

# Susan Francia

***2012 Olympic Gold Medalist***

***2008 Olympic Gold Medalist***

***5 Time World Champion***

***\* Only U.S. woman to compete internationally in every boat class***

- Resides in: San Diego, CA
- Hometown: Abington, PA
- Born: Szeged, Hungary
- Birth date: Nov 8, 1982
- Height: 6'2"
- Weight: 170 lbs.
- Education: Univ. of Penn. – Masters/Criminology, 2004



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Born in Hungary, Susan came to the U.S. as a toddler and eventually grew into an American, World and Olympic Champion.

With an athletic, 6'2" frame, she drew the attention of countless coaches from every sport throughout her youth, all of which she tried, but none of which seemed to click. She didn't wind up in a boat until sophomore year in college when she responded to a rowing team recruitment flyer. It turned out to be a perfect match, and soon thereafter her long legs and arms, and willingness to suffer through the grueling training well known to elite rowers, brought success. In the boat she was no longer someone with 'great potential', she had real talent, she was a leader and a winner. She went on to become an All American rower at the University of Pennsylvania.

More than just a pretty face, and a successful, disciplined athlete, Susan became a dean's list student during her time at U. Penn. which eventually led to a B.A. and Masters Degree in Criminology.

In 2005 Susan earned a spot on the U.S. National Rowing Team and soon thereafter began a decorated international career. There isn't too much she hasn't won on the water, including multiple World Cup medals, five World Champion titles and a pair crown jewels - Olympic gold medals at both the 2012 Olympics in London and the 2008 Games in Beijing. Susan is the only U.S. woman to have competed internationally in every boat class.

When she isn't rowing herself, Susan is active as both a coach and a professional motivational speaker. She is currently living in San Diego.



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