

CANOE '81 (W.W.R.)

SELECTION RACE RESULTS FOR THE WORLD

CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM 1981

Date of race: Thursday, 11 June, 1981.
Venue: Tryweryn, Bala.

Men K1:

<u>Posn.</u>	<u>Start No.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Club.</u>	<u>Time.</u>
1	115	J.Hibble	Leeds	<u>26:45.5</u>
2	114	D.Taylor	Gateshead O.A.C.	26:59.6
3	113	R.Campbell	Viking	27:02.9
4	112	J.Truran	Royal	27:07.6
5	109	M.Swallow	Chester	27:36.8
6	110	M.Smith	Leeds	27:55.9
7	107	A.Bayliss	Ellesmere Coll.	27:59.8
8	103	M.Sanderson	Adlington	28:27.1
9	108	D.R.H.Taylor	N.Notts/Trent Poly	28:29.6
10	102	C.Ballard	Lichfield	28:37.8
11	111	J.Dunseath	Leamington	28:41.9
12	104	H.Syska	Ind.	28:47.4
13	97	K.Fraser	Roxburgh	28:47.4
14	101	N.Clarke	Reading & L.P.	28:55.1
15	83	M.Thomas	Chester	30:22.3

C2:

1	134	Goode/Williams	Nottm. Exiles	31:04.1
2	132	Tannock/Woodgate	Windsor C.C.	31:49.4
3	130	Cooper/Haydock	Nottm. Exiles	31:53.8
4	133	Kay/Pearton	C.C.A. of G.B.	32:13.7
5	120	Thorn/Pykett	Lincoln	33:00.3
6	131	Stanwyck/Kosciuczyk	Leaside	33:05.1
7	126	Nutt/Hooloway	Eyot	33:59.8
8	129	Richmond/Ivey	A.C.U.	34:13.2
9	124	Terry/Cooper	Bath Univ.	34:36.5

C2MX:

1	127	Evans/Evans	Wigan	35:45.1
2	125	Joce/Perry	Paddington Bears	36:55.5

LK1:

1	149	S.Hornby	Deptford Swimmers	30:01.0
2	148	A.Plant	Ind.	30:12.9
3	147	F.Mitchell	B'ham. Univ.	31:50.9
4	146	A.Mylett	Lincoln	32:14.0
5	145	A.Gillespie	Grappenhall	32:56.5
6	144	C.Helm (Under-18)	Furness	33:24.7

NON FINISHERS:

122	Adams/Hunt	Deptford Swimmers
138	Sue Cox	Gloucester.

C1:

1	161	M.Hedges	Bath Univ.	31:37.2
2	162	R.Evans	Vesta	32:58.4
3	160	I.Freestone		33:16.4
4	159	G.Goldsmith	Brighton	33:23.9
5	158	C.Horrod	Vesta C.C.	34:15.6
6	154	M.Fletcher	I.V.C.C.	35:42.9
8	155	A.Stanley	Lowestoft	37:00.0
7	163	S.Wells		35:55.7

The first four in each of the classes MK1, C2, LK1, C1 and the two C2MX have been selected to represent Great Britain in the World Championships at Bala (The two C2MX have conditions applied to thier Team membership which the other classes do not have, and they should contact the Senior Team Manager, or the National W.W.R. Team Coach for the details).

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE SELECTED PADDLERS, AND SINCERE THANKS TO ALL OF THE PADDLERS WHO ENABLED THIS SELECTION TO TAKE PLACE BY RESPONDING TO THE REORGANISED EVENT AT SUCH SHORT NOTICE; ALSO THANKS TO THE PADDLERS WHO UNDERSTOOD THE VERY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH WE WERE FORCED TO OPERATE, AND RESPONDED FROM THIS POSITION OF UNDERSTANDING BY BEING TOLERANT AND POSITIVE IN HELPING TO MAKE THE EVENT SUCCESSFUL!

The circumstances causing the need to reorganise the event are still vague, and it is felt that nothing that could have been done to ensure the running of the event on the original date was not done. Obviously the outcome was quite unsatisfactory to us, and must throw into doubt the use of this river for such important events as this one, from the point of view of an organiser. The request for use of the river for this event was submitted a year ago, and the very late cancellation can only bring into question the whole system and people involved in the negotiations for water releases to take place. Paddlers can rest assured that the established procedures, and recognised channels of communication have been used at all times in the lead-up organisation to the cancelled British Open Championships. There have been three meetings in Bala with the Agencies involved in the organisation, and although these meetings have been very useful, it would seem that the point of them was ultimately vague, if water is denied for an agreed date of activity on the river at such short notice of one week, whilst it can be granted for two days previously (on a non-agreed date) at the short notice of request of only about ten days.

All I can do as Organiser of the events and as Chairman of the British Canoe Union Wild Water Racing Committee, is apologise, and say that it seems clear to me that there are things happening which I do not know about, and decisions are being made to which I have no access.

George Parr.