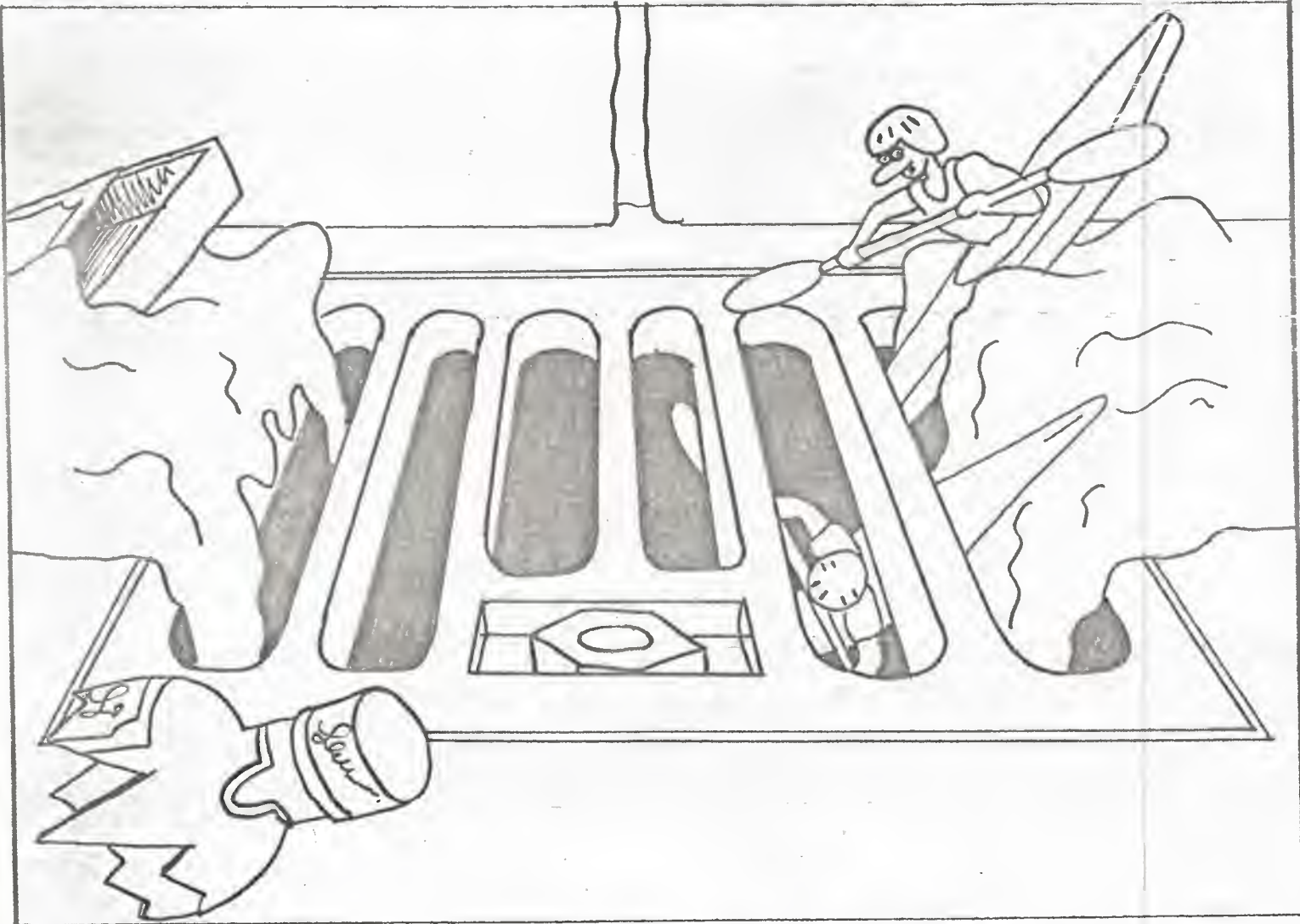


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EDITORIAL

The new season is about to start with a Tryweryn B/C race in September (drought allowing) and no fewer than 8 Div"C"s plus one "B" in October. This is surely the time to introduce new people to racing ... even if they just want to cruise and enjoy easy access in hopefully mild weather.

Read Bill Fraser's article "Beyond 1984" about the value of the easy "C" races near the big towns in the autumn months for the growth of our sport. It is too often forgotten by the keenest paddlers that very few novices will be attracted by long journeys to rough rivers in cold weather. The Slalom publicity machine recently proclaimed "THE YEAR OF THE NOVICE" and in White Water Racing we need the same attitude. The calendar is increasingly offering what the novice wants, but its up to the existing racers to "bring the horse to water" !

The other 84-5 calendar feature attracting comment is the major restructuring of the Div "A" events. Not only are there 7 events (all on different rivers of which best 4 count), but also the timing has been geared towards international preparation. Note that

- The first three races take place by 9 December
- The last three are from 9 March

Therefore with the exception of the Usk (3 Feb) it is possible to treat the three month cold spell in a manner different from past years. We almost have TWO seasons. The arrangement will be especially advantageous to our World Champs hopefuls (being much more in line with the continental season) AND it will surely benefit all Div"A" paddlers.

This issue looks forward to the 84-5 season and also back on the recent international calendar. The Europa Cup series was completed at Bourg (France) in mid-July, whilst the last Class"C" (open to all) international was at Lofer on August 4th.

As our reports illustrate these continental events have been attended by the national Senior and Youth teams plus a variety of Club paddlers. British club entries in the medals include Giselle Stolton (West Yorks) in the youth class at Spittal, Goldsmith /Evans (Gaybo All Stars) at both Monschau & Silberschild, plus Cooper /Wilkins (Notts Exiles) in the Swiss Champs at Muota. For good weather, different water and challenging opposition why not give an international a try yourself in 85?

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SPREADING THE NEWS

You'll notice some copies of the official White Water Calendar included with this issue. Thanks go to the Newark based supplier Waveform (Martin Spencer) for sponsoring this venture, which is intended to overcome the lack of White Water entries on previous BCU wall calendars. We believe it is also a lot smarter and MUST be worth a place in your home !

2,500 were printed so that everyone could have a copy with the Year Book. White Water News readers have been supplied with more than one - not to adorn every room in their homes, but to pass on to other interested parties and to use in Clubhouses. More copies can be supplied on request.

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ISSUE 9	Crystal Palace & Wharfe	24 February	7 February
ISSUE 10	Tryweryn	11 May	29 April
ISSUE 11	Postal Only	15 July	1 July

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CALENDAR for September/October

DATE	EVENT	*	AREA	RACES	ORG
1,2/09	Tryweryn	3	N Wales	BCOT	1
7/10	Aire 1		W Yorks	COT	2
7/10	Taff		S Wales	CO	3
13,14/10	Coaches Course		Midlands		A
13/10	Wear 1		N East	COT	4
14/10	S Tyne 1		N East	CO	5
20/10	Washburn 1		W Yorks	B OT L	6
21/10	Washburn 2		W Yorks	COT	7
21/10	Ironbridge 1		Midlands	COT	41
27/10	Aire 2		W Yorks	COTU	8
28/10	Mersey		Lancs	COTU	9
3/11	Washburn 3		W Yorks	B OTU	10
4/11	Wharfe 1		W Yorks	CO U	10
4/11	Royal Dee		Scotland	BCO	11

A = Div "A" B = Div "B" C = Start Here
 O = Non-Ranking open to all T = Team Event
 U = Under 14 & 16 L = Lowenbrau "500" Open Series
 * = Max River Grade ABOVE 2 noted in this column

- A W Sampson 1 Digby Close Tilton-on-the-Hill Leics
- B BCU Flexel House 47 High Street Addlestone Surrey
- 1 Enter on the day ONLY
- 2 D Kay 14 Lake View Furness Vale Stockport SK12 7QD
- 3 N Dallimore 3 Gillian Rd Llandaff Cardiff
- 4 R Marshall 4 Netherfarm Heworth Gateshead
- 5 E Palmer 4 Heaton Grove Heaton Newcastle-u-Tyne
- 6 C Smith 24 Vicarage Road Grenoside Sheffield S30 3RG
- 7 G Atkinson 4 Lumb Beck Close Burley-in-Wharfedale WYorks
- 8 T Benton 326 Bradford Road Otley W Yorks
- 9 P Turner 15 Shaftsbury Place Chorley PR7 1LS
- 10 W Fraser 27 Marshall Terrace Crossgates Leeds LS15 8EA
- 11 D Sadler Kings Pavillion University Rd Aberdeen
- 41 T Gatford 12 Milton Drive Madeley Telford TF7 5JW

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REGIONAL CHAMPS ... ADVANCE WARNING
DEE 2 LLANGOLLEN 15/16 December 84

Regional organisers (and paddlers themselves where the organiser appears non-existent) should be considering selecting representatives for this event which is also a Div "B". To win you'll need to encourage Ladies, C1 & C2 entries

FULL DETAILS IN THE NEXT "News"

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PLANNING MEETING FOR THE 1985 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION
AND TRAINING POLICY, HELD IN NOTTINGHAM ON FRIDAY 15 JUNE 1984

Present : Alistair Bayliss, Bill Fraser, John Handyside,
Simon Haydock, Colin Henson, John McAdam, Nigel Morley,
Martin Spencer and Sarah Swallow.

Apologies; Martin Boshier

SELECTION POLICY AND WINTER TRAINING

Everyone wishing to be considered for selection must register before 1st January 1985 by paying £5 to the Senior Team Manager. (£10 for late registration).

A Training Squad of elite paddlers will be selected by class following the Dee, Dart and Tees ranking Division A races - 2 out of 3 results to count. The initial class squads will consist of 10 Mens K1, 6 Ladies, 6 C1 and 6C2.

These elite squads will have a training plan of training weekends and target races to attend. A 'hire and fire' system will operate at these target races when promotion and demotion from the elite squads will take place. These plans will be available by the 1st January.

The Selection itself will take place at Garmish on 27/28 April. There will be two races - one each day.

The winner of the first race will be selected
The winner of the second race will be selected
The third place will be the next best on average.
The fourth will be by selection committee (at the discretion of the committee).

The selected team must then stay on for 4 days training at Garmish.

Finance will be available to the elite squad members.

Each paddler competing in the World Championships must contribute £50 towards expenses (this will include the tracksuit).

The team will fly out on Thursday 30 May.
Accommodation and transport to the World Championships will be paid for (except for the £50). Any arrangements outside these arrangements must be self-financing.

An option to stay on to watch the slalom will be available, and fly home afterwards.

Transport at Garmish must allow 4 cars or vans (1 each class) plus a spare car for team management.

Editorial Comment ~ Rumour and discussion concerning the 1985 selection policy have abounded since June. Whatever the pros and cons (one or two still want it all changed), this document represents the minutes of a committee meeting and is therefore PRESUMABLY FINAL!

WILD
WALTER



IT'S OKAY SID. THIS IS THE VIDEO OF THE LAST RACE, I'M LOOKING AT MY TECHNIQUE.



LOOK SEE HERE,
SHORT STROKING A
LOT ON THE ROUGH

BUT WALTER, YOU'RE
ALWAYS TELLING ME
TO INCREASE MY
STROKE RATE.



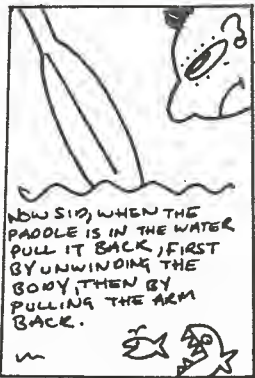
YES, BUT YOU
MUST KEEP
THE STROKE
THE SAME LENGTH.



SID, PADDLE WITH NO EFFORT.
LET THE GOOD TECHNIQUE GET THE
BOAT TO RUN WELL.



ROTATE YOUR BODY
TO PUT THE PADDLE
IN. I DON'T LEAN
FORWARD.



NOW SID, WHEN THE
PADDLE IS IN THE WATER
PULL IT BACK, FIRST
BY UNWINDING THE
BODY, THEN BY
PULLING THE ARM
BACK.

LIKE THIS WALTER.



NO SID, DON'T BEND
YOUR ARMS SO MUCH.
ALL THROUGH THE STROKE
THE ARMS SHOULD BE
ALMOST STRAIGHT.



WHEN YOU ARE GOING
THROUGH WITH THE
STROKE YOUR LITTLE
FINGER SHOULD JUST
TOUCH THE WATER.

THAT WAY, SID,
YOU WILL BE USING
ALL THE MUSCLES
IN THE BODY, NOT
JUST THE MUSCLES
IN THE ARM.

THEY ARE SMALL
ONES THAT GET
TIRED FAST....!

WILD WALTER No 3 ©

DAVERUSE/JOHN HANDSIDE.

SO YOU WANT TO RUN A WILLOWATER RACE ?

The first I knew of this article was when I picked up a copy of White Water News while trundling down a Belgian Autobahn on the way to Garmisch, and read Dave's request. As I wasn't due to drive for a couple of hours it gave me something to do for a time while a game of marathon Scrabble got under way in the back (of Hibbles' bus) which lasted until Cologne. Please excuse the state of the typing, but it's due to the concrete sections this bit is made of.

Looking at the 1984/85 Calendar as it takes shape it would appear that we will have more races than ever before. However there is still an imbalance in their geographical spread with a continued lack of events in "The South". When so many paddlers come from here I'm surprised that not more of them have not ^{got} fed up with travelling and run their own. I'm sure the argument is that they don't have suitable water, which I suppose is true, but, you only have to read Dave's article in the last issue, to see that not even International Racing has to always take place on raging mountain torrents. The moral would seem to be - you make the best of what you've got. In fact there could be a case for more of these type of races (the flatter water ones, known officially as River Races) as they provide a much better introduction to the sport than sending a novice down something like the Washburn or Tees. So perhaps some of you may look again at your local river and realise that it's not so bad after all.

Having decided then that you have a suitable course establish start and finish points where there is adequate car parking and then check out permission and ensure the local anglers aren't running a match on the same day. Having to deal with irate fishermen as well as canoeists is too much in one day.

Once this is organised you then need a date. As the Race Officer I always encourage clubs to keep to the same date each year. As long as you don't clash with another event in your area it's usually alright to choose your day from the previous year's dates. I need to know though by the end of May for the next season's Yearbook.

RUNNING THE EVENT

There must be endless ways to do this. This, briefly, is the system I use. It works for me even when running two races on the same weekend.

BEFORE THE DAY

ENTRIES I deal with these as they arrive. Each one is checked for correct money & BCU card. If these are OK the relevant box on the entry card is ticked, if not the amount of money owed (rarely do people overpay) is written on. Start - Finish envelopes go in

seperate boxes. Entry cards are filed in a box divided up into individual classes. Rough seeding is done as they come in. Money is banked BEFORE the day so you can deal with the bouncing ones. Expect most of your entries to come in on the closing date AND the two following days. Because of this I always try to prepare my start lists 2/3 days after the closing date. (Please don't assume this for my, or anybody else's, events.)

START LISTS. Seed paddlers using all relevant information (difficult for Div C events). Number cards and add start times as list is typed. Add alongside names on list details of money owed etc. Onto start sheet put details of course, parking, practice times etc. If you are taking late entries spaces for these should be left at the beginning of each class. *See footnote on START LISTS ~ Ed*

PRIZES. Order these well in advance. If it is your first event and you're unsure of respoⁿse, get things that you can use at later events. Each class should have a first prize. Second's and third's depend on numbers in that class.

YOUR RACE SYSTEM. Decide exactly how you are going to run the race ie timing, start/ finish procedures, results, refreshments etc. and most important who is going to do them. Get them all together and make sure they all know what is expected of them. Remember that you can't do it all. The key jobs are obviously - (1) START- You need at least two people - one to hold the boats and one to operate the clock, you may need a third person to call boats to the start. A loud hailer is useful to have here. (2) FINISH- To work smoothly, especially if you have large numbers, at least four people. One person operates the clock, writes down each competitors number & finish time and calls this out to an assistant who writes it down also as well as calling out the numbers of the boats before they finish for the timer. This provides a check and is very useful when you get close finishes. The third person takes times in batches of 5's or 10's and writes the finish time onto THE ENTRY CARD. the calculation is then done and the card handed on to the fourth person who displays it. This is probably the weakest point in the majority of our races yet it is the most important to get right. If it isn't done efficiently paddlers pester the finishers and mistakes start to be made. I use a clear plastic tent the same as seen at most slaloms. The cards can be placed in here, in order, as they are done as long as the person doing the sums writes the time, class, division on the back.

ON THE DAY

As long as your team is well briefed and good things should run smoothly. It is important that you arrive early and have your control set up before paddlers arrive. Make sure start and finish are clearly marked. Probably one of the main causes of mistakes is created by poor numbers on boats. They may be OK at the start when the boat is dry and still but it is often a very different matter when it flies past the finisher in a crowd of others while someone else is trying to explain that although he has No.27 on his boat he is really No.573 and therefore not in that division but he went then because he had a long way to go home (meanwhile another 27 appears). Things can get, as you see, a little confused! **BE STRICT ON NUMBERS**

AFTER THE RACE

RESULTS Try to get these typed up and posted as soon as possible after the event. I felt I had succeeded after one Washburn/Wharfe when someone rang up on Monday breakfast time to thank me for his results which had just arrived. There is also of course the results to be sent to the ranking list compilers and levies to Treasurer.

Hopefully I've included the basics here. As I said this is how I work, there are many other systems to use, computers for example have a lot to offer if you have the right people and set up.

Even if you are not a prospective organiser you may now realise, if, that is, you didn't before, that running a race is more than just a couple of people each with a stop watch.

Start - Brussels Finish - Aachen. Bill Fraser 15/4/84.

FOOTNOTE ON START LISTS ~Ed

Many DIV C organisers accept the vast majority of entries on the day. Therefore they find it best not to send out a start list but rather a timetable of the times allocated to entries from each class.

eg DIV C MEN 1201 - 1245
 DIV C LADIES 1246 - 1255
 OPEN EVENT 1256 - 1329 etc etc

Indeed if sent out with full start/finish details to local clubs and known paddlers well in advance, such a timetable may actually attract more people to the race. You are giving them the opportunity to make sensible last minute arrangements - without ringing you up!

Finally.... it is advisable to display a ^{BIG} list of start numbers/names at the start. It can be filled in with a marker pen as entries come in, and saves the start officials a lot of questions.

BEYOND 1984?

The 1984 WWR Yearbook will show 54 events on 28 different sites spread over 9 months. Last seasons Yearbook had approximately 600 people on ranking lists. Another 200 at least probably took part in Div. C events but did not gain promotion making approximately 800 in all.

In 1974/75 the first seperate WWR Yearbook appeared and it showed 24 races on 12 different sites spread over 7 months. Entry fees were 50p and there were 200 people on the ranking list. (One of the few things that has not changed is that Nigel Morley appears in the top 10 of both lists!)

While these figures show how the sport has grown over the years I am concerned that we may now be reaching a position where we have too many events. Last season some races were very poorly attended and I was surprised to see some of them running again. While I am pleased to know we have organisers keen to run events, some of them, through no fault of their own, may be doing us a disservice. The impression such events must give to a new participant, whether they be a competitor, supporter or spectator can not be very good. When there are too few to complete a class, to be seen practising on the water or even to get a lift back up to the start it must make a beginner wonder whether it is all worthwhile.

The BCU has produced a document "A Programme For Expansion" detailing what it hopes to achieve in terms of development in the next 10 years, I think that now is a time when we, Wildwater Racing, start to not only think in these terms, but also to act. As I see it our biggest problem is lack of new blood. We have the capacity to deal with many more than at present, what I think is lacking is for the experienced paddlers to play a more active part in encouraging others along to suitable events and assisting them when they are there. The media coverage all canoeing is receiving can only make people more aware of the sport, if we are to draw them to our discipline we must be seen to be more supportive. Marathon for example are doing this quite effectively with their 9 divisions and Placid Water Scheme. I am not suggesting we adopt any major new scheme as I think we already have a good one, but that we use it better.

Over the last few years I have increasingly felt that many of our Div C events are too difficult. This makes it both expensive on equipment and dangerous. In Slalom, our "rival" a person is watched,

hopefully, from start to finish, their course is marked out and it takes place in the warmer months of the year. In many WWR's a paddler is often seen by only the starter and finisher and perhaps occasionally by another competitor, they have to find their own way.

The better use we could make of our system involves the growing number of relatively easy "River Races" (Rule 1.2 Page 27 1983/84 Y.B.) and especially those that are close to large towns, ie Aire, Mersey, Ironbridge, Wear, Tyne, Thames, Nene. These races, as well as being within easy reach of many people, offer a far greater chance to a novice to complete a course in something like racing fashion and not for it to be a survival exercise. Even with out winning this should be some encouragement to have another go somewhere else. What is vital though is for the experienced paddler to go down with them. It may not be that exhilarating for you but it means an awful lot to them.

Canoeists are notoriously individualistic, it is that sort of sport, but if we care about it (and by just taking part, or even reading this article, I assume you do) then perhaps we should all try and make 1984/85 the season we all do our bit to introduce someone new to Wildwater Racing.

----- Bill Fraser.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

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A moving story

Year Book and entry card supplier Anne Gillespie announces her latest and (she claims) last change of address. Please use this address instead of the one earlier in this issue and this phone number instead of the one in the 1984/5 Year Book! Yes ... this is the real thing ... we hope ...

ANNE GILLESPIE 13 Spring Hill **WORCESTER WR5 1BL**
Telephone : Worcester (0905) 24590

Liffey Descent

John Carroll of the Scrap Merchants Canoe Club (Lancashire based) sent a glowing report of the annual Liffey Descent which three of them attended in September 1983. The race is in the Dublin area and takes place on the Saturday afternoon. Comparable to the Exe Descent, the 17 mile course includes 10 weirs and a couple of grade two rapids. The separate competition classes include K1, K2, river racers and tourers. The river is dam controlled.

Alan praises the Irish hospitality, and also a certain Dublin home brew (which in itself justified his trip)! The cost was also very reasonable : petrol, ferry and entries added up to about £40 per head for the Friday to Sunday trip with camping available at the local canoe clubs.

This year's race is on Saturday 8 September so perhaps it's too late now. But why not consider next year's event or the November Exe descent as an enjoyable pre-season marathon river race.

Liffey details from the Secretary of the Irish Canoe Union :
 COSPOIR, National Sports Council, Floor 11, Hawkins House,
 Hawkins Street, DUBLIN 2, Eire
 John Carroll would also be glad to fill you in
 1 Stevens Road BARNSTON Wirral L60 1XS

Slammer Pairs (or lemons?)

Chris Humpidge was spying for the "News" at the British Universities Slalom Champs (run at Llandyssul on the Teifi in April). Three notable White Water personalities were in attendance including our latest cover girl ...

« Prizes were presented by the Chairman of BUCCA, Guy Sellwood (alias the balding Sid Slammer), who is most offended at the Wild Water feature and feels that there should be some declaration of resemblance to actual persons (i.e. himself), being completely by chance.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of the weekend was Jeff Parker/Corrine Helms' C2 run in a banana boat for Birmingham University. This boat was too big to make the early reverse gate and it took 5 minutes to make gate 5 with Corrine paddling on the bank. She is now suing Jeff for divorce on grounds of diminished responsibility. »

LOWENBRAU 500 SERIES

The first of the 1984-5 "500 Series" took place on the Tryweryn on Saturday 19 May. Even the organisers were surprised by the response - 89 entries in boats ranging from White Water K1s to C2s to plastic kayaks! Clearly the message had been well received that any paddler in any boat is welcome to race at any of the six events in the series.

This increased the fun AND the organisational hassles resulting from too late a start time, too few bibs and a very limited timing system. Organisers David Goldstrom and Martin Harvey are determined to overcome these teething troubles in the rest of the series - especially important as we cannot expect the same sunny weather at the Dee in January !

Of the class winners only Neil Stamps in the Junior event could have been predicted. Cynthia Berry comfortably beat off experienced opposition from Julie Friers and Julia Harling in the Ladies.

Meanwhile the senior event produced a very close scrap. The leading bunch of 6 paddlers were all within 1.39 seconds of the winner ... with places 2 to 6 within 0.9 of eachother ! Mick Gillham of Birmingham University was the worthy winner, thus collecting 25 points on his way (he hopes ... I don't) to winning the coveted Series prize of a Lowenbrau evening for his club.

What about the rest of the races? You will find them all listed in the calendar, the next (second) one being at the Washburn on Saturday 20 October with entries (free) being taken from 10am.

And who will win? Perhaps Mick Gillham, but look out for our resident Kiwi Andrew Martin (6th after dropping his paddle in race one), ex-patriate Scot Kenny Bain (2nd) or even slalomist Alan Heaume (5th). Remember its your best three scores that count so the series has hardly begun try it.

P.S. Transfer News : Leeds C.O.S.E. has a good chance of securing the services of Kenny Bain over the winter, and is considering a mega-bid for Andrew Martin (offering FREE membership). Furthermore the F.A.C.K. may ban all German Club members from domestic "500" events.



1984 EUROPA CUP REPORT

With the exception of Garmisch, which doubled as the Pre-Worlds, Britain sent a smaller team to the Europa Cup events than in past years. Nevertheless, as some paddlers were allowed to pay their own way, a sizeable group gained international experience.

Nevertheless, experience must (we are told) lead to results if the grants are to be continued. If that is the case then the prospects are dim. This must be the Dunkirk of river racing - with the Germans AND the French totally predominant.

At Garmisch the Germans hogged the rostrum, with the exception of Zok's band of Cls. At Bourg the medal tables were turned - apart from the Ladies event. Marco Previde (K1) and Strecko Masle (C1) maintained a small presence for the rest of the world. Meanwhile the Italian Men's K1s, the Czech Cls and - yes - our Ladies broke up the Team medal shareout.

What of our results?

- Our Men's Kayaks are not where they used to be. With DRH Taylor's 10th place at Garmisch as the only reasonable result - in a race in which an unfit Hibble beat all our other men - surely we must at last accept the need to reassess. Men's K1 has NO more credibility in the world rankings than the other classes. Where is the new blood? If Hibble returns can the "old firm" still do it?

- The Ladies were our saving grace in that (as in 83) they gained our only medal (Silver Team at Bourg). There is certainly youth and enthusiasm around, but current success is still based on the rough water expertise of the senior paddlers. (Well done Sue at both Bovec and Bourg - and our best EC overall place).

- The C2s are threatening to do something. Members of this class have attended (with some success) more internationals than any other senior team members. They have gained four medals and two fourth places abroad. Furthermore Kay /Pearton and Goldsmith /Evans gained our best ever C2 EC places at Bourg, and Cooper / Wilkins put in an outstanding team run (only 12 seconds off second place). Nevertheless Garmisch represented old ways with two of our top three failing to finish.

- The Cls admit their plight. They have no class coach and lack a senior paddler with top flight C1 experience. However they are more than willing to try - as shown by their import of the French "Ass" design for next season. Dave Ruse put in a consistently improved set of EC scores including a fine race at Bovec. With the return of Steve Wells and perhaps a coach, 1985 should not be all bad.

But how about the winners? The following table illustrates the winning and the upcoming paddlers in each class and the boats they used for the 1984 Europa Cup.



EUROPA CUP 1984 STATISTICS	NATIONS OVERALL	2ND GERMANY
	1ST FRANCE	3RD GB

RACE	K I M	K I L	C 2	C 1
BOVEC (Yugo)				
WINNER	PREVIDE (ITA)	WAHL (FRG)	PONCHON/ DURAND (FRA)	ZOK (FRA)
BOAT	ASA 82	DELPHIN 83	CENTAUR	ASS
BEST GB	TAYLOR DRH	HORNBY	KAY/PEARTON	RUSE
PLACE %	20 (EC 16) 104.49	9 (EC 9) 106.06	10 (EC 8) 107.63	12 (EC 11) 107.93
GARMISCH (FRG)				
WINNER	WINFRIED (FRG)	WAHL (FRG)	PROQUITTE/ GONSHIOR (FRG)	ZOK (FRA)
BOAT	DELPHIN 83	DELPHIN 83	PRITON 3A	ASS
BEST GB	TAYLOR DRH	HORNBY	GOLDSMITH/EVANS	WILLIAMS
PLACE %	10 (EC 9) 101.99	8 (EC 6) 106.63	9 (NON EC) 105.59	17 (NON EC) 112.68
BOURG (France)				
WINNER	PREVIDE (ITA)	WAHL (FRG)	BERNARD/ RIGAUT (FRA)	ZOK (FRA)
BOAT	ASA 82	DELPHIN 83	LEADER 2	ASS
BEST GB	SMITH	HORNBY	KAY/PEARTON	WILLIAMS
PLACE %	19 (EC 14) 103.82	7 (EC 6) 103.79	7 (EC 5) 103.42	13 (NON EC) 107.74
OVERALL (3 Races)				
WINNER EC	BENEZIT (FRA)	WAHL (FRG)	BERNARD/ RIGAUT (FRA)	ZOK (FRA)
BOAT	BAKTER	DELPHIN 83	LEADER 2+3	ASS
SECOND	PREVIDE (ITA)	HOETZENDORFER (FRG)	PROQUITTE/ GONSHIOR (FRG)	MASLE (YUG)
THIRD	KILIAN (FRG)	FRASER (CAN)	CHAMBERDIE/ JAUNGT (FRA)	BATAILLE (FRA)
BEST GB EC	TAYLOR DRH (14)	HORNBY (7) *	KAY/PEARTON (9) *	RUSE (11) *
UPCOMING PROSPECT	KILIAN FRG	FRASER CAN	PONCHON/ DURAND FRA †	BATAILLE FRA
ABSENT IN 1984 (1983)	HOLLEREITH FRG (2)	STUAPP FRG (1)	SCHLAPPI/ VON BUREN SWI (5)	-
FOOTNOTES	* GB only entered one boat for the full Europa Cup in these classes † Ponchon/Durand may have won the EC if they had competed at Garmisch. Their 41 second victory at BOVEC was the biggest in any class in any race. PLACES Europa Cup places may be better than Overall Places because Non-Europa Cup paddlers also compete.			

GREAT BRITAIN YOUTH WILD WATER RACING TEAM

'A' TEAM SUMMER TOUR - JULY 1984 - AUSTRIA

Manager: Philip Dean
Coach: Duncan Eglin
Assistant: Paul Slaney

Twelve youth team paddlers departed at the beginning of the second week of July, to various venues in Austria, for a duration of just over two weeks.

The main objectives for the all male group of 10 K1's and 1 C2 pair being firstly to experience waters not normally available in the U.K. and secondly to take part in an international competition. For this purpose the group travelled directly (bar an unscheduled overnight stop!) to Landeck, where rivers such as the Upper Inn, Lower Inn, Sanna and Trisanna were easily accessible. Several days were spent there, paddling, swimming and rafting; the latter serving as a break from the canoeing when the group took the opportunity of being put into the hands of super grin himself, the notorious lady-killer, Klammer Jez Taylor, of Cl Fame! JT's new venture of rafting down the Inn proved a memorable experience though not a good example in routes for the young river racers! However, if paddlers do venture in the area, take a visit and a good time is guaranteed. (We got a reduction for saying that!)

Rivers were particularly high possibly as a result of bad weather in the previous months. Only days before our arrival did the sun have an impact on the glaciated slopes of the mountains, to send the familiar silver/grey alluvium-coloured water surging down the valleys, peaking in late afternoon. The rivers claimed several swimmers but fortunately no loss or damage to either equipment or people.

Lofer, several days later, proved a stark contrast to the bouncy waters of the Inn but was a convenient mid-point to Spittal; also in contrast, the group was treated to four days of continuous bad weather. So there was little opposition when a decision was made to move on to the final destination, Spittal, for the 7th International European Youth Championships. This was intended to be the climax of the tour but instead the team was subjected to an abismal example of organization and communication. The level of the River Moll was as indecisive as the time-keepers themselves; unfortunately the irregularities in the timing and positions, especially in the mens U18 class, cast an air of caution amongst some of the paddlers.

In fact, on the results sheet, a certain Stefan Greier of the G.B. Youth team, finished in first - who is he ?!?! Splits showed the final positions were undoubtedly incorrect, but with lack of strong evidence and other protesting nations, the positions stood. However despite all this our Youth team - Stamps, Tomlinson, Marshall - for the second year running claimed the Gold Medal and the title of European Team Champions. To confirm the depth of our Youth river racing, the second team, Bell, Lang and Febrey achieved a bronze medal, and 6th position for Davies, J. Slater and Curtis out of 19 teams.

On a cautious note, with the absence of the French and main German paddlers coupled with the unsatisfactory handling of the race itself, it endorses the fact that the Austrian instigators of the race have yet to prove their organising ability before the European Youth Championships can be made official.

Finally, a word of thanks to Chris Hawkesworth's Wild Water Centre for producing ^{the} distinctive red, white and blue cags, now a standard hallmark of the Youth Team.

Philip Dean

'B' Team Silberschild - June '84

The G.B. Youth 'B' Team was taken to Germany for the International at Silberschild (Dusseldorf) on the 20/24th June. The majority of the training squad had already experienced international competition when they attended the Monshau River Race earlier in the year, so they travelled to Dusseldorf aware of the opposition. Once again the German hospitality and organisation proved to be first class.

From the results, it can be seen that the team was spread evenly in the upper half of the field in all the classes. The most notable performances were achieved by Alan Armstrong (th) and Steven Marshall, also of Gateshead C.C., who finished 3rd just 12 seconds behind the German Youth Champion M. Schneider.

The British 'Herren Mannschaften' sampled the depth of German Youth River Racing, managing 5th and 7th against the German club teams. (A. Armstrong, Marshall, Turner - G.B. 1 and D. Armstrong, Royle, Tipper - G.B. 2). The ladies team of Stapleford, Stolton, and Campbell finished a creditable second with Giselle Stolton forging ahead as our fastest lady in the individual with a 6th position.

D. Eglin

1983/4 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

	Name	Club	M.S. Score	A/B Points	Last Year
<u>Mens K1</u>					
1	DRH Taylor	Nottingham	0.00		2
2	Jerry Hibble	Leeds	16.53		1
3	Mike Smith	Leeds	21.34		3

Ladies K1

1	Anne Plant	Birmingham	0.00	60	1
2	Gail Allan	Ambleside	2.42	59	6
3	Sue Hornby	Outdoor Adv.	10.46	56	2

C2

1	Kay/Pearton	F.A.C.K.	0.00	60	1
2	Goldsmith/Evans	Brighton	10.66	57	-
3	Terry/Cooper	Bunsville	20.96	56	3

C1

1	Dave Williams	Nottm Univ	0.00	60	2
2	Mick Fletcher	Portsmouth	3.85	58	4
3	Dave Ruse	Islington	17.30	58	11

Youth Mens K1

Neil Stamps of Birmingham won the Under 16 & Under 18 classes

CONFUSION

Printed versions of the 83/4 ranking lists have so far been somewhat inconsistent. In "Canoeist" Stuart Fisher had the correct positions but had triple the M.S. score (I am told the ruling is to average and not to add together the three best scores). Meanwhile Year Book preliminary copies omitted Goldsmith/Evans from the C2 rankings despite the fact that they were never placed lower than 2nd in a domestic race!

Wild Water Racing National Team Championships 1983-84

Position	Team	Points	No. of Results
1	Leeds Frog One	75	6
2	Birmingham	74	5
3	Birmingham Uni.	70	4
4	RKC Koin	69	3
5	Accrington A	66	4
6	Accrington B	64	4
7	Worcester	62	5
8	Adur	61	3
9	Gateshead A	23	1
10:	Chester	21	1
10:	Strathclyde Uni.	21	1
12	Aberdeen Uni.	20	1
13:	Accrington C	19	1
13:	Gateshead B	19	1
13:	Herts	19	1

No. of Teams 15 No of Results 41

The Ranking List is based on Teams which, from results sheets, appear to be eligible for points, regardless of whether this was stated on the entry card or not.

Only 8 Clubs managed to comply with all the rules on at least one occasion and the list compiled from these results only is given below for comparison.

Results for teams where eligibility for ranking points was notified to the race organiser.

1	Leeds Frog One	75
2	Accrington A	42
2	Accrington B	42
4	Birmingham	25
5	Birmingham Uni.	23
6	Chester	21
7	Accrington C	19
8	Worcester A	18

No. of Teams 8 No. of Results 12

For 1984/5 there will be two National Ranking Team Championships and Teams must indicate on the entry card if they are eligible for the Club Championships or the Mixed Team Championships (Ladies and Canadians only). If your team is not eligible for either, ie it is a scratch team, do not use a Club name as the Team name as this can cause confusion. Please read the relevant section of the Yearbook if you wish your Team to be included in either of next seasons Ranking Lists.

Dave Hylett

CANADIAN TRAINING DAY - 14th OCT - LOUGHBOROUGH

This training event is being organised at the same venue as the 13th/14th Oct Coaches/Trainers course. This will enable very keen people to attend both courses and will hopefully add a bit of Canadian paddling spice to the otherwise Kayak based Coaches weekend.

From the Canadian KWR training day point of view, the sessions will aim to help all levels of competitors. Time trialling will be avoided if at all possible, the emphasis being on techniques of forward paddling and boat handling. Video facilities will be used for some of the technique analysis. Various different types of boats will be available to try out, with some hopefully useful tips on boat trimming and fitting out, paddle types/lengths/blade areas and so on.

For further details of the venue and intended program please send an SAE to:

Dave Williams, 223 Lower Regent Str, Beeston, Nottm. NG92DD
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COMPETITION COACHING CALENDER 1984/85

FURTHER DETAILS

OCTOBER 12-14 LEICESTER COACH
Bill Sampson, 1 Digby Ct.,
Tilton on the Hill. Leic.,
LE7 9LL

For more information about
the coaching scheme and
the content of courses see
the YEAR BOOK or contact

NOVEMBER 24/25 BIRMINGHAM TRAINER
John McAdam, 32 Colworth
Rd., Northfield, Birm.,
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THE NATIONAL COMPETITION
COACH - John McAdam

MARCH 23/24 BIRMINGHAM TRAINER
John McAdam

32 Colworth Road
Northfield

APRIL/MAY COACH
Further details later

Birmingham B31. 1QL

FOR SALE * Contact Dave Kay (Editorial Address)

C1 Mustang Kevlar Hull Red Deck £170

Properly fitted out and only used on the canal (ie perfect)

C2 Prijon Mk1 All Kevlar All Green £320

83 World Champs & 84 Europa Cup Final race boat
Properly fitted out and virtually unscratched

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TRYWERYN "B" and "C" : SEPTEMBER 1 & 2
This race (and slalom) has been cancelled
due to the drought

CANCELLATION

So... remember... first race of the
season... AIRE... October 7th

*****CLASS COACHING SYSTEM - VACANT POST*****

Partly it seems by accident, and partly by design the coaching of the National WWR Team has been split into a system of class coaches. Thus John Handiside has taken responsibility for the ladies, Bill Frazer is looking after the mens kayak group and Martin Spencer is doing the business for the C2's. This of course leaves the C1's doing perhaps as usual, their own thing. M. Spencer has been helping out with the C1's to date but to spread the workload and create more activity on the coaching side a specific C1 coach is required. The position is based around the National Team Squad but with the present level of participation in the C1 class it would be hoped that for British events, the coaching activities will be as widely spread as possible.

The position of Coach always involves as much as the Coach is willing or able to put into it. However the present consensus of opinion on the roles and priorities for a C1 coach for the 1984-85 season are as laid out below:

Priority no.

- 1 Act as driver/bank support/coach for the C1 paddlers at the 1985 World Championships at Garmisch-Partenkirchen
- 2 Organise the C1 class squad over the 1984-85 season, and ensure best possible communication between all C1 WWR paddlers about events, selection, training etc.
- 3 Be around at British events over the winter to provide bank support, co-ordinate training/practice, provide race split times, comment on observations, generate enthusiasm and be a good egg etc.
- 4 Provide detailed critique of C1 paddling techniques and organise lots of training weekends.

Well, lets hope that someone wants to do all this! Seriously though if you think you have the commitment to do all or part of the above then please get in touch with Martin Spencer at the address below. Note also that priority no. 4 is really an un-priority in that a great knowledge of the intricacies of C1 paddling is felt to be far less of an attribute than the commitment to bank support and suchlike.

Any further information on the subject can be obtained either from Martin Spencer or Dave Williams.

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