

White Water



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EDITORIAL

Here we go into the 1990s and everyone & everything seems to be facing some kind of crisis of identity. The mixed news from Eastern Europe reminds us nearly every day - euphoric new age of freedom, problems of maintaining everyday life, fears of anarchy and backlash. No politics for us sports people though - despite the subject matter of recent canoe mag editorials - or are there similar dilemmas that we must solve in the 90's in our little world?

How about our attitude towards 'extreme' canoeing - especially when hospitalisations are presented without comment in a magazine that carries 'Family Canoeing' as its cover banner? There was a time when even small misdemeanours on slalom campsites were subject to severe moralising in the canoe press - perhaps commercial pressures dictate that any story goes?

How about the conflicts between expanding international competition (eg The World Series) and the requirements of the ICF and the Olympic movement? Wild Water must categorically decide whether it can afford to stand against ICF - or indeed whether it can afford not to in terms of commercial survival. Who is kidding whom?

This dilemma is reinforced at a time when management committees in UK sport are being made accountable for resourcing their own activities - with the possible exception of elite competition so long as it wins medals. Whilst this raises major issues of autonomy in areas such as advertising and choice of events, it emphasises more fundamentally the dilemma between 'Sport for All' and 'Sport for Gold'.

As we enter the 90s, these precepts do not sit comfortably as joint objectives in canoesport - it rather seems as if the powers that be wish to call on each independently as it suits. Like the communities of Eastern Europe, we are badly in need of a practical mission statement for the 90s to keep the merry-go-round spinning in one direction. Do we hear a voice in the BCU?

INTERNATIONAL SCENE

GB Team Management Confirmed

The Exec met in November to decide the Team Management structure. All of last year's management team were there and there was plenty of opportunity to resolve issues of past concern thus allowing an experienced management team to be appointed on a mutually agreed footing. Perhaps the only disappointment in the end has been Don Player being unable to take on Junior Team Management on account of unavoidable commitments in 1990. Thankfully John Anderson, an equally experienced leader, has agreed to move from B Team Manager to look after the Junior Team.

Team Manager	John Handyside
Youth Team Manager	John Anderson
B Team Manager	To be appointed
Development Trips	Denis Cooper
Mens K1 Coach	Dave Kay
Ladies Coach	Nigel Morley
Canadian Coach	Steve Raven supported by Dave Williams

The formal coaching in 1990 will focus on a limited number of Full Squad Weekends at key times - Holme Pierrepont in February (10/11) prior to the selection build up & then Fribush by Loch Tay in May (5-9) to prepare the selected team for the world series.

In addition class based weekends can be organised by Class coaches - seen as a key to the success of the larger groups like the Senior Men's Kayaks and the Junior Squad. The Men's K1 held their first weekend at Royal Canoe Club on the Thames in December paddling K2s only

Senior Men's Kayak Squad Announced

The squad prior to selection has been selected on the basis of Autumn Div 'A' & World Series performances. It includes three newcomers amongst the twelve - leading Services paddler Neil Blackman, Fraser Gormal from Glasgow & Tim Suggett our top Junior who qualified by his outstanding Autumn results.

Neil Blackman, Andy Curtis, Wayne Boss, Fraser Gormal, Robin Murray, Guy Sellwood, Neil Stamps, Tim Suggett (u18), Andrew Tomlinson, Alan Tordoff, Ian Tordoff (u21) & Adrian Trickett. In addition Melvin Swallow & Richard Fox are formally invited to attend.

Junior Squad

The Great Britain Junior training squad was selected on the results of Dee 2 (26 November). There are 8 Mens K1, 3 Ladies & 1 C1 :

MK1 : Tim Suggett, Dean Thompson, Stuart Brass, Michael Mason, Jonathan Folland, Stephen Woodward, Steven Peyton & Adam Dennis
 LK1 : Claire Daniels, Naomi Bailey & Gemma Hargreaves
 C1 : Andy Tracey - winner of the Duncan Eglin Trophy for the Junior Paddler of 1989.

1990 Training & International Calendar

Note that all of the World Series races are open to any paddlers subject to overall entry limits. Anyone planning to attend on a private basis should contact John Handyside for full details.

Full Squad Weekend : Nottingham Sat/Sun 10/11 Feb

Selection Races :

Grandtully 11 March (Sun), Tees 18 March (Sun), Washburn 7 April (Sat)

MK1 Weekend - provisional : Bala Sat/Sun 21/22 April

A Team Training Camp : Fimbush Fri 5 May - Tues 9 May

A Team Trip 1 - may include the first four World Series races, most important of which are the first Europa Cup race at Merano & the Pre-Worlds in Italy.

WS 1	Spindleruv TCH	2 June (Sat)
WS 2	Unknown river AUT	6 June (Wed)
WS 3	Merano ITA	10 June (Sun) Europa Cup 1
WS 4	Bovec YUG	17 June (Sun) Pre-Worlds

MK1 & possibly full team - Repton School, Derby - Weekend to be decided

Junior Team Trip - Junior World Championships
Warm-up training proposed on the Ardeche
Championships on the Albula - SUI - 14 July (Sat)

A Team Trip 2 - includes the Europa Cup Final
WS 5 Albula - SUI 18 July (Wed) Europa Cup Final
WS 6 Mezzana - ITA 22 July (Sun)

B Team Trip - this venue and the dates are only provisional as there is some confusion over the timing of World Series Races 6&7 (they currently clash!) and over other opportunities during the same period
WS 7 Aude - FRA 22 July (Sun)

Development Trip - to be managed by Denis Cooper. Criteria & venues to be announced - though likely to focus on white water experience & training on alpine rivers with a balance of junior & intermediate paddlers.

Selection Policy

A Team - upto 6 MK1, 4 LK1, 3 C1 & 2 C2
Stamps (MK1), Ashton (LK1) & Wells (C1) are pre-selected
All others to be selected on results only from 2 out of the 3 races

B Team - upto 4 MK1 (incl 1 u21), 3 LK1 (incl 1 u21), 2 C1 & 1 C2
All to be selected on results only from 2 out of the 3 races
This 'B' Team selection policy is to be ratified in January

Junior Team (under 18) - upto 3 MK1, 2 LK1 & 1 C1
All selected on results only

TRYWERYN AGREEMENT

After long and cautious negotiations on all sides, access to the Tryweryn below the slalom site has been resolved between the landowners, the anglers and the canoeing interests - subject to imminent final confirmation. The spirit of the agreement is reported to be very positive on all sides including the possibility of bringing a major world event to Bala again.

As far as this WWR season goes the river will not be used for selection though the following release weekends may be used for training & events : 24/25 March (no race planned), 21/22 April (possible race), 12/13 May (possible British Open), 11/12 August (no release guaranteed) & 1/2 September (Touring).

BOATS FOR SALE

Gaybo Delphin Maxi - well used but sound - with crash shields - £70. ono
Contact Graham on 0442-219532 or 0923-38472 (Hertfordshire)

Winner C1 - very good condition - full kevlar - including Bushdeck
& two C1 paddles - £165 - Contact Mark Blower - 0203 348513

Premier II Slalom Kayak - full kevlar - good condition - only scratches
Offers around £160 - Contact Dave Kay - 0663 34730

NOTES FROM THE EXEC by Matt Caunt

WWR Ansaphone

With low water levels during Autumn 1989 many river races were either cancelled or ran on alternative stretches of river (i.e a few less rocks!). Both race organisers (please) and the paddlers can make use of the WWR Ansaphone for details on the latest status of a race. See page 4 of your yearbook for details.

Ansaphone number 0483 38221

Canoe Exhibition - Crystal Palace 17/18 February 1990

White Water Racing will have its own stand at Crystal Palace as usual. Come and visit the stand, and give river racing your support. Offers of help to man the stand will also be appreciated. Contact Mike Tordoff on 0260 273743

White Water Racing AGM 24th February 1990

The AGM will be on the February Washburn weekend.
The likely venue will be the Black Bull, Kettlesing at 5pm. This pub is on the A59 as you travel from the Washburn finish towards Harrogate.

All paddlers (not just club reps, exec candidates and establishment figures!) are welcome and needed. Come along and say what you want to see happening in UK river racing.

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IMPULSE Canoes & Kayaks of Llangollen have become the first commercial sponsors of White Water Bulletin. They have taken the advertising for the next three issues. Their WWR range now includes the Obsession kayak (licenced from Midi Bip) and the Joker C1. Phone Nick Pink on 0978 861875