

eighth and sixth, respectively. 'I feel like the journey has been the same for me and Marta since we participated in the Olympics. It was quite hard because, you know, it was an intense experience and then it's kind of hard to find that focus and go into it again,' Satkova said after the win, 'but I felt like we did our best and for me and I think for Marta as well it's such a big achievement to win a medal here in the last race of the season.'

Italian Olympic champion Giovanni De Gennaro and France's Camille Prigent won the respective men's and women's kayak singles.

They were challenged fiercely by Paris 2024 K1 silver medallists Titouan Castryck and Poland's Klaudia Zwolinska, with the former losing four seconds to penalties.

Bronze in the men's K1 went to Austrian Felix Oschmautz while Prigent's fellow countrywoman, Emma Vuitton, finished third among the women.

It was a new dawn for slalom, with the French pair of Camille Prigent and Marjorie Delassus taking the first ever short slalom titles in kayak and canoe respectively.

For Prigent, it was her second gold medal in the Chinese city, outsmarting the highly technical course in 53.07. 'It was a fun event. I didn't know what to expect because it was my first time racing at this kind of event. The course was challenging,' Prigent said.

'I expected that we would go much faster on the short slalom but today we couldn't because the moves were quite tricky.'

Silver in the kayak short slalom went to Martina Wegman of the Netherlands and Klaudia Zwolinska added to her silver from day one by finishing third.

Andorran Monica Doria took canoe short slalom silver but could have finished first if not for the two second penalty. Kimberley Woods of Great Britain kept her podium streak going by taking bronze.

Paris 2024 stars Evy Leibfarth and Noemie Fox missed out again while day one medallists Gabriela Satkova and Mallory Franklin also went home empty handed.

Slovenia and Czechia won men's short slalom titles. Luka Bozic took canoe gold in 50.58 while Vit Prindis claimed the kayak title in 46.99.

'It's nice to have the new discipline. Today was very good. The course was tough and this is what we were looking for. This is a step forward for our sport and I think it is going to be a good format in the future,' Bozic said after the win.

Frenchmen Nicolas Gestin and Titouan Castryck continued their run of medal wins, taking silver in canoe and kayak respectively.

Adam Burgess was back among the medals when he finished third in the canoe short slalom while another Czech star, Jakub Krejci, took kayak bronze in 47.45

It was a special day for Chiarello, who came out on top in the kayak cross from a tough bracket that had Olympic silver medallist Titouan Castryck.

The Swiss beat two kayak short slalom medallists in Czechia's Vit Prindis and Jakub Krejci for the win.

'It's my first victory in a big event. I enjoyed it and the whole weekend was good. At world ranking events I have been on the podium but that's it so I am really happy with the win,' an emotional Chiarello said.

Tereza Kneblova ensured the Czech stood on top of the podium, winning women's kayak cross.

Italian Stefanie Horn and Mallory Franklin took silver and bronze respectively.

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K1Wsh: 1 C Prigent, France, 53.07. 2 M Wegman, Nederland, 53.56.

3 K Zwolinska, Polska, 54.75. 7 K Woods, GB, 61.67. 12 M Franklin, GB, 72.98.

K1Msh: 1 V Prindis, Czechia, 46.99. 2 T Castryck, France, 47.12. 3 J Krejci, Czechia, 47.45.

7 J Dickson, GB, 49.15. 8 J Clarke, GB, 50.06.

C1Wsh: 1 M Delassus, France, 59.94. M Doria Vilarrubla, Andorra, 59.94. 3 K Woods, GB, 59.97. 7 M Franklin, GB, 63.00.

C1Msh: 1 L Bozic, Slovenija, 50.58. 2 N Gestin, France, 50.72. 3 A Burgess, GB, 50.86.

8 R Westley, GB, 56.58.

K1W: 1 C Prigent, France, 89.51. 2 K Zwolinska, Polska, 92.54. 3 E Vuitton, France, 93.83.

6 M Franklin, GB, 95.34. 15 K Woods, GB.

K1M: 1 G De Gennaro, Italia, 79.43. 2 T Castryck, France, 81.48. 3 F Oschmautz, Österreich, 82.87.

8 J Clarke, GB, 86.22. 15 J Dickson, GB.

C1W: 1 G Satkova, Czechia, 93.86. 2 M Franklin, GB, 94.26. 3 M Bertoni, Italia, 96.58. 15 K Woods, GB.

C1M: 1 R Westley, GB, 84.43. 2 N Gestin, France, 85.30. 3 V Chaloupka, Czechia, 85.37.

16 A Burgess, GB.

K1WX: 1 T Kneblova, Czechia. 2 S Horn, Italia. 3 M Franklin, GB. 5 K Woods, GB.

K1MX: 1 G Chiarello, Schweiz. 2 V Prindis, Czechia. 3 J Krejci, Czechia.

Hradilek retires

Czech slalomist Vavrinec Hradilek has retired after a problems with a hand injury after over twenty years in top level slalom. In that time he has won multiple individual and team events plus kayak cross, making him one of the most successful slalomists of all time.



The Canoe Slalom Center in Oklahoma is to host the slalom for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games.



President of the Paris Olympics this year was Tony Estanguet and his event was considered to have been a success. As a canoeist, he had taken C1 wins at three previous Olympic Games, Sydney in 2000, Athens in 2004 and London in 2012. He is given credit for getting kayak cross

into the Olympics within a decade of its invention. In fact, it has been developed from freestyle. The photograph shows boater-X in action on the Washburn in 2016, which we billed as the antidote to the Olympics.

Another canoeist, Albert Woods had been second in command at the London Olympics in 2012.



New Korean slalom course

Ulsan in South Korea is to have an international slalom course by 2028. It is proposed to move the Asian Canoe Confederation headquarters to the site in this industrial city.

Fox takes control

Richard Fox, father of two Olympic slalom champions, is heading the organizing committee for the 2025 world slalom championships in Penrith and will head the ICF Slalom Committee for four years. He was a member of the committee from 1996 to 2000 and ICF vice president from 2008 to 2012. At the back of his mind will be the 2032 Brisbane Olympics.