



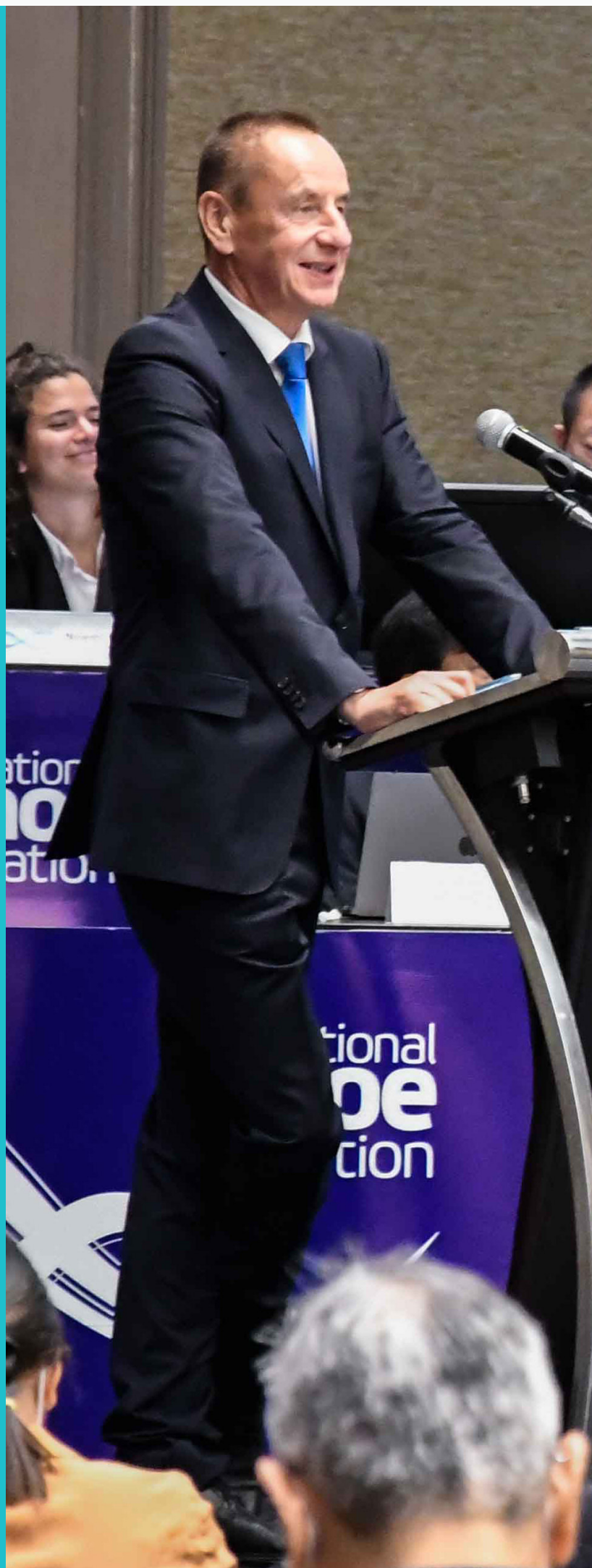
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The President's Overview



It gives me great pleasure to present our review of 2022 – a year which has seen paddle sport make tremendous strides both on and off the water.

There have been challenges along the way, notably the conflict in Ukraine, yet we have shown great solidarity within our entire canoe family and continue to strengthen our position within the Olympic Movement.

Having travelled to many countries across the world, I have witnessed first-hand the development of all our disciplines.

We are now a truly global sport and that's thanks to the great work of our professional staff as well as our Continental and National Federations and all our ICF partners and supporters.

Showing solidarity in face of conflict

Due to the hostilities in Ukraine, we acted swiftly by cancelling all our events in Russia and suspending Russian and Belarusian athletes and officials from participating in our competitions.

With the war clearly effecting so many, including Ukrainian athletes, we were able to come together to support the national teams to train outside their country and compete in all our major events.

World Championships were successfully staged in all 10 disciplines with fantastic individual

performances, and we managed to avoid major COVID-19 outbreaks thanks to our robust countermeasures.

It was also a notable year for Canoe Marathon as it made its debut at The World Games, featuring alongside Canoe Polo in Birmingham, USA.

Strategic vision to help shape our future

We made an important step forward at our Congress in Thailand with the approval of the Fit for Future strategy.

This document is helping us to proactively shape our future and meet the needs of our stakeholders as we look to increase fan engagement and active participation around the world, ensure gender balance and include as many of our disciplines as possible at major events.

With the addition of the Solomon Islands and Comoros, we have also increased our membership to 171, underlining the growth of our sport.

Another key decision in 2022 was moving our clean sport operations to the International Testing Agency to enhance the independence and professionalisation of the anti-doping program for paddlers.

Thomas Konietzko
ICF President



Canoe Slalom

- German paddlers Ricarda Funk, Andrea Herzog and Sideris Tasiadis made home advantage count as they all claimed gold medals at the ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships in Augsburg.
- Olympic champion Funk set the ball rolling by retaining the women's K1 crown before Herzog and Tasiadis won the respective women's C1 and men's C1 titles.
- Czech Vit Prindis was crowned men's K1 champion, while Australia's Jessica Fox and Great Britain's Joseph Clarke emerged victorious from the kayak cross events.
- Fox was the dominant force in the ICF Canoe Slalom World Cup, winning four of the five women's K1 gold medals on offer to claim the overall crown.
- The Czech Republic enjoyed plenty of World Cup success with overall titles for Jiri Prskavec in the men's K1, Tereza Fiserova in the women's C1 and Vojtech Heger in the men's kayak, while the other series winners were Nicolas Gestin of France in the men's C1 and Mallory Franklin of Great Britain in the women's kayak cross.



Results: 2022 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships

K1 Men		K1 Women	
1	Vit Prindis (CZE) 94.78	1	Ricarda Funk (GER) 101.14
2	Giovanni de Gennaro (ITA) 95.49	2	Jessica Fox (AUS) 102.45
3	Boris Neveu (FRA) 95.75	3	Elena Lilik (GER) 103.99
K1 Men Teams		K1 Women Teams	
1	Germany 91.9	1	Germany 102.78
2	Great Britain 93.68	2	Slovenia 105.26
3	France 95.67	3	Poland 109.25
C1 Men		C1 Women	
1	Sideris Tasiadis (GER) 101.05	1	Andrea Herzog (GER) 111.72
2	Alexander Slafkovsky (SVK) 102.23	2	Jessica Fox (AUS) 112.64
3	Franz Anton (GER) 102.66	3	Mallory Franklin (GBR) 117.05
C1 Men Teams		C1 Women Teams	
1	Slovenia 95.48	1	Czech Republic 115.35
2	Slovakia 98.48	2	Germany 116.85
3	Italy 100.64	3	Great Britain 117.85
Kayak Cross Men		Kayak Cross Women	
1	Joseph Clarke (GBR)	1	Jessica Fox (AUS)
2	Anatole Delassus (FRA)	2	Kimberley Woods (GBR)
3	Stefan Hendst (GER)	3	Monica Doria Vilarrubla (AND)





Canoe Sprint

- New Zealand's Lisa Carrington and Germany's Sebastian Brendal underlined their legendary status with victories at the ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships in Dartmouth, Canada.
- Five-time Olympic champion Carrington topped the podium in the women's K1 200 and women's K1 500 to take her world title tally to 12, while triple Olympic gold medallist Brendal triumphed in the men's C2 1000 alongside Tim Hecker to seal his 13th world crown
- Canada's Katie Vincent was the most successful athlete at the World Championships, picking up golds in the women's C1 5000, women's C4 500 and mixed C2 500.



- Spain and Hungary occupied the top two spots in the medal standings with four golds each, while Poland and hosts Canada both ended with three titles.
- Carrington celebrated her first day back on the World Cup circuit since 2019 with victory in Racice, Czech Republic, while another highlight of the season was Portugal's Fernando Pimenta making history with four gold medals in one day in Poznan, Poland.



Results: 2022 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships

K1 Men 200		C1 Men 200		
1	Carlos Arevalo (ESP)	00:36.431	1 Oleksii Koliadych (POL)	00:39.252
2	Petter Menning (SWE)	00:36.719	2 Nico Pickert (GER)	00:39.352
3	Kolos Csizmadia (HUN)	00:36.821	3 Viktor Stepanov (KAZ)	00:39.444
K1 Women 200		C1 Women 200		
1	Lisa Carrington (NZL)	00:41.940	1 Nevin Harrison (USA)	00:49.874
2	Anja Osterman (SLO)	00:42.940	2 Maria Corbera (ESP)	00:50.540
3	Anna Lucz (HUN)	00:43.090	3 Lin Wenjun (CHN)	00:50.550
K1 Men 500		C1 Men 500		
1	Josef Dostal (CZE)	01:42.457	1 Isaquias Santos (BRA)	01:54.490
2	Jean Westhuyzen (AUS)	01:43.577	2 Catalin Chirila (ROU)	01:56.513
3	Fernando Pimenta (POR)	01:44.067	3 Martin Fuksa (CZE)	01:56.793
K1 Women 500		C1 Women 500		
1	Lisa Carrington (NZL)	01:58.695	1 Liudmyla Luzan (UKR)	02:22.346
2	Anamaria Govorcinicov (CRO)	01:59.975	2 Sophia Jensen (CAN)	02:23.216
3	Jule Hake (GER)	02:00.305	3 Maria Mailliard (CHI)	02:24.439
K1 Men 1000		C1 Men 1000		
1	Balint Kopasz (HUN)	03:38.935	1 Catalin Chirila (ROU)	04:14.281
2	Fernando Pimenta (POR)	03:38.988	2 Isaquias Santos (BRA)	04:15.808
3	Jacob Schopf (GER)	03:40.275	3 Martin Fuksa (CZE)	04:16.215
K1 Women 1000		C1 Women 1000		
1	Alyssa Bull (USA)	04:27.657	1 Liudmyla Luzan (UKR)	04:47.908
2	Eszter Rendessy (HUN)	04:28.970	2 Maria Mailliard (CHI)	04:50.028
3	Anamaria Govorcinicov (CRO)	04:33.624	3 Annika Loske (GER)	04:51.465
K1 Men 5000		C1 Men 5000		
1	Joakim Lindberg (SWE)	21:34.261	1 Serghei Tarnovschi (MDA)	23:37.857
2	Tamas Grossmann (GER)	21:51.399	2 Serguey Madrigal (CUB)	23:37.947
3	Francisco Cubelos (ESP)	21:54.462	3 Sebastian Brendel (GER)	23:55.183
K1 Women 5000		C1 Women 5000		
1	Emese Kohalmi (HUN)	23:56.443	1 Katie Vincent (CAN)	27:50.887
2	Jule Hake (GER)	24:00.174	2 Annika Loske (GER)	27:55.529
3	Jennifer Egan-Simmons (IRL)	24:41.516	3 Maria Corbera (ESP)	28:02.527
K2 Women 200		C2 Women 200		
1	Blanka Kiss / Anna Lucz (HUN)	00:38.764	1 Yarisleidis Duboys / Katherin Segura (CUB)	00:45.094
2	Sarah Ouzande / Teresa Portela (ESP)	00:38.964	2 Lin Wenjun / Shuai Changwen (CHN)	00:45.242
3	Andreeanne Langlois / Toshka Hrebacka (CAN)	00:38.994	3 Giada Bragato / Bianka Nagy (HUN)	00:47.597
K2 Men 500		C2 Men 500		
1	Bence Nadas / Balint Kopasz (HUN)	01:34.987	1 Cayetano Garcia / Pablo Martinez (ESP)	01:46.323
2	Mindaugas Maldonis / Andrej Olijnik (LTU)	01:35.565	2 Wiktor Glazunow / Tomasz Barniak (POL)	01:46.811
3	Jean Westhuyzen / Thomas Green (AUS)	01:35.853	3 Liu Hao / Ji Bowen (CHN)	01:46.908
K2 Mix 500		C2 Mix 500		
1	Alyssa Bull / Jackson Collins (AUS)	01:39.488	1 Connor Fitzpatrick / Katie Vincent (CAN)	01:56.875
2	Teresa Portela / Fernando Pimenta (POR)	01:39.791	2 Sebastian Brendel / Sophie Koch (GER)	01:58.843
3	Tobias Schultz / Caroline Arft (GER)	01:39.811	3 Aleksander Kitewski / Sylwia Szczerbinska (POL)	01:59.177
K2 Women 500		C2 Women 500		
1	Karolina Naja / Anna Pulawska (POL)	01:49.879	1 Xu Shixiao / Sun Mengya (CHN)	02:01.263
2	Paulina Paszek / Jule Hake (GER)	01:50.282	2 Liudmyla Luzan / Anastasiia Chetverikova (UKR)	02:03.329
3	Hermien Peters / Lize Broekz (BEL)	01:52.649	3 Giada Bragato / Bianka Nagy (HUN)	02:04.703
K2 Men 1000		C2 Men 1000		
1	Martin Hiller / Tamas Grossmann (GER)	03:32.474	1 Sebastian Brendel / Tim Hecker (GER)	03:54.912
2	Samuele Burgo / Andrea Schera (ITA)	03:36.827	2 Liu Hao / Ji Bowen (CHN)	03:55.345
3	Balint Noe / Tamas Kulifai (HUN)	03:37.774	3 Craig Spence / Bret Himmelman (CAN)	04:06.139
K2 Men 1000		C2 Men 1000		
1	Martin Hiller / Tamas Grossmann (GER)	03:32.474	1 Sebastian Brendel / Tim Hecker (GER)	03:54.912
2	Samuele Burgo / Andrea Schera (ITA)	03:36.827	2 Liu Hao / Ji Bowen (CHN)	03:55.345
3	Balint Noe / Tamas Kulifai (HUN)	03:37.774	3 Craig Spence / Bret Himmelman (CAN)	04:06.139
K4 Men 500		K4 Women 500		
1	Spain	01:20.836	1 Poland	01:30.709
2	Germany	01:21.274	2 Australia	01:32.782
3	Ukraine	01:21.386	3 Mexico	01:33.242



Paracanoe

- Great Britain topped the medal standings at the ICF Paracanoe World Championships in Halifax, Canada with five golds, four silvers and one bronze.
- Charlotte Henshaw starred with golds in the women's VL3 and women's KL2, while Great Britain's other victories came for Emma Wiggs in the women's VL2, Laura Sugar in the women's KL3 and Jack Eyers in the men's VL3.
- A total of 12 gold medals were won at the ICF Paracanoe World Cup in Poznan, Poland, with Germany claiming three, France, Canada, Ukraine and Australia picking up two and Spain earning one.

Results: 2022 ICF Paracanoe World Championships

KL1 Men			VL1 Men		
1	Peter Pal Kiss (HUN)	48.40	1	Benjamin Sainsbury (AUS)	01:10.25
2	Luis Cardoso da Silva (BRA)	49.14	2	Alessio Bedin (ITA)	01:12.54
3	Remy Boulle (FRA)	50.98	3	Robinson Mendez (CHI)	01:14.74
KL1 Women			VL1 Women		
1	Maryna Mazhula (UKR)	51.86	1	Lillemor Koper (GER)	01:29.79
2	Katherine Wollermann (CHI)	52.32	2	Pooja Ojha (IND)	01:34.18
3	Brianna Hennessy (CAN)	52.89	3	Esther Bode (GER)	01:35.16
KL2 Men			VL2 Men		
1	Mykola Syniuk (UKR)	42.97	1	Igor Tofalini (BRA)	51.67
2	David Phillipson (GBR)	43.95	2	Fernando Rufino de Paulo (BRA)	52.00
3	Scott Martlew (NZL)	44.21	3	Norberto Mourao (POR)	53.26
KL2 Women			VL2 Women		
1	Charlotte Henshaw (GBR)	47.60	1	Emma Wiggs (GBR)	58.44
2	Emma Wiggs (GBR)	48.29	2	Brianna Hennessy (CAN)	01:01.42
3	Katalin Varga (HUN)	49.97	3	Jeanette Chippington (GBR)	01:03.03
KL3 Men			VL3 Men		
1	Juan Valle (ESP)	41.68	1	Jack Eyers (GBR)	47.13
2	Robert Oliver (GBR)	41.70	2	Vladyslav Yepifanov (UKR)	47.29
3	Dylan Littlehales (AUS)	41.76	3	Khaytmurot Sherkuziev (UZB)	47.92
KL3 Women			VL3 Women		
1	Laura Sugar (GBR)	46.48	1	Charlotte Henshaw (GBR)	59.58
2	Nelia Barbosa (FRA)	46.84	2	Hope Gordon (GBR)	01:00.84
3	Felicia Laberer (GER)	46.93	3	Mari Santilli (BRA)	01:03.97

Canoe Marathon

- History was made at the ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships in Porta de Lima, Portugal as Paracanoe athletes participated for the first time with 30 from six countries and two continents entering.
- Portugal's two-time canoe sprint Olympic medallist Fernando Pimenta marked his return to marathon racing for the first time in a decade with victory in the men's K1 short distance and the men's K2, while Spain also tasted plenty of success with gold in the men's C2, women's K2 and men's C1.
- Canoe marathon made its first appearance as a medal sport at The World Games in Birmingham, USA where Hungary's Vanda Kiszli claimed two golds and Denmark's Mads Pedersen and South Africa's Andy Birkett were also crowned champions.



Results: 2022 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships

K1 Men Short Distance			C1 Men Short Distance		
1	Fernando Pimenta (POR)	00:12:49.12	1	Diego Romero (ESP)	00:14:55.07
2	Mads Pedersen (DEN)	00:12:49.77	2	Jaime Duro (ESP)	00:14:57.15
3	Ivan Alonso (ESP)	00:13:08.60	3	Mateusz Kaminski (POL)	00:15:15.63
K1 Women Short Distance			C1 Women Short Distance		
1	Melina Andersson (SWE)	00:14:22.83	1	Bethany Gill (GBR)	00:17:27.18
2	Estefania Fernandez (ESP)	00:14:24.79	2	Zsafia Kisban (HUN)	00:17:31.78
3	Samantha Rees-Clark (GBR)	00:14:41.77	3	Beatriz Fernandez (POR)	00:17:57.50
K1 Women Long Distance			C1 Long Distance		
1	Vanda Kiszli (HUN)	02:05:55.35	1	Liudmyla Babak (UKR)	01:25:49.80
2	Melina Andersson (SWE)	02:05:56.99	2	Zsafia Kisban (HUN)	01:27:40.44
3	Samantha Rees-Clark (GBR)	02:06:18.97	3	Bethany Gill (GBR)	01:28:28.80
K1 Men Long Distance			C1 Men Long Distance		
1	Andrew Birkett (RSA)	02:08:25.94	1	Manuel Garrido (ESP)	02:04:52.36
2	Jose Ramalho (POR)	02:08:27.04	2	Marton Kover (HUN)	02:05:03.19
3	Mads Pedersen (DEN)	02:08:27.36	3	Manuel Campos (HUN)	02:10:03.02
K2 Women Long Distance			C2 Men Long Distance		
1	Tania Fernandez / Tania Alvarez (ESP)	01:58:09.56	1	Manuel Campos / Diego Romero (ESP)	02:01:10.75
2	Renata Csay / Zsafia Czellai (HUN)	01:58:19.10	2	Fernando Busto / Diego Miguens (ESP)	02:01:15.34
3	Melina Andersson / Johanna Johansson (SWE)	01:58:46.03	3	Mateusz Borgiel / Mateusz Zuchora (POL)	02:01:42.03
K2 Men Long Distance					
1	Jose Ramalho / Fernando Pimenta (POR)	01:58:04.39			
2	Miguel Llorens / Alberto Plaza (ESP)	01:58:10.40			
3	Eivind Vold / Amund Vold (NOR)	01:58:15.43			





Wildwater Canoeing

- Slovenia's Nejc Znidarcic captured a record-breaking sixth world title in the men's K1 at the ICF Wildwater Canoe World Championships in Treignac, France.
- Czech Ondrej Rolenc announced his retirement from international racing after successfully defending his men's C1 title, while Manon Hostens won four gold medals in a dominant weekend for hosts France.

Results: 2022 ICF Wildwater Canoeing World Championships

K1 Men Classic		C1 Men Classic		
1	Quentin Bonnetain (FRA)	16:26:07	1 Ondrej Rolenc (CZE)	17:58.74
2	Maxence Barouh (FRA)	16:26.23	2 Theo Viens (FRA)	18:03.35
3	Max Hoff (GER)	16:31.59	3 Ancelin Gourjault (FRA)	18:06.22
K1 Men Classic Teams		C1 Women Classic		
1	France	16:30.51	1 Cecilia Panato (ITA)	19:17.46
2	Germany	16:39.07	2 Marie Nemcova (CZE)	19:43.51
3	Czech Republic	17:04.57	3 Laura Fontaine (FRA)	19:50.34
K1 Women Classic		C1 Men Sprint		
1	Manon Hostens (FRA)	17:42.80	1 Quentin Dazeur (FRA)	01:22.72
2	Mathilde Serena Rosa (ITA)	18:08.32	2 Nicolas Sauteur (FRA)	01:23.52
3	Claire Bren (FRA)	18:10.34	3 Ancelin Gourjault (FRA)	01:23.56
K1 Women Classic Teams		C1 Women Sprint		
1	France	18:17.50	1 Marie Nemcova (CZE)	01:32.90
2	Italy	18:31.01	2 Laura Fontaine (FRA)	01:33.22
3	Czech Republic	18:38.33	3 Cecilia Panato (ITA)	01:33.47
K1 Men Sprint		C2 Men Classic		
1	Nejc Znidarcic (SLO)	01:18.18	1 Stephane Santamaria / Quentin Dazeur (FRA)	17:29.18
2	Maxence Barouh (FRA)	01:18.21	2 Daniel Suchanek / Ondrej Rolenc (CZE)	17:42.48
3	Vojtech Matejicek (CZE)	01:18.21	3 Ancelin Gourjault / Nicolas Sauteur (FRA)	17:47.36
K1 Women Sprint		C2 Men Sprint		
1	Manon Hostens (FRA)	01:24.81	1 Stephane Santamaria / Quentin Dazeur (FRA)	01:20.96
2	Klara Vankova (CZE)	01:26.37	2 Pierre Troubady / Hugues Moret (FRA)	01:22.17
3	Mathilde Serena Rosa (ITA)	01:26.54	3 Daniel Suchanek / Ondrej Rolenc (CZE)	01:22.72



Canoe Freestyle

- Great Britain’s Otilie Robinson-Shaw became the first-ever athlete to win a hat-trick of golds at the ICF Canoe Freestyle World Championships in Nottingham England.
- Robinson-Shaw etched her name in the tournament’s history when she was crowned the first-ever women’s C1 champion as the discipline made its debut, while she also picked up golds in the women’s squirt and women’s kayak.

Results: 2022 ICF Canoe Freestyle World Championships

K1 Men			C1 Men		
1	Dane Jackson (USA)	1633.33 pts	1	Landon Miller (USA)	993.33
2	Tomasz Czaplicki (POL)	1501.67	2	Dane Jackson (USA)	840.00
3	Harry Price (GBR)	1390.00	3	Tom Dolle (FRA)	836.67
K1 Women			C1 Women		
1	Otilie Robinson-Shaw (GBR)	1216.67	1	Otilie Robinson-Shaw (GBR)	690.00
2	Hitomi Takaku (JPN)	726.67	2	Rebekah Green (GBR)	303.33
3	Marlene Devillez (FRA)	680.00	3	Anica Schacher (GER)	293.33
Squirt Men			Canoe Decked Men		
1	Clay Wright (USA)	1486.67	1	Landon Miller (USA)	993.33
2	Alex Edwards (GBR)	1440.00	2	Dane Jackson (USA)	840.00
3	Taft Sibley (USA)	1393.33	3	Tom Dolle (FRA)	836.67
Squirt Women			Canoe Decked Women		
1	Otilie Robinson-Shaw (GBR)	1613.33	1	Otilie Robinson-Shaw (GBR)	690.00
2	Tamsyn McConchie (GBR)	994.33	2	Rebekah Green (GBR)	303.33
3	Hitomi Takau (JPN)	915.33	3	Anica Schacher (GER)	293.33
Open Canoe					
			1	Philip Josef (GER)	220.00
			2	Zachary Zwanenburg (CAN)	220.00
			3	Adria Bosch Roca (ESP)	95.00

Canoe Polo

- Germany completed a golden double at the ICF Canoe Polo World Championships in St-Omer, France.
- The women’s team claimed a seventh world title and second in succession with a 2-1 win over France before Germany added a second gold when their men’s side edged Spain 4-3 in extra time.
- Canoe polo also starred at The World Games in Birmingham, USA where Germany retained the men’s crown and France secured the women’s title.

Results: 2022 ICF Canoe Polo World Championships

Men	Women
1 Germany	1 Germany
2 Spain	2 France
3 Italy	3 Italy



Stand Up Paddling

- American Connor Baxter was the star of the show at the ICF Stand Up Paddling World Championships in Gdynia, Poland courtesy of his golds in the men's sprint and men's technical.
- The long distance titles went to Australia's Michael Booth and Spain's Esperanza Barreras, while April Zilg delivered another gold for the USA in the women's sprint and France's Melanie Lafenetre sealed the women's technical crown.

Results: 2022 ICF Stand Up Paddling World Championships

Men Sprint		Women Sprint		
1	Connor Baxter (USA)	44.340	1 April Zilg (USA)	56.494
2	Noic Garioud (FRA)	46.333	2 Melanie Lafenetre (FRA)	56.934
3	Claudio Nika (ITA)	47.587	3 Amandine Chazot (FRA)	57.751
Men Long Distance		Women Long Distance		
1	Michael Booth (AUS)	01:34:31.77	1 Esperanza Barreras (ESP)	01:57:26.43
2	Titouan Puyo (FRA)	01:35:25.71	2 Duna Gordillo (ESP)	01:59:04.42
3	Clement Colmas (FRA)	01:35:43.71	3 Melanie Lafenetre (FRA)	02:03:11.46
Men Technical		Women Technical		
1	Connor Baxter (USA)	05:17.401	1 Melanie Lafenetre (FRA)	05:56.168
2	Titouan Puyo (FRA)	05:19.651	2 Caroline Kuntzel (DEN)	06:02.190
3	Rai Taguchi (JPN)	05:21.389	3 Duna Gordillo (ESP)	06:10.788





Canoe Ocean Racing

- Australia’s Jemma Smith and South Africa’s Kenneth Rice became first-time winners at the ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships after clinching the respective women’s and men’s open titles at Viana Do Castelo in Portugal.
- The United Arab Emirates was represented at the event for the first time with two athletes participating after becoming one of the newest members of the ICF.

Results: 2022 ICF Canoe Ocean Racing World Championships

K1 Men		K1 Women		
1	Kenneth Rice (RSA)	01:17:10.78	1 Jemma Smith (AUS)	01:26:05.45
2	Hank McGregor (RSA)	01:17:22.18	2 Danielle McKenzie (NZL)	01:27:31.06
3	Mackenzie Hynard (AUS)	01:17:48.03	3 Michelle Burn (RSA)	01:28:14.78

Dragon Boat

- Racice, Czech Republic stepped in to stage a successful ICF Dragon Boat World Championships in March after the event had to be relocated from Ukraine in response to Russia’s invasion.



Board meetings in review

Online – April 1-2

- The Board voted unanimously to support the decision taken by the ExCo to suspend athletes and officials from Belarus and Russia in response to the war in Ukraine.
- The USA proposed several rules changes, including alterations to visit requirements for venues hosting World Cups or World Championships to allow for virtual viewings and to award competitions up to nine years in advance but both motions were not supported.
- A decision was made to relax the ICF COVID-19 prevention protocol following a proposal from the Medical Committee.

[Full minutes available here](#)

Poznan, Poland – May 31-June 1

- ICF President Thomas Konietzko announced Richard Pettit as the new Secretary General after his appointment was unanimously agreed by the selection panel.
- Presentations were made from each Fit for Future working group with discussions on the topics of governance, sustainability, events, brand marketing and communications, culture of cooperation and communication, and safeguarding and wellbeing.
- The Board supported the proposal to move responsibility of the ICF's anti-doping program to the International Testing Agency.

[Full minutes available here](#)

Online – September 21-27

- The Board backed changing the name of extreme kayak to kayak cross which will make its Olympic debut at Paris 2024.
- Discussions were held over staging a virtual event with a view to being aligned with the future vision of the IOC.
- A financial update was given and a pledge for the ICF to become more rigorous with its practices.

[Full minutes available here](#)



Pattaya, Thailand – November 3-5

- IOC President Thomas Bach gave a video address, congratulating the ICF on innovation, new initiatives in digital presentation and on stepping up the fight against doping.
- ICF Secretary General Richard Pettit reported that it had been a difficult but progressive season with 34 amazing events in 2022 and said the International Federation needed to "simplify, unify, amplify".
- In the Treasurer's report, Luciano Buonfiglio praised the ICF for choosing conservative investments and said they can look with certainty at its activity in the next two years. The budget was approved.
- The Fit for Future Strategic Plan 2022-24 was unanimously endorsed – a decision which ICF President Thomas Konietzko said will send a strong message that the sport can help create a better world.
- Paris 2024 President Tony Estanguet gave a message of support, stating that kayak cross was being well received by the Olympic Movement and that all sport has all the strengths to grow.
- The National Federations of Solomon Islands and Comoros were approved, taking the ICF's total membership to 171.
- Presidents of Continental Federations and Chairs of Disciplines gave reports, reflecting on the success and challenges over the past 12 months.
- Antalya, Turkey was confirmed as the host of the 2024 ICF Congress.

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