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FOREWORD BY ROTHMANS OF PALL MALL

Each year the international canoe slalom at Llangollen becomes even more important in the calendar of British canoeing. Last year — when we at Rothmans of Pall Mall first became associated with canoeing in this country — it was recognised that if the sport was to become even more popular in Britain, and if our canoeists were to do well at the Olympic course at Augsburg, then more assistance was needed in creating the best facilities possible.

Perhaps this help came too late; but one thing that can be deduced from the Olympics is that British canoeing deserves the encouragement and assistance of companies such as Rothmans.

We are, therefore, delighted to be associated with the Llangollen international slalom once again — particularly when this year's event has taken on a new significance. On their home territory, the British Team are out to re-establish Britain's standing as one of the world's top three canoeing nations. Llangollen, in the words of Team Manager John Fazey, represents the start of the Team's preparation for the world championships in Switzerland next year.

We at Rothmans wish them well and hope that we are making a contribution to putting British canoeing back where it belongs at the top of the international rankings in the sport.

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Welcome to Llangollen

It is very pleasant to welcome all our friends once more to the International Slalom here in Llangollen. This is now the fourth year that the British Canoe Union has staged this popular event and we are very pleased to associate it with our sponsors by designating the competition "The Rothman Consulate International Canoe Slalom".

Generous sponsorship makes it possible to invite the very best competitors in Europe to this beautiful vale of Llangollen for what, we hope, will be an event characterised by friendly and sporting rivalry between the most experienced slalomists in the world.

A competition of this nature is not staged without a tremendous amount of hard work from the small number of organisers at the centre of operations who have shouldered the brunt of the work over the past 12 months. They are owed a great debt of gratitude by the rank and file members of the B.C.U.

Also to be thanked are the many people of Llangollen who have so willingly co-operated with this venture: from the formal bodies such as the Eisteddfod Committee and the Town Council who have been so helpful, down to the individual landowners who uncomplainingly permit us access year after year with our paraphernalia of wires and poles, we have met nothing but co-operation. This generosity confirms the reputation of Llangollen, built up over the years by the musical Eisteddfod, for hospitality and a friendly welcome to foreign visitors – whether they be folk singers or Olympic canoe slalomists.

We wish you all a first class competition and a splendid spectacle here this weekend.

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Competitors Notes

This event is organised by a special British Canoe Union Committee. The officials of the competition are as follows:—

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Accommodation for competitors is arranged at the Llangollen Youth Hostel — Tyndwr Hall — where bed and breakfast will be provided, free of charge, on Friday and Saturday evenings. Accommodation required over and above this will not be the responsibility of the competition organisers. A number of cafes and restaurants in Llangollen are able to provide midday and evening meals at a reasonable cost.

The organisers may be contacted during the day on the Old Station, or in the evening in the Bryn Derwen Hotel. Under no circumstances must competitors or team leaders enter the control office. Queries over judging and protests must be lodged with the head of the protest committee.

The competition will be run to ICF rules. All competitors will wear crash helmets, and the numbered bibs provided by the organisers. Competitors must attend the training in numbered order.

The team event will consist of two runs for each team. All teams and individuals must attend the start at the time shown or face disqualification.

The organisers, the British Canoe Union, can in no way hold themselves responsible for any loss or damage howsoever caused.

Times of Events

Friday 13th October, 1972

21.00 hours — Team managers' meeting at Youth Hostel

Saturday, 14th October, 1972

08.30 hours — Demonstration runs

09.30 hours — Start of non-stop training with numbers

12.00 hours — Start of team runs (televised)

20.30 hours — Team managers' reception. Bryn Derwen Hotel

Sunday, 15th October, 1972

09.30 hours — Individual slalom 1st runs

13.30 hours — Individual slalom 2nd runs

17.00 hours — (approx.) Prize Giving at Town Hall.

ORDER OF EVENTS & COMPETITORS

SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER 1972

Practice runs, in order of Start List: Individual Paddlers at 30 second intervals, commencing 9.30 a.m.

Commencing 12 noon

- i C2 Individual
- ii Men's K1 Team
- iii Men's C1 Team
- iv Ladies K1 Team

Because this event is televised, the start times of each run cannot be specified. The beginning of the event, however, must be rigidly adhered to at 12 noon. Public announcements will notify competitors of any alteration to the schedule.

TEAMS

Junior K1

- | | 1st Run | 2nd Run |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Great Britain 'A' – Edge/White/Hignall | | |
| Ireland 'A' – Noonan/O'Fearail/Casey | | |
| Great Britain 'B' – Wain/Shackleton/Halaby | | |
| Ireland 'B' – Van Hoey Smith/Moroney/
Sharpe | | |

Men's C2 Canadian Doubles

- | | 1st Run | 2nd Run |
|----------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| 1. Williams/Allen – Gt. Britain | | |
| 2. Witter/Swift – Gt. Britain | | |
| 3. Court/Goodwin – Gt. Britain | | |
| 4. Cooper/Hewitt – Gt. Britain | | |
| 5. Bradley/Jackson – Gt. Britain | | |
| 6. Van Stipdonk/Van Stipdonk – Holland | | |

C2 Team Event

- | | 1st Run | 2nd Run |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Great Britain – Williams/Allen | | |
| – Bradley/Jackson | | |
| – Witter/Swift | | |

SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER 1972

TEAM EVENTS

Slalom Men's K1		1st Run	2nd Run
Ireland 'A'	– Casey/Collins/Pilkington		
Yugoslavia	– Spasovski/Shevchenko/ Vasilevski		
Netherlands	– Van Engers/Van Stokkom/ Van Jersel		
W. Germany	– Loos/Trach/Trach		
Gt. Britain 'A'	– Langford/MacLeod/ Calverley		
Gt. Britain 'B'	– Mitchell/Thomas/Swallow		
Ireland 'B'	– Talbot/Murphy/Jacob		
Holland 'B'	– Van Stipdonk/Van Stipdonk/Graus		
Austria	– Sattler/Presslmayr/Schlecht		
International	– Engels/Neudecker/ Griffiths		
Germany 'B'	– Trach/Broens/Jahnke		
Gt. Britain Jun. 'A'	– Edge/White/Hignall		
Ireland Jun. 'A'	– Noonan/O'Fearail/Casey		
Gt. Britain Jun. 'B'	– Wain/Shackleton/Halaby		
Ireland Jun. 'B'	– Van Hoey Smith/Moroney/ Sharpe		
C1 Team Event		1st Run	2nd Run
Gt. Britain 'A'	– Osborne/Dinsdale/Albert		
Gt. Britain 'B'	– Sibley/Pearcey/Wilde		
W. Germany 'A'	– Kauder/Horn/Schumacher		
W. Germany 'B'	– Baues/Schumacher/ Dielman		
International	– Steindl/Blennerhassett/ A.N.Other		
Ladies K1 Team		1st Run	2nd Run
International	– Nutt/Wickham/A.N.Other		
Gt. Britain	– Squires-Goodwin/Roberts/ Brown		
Ireland 'A'	– Pilkington/Murphy/Casey		
Ireland 'B'	– Ryan/Talbot/Lynam		
International	– Thomasky/Tierling/ Brownlee		

SUNDAY 15th OCTOBER 1972

START

10.00 a.m. first runs — 2.00 p.m. second runs

All individual runs will be started at 1½ minute intervals. Any change of schedule will be publicly announced.

Junior Men's K1

			1st Run	2nd Run
9	Steffen Trach	— W. Germany		
10	Alan Edge	— Gt. Britain		
11	Ian White	— Gt. Britain		
12	Robert Hignall	— Gt. Britain		
13	Nikki Wain	— Gt. Britain		
14	John Shackleton	— Gt. Britain		
15	Mike Halaby	— Gt. Britain		
16	Brian Casey	— Ireland		
17	Leo Noonan	— Ireland		
18	Michael O'Fearail	— Ireland		
19	Paul Moroney	— Ireland		
20	Michael Van Hoey Smith	— Ireland		
21	Frank Casey	— Ireland		
22	Herbert Broens	— W. Germany		

Men's C1

			1st Run	2nd Run
25	James Blennerhassett	— Ireland		
26	Rowan Osborne	— Gt. Britain		
27	John Albert	— Gt. Britain		
28	Geoff Dinsdale	— Gt. Britain		
29	Jim Sibley	— Gt. Britain		
30	Malcolm Pearcey	— Gt. Britain		
31	John Wilde	— Gt. Britain		
32	Reinhold Kauder	— W. Germany		
33	Walter Horn	— W. Germany		
34	George Baues	— W. Germany		
35	Sepp Schumacher	— W. Germany		
36	Cert Dielman	— W. Germany		
37	Wulf Reinicke	— W. Germany		
38	Helmar Steindl	— Austria		

SUNDAY 15th OCTOBER 1972

Ladies K1

		1st Run	2nd Run
45	Margaret Nutt	— U.S.A.	
46	Audrey Wickham	— Gt. Britain	
47	Pauline Squires—Goodwin	— Gt. Britain	
48	Fay Roberts	— Gt. Britain	
49	Vicki Brown	— Gt. Britain	
50	Helen Brownlee	— Australia	
51	June Pilkington	— Ireland	
52	Eileen Murphy	— Ireland	
53	Patricia Casey	— Ireland	
54	Breda Ryan	— Ireland	
55	Valerie Talbot	— Ireland	
56	Ruth Lynam	— Ireland	
57	Waltraud Thomasky	— W. Germany	
58	Ulli Tierling	— W. Germany	

Men's K1

		1st Run	2nd Run
65	Mile Spasovski	— Yugoslavia	
66	Taras Shevchenko	— Yugoslavia	
67	Ljubomir Vasilevski	— Yugoslavia	
68	Jaan Van Engers	— Netherlands	
69	Bas Van Stokkom	— Netherlands	
70	Remé Van Jersel	— Netherlands	
71	Romain Engels	— Luxembourg	
72	Peter Griffiths	— Australia	
73	Dieter Loos	— W. Germany	
74	Joachim Trach	— W. Germany	
75	Volker Trach	— W. Germany	
76	Gerry Collins	— Ireland	
77	Frank Pilkington	— Ireland	
78	Paul Murphy	— Ireland	
79	David Talbot	— Ireland	
80	Ike Jacob	— Ireland	
81	Robert Sharp	— Ireland	
82	Dave Mitchell	— Gt. Britain	
83	Mike Thomas	— Gt. Britain	
84	Melvyn Swallow	— Gt. Britain	
85	Ken Langford	— Gt. Britain	
86	John MacLeod	— Gt. Britain	
87	Ray Calverley	— Gt. Britain	
88	Carrie Graaus	— Holland	
89	Siegfried Jahnke	— W. Germany	
90	Norbert Sattler	— Austria	
91	Kurt Presslmayr	— Austria	
92	Hans Schlecht	— Austria	
93	Michael Neudecker	— Austria	

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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 skiing, 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 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 come to repeating this feat was in 1967 in Czechoslovakia when Dave Mitchell (Chester S.C.C.) won the silver medal.

1972 has brought canoe slalom to the fore by creating the debut of slalom at the Munich Olympics. The course at Augsburg where the event was held is startlingly different to the turbulent Dee which rushes through Llangollen.

At great cost the West Germans have constructed the world's first artificial slalom course, with a peculiar water behaviour totally unlike that experienced on a natural river.

This International event at Llangollen is the first 'natural' water event since the Olympic Medals were competed for at Augsburg. The Olympic paddlers competing here at Llangollen today will be out to justify, to themselves and to their rivals, that their skill on the natural waters of the River Dee can match their successes on the thrashing, erratic waters of the Augsburg 'Eiskanal'.

A number of different classes are being contested this weekend, the most important being the men's senior kayaks. This is the most popular type of boat and the one in which most slalomists start competing. It is a derivation of the old Eskimo hunting kayak in which the paddler sits down and propels the craft with a double ended paddle. Also in kayaks there are classes for women and juniors.

A different style of boat is the Canadian canoe. This is derived from the Canadian fur traders' work horse and is propelled from a kneeling position with a single blade. At Llangollen we are only running one singles class and one doubles for these canoes, owing to the much smaller number of people who practise this highly skilled and sophisticated single blade technique.

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 for not passing a gate correctly, viz:

PENALTIES

- 10 seconds: For touching a pole from the inside of the gate.
- 20 seconds: For touching a pole from the outside, if followed by correct passage of the competitor.
- 20 seconds: Also given for touching both poles from the inside.
- 50 seconds: Given for an outside touch where the competitor does not subsequently pass through the gate, or where the gate is completely omitted.

Each competitor has two runs over the course, his better score counting towards the results.

A gate marked 'R' must be taken in reverse.

During the Saturday team event you will see the competitors bunching together at the Consulate team gate (marked with a 'T'). Here they must all pass through the gate within 15 seconds or incur a 50 second penalty.



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