

# **INTERNATIONAL CANOE SLALOM**



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**LLANGOLLEN / SATURDAY / SUNDAY  
17th · 18th OCTOBER**

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**Organised by the British Canoe  
Union**



# Welcome to Llangollen

THAT THE SECOND annual International Canoe Slalom should be taking place here in Llangollen is some indication of the success of the first event last year. Thanks to the generosity of many people and organisations the slalom was a huge success in spite of the lack of the usually exciting water.

Because of last year's accomplishment the slalom is to be televised live on Saturday this year, and we sincerely hope for better water conditions on the rapids to give this exciting sport its full visual appeal. Although the popularity of the sport is rapidly expanding, with its inclusion at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich, it is unfortunate that we have no sponsorship this year. Consequently certain economies have had to be made in the running of the slalom, and we apologise in advance for any shortcomings these may cause. To ensure the future of this most important event the committee must hope to attract a commercial sponsor.

But whatever happens we hope that you will witness an exciting and close fought slalom this weekend. The Saturday starts off with a white water race over about 3 miles of

the river from the Chain Bridge. The slalom proper starts in the afternoon with the team events which are to be televised whilst all the individual events are on the Sunday. For a full explanation of who and what to watch for in the competitions, please turn to the programme.

As last year, we have so many people to thank that it is not possible to list all the names without omitting someone. Suffice it to say that the committee recognises and is extremely grateful for all the help it has received from many quarters, especially official bodies such as the Town Council and the International Eisteddfod Committee, but also from the many individuals who have done so much for us.

Rodney Witter (Chairman)  
Chris McAllister  
Robin Witter (Secretary)  
John Freeman  
British Canoe Union,  
Llangollen Slalom Committee.

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## Competitors Notes

Slalom Controllers	Rodney Witter, Eifion Jones
Chief Judge	Jack Spuhler
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Judges' Organiser	Mark Markham
Chief Timekeeper	Peter Walton
Course Erection & Maintenance	Robin Witter, Ron Salkeld
Secretariat	Chris McAllister
Canoe Transport	Ian Pendleton

Accommodation for competitors and team officials is arranged free of charge for Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday night at the Youth Hostel, Tyndwr Hall. At 16.00 hours on Friday, 16th October, a guided training is taking place on the river racing course. A welcome and briefing will take place in the Youth Hostel at 21.30 hours. Further details will be given at the briefing.

The white water race will start at 0800 hours with 1 minute intervals between competitors. All competitors must wear crash helmets and life jackets to I.C.F. specification also the numbered bib provided by the organisers. All canoes must have grab loops and buoyancy fitted.

It is possible to buy luncheon cheaply at the cafes in Llangollen and no meal will be provided at midday at the Youth Hostel.

Slalom training at 11.00 hours will be at 1 minute intervals and competitors must attend in the correct numbered order, wearing bibs.

The team event will consist of 2 runs for each team.

The individual slalom is on Sunday and competitors must be ready to start at the times shown or they will be automatically disqualified.

The prize giving is expected at 16.00 hours. The organisers, the British Canoe Union, can in no way hold themselves responsible for loss or damage to competitors or equipment —howsoever caused.

# Down-River Race: Horseshoe Falls— Llangollen, Saturday, 17th October

## CANADIAN SINGLES

Men	Country	Start Sat.
1. Jim Evans	United States	8.00
2. Michael Foch	Jugoslavia	8.01
3. Graham Goldsmith	Great Britain	8.02
4. Karel Kohler	Holland	8.03
5. Wick Walker	United States	8.04
6. Albert Woods	Great Britain	8.05
7. Robert Hastings	Great Britain	8.06
8. Rok Svetek	Jugoslavia	8.07
9. Joze Krajl	Jugoslavia	8.08
10. David Swift	Great Britain	8.09
11. Gojmir Bernot	Jugoslavia	8.10
12. Lev Pozar	Jugoslavia	8.12
13. Jim Sibley	Great Britain	8.13
14. Doko Nikolovski	Jugoslavia	8.14
15. John Wilde	Great Britain	8.15

## KAYAK SINGLES

Ladies		Start Sat.
17. Carol Gostling	Great Britain	8.17
18. Rosine Roland	Belgium	8.18
19. Audrey Keerie	Great Britain	8.19
20. Melanie Alexis	Belgium	8.20
21. Heather Goodman	Great Britain	8.21
22. Pauline Squires	Great Britain	8.22
23. Ingrid Burny	Belgium	8.23
24. Jane Rowse	Great Britain	8.24

## KAYAK SINGLES

Men		Start Sat.
26. Jean Pierre Burny	Belgium	8.26
27. Edi Heiz	Switzerland	8.27
28. Hans Schlecht	Austria	8.28
29. Chris. Skellern	Great Britain	8.29
30. Wojciech Gawronski	Poland	8.30
31. Frederic Royer	France	8.31
32. Peter v. Stipdonk	Holland	8.32
33. W. Hallowes	Ireland	8.33
34. Frank Pilkington	Ireland	8.34
35. Eric Evans	United States	8.35
36. Taras Servenko	Jugoslavia	8.36
37. Alain Colombe	France	8.37
38. Mike Thomas	Great Britain	8.38
39. Norman Jackson	Great Britain	8.39
40. Tone Cizman	Jugoslavia	8.40
41. Gerry Collins	Ireland	8.41
42. Daniel Bogaerts	Belgium	8.42
43. Ljubomir Vasilevski	Jugoslavia	8.43
44. Manfred Hausmann	Austria	8.44
45. Mico Popovski	Jugoslavia	8.45
46. Jerzy Stanuch	Poland	8.46
47. Philippe Prevost	Belgium	8.47
48. Keith Wickham	Great Britain	8.48
49. William Holdrinet	Holland	8.49
50. David Talbot	Ireland	8.50
51. Eric Koechlin	France	8.51
52.	Poland	8.52
53. Mile Spasovski	Jugoslavia	8.53
54. Hanspeter Hasler	Switzerland	8.54
55. Michael Neudecker	Austria	8.55
56. J. P. Renglet	Belgium	8.56
57. B. Casey	Ireland	8.57
58. Dave Fawcett	Great Britain	8.58
59. Josef Weglarz	Poland	8.59
60. Raymond Leruth	Belgium	9.00

**KAYAK SINGLES****Men - Continued**

	Country	Start Sat.
61. Patrick Maccari	France .. .. .	9.01
62. Richard Davis	Great Britain .. .. .	9.02
63. Kurt Presslmayr	Austria .. .. .	9.03
64. N. Rowe	Ireland .. .. .	9.04
65. Pol Dethise	Belgium .. .. .	9.05
66. Trajce Jovanovski	Jugoslavia .. .. .	9.06
67.	Poland .. .. .	9.07
68. Ernest Lawrence	Ireland .. .. .	9.08
69. J. C. Michiels	Belgium .. .. .	9.09
70. Paul Lupcin	Belgium .. .. .	9.10
71. Marc Moens	Belgium .. .. .	9.11
72. Michael Dethise	Belgium .. .. .	9.12
73. Michel Andre	Belgium .. .. .	9.13
74. A. Maher	Ireland .. .. .	9.14
75. C. Graus	Holland .. .. .	9.15

**CANADIAN DOUBLES****Men**

78. Steindl/Mullneritsch	Austria .. .. .	9.18
79. Court/Goodwin	Great Britain .. .. .	9.19
80. Williams/Allen	Great Britain .. .. .	9.20
81. Bolliger/Bolliger	Switzerland .. .. .	9.21
82. Selman Vasilevski	Jugoslavia .. .. .	9.22
83. Olry/Olry	France .. .. .	9.23
84. Duvivier/Duvivier	France .. .. .	9.24
85. Pouget/Gagnard	France .. .. .	9.25

**Slalom Team Event: Saturday, 17th October****KAYAK SINGLES****Ladies**

		1st Run	2nd Run
1. German Democratic Republic	Stampe, Taudte, Bahmann .. .. .	13.10	14.45
2. Great Britain	Keerie, Squires, Goodman .. .. .	13.12½	14.47½
3. International	Deppe, Alexis, Roland .. .. .	13.15	14.50

**CANADIAN DOUBLES****Men**

4. International	Steindl/Mullneritsch, Scheffer/Steinschulte, Verhaar/Holdrinet .. .. .	13.17½	14.52½
5. Great Britain B	Elliott/Dawson, Cooper/Hewitt, Jenkinson/Slater	13.20	14.55
6. France	Olry/Olry, Duvivier/Duvivier, Pouget/Gagnard ..	13.22½	14.57½
7. German Democratic Republic	Kretschmer/Trummer, Opelt/Franz, Hoffman/Amend	13.25	15.00
8. Great Britain A	Witter/Witter, Court/Goodwin, Williams/Allen	13.27½	15.02½

**KAYAK SINGLES****Men**

9. Switzerland	Heiz, Hasler, Bolliger .. .. .	13.30	15.05
10. Holland A	Holdrinet, v. Stipdonk, v. Stokkom .. .. .	13.32½	15.07½
11. Jugoslavia A	Jovanovski, Spasovski, Vasilevski .. .. .	13.35	15.10
12. Ireland A	Collins, Pilkington, Casey .. .. .	13.37½	15.12½
13. German Federal Republic B	Rennwanz, Lepac, Falkenberg .. .. .	13.40	15.15
14. Belgium A	Prevost, Michiels, Leruth .. .. .	13.42½	15.17½
15. Great Britain A	Macleod, Calverley, Langford .. .. .	13.45	15.20
16. Austria	Presslmayr, Schlecht, Neudecker .. .. .	13.47½	15.22½
17. France	Colombe, Koechlin, Maccari .. .. .	13.50	15.25
18. German Democratic Republic	Bremmer, Doring, Horn .. .. .	13.52½	15.27½
19. Great Britain B	Mitchell, Swallow, Young .. .. .	13.55	15.30
20. German Federal A	Drees, Peters, Baum .. .. .	13.57½	15.32½
21. Poland	Gawronski, Stanuch, Weglarz .. .. .	14.00	15.35
22. Holland B	Holdrinet, v. Engers, v.d.Aa .. .. .	14.02½	15.37½
23. Ireland B	Lawrence, Talbot, Rowe .. .. .	14.05	15.40
24. Belgium B	Renglet, Dethise, Bogaerts .. .. .	14.07½	15.42½
25. Jugoslavia B	Popovski, Sevenko, Andreev .. .. .	14.10	15.45
26. International	Evans, Hausmann, Schatke .. .. .	14.12½	15.47½

**CANADIAN SINGLES****Men**

					1st Run	2nd Run
27. Great Britain A	Goldsmith, Sibley, Wilde	..	..	..	14.15	15.50
28. German Democratic Republic	Forster, Kohler, Kempa	..	..	..	14.17½	15.52½
29. German Federal Republic	Kloos, Peters, Heierhoff	..	..	..	14.20	15.55
30. Yugoslavia A	Foch, Nikolovski, Svetek	..	..	..	14.22½	15.57½
31. International	Evans, Walker, Kohler	..	..	..	14.25	16.00
32. Great Britain B	Dinsdale, Albert, Osborne	..	..	..	14.27½	16.02½
33. Yugoslavia B	Bernot, Pozar, Krajl	..	..	..	14.30	16.05

## Slalom Individual Events : Sunday, 18th October. Start 9.00 a.m.

**CANADIAN SINGLES****Men**

	Country				Prac.Sat.	1st Run	2nd Run
1. Jim Evans	United States	..	..	..	11.00	9.30	14.00
2. Michael Foch	Jugoslavia	..	..	..	11.01	9.31	14.01
3. Graham Goldsmith	Great Britain	..	..	..	11.02	9.32	14.02
4. Wolfgang Peters	German Federal Republic	..	..	..	11.03	9.33	14.03
5. Jurgen Kohler	German Democratic Republic	..	..	..	11.04	9.34	14.04
6. Karel Kohler	Holland	..	..	..	11.05	9.35	14.05
7. Wick Walker	United States	..	..	..	11.06	9.36	14.06
8. John Albert	Great Britain	..	..	..	11.07	9.37	14.07
9. Rowan Osborne	Great Britain	..	..	..	11.08	9.38	14.08
10. Rainer Hahn	German Federal Republic	..	..	..	11.09	9.39	14.09
11. Rok Svetek	Jugoslavia	..	..	..	11.10	9.40	14.10
12. Jochen Forster	German Democratic Republic	..	..	..	11.11	9.41	14.11
13. Joze Krajl	Jugoslavia	..	..	..	11.12	9.42	14.12
14. Geoff Dinsdale	Great Britain	..	..	..	11.13	9.43	14.13
15. Knuth Kempa	German Democratic Republic	..	..	..	11.14	9.44	14.14
16. Peter Heieroff	German Federal Republic	..	..	..	11.15	9.45	14.15
17. Gojmir Bernot	Jugoslavia	..	..	..	11.16	9.46	14.16
18. Lev Pozar	Jugoslavia	..	..	..	11.17	9.47	14.17
19. Jim Sibley	Great Britain	..	..	..	11.18	9.48	14.18
20. Hans Kloos	German Federal Republic	..	..	..	11.19	9.49	14.19
21. Doko Nikolovski	Jugoslavia	..	..	..	11.20	9.50	14.20
22. John Wilde	Great Britain	..	..	..	11.21	9.51	14.21

**KAYAK SINGLES****Ladies**

23. Martina Taudte	German Democratic Republic	..	..	..	11.22	9.53	14.23
24. Carol Gostling	Great Britain	..	..	..	11.23	9.54	14.24
25. Rosine Roland	Belgium	..	..	..	11.24	9.55	14.25
26. Ulricke Deppe	German Federal Republic	..	..	..	11.25	9.56	14.26
27. Angelika Bahmann	German Democratic Republic	..	..	..	11.26	9.57	14.27
28. Audrey Keerie	Great Britain	..	..	..	11.27	9.58	14.28
29. R. v. Stipdonk	Holland	..	..	..	11.28	9.59	14.29
30. Melanie Alexis	Belgium	..	..	..	11.29	10.00	14.30
31. Veronika Stampe	German Democratic Republic	..	..	..	11.30	10.01	14.31
32. Heather Goodman	Great Britain	..	..	..	11.31	10.02	14.32
33. Pauline Squires	Great Britain	..	..	..	11.32	10.03	14.33

**KAYAK SINGLES****Men**

34. Edi Heiz	Switzerland	..	..	..	11.33	10.06	14.36
35. Hans Schlecht	Austria	..	..	..	11.34	10.07	14.37
36. Melvin Swallow	Great Britain	..	..	..	11.35	10.08	14.38
37. Uwe Schattke	German Democratic Republic	..	..	..	11.36	10.09	14.39
38. Wojciech Gawronski	Poland	..	..	..	11.37	10.10	14.40
39. Frederic Royer	France	..	..	..	11.38	10.11	14.41
40. Peter v. Stipdonk	Holland	..	..	..	11.39	10.12	14.42
41. Frank Pilkington	Ireland	..	..	..	11.40	10.13	14.43
42. Eric Evans	United States	..	..	..	11.41	10.14	14.44
43. Taras Sevenko	Jugoslavia	..	..	..	11.42	10.15	14.45
44. Wolfgang Lepac	German Federal Republic	..	..	..	11.43	10.16	14.46

**KAYAK SINGLES****Men - Continued**

	Country	Prac.Sat.	1st Run	2nd Run
45. Toni v.d. Aa	Holland	11.44	10.17	14.47
46. Alain Colombe	France	11.45	10.18	14.48
47. Ken Langford	Great Britain	11.46	10.19	14.49
48. Christian Doring	German Democratic Republic	11.47	10.20	14.50
49. John Macleod	Great Britain	11.48	10.22	14.51
50. Tone Cizman	Jugoslavia	11.49	10.23	14.52
51. Gerry Collins	Ireland	11.50	10.24	14.53
52. Daniel Bogaerts	Belgium	11.51	10.25	14.54
53. J. v. Engers	Holland	11.52	10.26	14.55
54. Ljubomir Vasilevski	Jugoslavia	11.53	10.27	14.56
55. Manfred Hausmann	Austria	11.54	10.28	14.57
56. Jurgen Rennwanz	German Federal Republic	11.55	10.29	14.58
57. Mico Popovski	Jugoslavia	11.56	10.30	14.59
58. Jerzy Stanuch	Poland	11.57	10.31	15.00
59. Ph. Prevost	Belgium	11.58	10.32	15.01
60. Tony Young	Great Britain	11.59	10.33	15.02
61. William Holdrinet	Holland	12.00	10.34	15.03
62. David Talbot	Ireland	12.01	10.35	15.04
63. Wilfried Falkenberg	German Federal Republic	12.02	10.36	15.05
64. Eric Koechlin	France	12.03	10.37	15.06
65. Jozef Weglarz	Poland	12.04	10.38	15.07
66. Mile Spasovski	Jugoslavia	12.05	10.39	15.08
67. Hanspeter Hasler	Switzerland	12.06	10.40	15.09
68. Michael Neudecker	Austria	12.07	10.41	15.10
69. J. P. Renglet	Belgium	12.08	10.42	15.11
70. B. Casey	Ireland	12.09	10.43	15.12
71. Rainer Drees	German Federal Republic	12.10	10.43	15.13
72. Raymond Calverley	Great Britain	12.11	10.45	15.14
73. Siegbert Horn	German Democratic Republic	12.12	10.46	15.15
74.	Poland	12.13	10.47	15.16
75. Raymond Leruth	Belgium	12.14	10.48	15.17
76. Ulrich Peters	German Federal Republic	12.15	10.49	15.18
77. Patrick Maccari	France	12.16	10.50	15.19
78. David Mitchell	Great Britain	12.17	10.51	15.20
79. Jurgen Bremmer	German Democratic Republic	12.18	10.52	15.21
80. Alfred Baum	German Federal Republic	12.19	10.53	15.22
81. Kurt Presslmayr	Austria	12.20	10.54	15.23
82. N. Rowe	Ireland	12.22	10.55	15.24
83. Pol. Dethise	Belgium	12.23	10.56	15.25
84. F. Holdrinet	Holland	12.24	10.57	15.26
85. Trajce Jovanovski	Jugoslavia	12.25	10.58	15.27
86.	Poland	12.26	10.59	15.28
87. Ernest Lawrence	Ireland	12.27	11.00	15.29
88. J. C. Michiels	Belgium	12.28	11.01	15.30
89. B. v. Stokkom	Holland	12.29	11.02	15.31

**CANADIAN DOUBLES****Men**

91. Allen/Williams	Great Britain	12.32	12.05	15.34
92. Hoffman/Amend	German Democratic Republic	12.33	12.06	15.35
93. Snel/Snel	Holland	12.34	12.07	15.36
94. Cooper/Hewitt	Great Britain	12.35	12.08	15.37
95. Bolliger/Bolliger	Switzerland	12.36	12.09	15.38
96. Selman/Vasilevski	Jugoslavia	12.37	12.10	15.39
97. Steindl/Mullneritsch	Austria	12.38	12.11	15.40
98. Kretschmer/Trummer	German Democratic Republic	12.39	12.12	15.41
99. Witter/Witter	Great Britain	12.40	12.13	15.42
100. Scheffer/Steinschulte	German Federal Republic	12.41	12.14	15.43
101. Elliott/Dawson	Great Britain	12.42	12.15	15.44
102. Verhaar/Holdrinet	Holland	12.43	12.16	15.45
103. Court/Goodwin	Great Britain	12.44	12.17	15.46
104. Opelt/Franz	German Democratic Republic	12.45	12.18	15.47
105. Slater/Jenkinson	Great Britain	12.46	12.19	15.48
106. Olry/Olry	France	12.47	12.20	15.49
107. Duvivier/Duvivier	France	12.48	12.21	15.50
108. Pouget/Gagnard	France	12.49	12.22	15.51

# Spectators Notes

The sport of canoe slalom was started in the 1920's by Alpine skiers who turned, in the summer months, from the snowless slopes to their fast flowing rivers for enjoyment. For this reason many of the terms in canoe slalom are related to ski-ing, e.g. the Telemark turn and the slalom gate. Also the two disciplines—slalom and rapid river racing—are derived from the skiers' slalom and downhill races.

In 1949 the first World Championships were held and every two years from then on. Britain, along with the other European countries, increased the standard of her competitors, until, in 1959, the ultimate goal was reached and Paul Farrant of Britain won the World Championship. The closest we have got to repeating this feat was in 1967 in Czechoslovakia when Dave Mitchell (Chester S.C.C.) won the silver medal.

The top slalom countries are undoubtedly the German Democratic Republic, Czechoslovakia, the German Federal Republic, France, Austria, Switzerland, and Great Britain. In the kayak team event to be televised on Saturday, the main competition is expected to be between the German Democratic Republic, the German Federal Republic, British and French teams.

In the men's kayak event the man tipped to win is Jurgen Bremmer (German Democratic Republic), who has been world champion but was unable to defend his title in France last summer. His team mates Doring and Horn are both, however, capable of springing a

surprise on him. From the German Federal Republic Alfred Baum (current national champion) and Ulrich Peters (world silver medalist in 1969) will be making a determined effort to see they don't have things all their own way. Being on home waters should prove to be of some advantage to our own paddlers and Dave Mitchell, Ken Langford and Ray Claverley (4th at the 1969 world championships) should be amongst the top places. Kurt Presslmayr (Austria) a previous world champion could surprise them all.

The Canadian style of canoe has only recently been introduced to Britain so we do not expect too much of our competitors this weekend. The technique required of these paddlers, who must kneel in their boats and use only a single blade, is very sophisticated. Current world champion Wolfgang Peters (German Federal Republic) won't have it easy with paddlers of the calibre of Jurgen Kohler and Jurgen Forster amongst the opposition.

Britain's paddlers are advancing steadily in skill and may well finish high up the results list, particularly Sibley, Goldsmith or Dinsdale. In the Canadian doubles event our best slalomists are Williams/Allen, the Witter brothers and Court/Goodwin but it is doubtful if they can gain a placing against the strong opposition at Llangollen. Steindl/Mullneritsch (Austria) may well break the German domination of this event.

# The Rules of Slalom

Each competitor must negotiate the set sequence of gates, laid out over the rapids, in as fast a time as possible. His score for the run is the time he takes plus any penalties incurred by not passing a gate correctly, viz:

## Penalties

- 10 sec: for touching one pole from the inside of the gate.
- 20 sec: for touching two poles from the inside.
- 50 sec: incurred if only the boat or the body passes between the poles.
- 100 sec: incurred for omitting a gate.

Each competitor has two runs over the course, his lowest score counting for the results list. A gate marked with an 'R' must be taken in reverse, and one marked with a 'T' means that during the team event, when there are three competitors on the course, all three must passthrough the gate within 15 secs otherwise a further penalty of 50 sec. is incurred.

# Times of Events

Friday, 16th October, 16.00 hours. Guided training on River Race Course.

21.30 hours. Briefing and welcome at Tyndwr Hall.

Saturday, 17th October, 08.00 hours. Start of white water race.

11.00 hours. Start of slalom practice.

13.10 hours. Start of slalom team event.

Sunday, 18th October, 09.30 hours. Start of individual slalom event, 1st run.

14.00 hours. Start of individual slalom event, 2nd run.

16.00 hours. Prize giving. (approx.)

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