

# White Water News



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**Calendar of Events : September - 13 October**

7/,8/9	Tryweryn fully open for all		
14/9 pm	Matlock, Derbys	L	d
14,15/9	C1,C2 Training, Nottingham	O	38
21/9	Thames 1	CO	1
22/9	Thames 2	CO	1
22/9	Open Training, Leeds	O	2
28/9	Wey 1, Surrey	CO	3
29/9	Wey 2, Surrey	CO	3
5/10 am	Aire Classic 1, Bingley	O	4
pm	Stage 2, Saltaire	CO	4
6/10 am	Stage 3, Horsfrth	CO	4
pm	Stage 4, Leeds	O	4
5/10 pm	Hambleton, Thames	L	d
6/10	Taff 1, S Wales	CO	5
12,13/10	C1,C2 Training, London	O	39
12/10	Wear 1, Co Durham	CO	6
13/10	South Tyne, N East	CO	7
13/10	Ironbridge 1, Midlands	COU	8

**KEY :**

Ranking Races: A B C Divisional U Under 14/16  
 O Open to all R Restricted Open to A or B  
 T Team Event L Lowenbrau 500 Series

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- 3: A Bayliss, Old Dean YC, Kingston Rd, Camberley, GU15
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**EDITORIAL**  
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The end of another season ... or is it the start of the next. Certainly it's the time to report on all those events that have happened outside Britain during the summer involving our paddlers. This issue contains reports and information about :

- The World Championships Report & Full Results
- European Youth Champs & "A" Team Trip
- Youth "B" Team at Sort
- Internationals at Les Drances & Bourg

Thanks go to Chris Hawkesworth's WILD WATER CENTRE - and not only as sponsor of this issue. Chris supplied cags, buoyancy aids and two piece wet weather suits to the entire World Champs Team for Garmisch - a significant and welcomed gesture.

Also accompanying this issue you will find copies of the 1985-6 WWR Calendar. Thanks go to Martin Spencer for his continued sponsorship in the guise of his paddle range - MI Designs

One supposes (as Prince Charles would say) one is expected to pass one's opinions on the worlds results. Mystery to me!

With perhaps one exception, I think everyone in the Cls, C2s and Ladies came very close to their expected position, both in the individual and the Team events. Certainly a 3rd and two 4ths for those classes in the Teams looks better than their slalom equivalents, and is indeed our best combined teams score ever in those classes.

But what about those Men's Kayaks everyone asks ... "Even worse than Merano", "Worst ever", "Old Men", "Too much domestic racing", "Too long a season", "Too high at selection", "No nordic skiing", "No balls", "Complete balls", and so the possibilities continue. Some comments sensible, some downright stupid.

Both the Team Manager's formal report and Bill Fraser's recollections offer a sane perspective to which might be added the following points of interest ... but draw your own conclusions!

**POINT 1 ... THE BOATS**

- No paddler in the top 14 Men or the first 4 MK1 teams used a boat that had even been tried by a British paddler with the exception of the Prijon Delphin Maxi

	Individual	Team
ASA 1985	1,8,9	3,3,3
Gil King	2,11	2,2
Prijon Loisach	3,5,12,13,14	1,2,
Prijon Maxi *	4,7,10	1,1,4,4,4
Double Dutch	6	



The version of the "Maxi" Delphin (\*) is not exactly the one available from Gaybo, although hull shape is virtually identical.

Fortunately two more of these boats are already available in Britain because Gaybo is now manufacturing the King and the Loisach. The evidence is that they are both very fast on the flat, therefore ideal for GB, with the King also being a potential Bourg boat.

#### POINT 2 ... INJURY

- Perhaps our best man at selection did not race - Jonathan Dunseath dislocated his shoulder on the day of the race. However, all else considered, one cannot suggest a vastly different picture had he raced.

#### POINT 3 ... CONSISTENT MOVING WATER TRAINING

- How much moving/rough water practice did our paddlers have between the December Dee race and the Worlds (6 months)? Perhaps just two pressurised weeks at Garmisch, plus the Tay, Washburn and Tryweryn weekends. Compare that with the Autumn glut, or with the French and Germans taking regular short spells on the rough from February.

#### POINT 4 ... STALENESS

- I believe Benezit, Morin & Frossard (Team Silver) only raced once in France and three times at Selection before the Worlds. The major French and German races are predominantly after the Worlds. How many of our team did LESS THAN 12 races at home BEFORE the Worlds?

Tied in here is the next point concerning deterioration between selection and the Worlds (6 weeks). It may be suggested that our MK1 paddlers had put their all into selection. Compare similarly the deterioration of two other men under pressure in the same post-Selection period :

Hollereith relative to Killian (FRG)

Masson relative to Benezit (FRA)

Consider by comparison what an easy approach Previde, Benezit, Fishburn and Wolfhardt were able to take to selection.

#### POINT 5 ... OVER THE TOP!

- What happened to our men between the Bala British Open (2 weeks after selection) and the Worlds (four weeks later)? Melvin Swallow points out that Fiona Mitchell, Steve Wells and Kay/Pearton did very similar times at Bala and in the Worlds. By comparison all three MK1 (plus Andrew Martin) were about 40 seconds WORSE at the Worlds.

Surely this change is neither attributable to water conditions nor to a great improvement by the British LK1, C1 and C2. Add to the "staleness / over the top" theory the fact that three of the four men changed to boats with which they were unfamiliar in the four weeks after Bala - there again, so did Benezit!

		Bala secs	%DRH	Worlds secs	%DRH	% Diff W/B
Mitchell	LK1	1086	112.5	1093	109.4	100.6
Wells	C1	1153	119.5	1145	114.6	99.3
Kay/Pearton	C2	1114	115.4	1102	110.3	98.9
DRH Taylor	MK1	965	0	999	0	103.5
Swallow	MK1	973	100.8	1014	101.5	104.2
Campbell	MK1	986	102.2	1003	100.4	101.7
Martin	MK1 NZE	990	102.6	1009	101.0	101.9

#### POINT 6 ... HAS IT EVER BEEN BETTER?

Perhaps we all suffer from the "in the old days ... the grass was greener" perspective - especially in assessing Men's K1 results. Consider that :

- All our MK1 only ever did well in two Worlds : 1979 & 1981
- Perhaps even in 79 and 81 our third and fourth men (ie the men who get us Team medals) were not as good as we like to believe in World terms.
- Rather the standard of the others has come closer to the top people who may, after years of success in several cases, themselves have improved.
- SO the GB standard has not slipped as far as we believe.

Consider these comparisons of GB 3rd against the winner in 79,81 & 85, bearing in mind that these were all comparable low volume courses. The decline in our 3rd placed performance in 85, plus the consistent spacing of the rest (compare 14th, 21st & 27th over the years) indicate that things are very much unchanged - except for our decline! The most one might concede is a closer bunching of the top 20 at Garmisch - but nothing dramatic.

% of Winner in Mens K1	1979 Jonquiere	1981 Bala	1985 Garmisch
3rd GB % (Place)	103.1 (12th)	103.5 (12th)	107.1 (35th)
14th Overall %	103.1	104.2	102.7
21th Overall %	104.5	104.8	104.1
27th Overall %	105.5	105.6	105.5 (1st GB)

BUT at the end of the day one must say along with the Team Manager that everyone tried their best. Melvin and DRH both beat their flat water personal bests in May, whilst Williams and Wells destroyed a long standing C2 record in Cls. Work it out for yourself. Me ? ... I still ENJOY all those home races on ditches in the cold ... what's YOUR perspective and YOUR target ?

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## THIS &amp; THAT

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**Canoeing for all**

A WW Racer recently wrote to two organisers of major canoe Marathon events for information as a newcomer to their venues and their entry system. He reports being most impressed to receive details by return, accompanied in both cases by a friendly hand written note. It would certainly be good if we WWR organisers could live up to the same welcoming standards.

**New Equipment Rules**

You may not be aware of possible changes in the rules governing equipment - notably boat weights plus helmet and buoyancy aid specifications. Nobody seems to be an authority on the possible changes BUT the following points must be considered :

- 1) The ICF are setting minimum boat weights from, I believe, the 1986 Europa Cup onwards. Therefore be careful not to spend all your money on a boat construction that will not pass! The exec should advise us immediately on
  - The minimum weights
  - The domestic/international implementation dates
  - Associated rulings (eg Use of lead weights)

- 2) Certain discipline committees within the BCU (notably Slalom) are rumoured to be applying stringent new rules concerning helmets and buoyancy aids.

Cynically minded people may say that any rules that go further than the current ICF ruling arise from commercial pressure groups within the sport - are we being ripped off in the name of safety? Furthermore it is arguable that slalom, on account of its younger competitors and different type of rough water manoeuvres, has to be especially safety conscious.

The question is whether our Exec should follow slalom or even general BCU initiatives without a closer degree of consultation than is currently apparent. Remember - this could cost every competitor £30 - but then again it may cost someone their life.

**JH goes to school**

John Handyside is planning a WWR equivalent of the Slalom Schools idea - except with more for your money. He is planning upto 4 one week courses based at Thonon Les Bains on Lake Geneva and at the mouth of the excellent dam controlled Drances river. John emphasises that his courses will cater for all levels of racers and that full board and lodging will be included for about £150.

### THE Book

A lot of people have been asking the same question for the past two months ... "Have you read THE book?" ... This is because John Endicott's latest book, "The Danger Zone", is exclusively about White Water Racing. Every person who wants to understand racing should get sight of a copy. It is a mammoth 350 plus pages and includes interviews with Burny, Benezit, Previde, Zok, Madore and Michel Doux.

If you want to buy one before we review it in the next issue, send £22 plus £1.50 p&p to

John Handyside 16 Oakley Close Isleworth Middlesex

### Change of Address

Dave (Team Compiler) and Mandy Mylett and family have moved within the Lincoln area :

61 Birchwood Avenue LINCOLN LN6 0JA Tel 0522 685479

### Lowenbrau 500 ... Early Start

Two Lowenbrau 500 events take place at slalom venues before the WWR season gets underway. Whilst other 500s are at 11am, these two start at 3pm to fit in with slalom arrangements.

Sat 14 Sept Matlock, Derbyshire  
Sat 5 Oct Hambleden, Bucks

### FOR SALE .... FOR SALE .... FOR SALE ....

#### C2s

Following his 'n'th threatened retirement at the grand old age of n+ Denis Cooper is selling the fleet of Gaybo Mark 3 C2s that he used at Garmisch. Condition varies from perfect (all kevlar race boat) to somewhat damaged. Contact Denis on 0602 475908.

#### Kayaks

Unscathed and never raced half Kevlar Frog for £160 from Dave Kay (0663 46579)

Full Kevlar Delphin Maxi used only in World Champs individual run for £200 from Julia Harling (0663 46579)

### Provisional International Calendar

Still subject to changes, the major 1986 European internationals include the following :

24,25 May	Brandenburger Ache(?)	Austria	Europa Cup 1 WWR
21,22 June	Les Drances, Evian	France	International
27,28 June	Mezzana	Italy	International
4,5 July	N Pallaresa, Sort	Spain	Europa Cup 2 WWR
9,10 July	Isere, Bourg	France	Pre-Worlds WWR
11,12 July	Isere, Bourg	France	Pre-Worlds Slalom



**Training in September**  
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There is an open session arranged for each of the classes during September. For further details contact the organiser at the address on the Calendar ... and if in doubt just turn up!

**TRYWERYN, Bala : 7,8 September**

Ladies K1 but the river is generally open ... John Handyside

**LEEDS : Saturday 21 September**

Mainly Men's K1 but all are welcome ... Bill Fraser

+++++++ Canadian Training Weekends ++++++

ALL YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT CANADIAN WILD WATER RACING  
BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK.....!

Two weekends to give anyone interested the chance to find out what wild water racing in C1 and C2 is all about:-

Boats (and partners!) available if required.  
If you're already racing, come along and crib some new ideas, and try out some different boats.  
On the water coaching and video analysis of paddling techniques will be available.

Nottingham September 14/15th and London October 12/13th

For further details send SAE to:-

Mike Phillip, or  
34a, Lambrook Terrace,  
London, SW6 6TG.  
01 736 1449

Dave Williams,  
37, Ashchurch Drive,  
Nottingham, NG8 2RB.  
0602 285159

P.S. Copies of "A Brief Guide to WWR C2" available with SAE from Mike Phillip at the above address.

**Apologies**  
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There is an obvious error in the 1985-6 Calendar Wall Chart Apologies go to the following National Champions :  
Under 16 :  
David Armstrong (Gateshead)  
Under 14 :  
Paul Davis (Leeds)

QUOTE OF THE QUARTER

"No matter how much money is or is not available, no matter what the armchair enthusiasts say, nor what the committee orientated paddlers desire, no matter how good or bad is the Team Manager and his Coaches, the only road to success in this sport is pure dedicated hard work" - Nigel Morley in his letter to potential Youth/Junior WWR training group members.

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**THE AIRE CLASSIC ..... A series of FOUR RACES ..... 5-6 October 1985**

Four races over one weekend on Grade 1 to 2 water following the river from Castlefields (Bingley) to Leeds City Station. The races go from open countryside to the very centre of Leeds passing a wealth of industrial history and involving 12 weirs including the infamous 150 metre "Dark Arches" shoot.

The event is however entirely suitable for people doing their first race - even as a leisurely descent in plastic boats. To encourage beginners to attempt a timed run under supervision, group starts may be requested.

The only section omitted will be the 4 miles from Esholt to below Rodley (with just one weir) and this has open access for anyone who wishes to cover the entire 17 mile journey.

**ENTRY PER PERSON :** £5 in advance or £6 on the day covers all four races including the entry for the ranking classes (Div "C" & Open) at Races 2 & 3. Entry for the ranking events only will be at the standard rates (£2.00 per Div "C" individual etc). Non-BCU members and any class or type of boat welcomed.

**PRIZES :**

- \* Each Race : Winner plus Best Club Aggregate (3 positions) plus other class winners as appropriate
- \* Div "C" Races 2 & 3 : Usual Div "C" class prizes and promotions
- \* Overall 4 race Series : Winner, Best Club & Other Classes as appropriate - all based on aggregate positions in all four races. Note that non-appearance counts as last finisher plus 1 position.

**TIMETABLE on Sat 5th & Sun 6th of October 1985**

RACE	RANKING	TIME	COURSE	DISTANCE & WEIRS
1	Open	12 noon SAT	Castlefields to Saltaire Same as Aire 2 last year	3.5m / 25 mins 2 or 3 weirs
2	Div C & Open	4.30 pm SAT	Saltaire to Esholt Same as Aire 1 last year	3m / 21 mins 2 weirs
3	Div C & Open	12 noon SUN	Horsforth to Kirkstall Never raced before	2.5m / 17 mins 2 or 3 weirs
4	Open	2.00 pm SUN	Kirkstall to City Station Never raced before	3m / 21 mins 2 or 4 weirs

**RIVER LEVEL :** Paddlers at previous Aire 1 & 2 ranking races will remember that the autumn level can vary from very low to fast moving continuous Grade 2 (like Aire 2 last year). One thing is certain - the series will take place regardless of level - the only changes being the omission specific weirs at the start and finish of sections if it is at either extreme level. The river is open for responsible practice throughout the year.

**ORGANISER :** Leeds Centre of Sporting Excellence is the organising club. Entries and further details : Dave Kay, 14 Lake View, Furness Vale, Stockport SK12 7QD. Enquiries concerning entries, course, accomodation or offers of sponsorship to Dave Kay (0663-46579) or Bill Fraser (0532-608764).

## TEAM EVENTS

A number of entries in team events last season appeared, from results sheets, to comply with all the rules of eligibility, as laid down in section 8, page 27 of the yearbook, but did not notify the organiser at each event that they qualified for Ranking points. To remove the necessity of repeatedly notifying organisers, and to simplify the Team event arrangements for Race organisers by making it easy for them to sort entries into Ranking Club Teams, Ranking Mixed Teams and non-ranking teams, I would like to propose the following scheme.

All teams wanting Ranking status must register with the Team Ranking List Compiler.

- Club Teams - Can register at the same time as their Club registers its continuing interest in WWR with the Secretary, or direct to the Team Compiler.
- Should notify the Team name to be used and list all of the eligible paddlers who are likely to race in Team events for the Club.

Additional paddlers (eg new Club members) can be notified to the Team Compiler before the first race in which they are to compete in the team event for the Club. NOT those who have paddled earlier in the season for another Club, see 8.4 (i).

### Mixed Teams

- Should register their Team name together with the names of the three regular paddlers (ladies and Canadians only, any combination), before the first race to be contested.
- At least two of the named paddlers must race to be awarded points.

The Team Compiler will supply each Division A Race Organiser with two lists of Team names, with eligible paddlers, by the closing date for entries to the race.

Any team with a name not on the lists, or naming a paddler not listed as eligible, will be a non-ranking team and will be awarded no points.

If you have any comments or other suggestions about the above please send them to - Dave Mylett, 61, Birchwood Avenue, Lincoln, LN6 0JA.

The accompanying proposal will be put forward by Dave Mylett at the next Exec meeting. Whilst he has plenty of experience of the present irritations, Dave welcomes your suggestions.

Dave's main concern is to get more of the competing teams eligible for Club or Mixed ranking status (see last season's list!) and at the same time to make life easier for the Div "A" organisers. To be really practical and to cut down the paperwork to a minimum (we are all bad at that) two small modifications to Dave's plan are suggested: *— Dave Kay ✓*

**1 Club Teams** : No obligation to list the eligible paddlers to the compiler in advance. So long as they are named on the entry card and have not competed for any other club's team during the season, the compiler should be able to sort it out. However really interested clubs could help by providing a provisional list.

**2 All Teams** : Any Team (Club or Mixed) should be able to register with their FIRST entry of the season by simply filling in the card properly and indicating "Club" or "Mixed" (as opposed to non-specified non-ranking teams). From then on they will be known to the compiler. Without this the registration process will be prohibitive, especially of new mixed teams formed at an early event.

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**EQUIPMENT NEWS**

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Three new kayaks are now available from home manufacturers. It is hoped to offer some basic flatwater test results on each of them in the next issue, but there is already plenty of evidence on all three from Garmisch (see Editorial). All three are suitable for any British race with the King and Big Marlin also looking towards the Bourg worlds.

**Prijon "Loisach" from Gaybo**  
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The latest development in the Delphin range as paddled by the Germans at Garmisch. Relatively low volume boat with reputedly high flat water speed and good in the shallows. Prijon reckons it is the fastest boat he has ever designed - and not without evidence.

**Gil "King" from Gaybo**  
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Apparently a unique mix of volume and flat water speed. Paddled by Benezit in all conditions (eg Garmisch & Bourg) and surprisingly normal to handle despite its dramatic appearance (wings about a foot further back than normal). Tests so far suggest that it is the fastest boat available on flat water - including the Speedy!

**"Big Marlin" from Nomad**  
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This version that was raced at the Worlds is more radically buoyant than the prototype seen at the British Open in May. It is hard to get a perspective on any Marlin when so many top GB paddlers use them. One might suggest that this will not be where the design rests (Mike Dalton is a perfectionist) - but on the other hand you can't go far wrong if you liked the original one. One wonders however whether this 1981 derivative is the best we can do in 1985 terms - certainly that other 1981 winner (The Speedy) has been now been superceded.

**"Kiwi" Paddles**  
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Andrew Martin has passed on the rights to his popular design to Martin Spencer (MI range). That half of the top 20 men and top 10 ladies were using the design last season indicates there is still a lot of mileage in Andrew's traditional construction as well as in the blade shape. Martin Spencer intends to offer it in exactly that form - although perhaps he may produce an MI type foam based version as well.

### MI Shafts

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MI are now trialling Fibreglass shafts to use instead of aluminium. The range available will be a lot more sophisticated than in years gone by. Varying degrees of carbon in the weave will provide optional stiffness up to the currently available 60% Carbon version.

### Wild Water Centre Buoyancy Aids

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The same design supplied by Chris Hawkesworth for our Worlds team is now generally available. Based on the popular French MDX design, this version has the definite advantage of being BCMA approved. That means that it has fulfilled whatever standards are about to be inflicted on buoyancy aids by the BCU (see previous comment).

## Gästehaus »St. Hubertus«



This Guest House where the British Team stayed on their three 1984-5 Garmisch trips is one of two in the Grainau area of Garmisch owned and run personally by Manfred Stroter.

Zugspitzstr. 66  
8104 GRAINAU  
Telefon 088 21/86 22

Whilst Manfred speaks a minimum of English he must rate as one of the most welcoming and obliging hosts you could hope to find. Also he has the assistance of Bob Scales, a Grainau local of Anglo-Irish descent, to help in translation!

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**Quartier 1985**

British Canoe Union  
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Manfred is very keen to offer a economically priced opportunity to British people (whom he likes!) and especially to paddlers who want a holiday in Garmisch at any time in the year. Bed and breakfast comes at about £7.00 per night (depending on exchange rates) and he can offer single, twin or apartment (upto 4 persons) accomodation. In the daytime he offers light snacks and is generally available to advise on activities etc.

The Grainau location has a lot to offer :

**Paddling : Typically late April to early August.**

Gastehaus Hubertus is one mile from the river race finish and four miles from an excellent mountain lake. Also the Inn at Imst is only just over a one hour drive. On top of all that, the Gastehaus has good drying and boat mending facilities.

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**Skiing in Winter :**

There are full downhill facilities with a lot of lifts and tows onto the slopes of the Zugspitz (Germany's highest peak) plus all the associated tuition and hire services.

**Cross country skiing (Langlauf)** is also well provided for. Not only can you go onto the slopes, but there are also at least 16 kiloeters of prepared tracks (Loipe) in Grainau itself - before you even think of travelling anywhere. Hire and tuition also available. Best months for Langlauf are December to March.

**Additional attractions of Grainau are :**

- Squash, indoor tennis, weights/fitness studio and sauna in the Rosner sports centre ... not expensive
- Excellent pool complex in Garmisch
- Magnificent Alpine setting but not cut off
- Highly recommended restaurants in Grainau itself
- Only 3 miles from the centre of Garmisch
- Within 90 minutes of Munich by train or car

For printed details about Gastehaus Hubertus or about Grainau & Garmisch contact Dave Kay or write to Manfred direct. Remember to mention that you are a canoeist!



WM 85 KANU  
THE 1985 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT  
Nigel R Morley

The team flew to Munich 8 days before the practice runs. They were met at Munich and bussed to the Gastehaus at Garmisch. The equipment left by two trailers two days previously and therefore all was ready for training runs to begin.

The weather was kind for the seven days, hot and sunny, but the river slowly went down to a level that was very marginal for the C.2. On the night of the opening ceremony, just as the Padre said prayers for the competition, the heavens opened with a tremendous thunderstorm, followed by two days of damp cool weather which kept the river up to a reasonable race level. Everybody's prayers had been answered, especially the German organisers'.

Two major problems on race day. Dennis Cooper, of C.2. Cooper/Wilkins, was suffering flu symptoms and would not be able to complete the race, but had to start to qualify for the Team event. K.l. selection winner Jonathan Dunseath dislocated his left shoulder on a pre-race practice run, and had to go to

hospital to have it relocated. Two down.

Our individual results were good but only average. All paddled above themselves and finished mid-way in the results. We are just not fast enough. Nothing to do with the boats or not knowing the course, we are just not quick enough. We have to reduce the age of the Team and bring in the younger paddlers sooner. We have to start our preparations earlier. September is a good time to start for a June competition of such importance. And we have to learn to work much harder and longer. Our training methods are not significantly different from the opposition, we have just to be more dedicated to our preparation.

We had hopes of a medal or two in the Team events. The ladies took the Bronze in fine style, a well deserved success for them and their coach, beating the U.S.A. and the Canadians. Unfortunately, the C.2. were well beaten into fourth place, as were the C.1. - but fourth place is no disgrace. Neither is sixth place for the K.1. when you improve on your individual race time. The Team raced well, without exception producing their best. This time it was not good enough and we must not make the same error again.

Each class had its own coach, its own transport, the hotel was good, the meals sufficient. The preparation was as good as the budget would allow. I look forward to trying to improve the conditions for the Europa Cup next year and for the Worlds at Bourg in 1987.

All this will be good preparation for the Savage River in 1989 in the States. The next four years will see a change in the Team as the older ones are replaced by the younger.

Garmisch was a good World Championship spoiled only by the fact that the water level was too variable. For the next two Worlds, the levels will be controlled.

Our thanks go to our sponsors:

Ace- for Team Helmets.

The Wild Water Centre- for cags, buoyancy aids, and wet weather suits.

Martin- Physiotherapy at Garmisch.

Ian Allen Travel- for umbrellas.

The Youth Team- for the video.

Waveform of Newark- for their trailer and facilities.

Dennis Taylor of Hull- for assistance with a large blue van.

Gastehaus St. Hubertus, Grainau- for excellent accomodation.

Mine hosts Manfred Stroter and Bob Scales- for all sorts of help.

The British Canoe Union.

The Wild Water Race Executive.

The Sports Council.

Finally, let's not forget the coaches (Alan Cartwright, Bill Fraser, John Handyside, Chris Horrod and Martin Spencer PLUS untold numbers of people who helped in many ways.

- Bill <sup>o</sup> ashw

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

The late April early May selection/training camp at Garmisch was hampered by low water levels due to a late cold Spring following an almost snowless winter. By the time the Team arrived back 10 days before the event warmer weather and rain had pushed the river up to 115cms on the infamous gauge. (95cms was the minimum level at which all classes would race the full course) However our arrival coincided with the onset of a spell of hot dry weather and consequently the level began to slowly drop. Previous experience meant that there was no great concern amongst paddlers but as a spectacle it looked as though things were going to very different from Merano.

For those who don't know the Loisach it is a difficult river to describe, it has to be seen to be believed. Very simply the rocks are very large and numerous and the gaps between them narrow. As the level drops the rocks get bigger more numerous and the gaps between them smaller. For all classes, whatever the level, the course is very technical and difficult to race with any rhythm. When it gets low the Canadian classes especially find great difficulty in negotiating some of the gaps.

Training however went on regardless. Each class was able to work independently as each had their own transport. This was a distinct improvement from previous trips and was typical of the efficient way Nigel Morley managed the logistics. Accommodation was also very suitable with the Team taking over a small hotel close to the finish (The Hubertus at Grainau) which has a most obliging manager. Not only did he fly the Union Jack while we were in residence but he also hired us his VW bus (which he had specially resprayed) got the army to erect a large marquee across his drive for a repair tent, had made up some large VW car stickers (see DK enterprises for details), got in the local press to do a pro-British article (we were there the day after the Brussels incident) as well as laying on a post race party complete with champagne in honour of the Ladies medal.

The day before the non-stop the river had fallen to 102cms. As the Teams paraded through the town behind the usual bands to the Olympic Ice Stadium dark clouds could be seen gathering around the mountains. As the opening ceremony began flashes of lightning appeared and no sooner had prayers been said they were answered! Torrential rain, never was it more welcome but the problem was now whether it was too much. Almost instantly the level rose to 120cms but the storm soon passed and by the next morning had fallen to 117cms. where despite further continuous rain it stayed for the non-stop. That evening though the river suddenly turned the colour of mushroom soup and shot up to 140cms. Some people got on again to practice, others just looked on in amazement some probably were unaware that it had happened.

By the next morning though normality was restored and it was back at 115cms but now other misfortunes took over. First Dennis Cooper had flu, and as we



were fielding three C2 crews, decided not to compete the individual event but in an attempt to save himself for the team event where there was a possible medal placing. Even worse was to follow. Jonathon Dunseath who had been looking good in training dislocated his shoulder on a rapid known, aptly, as Snapper and had to be rushed to hospital where it was replaced under anaesthetic. A n unfortunate as well as painfull end to his first World Championships.

With the rain still falling the 1985 World Championships got under way. Despite the weather crowds were good and it was nice to see the Slalom Team on the banks. In all classes the question was would other nations be able to overcome the natural advantages held by the Germans. They had potential medal winners in all classes and their late arrival on site showed they were confident.

First off were the Mens K1. A German just led at the first official split after  $6\frac{1}{2}$  minutes but couldn't hold on. Previde, the defending champion, despite an early start in the top group put in a magnificent run to retain his title. Benezit despite starting last but one and so having splits on Previde all the way down couldn't quite make it and had to be satisfied with second. Finishing third was an outsider, Jon Fishburn (USA) which left the Germans empty handed. If they were disappointed though the GB results hardly gave us any satisfaction with all three men closely grouped in the middle of the field. A far cry from our strengths at Bala only four years ago.

Next to go were the C1. Here the favourite was Zok, the legendary Frenchman. It was not so much a matter of would he win but by how much would he win. On this river though the slightest error can lead to a major disaster but Zok proved his superiority once again despite being closely pushed by Masle. Again GB were closely grouped in the middle.

The C2 class was always going to be a battle amongst the French. Just as Wales is reputed to have a Fly-Half Factory somewhere in the Valleys France must have one churning out C2 crews. Without having to paddle their revolutionary designs (as illustrated by WildWalter in the last issue) the top French crews fought against each other for first and second. The winners were Durand/Ponchon by 20 seconds. This is a big margin on a 17 minute race but what makes it more impressive was the fact that 10 seconds of this was made over the last 3 minutes of the course. Again the highest GB crew was halfway.

The last class off, the Ladies, was probably the easiest class to predict. The Germans have an impressive wayarray of talent (not just in a canoeing sense either - in fact Andrea Hoetzendorfer is probably the only thing that may tempt Hibble to race again!) and they certainly pleased the locals on the river bank as they finished 1,2,4&5. The girl that split them was the Le Cann of France with once again the best GB at halfway.





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		Road	Schnapper	Rail	Brotzeit	Finish	Finish	Non Stop	Pos.
Mens	KI Level	115 cms	Br.	Br	Felsen	Time.	Time	Time	
1.	Previde	ITA	-1	0	0	0	15.47.98	16.05.66	1
2.	Benezit	FRA	-1	-2	-6	-5	15.56.06	16.06.17	2
3.	Fishburn	USA	-4	-6	-7	-5	15.57.42	16.19.89	7
4.	Kilian	FRG	0	-3	-7	-5	15.58.16	16.18.08	5
5.	Pfeiffer	FRG	-8	-10	-10	-10	16.02.78	-	-
6.	Wolfhardt	AUT	-5	-7	-11	-10	16.03.52	16.10.76	3
7.	Winfried	FRG	-5	-14	-17	-17	16.05.07	16.51.60	19
8.	Ceccato	ITA	-8	-10	-13	-14	16.08.96	16.25.33	10
9.	Mulazzi	ITA	-15	-15	-20	-20	16.11.02	16.22.79	8
10.	Keller	SUI	-8	-14	-18	-21	16.11.22	16.25.86	11
11.	Frossart	FRA	-7	-12	-16	-16	16.11.29	16.18.44	6
12.	Burny	BEL	-7	-13	-19	-19	16.12.69	16.59.80	24
13.	Holleth	FRG	-5	-11	-19	-18	16.12.89	16.29.08	12
14.	Morin	FRA	-13	-15	-20	-21	16.13.22	16.16.55	4
15.	Masson	FRA	-8	-14	-22	-22	16.18.49	16.55.76	20
16.	Lang	CAN	-15	-15	-23	-21	16.20.19	16.46.81	17
17.	Oblokar	YUG	-12	-18	-24	-25	16.21.35	16.46.67	16
18.	Juillerat	SUI	-14	-17	-24	-24	16.21.91	16.34.66	14
19.	Gardener	AUS	-8	-19	-28	-28	16.25.29	16.30.65	13
20.	Pfund	SUI	-15	-23	-29	-29	16.26.03	16.36.42	15
21.	Halberger	AUT	-10	-17	-28	-28	16.26.26	16.24.50	9
22.	Capuzzo	ITA	-25	-26	-33	-34	16.28.58	17.18.92	31
23.	Duc	SUI	-14	-24	-32	-36	16.31.64	16.48.66	18
24.	Grobisa	YUG	-23	-27	-36	-36	16.36.51	17.14.50	29
25.	Woods	USA	-26	-24	-36	-36	16.37.54	16.58.86	23
26.	Schmuck	AUT	-19	-24	-36	-36	16.39.08	16.56.86	21
27.	Taylor	GBR	-22	-32	-42	-42	16.39.32	17.12.48	28
28.	Campbell	GBR	-18	-28	-38	-39	16.43.75	17.20.46	33
29.	Dozot	BEL	-30	-34	-44	-44	16.46.64	18.30.65	43
30.	Murgelj	YUG	-35	-41	-49	-49	16.46.76	17.28.58	36
31.	Dole	AUS	-31	-35	-47	-47	16.47.09	17.16.86	31
32.	Nameche	BEL	-26	-35	-48	-47	16.47.52	17.08.10	26
33.	Martin	NZE	-25	-30	-45	-47	16.49.62	16.58.42	22

		Road	Schnapper	Rail	Brötzeit	Finish	Fin	Non Stop	Pos
		Br		Br	Feisen	Time	Time	Time	
34. Montolet	HOL	-38	-42	-53	-57	-66	16.53.66	19.05.07	48
35. Swallow	GBR	-36	-37	-49	-51	-67	16.54.78	17.10.28	27
36. Ritchie	USA	330	-41	-53	-	-69	16.56.16	17.16.36	30
37. Gilchrist	AUS	-27	-43	-60	-61	-81	17.08.23	17.51.38	39
38. Reitz	USA	-31	-47	-64	-66	-81	17.08.94	17.21.46	34
39. Bregar	YUG	-35	-47	-64	-67	-84	17.09.94	17.34.33	37
40. Pock	AUT	-29	-48	-64	-67	-84	17.11.27	17.00.27	25
41. Kelly	<del>IRL</del>	-33	-48	-65	-65	-6	17.13.07	17.34.69	38
42. Cross	AUS	-52	-66	-85	-86	-104	17.31.43	18.09.59	41
43. Vernier	BEL	-50	-64	-87	-89	-104	17.31.69	18.01.87	40
44. Kalas	TCH	-54	-66	-87	-90	-114	17.41.18	19.00.44	47
45. Crane	CAN	-40	-63	-93	-96	-116	17.43.35	18.43.88	46
46. Downey	IRL	-54	-71	-93	-96	-119	17.46.94	-	
47. Orlicky	USA	-52	-70	-92	-94	-120	17.14.11	18.35.26	44
48. Vlaar	NZE	-60	-76	-104	-108	-131	17.58.93	-	
49. McCartney	IRL	-61	-75	-102	-81	-133	18.00.34	18.22.59	42
50. Cahill	IRL	-72	-90	-111	-114	-136	18.03.61	18.37.52	45
51. Kopsa	TCH	-127	-161	-203	-216	-243	19.50.26	22.30.97	50
52. Lehtonen	FIN	-150	-200	-251	-271	-300	20.47.95	-	
53. Veijola	FIN	-125	-169	-283	-300	-349	21.36.23	20.20.95	49
54. Veijalainen	FIN	-178	-240	-305	-315	-359	21.46.97	-	

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1. Zok	FRA	0	0	0	0	0	17.54.10	18.13.63	1
2. Masle	YUG	-2	-8	-11	-15	-13	18.07.40	18.37.90	2
3. Bataille	FRA	-3	-13	-17	-16	-18	18.12.04	18.40.76	5
4. Butler	USA	-18	-23	-25	-25	-23	18.17.07	18.39.45	3
5. Benamrouche	FRA	-9	-33	-24	-24	-25	18.19.85	18.52.64	7
6. Pioch	FRG	-12	-23	-32	-33	-35	18.29.58	18.39.69	4
7. Rouvere	FRA	-15	-26	-31	-33	-38	18.32.59	19.33.74	13
8. Donovan	AUS	-10	-23	-31	-32	-40	18.34.09	19.09.12	8
9. Klatt	FRG	-11	-25	-34	-36	-40	18.34.65	18.49.61	6
10. Paul	SUI	-16	-30	-38	-40	-47	18.41.26	-	
11. Libuda	FRG	-17	-33	-43	-55	-53	18.47.59	19.32.40	12
12. Jelenc	YUG	-23	-36	-46	-48	-55	18.49.41	19.11.09	9
13. Kuček	YUG	-23	-39	-49	-50	-59	18.53.88	19.13.95	10
14. Wells	GBR	-29	-45	-58	-60	-71	19.05.51	21.01.26	24
15. Williams	GBR	-30	-48	-61	-64	-74	19.09.58	19.51.96	15
16. Wiedemann	FRG	-36	-45	-61	-65	-75	19.09.36	19.30.37	11

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		Road	Schnapper	Rail	Brotzeit	Finish	Finish	No	Top	Pos
				Br	Felsen		Time	T		
17.	Lilek	YUG	-30	-49	-65	-68	-78	19.12.08	19.45.70	14
18.	Ruse	BER	-39	-62	-81	-84	-99	19.33.25	20.39.34	21
19.	Ottanelli	ITA	-36	-59	-86	-91	-100	19.34.27	19.55.16	16
20.	Baldi	ITA	-35	-61	-83	-89	-102	19.36.11	20.15.42	18
21.	Redding	AUS	-36	-62	-85	-88	-103	19.37.44	20.47.51	23
22.	Underwood	USA	-43	-76	-92	-96	-110	19.44.29	21.06.26	25
23.	Flack	USA	-39	-66	-89	-93	-117	19.46.70	20.46.19	22
24.	Vala	TCH	-46	-65	-97	-101	-117	19.51.14	20.29.31	20
25.	Toccafondi	ITA	-53	-87	-113	-118	-137	20.11.17	20.23.66	19
26.	Pink	GER	-52	-83	-110	-117	-139	20.13.50	20.11.67	17
27.	Paton	USA	-52	-91	-133	-140	-154	20.28.29	31.14.93	28
28.	Cervenka	NOR	-49	-88	-117	-123	-156	20.30.03	21.36.35	27
29.	Cohen	CAN	-62	-99	-131	-138	-169	20.43.68	21.12.53	26

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C2

1.	Durand									
	Ponchon	Fra	-1	0	0	0	0	17.01.86	17.45.92	3
2.	Rigaut									
	Bernard	FRA	0	-7	-10	-10	-20	17.21.36	17.26.09	1
3.	Eroquitte									
	Gonschior	FRG	-1	-7	-16	-17	-24	17.25.31	17.32.36	2
4.	Knoll									
	Klotz	ITA	-10	-22	-28	-28	-36	17.37.07	18.08.69	7
5.	Chambeaudie									
	Jaunet	FRA	-15	-26	-29	-31	-37	17.38.61	18.47.52	11
6.	Kennel									
	Schneider	FRG	-11	-21	-28	-31	-38	17.39.56	18.20.48	9
9.	Matakovic									
	Ivanovic	TUH	-15	--25	-37	-40	-49	17.50.50	18.05.21	6
10.	Berngruber									
	Eckert	FRG	-19	-33	-41	-42	-56	17.57.82	18.24.08	10
11.	Weger									
	Hager	ITA	-16	-34	-44	-45	-58	17.59.34	-	
12.	Kay									
	Pearton	GBR	-29	-49	-56	-63	-81	18.22.34	19.12.56	14
13.	Mayr									
	Prunster	ITA	-36	-59	-77	-80	-96	18.37.89	19.09.32	13
14.	Fuerst									
	Dietrich	SUI	-32	-58	-75	-79	-103	18.44.21	18.58.77	12
15.	Underwood									

	Road Br	Schnapper	Rail Br	Brotzeit Felsen	Finish	Fin Tim	Non Stop Time	Pos	
15. Underwood									
Fulton	USA	-36	-59	-77	-80	-105	18.46.09	19.23.63	17
16. Pearse									
Wright	USA	-45	-73	-92	-96	-119	19.00.63	19.16.24	15
17. Behhak									
Silhavecky	TCH	-42	-70	-99	-106	-128	19.09.80	21.06.60	22
18. Hipscher									
Mandrell	USA	-50	-80	-110	-118	-147	19.28.09	21.09.72	23
19. Barina									
Grepl	TCH	-61	-92	-119	-125	-152	19.33.32	21.18.39	24
20. Stagg									
Harvey	GBR	-91	-109	-130	-135	-161	19.53.37	19.17.26	16
21. Overdorf									
Parr	USA	-118	-97	-128	-134	-172	19.53.37	20.44.74	20
22. Turner									
Jones	USA	-234	-262	-293	-374	-322	22.23.11	20.10.74	19
23. Pfund									
Meuri	SUI	-30	-43	-366	-370	-387	23.28.60	17.53.39	5
24. Herman									
Chlouba	TCH	-593	-614	-657	-668	-693	28.34.68	19.55.93	18

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Ladies K1

1. Wahl	FRG	0	0	0	0	0	17.05.22	18.15.00	6
2. Hoetendorfer		-12	-15	-19	-21	-20	17.25.23	18.12.19	5
3. Le Cann	FRA	-15	-19	-23	-23	-23	17.28.99	17.43.69	1
4. Volke	FRG	-7	-16	-20	-21	-27	17.32.45	-	
5. Goedecke	FRG	-12	-20	-26	-27	-31	17.36.74	18.45.67	12
6. Fraser	CAN	-16	-25	-28	-31	-34	17.39.00	18.12.19	4
7. Taylor	CAN	-26	-32	-41	-42	-44	17.49.74	18.10.20	2
8. Hearn	USA	-26	-38	-45	-47	-51	<del>17.56.36</del>	18.41.18	10
9. Zingerle	ITA	-29	-38	-50	-51	-60	18.05.93	18.11.77	3
10. Profanter	AUT	-23	-38	-50	-51	-62	18.07.10	18.18.95	7
11. Menetry	FRA	-30	-42	-52	-57	-65	18.10.21	20.18.45	24
12. Jouve	FRA	-28	-39	-52	-57	-66	18.11.45	18.19.72	8
13. Mitchell	GBR	-32	-45	-57	-59	-68	18.13.23	18.55.30	15
14. Malbos	FRA	-32	-49	-63	-65	-78	18.23.24	20.12.06	23
15. Fisher	USA	-35	-50	-63	-65	-78	18.23.49	19.12.71	17
16. Costa	SUI	-39	-57	-70	-73	-79	18.29.50	18.52.67	13
17. Berry	GBR	-40	-55	-70	-74	-85	18.30.33	18.26.82	9
18. Buser	<del>SUI</del>	-43	-61	-72	-76	-86	18.31.75	18.42.90	11
19.									



	Road Br	Schnapper	Rail Br	Brotzeit Felsen	Finish	Finish Time	Non Stop Time	Pos.
19. Fellows	AUS -41	-62	-77	-81	-93	18.38.38	19.37.84	20
20. Hayman	USA -43	-63	-80	-84	-96	18.41.07	19.07.76	16
21. Helm	GBR -40	-61	-78	-84	-96	18.41.83	19.48.02	22
22. Kerckhoff	CAN -45	-67	-86	-91	-110	18.55.53	19.14.52	18
23. McQuitty	AUS -49	-70	-95	-101	-115	19.00.9	19.37.11	19
24. Pasetto	ITA -48	-73	-95	-99	-116	19.01.50	21.03.96	27
25. Cahill	AUS -46	-79	-102	-105	-121	19.06.68	19.48.02	21
26. Harling	GBR -54	-78	-102	-107	-127	19.12.83	20.23.62	25
27. Campbell	USA -60	-89	-117	-122	-140	19.25.24	20.54.24	26

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TEAMS Level 110

Mens K1

1. FRG	0	0	0	0	0	16.17.42
2. FRA	-4	-1	-3	-2	-4	16.21.95
3. ITA	-7	-8	-5	-7	-5	16.22.75
4. SUI	-1	-2	-3	-2	-7	16.24.83
5. AUT	-10	-14	-16	-18	-24	16.41.39
6. GBR	-12	-16	-22	-23	-33	16.50.66
7. YUG	-24	-26	-33	-34	-40	16.57.26
8. BEL	-33	-39	-49	-50	-59	17.16.73
9. GAN USA	-38	-57	-81	-87	-103	18.00.52
10. CAN	-41	-60	-87	-92	-115	18.12.42
11. IRL	-58	-79	-102	-?	-128	18.25.61
12. FIN	-179	-222	-?	-?	-312	21.29.68

C1

1. FRA	0	0	0	0	0	18.43.13
2. YUG	-2	-3	-5	-3	-8	18.51.89
3. FRG	-3	-7	-12	-8	-21	19.04.70
4. GBR	-24	-34	-47	-44	-61	19.44.25
5. USA	-24	-35	-51	-49	-71	19.54.24
6. ITA	-38	-57	-73	-72	-92	20.15.21

TEAMS C2

	Road Br	Schnapper	Rail Br	Brotzeit-Felsen	Finish	Finish Time
1. FRA	21	-2	0	0	0	17.56.69
2. FRG	0	0	-8	-7	-11	18.07.21
3. ITA	-26	-38	-51	-54	-65	19.01.20
4. GBR	-32	-55	-74	-76	-101	19.37.28
5. TCH	-33	-63	-81	-87	-105	19.41.30
6. USA	-115	--	-244	-	-	DNF

Ladies

1. FRG	0	0	0	0	0	17.56.71
2. FRA	-11	-18	-21	-24	-27	18.23.12
3. GBR	-25	-34	-42	-35	-50	18.46.26
4. USA	-36	-47	-51	-51	-69	19.05.29
5. CAN	-16	-35	-51	-47	-74	19.10.45
6. AUS	-41	-60	-75	-70	-92	19.28.87

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Bill Fraser - Continued from p16

Although no individual medals were expected we should have had higher placings than these. The Team event therefore was the first opportunity to try to redress the balance.

On the individual times the Mens K1 would have been 8<sup>th</sup> and so their 6<sup>th</sup> was a definite improvement especially when the fact that the river had fallen 5cms and the slowest individuals time was still beaten is realised.

The C1's on individual performances were 9<sup>th</sup> and this is how the Team finished. This was the same for the C2's who were surprised by the strength of the third Italian crew which had appeared since selections in May.

This left any remaining medal hopes on the Ladies. On individual times they were third 14secs in front of the Canadians. After a disastrous start, caused by the starters not releasing the second and third boats until the first had crossed the beam 5m downstream of the platform, they were down at the first split. However they got their heads down and started to pull it back, finishing comfortably in third place.

The Prize Giving, again in the Ice Stadium, soon started to drag on and with the paddlers all having to stand in the centre it wasn't surprising that they soon started to swap tracksuits, tee shirts and other articles of clothing. (I don't know how <sup>else</sup> to describe the incredible things the Americans were wearing). After this people disappeared to a very impressive farewell party laid on by the Organisation then back to the Hubertus for our own do courtesy of Manfred. Fortunately all seemed to have recovered in time to catch the 6.30am bus to Munich Airport by Tuesday and home.

Final comments must be that this was a very well run event with very little obvious officialdom. It was extremely fortunate that the river rose though at the last minute. British paddlers on the whole did not do well although there were some encouraging performances. The Team had ideal travel, training and living conditions for which they can thank the Team Manager. Whatever the reasons were for the results I only hope that one source of inspiration to do better in the future came from the huge pile of hardware that the French Team were accumulating on the floor alongside us at the Prizegiving.

I will end though by once again thanking the Ladies: Fiona, Cynthia and Corinne and their coach JH for keeping GB on the medal list. Well Done.

# WILD WALTER.

WELL DONE WILD FOR GETTING IN THE TEAM. YOU MUST BE VERY NERVOUS.



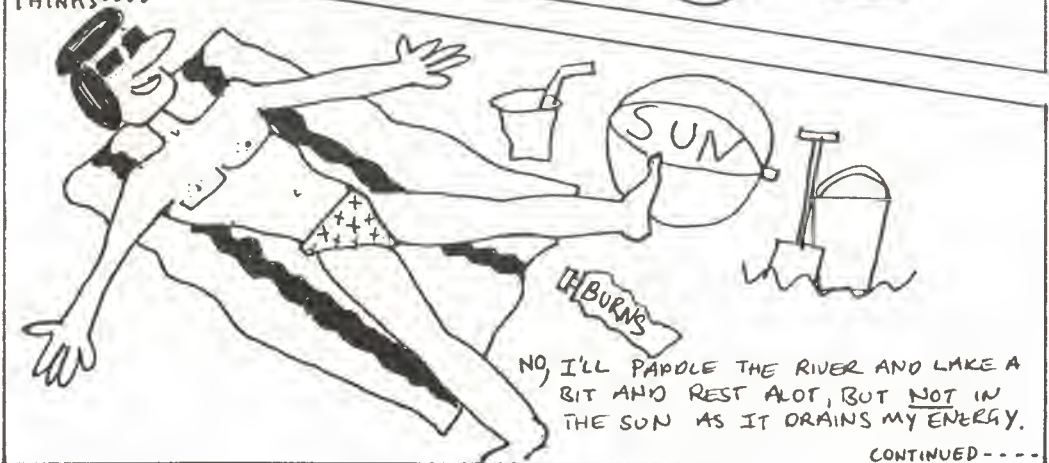
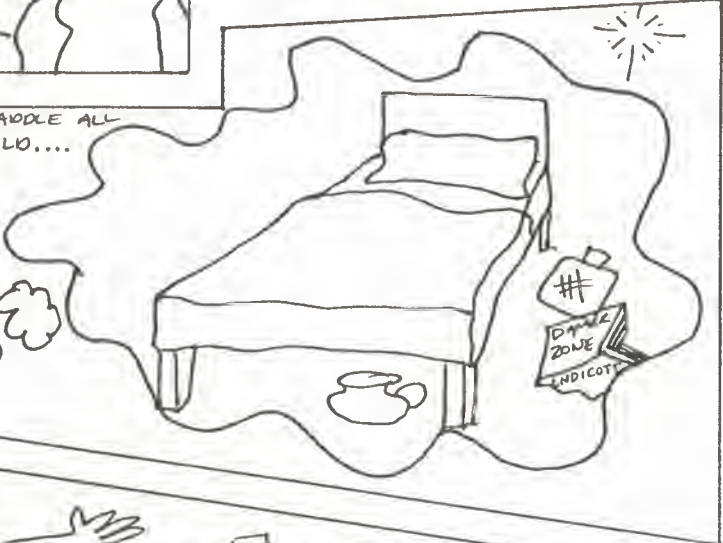
A LITTLE BIT, BUT I'VE PREPARED WELL. ALL MY LEAR IS IN GOOD CONDITION, JUST LIKE MY SELF.

IT MUST BE GREAT TO PADDLE ALL WEEK ON THE COURSE WILD....

YOU MUST BE JOKING SID, WE LEANT THE RIVER FIVE WEEKS AGO. I'M TAPERING DOWN NOW!



SID THINKS....



NO, I'LL PADDLE THE RIVER AND TAKE A BIT AND REST ALOT, BUT NOT IN THE SUN AS IT DRAINS MY ENERGY.

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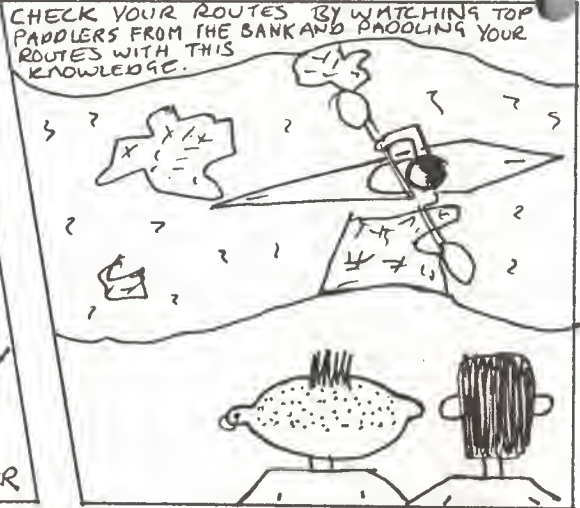
DIET IS IMPORTANT, EAT SENSIBLE, DON'T STUFF YOUR SELF WITH RUBBISH.

EAT LOTS OF CHOCOLATE  
WELL BEFORE YOUR RACE,  
IT GIVES YOU ENERGY.



NO WAY. SID. RAISINS ARE BETTER

CHECK YOUR ROUTES BY WATCHING TOP  
PADDLERS FROM THE BANK AND PADDLING YOUR  
ROUTE WITH THIS  
KNOWLEDGE.



SO. REMEMBER - PREPARE YOUR SELF AND ALL YOUR GEAR BEFORE THE TRIP.  
LEARN THE RIVER WEEKS BEFORE. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR NEW ROUTES, TIME THEM.  
MAKE SURE YOUR GEAR IS SUITABLE FOR THE RIVER. EAT PROPERLY. REST.  
MAKE A PLAN OF HOW YOU ARE GOING TO PACE THE RIVER. DRESS SO YOU WILL  
BE COMFORTABLE ON YOUR RUN, NOT TOO HOT OR COLD. CONCENTRATE ON THE RIVER  
ALL THE WAY. DON'T GIVE UP IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE. AFTER THE RACE, HAVE  
A QUIET TIME TO YOUR SELF TO THINK OVER THE RACE, GOOD AND BAD BITS.







# GREAT BRITAIN YOUTH WILD WATER RACING

## 8. Europäische JUGEND-KANU-WETTKÄMPFE

11.-14. Juli 1985

Spittal

PHILIP L. DEAN  
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### A TEAM

Manager: Phil Dean

Coach: Alastair Bayliss

Trip:      Thonon les Bains (Evian)      R. Dranses  
                 French International  
                 Savoie, French Alps.  
Spittal      R. Leiser  
                 European Youth Championships  
                 Karnten, Austria.

Perched on the edge of Lake Lemman, half an hour's drive from Geneva itself, Thonon provided the basic ingredients not only for canoeing, but for water sports generally. The mountains immediately surrounding the Thonon/Evian region, ideal reliable wild water conditions throughout the year, yet the contrasting tranquility of the lake supports the vast and varied interests of other water users. There's also definite business opportunities since both men and women don't seem to be able to find clothes to wear!!

The Team found the river a pleasure to run and confirmed all expectations after comments from a previous Senior Team trip; the situation, water and excellent French organisation altogether provide an extremely beneficial experience for the Youth Team. Undoubtedly, paddlers abroad are at a distinct advantage having this sort of water available and the organisation behind them.

In the days prior to the race, there was good use of video for both technique and routes. Coach, Alastair Bayliss, in the relatively short time available, prepared the team - some paddlers becoming accustomed to the conditions quicker than others but all increasing in confidence.

The race results substantiated the quality of French paddlers at the moment - the fastest Junior in fact, quicker than our best Senior K1:

Fastest Junior Brit, Neil Stamps, came 5th.

Unfortunately, all the Teams were put into one event, but G.B. Youth 1 paddled to a commendable 10th place overall (Stamps, Tomlinson, Tordoff) and 2nd Junior Team behind France.

<u>Junior K1</u>	1 Graille Phillippe	Fra	17.57
	5 Stamps Neil	GBR	18.36
	7 Tomlinson Andrew	GBR	19.02
	11 Tordoff Alan	GBR	19.22
	13 Curtis Andrew	GBR	19.26
	14 Febrey Chris	GBR	19.30

<u>Teams K1</u>	1 France 1		17.52
	6 France Junior 1		18.21
	10 GER Junior 1		19.16
	11 France Junior 11		19.17

An overnight trip down through N. Italy, brought the team to Spittal, Austria, for the Youth Championships - and the hope that there would be an improvement on previous years' organisation. No chance! The slalom appears to run reasonably smoothly, but it appears that the Racing is an afterthought, something to do until the prize giving is sorted out! Disorganised Managers' meetings, no official translators, lack of information, restrictions on the number of paddlers at the last minute, boatmeasuring then no boatmeasuring and so on. Though admittedly, on the day, the race ran well. It was suggested that if the organisers find it too much to organise both the slalom and the racing, then let another Country have the Championships or, hold the competition on consecutive weekends so both are done well. It is apparent our discipline is not commanding the attention and the standards of organisation it deserves at this venue.

Aside from the organisation, it was the first time Youth paddlers were able to practise on the Leiser, the actual race course. In past years, the reasonably reliable R. Moll was the venue, but a move to the Leiser provided an opportunity for the optimistic organisers to practise for next year's first Youth World Championships. With the level decreasing throughout the week, the first part of the river on race day was a real test for routes, improving gradually and eventually culminating in the excellent gorge section to the finish.

A disappointed Andrew Tomlinson, his last year as a Youth, lost

his paddles mid race and finished well down. A confident Alan Armstrong however, finished well up the field but European U16 Champion, Neil Stamps, now U18, hopes dashed of another title, came 5th, 40 seconds down on the eventual French winner.

A determined effort in the Team event produced rewards when Youth Team 1 gained a Bronze medal (Stamps, C. Febrey, A. Armstrong) behind France and Yugoslavia.

The Team has now come home with medals from every Youth Championship they have attended.

*Hi Jen*

B Team

Manager: Henry Syska

Coach: Jeff Parker

Trip:            Sort            R. Noguera Pallaresa  
                         Spanish International Week  
                         Spanish Pyrenees.

Over the years, Sort has been a popular destination for British paddlers looking for an inexpensive trip abroad and the chance to compete on Continental water. This year, the XXII International Rallye on the R. Noguera Pallaresa was held during the third week of July and for an outlay of 1000 potatoes per person, it was possible to participate in slaloms, wild water races, tours and rolling competitions on a river which is mostly grade 2/3 with sections of grade 4.

Shortly after arrival, the Team was invited to a short marathon (.....short marathon!:) race, the XXVI Descent of the R. Esera, at Graus, about 100 km away. The mass start of which created a certain amount of chaos but provided even more entertainment. If and when the boats survived the start, the first small weir which had been advised to be shot on the right, contained a row of blunt metal spikes, which Jason Benton discovered and thereupon paddled one 'religious' boat! The race developed then, into a battle between the English contingency and a strong Belgian Team, but Adrian Trickett and Nick Slater finished 2nd and 3rd respectively.

The Wild Water Race at Sort however, run from Moleta de Roni to Rialp, proved to be <sup>3</sup>more conventional affair; the course consisting of 7 km of testing but not intimidating grade 3 water, falling to grade 2 over the last 3 km. The race was won by Jean Carpet of Belgium, their only promising

Junior racer, followed closely by a determined Adrian Trickett, who has improved tremendously over the previous months. The U16 paddlers, Phillip Player and Ian Tordoff, produced excellent times to take the next places.

In the Team event, run the next day on a different course, (Sort to Baro) the two Junior Teams of Tordoff, Player, Trickett and Lord, Clark, Slater easily beat a weak local team.

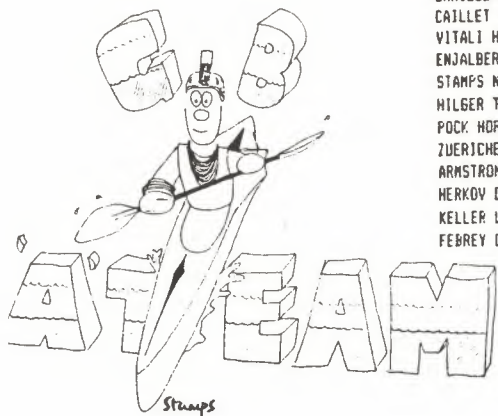
Available to the Youth Team was approximately 40 km of extremely good water with spectacular sandstone gorges and the benefits of paddling such water justify both the time and the effort put into the trip. The river is excellent for racing boats, incurring little damage (..little consolation for Jason Benton!); the event is well supported by local people who are invariably friendly and a carnival atmosphere pervades the town during the week. Organisation can be a little frustrating, but once accustomed to events starting half an hour or an hour later than stated or that the Spanish 'drinking' water has taken its toll and both the toilet roll and stomach pills have run out, a glass of sangria seems to solve the problem!

Henry Sykes.

Thanks to: Chris Hawkesworth for equipment, Bala C.C. for the use of their trailer and Weetabix for a good start to the day!

SPITAL : MANNL. JUGEND K1

BRILLE PHILIPPE....	1	FRA.....	21:04.9
CAILLET GILLES.....	2	FRA.....	21:07.4
VITALI HERVE.....	3	FRA.....	21:10.8
ENJALBERT JEANJADUES	4	FRA.....	21:17.7
STAMPS NEIL.....	5	GBR.....	21:44.4
HILGER THOMAS.....		FRD.....	21:59.5
POCK HORST.....		AUT.....	22:08.1
ZUERCHER EDY.....		SUI.....	22:09.4
ARMSTRONG ALAN.....	9	GBR.....	22:18.8
MERKOV DINKO.....		JUG.....	22:26.1
KELLER LUKAS.....		SUI.....	22:29.0
FEBREY CHRIST.....	12	GBR.....	22:32.1





G.B. YOUTH 'B' TEAM in SORTA PERSONAL VIEW FROM PHILL PLAYER.

Having spent the night at Henry's in Birmingham, we headed South to meet the rest of the eight man team and cross to France from Portsmouth. An easy crossing, we were to meet bigger waves on the river at Sort. We broke our journey for the night in France, and did a little paddling on a nice easy river. Reaching Sort around mid-day, we set up camp and piled back into the van to sus out the river. For most of us it was the biggest we had ever seen or even thought about paddling. Heck, look at that! Look at the waves! Is that a rapid or a waterfall? Henry can we go home?. Boats off. First run down with heart rate up and life expectancy down. Second run down, some of us even opened our eyes. After a few more we even uncrossed our fingers and started to think about routes. Henry entered us all for a marathon on a nearby river. Hoards of paddlers of all types, W.W.R., K1, K2, C1, sprints, even slammers. Would you believe a mass grand prix start, what a shambles. You could hardly get blades in the water for boats. For two of us it was a bit of a disaster. Dropping down a silly little weir Jason Benton's boat impaled on a stake. Me, like a clown, looking back at him, got broadside to a big rock and with a little nudge from Ian Tordoff and Danny Clark, I managed to wrap my boat, much to Danny's amusement! Having extricated ourselves and let off a bit of steam, we had a 3Km hike to finish.

More practise runs, a mass swim down a rapid for the hell of it and so to race day. The course about 7Km, is made up of long stretches of big bouncy waves, bigger than Grandtully and meaty rapids that make the Tryweryn Graveyard look easy. No weirs, and very occasional flat bits. I felt plenty of nerves as the morning built up, so judging by the faces, did a few others. The last few minutes before the off were the worst. Why do foreigners have to count in funny numbers! I felt better as soon as I was off, no time to worry, just concentrate on the routes and luckily found most of them. It was great to see the 500 meter marker, but I was too shattered for much of a sprint finish. Wow what a race. It was great. Funny to think only a few days ago I did not think I could even get down. All the lads made it down with just one swimmer. The race was won by a Belgian, with our 'Aids' Trickett collecting a Silver and to my surprise I crept in for the Bronze, just in front of Ian Tordoff.

The team event the next day was won by our 'A' team with the 'B' team collecting silver and the Spanish team third. Did them on their own river! Henry and Jeff lifted the curfew after the events and we went to a nearby village to celebrate. Several of us found out the hard way that "sangria" is a bit more lethal than it tastes! Especially on an empty stomach! Where did the rest of the night go? I am told we paddled in the morning, but I have to admit being a bit vague about it.

We continued to practise on the river and rounded the week off with a few trips down a Grade 5 stretch, which I am sure few of us would have thought of attempting when we arrived. We must have learned something.

Saturday night soon came round with the closing ceremony and presentations. Then the long haul home. It was a great trip, we must have all learned a good bit and had a lot of fun. Thanks to Henry Syska and Jeff Parker for doing a great job, getting us organised and to the right place at the right time.

Phill Player.

**Evian & Bourg : July 1985**  
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A number of senior paddlers did one or both of these French internationals in July. The Evian race also included a two leg Rapid Racing equivalent - "Sprint Eaux Vives".

As at the World Champs, our best placings came in the Ladies events with Gail Allen following up her Slalom Worlds Bronze with an amazing haul of four WWR medals (2 Individual and 2 Team) plus a further placing in the "Sprint Eaux Vives". Winning at Bourg, Gail beat not only Gardette (1979 & 1981 World Champion) but also Le Cann (FRA) and Goedecke (FRG) who both placed top six in the 1985 Worlds.

The Men's K1 also attracts comment on account of improved Andrew Martin performances plus the low key results of a reportedly below par Richard Fox. The younger French paddlers are now coming through to challenge Claude Benezit. Doux, Goetschy and Masson are all 1986-7 probables with the top Youth managing a top ten position way ahead of ANY British entrant.

The Bourg race was from Bellentre to the woodyard (as per 84 Europa Cup) at a moderate 30/35 cumeecs. It is however rumoured that the '86 Pre-Worlds and the '87 Worlds will race a shorter course to Aime Bridge at 35/40 cumeecs. In MK1 Doux won in the Double Dutch design paddled by Wolffhardt at Garmisch whilst Benezit stuck with the Gil "King".

In Sprint Eaux Vives, Edi Wolffhardt (AUT) at last beat both Fox and Benezit - in both races. Meanwhile the most remarkable result came in C1 in Race 2 when Zok was beaten by 0.05secs by up and coming whippersnapper Karim Benamrouche (FRA). With Luc Verger in addition threatening a C1 comeback for '87 Zok may be under real pressure for the first time in years.

Reliable word of mouth reports the following placings :

	Les Dranses WWR			Bourg WWR			Les Dranses SPRINT	
MK1	1st	C Benezit	FRA	J Doux	FRA	E Wolffhardt	AUT	
	2nd	J Doux	FRA	C Benezit	FRA	L Ferrazzi	ITA	
	3rd	A Goetschy	FRA	A Goetschy	FRA	C Benezit	FRA	
LK1	1st	M Fraser	CAN	G Allan	GBR	E Zingerle	ITA	
	2nd	Verdhelan	FRA	D Gardette	FRA	G Allan	GBR	
	3rd	G Allan	GBR			S Arnaud	FRA	
C1	1st	G Zok	FRA	----->		----->		
C2	1st	Ponchon/Durand	FRA	----->		----->		
	2nd	Bernard/Rigaut	FRA	----->		----->		
LK1 TEAM		Allan,Berry,Mitchell		3rd Les Dranses & 2nd Bourg				
		Campbell,Farnden,Sharman		4th Les Dranses				

National Club Team Championship 1984/5

	<u>DEE</u>	<u>DART</u>	<u>TEES</u>	<u>USK</u>	<u>TAY</u>	<u>WASH</u>	<u>BRIT</u> <u>OPEN</u>	<u>BEST 4</u> <u>TOTAL</u>
1	Chester	24	25	25	25	25	a	100
2	Birmingham Uni. A	23	24	24	24	23	25	97
3	Birmingham Uni. B	22	23	21	23			89
4=	Accrington C	18		17		19	24	78
4=	PHGS		20	15	22	21		78
6	Leeds Aire Team	17	22		16	20		75
7	Leeds Frog 1	25		23	b	24		72
8	Glasgow KC	16		16	21			53
9=	RKC Koln Tornados		a		20	a	22	42
9=	Worcester			19	a	a	23	42
11	Accrington B	20		18	b	b	b	38
12=	Birmingham Uni. C				22			22
12=	Gateshead A			22				22
4=	Accrington A	21				b	b	21
14=	Army A				21			21
14=	Jubilee Waterside		21					21
17	Gateshead B			20	a			20
18=	Adur	19	a	b	a	a	a	19
18=	Army B				19			19
20	Bristol Uni.				18			18
21	Army C				17			17

a = Team would have been awarded points if Ranking status had been confirmed on entry card.

b = No points awarded as team contains a paddler who has raced for another Club during this season.

National Mixed Team Championship 1984/5

	<u>DEE</u>	<u>DART</u>	<u>TEES</u>	<u>USK</u>	<u>TAY</u>	<u>WASH</u>	<u>BRIT</u> <u>OPEN</u>	<u>BEST 4</u> <u>TOTAL</u>
1	Birmingham Ladies	25	25		25			75
2	Gaybo Allstars	24	24		25			73
3=	Ladies Scratch	22		25				47
3=	Mersey Canadians	23		24				47

Ranking positions 1984-1985

Ladies

			<u>C2</u>		
1	A.Plant	B'ham	0.0	1 Kay-Pearton	Leeds 0.0
2	F.Mitchell	B'ham	24.88	2 Goldsmith-Evans	12.03
3	C.Helm		47.9	3 Stagg-Harvey	24.18
4	C.Berry	Forth	53.49	4 Cooper-Wilkins	24.52
5	J.Harling	M/C	71.47	5 Nicolas-Farr	135.54
6	S.Farnden	B'ham	84.85	6 Halliwell-Fox	150.26
7	A.Gillespie	Worcester	95.23	7 Nutt-Jones (Hxd)	212.65
8	C.Dallimore	Cardiff	135.45		
9	G.Stolton		151.85		
10	J.Hands	Nottm Exiles	171.57		

Mens K1

C1

1	S.Wells	Hounslow	0.0	1 A Martin	Chester 1.0
2	D.Williams	Nottm Univ	19.43	2 M Swallow	Chester 5.1
3	N.Pink	RFC Koln	20.35	3 J Dunseath	Leamington 15.5
4	C.Horrod	Hounslow	59.30	4 K Bain	Birm Univ 24.9
5	M.Fletcher	Portsmouth	66.32	5 A Bayliss	Chester 25.2
6	M.Phillip	Vesta	73.45	6 M Smith	Leeds 26.1
7	S.Warne	RFC Koln	95.05	7 C Ballard	Birm Univ 33.5
8	P.Richards		112.04	8 H Syska	Birmingham 34.6
9	S.Richmond	Army	119.97	9 N Stamps ul8	Birm Univ 37.5
10	G.Longman	Eyot	165.36	10 A Brewster	Melton Mowb 41.0

Youth Champ : Neil Stamps (Birmingham)  
Junior : David Armstrong (Gateshead)  
Under 14 : Paul Davis (Leeds)

N.B. The Published Washburn Div A m.s. points were incorrect.



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