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SERPENT'S TAIL SLALOM 25/26th SEPTEMBER

BRITISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP and DIV. 1

I very much regret to have to tell you that at a Committee Meeting of the Club it was decided that the British Open Championship and Div. 1 Event due to be held on the above weekend will have to be cancelled due to the lack of water. You will appreciate that this decision was not arrived at lightly but only after a full consideration of the state of the water and the advice which they received from the Officials of the Water Authority.

We are told that the water will certainly rise immediately after rain, but due to the fact that the river and below the river bed is dry, the level would not be sustained and will fall again in not more than three hours so that even if we had rain on the day of the Event, we could probably be in a position of having to derank it due to the sudden reduction in the water level.

Consequently, the Committee thought that it would be in everyone's interests to cancel the Event now and before everyone has incurred all the expense of the entry fee, the travel and the accommodation.

As far as I possibly can, I am returning your entry fees with this notice but particularly with regard to cash and postal orders this is extremely difficult so, if you have any money missing, if you sent a cheque you can forget it as I will destroy all surplus cheques but, if it was a postal order or cash, you will have to write to me advising me of how much is involved. Do, please, when you write enclose a stamped, addressed envelope as the Club is already considerably out of pocket as a result of the cancellation.

We are all deeply sorry to have to take this decision. It is the first time that an Event on the Dee has been cancelled due to lack of water - yet another casualty of the drought, I am afraid.

A. F. Hardisty
Slalom Organiser