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Congratulations to the winner, David Wain, from retiring President, John Dudderidge.

WHITE WATER DEBATE

The following motion was placed before the AGM of the BCU: "That the Slalom and White Water Committee be separated into two committees — The White Water Committee and the Slalom Committee. This to take effect immediately and to become totally effective as soon as possible."

After Direction and technical advice from the Chairman, John Dudderidge, the mover, Hilary Peacock agreed that the motion be revised to read: "The meeting recommends to council that separate Wild Water and Slalom Committees be created."

Speaking with simple firmness Miss Peacock argued her case and was supported by a number of speakers.

Opposing the motion Mark Markham stressed the need for unity and said: "The proposal is morally wrong unless it is supported with a motion from the Slalom and White Water Committee Executive," and he strongly opposed the motion.

Martin Boshier regarded the proposal to establish two separate committees as desirable in order that both would be free to develop their individual strengths and he did not see the move as being a divisive one.

Mr Ian Freestone, replying to Mr Unwin who spoke strongly against the motion, pointed the fact that many of the present slalom and white water executive saw the wild water paddlers as the "inferior members of the partnership."

Mr Maurice Rothwell moving the rejection of the motion felt that the problem could be overcome by two separate sub-committees

operating under the present executive.

Ron Emes in a major attempt to conclude the debate and bring in some light relief pointed out that at one time long distance racing was administered by the paddle racing committee before being allowed to become separate specialist executive committees.

Mr Martyn Hedges, in a statement of great simplicity, pointed his own problems as a top paddler in both Slalom and Wild Water. He found "great difficulty in satisfying two coaching structures under one executive committee" and went on to speak strongly in favour of the motion to establish two committees.

John Turcan asked Miss Peacock if she would withdraw the motion on the understanding that council would give it consideration. Miss Peacock, whilst thanking Mr Turcan for his advice and good offices, declined.

The Chairman put the vote to the meeting and, on a straight vote, the motion was passed by sixty-two votes in favour to twenty-four against with 14 abstentions.

John Dudderidge, as Chairman, pointed out that there was now no need for a poll, using the proxy votes, unless either those proposing or opposing the motion called for it. Mr Maurice Rothwell, surprisingly on behalf of the opposers, called for the poll.

The result then became two-hundred and thirty-three in favour of the motion for two separate committees and fifty-six against with there being eighteen absentions.

ELECTION SPECIAL

A packed conference hall in Bristol university was stunned to hear the news that after 17 years in office John Dudderidge is to step down as president of the BCU in favour of David Wain.

The 70 year old president has given 40 years of service to the sport and he is on record as saying that he hopes his days of working for canoeing are not over.

In the election for the five vacancies on the council of BCU the following were successful: Hilary Peacock, John Handyside, Geoffrey Saunders, Eric Totty and Alan Laws.

The voting was H. Peacock 272, J. Handyside 253, G. Sanders 201, E. Totty 156, A. Laws 147, J. Bright 142, M. Brown 137, N. Unwin 132, R. Tyas 119.

Messrs Laws, Totty, Bright and Tyas (Vice Chairman of Council) were retiring members of Council and were offering themselves for re-election.

The Director, Gordon Richards MBE, announcing the results thanked Peter Lawson, General Secretary of the Central Council for Physical Recreation, for organising the scrutiny and counting of the votes.

He went on to say that because of the closeness of some of the voting for council he had authorised, with the agreement of the Chairman of Council, Ted Owen, a recount by the CCPR.

The results were certified as correct by Peter Lawson of the CCPR.

STANDING OVATION

This year the office of President was contested for the first time in the history of the B.C.U. and saw the departure of the last of the Founder Father's of the Union.

Mr Ron Emes in an impromptu address to the meeting said that "though I know there will be another and possibly more fitting occasion to thank John Dudderidge or "J. D." as many of us know him, I cannot let this moment pass without thanking him for all the tremendous work he has done for canoeing over too many years.

After a standing ovation lasting nearly two minutes, John Dudderidge thanked everyone and said he would be on the scene for sometime to come, as there was plenty to keep him busy. Finally he wished "all success to my successor."

SAVED

Brian Faulder, a 15-year-old drum sergeant of the Gloucestershire Cadet Force, dived into the River Avon at Tewkesbury on May 18 and went to the aid of two young boys, whose canoe was drifting towards the lock gates.

The prompt action of Brian, who lives at Ashchurch Road, Newtown, Tewkesbury, has now been recognised by the Royal Humane Society and they have awarded him a Testimonial Parchment.

When the boys lost their paddle, their canoe started to drift towards the lock gates. They began to panic and Brian dived in and swam to them.

He caught hold of the towing rope and pulled the canoe to the bank.

The new edition of "The Waterway Companion" 1977 is now available, price 60p (plus 15p P & P) from: British Waterways Board, Melbury House, Melbury Terrace, London NW1 6JX.

ON THE BOARD

Denis Howell, Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, has announced the appointment of the Chairman and members of the Water Space Commission. Mr John Humphries is re-appointed as Chairman. There are five new members, one of whom is David Wain, Chairman of the Welsh Canoe Association, and new President of the BCU.

CANOE EXEMPT

After timely intervention by the BCU Secretariat, the Langstone Harbour Board, at its meeting on December 10 resolved that canoes be exempt from the payment of harbour dues for one year, and that the matter will be reviewed again at the next annual meeting.

Editorial

A collective thank you to all the members who wrote to say thanks for taking "Canoe Focus" another stage forward. There were three or four complaints — largely based on ignorance of the facts surrounding the divorce from "Canoeing in Britain".

"Canoeing in Britain" was never the "property" of the BCU as a number of people seemed to think it was. It belonged, and still does, to Ocean Publications which is a commercial publication company. The BCU had an agreement whereby they were able to have four pages for Headquarters comment and, in turn, allowed "Canoeing in Britain" to be the "official journal of the BCU". Every copy issued to members of the BCU was paid for from central BCU funds and, additionally, the BCU purchased, prepared and posted the envelopes. At no time was "Canoeing in Britain" an exclusive house journal of the BCU.

The reason for discontinuing the association with Ocean Publications was purely a financial one — both sides have tried very hard to find a solution; the last time being a matter of a few weeks ago. Simply the BCU cannot afford to pay Ocean Publications, who have to make a profit, to publish on their behalf.

"Canoe Focus" (including postage to all our members) costs the BCU well under 50% of the cost of "Canoeing in Britain".

The Competitions Liaison Committee has recommended to the Council of the Union that the 1981 World Championships in Racing and Slalom and Wild Water Racing, shall be arranged as follows:

World Slalom Championships: Friday/Saturday July 17-18, 1981.
World Wild Water Racing Championships: Wednesday/Friday, July 22nd/24th, 1981.

World Racing Championships: Thursday/Sunday July 30/August 2 1981.

The World Slalom and Wild Water Racing Championships will be organised by a committee under the chairmanship of David Wain, and the World Racing Championships will be organised by a committee under the chairmanship of Mike Haslam.

The co-ordinating committee under the Chairmanship of Ron Emes has already received general reports from those who have been carrying out the preliminary investigations.

ICF VENUES

The following towns have been chosen for the next world and continental championships: 1977 — Canoe racing: senior world championships: Sofia (Bulgaria), September 1 to 4. European junior championships (open to all continents): Vichy (France), August 5 to 7 (canoe racing). World slalom and wildwater championships: Spittal (Austria), July 17 to 24. 1978 — Canoe racing: senior world championships: Belgrade (Yugoslavia), August 10 to 13. World canoe sailing championships: Öxelesund (Sweden), mid-July. 1979 — Canoe racing: senior world championships: Duisburg (Germany), August. European junior championships (open to all continents): Tampere (Finland), end July, beginning August. World slalom and wildwater championships: Jonquiere, Quebec (Canada), end July.

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From the Editors Postbag

Dear Sir,

I am a member of Treherbert County Youth Centre. Canoeing is one of the most popular activities. During the year we have competed in three Slaloms at: Pontrilas, Newbury and Ironbridge, coming second, first and first in the Novice team events respectively. We have to travel great distances to these Slaloms and, when we gain good results, as above, we are forced to leave early without collecting our prizes . . . which causes great disappointment amongst the team . . . we competed in and won the Novice team event at the Ironbridge Slalom. The presentation was at 6 o'clock. As we have three to four hours' travelling ahead of us, this was out of the question to wait as one of the team was working very early the following morning. It spoilt the entire weekend which was, up to that time, very enjoyable. Two weeks passed, and still no sign of the prizes or the results.

The point I am trying to make is this, wouldn't it be more convenient to both organiser and competitor if the prizes for the events held on the Saturday, e.g. team events, were presented on the same evening. This would mean that the organiser would have less to do on the Sunday and the competitor who has a long way to travel home could leave when he wanted to.

STEVEN PRICE.

Mid-Glam.

Dear Sir,

International Boat Show 1977

On behalf of the organisers I would like to thank you for your co-operation in making the feature at the above Show possible.

I hope you feel, as I do, that the effort was worthwhile. The feature aroused considerable interest among the public and our Saturday presentation of the personalities involved was one of the highlights of the Show.

It was a pleasure working with you.

LEN TIPPER,
Daily Express.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for an interesting and well-presented 'Canoe Focus' (December '76). All the best for the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

PETER J. OLIVER.

Liverpool 8.

Dear Sir,

Congratulations on new look 'Canoe Focus', well-presented and easy to read.

LESLIE ROWE.

Leatherhead,
Surrey.

Dear Ed,

We/you need money. How about all the council members putting their heads together? What about car stickers? Something on the same lines as the British Sub-Aqua. How about rushing out a British Canoeing Calendar? This should have full colour glossy photographs. This type of thing pays for others, so what about you?

Yours faithfully,

L/CPL D. RHODES.

BFPO 36.

Thanks.

Car stickers are in the pipeline. Hopefully, next year, we will get sponsorship for a calendar. Bob Gray tried this year — no luck!
Ed.

Dear Sir,

Many congratulations on the new publication — Mike Melaniphy and I consider it to be among the best of its kind yet produced.

If you can continue with the same overall presentation and content we are convinced you are assured of a major success.

Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL REGAN,
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Lovely Anne Fuller comes from the City of Bristol where last month's AGM was held — now you know why they chose Bristol.

This may be one of the last bikini photographs we shall see of Anne because she is to marry in a few months time. Anne's is not just a pretty face, she is also editor of Bristol Canoe Club's newsletter and a national standard paddler herself.

Canoe Focus wants to prove that lady canoeists can be glamorous and that they are not hairy chested Amazons so please let us have photographs of the attractive girls in your club.

FIGHT THE CANOE SCROUNGERS — BCU

A horrifying situation has been revealed by a sample analysis of persons who compete in BCU recognised competitions.

It has been noted that some paddlers have not been members of the BCU for at least two years but have still competed in major events organised, under the auspices of the governing body, by a small coterie of dedicated people who give unsparingly of their time to organise the events for the enjoyment of others and who also pay their membership dues.

If people wish to have the benefits of membership and to compete, receive information, take part in the coaching scheme and possibly aspire to International representation, then it quite clearly boils down to being a straightforward commercial transaction — if you want the rights of membership you must pay.

It is disturbing to witness so-called sportsmen adopting the unfair, unsporting, attitude of letting other people carry them because, quite clearly, those who do not pay their subscriptions are feeding off other people's contributions.

A strong, well-supported governing body, with a substantial membership, has an effective and "weight carrying" card vote when it comes to negotiating for paddlers' rights.

The rights of members are set out in rule 13 of the British Canoe Union Rules — Rule 11 allows the Council of the BCU to "refuse election".

To those paddlers who seek the advantages without the payment we would say, "join now".

If you want your governing body to represent you, "join now". If you want canoeing to develop into a major sport with the capacity to exert influence in matters of access, coaching, international competition and National representation — "join now".

There have been over eight hundred applications for membership or membership renewal in the last four weeks. In our last issue we asked paddlers not to leave it too late!! Despite the pressure created by late applications, people applying, even now, for renewal or new membership, may expect to have their new card within two to three weeks. Organisers of competitions please note — competitors have no just or valid reason for not producing their membership numbers.

But not everybody is a dodge — one member who discovered he had not renewed for 1975/76 sent our treasurer two subscriptions when he renewed for 76/77 — it was a very genuine gesture.

PADDLE YOUR CANOE YACHT



A consortium of five is developing a new IC and hopes to show the prototype at the Long Dinghy Exhibition. Prices and detailed specifications are not yet ready but they have an export market with orders coming from the USA, Sweden, Germany and Japan.

Much work has been put into the development of a junior IC and, following discussions with Sweden in November, they have agreed to look into developing a Junior International Slalom for Gothenburg late in 1977.

The junior canoe has also taken another form in developing a stitch and glue canoe in wood, which can be produced easily by amateurs and youth groups.

New forms of racing and sport are developing to give a greater public attraction, and training groups are being set up to aid not only experienced sailors but newcomers in the initial problems of our sport.

MOSCOW 1980

The rowing and canoeing events at the 1980 Moscow Olympics will be held at the Krylatskoe basin, inaugurated in 1973 at the time of the European rowing championships. The plan to improve facilities has already been approved by the FISA and includes provision for the construction of slipways for 600 boats, repair workshops, recreation room for the competitors, a press centre and a meeting hall. The grandstands will seat about 21,000 spectators.

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FREEZE HITS WHAT'S A REGATTA COACH

As an unusual opener to the 1977 Season the SCA arranged a Sprint Regatta at Strathclyde Park for January 3. Unfortunately this coincided with one of the coldest periods in the West of Scotland for many years and on the day the loch was frozen solid. An even more surprising sight was that of the near frozen river Clyde which runs alongside the Park.

The purpose of staging an out of season sprint regatta was to give the Park officials and the SCA experience in using the new competition course, and stimulate interest in sprint canoeing in Scotland. Interest was certainly stimulated despite the bitterly cold weather nearly 100 competitors actually turned up and more were put off after a last minute phone call to the Park.

The organising club, Strathkelvin Kayak Club, managed to offload some of the gallons of soup it had specially prepared for the occasion to would be competitors.

The 'trial' Regatta will now take place on March 19 and 20. A full range of events will be staged over 500m and 1,000m and there will also be a 10,000m event. To encourage beginners to Sprint Racing, events will be arranged for slalom and WW classes.

Equipment in the Park will be available for those in need, including Espadas, slalom boats, K.2's and K.4's. (Those who wish to use a K.4. will first have to demonstrate their competence in a K.1.)

The cost for competitors in this Regatta will be very low; 60p for those 18 years and over on 1.1.77. and 40p for the rest. There will be no extra charge for use of the equipment. The low entry fees and availability of equipment should appeal particularly to newcomers to Sprint Racing who are being given the opportunity to experience the fun and excitement of racing over a fully buoyed nine lane competition course.

Details of the Regatta may be obtained from the Scottish Canoe Association, 8, Frederick Street, Edinburgh.

In an article in Sportsview magazine, Neil Wilson writes: "There are different types of national coach. There are technical directors of sport who do not coach; coaching directors who coach and direct national programmes; development officers who are not coaches but create situations for coaches; and finally, the all rounders as in athletics."

The BCU director of coaching **Oliver Cock** sees coaching from a canoeist's point of view:

Neil Wilson's article lays rather heavy emphasis on the National Coach, an animal whose job appears to be exalted above the others and is usually not understood by the rest of the world. I suppose my job falls somewhere in the middle, but exactly where I wouldn't know, myself!

But National Coaches are rare, and many who become one soon become disillusioned and look for better and more peaceful lives. So let us look at ordinary coaches.

A coach is someone who persuades others to do something better. As we are talking about canoeing this means canoeing better. Which branch of canoeing doesn't really matter. If you have helped a friend to do his sort of canoeing better, you have coached him. Neil Wilson talks about competition, so we had better.

You can coach a beginner; you can coach an Olympic Gold medalist; but the higher up you go, the more you must know about:— the sport you are coaching in, the branch you are coaching, the physiology of the human body, the psychology of the human mind, the water, the weather and all that kind of jazz, health, and the ditto, ditto of all that lot in particular reference to the chap you are training.

"Kidology"? Well, yes, in a kind of way; but you must be kidding your competitor into achievements which you know he can gain. I think I prefer "persuasion". He must have faith in you; you must have faith in him. Let him down and you are done for. You aren't going to get anywhere if you hate each other's guts! It's terrific if someone asks you to be his coach. It means he must have faith in you.

A little while ago I dragged one of our teams up from being the dregs of the world championships right to the very top. Yes, we got a Gold, and silvers and bronzes and things. It was a mutual operation: they tried for me and I tried for them; I wouldn't have been much use as a coach if I hadn't. It was great fun. I don't think I could have stuck it if it wasn't.

CANADIAN CANOEING

The Canadian-Canoe Association of Great Britain was formed in 1956 because of the widespread interest in the sport, which showed the need for an organisation to promote Canadian canoeing in all its forms and maintain interest by providing information and facilities.

As a body we do not organise events, whether races or tours, but we will publicise any that are organised by branches or other clubs in our quarterly journal which is sent free to all members. Any such events should be notified to the Editor, Ralph Cox CBE, 8 Grosvenor Rd., Caversham, Reading.

We do not know the ages of our members, who live all over the country and abroad, but we feel the need for new blood, who could organise local events for our numerous trophies which at present only see the light of day at the National Canoe Exhibition at Crystal Palace.

We should be pleased to welcome you at our Stand at the 1977 exhibition in February, or at our AGM at Richmond-upon-Thames on March 13.

If you would like to support Canadian canoeing or think we can help with further information, do not hesitate to write to us, with a stamped addressed envelope please, as our enquiries are numerous.

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By John Pearton

You possess just an ordinary canoe, nothing special, no fancy craft like those slalom and Long Distance folk use; you probably don't really remember what started you off on this track in the first place — still you want to use it for something just a little more exciting than a quiet hour or two paddling at the seaside. Probably there is a tendency towards individualism so clubs are not for you, nevertheless an organisation does provide a place for the exchange of ideas and helping with advice and technical problems.

You do not have to compete in races in order to motivate your energies, indeed some may say that competing directly against others brings out all the bad in one! Be that as it may, other forms of "conflict" certainly can bring the better side of a person's nature to the surface.

Long distance cruising can start on your doorstep — I can recall Frank Luzmore, Founder & President of the Canadian Canoe Association tell of his cruise in a Canadian canoe down the Thames estuary from Richmond to Hastings and what a variety of conditions and problems he must have faced on that trip.

Wilderness canoeing may appear a non-starter, but this need not be so — Scandinavia provides ample opportunity. To carry all one requires for the greater part of a holiday plus the challenge of varying water conditions can tax the skills particularly when there is a return to work on time at the end. Knowing what plants to eat and how to avoid hardship in the event of disaster when the nearest farm or road is perhaps 30 miles away all adds up to

By selecting a certain route it is possible to add cultural enjoyment to the day's paddling. Try an old viking water route across Scandinavia or Europe — you may find ideas in the "Icelandic Sagas" which are available in English.

If you like old castles and mediaeval villages why not try a German river — one of the smaller ones for they still give a long run and in any case you will be stopping frequently to explore the sights on foot so daily mileages need not be great.

Although we should not canoe alone, situations may occur where it becomes necessary. It is therefore important to carry a survival kit which is carried on your person as the possibility of loosing or having to leave both canoe and gear may arise. A canoeist is at a disadvantage perhaps against a walker who has his rucksack and, although it is not a "picnic", at least he has some comforts to hand. Do you know how to use the things around you when all you possess is what you stand up in — and that is wet, how to keep warm, build a shelter, find your way, attract attention and so on?

Touring and cruising can be as relaxing or as demanding as you care to make it. You are a "Jack of all trades" perhaps, but it makes for a more interesting hobby — that is for enjoyment and pleasure not to be so fiercely pursued as to become a chore. After all, life at factory or office is enough of a "Rat Race".

CANOEIST FINED

The May 1976 issue of Canoe Focus contained an article on the law relating to overhanging loads. Unfortunately, the advice was too late for Matt Brown of Worcester Canoe Club who, when returning from the first Regatta of the 1976 season at Holme Pierpoint on May 2, was stopped by the police in Walsall, carrying a 36 foot racing K4 on top of his motor van.

He was subsequently fined a total of £15.00 and his licence endorsed, and he feels that the personal expense and inconvenience to which he was put might not be wasted, if the details of his offences are publicised. Thus, perhaps, dissuading others from exposing themselves to the possibility of committing similar offences in the future.

Matt was charged with: Vehicle unsuitable for carrying load, thus carrying dangerous accessories, fined £5.00 and licence endorsed; failing to notify police of movement of abnormal load; failing to display forward marker, forward side marker, rear marker and rear side marker, fined £2 on each count.

He believes that he was dealt with very leniently because he appeared in court to answer the summons.

Remember that K4 transport requires a vehicle 29ft in length, minimum, before no legal precautions need be taken, and 16ft 6in or longer if the necessary markers are displayed. Using a vehicle under 16ft 6in in length will create considerable administrative problems, even though the vehicle may be approved by the police as a mode of transport.

DIVERS HELP SWALE

Conditions for the Swaledale white water race in November were rough enough — but they would have been a lot worse but for the sterling work of the Catterick Garrison Sub-Aqua Club.



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At a time when the British people are bemoaning their country's declining standards in international sport, it falls to private enterprise to lead the way in showing how those standards can be raised in time for the Moscow Olympics.

Tom Hudson, Bath University's Director of Physical Education, an ex-Olympic athlete himself, and British modern pentathlon champion from 1956 to 1958, reports that since Martyn Hedges' award was announced last summer, other companies have expressed interest in sponsoring scholarships.

The OCS Sports Scholarship enables the student chosen to spend an extra year at Bath, free to concentrate on his or her sport, with expenses paid by OCS.

Sports Minister Denis Howell, in a letter to Tom Hudson, says: "I am pleased to see that you are maintaining the swift pace you have set in instituting such excellent schemes. Office Cleaning Services must also be congratulated for their generosity and far-sightedness in providing the money for a second scholarship. I am pleased, also, to learn that your first scholar, Martyn Hedges, is making such good progress. I wish him every success in his sporting career. I shall report your good news to my Working Party on Centres of Excellence.



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A significant new departure from 16mm films, into visual aids, is being planned for 1977. This consists of Slide sets and posters, the first of which will be on the Chris Hawkesworth Wild Water stand No. 20.

Posters and slides are not new, of course; several posters have been imported from abroad. The first poster, which is part of a set of 6, is of a Slalom C1 paddled by top slalomist Jim Sibley, taken on the Tryweryn, from a 35mm slide shot by Chris Hawkesworth and printed on a high speed, high quality 4 colour process. The poster is the first all British attempt to enter this highly sophisticated international market and it is anticipated that it will sell for between £1.20 and £1.40 inclusive of VAT.

Initially 3 slide sets, also from the camera of Chris Hawkesworth, are planned and Set. No. 3 will be the only one available for the Palace. This set will consist of 10 high quality slides, mounted and boxed for approximately £4.50. The subject is Wild Water Racing and includes 3 racing C2's, 2 Racing C1's and 4 Kayaks plus one Capsize. Together with the set is a printed leaflet describing where and when each slide was taken.

The other two sets to appear later in the Spring are a set of 10 on Slalom Canoeing and a general set of Slalom and Wild Water Racing mixed. Each slide will have a CH monogram in the bottom right hand corner, indicating an original Chris Hawkesworth photograph.

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LENDAL PRODUCTS LIMITED, 30 HUNTER STREET, PRESTWICK, Ayrshire, SCOTLAND KA9 1LG.

Lendal Products have now introduced into their range their new contoured back racing paddle. They are retaining the name Pacemaster for the fibreglass shafted model and Sprintmaster for the wood shafted model.

The blade is asymmetric in shape and the face has a centre rib for blade stability in the water. The new contoured back is designed to shed water extremely efficiently and also presents a more aerodynamic shape when paddling into a head wind.

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This paddle has been very successfully received by the Continental market during the recent SPOGA International Trade Fair in Cologne.

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The Wild Water Centre will have on show, in addition to their usual range of jackets and paddles, a new Wild Water Racing/Long distance racing asymmetric paddle.

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P. & H. Fibreglass Products have added new slalom crafts to their range, the Lieser, which is a slalom K1, a slalom C2 and the latest Hahn slalom C1 from West Germany.

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The latest Hahn C1, as usual, leads the latest trends in Canadian design, being a highly manoeuvrable, low-line canoe, designed for the World Championships in Spittal this year.

The Phazer and the Alpha, both proving to be very popular with schools, colleges and centres, are both now available in kit form with a considerable saving in cost. The P. & H. Kit comprises hull and deck joined, seat, failsafe footrest (pre-positioned for accuracy), buoyancy and sufficient materials and instructions to complete a well-finished kayak. The only tools required are a file, sandpaper and a brush.

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The B.C.U. stand attracted a lot of interest and resulted in a number of useful contacts being made and also attracted a number of new members.

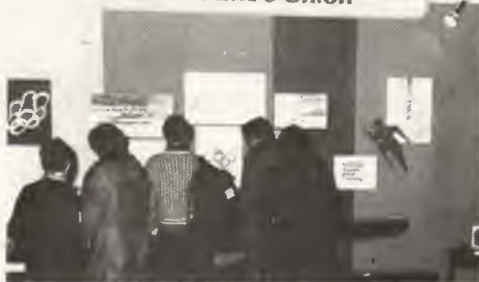
On the first Saturday, before an estimated crowd of 12,000, lining the balconies, members of the B.C.U. were presented. Pauline Goodwin, Doug Parnham and Brian Haynes represented the current competitive paddles and John Dudderidge, President of the B.C.U., the past paddlers.

National Boat Shows Ltd (The Daily Express and The Shipbuilders and Boatbuilders Federation) had three medals struck to mark the contribution of the three associations, RYA, ARA and the B.C.U. to the Bristol Boating Industry.

The B.C.U. delegation were justly proud when they discovered that the presentation of the medals was to be made by Francis Prout the President of the S.B.B.N.F. who was himself a member of the British Canoe Union Team at the 1952 Olympics when he paddled K2 with his brother Roland.

Before presenting the medals, Francis Prout said, in his speech, that he wished to congratulate all concerned with the outstanding achievements obtained by our

British Canoe Union



watersportsmen in the last few years. "Training in top competition is hard and only the most dedicated can succeed, and succeed they have in a number of different disciplines."

Gordon Richards, Director of The British Canoe Union, having received the medal on behalf of The British Canoe Union, thanked the S.B.B.N.F. and The Daily Express for giving the three associations the opportunity of using such an important shop window.

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W.C.A. MEETING

The W.C.A. has just held its first Executive Council meeting and we have news about how the new body is 'shaping up.'

Wales has been divided into five divisions as follows:— North Wales (Clwyd and Gwynedd), Mid-Wales (Powys), West Wales (Dyfed), South West (West, Mid and South Glamorgan) and South East (Gwent).

Stephen Baker (Outdoor Education Dept., Normal College, Bangor, Gwynedd) has been elected Development Officer responsible for Coaching Organisation, Club Creation and extension, competition development and equipment.

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LOW WATER ON THE DEE

by Sarah Wain

The river was disappointingly low for the second Dee race of the season, held on January 8/9, 1977. The entry of over 250 though was rather high.

The team event was held on Saturday afternoon and was won by White Water Racers 1, consisting of Melvin Swallow, Ian Freestone and Dave Hunter. They were 26 seconds ahead of the Leeds 'A' team, who recorded 19.28, this team being made up of Martin Harvey, Chris Ballard and Jeremy Hibble. The 3rd team of John Handyside, Rob Yorke and Alistair Bayliss recorded 19.54.

On Sunday, the first event to be completed was the C2 event won this weekend by Cooper/Parr in 22.16 closely followed by Springthorpe/Morris of Staffs and Stone C.C. in 22.19. Third was Hubach/Hunt in 23.08.

The C1 event was won by Gay Goldsmith from Brighton in 22.04 with Chris Horrod recording 22.24. Joint 3rd came M. Phillip of U.L.C.C. and John Goodwin of Staffs and Stone in 22.41.

The Ladies' event was won convincingly by Hilary Peacock of Chester Canoe Club, in 20.53. 2nd over 2 minutes behind was Gwen Legate of Gloucester who did 23.01. 3rd not far behind was Sue Hornby of Deptford recording 23.05.

The Men's K1 event attracted over 200 entries and was won by Ian Freestone of Northampton who did 18.15. 2nd was Melvin Swallow of Chester who finished in 18.53, 3rd and winner of the junior event was Jerry Hibble from Leeds who did 18.59 and quite close behind was Chris Ballard of Lichfield recording 19.12.

JUNIOR FOCUS

The 1976 season is long over and no doubt you will be looking forward to the better weather in 1977. You have probably put away your boats and paddles while some of you dream of the Olympics, sprinting your way to a gold medal. This need not be a pipe dream, but of course you will need ambition, drive and some good coaching.

The first two items must be self-motivated while the outside help can be obtained through your Club. Whether you are interested in Slalom, Wild Water, Long Distance or Sprint, it is possible to improve your standards with instruction from a Competition Coach.

Is your Club doing enough to arrange such coaching? If not, it is up to you to press the matter and to ask your Club Officials to organise this type of instruction. Information can be obtained from Ken Kangford the National Coach or from the respective Executive Committees.

A special point of interest to young paddlers, is the proposal to reduce the ages for the Espada classes by one year. This is because of the improvements in the general standards now being set by Espada Paddlers.

The main effect is: For Boys and Girls whose birthday should fall on or after the 1st January of the year of competition, the classes are:—

'A' under 13 on January 1.

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'C' under 17 on January 1.

This should be a benefit to the majority of paddlers, except perhaps the under 18's. There must be a number of newcomers at this age, therefore if your Club feel sufficiently strongly about this, they should make representations to the Sprint Committee.

I should like to hear from the younger members, particularly if you wish to air your views. Your comments could lead to improvements in the sport.

SYMPOSIUM ON THE SEA

A Sea Touring Symposium was held at Newham College, Birmingham over the weekend of December 11 & 12, organised on behalf of the Sea Touring Steering Committee by John Ramwell.

A group of approximately 65 people from various parts of Britain attended and discussed sea canoeing problems and activities, as well as listening to the very good talks given by the guest speakers.

Mr Deeks of the London Weather Centre provided more interesting information than could be digested. He explained to the layman, principles which many people claimed to have understood for the first time.

The question of whether or not radar detection of canoeists at sea is possible was thoroughly discussed with much factual information to back up the arguments.

Distress signals are important and the latest developments in this field were mentioned as well as the results of various testing exercises which had been undertaken.

Equipment was shown and discussed and many useful tips on stowing away gear were given as well as procedures to be followed, particularly with coastguards, when undertaking expeditions.

ENTRY FEES

It has been decided by the Committee that entry fees for 1977 will be as follows.

40p per crew Espada and junior events and 60p per crew for all others, late entries will be charged at 50p per crew Espada and juniors and £1 per boat for others.

Closing date for entries will be eight days before a regatta, a late entry has been defined as "an entry" received on the day from a competitor from whom a prior entry, for any event in the regatta had not previously been received.

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Beginners — Inland

March 12th: Trowbridge (52).
March 26-27th: Derby (11).
April 4-8th: Caldercruix (63).
April 15-17th: Ollerton (10).
April 16-23rd: Plas y Brenin (40).
April 18-22nd: Burwash Place E. Sussex (56).
April 23-30th: Plas y Brenin (40).
April 30 - May 1st: R. Wye (41).
May 4, 11, 18, 25th: Northampton (1).
May 5, 12, 19, 26th: Nottingham (4).
May 5 - Jun. 16th, Thursdays: St. Albans (59).
May 5 - Jul. 7, Thursdays: Norwich (58).
May 7-8th: Bowles O.P. Centre (45).
May 10 for 10 weeks: Norwich (60).
June 1-8-15-22nd: Northampton (1).
June 2-9-16-23rd: Nottingham (4).
June 4-5th: R. Wye (41).
June 4-11th: Plas y Brenin (40).
June 11-18th: Plas y Brenin (40).
June 13-18th: Glenmore Lodge (66).
June 18th: Chippenham (51).
June 18-19th: Bowles O.P. Centre (45).
June 25 - July 2nd: Glenmore Lodge (66).
July 2-9th: Plas y Brenin (40).
July 5-12th: Glenmore Lodge (under 17 years) (66).
July 16-23rd: Glenmore Lodge (66).
July 23-24th: Bowles O.P. Centre (45).
July 23-30th: Glenmore Lodge (66).
July 6-13-20-27th: Northampton (1).
July 7-14-21-28th: Nottingham (4).
August 3-10-17-24th: Northampton (1).
August 6-13th: Glenmore Lodge (66).
August 13-20th: Plas y Brenin (40).
August 20-27th: Glenmore Lodge (66).
August 26-28th: Ollerton (10).
August 27 - September 3rd: Plas y Brenin (40).
September 3-10th: Glenmore Lodge (under 17 years) (66).
September 3-10th: Plas y Brenin (40).
September 16-18th: Ollerton (10).
September 24-25th: Derby (11).
October 8-9th: Bowles O.P. Centre (45).
October 8-15th: Glenmore Lodge (66).
October 17-21st: Caldercruix (63).
October 22-23rd: Nottingham (10).
Jan-March Saturdays
May-Sept. Mondays & Wednesdays Nottingham (3).
Oct-Dec. Saturdays

Introduction to Canadian Canoes.

June 25-26th: Bewdley (25).

Beginners — Sea.

April 16-23rd: Plas y Brenin (40).
April 23-30th: Plas y Brenin (40).
June 4-11th: Plas y Brenin (40).
June 11-18th: Plas y Brenin (40).
July 2-9th: Plas y Brenin (40).
June 25 - July 2nd: Glenmore Lodge R. Spey Descent (66).
August 13-20th: Plas y Brenin (40).
August 27-September 3rd: Plas y Brenin (40).
September 3-10th: Plas y Brenin (40).

Proficiency Courses — Inland.

July 30 - August 6th: Glenmore Lodge (66).
July 30 - August 6th: Glenmore Lodge R. Spey Descent (66).
March 25-29th: Caldercruix (63).
April 30 - May 1st: Cullen (74).
March 26-27th: Stone (Training) (26).
March 26th: Stratford-on-Avon (Testing) (27).
March & April — Thursday evenings: Carlisle (17).
April 2-3rd: Burwash Place, E. Sussex (56).
April 4-8th: Caldercruix (63).
April 9-15th: Bowles O.P. Centre (45).
April 10th: Great Haywood (Testing) (26).
April 15-17th: Ollerton (10).
April 16-17th: Biblins-on-Wye (51).
April 29 - May 1st: White Hall, Buxton (8).
April - October: Birmingham (Training) (28).
May 1st: Ironbridge (Testing) (33).
May 7-8th: Long Eaton (9).
May 13-15th: White Hall Buxton (8).
May 14-21st: Stoke-on-Trent (Training) (29).
May 21-22nd: Warwick (Testing) (21).
May 21-22nd: Warwick (Training) (21).
May 28 - June 3rd: Bowles O.P. Centre (45).
May 30 - June 3rd: Marlow (46).
May, June & September: Nottingham Kayak Club (3).

Wednesday evenings.

June 3-5th: Caldercruix (Training) (63).
June 4th: Bewdley (Testing) (28).
June 4-5th: Biblins-on-Wye (51).
June 4-11th: White Hall, Buxton & N. Wales (8).
June 12th: Long Eaton (Assessments) (9).
June 12th: Worcester (Testing) (31).
June 13-17th: Marlow (46).
June 23rd: Stirling (Testing) (67).
June 26th: Bewdley (Testing) (28).
June 25 - July 1st: Bowles O.P. Centre (45).
July 2nd: Shrewsbury (Testing) (24).
July 16th: Staunton-on-Wye (Testing) (20).
July 16-22nd: Bowles O.P. Centre (45).
July 25th: Arly (Testing) (28).
August 26-28th: Ollerton (10).
September 3rd: Ironbridge (Testing) (32).
September 9-11 & 23-25th: White Hall Buxton & N. Wales (8).
September 10-11th: Edinburgh (43).
September 10-11th: Edinburgh (65).
September 16-18th: Ollerton (10).
September 24-30th: Bowles O.P. Centre (45).
October 2nd: Great Haywood (Testing) (26).
October 17-21st: Caldercruix (Training) (63).
October 26-28th: Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham (10).
October 28-30th: Caldercruix (Training) (63).
October 29th: Ludlow (Testing) (28).

Proficiency Courses — Sea.

April 9-15th: Bowles O.P. Centre (45).
April 17th: N. Wales (Testing) (48).
May 1st: Weymouth (14).
May 15-16th: Calshot Spit (37).
May 21-22nd: Marlow (46).
May 21-22nd: Burwash Place, E. Sussex (Training) (56).
May 23-27th: Marlow (46).
May 28-29th: Marlow (46).
May 28-30th: Eyemouth (69).
May 28-30th: Grantshouse (38).
May 28 - June 3rd: Bowles O.P. Centre (45).
June 4-11th: White Hall, Buxton & N. Wales (8).
June 5-8th: St. David's (Training) (21).
June 8th: St. David's (Testing) (21).
June 18-19th: Fortrose (Testing) (72).
June 18-20th: Fortrose (39).
June 18-19th: Burwash Place, E. Sussex (56).
June 25-26th: Marlow (46).
June 25 - July 1st: Bowles O.P. Centre (45).
July 4 - 10th: Arrochar (Training) (73).
July 16-22nd: Bowles O.P. Centre (45).
August 1-5th: Burwash Place, E. Sussex (56).
August 2-30th: N. Wales (8).
September 9-11 & 23-25th: White Hall, Buxton & N. Wales (8).
September 10-11th: Edinburgh (65).
September 10-11th: Edinburgh (43).
September 17-18th: Calshot Spit (37).
September 17-18th: Marlow (46).
September 18-19th: Burwash Place, E. Sussex (Training) (56).
September 24-30th: Bowles O.P. Centre (45).
October 15-16th: Burwash Place, E. Sussex (56).
October 30th: Weymouth (14).

Advanced Training and Testing — Inland.

January 29-30th: R. Teme & R. Severn (Training) (35).
February 19th: Betws y Coed (49).
February 19-20th: Rhayader (Testing) (27).
February 19-20th: Rhayader (Training) (27).
March 18-20th: Plas y Brenin (40).
June 5th: R. Wye (Training) (41).
June 25 - July 2nd: Plas y Brenin (Training) (40).
July 9-16th: Plas y Brenin (Training) (40).
July 30 - August 6th: Plas y Brenin (Training) (40).
September 2-4th: Dunkeld (64).
September 10th: R. Wye (Training) (41).
September 10-17th: Plas y Brenin (Training) (40).
September 17-24th: Plas y Brenin (Training) (40).
October 1-3rd: Plas y Brenin (Training) (40).
October 8-9th: Upper Wye (Training) (41).
October 29-30th: Staunton-on-Wye (Testing) (20).
October 29-30th: Staunton-on-Wye (Training) (20).
October 29-30th: Marlow (46).
October or November: R. Wye or R. Usk (1).
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Advanced Training and Testing — Sea.

February 20th: West Cumbria (16).
April 1-3rd: Inverclyde (71).
April 23-24th: N. Wales (48).

April 29 - May 1st: Inverclyde (71).
May 28 - June 4th: Plas y Brenin (40).
June 5-8th: St David's (Training) (34).
June 18-19th: Calshot Spit (37).
June 25 - July 2nd: Plas y Brenin (Training) (40).
July 4-10th: Arrochar (Training) (73).
July 9-16th: Plas y Brenin (Training) (40).
July 16-17th: Anglesey (Testing) (24).
July 30 - August 6th: Plas y Brenin (Training) (40).
September 10-17th: Plas y Brenin (Training) (40).
September 17-18th: Anglesey (Testing) (24).
September 17-24th: Plas y Brenin (Training) (40).
October 1-8th: Plas y Brenin (Training) (40).
October 7-9th: Ullapool (Training) (39).
October 7-9th: Ullapool (72).
October 14-16th: Inverclyde (71).

Senior Instructor Training — Inland.

January 21-23rd: Oxford (50).
February 4-6th: Ashburton (47).
March 5-6th: Staunton-on-Wye (20).
March 5-6th: Plas y Brenin (48).
March 11-13th: Long Eaton (9).
March 11-13th: Henley-on-Thames (50).
March 20th: Carlisle (17).
March 25-27th: Norwich (57).
March 25-27th: Caldercruix (63).
April 1-3rd: Northampton (1).
April 1-3rd: Ipswich (53).
April 1-3rd: Dunkeld (64).
April 2-3rd: Rugby (21).
April 2-3rd: Birmingham (22).
April 15-17th: Ollerton (10).
April 15-17th: White Hall, Buxton (8).
April 18-22nd: Liverpool (61).
April 22-24th: Covenham (12).
April 22-24th: Marlow (46).
April 23-24th: Bowles O.P. Centre (45).
May 5, 12, 19, 26 & June 2, 9, 16, 23, Thursday evenings: Nottingham (3).
May 20-22nd: Edinburgh (43).
May 20-22nd: Edinburgh (65).
May 21-22nd: Leicester (2).
May 21-22nd: Ross-on-Wye.
May 28 - June 4th: Glenmore Lodge (66).
June 18-19th: Shrewsbury (24).
June 18-20th: Fortrose (39).
June 25-26th: Bewdley (25).
June 25-26th: N. Wales (48).
July 23-24th: Stone (26).
August 6-13th: Glenmore Lodge (66).
August 26-28th: Jedburgh (38).
September 2-4th: White Hall, Buxton (8).
September 2-4th: Dunkeld (64).
September 9-11th: Biblins-on-Wye (51).
September 17-18th: Bowles O.P. Centre (45).
September 17-24th: Glenmore Lodge (66).
September 23-25th: Callander (70).
September 24-25th: Stratford-on-Avon (27).
October 1-2nd: Ludlow (28).
October 1-2nd: Leicester (2).
October 7-9th: Northampton (1).
October 7-9th: Marlow (46).
October 8-9th: Stoke-on-Trent (29).
October 28-30th: Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham (10).
November 25-27th: Ashburton (62).
October 28-30th: Caldercruix (Training) (63).

Senior Instructor Assessment — Inland.

February 4-6th: Ashburton (47).
March 4-6th: Plas y Brenin (40).
March 5-6th: Staunton-on-Wye (20).
March 11-13th: Long Eaton (9).
March 25-27th: Norwich (57).
March 25-27th: Caldercruix (63).
April 1-3rd: Northampton (1).
April 1-3rd: Ipswich (53).
April 1-3rd: Dunkeld (64).
April 2-3rd: Birmingham (30).
April 15-17th: Ollerton (10).
April 22-24th: Marlow (46).
April 23-24th: Bowles O.P. Centre (45).
April 30 - May 1st: Leicester (2).
May 5, 12, 19, 26 & June 2, 9, 16, 23, Thursday evenings: Nottingham (3).
May 14-15th: Bewdley (25).
May 20-22nd: Edinburgh (43).
May 20-22nd: Edinburgh (65).
May 21-22nd: Ross-on-Wye (23).
May 28-30th: Grantshouse (38).
June 3-5th: Caldercruix (Training) (63).
June 18-19th: Shrewsbury (24).
June 18-20th: Fortrose (39).
July 22-24th: Arrochar (68).
June 25-26th: N. Wales (43).

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July 2-3rd: Worcester (31).
July 23-24th: Stone (26).
August 26-28th: Jedburgh (38).
August 26-28th: Jedburgh (69).
September 2-4th: White Hall, Buxton (8).
September 2-4th: Dunkeld (64).
September 17-18th: Bowles O.P. Centre (45).
September 23-25th: Callander (10).
September 24-25th: Stratford-on-Avon (27).
October 1-2nd: Ludlow (28).
October 7-9th: Northampton (1).
October 7-9th: Marlow (46).
October 8-9th: Leicester (2).
October 8-9th: Stoke-on-Trent (29).
October 28-30th: Ollerton (10).
November 25-27th: Ashburton (62).
October 28-30th: Caldercruix (Training) (63).

Senior Instructor Training — Sea.

April 23-24th: Bowles O.P. Centre (45).
April 29-May 1st: Weymouth (14).
May 7-8th: Calshot Spit (37).
May 28-29th: N. Wales (48).
May 27-29th: Cowes (54).
May 28-30th: Eyemouth (69).
June 3-5th: Penzance (44).
June 18-19th: Fortrose (Testing) (72).
September 17-18th: Calshot Spit (37).
September 17-18th: Bowles O.P. Centre (45).
October 14-16th: Inverclyde (71).
October 15-16th: Calshot Spit (37).
October 28-30th: Weymouth (14).

Senior Instructor Assessment — Sea.

February 18-20th: Plas y Brenin (40).
April 23-24th: Bowles O.P. Centre (45).
May 7-8th: Calshot Spit (37).
May 28-29th: N. Wales (48).
June 3-5th: Penzance (44).
June 18-19th: Fortrose (72).
July 22-24th: Arrochar (68).
September 17-18th: Bowles O.P. Centre (45).
October 7-9th: Ullapool (39).
October 7-9th: Ullapool (72).
October 15-16th: Calshot Spit (37).

Coach Training — Inland.

February 5-6th: Rhayader (32).
March 26-27th: Plas y Brenin (48).
April 1-3rd: Dunkeld (64).
September 24-25th: N. Wales (48).

Coach Assessment — Inland.

October 29-30th: Staunton-on-Wye (20).
March 26-27th: Plas y Brenin (48).
April 1-3rd: Dunkeld (64).
September 2-4th: Dunkeld (66).

Coach Training — Sea.

April 29-May 1st: Inverclyde (71).
May 7-8th: Calshot Spit (37).
May 28-June 4th: Plas y Brenin (40).
September 5-10th: Newgate, Dyfed (18).
September 24-25th: N. Wales (48).
October 15-16th: Calshot Spit (37).

Coach Assessment — Sea.

May 28 - June 4th: Plas y Brenin (40).
September 5-10th: Newgate, Dyfed (18).

Competition Coaches.

March 12-13th: Holme Pierrepont N.W.S.C. (Symposium for both Racing and Wild Water) (55).

Competition Coach (Racing)

March 12-13th: Holme Pierrepont N.W.S.C. (Training and Assessment) (55).
October 29-30th: Holme Pierrepont N.W.S.C. (Training) (55).

Corps of Canoe Lifeguards.

April 30-May 1st: Thames Young Mariners, Ham, Richmond, Surrey (19).
October 22-23rd: Thames Young Mariners, Ham, Richmond, Surrey (19).

Regional Training Squads — Racing

January 28-30th: Nottingham (13).
January 28-30th: Richmond (49).
February 25-27th: Nottingham (13).
February 25-27th: Richmond (49).
March 12-13th: Nottingham (13).
October 28-30th: Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham (10).

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July 9th: Gaily (36).

Regional Training — Slalom

February 5th: Slalom Course Setting, Betws y Coed (48).
April 2-3rd: Bristol (Basic Training) (42).

Miscellaneous Rolling

January 20 & for 10 Thursdays
January-May Mondays, Buxton (7).
January-May, Tuesdays, Fulham (15).
January-March, Sunday mornings, Bristol (41).

B.C.U. Life Saving.

June 5th: St David's (Testing) (32).

Canadian Beginners.

July 30 - August 6th: Glenmore Lodge (66).

Advanced Canadian.

March 11-13th: Plas y Brenin (40).
October 28-30th: Glenmore Lodge (66).

Surfing.

April 30 - May 1st: Cullen (74).
May 28-29th: Bowles O.P. Centre (45).
June 25-26th: Rhossilli (41).
July 9-10th: Bowles O.P. Centre (45).
September 24-25th: Bowles O.P. Centre (45).

Expedition Courses.

May 28 - June 4th: Glenmore Lodge (Wild Water) (66).
June 6-13th: Glenmore Lodge (R. Spey Descent) (66).
June 25 - July 2nd: Glenmore Lodge (R. Spey Descent) (66).
July 16-23rd: Glenmore Lodge (Wild Water) (66).
July 17-22nd: West Coast (Sea) (66).
July 30 - August 6th: Glenmore Lodge R. Spey Descent (66).
September 28 - October 5th: Glenmore Lodge (Wild Water) (66).
October 8-15th: Glenmore Lodge (Wild Water) (66).
October 23-28th: Glenmore Lodge (Wild Water) (66).
October 28-30th: Glenmore Lodge (Wild Water) (66).

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