



*Mads Pedersen waves to supporters.*



*James Russell.*

saying "I don't know what to do". I just gave this one a shot and it felt the same so I could be confident as I got help from some paddle guys so it was awesome.'

Kohalmi, who took two golds at the previous month's sprint world championships in Samarkand, took silvers as two time champion Kiszli bagged bronze.

There was drama in the men's K1 short distance final as Pimenta's hopes of a third successive title ended shortly after a portage.

Pimenta and Rodriguez both missed a buoy after running into traffic, allowing Pedersen and South Africa's Hamish Lovemore to battle it out for gold.

Pedersen, who has picked up silver on three occasions, held off Lovemore to end his long wait for gold.

'This is huge,' said Pedersen, who has three world titles over the long distance to his name.

'It's my first win in the short race at the world championships.

'It was the biggest field ever with more than 50 people signed up in the men's K1 so it is also cool to see the sport keep growing and get a lot of interest.

'This is such a nice atmosphere and community.

'Racing is at a really high level so to take the win at the end of the day is pretty cool.'

Lovemore sealed silver as Spain's Ivan Alonso collected bronze after Pimenta and Rodriguez both received 15 second penalties.

Calvo became the latest Spaniard, joining Diego Romero and Manuel Campos, to win the men's C1 short distance crown.

The 27 year old's decision to return to marathon paddling paid off as he produced an impressive showing to bag gold.

'It is my first participation in the world championships in this distance so I could not be happier,' said Calvo.

'I have found a race which is a mixture between marathon and sprint and is the most suitable for me.'

Poland's Mateusz Borgiel finished strongly to clinch silver with France's Thomas Dunilac earning bronze.

Kisban tightened her grip on the women's C1 short distance with a superb showing to retain the title.

After tussling with Ukraine's Liudmyla Babak, Kisban found an extra gear to pull away for the win.



*Enoch/Short on their way to second place..*