non-qualified boats.

The first step of the selection process occurred at the 2007 FISA World Championships held August 26-September 2 in Munich, Germany. This was the first opportunity for countries to qualify their boats (not individual athletes) for the Olympic Games. The U.S. qualified 11 of 14 boats at the world championships including the women’s single sculls, men’s double sculls, women’s double sculls, men’s quadruple sculls, women’s quadruple sculls, men’s pair, women’s pair, men’s four, lightweight men’s four, men’s eight and women’s eight. The remaining three boats – the men’s single sculls, lightweight men’s double sculls and lightweight women’s double sculls – will have a second opportunity to earn a spot in the Olympic Games at the Olympic Qualification Regatta scheduled for June 15-18 in Poznan, Poland.

Big Boats

The “big boats” include the men’s eight, women’s eight, men’s four, lightweight men’s four, men’s quadruple sculls and women’s quadruple sculls. They are selected through a selection camp process.

All six “big boats” qualified for the Olympic Games at the 2007 World Championships. The crews will be named no later than June 27, 2008.

Small Boats

The selection process for the “small boats” is more complicated. The small boats include the men’s single sculls, women’s single sculls, men’s double sculls, women’s double sculls, lightweight men’s double sculls, lightweight women’s double sculls, men’s pair and women’s pair.

For the non-qualified “small boats” (men’s single sculls, lightweight men’s double sculls and lightweight women’s double sculls), the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Rowing will be held May 12-17 at Mercer Lake in West Windsor, N.J. The winners of the trials then will compete at the 2008 Olympic Qualification Regatta in Poznan. Qualification spots at the regatta are available to the top three finishers in the men’s single sculls, top two finishers in the lightweight men’s double sculls and top two finishers in the lightweight women’s double sculls. Once a boat qualifies for the Olympics through the qualification regatta, the individual athletes must remain the same and cannot be replaced.

For qualified boats, there is a multi-step process.

In the women’s single sculls, Michelle Guerette – the winner of National Selection Regatta #1, which was held April 4-6 at Mercer Lake – earned the right to race at the first or second world cup regatta. If Guerette finishes in the top six at the world cup race, then she will be nominated to the Olympic Team. If she does not accept her berth on the team or does not finish in the top six, the event will be opened up for trials and will be

contested at the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Rowing for "qualified small boats" scheduled for June 9-13 at Mercer Lake.

For the two-person events, the winners of National Selection Regatta #2, which was held April 25-27, earned the right to race at the first or second world cup regatta. If the NSR #2 winners finishes in the top four, or in the top 50 percent if there are fewer than eight entries, at their chosen world cup race, then the boat is nominated to the Olympic Team in that event. If the boat does not accept its berth on the team or does not finish in the top four, the event will be opened up for trials and will be contested at the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Rowing for "qualified small boats" scheduled for June 9-13.

Rowing at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing

The 2008 Olympic rowing competition begins August 9 and runs through August 17. There are 14 Olympic rowing events, eight for men and six for women. Of the 14 events, eight are sculling and six are sweep events.

Finals will be held on August 16 and 17. Finals in the men's single sculls, women's single sculls, men's pair, women's pair, men's double sculls, women's double sculls and men's four will be held on the 16th, while finals in the lightweight men's double sculls, lightweight women's double sculls, lightweight men's four, men's quadruple sculls, women's quadruple sculls, men's eight and women's eight will be held on the 17th.

Rowing also will be contested for the first time at the 2008 Paralympics. Rowing will be held September 9-11, with the finals taking place on September 11. Events contested include the arms-only men's single sculls, arms-only women's single sculls, trunk-arms double sculls and the legs-trunk-arms four with coxswain. The double and four with coxswain are both mixed events.

The rowing competition will take place at the Shunyi Olympic Rowing-Canoeing Park, located in Mapo Town in the Shunyi district of Beijing. The rowing course is located about 45 kilometers outside of downtown Beijing. The venue also will host the flat-water and slalom canoe-kayak competitions, as well as the open-water swim.

If the U.S. qualifies its remaining three boats, the athlete delegation size for rowing will be 48. Currently, the U.S. has 43 athlete spots qualified with five in the balance. Actual individual athletes will be nominated to the team through the selection process by June 27.