

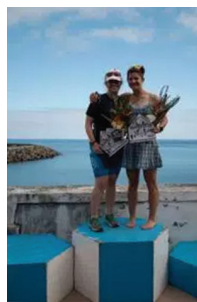
Rescue in the Atlantic

European Championships

The quadrathlon World Cup season 2018 began on 24th March with breathtakingly beautiful scenery and exciting competition. The Azores hosted the race on the charming island of Terceira in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean between Europe and America. This was the first time the sprint European Championships have taken place on this Portuguese island. At this early stage of the season there was much interest to see who had come through their winter training well and were able to reach peaks in form. Many top athletes were expected so the excitement was high.

Mandy Greenaway was our only GB athlete racing; she enjoyed her trip even though all didn't go as expected! Mandy had a good swim and kayak; unfortunately she had 2 punctures on the bike course. The first she fixed but could only repair the one. She was rescued from DNF by Lisa after she kindly lent Mandy her bike! Well done to Mandy for continuing and pushing on to finish the course! Big thanks to Lisa showing just how wonderful our quad community is, 'Small Sport Big Heart'!

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QuadKidz series

Dates have been announced for the 2018 QuadKidz series. The Dearne Valley Quad is on 10th Jun, Lincs QuadKidz training camp and race the following weekend with the race on Sunday at Barton-upon-Humber and Box End on Jul 15th. Racing will be in 9-11, 12-15 and 16-18 age groups.

Quadrathlon across the pond

Although quadrathlon is well established in Europe, this has not been the case in America. However, an American association has now been set up.

Bryant heads slalom K1s

Youth Olympic Games Qualifier

Portugal's Cesar Soares and Hungary's Eszter Rendessy took the early honours on the opening day of the International Canoe Federation's Youth Olympic Games qualifiers in Barcelona.



In tough windy conditions 16 year old Soares prevailed in a blanket finish in the men's C1 sprint over Uzbekistan's Islomjon Abdusalomov while 15 year old Rendessy was a convincing winner in the women's K1 sprint over Germany's Gina Zint.

Rendessy said she felt nervous in the lead up to the event but felt more worried about the weekend's slalom obstacle race.

'It was very hard but I felt I was in good form,' Rendessy said.

'I was so nervous. I had a lot of training but slalom has been very difficult. I'm so nervous about it, the slide and the Eskimo roll especially.'

Soares said he felt relaxed heading into the day's competition but was also nervous about the weekend's slalom competition.

'I felt good today,' Soares said.

'We have trained a lot in the wind in Portugal so it made me feel more familiar with the conditions.'

'This is my third international race so I have met many of these athletes but it is the first time I have competed against Abdusalomov. I liked competing against him.'

'I have two days now to practise in slalom. I have had some difficulties with the Eskimo roll but we have been practising a lot.'

Only two athletes from Europe made the final eight in the men's C1 event, an indication of the growing strength worldwide of canoeing. There were four athletes from Asia and two from the Americas.

However, all of the quarter finalists in the women's competition were from Europe.



Rendessy has no shortage of role models in Hungary to base her career around.

The Hungarians have dominated women's kayak paddling for decades but Rendessy said five time Olympic gold medallist Danuta Kozak is her hero.

To qualify a quota place for Buenos Aires the athletes must compete in both the sprint and slalom events with the combined results determining the final standings and the allocation of the 64 Youth Olympic Games positions.

Athletes from Belarus and Uzbekistan triumphed on the second day.

Maksim Khutski held on to win the boys' K1 sprint final in a tight finish from Russia's Danil Vetrov while in the women's C1 sprint Uzbek Gulbakhar Fayzieva dominated throughout the competition to secure top spot ahead of Hungary's Laura Gönczöl.

Under the YOG format, the athletes now had to turn their attention to this weekend's slalom obstacle races, which would involve starting at the top of a ramp and then executing an Eskimo roll midway through the race.

From her first race of the day, 16 year old Fayzieva sent out a strong message. She posted a time of 1:59.21 and was the only C1 athlete to go under two minutes for the event.

Fayzieva grew up in the village where Vadim Menkov, Uzbekistan's twice world champion, was born, which is also on the bank of a popular canoeing lake.

The Menkov influence and the access to the lake means 'All the girls take up canoeing,' Fayzieva said.

She admits the slalom would prove more challenging for her but had spent the previous two months practising her compulsory role.

Khutski was pushed all the way in his semi final and final, the 15 year

