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Women's C1 200m

21 August - Heats

22 August - Semifinals

23 August - Finals

- Laurence Vincent-Lapointe (CAN) can become the second woman in world championships history to win an individual event five times.
- Vincent-Lapointe has won all four previous gold medals in women's C1 200m.
- She can join Birgit Fischer (GER) as only women to win an individual event five times. Fischer won K1 500 a record seven times.
- Vincent-Lapointe has won 15 of her last 16 major races in this event, including gold at the Pan American Games in July 2015.
- She finished second in Poznan in May 2012, behind her compatriot Mallorie Nicholson (CAN).
- Staniliya Stamenova (BUL) won the 2015 European championship gold in this event. She took silver at the last two world championships and claimed bronze in 2011. Only Vincent-Lapointe won more medals (4, all gold).
- Valdenice Conceicao Nascimento took bronze at the 2014 world championships. She also finished third at the 2015 Pan American Games.
- Kincso Takacs (HUN) won gold in this event at the 2015 world junior & under 23 championships.

Women's C2 500m

20 August - Heats / Semifinals

22 August - Finals

- Kincso Takacs (HUN) can extend her run as only woman to have won a medal in this event in all editions it is being held at the world championships.
- Takacs won bronze in 2011, silver in 2012 and gold in 2014.
- She won her last two medals, silver in 2013 and gold in 2014, with Zsanett Lakatos (HUN).
- Laurence Vincent-Lapointe (CAN) is the only athlete to have won two gold medals in this event, in 2011 and 2013. She finished fourth in 2014.
- Daryna Kastsyuchenka (BLR) and Kamila Bobr (BLR) took silver at the 2014 world championships, but they won gold at the 2014 European championships, despite their young age of only 18 (Kastsyuchenka) and 17 (Bobr).
- Belarus has never won a gold medal in a women's event at the world championships. They won their last gold medal in men's C4 1000 in 2011.
- Maria Maillard/Nancy Millan Valdes (CHI) took bronze in 2013, Chile's only medal at the world championships prior to 2015.



Men's C1 200m

20 August - Heats / Semifinals

22 August - Finals

- Valentin Demyanenko (AZE) can win a fifth gold medal and a sixth total medal in men's C1 200m.
- Demyanenko's four gold medals are already a record-most in this event.
- Demyanenko can equal Maxim Opalev (RUS) on a record six total medals in men's C1 200m: G3-S3.
- The 200m and 5000m events are the only men's C1 events that have not been won at least five times by a single athlete.
- Yuriy Cheban (UKR) is defending champion in men's 200m. The 2012 Olympic champion also won this event in 2007 and if he wins a third gold he will equal Opalev on second-most gold medals behind Demyanenko's four.
- Ukraine is the only country to have won all medals of all colour in this event: G4-S1-B5.
- Only Russia (12) has won more medals in C1 men's 200m than Ukraine's 10.
- Russia is the only country to have won a medal in this event at each of the last 12 world championships (since 1999).
- Henrikas Zustautas (LTU) won this event at the European games in Baku in 2015. Ahead of these world championships, no athlete from Lithuania had ever won gold in a C1 or K1 event.
- Only two of the 49 medals in this event have been won by non European countries - Canada and Kazakhstan each claimed a bronze medal.

Men's C1 500m

21 August - Heats / Semifinals

23 August - Finals

- Isaquias Queiroz Dos Santos (BRA, 21) can become the youngest man to win an individual event in canoe/kayak three times.
- Queiroz Dos Santos won gold in this event in 2013 and 2014. He will be 21 years and 232 days on 23 August and can become the youngest man to win an individual event three times.
- He can be the first non European man to win a canoe event three times.
- Greg Barton (USA), Ken Wallace (AUS) and Nathan Baggaley (AUS) have all won three gold medals in kayak events.
- Martin Fuksa (CZE) has won the last three gold medals in this event at European championships. And he claimed bronze at the world championships in 2014.
- Fuksa can follow in the footsteps of Martin Doktor (CZE) who is the only Czech athlete to win this event, in 1997.
- Mikhail Pavlov (RUS) won the race in Copenhagen in May 2015, ahead of Ilya Shtokalov (RUS). They

Men's C1 1000m

20 August - Heats / Semifinals

22 August - Finals

- Defending champion Sebastian Brendel (GER) can extend his golden run in men's C1 1000m.
- Brendel is the reigning Olympic champion, world champion, European champion and European Games winner in this event.
- Brendel has won a medal in this event at four of the last five world championships: G1-S1-B2.
- Brendel also won this event at the 2014 world cup race in Milan.
- Attila Vajda (HUN) can win his fourth gold in this event, after 2007, 2011 and 2013. Only Ivan Klementjev (LAT, 6) and Andreas Dittmer (GER, 5) have more.
- Vajda can win his seventh medal in men's C1 1000m (G3-S1-B2). Only Klmentjev (9) and Dittmer (8) have more.
- Germany (including FRG and GDR) has won this event 12 times, three more than runner up URS/RUS.
- Martin Fuksa (CZE) won gold at the 2015 world junior and Under 23 championships and he took silver at the 2015 European Games and the world championships in 2014.
- Czech Republic has won six medals in this event, including five silver and one bronze.
- In 1950, Josef Holecek (TCH) won the only gold medal in this event for Czechoslovakia in C1 1000m.
- Isaquias Queiroz Dos Santos (BRA) won gold in C1 1000m at the 2015 Pan American Games and he finished second in this event at the 2014 world cup race in Milan. He took bronze at the 2013 world championships.

Men's CI 5000m

23 August - Finals

- Sebastian Brendel (GER) can win a third consecutive gold medal in men's CI 5000m. He is already the most successful athlete in his event.
- Brendel won gold in 2013 and 2014, finishing ahead of Attila Vajda (HUN) on both occasions.
- Jose Luis Bouza (ESP) is the only other athlete on two medals in this event: silver in 2010 and bronze in 2011.
- Russia's Pavel Petrov can also win a second medal in CI 5000m after bronze in 2014. He took silver at the 2015 European championships behind Brendel.
- Germany (3) and Ukraine (1) are the only countries to have won gold in this event.
- Matej Rusnak (SVK) won the world cup in Milan in 2014 in CI 5000m. He can win Slovakia's second medal in this event at world championships after Marián Ostrcil (SVK) claimed bronze in 2010.
- Wang Riwei (CHN) finished second in the 2015 Copenhagen race. Prior to the 2015 world

Men's C2 200m

21 August - Heats / Semifinals

22 August - Semifinals

23 August - Finals

- van Shtyl (RUS) can win men's C2 200m for a record fourth time.
- Ivan Shtyl (RUS) has won three gold medals in this event, in 2006, 2007 and 2014. He can become the first to win this event four times.
- Shtyl is now equal on three gold medals with Evgeny Ignatov (RUS), with whom he won gold in 2006 and 2007, and with Lithuanian duo Raimundas Labuckas/Tomas Gadeikis (LTU).
- Shtyl teamed up with Aleksey Korovashkov (RUS) to win gold in 2014 in C2 200m and in C2 500. They also won this event at the 2015 European championships.
- Shtyl can win his sixth medal in this event (G3-S2) to equal the record by Germany's Christian Gille (G2-S3-B1).
- Robert Nuck (GER) and Stefan Holtz (GER) won bronze in 2009, gold in 2013 and silver in 2014. They can win the fourth gold for Germany in this event. Only Russia has won more gold medals: five.
- Hleb Saladukha/Dzianis Makhlai (BLR) won the world cup event in Duisburg in May 2015 and they can become the second Belarus duo to win gold in men's C2 200 at world championships after Alexandre

Men's C2 500m

20 August - Heats / Semifinals

22 August - Finals

- Liviu Dumitrescu (ROU) and Victor Mihalachi (ROU) can win their third gold medal in men's C2 500m.
- Liviu Dumitrescu (ROU) and Victor Mihalachi (ROU) have won two gold medals (2010, 2011) and one silver (2014) in this event.
- Only György Kolonics (HUN, 5), István Vaskuti (HUN, 5) and Csaba Horváth (HUN, 4) have won more gold medals in this event.
- Romania can win this event for the sixth time, overtaking URS on the medal table, behind Hungary's 11.
- Ronald Verch (GER) and Yul Oeltze (GER) took silver at the 2015 Copenhagen world cup. They hope to win the first medal for Germany in this event since 2011. Germany has nine medals in total in this event, including a record six bronze (G2-S1-B6).
- Brazil hope to win its first medal in this event at the world championships with Erlon de Souza Silva (BRA) and Ronilson Matias De Oliveira (BRA) who claimed silver at the Panamerican Games in July 2015.
- Dmytro Ianchuk/Taras Mischuk (UKR) claimed silver in C2 500m at the 2015 European championships. Ukraine has yet to win its first medal in this event.

Men's C2 1000m

21 August - Heats

22 August - Semifinals

23 August - Finals

- Defending champions Liviu Dumitrescu/Victor Mihalachi (ROU) hope to win their third gold medal in men's C2 1000m.
- Dumitrescu and Mihalachi won gold in 2010 and 2014. They can join Ivan Patzaichin (ROU) on three gold medals in this event, one fewer than record holder Tomasz Wylenzek (GER, 4).
- Ilya Pervukhin (RUS) finished second in this event at the 2015 European Games and European championships, twice teaming up with Aleksey Korovashkov (RUS).
- Pervukhin will now form a duo with Viktor Melantsev (RUS), who took silver in this event at the world championships in 2013 and bronze in 2009.
- Aliaksander Bahdanovic/Andrei Bahdanovic (BLR) won gold in C2 1000m at the 2015 European Games.
- The London 2012 Olympic Games silver medallists can win the first gold medal for Belarus in this event at the world championships after they took silver in 2010, their country's only medal in this event.
- Germany's Peter Kretschmer won Olympic gold in 2012 and claimed bronze at the 2015 European Games. And silver at the 2012 European championships. He has yet to win a medal in C2 1000 at the world championships.
- Robert Mike (HUN) has won gold (2013), silver (2014) and bronze (2010) in this event. His partner

Men's C4 1000m

21 August - Heats / Semifinals

23 August - Finals

- Belarus's five-time medal winning quartet hopes to add a record fourth gold in C4 1000m event.
- Aliaksandr Vauchetski, Dzianis Harazha, Dzmitry Rabchanka and Dzmitry Vaitsishin (BLR) have won a medal in this event in each of the last five editions.
- They took silver in 2013 and 2014 after having won the event three times in a row in 2009, 2010 and 2011.
- No other athletes have won more gold (3) or more total medals (5) in C4 1000m than this Belarusian quartet.
- Belarus can win its fourth gold in this event, one behind Hungary's record five.
- Imre Pulai (HUN), Nikolay Juravski (URS), Valeriy Veshko (URS) and Victor Reneiskiy (URS) have also won three gold medals in this event.
- Defending champions Russia can win a third gold medal in C4 1000m after gold in 1999 and 2014.
- Kirill Shamshurin (RUS) and Rasul Ishmukhamedov (RUS) helped Russia win gold at the 2014 world championships and 2015 European championships.
- Romania finished runners up at the 2015 European championships behind Russia.
- Iosif Chirila (ROU) has won gold (2007) and bronze (2009) at world championships in this event and six medals in C4 1000m at European championships, including in 2015.
- Hungary has won bronze in this event at the last three world championships. Hungary's five gold, three silver and five bronze medals are a record most in C4 1000m.



Women's KI 200m

21 August - Heats

22 August - Semifinals

23 August - Finals

- Defending champion Lisa Carrington (NZL) is on three world titles in women's KI 200m and needs one more victory to join Caroline Brunet (CAN) in first place on the all-time gold medal list.
- Reigning Olympic champion Carrington has claimed the world title in women's KI 200m the last three editions (2011, 2013, 2014).
- The 26-year-old can become the first athlete to win gold in this event in four successive world championships. Hungary's Natasa Janics (2007, 2009, 2010) and Canada's Caroline Brunet (1997, 1998, 1999) previously won the women's KI 200m world title three editions in a row.
- Carrington has collected three medals in this event at the world championships (G3-S0-B0) and needs one more podium finish to become the joint-second most decorated athlete in this event. Poland's Marta Walczykiewicz (4, G0-S4-B0) and Brunet (7, G4-S2-B1) are currently in second and first place respectively.
- Carrington has won nine of the last 11 World Cup races in this event, including the one in Milan in May 2014.
- Norma Murabito (ITA) can become the first athlete to win a world championships medal in women's KI 200m in front of a home crowd since Hungary's Timea Paksy took gold in Szeged in 2006.
- Walczykiewicz, who took silver in this event at the last three world championships, is hoping to hand Poland their first ever world title in women's KI 200m.
- Hungary have won a record 11 medals in women's KI 200m at the world championships, including a record six golds. Canada are next with 10 podium finishes and five world titles.

Women's KI 500m

20 August - Heats / Semifinals

22 August - Finals

- Hungarian women have won this event the last two World championships as Danusia Kozák (HUN) won in 2013 and 2014. Anna Kárász (HUN) will compete for Hungary in Milan and can become the fifth Hungarian to win the world title in this event.
- Kárász (23) won gold in women's KI 500m at the 2014 World Junior & Under 23 Championships in Szeged, Hungary.
- The last woman who was younger than 24 years and won the world title in this event was Nicole Reinhardt (GER), who was 19 years 238 days in 2005.
- Lisa Carrington (NZL) can give New Zealand their first gold medal in this event. She finished second in 2014 after claiming bronze in 2013.
- Only Josefa Idem (FRG, ITA) has won a different colour medal in this event at three consecutive world championships (silver in 1999, gold in 2001, bronze in 2002)
- Carrington has won all three World Cup races in this event this year after winning one in 2014, which was in Milan.
- So far 10 different nations have won gold in this event, including East Germany, West Germany and Soviet Union.
- Hungary have won the world title in women's KI 500m in five of the last seven editions.
- The only non-European to win this event at the world championships is Canada's Caroline Brunet (CAN), who was victorious in three successive world championships between 1997 and 1999.
- Ewelina Wojnarowska (POL) can give Poland their first gold medal in this event after Izabella Dylewska-Swiatowiak (POL) claimed silver in 1987 and 1989 and Aneta Pastuszka (POL) bronze in 2003.

Women's K1 1000m

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21 August - Heats / Semifinals

23 August - Finals

- Erika Medveczky (HUN) won the world title in women's K1 1000m in 2013 and can become the fourth multi gold medallist in this event in history of the world championships after Caroline Brunet (CAN, 2 golds), Josefa Idem (ITA, 2) and Katalin Kovács (HUN, 4).
- Hungary have won a record 11 medals in women's K1 1000m at the world championships, including a record seven golds. Germany are next best with nine podium finishes (2 golds).
- In 2014, Teneale Hatton (NZL) became only the second non-European world champion in this event and the first since 1999, when Canada's Caroline Brunet took gold in Milan. Hatton will not compete in this year's edition.
- Last year, Hatton claimed the world title in women's K1 1000m in a championship record time of 3:49.423 by only 0.05s from 2011 world champion Tamara Csipes (HUN).
- Latvia's Daniela Kondratova (17) and Croatia's Brigita Bakić (18) are hoping to become the first ever teenagers to reach the podium in women's K1 1000m at the world championships. The youngest medallist in this event to date is Germany's Franziska Weber, who was 20 years and 83 days old when she grabbed silver in 2009.
- Irene Burgo (ITA) can become the fourth athlete to claim the world title in women's K1 1000m in front of a home crowd after Tamara Csipes (HUN) in 2011, Dalma Ruzicic-Benedek (HUN) in 2006 and Caroline Brunet (CAN) in 1997.
- 36-year-old Margaret Hogan (USA) can become the second oldest medallist in women's K1 1000m in history of the world championships after Josefa Idem (ITA) who was 37 when she collected silver in this event in 2002.

Women's KI 5000m

23 August - Finals

- Maryna Litvinchuk (BLR) is on three medals in this event at the world championships (G0-S2-B1) and can become the first to win a record fourth medal in women's KI 5000m.
- Litvinchuk can complete the medal set in this event by winning gold. She has already claimed silver (2014, 2010) and bronze (2010).
- Litvinchuk won gold in this event at the 2015 European Games and European championships.
- Only Hungary (5) has won more medals in this event than Belarus (3).
- Erika Medvecky (HUN) won gold at the 2014 European championship, but only finished ninth in at the 2015 European championships.
- Lani Belcher (GBR) took silver in KI 5000 at the 2011 World Championships. She can follow in the footsteps of Louisa Sawers (GBR) as British winner of this event.
- Belcher finished second at the 2015 European Games and at the World Cup in Copenhagen in 2015. She won the race in Duisburg in May 2015.
- Katrin Borchert (AUS) is the only multi gold medallist in this event at the world championships. She claimed the world title in 1989 representing GDR and in 1990 competing for West Germany.

Women's K2 200m

21 August - Heats

22 August - Semifinals

23 August - Finals

- Hungarian duos have won this event eight of the 16 times at the world championships, including the last world championships with Ninetta Vad (HUN) and Anna Karasz (HUN).
- Hungarian duos have won seven of the last nine world titles in this event, with Katalin Kovács (HUN) being part of the winning team on a record five occasions. She teamed-up with Natasa Janics (HUN) four times and with Dunasia Kozák (HUN) once.
- Hungary have won a record 11 medals in this event at the world championships. Poland are next, with 10. Poland have yet to win a gold medal as they claimed silver seven times and bronze three times.
- Dominika Włodarczyk (POL) and Joanna Bruska (POL) hope to give Poland their first ever world title in this event.
- Germany are the only nation with a medal in this event in each of the last two world championships as Franziska Weber (GER) and Tina Dietze (GER) won gold in 2013 and silver in 2014.
- Only three of the 48 world championship medals in this event have been won by non-European duos.
- In 1998, Canada's Corinna Kennedy and Marie Josée Gibeau-Ouimet became the last non-European champions in women's KC 200m.
- Slovakia's Ivana Kmetova and Martina Kohlova claimed gold in this event at the 2008 European Championships in Milan.

Women's K2 500m

20 August - Heats / Semifinals

22 August - Finals

- A Hungarian duo has won this event in eight of the last 11 world championships, after claiming gold in only three of the first 29 stagings of the competition.
- Hungary (G11-S11-B5) have won the most medals in the women's K2 500m at the world championships, but East Germany hold the record for most gold medals (13).
- Germany (5) are the only other country to win more than two world championship gold medals in this event.
- Only three of the 120 world championship medals in this event have been won by non-European duos. Australia's Anna Wood (AUS) and Katrin Borchert (AUS) won gold in 1998 and silver in 1997, and Canada's Caroline Brunet (CAN) and Karen Furneaux (CAN) won silver in 1999 (in Milan).
- Birgit Fischer (GDR, GER) holds the record for most world championship gold medals in this event (6) and most overall medals (G6-S1-B1). No other woman has won more than five world championship medals in the K2 500m.
- Poland have won the bronze medal in this event at each of the last three world championships. Beata Mikolajczyk (POL) was partnered by Aneta Konieczna (POL) in 2011, and Karolina Naja (POL) in 2013 and 2014.
- Mikolajczyk and Naja won the bronze medal in this event at the 2012 Olympic Games in London. The duo are the reigning European champions after winning gold in Racice, Czech Republic, in May.
- In 2014 the winners of this event in the European championships also went on to win gold at that year's world championships (Hungary's Gabriella Szabo and Tamara Csipes).
- Sisters Nikolina (SRB) and Olivera Moldovan (SRB) won Serbia's first world championships medal in this event when they claimed silver in 2014 in Moscow, Russia.
- Serbia won the gold medal in this event at the inaugural European Games in Baku, Azerbaijan, in June (Dalma Ruzicic-Benedek and Milica Starovic).

Women's K2 1000m

20 August - Heats / Semifinals

22 August - Finals

- Of the 14 times this event has taken place at the world championships, 10 have been won by either Hungary (6) or Germany (4).
- Germany (G4-S8) have won the most medals in the women's K2 1000m at the world championships, but Hungary hold the record for most gold medals (6).
- Only three other countries have won a gold medal in this event at the world championships: Australia (2), Poland (1) and Denmark (1).
- Hungary have won a medal in this event at each of the last 10 world championships, and in 11 of the 14 overall. Their duo finished fourth in 1997 and 1998, and seventh in 2001.
- Australia's Katrin Borchert (G2-S2) and German pair Manuela Mucke (G1-S3) and Nadine Opgen-Rhein (G1-S3) share the record for most world championship medals in this event.
- Borchert, Anna Wood (AUS) and Hungarian trio Gabriella Szabo, Katalin Kovacs and Natasa Janics are the only women to win more than one K2 1000m world championships gold medal (all 2).
- Denmark's Emma Jorgensen and Henriette Engel Hansen won the gold medal in this event at the 2014 World Championships in Moscow, Russia. It was only the second Danish female world championships gold medal after Bodil Svendsen and Karen Hoff won the K2 500m in 1948 in London, England.
- In 2014, Jorgensen (18 years and 8 days) also became the youngest winner of a medal in this event at a world championships.
- The bronze of Irina Lauric and Sorina Bianca Plesca in 2013 is Romania's only world championships medal in the women's K2 1000m.
- On the previous occasion the world championships were held in Milan in 1999, the gold medal in this event was won by Australia's Katrin Borchert and Anna Wood. Germany's Katrin Wagner-Augustin and Manuela Mucke won silver and Hungary's Kinga Bota and Andrea Barocsi bronze.

Women's K4 500m

21 August - Heats

22 August - Semifinals

23 August - Finals

- Hungarian women have won 10 of the last 12 world titles in women's K4 500m, including the last five. In total, East Germany and Hungary have won this title most often, both 11 times.
- The last nation to win this world title at least six editions in a row is Germany, when they won six successive world championship gold medals after the reunification (1991-1998).
- Last year, Germany failed to win a medal in this event for only the second time since the reunification. In 2003, they finished fifth and in 2014, fourth.
- The only other edition in which Germany, East Germany or West Germany failed to win a medal in this event was in 1986.
- Birgit Fisher (GER) is all-time record holder with 11 gold medals in this event. She is followed by Hungary's Katalin Kovács (8). That is also the record for most gold medals for any person in any event at the world championships.
- Danusia Kozák (HUN) and Gabriella Szabo (HUN) were part of the winning team in each of the last three world championships. Kozák also was part of the team in 2009.
- Both women are participating and can win for the fourth time in a row, becoming the first women since Erzsébet Viski (HUN), Katalin Kovács (HUN) and Szilvia Szabó (HUN) to achieve this feat. These three women were all part of the Hungarian team that won four world titles in a row between 1999 and 2003.
- Poland are looking to win this event for the first time at the world championships. They finished second last year and also second at two World Cup events this season (Duisburg and Montemor-o-Velho).
- Poland can become the sixth nation to win gold in this event at the world championships after Hungary (11), East Germany (11), Germany (8), Soviet Union (5) and Bulgaria (1).
- Only Romania have won more medals in this event without ever winning gold. Romania are on seven medals (all bronze), Poland have won six (3 silver and 3 bronze).
- Belarus can also become the sixth nation to win gold in this event. They won in Duisburg this season



Men's KI 200m

21 August - Heats

22 August - Semifinals

23 August - Finals

- Mark De Jonge (CAN), Petter Menning (SWE) and Edward McKeever (GBR) are all hoping to win their second world title in men's KI 200m.
- Mark De Jonge (CAN) is the defending champion in men's KI 200m and hopes to become the first with back-to-back world titles in this event since Ronald Rauhe's (GER) threepeat between 2001 and 2003.
- The only other male with multiple titles in this event is Michael Kolganov (ISR, 2) who won back-to-back titles in 1998 and 1999.
- De Jonge can become the second male from Canada with multiple world titles in canoe sprint, after Adam Van Koeverden (CAN) who won KI 500m in 2007 and KI 1000m in 2011.
- Petter Menning (SWE) hopes to reclaim the world title after winning both the world and European title in this event in 2013.
- Edward McKeever (GBR), another former world champion in this event (2010), can claim his fourth medal in this event. Only Ronald Rauhe (GER) has more with 8.
- Rauhe and McKeever are the only athletes with a complete medal set in men's KI 200m. De Jonge can join them if he finishes in third place.
- McKeever can become the second Briton with multiple world titles after Jeremy West (GBR) who won the men's KI 500m and 1000m in 1986.
- McKeever has won a total of five medals at the world championships, only trailing Andrew Train (GBR, 6 medals) as most prolific Briton in the competition. Jon Schofield (GBR) and Liam Heath (GBR) can add a career sixth on 22 August.
- Marko Dragosavljevic (SRB), 20 years and 332 days old, can become the youngest medallist in this event since Artem Kononyuk (RUS, 19-240) won bronze in 2009. The only other younger medallist is Ronald Rauhe (GER) who won bronze in 1999 (17-330) and gold in 2001 (19-327).
- Spain's Saúl Craviotto finished in third place in 2013 and 2014. He will be eyeing his eighth medal in total at the world championships, equalling Carlos Pérez (ESP) and Luis Ramos Misioné (ESP) as most prolific male from Spain in the competition.

Men's K1 500m

21 August - Heats / Semifinals

23 August - Finals

- René Poulsen (DEN) is the only athlete to finish on the podium of men's K1 500m multiple times in the last four editions combined, claiming silver in 2013 and gold in 2014.
- The last man to win back-to-back K1 500m world titles is Nathan Baggaley from Australia, winning three consecutive titles from 2002 to 2005.
- Hungary and Russia (as Soviet Union) have won equal-most titles in this event (7), but failed to win any of the last 10.
- Bence Dombvari (HUN) finished in fourth place in 2013 and grabbed silver behind Poulsen in 2014. The last Hungarian to win this event is Ákos Vereckei who won three successive gold medals between 1998 and 2001.
- Aleksey Mochalov (UZB) is aiming to become the third athlete from Uzbekistan to win a medal at the world championships after Vadim Menkov (G2-S1-B2) and Anton Ryahov (G0-S2-B3).
- Bram Brandjes (NED) has a fifth (2013) and seventh place (2014) in this event at previous world championships.
- Brandjes is hoping to win Netherland's first canoe sprint medal in the competition since Anna Wood and Annemiek Derckx grabbed silver in 1987 in women's K2 500m.
- Paul Mittelstedt (GER) could add a fourth gold medal for Germany (including its predecessors) in this event. Only Hungary (7), Russia (7) and Romania (5) have more.
- Germany (including its predecessors) has won most medals (16) in this event.

Men's K1 1000m

20 August - Heats / Semifinals

22 August - Finals

- Josef Dostál (CZE) can become the youngest man to win back-to-back K1 1000m world titles at only 22 years of age.
- Defending champion Josef Dostal (CZE) can become the youngest athlete to retain the men's K1 1000m world title at the age of 22 years and 172 days.
- The last man to win back-to-back K1 1000m world titles is Max Hoff (GER) who won in 2009 and 2010.
- Hoff has won the world title in three of the last five editions, claiming his third in 2013. Only Rüdiger Helm (GER, 5 titles) and Knut Holmann (NOR, 4) have won this event more often at the world championships.
- René Poulsen (DEN) could become the second world champion from Denmark in this event after Erik Hansen (DEN) in 1963.
- Poulsen claimed bronze at last year's world championships and finished in second place behind Max Hoff at the European Championships last May.
- Last year, Miroslav Kirchev (BUL) became the first male from Bulgaria to win a world championships medal since 2002 with a second place in this event.
- Kirchev can join Nikolay Bouhalov (BUL, 1993-1995) and Ljubomir Ljubenov (BUL, 1978) as the only male athletes from Bulgaria with a canoe sprint world title.
- Fernando Pimenta (POR) is eyeing his first individual world championships medal after claiming silver in K4 1000m (2014) and K2 500m (2010). No Portuguese has ever won a medal in the men's K1 1000m.

Men's KI 5000m

23 August - Finals

- This event has been held at the world championships since 2010. Ken Wallace (AUS) won three of the previous four editions (2010, 2013, 2014), Max Hoff (GER) won in 2011.
- Hoff also claimed two silver medals in 2010 and 2014.
- Hoff won the men's KI 5000m in Baku at the 2015 European Games, ahead of Fernando Pimenta (POR) and Cyrille Carre (FRA).
- Wallace can become the first non-European male to win four gold medals in a single canoe sprint event at the world championships.
- René Poulsen (DEN), 2015 European champion in this event, can become the third male with world championships medals in the KI 500m, 1000m and 5000m after Wallace (2009-2014) and Knut Holmann (NOR, 1990-1999).
- Daniel Dal Bo (ARG), silver medallist in 2013, can become the second multi-medallist from Argentina at the world championships alongside Javier Andrés Correa (ARG, S2-B2).
- Italy's Maximilian Benassi is hoping for success in front of a home crowd. He has won two bronze medals in this event in 2010 and 2011.
- Only one other male athlete from Italy has won more than three individual world championships medals - Oreste Perri (6, 1974-1977).

Men's K2 200m

20 August - Heats / Semifinals

22 August - Finals

- Nebojsa Grujic (SRB) and Marko Novakovic (SRB) are aiming to win back-to-back canoe sprint world titles for Serbia (includes YUG/SCG) for the third time.
- Defending champions Nebojsa Grujic (SRB) and Marko Novakovic (SRB) could retain a canoe sprint world title for Serbia (including its predecessors) for the third time. Milan Janic (YUG) won back-to-back men's K1 10000m titles in 1978 and 1979 and Matija Ljubek (YUG) and Mirko Nisovic (YUG) men's C2 500m titles in 1982 and 1983.
- Sébastien Jouve (FRA) and Arnaud Hybois (FRA) are the last team to win back-to-back titles in men's K2 200m world title in 2010 and 2011.
- Jouve will compete with Maxime Beaumont (FRA) this year, eyeing a record equalling third gold medal along Lithuania's Alvydas Duonela and Egidijus Balciunas, Hungary's Róbert Hegedüs and Australia's Vince Fehércári.
- Two-time reigning European champions in this event, Ronald Rauhe (GER) and Tom Liescher (GER), could become the first team to win the world title as reigning European champions since Russia's Yury Postrigay and Alexander Dyachenko in 2013.
- Rauhe has won a record seven medals in this event of which one gold (2006), three silver (2001, 2007, 2014) and three bronze (2002, 2003, 2013).
- British duo Jon Schofield and Liam Heath have finished on the podium in this event in three of the last four editions of the world championships (S2-B1), but have yet to claim their first gold medal.
- Schofield and Heath can become the third male/female British duo with a canoe sprint world title after Stephen Jackson and Alan Williams in men's K2 10000 (1983) and Ivan Lawler and Grayson Bourne in men's K2 10000 (1990).

Men's K2 500m

21 August - Heats / Semifinals

23 August - Finals

- Kazakhstan's Yevgeniy Alexeyev and Alexey Dergunov finished fifth in 2014 and they are the highest ranked duo from the 2014 world championships to compete in Milan.
- Kazakhstan can win its first medal in men's K2 500m.
- Alexeyev will be 37 years and 255 days on the day of the final and he can become the oldest male medallist in this event.
- None of the previous medallists in this event competes in this year's event.
- Germany (including West Germany and East Germany) has won this event a record 14 times, but not since 2007.
- Kostja Stroinski (GER) and Lukas Reuschenbach (GER) won gold in K2 500m at the 2014 European Juniors & U23 championships.
- Belarus has won a medal in five of the last six world championships (none in 2011), including in 2013 (silver) and 2014 (bronze). All these medals were won by Raman Patriushenka (BLR) and Vadzim Makhnev (BLR) who are not competing in this event this year.
- Germany (including East Germany and West Germany) has won a record 26 total medals in men's K2 500m.
- Australia's Ken Wallace finished second in this event at the 2002 World Cup in Milan. Australia won its last of their three medals in this event at the 1999 world championships: bronze. It had also won gold in 1997 and bronze in 1994.

Men's K2 1000m

20 August - Heats / Semifinals

22 August - Finals

- Erik Vlcek (SVK) is hoping to become the fourth athlete with at least three titles in this event.
- Erik Vlcek (SVK) and Juraj Tarr (SVK) are aiming to become the first duo to win back-to-back world titles in men's K2 1000m since Sweden's Henrik Nilsson and Marcus Oscarsson in 2002 and 2003.
- Vlcek previously won a gold medal together with Peter Gelle (SVK) in 2011. He can become the fourth athlete with at least three titles in this event along Kay Bluhm (GER, 4 titles), Torsten Gutsche (GER, 4) and Antonio Rossi (ITA, 3).
- Germany (including West and East Germany) have won this event a record 10 times. Marcus Gross (GER) and Max Rendschmidt (GER) are the last German duo to win the world title back in 2013.
- Rendschmidt, 21 years old, can become the youngest male with multiple world titles in this event, beating compatriot Kay Bluhm who won his second title at 22 years of age.
- Ken Wallace (AUS) and Lachlan Tame (AUS), silver medallists of 2014, can become the second male duo from Australia with a gold medal at the world championships after Andrew Trim (AUS) and Daniel Collins (AUS) in men's K2 500m (1997).
- Hungary have six gold medals in men's K2 1000m at the world championships, second-most of all countries. Their last win came in 2006 with Zoltán Kammerer and Gábor Kucsera.

Men's K4 1000m

21 August - Heats

22 August - Semifinals

23 August - Finals

- Czech Republic are hoping to retain their world title of 2014 in this event. They are also the reigning two-time European champions.
- Portugal, silver medallists of 2014, hope to win their second title in any event at the world championships as Emanuel Silva (POR) and Joao Ribeiro (POR) won the men's K2 500m in 2013.
- Silva and Ribeiro were also part of Portugal's team claiming silver in this event last year.
- Germany (including West/East Germany) have won this event a record 15 times. Their last gold medal came in 2011 with Norman Bröckl, Max Hoff, Robert Gleinert and Paul Mittelsteldt.
- Spain grabbed the bronze medal at the 2015 European championships and won last year's World Cup race in Milan.
- The Spanish team won three medals in men's K4 1000m at the world championships, but all in the seventies - gold in 1975 and bronze in 1977 and 1978.
- Slovakia won this event at both European championships held in Milan, 2008 and 2001.
- Slovakia won their first world title in this event in 2002 and have claimed four medals ever since their maiden win. Only Germany have won as many medals (5) in that timespan.



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