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1987-88 CALENDAR

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The full 1987-88 season racing calendar is printed in the Wild Water Racing Year Book which also contains WWR rules plus details of training courses, ranking lists & key contacts.

Both the Year Book and Race Entry Cards are available from Miss A Gillespie, 13 Spring Hill, Worcester WR5 1BL. Please send £1 plus A5 SAE stamped for 150 grams.

RACE CHANGES

The following changes have been made to details published in the Yearbook :

ADDITIONS

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October 3

SEVERN

Div C & D	Start: Arley		Worcester CC
	Finish: Bewdley Bridge		A. Gillespie
	4 miles 28 minutes		13. Spring Hill
	Grade I		Worcester
	Late entries at 50p extra		

February 14

THISTLEBRIG II		53	
Div B C D	Start: Stanley	125340	Edinburgh Univ
	Finish: Thistlebrig	106297	84/B The Pleasance
	3 miles 13 minutes		Edinburgh
	Grade I-II		EH 15

ORGANISER CHANGE

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Nov 21st - as listed

NORTH TYNE		87	
Div B C D	Start: Chollerford	928707	Durham CC
	Finish: Acomb	919660	M Armstrong,
	3.5 miles 20 minutes		7, Dryburn Park,
	Grade II-III		Durham Moor,
	Late entries at 50p extra		Durham. DH1 3A

DATE CHANGE

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JANUARY 16/17 (FROM January 23/24)

USK		161	
Div B D T	Pre- Start: Talybont	123324	Chalfont Park CC
	Finish: Glanusk Park	192199	M. Gettleson
	4.5 miles 25 minutes		79, The Ridgeway
	Grade II-III		Ruislip
	Late entries at double rate		Middx HA4 QQ

MARCH 13 (FROM December 6)

TRENT			
Div C D	Start: Darlaston		Staffs & Stone CC
	Finish: Stone		M. Shakeshaft
	4 miles 20 minutes		16, Crown St
	Late entries at 50p extra		Stone.

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EDITORIAL

by Dave Kay

Editorial Address: 14 Lake View Furness Vale STOCKPORT SK12 7QD

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Are you ready for it another season begins with weather that threatens good water autumn levels for the second year running - though we must not speak too soon! Who'd dare play at weatherman these days?

Volume 3

And the season begins with a new format for 'White Water News'. Whilst everyone else in this world wants to promise more for your money, the 'News' is deliberately offering less. Over the past four years and 21 issues we have moved from a simple A4 8-12 page bulletin to quite a professional A5 magazine with 28-36 pages per issue.

The presentation has definitely improved - and we'll stick with that. However the content has been getting tedious as it has regularly filled more and more pages. What is more it has become increasingly dominated by the ramblings of the Editor - which we've now heard several times too often.

THEREFORE with 'QUALITY NOT QUANTITY' in mind we present a cut-back approach which will concentrate on NEWS and INFORMATION.

The size may go up sometimes - but hopefully only when someone submits an interesting article. Please note that the News is there for your information AND for your submissions.

So that is why this issue is Volume 3 Number 1. Volume 1 was the earliest A4 photocopies (1983-4). Volume 2 was the A5 magazine of 1985-7 which included two special compilation issues 'To win the Wharfe' (1985) and 'Fast Cruising Rules OK' (1987). And now we have Volume 3 - back hopefully to News and YOUR views.

Issue 1

This issue reports on the early season races and previews the Autumn Division 'A' and British Cup Series as well as carrying firm news on a topic that will dominate the next few issues - the 1988 Europa Cup Final (August 7th - River Awe, Scotland).

Next issue will include British Cup reports, details of the Great Britain Training Squads, a report on the official WWR Trainers' Course plus the second Europa Cup information bulletin .

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MI sponsors RAPID RACING SERIES

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The 1987 Rapid Racing series is now underway - sponsored this year exclusively by MI DESIGNS of Newark, who are also the most regular supporters of 'White Water News'. Prizes take the form of MI equipment vouchers (for paddles, clothing and even plastic boats) which are exchangeable on an accumulated basis at the end of the series - thus giving more than just the top paddlers the chance of valuable winnings.

The first race at Grandtully in September provided an upset for the form books. Joe Lyons, champion for 1985 & 1986, was pushed into second place by a determined Adrian Trickett. Nottingham based paddlers dominated the top three with Mike Ellis gaining a good result.

Cynthia Berry continued her run as 'Leading Lady' of the sprint game, whilst Ian Tordoff was clear as top Junior. His run also gained 7th place amongst the seniors to score high points in both classes.

With a healthy turnout of Scottish contenders, Grandtully provided a challenging venue - and would have been even more interesting had the event been held at the Friday level. Whether Trickett can hold off Lyons till the final rounds coinciding with the Dee & Tees British Cup races remains to be seen

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1987-88 SEASON PREVIEW

BRITISH CUP to provide a star-studded start

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After the success of the trial 1986 event at Barnard Castle, the 1987 British Cup is a two race series running in parallel with the final rounds of the MI Rapid Racing competition at Llangollen (Dee) on 7/8th November and at Barnard Castle (Tees) the following weekend.

The final round of the Heineken 'White Water Rafting' challenge also takes place at the Llangollen weekend (Saturday - Dee, Sunday - Tryweryn) making for a very packed and varied programme for competitors and spectators alike.

There are rumours of a strong international entry at both Llangollen and Barnard Castle. From France we expect Yves Masson & Joel Doux to accompany reigning World Champion Antoine Goetschy - fresh from the Californian surf! Slalom World Champion Toni Prijon (West Germany) plus a group of Americans under Ben Sandiford may also participate.

With Richard Fox also threatening an appearance plus antipodeans Ian Gardner (Australia) & Ron Cole (New Zealand) we look set for a serious battle to get in the top ten.

As in 1986 the event will be a strong incentive for our increasingly competitive kayaks to gauge the effectiveness of their training before the winter break. We await with interest to see whether anyone can pull off a margin of victory like Neil Stamps did in 86.

Other classes will also contain more than the usual early season surprises and debuts. Martyn Hedges may return to challenge Steve Wells' C1 domination - with more than a little pressure also from on form Tont Wilkins. In C2 the possible re-appearance of Ross Pearton with new partner Jim 'Mog' Morris should shake the top placings - Pearton has never been beaten in C2 in Britain since 1982.

In the Men's Team event Leeds renew attempts to revive the glory days of the early 80s with a third bid to overhaul leading Teams Birmingham and Nomad Racing. The new Leeds trio of Alan Tordoff, DRH Taylor and Ian Gardner certainly looks hopeful.

Finally the Mixed Team event may be due for an upsurge in competitive interest. Leeds have a pool of six top ladies (including Bain, Ashton, Porter, Kay & Friers) which would in past years have been looked certain winners. But suddenly there are rumours that our top Ladies, Scots Gill Berrow & Cynthia Berry, may be taking up Team racing for the first time - but with no top Ladies on the cards who is to complete the team remains a matter of rumour on going to Press

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SUMMER COMPETITION REPORT
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- by Mandy Kitchen (PHGS)

C.E. JUNIOR 'A' TEAM TRIP
- THE EUROPEAN CHAMPS

This year's team consisted of Ian Tordoff, Phil Player, Nick Catland, Karen Khamiller (can-ay-miller) and Mandy Kitchen, navigated by manager Phil Dean (occasionally round in circles but we got there eventually) and fearless, sometimes bordering on plain crazy Graeme Lowe.

Five of us met Phil and the bus at Leeds, and from here we went to pounce on Nick's household for chilli. Arriving at Dover, we had problems when Karen was told she couldn't enter France without a visa for her American passport (her British one hadn't arrived in time). We caught the boat, hoping we could smuggle her through customs, but on consultation with Kenny Bain, held the passports out in a fan and they weren't even counted!

Phil set off driving - he and Graeme alternated for a full tank each. We thought we might be stranded in Germany for the day when the tank was almost empty and no garages were open. We finally found one, and stopped at some services for breakfast. However, they were too expensive so the lads got the stove out and cooked pot noodles and baked beans.

We stopped at a lake (sea?) in the afternoon for a paddle. The waves were larger than expected and everyone regretted not wearing spraydecks when they began to sink. Karen and Mandy lost their bearings and returned to the wrong landing place. The ice cream parlour was irresistible. Graeme ordered the biggest on the menu, contained in something resembling a large flower bowl - he found later it was intended for three people!

The campsite in Möllbrücke was reached at dusk. We had few problems with the tents and dashed off to sample the Wiener Schnitzel at the restaurant by the site. The food was good, but they only had one record which was played fast or slow, forwards or backwards, so on further evenings we provided our own music.

After the first run of the bouncy Möll, it was clear that no boat damage would occur and race boats were used for practice runs. The race course for the girls was still undecided, so Phil made up the organiser's mind for him and they were to paddle the same course as the lads. We also paddled the more technical Lieser, some of us making up for the lack of boat damage on the Möll.

Graeme entertained us one day, by jumping from a bridge into the Möll. This inspired all of the men into swimming the gorge of the Lieser, where they made a better job than the slalomists of rescuing a capsized boat.

The shower at the campsite was extremely expensive, even at a reduced rate, so one evening Karen paid for the key and we all took a shower as discreetly as possible. However, when the key was returned an hour and a half later it was obvious what we'd done. Phil sorted it out and we escaped to Spittal for pizza.

We stayed in the shade for the two days before the race, enviously watching Phil and Graeme sunbathing.

For the team event on Saturday the river was lower than we'd paddled it before. Phil got over-excited, yelling "Come on Brits!" at the mountains when he was half a mile away from the river. He was extremely worried at the last bridge when he was told by none other than Graeme that the lads were 10 seconds down on the previous team when they were actually 30 seconds up! The lads paddled well as a team but felt disappointed with the bronze and were made all the more determined for the individual.

Phil woke us early on race day. We drank loads of water to prevent dehydration in the heat, Graeme was greatly in demand as the team masseur. We put everything and more into the race, to achieve the following results:

2nd Silver Medal-Ian Tordoff
5th Phil Player
9th Nick Gatland

1st Gold Medal-Karen Knamiller
6th Mandy Kitchen

We rushed back to the campsite to fit in some lazing around before prizegiving. It was only when standing on the rostrum that Karen could actually believe she'd won!

It was decided that we should stay overnight so that on the way to Bourg we could visit Venice in daylight. We had intended to paddle round the city but the boats were packed so we walked, couldn't find St. Mark's Square and resorted to a waterbus instead. After a good few hours' exploration we returned to the bus and were evicted because we'd parked illegally.

The road over the mountain on the Italian-French border had some distinctly hairy hairpin bends, especially in the dark. Fortunately Graeme was driving as Phil has a tendency to play clapping games whilst at the wheel. We stopped at the top to sledge down a snow-covered slope on plastic bags, ridiculously dressed in sports and T-shirts!

A few days pleasant training at Bourg followed, now that the race was over. Other pastimes were indulged in - watching the Slalom World Champs, rafting down Aime rapid, breaking boats...

It was sad to see Phil, Phil and Graeme leave after such an enjoyable trip, on which the full trio of Bronze, Silver and Gold medals were achieved, with memories of Graeme eating all 24 flavours of ice cream (2 litres), Italian service stations, grosse pizzas, and the Canoesport Challenge at 3am. The pole may still be there!



**YORKSHIRE
TELEVISION**

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The 3rd YORKSHIRE TELEVISION AIRE CLASSIC

Four Stage Race : 4/5 October 1987
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The Aire Classic retained its sponsor (Yorkshire Television), its four race format and as the first race of the season its ability to attract some top GB paddlers.

1987 saw the best entry so far in the kayak classes. What is more we had a reasonable level of water for the Sunday races - a welcome contrast to Saturday's traditional 'ditch crawl'.

The Division 'C' class was won convincingly by Simon Price (from over the Pennines) who gradually wore down local veteran Matt Caunt as the races progressed. Meanwhile Ashley Mason (Leeds) won the combined Junior & Div 'B' class despite the efforts of the improving Andrew Hanson.

The Division 'A' class was a struggle between the reigning YTV Aire Classic champion (DRH Taylor), the national champion (Alan Tordoff), the Rapid Racing champion (Joe Lyons) plus Australian Ian Gardner.

Tordoff won both time trials in powerful form - but the mass starts offered a more interesting equation. Both Lyons and Gardner proved excellent tacticians with fine anticipation of Tordoff's 'burns' - and as a result they forced the national champion into second place by inches in the first and fourth races.

The series win went to Alan Tordoff (6 points) with Lyons pipping Gardner for second place after a countback on race times (both scoed 10 points). DRH Taylor had to seetle for a good 2nd place in Race 3. Meanwhile we are left to speculate what might have happened if European Junior medalist Ian Tordoff had not been on the sidelines with a bad case of tendonitis

YTV AIRE CLASSIC WINNERS :

1985 : DRH Taylor (4 wins)

1986 : DRH Taylor (3 wins), Dave Kay (1 win)

1987 : Alan Tordoff (2 wins), Joe Lyons & Ian Gardner (1 win)

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WWR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Washburn, Saturday 24 October
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The second annual White Water Racing Club Championships was held in beautiful autumn sunshine - a pleasant contrast to the weather that has plagued recent Washburn events. As in 1986, there were strong Club entries from Durham, Leeds & Nottingham and in addition good groups from Chester and Jerry Tracey's 'Haefen' centre.

This year Leeds were not allowed to repeat their runaway 1986 victory. John Handyside stage managed a strong Nottingham entry, notable for its Div "B" participants - not least of whom were Adrian Trickett (an impressive comeback) and slalom's 'Spike' Gladwin. On paper Leeds and Nottingham looked set for a close struggle. Both were short of key contenders - no Fox for Nottingham and both DRH Taylor and Ian Tordoff unfit to paddle for Leeds.

With disadvantage evenly spread, the score was very close with four boats to count in Men's K1. Tordoff (1st) and resident-Aussie Ian Gardner (3rd) gave Leeds the edge despite Trickett's excellent second place.

The key classes proved as in the Regional championships to be the Juniors, Ladies, C1 & C2 with five points separating each place. Nottingham gained 1st Youth and 2nd C2 with Leeds providing the reverse! Meanwhile Nottingham produced a walkover in C1 with most of the first five placings and an excellent winning time from Tony Wilkins - Dave Kay being the only Leeds entrant propping up last place in a plastic 'Gyromax'! Tit for tat, Nottingham suffered similarly in the Ladies with Porter, Knamiler and Julia Kay dominating for Leeds.

Before the Team event the scores were declared EQUAL with Durham in third place thanks to the efforts of the Hardman, Armstrong & Kelly families - a REAL club effort.

Leeds won the Mixed team easily but it was only their 4 second win in Men's Kayak that clinched it - thanks to the evergreen Nig Morley. This was the first REAL club champs and fittingly the organising club (Sheffield) had found a sponsor for a perpetual trophy - thanks go to CLARKS of Dronfield (Canoe Equipment Retailers).

Furthermore the event proved that a pared down version of the Regional Champs scoring system can produce a fair contest - so it's about time that the proven scoring system for both events found its way into official form in the Year Book - please!

1st Place : LEEDS : Manager - Don Player

Scorers

MK1 - Alan Tordoff, Gardner, Morley, Graveling
 LK1 Julia Kay JUNIOR MK1 Mason C2 Kay-Hibble C1 Dave Kay
 MK1 TEAM - Tordoff, Gardner, Morley
 MIXED TEAM - Porter, Kay, Kay-Hibble

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Thanks to 'DRH' & Wudermere
 Wind & Water for prize sponsorship

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EUROPA CUP FINALS CONFIRMED

The Awe & Nottingham : August 88
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It is now certain that the BCU has been invited by the International Canoe Federation to stage the final events of the 1988 Europa Cup in White Water Racing (The Awe : 5-7 August) & Slalom (Holme Pierrepont : 11-13 August).

The WWR Exec has appointed an organising committee led by Mike Tordoff & John Handyside (who played a major role in running the Bala 1978 EC final) and things are progressing well. Two major hurdles have yet to be jumped - a firm agreement with the interested parties over access and water releases should be finalised before Christmas and a major sponsor is still being sought.

In the meantime you can read the first information Bulletin containing details of the Europa Cup in general and the Awe location which was printed in the April 'News' - reprints available on request. The second Bulletin will be available during November.

In addition the organisers would particularly draw your attention to the method of registering as 'Helpers' either as an individual or as a club group. Please return the slip following this article with no obligation as yet - it simply means you will be kept informed of the opportunities to take part and will receive all future news Bulletins. Note also the priority offered to 'Helpers' to participate at the Washburn international on August 9th.

This is the biggest event in British white water canoeing since 1981 and racers & friends from all over the country can make it a success together. There are rumours of slalom planning for a 'big budget' epic - we believe the racing is what counts so it is PEOPLE as both helpers and spectators that will make the Awe Final a success.

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BANDA LEAD THE WAY
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The first sponsorship arrangement for the Europa Cup Final has already been agreed. The Sheffield-based world reprographics manufacturer and distributor BANDA has agreed to provide full photocopying facilities plus office support for the Awe Final. BANDA's UK Sales Manager Paul Massey will personally work with John Handyside's timing team to produce preliminary information on-site as well as the results sheets on the day.

As recognition of their early commitment BANDA have been invited to produce sponsorship stickers carrying the event logo which will hopefully be distributed in November - please use them on your boat or your car (they are removeable!) and please contact Mike Tordoff (0260 273743) if you have contacts with any other company interested in supplying services or funding for the big event.

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AWE 88 EUROPA CUP FINAL

REGISTRATION OF INTEREST
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Use the tear off form to register your interest in helping with the organisation of the Europa Cup Final. All those who register will be kept upto date FREE OF CHARGE with the latest Bulletins and publicity stickers. In addition helpers will be given high priority for Washburn International entries.

The proposed program

Table with 3 columns: Date, Activity, and Description. Rows include Wed-Fri 3-5 August (Official Practice), Sat 6 August (Non-stop Practice), Sun 7 August (EC Final), Mon 8 August (TRAVEL), Tue 9 August (WASHBURN Class C International), and Wed 10 August (HPPONT Rapid Racing).

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HELPER REGISTRATION FORM NO OBLIGATION
SEND TO Mike Tordoff 15 Eastcott Close Congleton CW12 4QL NOW
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Name Club
Address Phone
Age if under 21

Please register either (i) just me

(ii) me and friends/family = Total : _____

(iii) my club = Estimated Helpers : _____

Interested in helping for (i) Full week (4-10 August)

(ii) Race Weekend (6/7 Aug)

(iii) The following period _____

Any special expertise (don't worry if not!)

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EQUIPMENT NEWS

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MI SPREAD THEIR W---S

MI Designs (0636 700362) have launched a new WWR shape. The design remains untitled and is closely based on the popular Struer square 785 cms idea which has been used for several years by Benezit, Fishburn and Burny. The shape is not to be confused with its predecessor which has been available from both MI and Canoe Sport for some time.

MI have also been contracted by GAYBO to construct a more durable version of the Wing paddle under GAYBO's exclusive UK licence. The paddle dominated the recent Sprint Worlds and has been adopted in UK WWR by C2 pair Kay & Hibble. Enquiries to GAYBO (0825-5891).

DRH BRANCHES OUT

DRH Taylor (0636 703254) has extended his range of specialist clothing to include lycra 'tights'. Certainly the range of colours and durability of material make them an attractive proposition at much less than the mountaineering equivalent. Suitable for running, skiing, climbing, cycling and triathlon as well as paddling.

Recent Aire and Washburn races have seen Australian Ian Gardner and DRH himself in DRH's 'Shark' kayak based upon the successful 'Sprinter' concept (winner of the 85 Worlds). It is uncertain at press time whether DRH intends to build and market the boats for the public or whether this is a private project. Certainly the finish and construction seemed to a very professional standard.

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FOR SALE ... FOR SALE

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Sale or exchange : Gaybo WWR C1 (£35) and Mustang WWR C1 (£90)
Phone Isabel Joce on 0784 53392 - based in Staines, Middlesex

For Sale : Excellent condition all kevlar Gaybo Delphin 79
Phone Gill Berrow on 05672 250. Can deliver to races.

For Sale : Kevlar Carbon Apollo 'Speedy' (the design that won the Bala Worlds) for £300 - phone Chris Humpage on 0225 338209

For Sale : Kevlar hulled 'Speedy' kayak for £120 - no leaks & very well made - phone Dave Kay on 0663 46579. Can deliver!

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BAD PRESS
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The 1987 Great Britain 'B' teams at both Senior & Junior levels have no worries about 'bad press' - they have simply been left out of White Water News altogether. Let's give credit where it is due - even if somewhat late.

SENIOR 'B' TEAM

The following were selected to represent Great Britain at 'B' Team level as a result of their performances at the Bourg selection races in May.

Mens K1 : Neil Baxter, Mike Ellis, Chris Humpage, Robin Murray
 Jeff Parker, James Morris, Guy Sellwood, Ken Bain

Ladies K1 : Alison Hall, Julie Fryers, Julie Ashton

C1 : Macon Singh

With the exceptions of Baxter and Humpage (otherwise engaged) the 'B' Team paddlers trained at Bourg and them participated as fore-runners in the French Championships in July.

JUNIOR 'B' TEAM

The Junior 'B' Team was selected with a view to our younger prospects learning the river that will host the Junior Worlds in 1988 - the Noguera Pallaresa at Sort (Spain). Being in the under 17 bracket they were not expected to beat such as the Italians who fielded a strong older team. Therefore the results of Lincoln Taylor (8th) and Katie Watt (2nd) were particularly encouraging.

The Great Britain Team was managed by Don Player & John Graveling and consisted of :

Men's K1 : David Armstrong, Matt Febrey, Andrew Hanson, Nathan Hardman, Peter Kelly, Ashley Mason, Lincoln Taylor

Ladies K1 : Sarah Haughton, Katie Watt

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1988-89 SEASON ALREADY! PLEASE ACT NOW!
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Bill Fraser, the WWR Race officer, has already begun the complex task of compiling NEXT season's calendar. Whilst the letter reproduced here is addressed to current Race Organisers, it presents the opportunity for any club to apply to stage new races. Even placid waterer races can be a test of fitness and control for the WWR novice so we particularly welcome new Division 'C' races in all parts of the country.

MEN'S K1 NEWS

1987 Worlds

Well done to all four paddlers - everyone could be pleased with something. Jonathan beat his selection times, DRH paddled a fine team event to equal his individual time and Alan & Neil were undoubtedly the outstanding young performers of the whole event. The MK1 team result (6th) was a lot closer to the pace than our last two efforts and leads us on to the 1989 objective

The Two Year Plan

Our target for the next worlds must be a team medal. We have great strength and depth in young and rising paddlers - Tordoff and Stamps are only the tip of the iceberg. I really believe that a suitable river plus the natural progress of the next two years will see the emergence of at least three world class paddlers so long as people do not give up. What is more we can put the theory to the test at the pre-worlds, one year on from Bourg ... will we have improved?

1987-88 Elite Squad

John Handyside and I believe that selecting an elite squad will be another way to work towards that Team medal in 89. Dave Kay will coach the Elite Squad but will be paddling C2 at selection and therefore an additional experienced body will be invited to join in elite squad coaching at least from the March Tryweryn if not before. Negotiations are currently in hand!

A maximum of 8 paddlers will share all the funding. 6 will be chosen from the ranking list at various points with possibly a further two at the invitation of the coach :

- Upto the Dart : Best 6 at 87 Selection still paddling
- Upto March Tully :
Best 6 from best two of Dee, Tees, Dart
- Upto May Awe Selection :
Best 6 from best three of first four Div "A"s
- From Awe :
The selected paddlers for America & Norway

Paddlers accepting selection in the Elite Squad will NOT be entitled to "B" Team selection BUT will exclusively benefit from squad funding and will be entered as national representatives in the Awe and Washburn "C" Internationals (7th & 9th August) even if they do not make the Europa Cup team.

"B" Team : 1987-88 Plans

John Handyside, as National WWR Coach, is taking responsibility for all paddlers outside the Elite Squad.

Any non-elite paddler who has not represented Britain in a Worlds will be eligible for the "B" Team for which John will organise a FORMAL international trip - hopefully taking in the Thonon & Bourg internationals in mid-July. Numbers and funding to be confirmed at the same time as the "A" Team plans are ratified.

A "B" squad will not formally be selected BUT all interested paddlers are welcomed to any of John's coaching dates. In addition numbers at any Elite Squad training date can be made up to a maximum of 10 on a first come basis (but no funding) - simply contact Dave Kay in advance if you want to take part on a particular weekend.

1987-88 Elite Squad Calendar Training Weekends & Important Events

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| 17,18/10 | Washburn
SUN : Training for allcomers - 4 timed runs offered |
| 7,8/11 | Dee Div "A" & British Cup
SAT - after National Prizes - meeting in Jenny
Jones for all interested in "A" & "B" teams |
| 14,15/11 | Tees Div "A" & British Cup |
| 21,22/11 | Dart Div "A" & Elite Squad reviewed |
| 5,6/12 | Lake District Training Weekend
Windermere based - featuring a Megathon & Video |
| 9,10/1 | Goyt Training Weekend |
| 30,31/1 | 'Southern' Training Weekend - WINDSOR PROPOSED |
| 13,14/2 | Nottingham Training Weekend including Video |
| 5,6/3 | Tully Div "A" & Elite Squad reviewed |
| 15-25/3 | Corsica Training Camp : Corsica only this time
FFCK funding for elite squad at coaches' discretion |
| 19,20/3 | Tryweryn Div "A" |
| 9,10/4 | Washburn DIV "A" & Regional Champs |
| 16,17/4 | Tryweryn Welsh Open & Savage Selection |
| 7,8/5 | Awe : Europa Cup & "B" Team Selection |
| 9-11/5 | Scottish Training Camp
Open to all selected "A" & "B" Team paddlers |
| 14,15/5 | Tryweryn Div "A" & British Open |
| 4,5/6 | Nottingham Training Weekend |
| 25,26/6 | Pre-Worlds, Savage, USA (upto 4 MK1) |
| 16,17/7 | Washburn Training Weekend
Open to all Awe paddlers plus others upto 60 total |
| 16,17/7 | Thonon Class "C" - B Team |
| 23,24/7 | Bourg Class "C" - B Team |
| 30,31/7 | Europa Cup, Sjoa, Norway (upto 3 MK1) |
| 6,7/8 | Europa Cup, Awe, Scotland (extras in Class "C") |
| 9/8 | Class "C", Washburn (same as Awe) |
| 10/8 | Holme Pierrepont Rapid Racing (Provisional) |

Good Luck
- Dave Kay

Are you missing out?

If you're not competing in the MI-sponsored Rapid Racing 500 series, you're missing out—passing up the chance to win valuable MI discount vouchers for each point scored.

If you're not using MI's International paddles, you're missing out. (After all, they did help Liz Shaman to a Gold Medal at the 1987 World Championships.)

And if you're not paddling the MI 370 rotomoulded slalom kayak—one of the fastest-selling ever launched—you're missing out. All in all, if you haven't seen

the complete range of MI kayaks, paddles, skis, looms, cags, spray-covers and buoyancy aids, you're making a big stake.

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