



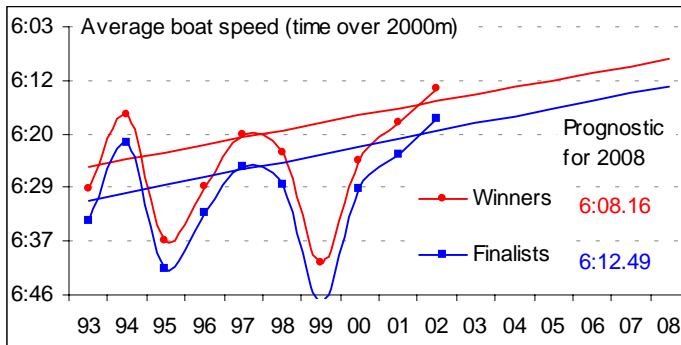
News

☺ Australian women crews were the best at the recent World Championship in Seville. W4-, WL4x and LW2x won gold medals and W8+ won silver. Well done! Congratulations to the athletes and coaches!.

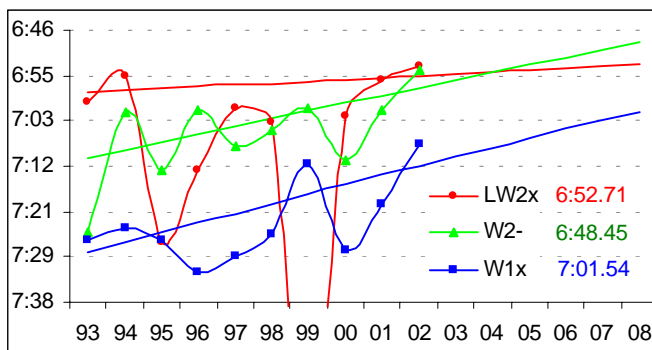
Facts. Did You Know That...

? ...the latest Worlds were the fastest ones over the last 10 years? The average boat speed of the finalists in 14 Olympic boat classes was 6:17.7 (in min:sec over 2000m) and the winners average was 6:13.0. The second fastest championship was in Indianapolis in 1994, where the times were 6:21.7 and 6:17.21, respectively.

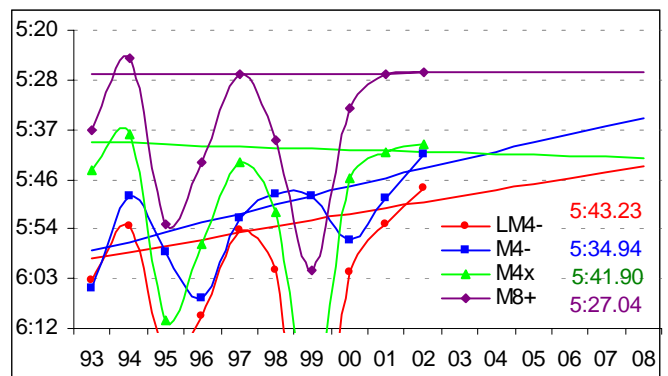
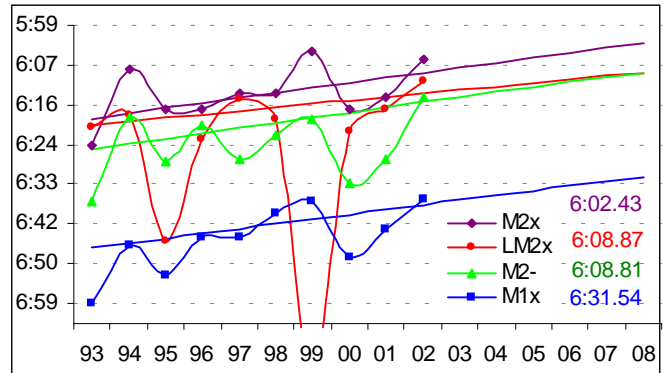
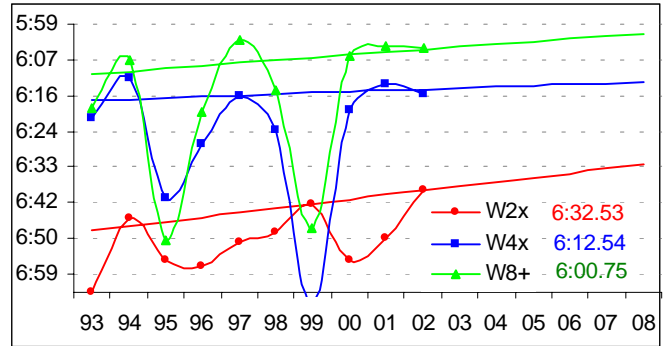
Here are graphs of the average boat speed and their trends until 2008. The expected increase in the boat speed is 0.32% per year in finalists and 0.31% in the winning boats. This means average boat speed in the finals is getting closer to the winners speed and the competition is getting tougher.



? ...the similar trends of the boat speed are quite different in various boat types? Here is the graph of the boat speed of the winners in Olympic boats and the trends with prognostic times for 2008.



It is interesting that in 2008, the W2- is expected to be faster than the LW2x and the M2- will have similar speed to the LM2x. The M4x will be much slower than the M4- and will have nearly the same speed as the LM4-.



? ...the expected increase in the boat speed per year is also very different in Olympic boats?

M4-	W1x	W2-	LM4-	M2-	M2x	W2x
0.45%	0.41%	0.35%	0.31%	0.29%	0.29%	0.27%
M1x	LM2x	W8+	LW2x	W4x	M8+	M4x
0.26%	0.20%	0.18%	0.08%	0.08%	0.01%	-0.05%

Higher increase in speed found in small boats and both men's fours, except LW2x. Big boats have less increase. In the fastest boats M8+ has practically no increase and M4x is the only boat with decreasing speed. Above proportions can be changed in future and can be different if we consider longer period of time. However, they reflect current situation in rowing.

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