



OCEAN
ROWING
STATS

GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Guiding Principles

A Record shall go to the crew with the direct and unassisted attempt wherever there is one.

In the absence of a direct and/or unassisted attempt the record will go to the most appropriate assisted and/or indirect attempt until such time as a direct and unassisted row takes place for that route/record category.

A route "First" can only be set once and must be direct and unassisted between a unique combination of start and finish Countries. Any subsequent rows, regardless of crew size or composition are not considered a separate "First" record.

Where a route becomes more popular across a range of crew sizes and composition, or case is made, it shall be added as a new category to the leader board and liable for an Ocean Rowing Stats World Record Certificate.

In an effort to promote good safety practices all future ocean rowers must register their rows, sign up to and uphold our code of conduct in order to receive their certificate.

The crew members of ocean rows listed in the database that started before the formation of Ocean Rowing Stats are invited to apply for retrospective issue of their Certificates of Achievement.

With thanks to our partners, Ocean Rowing Stats provides a free of charge service. No ocean rower will be charged to have their row listed or certificated.

Glossary of Terms

Keyword	Definitions
<p>Ocean Rowing</p>	<p>The sport of rowing an ocean rowing boat, with a crew of one or more, from one continental land mass or the islands thereof, to another via the action of human powered rowing, either sweeping or sculling with the use of sliding or fixed seats, with oars. Ocean Rowing Stats will focus solely and exclusively on this definition of the sport and whilst quirks, subsets and variations such as kayaking, SUPing and pedal powered boats etc are recognised as gallant and adventurous pursuits they will not be monitored, recorded or certificated by Ocean Rowing Stats.</p> <p>Notes :- The crossing from the west coast of mainland USA to the Hawaiian archipelago is recognised as an ocean row of the Mid-Pacific. The circumnavigation of the United Kingdom is also a recognised ocean rowing route.</p>
<p>Ocean Rowing Boat</p>	<p>An ocean rowing boat must be seaworthy, be of single hulled design and be capable of self-righting in the event of a capsize, either by design or with the use of ballast. All electrical power must be generated on board via solar panels and stored in batteries, though a back-up EFOY system is permitted. The boat must have no provision for a sail to be erected or improvised and no means to amplify the rowing action of the oarsmen aboard, no motors of any kind are permitted. The row deck must be open to the elements, with no sun canopies or spray shields in place at any time. Boats of all manufacturers and designs shall be listed in the database equally and all shall be liable for the World Records recognised by Ocean Rowing Stats with the following exceptions:-</p> <p>Rannoch R20 - the significant amount of windage the R20 has compared to other designs renders it ineligible for speed based World Records but successful attempts made aboard the design shall be listed on the oeanrowingstats.com with the note 'Crossing carried out in a R20 design' and a certificate of achievement made available.</p>
<p>Crew</p>	<p>All members aboard an ocean rowing boat</p>
<p>Solo</p>	<p>A crew of 1</p>
<p>Team</p>	<p>A crew of more than 1</p>

Assisted	Any attempt that benefited from any tow after departure, received any form of resupply at sea or is shown to have employed any method to reduce the effort required to propel the boat (E.g. improvised sail) shall be recorded as an assisted row. In cases of uncertainty the benefit of the doubt will be given.
Direct	A row with no assistance and no stop offs.
Indirect	A row with stop offs enroute for shelter, resupply or repairs.
First	The first crew, regardless of size or gender, to successfully complete a row between a planned start and finish point that has never been successfully attempted before will be liable for an Ocean Rowing Stats World Record certificate. Subsequent successful attempts for the same route will have firsts for gender and nationality noted in the remarks box and be publicly recognised.
Success	Any attempt carried out in a direct, indirect, assisted or unassisted manner will be listed as a success and liable for award of an Ocean Rowing Stats Certificate of Achievement.
Unsuccessful	Any attempt that is aborted or rescued or suffers a loss of life at sea will be recorded as unsuccessful and not be liable for award of an Ocean Rowing Stats Certificate of Achievement.
Aborted	Any attempt where the crew, by their own volition and under their own steam, come ashore at any point other than and short of the finish point and makes no subsequent attempt to continue shall be recorded as aborted.
Rescued	When all members aboard an ocean rowing boat are rescued to another vessel at sea or the crew and their ocean rowing boats are towed ashore at any point other than the intended destination it shall be recorded as a rescue.

Lost at Sea	A row will be recorded as Lost at Sea where any solo is lost at sea. Where a member of a team is lost at sea the crossing shall be recorded as a Rescue and details of the loss made remarks box.
Record	Any future attempt, carried out in compliance with our code of conduct, that sets or breaks one of the listed Ocean Rowing Stats record categories shall be recorded as a World Record and be liable for the award of an Ocean Rowing Stats World Record Certificate in addition to the Certificate of Achievement.
Oldest (Solo)	The oldest solo male and oldest solo female to row a specific route by age at the start of their attempt
Youngest (Solo)	The youngest solo male and youngest solo female to row a specific route by age at the start of their attempt
Oldest (Team)	The oldest male team oldest female team and oldest mixed gender team to row a specific route by average age at the start of their attempt regardless of team size.
Youngest (Team)	The youngest male team, youngest female team and youngest mixed gender team to row a specific route by average age at the start of their attempt regardless of team size.

