



Newsletter August 2008

Dear Rowperfect community

The excitement is palpable – the 2008 Beijing Olympic Regatta starts on Saturday. The full draw has been published and you can find it online at the [BOCOG](#) site.

Rowperfect will be following the regatta with liveblog updates on Twitter www.twitter.com/rowperfect where you can see micro-blog posts from us. Longer pieces will be posted daily on the [News page](#).

We are supporting the [World Firefighter Games](#) and [Mersey Rowing Club](#) with Dreher sculls which will be brand new for the Games which run in Liverpool from 24 August until 2 September. After the games, they will pass to Mersey RC who will be using them for their club sculling programme. Many thanks to Andy Coyne of Mersey RC for setting up the association.

Thank you and happy rowing!

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Follow your favourite Olympians Blogging online

The best new thing about the Rowing Regatta at the Beijing Olympics will be the improved online content and individual viewpoints enabled by the social media tools now being used by athletes and journalists. Rowperfect will be live blogging the regatta daily.

And we want to bring you an easy summary of the other places where rowers are writing about what's going on for their Olympic Regatta. Please let us know if you find more we haven't listed.

Blogger Athletes from Beijing

[Frances Houghton](#) GB W4x on the BBC

[Tom James](#) GB M4- on his own site

[Drew Ginn](#) Australia M2- on his own site

[Jochen Kuehner](#) Germany LM4- on Rowperfect

[Richard Chambers](#) GB LM4- on the Guardian

[Adam Kreek](#) Canada M8+ on CBC

Other Online Rowing information sources about the Beijing Regatta . A company, Lenovo, has given its laptops to a range of athletes including TJ and Ginn. Link to all [rowing bloggers on Lenovo](#) and a link to all the [Voices of the Olympic Games](#) bloggers on Lenovo. Pretty interesting having so many different sports and countries and languages.

[BBC Rowing summary](#) page is good for online Rowing aggregated information from all its sources
Fan Blog - [Nick Heathcote](#) , whose brother, Alastair is in the GB M8+

[Rowperfect Twitter](#) stream for micro-blog updates (you can sign up to receive them as SMS messages on your mobile phone).

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Now if you want to **watch live sport in the UK** here's some places to find it:

[BBC Coverage](#) Mainly satellite / cable and Freeview 3. They also promise [live webstream](#)

And of course the [BBC iPlayer](#) will allow you to watch up to a week later.

[Schedule for Olympic sports on the BBC](#) for both weeks

The opening ceremony is on BBC1 12.45 Friday 9th August .

Coxmate launches coxless boat unit, the Coxmate HC

The [Coxmate HC](#) is our latest innovation and is designed specifically for coxless boats.

Lighter and compact, it mounts into your boat on a wiring loom that includes a neat on/off foot-switch as well as magnetic pick-ups for rating and the speed impeller. Designed to fit the NK loom. Its software is the same as the Coxmate SCT so you can double up if you own it already.

We also sell the micro-impellers separately, and they work with NK although you'll need to recalibrate because it spins faster than the NK one).



Coxmate HC for coxless boats;



Coxmate Micro Impeller compared to NK impeller

Features Include:-

- Configurable display with following variables: rating, speed, time, distance, av. speed, distance, stroke count, dist/stroke, heart rate & ratio (min/max speed per stroke)
- Integral pick up for Polar Heart Rate monitors
- Takes AAA batteries: approx 1.5 years runtime without backlight or approx 100 hours runtime with backlight
- Substantial memory for storing data
- Real time clock for time/date stamping rowing records.
- Ability to display data concurrently on two HC units
- Mounting bracket compatible with NK Speedcoach®
- Includes auxiliary switch input, which can be used to start, stop and reset timer. Mountable for foot or leg operation
- HC micro impeller dramatically reduces drag and susceptibility to damage and weed contamination
- Optional [PC link and analysis software](#) is available

As ever, we have demo units available for you to try out. Please ask.

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Dreher sculls “Summer Special Price”

A delivery of [Dreher sculls](#) has just arrived from the USA. We have stock of Carbon Adjustable Sculls Apex spoon, Big Blade Spoon, Little Big Blade spoon. Order by 18th August quoting “Summer Special Price” and claim £35 off. Offer available while stocks last. Telephone orders only.

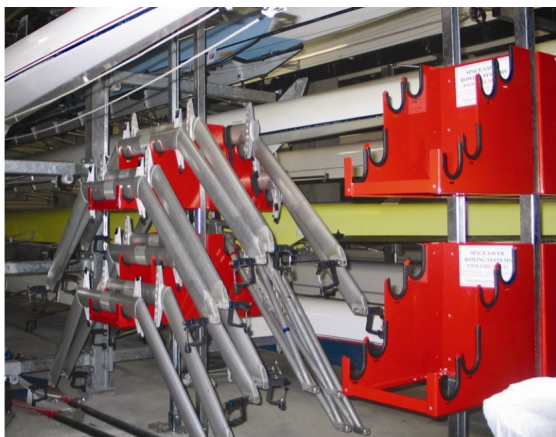
New Products we are selling

[A Scullers Mirror](#) – this large mirror mounts onto the brim of a cap enabling a 'rear view' to be maintained while sculling or rowing coxless boats.

This natty addition to your equipment is 48 mm diameter and made from scratch-proof glass. The angle and pitch can be adjusted by bending the wire - it is designed to be bent.

Price £7 each. [Rowperfect Shop](#)

[Space Saver](#) is a wall-mounted bracket that allows you to store 16 oars that you can retrieve easily. The left hand picture shows Tideway Scullers School's new racking.



A “boathouse pack” of 4 oar or scull storage brackets will store 64 oars in an efficient 2m long x 1.2m deep wall space.

It is designed with a clever off-set enabling spoons to inter-leaf when hanging. Space saver also offers a wing rigger bracket for either sweep or sculling wing riggers.

Price £270 each or £1,000 for four brackets. [We are taking orders now in the Rowperfect Online Shop.](#)