

"We will party, once we get this rowing thing done."

That is what the announcer at the venue said on the first day of racing. And, now that we have finished racing... guess what we will be doing! Probably sleeping actually. I may head out to the old time square to shop, or go for an espresso and to people watch, but it's been a long week, and I'm exhausted.

The race was close. The top three boats broke the world record time. First went to Great Britain with a time of 3:25. Italy was second with 3:28.4 and Germany was 3:28.9. We came in forth just a second and a half from Germany. It was a tough race.

Are we happy with the result? I much rather be telling you that I stood on the podium and sang the national anthem. However, the amount our crew has improved over the last few weeks is phenomenal. We gave a lot in the last few races, and learnt a lot. It's all fuel for the fire for next year.

Thanks again for all the encouraging messages. I'm sorry I haven't responded to everyone! Just know that I really appreciate hearing from you, and it's always nice to know that people are rooting for me and the crew.

So, now I'm heading to Winnipeg to spend a week with my family and friends. Then back to Victoria to take courses and row at University of Victoria. I'm looking forward to returning to Canadian soil!

Until next year,

Meghan