

COMPETITIVE ROWING: ERRORS and the UNEXPECTED

The purpose of this exhibit is to show the unusual side of competitive rowing. This is achieved by dividing into two sections. The first section shows designer errors caused by a lack of understanding of the sport. The exhibit will show the errors, explain what is wrong and show correct designs.

The unexpected section highlights unusual events occurring in rowing competition. These range from weather impacting rowers, to exceptional performance by rowers. Since rowing has a long sporting history, it includes collisions and sinking during major races as well as amazing athletic feats.

As a competitive rower and a US rowing referee, I have personally seen unusual races. The next time you see this sport covered philatelically, as a spectator or in the media, expect the unexpected.



1959 China PR design error because rowers never bend forward this much. Irregular perms in this issue due to poor paper quality and worn machinery.



Germany 1998 Rowing Championship specimen shows all rowers in correct back upright position early in the leg drive.

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Minister Proof with embossed seal. Less than 50 issued. Shows correct position at the beginning of stroke with rower in foreground and the middle of leg drive in background.

