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View from a canoe.

EDITORIAL

*"What am I, life? A thing of watery salt
Held in cohesion by unresting cells,
Which work they know not why, which
never halt,
Myself unwitting where their Master dwells"*

Sonnet 14

The BCU is our life — with the unresting segments each working, at this moment in time, flat out, but I have said before that cohesion, or cohesiveness, is a much felt want. The "unresting cells" have to be welded into a strong, non-suspicious, generous, philanthropic whole.

From where I sit I marvel at the never halting enthusiasm of so many voluntary helpers — it would be wonderful to see 1978 as the year when each separate activity, each separate discipline within our corporate whole, really understood the aspirations of their fellow canoeists, on different "stretches of water".

After having dinner with Dennis Howell, the Minister for Sport, David Wain, President of the B.C.U. said: "The whole navigational aspect is important when thinking in terms of the recreational use of canals and waters." He went on to say that the Minister indicated that the Government wishes to take another look at the 1968 Act which protected and gave charters to the canals. David Wain expressed his concern that the Government should give priority to another look at the act now, and that great care should be taken when drafting new legislation.

Elsewhere in this issue is a statement on access which call for careful reading. It is only by fully understanding the administrative and political facets of sport, particularly our own, that each canoeist can make his own real contribution to the growth of canoeing.

Start with a quote, finish . . .

*My Lord, adjudge my strength, and set me
where
I bear a little more than I can bear! Ibid.*

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DEATH ON THE WATER

by OLIVER COCK

Certain fatal accidents to canoeists were reported in the May/June issue of 'Canoe Focus'. There have been eleven such accidents in 1977.

Of the eleven, no less than five occurred in the serious floods last February. It is some years since the country has suffered floods of such severity. In these conditions water is much heavier. People unaccustomed to it are caught out by it, and the risk of severe accident is thereby greatly increased.

I would, however, like to mention two accidents, both at sea, which occurred during the summer months. While one was fatal, the other was a "near miss", too near to be disregarded.

In the "near miss" a group of paddlers, led by a highly qualified canoeist, paddled across an estuary and back, a total distance of about 12 miles. The party was of mixed ability, and not everybody knew the others. The journey out was achieved reasonably successfully; but the return journey, against a fresh breeze (force 5), found two of the less experienced lagging. One of these two had holed his canoe and this began to fill rapidly. They tried to do a deep water rescue, but the foundering canoe put a hole into the others. They tied up to a buoy but the line broke. They duly put up a distress flare and were soon picked up by a lifeboat. The lifeboat radio'd the coastguard to arrange for the rest of the party (already arrived ashore) to come to the lifeboat station to pick their friends up, which they did.

The other incident, the fatal one, occurred in more open waters, from a camp for schoolboys run privately. The camp had had a qualified Senior Instructor but he had left a few days earlier, taking with him his own distress flares. Although other waterborne activities were carried out from the camp, it had no flares of its own. Before the S.I. left he was asked whether he thought his assistant (not qualified in any way) could carry on. He said yes, so long as he stayed within the local bay.

On the day concerned the weather forecast was taken by somebody running up a local hill and having a look. On this occasion the assistant judged the speed of the wind by how it felt passing his ears. He reported back that it would be alright for all activities, canoeing, hill walking and sailing to take place. There was a gale warning, but the camp had not discovered this. The assistant decided that things were good enough for him to take his party of 13-14 year old beginners round the local headland, where there is in fact a small tidal race. When they set off one of the boys went ahead whilst the rest appear to have stayed reasonably well together. They arrived at the headland as the gale was springing up - wind against tide. It was not long before the boys began to capsize. The assistant carried out a number of deep water rescues, then realised that things were getting beyond his control and instructed the party to raft up while he and one other boy, presumably one of the stronger paddlers, went for help. On landing he hitched a lift to the nearest telephone he could find, and the rescue operation began. All through the operation so far, although a watch had been kept, there was no sight of the boy who went on ahead. About three to four hours later his

body was found, separated from his canoe, in his buoyancy aid, lying face downwards. Had he had a proper life-saving jacket and been properly drilled in how to use it, there is a remote chance, even after that long time in the water, that his life might have been saved.

The coroner, in his verdict, said that no blame could be laid at the door of the organisers of the camp.

If accidents like these two were not so appallingly serious, I would be inclined to offer a prize to the reader who could spot the most number of errors. Although even experts can make mistakes occasionally, they are less likely to than the unqualified and ignorant. It is sad to relate that a number of people have been found recently who claim to have qualifications when they haven't. It is these people who are most likely to lead our young people into situations of real danger.

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DAVID AND BUSBY.!

Canoeist and Post Office employee, David Hellowell was made 'Happy with a 'phone call' when he heard that the Post Office is to help him join a 300 mile Kayak expedition in the Aleutian Islands next year.

David was a member of the British canoe team who made the first and only crossing of the North Sea by canoe in 1976.

The expedition will be led by Derek Hutchinson a South Shields school teacher and canoe designer. Other members of the four man team are - David Raeburn an engineer from Rowlands Gill and Phillip Walton a computer controller from Stocksfield.

He has now been told that the Post Office will give him some financial support towards the venture and arrange his holidays to enable him to take time off for the trip.

The four, all from the North East, will leave for Alaska early next June and return in July.

Paddling glass fibre eskimo type kayaks - manufactured in South Shields - the party plans to set out from Nikolski in the Western tip of Umnak in the Aleutian Islands and paddle along the southern coast of Umnak Island. Passing through Umnak they will follow the rocky and indented coastline of Unalaska arriving eventually at Dutch Harbour in the Unalaska Bay.

The islands lie in the path of the main polar air stream and winds can gust up to 100 mph.

The expedition will also commemorate Captain Cook's visit to the Aleutian Islands exactly 200 years ago.

Various scientific and wildlife investigations will be carried out by the expedition during their journey.

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The groups will be divided as follows: the first consisting of sponsored paddlers paddling purely for pleasure with the incentive of a new canoe as a prize for the paddler who raises and deposits the largest sum through their sponsorship.

The second is especially designed for sponsored school groups paddling for pleasure with a presentation to the school group raising and depositing the largest sum through their sponsorship. The presentation item will be duly inscribed for permanent display at the school. A group shall consist of not less than four and not more than eight paddlers.

And the third is the David Marshall Memorial Trophy - a race for the competitive paddler with the trophy as 1st prize (to be held for one year) and prizes for the runners-up. This event will be a ranking event counting for the Scottish L.D. points system. Entrants for this event must have a sponsor form.

Groups 1 and 2 will start between 10 a.m. and noon and rescue boats will be in position at Stanley Weir and Thistle Bridge.

Group 3 will start at 1 p.m.

All paddlers must have a life jacket/Harishok, spray deck and helmet, and travel in groups of not less than three.

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We are delighted to report that the board have decided to continue the exemption from the payment of dues.

Thanks are due, therefore, to the board for their commonsense interpretation of rules.

FREELANCE

Starting this year as a freelance instructor in Outdoor Activities, after working in Outdoor Centres for 15 years; Dave T. Burswall a B.C.U. Coach, will be specialising in canoeing tuition for all standards from the first timer to the person wishing to be coached at an advanced level on white water or sea. My area of operation for canoeing will be Pembroke to N. Wales, but other areas can be considered. I am also offering sailing (R.Y.A. Instructor) and Mountaineering (Mountain Instructor's Cert.), so bring your family to N. Wales and have a family day sailing, rock climbing or canoeing and then do something harder for another day. Any length of bookings are accepted, and all days are organised to your particular requirements.

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A new sponsorship has just been announced by Audio and Design (Reading) Ltd. who have agreed to sponsor Lucy Perrett (aged 17), of Leighton Park School and Reading and Leighton Park School C.C. for the coming year.

Lucy (pictured left) was first selected for Great Britain in 1974, when she was 14, and over the past four years has competed all over Europe as a pre-junior, junior and now as a senior. In 1976 she was placed on the final list for the Olympic Games, but narrowly missed selection. Last year she was placed 1st in Ladies K1 at the Marathon Race in Amsterdam, and was selected for the Junior European Championships in Vichy, where she reached 8th in Ladies K1 final. She was also selected for the Senior World Championships in Sophia, Bulgaria, and received the David Shanklan Trophy for the highest number of marathon race wins.



Lucy Perrett receives sponsored canoe.

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SUCCESS...!!!

by Kevin Dennis

Over the Christmas period, four of Britain's top sea canoeists were involved in a hazardous 250 mile journey around the tip of South America's Cape Horn. The British expedition, led by Frank Goodman, Director of the Nottingham Valley Canoe Products Ltd., was the first British canoe team ever to tackle this journey through some of the most inhospitable waters of the Southern Ocean.

The four man team also included Jim Hargreaves, canoeing department head at Plas Y Brenin Mountaineering Centre in North Wales; Nigel Matthews, lecturer in outdoor pursuits in Leicester; and Barry Smith, also a lecturer in outdoor pursuits in Edinburgh.

The team left Britain at the end of November 1977. They flew to Punta Anenas on the Magellan Straits, and from there, they moved on to Puerto Williams on the Beagle Channel, the most southerly permanent community in the world.

At Puerto Williams, force 9 gales prevented them from taking to the water immediately. Whilst they waited for calmer conditions the Chilean Navy Patrol took them out in order to survey their prospected objective.

On December 11th 1977 they set off from Puerto Williams, intending to round Cape Horn on Christmas Day. Expecting gales for at least 30 per cent of the time, together with tide races and overfalls, they reached the Cape Horn on December 22, and completed the 15 miles around the Horn in less than five hours.

Their expedition involved keeping within close reach of the shoreline, in order that the team could put in to sleep at regular intervals. A very careful planning operation ensured that natural landing places were found amongst the uninhabited islands, and cliff-lined channels.

In addition to the dangerous weather conditions, penguins, dolphins and several whales took an unnerving interest in the canoes, and at one point a Marine had to fire a shot to scare away a whale, whose interest was too great for comfort.

The expedition was another British 'first' during the Silver Jubilee year, which has focused attention on British achievements in every field of endeavour.



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SURREY CHALLENGE

Yet another prospering canoe club is that of the University of Surrey. As many as twenty students, led by club chairman Ray Cox, regularly tackle the raging torrents of St Catherine's Weir on the River Wey.

The club has been in existence for several years and it has recently taken on a new lease of life under the more professional guidance of the University of Surrey's Outdoor Pursuits Leader, Matthew Brown.

The most demanding adventure so far undertaken by the club was their safari to the Universities and Colleges Wild Water Championships which took place recently at Liangollen.

With no previous wild water experience behind them and only able to obtain slalom boats to paddle, the nine-strong team did not hold high expectations — there was little hope of medals or trophies being taken home.

Undaunted, they returned to Surrey to prepare themselves for the next sortie. The club chairman, Ray Cox, said "it was useful experience and we all gained a lot from it."



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CANADIAN CANOEING

At this time last year I outlined the aims of the Canadian Canoe Association of Great Britain in 'Canoe Focus', and this resulted in letters dropping through my letter box at a greatly increased rate!

I said then, and I say again, Canadian canoeing is growing quite rapidly in popularity, but as our members are so widely scattered, it is difficult to get people together to join in organised activities.

What we would like to see, is two or three people getting together to form active groups, and those who would like to make contact with another member in his area are encouraged to write to me.

The majority of our members at present are mainly interested in touring and camping, and this is the theme of the 1978 International Canoe Exhibition at Crystal Palace in February, but we should be interested to hear from individuals or groups who prefer the competitive side of Canadian canoeing.

Why not visit our stand at Crystal Palace this year, and find out more about our Association? I can assure you of a warm welcome, and we can learn where your interests lie.

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting at Crystal Palace during the exhibition, by courtesy of the organisers, details will be displayed on our Stand.

For those of you who have never wielded the single paddle, then all I can say is that you have missed out! Whether it's touring, cruising a quiet backwater, slalom



or racing, it is something quite different . . . you should try it sometime!

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You must be mad
Why do you do it,
The weather is not brilliant,
Cold, wet, miserable,
I'm sure you're going to rue it.

Training, training, all year round
On the water on the ground,
Running, lifting weights,
"Does you good", he says.
'No such word as can't. Age?
What has that to do with it
It's all in the mind,
Just try it."

Miles and miles of paddling
Getting nowhere at all,
Trying harder and harder to succeed
Of this you are bound.

Winter series approaches
Begin to meet up with others,
All with one thought in mind
Do I stand a chance of winning?
Is it worth my while?
Aching body, aching mind,
Clothes wet, sore behind.

Hands and feet are numb
Back-up crew's got lost,
Is it really worth it?
Don't try to count the cost.

Young ones, old un's
Those in between ones
All cast in the same mould.
Driven by the one sport
That draws people of all classes
And nations and ages together,
In a fellowship of man.

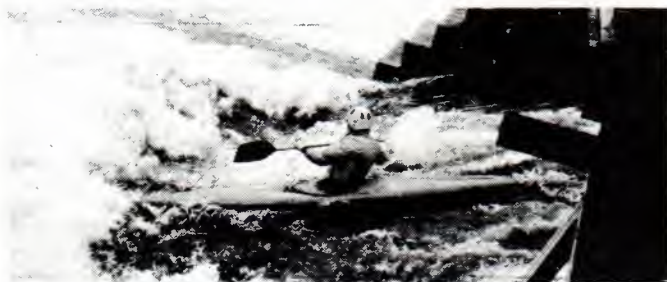
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WATER SAFETY- Home Office Reports

The issue of the report on water safety after the five years of hard work that has been put into its production is welcomed, and on the whole its recommendations are to be greeted whole-heartedly.

The suggestions put forward in chapter ten, on accident prevention and rescue measures are indeed excellent, and it is also pleasant to note the recommendations in chapter 11, on Publicity, particularly with paragraph 230 (d) wherein it is recommended that when a voluntary body undertakes water safety publicity or education, that body should be supported by a subsidy from government funds.

The working party is of the very definite opinion that a water safety council should be created, and the British Canoe Union Corps of Canoe Life Guards supports this strongly. It is to be questioned whether it is wise to leave the council in the hands of the Home Office, who took two years to get the working party off the ground, despite RoSP's original proposal having the word "urgent" attached. The Sports Council could well be the better body, a thought that also struck the working party in paragraph 50.

However, this national water safety council is to disseminate information but how on earth is it to gather this information in, when it flatly rejects the idea of a national life saving centre? Would not such a centre be the very place for this; There is already a National Coastal Rescue Training Centre and, although it might be decided that the role of this centre is too narrow, it would appear that something of this nature is highly desirable.

The working party itself used its services, in that the scientific advisory branch

arranged a study on the colour and size of buoys at the NCRTC, and duly reported back. And yet the working party says that such an establishment would not be of value!

The contention of the working party is that it would be too expensive to run, and that it would be too expensive to get to and that the voluntary bodies themselves run training courses anyway. They also say that authorities would not use it (Paragraph 125). The interesting thing about this is that there are already a National Mountaineering Centre, a National Sailing Centre and a National Water Sports Centre; but as for a National Life Saving Centre — apparently never!

These other centres in themselves belie the contentions of the working party. They are expensive to run, but the government fully appreciates their value and supports them from government funds through the Sports Council. People come to them from all over the United Kingdom, and the voluntary bodies do use them for their training courses. One of the major difficulties confronting the voluntary bodies is the maintenance of correct standards.

Left to themselves in their various parts of the country, with the very best of intentions, the officers operating their schemes begin to vary in their standards. I have seen this happening in one of the most eminent of our life saving organisations. The voluntary bodies that use the centres to which I have already referred find that they bring an equality of standards into their various tests and awards, merely by arranging meetings and courses for their officers working in the field.

The NCRTC also belies the working party's contentions that I have already mentioned in that various Authorities, the R.N.L.I., HM Coastguards and the police all use it. Certainly the B.C.U. C.o.C.L. uses it, and it is known that other life saving organisations do, too. Stationed in Wales, which, it must be admitted, may not be the very best position for it, never-the-less the standard of lifesaving in Wales has kept up to be one of the highest in the island — and yet such a centre is of no use? In such a centre new ideas can be tried out, new equipment tested and evaluated, and the Water Safety Council can disseminate the information so gained to the content of its own heart, and that of everybody else as well.

The various voluntary bodies can study each other's methods and learn from them, thus eliminating some of the work of the Beach Rescue Advisory Committee, who have so far been doing their best to fulfill this role and who will be delighted to find themselves becoming redundant.

There is one other point that should be mentioned. This refers to Tables 6, 7 and 8 in Appendix H of the report. These tables mentioned "boating" in the round; boating for transport; boating for pleasure and boating for fishing. (There seems to be a pretty differentiation there!) It appears to be a pity that the differentiation was not made in, shall we say, dinghy sailing, rowing and canoeing.

Which of these three sports is it that is the most dangerous? At which ought the Water Safety Council to aim its work? It would be silly to aim hard at the sport which has the best record and perhaps not to aim powerfully enough at that section of the community which is proving to be the most likely to run into serious trouble.



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Gulliver's Travels

The tiny village of Burwash in East Sussex might not seem like one of the Meccas for serious white water canoeists but each year Ken Gulliver, the warden of the centre there, organises an expedition to some of the more interesting rivers of Europe.

This year the group was comprised of people who had already passed the BCU proficiency test and were looking for something more challenging than the Medway or the Rother. Little did they know what lay ahead. By the end of the expedition most of the group had shot several grade four rapids and three of them had paddled the grade five section of the Guisane which falls over a 100 feet per mile. A post-proficiency course with a difference!

The beautiful gorge section of the Ardeche was the first stretch of river to be paddled. This gave the group a chance to recover from the long journey and also an opportunity to practice rolling and basic white water techniques ready for the more difficult rivers of the Alps. (Chris Childs had, by now, taken an unassailable lead in the swims league).

The Ardeche Gorge is some 600 feet deep in places and the scenery is truly magnificent all the way from Vallon Pont d'Arc to St. Martin, a distance of approximately 24 miles. The huge limestone cliffs are honeycombed with caves and the rapids, though never above grade two, are frequent and interesting.

The river also passes through one of the largest nudist colonies in France, but beware, some of 'les vieilles francaises' are not a pretty sight.

We camped at the PGL site at Le Mas de Serret and took full advantage of the discos and cheap wine there. All PGL staff and their guests pay homage to the discoverer of the source of the Ardeche, one Harry Willis. Whenever his name is called out they are obliged to jump into the nearest water or to pour the nearest liquid over their heads. On one of these occasions Nick Marshall found himself holding a bowl full of the remnants of breakfast, a horrible congealed mass, however he did the honourable thing and everybody avoided him for the rest of the day.

by **CHRIS WILLS**

We spent longer than planned on the Ardeche because of trouble with our minibus so everyone was relieved and excited when we finally arrived in the Alps and set up camp at La Clapiere, just outside Embrun. This is an excellent camp site from the canoeists' point of view being situated on the banks of River Durance.

The stretch from Rabioux rapids (near Chateauroux) down to the site is 12 km of continuous grade 3/4. This is an excellent way to finish the day's canoeing when travelling back from further up river and we did it four times altogether, once in 45 minutes which gives an idea of the speed of the current.

We paddled the Durance from Briancon to Prelles and from L'Argentiere to Embrun, 45 km of fast, continuous, heavy water, the biggest rapids being found just above Prelles and at Ravioux.

Between Prelles and L'Argentiere the river flows through a huge gorge with a fall of approximately 150 feet per mile. I wondered why this section did not appear in the French guide until I saw it and I would be interested to hear from anyone who has further information.

The River Guisane provided the most technically difficult canoeing of the trip. The river was narrow and there was a danger from overhanging trees, but the first section from Les Guibertes to Chantemerle (it has been started higher up) was a fairly easy grade 2/3. However it was on this stretch that we managed our only written-off boat.

One of the group was performing a particularly heroic rescue of the capsized Liz, when the nose of his boat caught in between two wooden posts and the force of the current folded the whole thing in half. After a quick swap we then continued down to Pont Carle, where it appeared from the map that there was a barrage.

After Pont Carle the gradient gradually steepens and in places the river just disappears amongst a mass of huge boulders. There is no single fall bigger than three to four feet (excluding one of the three weirs) but no sooner have you shot one than you are over the next and so on for 5 km.

Breakouts are hard to find and will only hold one boat at a time so you are really on your own. However don't let this description put you off, the Guisane is an excellent river providing that you are properly prepared and realise what to expect. It certainly provided a memorable climax to the expedition.



Trent Slalom

On the upper reaches of the Trent at Walton Bridge, near Stone, Staffs, the Severn - Trent Water Authority has recently completed a dredging, bridge improvement and bank protection scheme. As a result of the works, an excellent slalom course and training area for canoeists has been created.

A visit to the site was made during the annual inspection and study tour of the Regional Land Drainage Committee, which is chaired by Mr. Geoffrey Hart, a member of WSAC's Working Party on Land Drainage and Conservation.

£3000 FINE!!

Just before the EEC's well paid 7,000 administration staff at the Commission in Brussels departed for their 16 days Christmas leave, they despatched a demand for the names of every participant in each of the 26 leading sports against a threat of a fine of £3,000 for secretaries failing to comply.

Howls of anguish were heard from the Amateur Athletics Association with its 20,000 members and the ABA with 16,000 but who speaks for Britain's three million anglers?

So far the bureaucrats' only answer has been a strong complaint from the CCPR to Denis Howell, the Minister for sport.

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INSURANCE AND THE B.C.U.

In these inflationary times, it is surprising to find any form of service whose cost has not risen, but it is in fact 8 years since the premiums for canoe insurance under the BCU scheme were last increased.

However, Underwriters have recently taken a good look at the scheme, and, due mainly to the ever-narrowing gap between premiums received and claims paid, feel the time has come for a complete revision of the cover, including the inevitable increase in premium.

From the 1st January 1978, therefore, the premiums will be as follows

Canoe and gear up to	£50	Basic Premium	£2.50
" " "	£51 - £75	" "	£2.80
" " "	£76 - £100	" "	£3.10
" " "	£101 - £125	" "	£3.40
" " "	£126 - £150	" "	£3.70

and so, on, in multiples of 30 pence for each additional £25 Sum Insured. The premiums for whitewater, slalom and surfing use will again be treble the basic rates above.

The additional premium for use outside UK/NI will be £2.50 per canoe per annum.

However, the discount where 3 or more canoes are insured by one individual or club is being raised to 15%, and the free Third Party cover to £50,000.

On the claims side, the same terms apply as before, except that the 66.2/3% limit for canoes written off in whitewater etc. or competition, now applies also to paddles similarly written off.

All BCU members with insurances currently in force will be reminded of the new terms when their insurance becomes due for renewal.

Please note the new address:

BCU Insurances,
33 Somerset Road,
Histon,
Cambridge, CB4 4JS.
Tel: Histon (022-023) 2781.

A stamped addressed envelope to this address will secure you a proposal form by return.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

PLEASE NOTE THAT RENEWALS ARE NOW OVER 3 MONTHS OVERDUE. A RENEWAL FORM IS ENCLOSED FOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT YET RENEWED. NO FURTHER COPIES OF CANOE FOCUS WILL BE SENT UNTIL YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS RENEWED. IF YOU AT PRESENT PAY BY STANDING ORDER, PLEASE CANCEL AS IT IS OUT OF DATE WITH PRESENT RATES. YOU WILL BE CONTACTED WITH REGARD TO UNDER PAYMENT THIS YEAR.

NEWS SMALLS

BCU President, David Wain has congratulated Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council on its decision to restore for leisure use the western end of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal.

"I am delighted that this forward looking council has given the lead in preparing for joint local authority schemes for environmental improvements on Merseyside's Canal," he said, "Undoubtedly this will be welcomed by the British Waterways Board in their efforts to make the canal a valuable amenity to all the communities along its 142 mile route."

The section to be improved by Sefton Council is a "remainder" under the 1968 act where the Waterways board is under no further obligation to maintain it than in the most economical manner possible consistent with the requirements of public health and the preservation of amenity and safety.

Yorkshire and Humberside Regional Training Days for racing are being arranged at Lincoln Canoe Club, Brayford Pool South Bank. Training on water and in the gymnasium is supervised by Laurence Oliver BCU Regional racing coach and is being run on January 21, February 18 and March 11. Anyone interested should contact Mr. Oliver at 35 Elm Avenue, Lincoln.

Brussels bureaucracy could technically render the officials of the BCU liable to a fine of £3,000 for failing to supply a list of the names and locations of every single participant in the sport within 21 days. This mammoth file was requested by the Directorate for Restrictive Practices, Abuse of Dominant Positions office which is worried lest the new Post Office View Data television newspaper should somehow gain a monopoly of sport information.

The new information system starts next summer and, following unspecified allegations that this could lead to an unfair situation, big brother has stepped in to prevent someone's gaining a sports monopoly.

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ACCESS - Statement

The BCU Council decided on November 26, 1977 to publish in Canoe Focus a statement on the basis for pursuing access policy in England and Wales in the next few years. At that meeting the Council discussed a report on the subject from the Touring/Access Committee which at a series of meetings in 1977 re-examined the policy followed in the last few years.

The Council is aware of the frustration felt by many canoeist, which has been reflected in letters to Canoe Focus, and realises that eventually legislation may be the only way of establishing an equitable basis for negotiating agreements to share scarce water recreational resources. In the meantime the Union's policy must be realistic and make the best of the present legal situation.

The Regional Water Authorities and the Welsh National Water Development Authority are busily drawing up their policies on the recreational use of water in their areas, and National Park Authorities and Local Planning Authorities are drawing up "strategic plans" relating to the application of planning powers which can also affect water recreation. In all of them landowing and fishery interests are strongly represented. They all expect the BCU as the governing body for canoeing to produce regional and local representatives able to speak authoritatively, consistently and responsibly on behalf of canoeing needs and problems, and often to serve on committees and working parties. Off-the-cuff opinions of individual canoeist are not adequate. In the absence of suitable canoeing spokesmen and a co-ordinated national policy there is a real danger that these authorities will adopt policies that will prove detrimental to canoeing.

The importance of adequate BCU representation at regional and local level cannot be over emphasised. It means voluntary effort by many who would prefer to spend more time actually canoeing and less in talking about it. But only the regions and local clubs can do it. Centrally the BCU has not the staff to undertake it.

Policy must start from the fact that there is no common law right in England and Wales enabling canoeists as members of the public to use private rivers. Each year canoeing on these, by relying on tolerance or lack of challenge by riparians and owners of fishing rights, is getting less. Soon there will be only public rivers available.

The BCU would be ill advised to adopt a negative access policy, relying on the continuing availability of more extensive canoeing facilities that have in the past been enjoyed through tolerance or lack of challenge, or adopt a militant policy of encouraging organised trespass, but should continue to pursue access agreements, even where limited in scope by time-tabling.

General basis of access agreements

1. Where permission is asked, landowners, angling interests, local government councils and water authorities increasingly want to limit it to members of the BCU as the national governing body, and expect evidence of the BCU's ability to identify and control its membership. Local, regional and national access agreements should all be

pursued, and should specify who is to benefit from them.

2. An access agreement may provide for BCU numbers to be displayed on canoes when canoeing private rivers as a means of identification.

Regional negotiating groups

3. The development of BCU regional negotiating groups should be given the utmost priority because access negotiations for particular rivers cannot be handled centrally, and local contacts and liaison are essential factors in negotiation.

Responsibility for access agreements

4. Responsibility for negotiating different kinds of access agreement should normally be taken as follows:-

4.1. Agreements for competitive events, racing and slalom practice stretches, sections of river regularly used for instruction and assessment, should be handled by the club, organising committee or benefiting educational institution or instructional centre.

4.2. Agreements for simple passage along the river for recreational canoeing (cruising), including incidental instruction and assessment and for adventure award journeys etc. should be handled by the BCU regional groups (in Wales by the Welsh Canoeing Association) and agreements should be for the benefit of all BCU members and subject to limitations, if need be, to avoid over-use at peak times.

4.3. Neither of the above types of agreement on any particular river should be drawn up or operated to the detriment of the other.

4.4. Whether payment in relation to an agreement is appropriate depends on the circumstances in each case.

5. The BCU cannot undertake to pay any part of members' legal expenses in defending trespass actions unless it is clearly for the general benefit of canoeing to do so.

Co-ordination

6. Regional access groups should find and brief responsible representatives able and willing to attend meetings with landowners, angling interests, Sports Council Regional Officials, regional committees and working parties, local government and education authorities, and regional Water Authorities, when recreational use of water space is being considered.

Regional access groups should establish an amicable relationship with clubs and other organisations, and should collect particulars of access agreements made by clubs and organisations, so building up a picture of the use of canoeing facilities in the region, in relation to total canoeing needs. They should promote the co-ordination of effort by clubs and organisations for the promotion of canoeing in the area.

Access Officers

7. Regional access groups should appoint a Regional Access Officer, and regional negotiators. They should also confirm or appoint "river advisers" (non-negotiating) in their region.

ROBSERVE BACK THREE STAR TESTS

Robserve Ltd., top flight manufacturers of international vending machines, are to sponsor and promote a new system of British Canoe Union three star tests on the physical skills and powers of the canoeist alone. Three tests have been given 'field' try-outs in Hampshire. They are to be presented to the canoeing world at the National Canoe Exhibition at the Crystal Palace on February 25/26.

The link between the existing test system and this new one is at the beginner's level, the present elementary test, which is to become the 'one star' test. Thereafter, the two star and the three star tests will run parallel to the proficiency tests, with the latter slightly below the existing proficiency test and cutting out entirely anything to do with towing.

Two further tests are in preparation, so that the five star test will be parallel to the existing advanced test but dealing only with the skills side of canoe sport.

The pre-launch trials have been encouragingly and well supported and comment indicates that the tests will fill a long awaited need.

Full information may be obtained at the National Canoe Exhibition, February 25 and 26.

Election Results

Following the elections through the forms distributed in the last issue of Canoe Focus, the following have been elected to the council of the British Canoe Union: A. Woods, P. Cheney, K. Lovell, Miss A. Ramage and R. W. Emes.

There should be a National Access Officer closely associated with the Access Committee, who should be the focal point for the Regional Access Officers, and able to give them assistance and support in negotiations.

Clubs should appoint a responsible club access officer, who should maintain relationships with the local Sport and Recreation Advisory Council at District Council level.

Access Committee

8. Regional representation should be introduced as soon as possible on the BCU National Access Committee.

WHO EXAMINES THE EXAMINERS

asks Bob Gray

Whilst one would hazard a guess that somewhere in the region of twenty per cent of the Union membership is either established members of the coaching scheme or assistant instructors, one sees very few guidelines, in the form of official publications, tailored towards those with instructional interests.

Despite the fact that the coaching scheme has its own newsletter there are many topics which I feel, quite strongly, ought to have a wider audience.

The topic I wish to raise will be considered by some to be more than somewhat controversial, possibly heresy — 'Who examines the examiners'?

Many, if not all, in the coaching scheme will be fully aware that there are many problems in examining, particularly with the senior instructor award.

One is very conscious of one's responsibilities when examining at senior instructor's level that these people, who perform more often than not in quiet water are, in such situations, at the flick of a pen from you, going to be sent out to take charge of young people. Quite often they will take charge of young people in situations that they have not had personal experience of before. Therefore it is incumbent upon the examiner to be fully aware of the candidate's background before agreeing that he should be allowed to pass and, again, I wonder whether an artificial examination, one off — in a set situation should be the criteria for making a person a senior instructor.

Anomalies exist, as I have witnessed in my travels from one end of the country to the other when witnessing the examination for senior instructors. There can be no doubt that standards vary and a candidate who will pass at one centre will fail at another'. This comment aside, I do not feel that too many weak people are getting through, rather do I feel it to be the reverse in that a lot of excellent potential instructors, capable of putting across basic techniques and generating a great interest in canoeing, are denied this chance because of their limitation in their own performance due, in the main, to their advance in years.

Let us bear clearly in mind that the performance part of a senior instructor examination is pitched clearly at proficiency level which is a very basic test of canoeing ability. An example of my theory, could be expressed by saying I do not feel that it is necessary for "a person to scull with one ear in the water" in order to pass a senior instructor examination. Similarly, I would be dogmatic enough to say that it is not necessary to have experience on grade 3 water, which I consider to be advanced level.

In some examining situations I have noted examiners, with all their acoutrements and their boards at the ready, examining in minute detail the contents of a candidate's first aid kit! It is my own strongly held opinion that the major criteria, the items of prime importance, are those which refer to the candidate's leadership ability, his general command ability and his ability to impart knowledge and enthuse.



To magnify my point I would quote a story that was recently told to me where a candidate for senior instructor was failed because he did not have a split paddle. My opinion is that I would have liked to have taught him, or indeed encouraged him, to be able to teach his lads how to canoe when they haven't got a split paddle. Is the art of the Canadian Canoe dying? Ironically, a few months later I had cause to examine this particular person myself and was highly impressed with his performance, his bearing and his aptitude for canoe instruction.

What is to be done? For too many years, in the coaching scheme, we have merely wended our way secure in our structure and unaware of the many weaknesses that have crept in. I want to make a strong point now for a total, objective reassessment of the whole of the examining structure of the British Canoe Union coaching scheme. At present we have people who stand on the bank; making ticks and crosses, making bad marks, making good marks — unfortunately, if the ticks are outweighed by the crosses or the good marks are outweighed by the bad marks the person fails, even though this sets out, and in many cases appears to be, an objective examination.

Having myself been an examiner of instructors for over ten years, and having resorted more often than not to the ticks and crosses system, I now come round more firmly to the view that I know a good instructor when I see one and that this is a subjective assessment based upon considerable experience which, in any book of instruction, makes it wholly objective.

In what ways can the system be improved, if the majority at this stage are still with me, in that the system needs improving? We could, for example, follow the system of the RYA where all the candidates for senior awards are examined by one person, and a further example, in the Surf Life Saving Association of Great Britain in which they have a panel of experts who carry out assessment at the highest level.

The system is not new and has been used many times, particularly in the services where quite often personnel have to attend specialist centres in order to be assessed by resident staff. Following on this, it would seem sensible to have a full-time canoe examination "set-up" within the structure of the BCU, but the restrictions of finance and, for that matter, suitably qualified personnel, almost rules that one out.

The sort of compromise I would like to see is the appointment of a panel of highly qualified, deeply experienced examiners, who have not lost touch with the realities of the instructional point, being set up to carry out a series of periodic examinations at recognised centres of testing.

In conclusion, there are two things that I personally abhor. Firstly, I deprecate the fact that a person can be examined one week and, subject to the agreement of his ACO, the next week set himself up as an examiner. Is this wise, is this safe? Secondly, I abhor the fact that a poor, potentially dangerous instructor can fail an examination one week and a week later, under a more benign examiner, achieve the certificate which enables him to practice his dubious art with impunity.

In conclusion, I would seek sympathy by saying that, albeit I have not scored my three score years and ten, I feel that I am getting older. I feel that throughout the last four or five years of my life I have beaten this particular drum. I feel that the thoughts which I so carefully laid out in a paper two years ago have not been fully discussed and in my coaching belly there are rumbles of discontent which call for action.

British Team Selection

Europa Cup events will be competed at Spindle May 27/28, Bala June 3/4 and Bourg St. Maurice 22/23 July. maximum number of entries is six per class.

Teams to compete in these events will be selected on

River Tryweryn March 11/12 organiser J. Handyside, 40 Parkside Cricklewood, London NW2.

Entry Fee £2.00 per head (Profit to Wild Water Team)

River Tryweryn March 18/19 organiser Mrs. Briggs, 106 Becketts Lane, Chester

Entry Fees as usual.

In all classes selection to the British Team for the Europa Cup Races will be:

The first two from each race will be automatically selected but the first two selected do not apply to the results of the second race. In the case of the Mens Kayaks a further two men will be selected by the election committee. In the case of Ladies, Mens C1 and C2 others may be selected depending upon a) paddlers reaching the required standard and b) there being finance available.

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Editors Postbag

Dear Sir,

I thought I must write to say how much I approve of and appreciate the Pen Portraits of Nominees for Council; I have been a member of other organisations, who hold office in London and yet ask members to vote for people unknown. Although I do not pretend such short details as given let us know the individuals concerned, it does help greatly. However, at the end of some 'portraits' the nominee has given indications of his or her aims and I feel that if all had given them, rather than just personal details, it would be of benefit to the majority of B.C.U. members.

Yours in Canoeing,
B. DIXON.

Dear Sir,

I have followed with interest the debate on access in your columns, having negotiated on access for the B.C.U. in North-East England for five years until I had to retire a year ago.

My point of view is blunt and basic — until the B.C.U. (or somebody) puts as much effort into access as sending a privileged few abroad to competitions of status (although these do have some importance) and until they take a more aggressive and positive stance on access, we will continually lose water, be laughed at by ramblers, climbers, orienteers etc. who have carved out a place for themselves by refusing to be compromised.

From my own personal experience, the anglers have us where they want, and they are terrified (note the word used) of us becoming organised on access, of actually forcing the issue in court, because they know already we will win overall, as public opinion is on our side. The group who forwarded money for an access fund are absolutely right. I and many other fairly inactive paddlers of past experience would make the effort in sponsored paddles etc. with such a goal in sight, whereas we might not bother for the Olympics or similar.

Absolutely finally — to answer the pessimists, I reckon that five High Court cases costing up to £50,000 each, would crack the problem — £1 a head for everyone who canoes each year in the U.K.?

Yours sincerely,
Eddie Palmer.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of 19th September 1977. I resigned from the B.C.U. in 1976, over the issue of "Canoeing in Britain".

I had intended in 1978 to renew my membership, but feel I cannot associate myself with your organisation. In particular your stance over access appalls me. For example, I have canoed the Upper Wye above Rhayader for several years. In this time we had developed a 'gentleman's agreement' with the fishermen. We disturbed them as little as possible. A few "cowboys" did cause trouble, and we did what we could to smooth things over. It worked, we canoed, they fished and we enjoyed each others company. What is Colin Green playing at? Effectively he has on behalf of the B.C.U. destroyed what relatively free access we had.

Further the B.C.U. claims to represent all canoeists, and yet has to resort to compulsory membership for competitions. The present developments over access would be interpreted as an attempt to force touring canoeists to join too, but to the detriment of canoeing as a whole!

It is time the B.C.U. got its priorities right. Then and only then will it have a realistic membership force. I only hope they change corner before any more damage is done.

Yours faithfully,
C.D. Warren.

Dear Sir,

In his article on Greenland equipment Ian Fawcett gives the impression that the wet suit was previously the only feasible wear. When I canoed in Greenland in 1970 with the I.L.E.A. kayak Expedition I considered that I had solved the clothing problem to my complete satisfaction by wearing two woollen sweaters covered by a dry suit top combined with wet suit trousers.

The other members of the expedition wore complete wet suits and indeed suffered all the disadvantages which Mr. Fawcett mentions while I was dry, comfortable, unrestricted, chafe-free and adequately warm at all times. Mr. Fawcett does not mention whether the material which he recommends is waterproof or not but if not this is surely a disadvantage in a cold/wet environment? The combination of this material and a dry suit top might prove ideal.

It is perhaps also worth mentioning that at the time I also used an open palmed glove of neoprene which I designed myself, the details of which appeared in an article on winter canoeing in Canoeing Magazine some years ago. This also proved to be highly satisfactory and I have not yet found anything to better it for cold conditions. This glove has since been produced by several other people (including recently one canoeing equipment manufacturer) who all claim it to be their idea.

It is a constant source of surprise to me that the majority of canoeists who frequent our rough rivers in winter seem to have very little idea of adequate clothing. They quite rightly reject the wet suit on grounds of restricted movement but seem to have no satisfactory alternative. Winter conditions in Britain are very little different to summer in Greenland and as most of our access to good wildwater is in winter it would pay the average canoeist to study the ideas and clothing which are being developed from expeditions to arctic regions.

Yours faithfully,
D. T. Roscoe.
(B.C.U. Coach N. Wales)

Dear Sir

A NEW SEA CANOEING MANOEUVRE?

This was recently demonstrated by Nigel Braddon near Hare Head Cornwall.

This special trick which can result in various injuries to paddler and Kayak requires the following moves:—

1. Place the Kayak adjacent to a steep rock face and forget that a swell is running.
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The race is open to double crews between the ages of 16 and 19 in the junior class and to those over 18, of either sex, in the senior class.

Senior class competitors may start as they wish within the eleven hour bracket from 0700 hrs to 1800 hrs on the Good Friday.

Junior class crews are started between 0900 hrs and 1100 hrs on Good Friday and cover the course in four legs of 34, 36, 38 and 17 miles on successive days, stopping overnight in halls in Newbury and Marlow and camping out on the third and last night at Ham before completing the course on Easter Monday morning.

In addition to the usual trophies there are awards in each class for the fastest team of four crews from any organisation, for the crew and designer of the fastest home-built craft and, in the senior class, for the crew of the fastest canadian canoe propelled by single bladed paddles.

The junior class entries are restricted to the first 100 received.

The entrance fee is £11.00 per crew in both classes and the closing date for entries is **FRIDAY, 3rd MARCH, 1978.**

The organising committee of the race stress the vital importance of all competitors wearing life-jackets during all training runs.

This year, it is compulsory for all competitors to wear either life-jackets or buoyancy aids to B.C.U. or S.N.B.B.F. Specification. Minimum inherent buoyancy must be 6Kg.

Intending competitors should apply for the rule book etc. at the earliest opportunity to: D. W. Keane, 12 Swakeleys Drive, Ickenham, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB10 8QB. (Tel: Uxbridge 32165)

NEWS

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Before the Team departs it is planned to run one final Training and Assessment weekend on March 9-12. Anyone who would like details should write to Sgt. Roger Gill, 39 Army Youth Team, Stoughton Barracks, Guildford, Surrey.

CANOE SLALOM

by Mike Scott

Generally speaking all canoe slaloms are held on rivers where it is known that at certain points after a lot of rain, the conditions become very difficult for canoeists, like the River Teifi at Llandyssul and River Dee at Llangollen.

This however, was not the case on Saturday and Sunday November 26 and 27, when a slalom was held at the mouth of the River Dysynni, near Tywyn, Merioneth, Gwynedd. Here the water conditions down the course are quite unique in that they have been created by the sea.

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During the summer of 1977 a team of four canoeists from North Wales paddled from Dundas to Kap Alexander on the north-west coast of Greenland whilst the area was free of ice. This is the most westerly point of the Greenland sub-continent and as far as is known with the possible exception of the Eskimos, was also the furthest north ever canoed (beyond Latitude 78). Kap Alexander, named "The Cape Horn of the North" by previous explorers, is at the entrance to Smith Sund which in turn leads into the Kane Bassin, both of which are completely frozen over during the winter.

Although the expedition's main objective was the furtherance of advanced sea canoeing expedition techniques, the choice of location was influenced by the design of the canoes which the team chose to use. These are an adaption of the West Greenland Eskimo kayak design, and although the materials are somewhat different, the basic aesthetic lines remain the same.

The Greenland coastline, apart from the occasional Eskimo settlement is uninhabited, offering little outside assistance. Both sea and air temperatures are low, the average summer air temperature being only fractionally above freezing point. The sea itself is not frozen during the brief Arctic summer but icebergs and icefloes are still a prominent feature and frequent changes in the weather result in variable winds, gales being fairly common.

The team paddled fibre-glass kayaks which are capable of carrying approximately two hundred pounds of food and equipment. Several modifications were made to the kayaks such as closed cell foam cockpit linings, extra deck lines, hatches and bulkheads, pumps and reinforced hulls and decks.

The Ultima Thule we were heading for was in North West Greenland. The name itself was exciting and was the name that the ancient Greeks gave to this most remote corner of their world.

Our party left R.A.F. Lyneham on the 14th July 1977, consisting of Mike Jacques, John Bull, Celia Crowley and Ian Fawcett.

Our first feel of the water was in clear sea, free of obstacles for the first mile then we were among the icebergs, some as big as islands towering high above with a multitude of lesser ones surrounding us.

They were magnificent with their brilliant greens and blues in crevices etc. and with the brilliant green sea cascading at the water line in showers of sparkling, iridescent droplets it was a breathtaking sight. But to realise that only one tenth of an iceberg is seen above the water creates an eerie sense of lurking danger when at such close quarters and in our tiny craft sat on the sea.

When we found our way blocked by pack ice we decided to return and stay the night. The next morning, July 23rd, we found the ice axe more useful than the paddle but we arrived at Noriussag in thick fog and left on a bearing across a large fjord. After an hour or so, still in very thick fog and all the time in pack ice which was moving in a heavy swell, we conferred and decided that we should head back to shore. The heavy mist continued all day.

The following day we paddled of to Cape Parry.

Next morning we left with the weather closing in to a very dark day with snow and rain.

Our main problem was how to keep our hands warm and after experimenting with gloves, mitts, sleeves pulled over, we finally arrived at the expedient of keeping our hands with the same grip on the paddle, never to change the position so that another bit of paddle was stealing what little warmth was still left in our hands. Into the icefloes then.

This slowly thickened up until it became pack ice in which it was impossible to paddle in a straight line and the 'leads' went nowhere. The only thing left to do was to walk and drag the canoes behind, each of which weighed about 250 lbs. Our method was to jump from floe to floe trying to select one which would carry one's weight. Where the gap was too great the canoe was used to straddle the space. All went well until two of us broke through to the Greenland sea.



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During the five days we stayed in Quanaq we were able to watch the work which went into the making of the traditional kayak. We were very glad to see this though surprised that they were still being made in this way.

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The weather behaved well during our stay here though we did have our first experience of the Catibatic winds which will reach force 8 from zero in a matter of minutes. It lasted for four hours and we found our kit in utter confusion as a result.

On the day we left at 2 pm for the next leg of lunarmiut to where Peary established headquarters on the tip of Kap Cleveland, which is about 1,000 ft. high. The weather became worse with winds force four to five with a 1½ ft. chop so we arrived at our new campsite wet but determined to go the next morning for two major crossings of about ten miles each. There was still plenty of ice with many icebergs 'calving up' with thunderous sounds.

We finally arrived at Siorapuluk at 9 am on August 4th. This is the most northerly village in Greenland with a total population of some 40. It is a natural sanctuary for birds and surrounded by cliffs.

This was our last contact with the nearest outside assistance and the weather, was fine until eight miles from Kap when we were hit by a northerly gale in mid-channel, so changing our course for the shore. It sprang up from force zero to force eight in four to five minutes. It became difficult to hold our paddles and we heard the wind roaring towards us and then it hit us — our canoes were

rocking, tossed around, we ourselves were each leaning into the wind hoping that it would blow in the direction we hoped to go and if so that it would continue to get us out of it.

We landed on Kap Alexander in spite of our battering, 25 days after leaving the UK and, as in most expeditions, the reaching of the goal is a disappointment. The attainment of the aim is all important.

We headed back. The wind had now increased the sea became a mass of whitecaps and spray. There was great excitement when we faced a school of whales which we circled hoping they would take no interest in us though we admired their graceful movements — they didn't.

After spending the night in camp we awoke to a quiet day, no wind, a clear sky we returned the 54 miles to Siorapuluk, making a stop and camp at the previous huts and sites on our route up North. From Siorapuluk we took the local boat to Quanaq and so on to Dundas, from where we flew home on August 26th.

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It took a day's solid driving to reach the river and we were on the water by the morning of August 12th. The rapids were Grade 4 or 5 for much of the stretch that we paddled which was about a grade and a half larger than anything we had seen before.

The river runs through a deep gorge which proved inaccessible from the road so we were forced to camp at one site for the whole fortnight. Thus we had to drive out to the top of the chosen run, canoe down to the camp-site and catch the train to pick the van up in the evening.

Towards the end of the trip we met one of the most experienced canoeists in France who wanted someone to go down a stretch of grade 5-6 with him. Rashly we said we would and arranged to meet him at Langogne, the highest part of the river tucked away in the Massif Central.

When the day eventually came we paddled for six hours over some of the most fantastic rapids imaginable. One section involved a triple shoot with an overall drop of 27 feet in 150 yards! It was literally a case of sprinting over the top of several six or seven foot sheer drops to be submerged in froth of the stopper at the bottom! Still, we all made it down, much to our amazement.

We did, in fact, make a film which lasts about 15 minutes and includes a sequence taken from the canoe while going over a fifteen foot weir. With any luck, this should be on show at the Canoe Show on the BSCA stand.

Next year we are planning a trip to Norway, hoping to find some good water over there.

by Justin Clark

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Ottersports of Northampton were there, as they have been since the Show first started. Their main concern is with their foreign trade which is well over 50% of their total. Besides their very excellent touring Canadian canoe, the "Other Canadian", they have just introduced a new and very nice looking "Other S.E.A." single Kayak, with a length of 16 ft. 5 ins., beam 2 ft., weight 59 lbs.; but if we are to take the initials as one word — and the boat would appear very suitable for the purpose — weight is not quite so important as strength, and that she certainly has.

The other firm showing canoes was Fibrocell of Oldham.

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BACKWOODS CANOEING

The Danger To Man And The Wild by Eric Morse

Murder of wilderness and suicide of participants are two tragic components of the fallout from the explosion in wilderness canoeing which began with the 1970s.

Given Canada's geography (rocky wilderness, vast distances, a fantastic river system) its transportation until as recently as a century ago had to be mainly by water. Given, moreover, the character of the navigation of these inland waters, frequently interrupted as they are by falls and unrunnable rapids, the craft adopted by the natives had to be easily portable. The Indians evolved the birchbark canoe, a vehicle weighing sometimes only a tenth of its payload and as splendidly adapted to its conditions of use as is a camel in the Sahara or a dogteam in northern winter.

Eric W. Morse, C.M., author of "Fur Trade Canoe Routes of Canada: Then and Now", is a pioneer of recreational canoeing in Canada's North. He is a consultant on Canadian canoeing rivers for the Topographical Survey, and a member of the National Advisory Council of Fitness & Amateur Sport.

Viewed as a social phenomenon of the 1970s, the canoeing explosion is but a facet of something bigger. The new mass urge to get out and about, self-propelled, extends as well to backpacking, cross-country skiing and bicycling. This general urge was born not just of fad but of better equipment, greater mobility, increased affluence, and increased leisure — the latter perhaps supported sometimes by Unemployment Insurance benefits!

Three of the above sports reflect the existence of two quite different types of people. The wilderness canoeist has counterparts in the cross-country skier and the hiking backpacker. The other recreational canoeist, the white-water man, has counterparts in the downhill skier and the rock-climber.

The latter three tend to concentrate on a limited area calling for high skill and special equipment: a particular group of rapids or ski hills or a mountain rock-face, which are often done several times over.

The former three, by contrast, while revelling in runnable rapids, sharp drops in powder snow or some less-than-precipitous rock-climbing, don't want to be limited in mobility by special heavy equipment. Their satisfaction comes from a long steady progression on their own steam through wild country, with whatever exciting interludes or challenges turn up *en route*. Their particular joys are encounters with wildlife and change of scenery.

The white-water canoeist, with his special equipment and need of a road to go back up again, tends to practise his sport closer to home. He also is less self-destructive in that he has probably joined either a canoeing school* or a club to master necessary skills. The white-water canoeist or kayaker usually travels in a sizable mutual-support group, which simplifies the logistics of car shuttling, to say nothing of rescue. This branch of recreational canoeing therefore has little part in some alarming happenings on the river, which comprise the balance of this article.

Only a dolt would dream of taking up serious rock-climbing without lessons or some practice with an expert friend; a slip on a rock-face could be so final. Yet literally hundreds are attracted to canoeing, in ignorance either of its white-water hazards or of any difference between a lily-pond and a large lake.

Official statistics of canoeing tragedies, I feel, are not complete, perhaps because many inevitably occur in far and isolated places. The Canadian Red Cross listed over a thousand drownings from all causes in Canada in 1976. The two largest categories (139 and 140) were swimming and "non power boats". Unfortunately there is no breakdown for the latter category, but I am convinced from what I see and hear every year that quite half of the "non-power boats" are canoes. If so, that would mean an average of a dozen canoeing fatalities a month across Canada during the six-months season — a frightening figure which speaks for itself.

One of the more hair-raising spectacles of modern canoeing, which I have often witnessed, is gang rapid-running. A large party including novices is led down a long rapid by a lone expert. His "leading" consists of disappearing down the rapid. Violated here are two white-water principles; first, a canoe party which include non-experts should be kept to a controllable group of no more than four or five canoes; second, each canoe should keep contact, not with the canoe ahead but *behind*. Thus a party is kept together; those who need to do so can watch where and how to run a tricky spot; and rescue in an emergency is faster.

In Algonquin Park on the Petawawa River, celebrated for its springtime rapids, I once saw an extreme instance of this dangerous game. A party of young girls, all of them soaked from repeated spills, turned out to be a high-school class; the teacher had rented canoes and had recruited any and all who wanted to try a new thrill. The teacher, seeming not the least concerned about how (or how many of) his flock got through, was out of sight down river.

A pageant passes. Colourful groups of canoeist each symbolizing a period of Canadian history file by: an Indian before the white man came; a lone *coureur de bois*; a brigade of *canots de maître* with flashing paddles and sweating voyageurs, their *bourgeois* (boss or master) sitting amidsthips in his beaver hat, a prospector; a geologist; a government surveyor; a couple of first editions of recreational canoeists; and at the end modern canoeists, impossible yet to characterize finally, but often identifiable as a large group of joyful young with big guitars and small packs.

What is ahead? The fate of wilderness in areas near big cities is probably sealed; but there remains a degree of control over what wilderness is left on park canoe routes. It is no distortion to suggest that five canoe parties of eight do less damage than does a single group of 40. But parties of 40 are reported as still being admitted to parks, to sensitive canoeing terrain with thin soil and limited tenting sites. More remote wilderness cannot be protected from entry but at least it need not be advertised by

publishing more and more canoe-trip descriptions. Can something not be left to discover, on the assumption that experienced "explorers" are less apt to leave trace of their passing? Let us hope that our tourist-industry lobby and recreational policy-makers will see the writing on the wall.

So much for murder. As for suicide, if the current estimate of 70 a year is valid, each decade is seeing about 700 people in Canada lose their lives canoeing. This grim annual harvest is rooted in occasional bravado and bad judgement of even experienced canoeists, but also and increasingly in the failure of novices to class white-water and wilderness canoeing with rock-climbing, as a dangerous sport requiring some sort of lessons and training.

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TRYLON of Wollaston, Northants, announce the introduction of the WEEVER to their extensive range of canoe designs. The WEEVER, a surf canoe, and the first available in the United Kingdom in mould form for D.I.Y. construction was designed by Gwynne Thomas and Mike Howells of Gowerton School. Its' long graceful bow smashes through the biggest breaks and its combination of length veed hull and swallowtail give increased speed to catch the wave without any loss of manoeuvrability. Roller coasters, Catherine wheels, etc., come with ease to the experienced paddler. The WEEVER is the latest in a long line of tried and widely acclaimed designs including the SNIPE, the first low-line slalom kayak in mould forms, the well known WOMBAT, the most popular polo canoe available in any form, and four other proven boats for all aspects of canoesport.

All these will be on show with the TRYLON range of sensibly priced accessories at the INTERNATIONAL CANOE EXHIBITION at Crystal Palace on February 25th and 26th, 1978. If you are thinking about canoeing this year, why not pay the show a visit, your time will not be wasted.

HAWKESWORTH

Chris Hawkesworth Ltd have always been in the forefront for updating and reviewing their product range. This policy benefits both the sportsman and the retail trade. After ten years of production the Wild Water Canoe Shortie Buoyancy Aid has been restyled.

In canoeing and other water sports it is important that the sportsman is as comfortable as possible in order to enjoy and compete in his or her particular sport.

The improvements have been achieved in the following manner. The back of the neck and shoulders have been elasticated. These modifications now give the wearer that much needed "comfort fit" at the top part of the garment. The arm holes have been restyled, thus the freedom of movement is greater. The jacket is shorter, by reason of better distribution of closed cell 6 kg. PVC foam, to International Canoe Federation standards. Heavy duty zip is standard, with quadruple stitching either side, for durability and longer life.

This restyled Canoe Shortie was first tried out at the World Slalom in Austria, members of five international teams wore the jackets. It was introduced to the trade market at the International Sporting Goods Exhibition in Cologne last September when a great amount of interest was shown and orders taken for this advanced jacket in countries world wide. This was most encouraging coming at the end of their "Export Year" campaign.

A range of seven colours and four sizes are available. The extra small size is not to ICF 6 kg rule.

JAYCEE

New for the 1978 season from Jaycee Glassfibre Products, The Streaker, a top competition slalom kayak, designed with low bow and stern, to enable faster turning through the gates. The Streaker has slightly more buoyancy in the centre section, and slices through the water with minimal effort. No footrest is fitted, unless requested, backstrap can be fitted for added comfort. Manufactured in Diolen, also diolen with Kevlar tips and centre.

LENDAL

LENDAL PRODUCTS have now added five pendants and a bracelet to their current range of canoeing jewellery. Three of these have a Kayak/Canadian motif and the bracelet and remaining two pendants have a Kayak motif. They can be supplied in a range from goldtone, silvertone and coppertone to hall marked gold and silver. An important feature of the above for clubs etc. is that they can be used as presentation medals for regattas and LENDAL can supply a red, white and blue ribbon as well as a chain. The full range can be supplied in attractive presentation boxes at a small additional charge if required. For further details send for catalogue and price list.

WHITEWATER HOUSE

"The Whitewater House" is pleased to announce the opening of their new showroom at 22 Guildford Road, Woking from 4th March. From this date they will be trading as "Whitewater Sports" to reflect the wider range of goods they will be able to offer in these larger premises.

On their stand in the main hall they will be exhibiting their well proven range of economy boats, plus a new down river racer, C2 slalom and surf kayak. In addition they will be exhibiting the rescue and instructor kayak, which they have been appointed to make on behalf of the Corps of Canoe Lifeguards.

As a special exhibition offer they will be giving 10% discount on most canoe accessories, sports trophies and skateboards ordered during the exhibition.

After a considerable period spent in finding a manufacturer, able to offer the quality and price required, the corps of canoe lifeguards has appointed Whitewater Design Services Ltd. as the sole manufacturers of their "Rescue" and "Instructor" canoes.

A number of improvements have been made to the boats, which feature a patented buoyancy system. The most significant of these is the provision of a greatly improved rear watertight compartment with easily opened hatch access.

The Boats will be exhibited on the Whitewater House stand in the Main Hall.

The Instructor Boat is available to the public at the most competitive price of £85 plus VAT, whilst the rescue canoe is only available to registered units of the Corps.

GAYBO

The Interceptor Sprint Four has already been chosen by 90% of Britain's White Water Racing Paddlers. This boat has been brought out especially for this country's First Europa Cup event to be held in June 1978. It has a faster hull section with only a marginal loss of stability. This boat promises to make up a perfect team with its fore-runner the Mark Three.

Also on show will be the new Meister Supreme. This is similar in appearance to the Meister 80 but sporting a 'Beaver Tail' like the Meister Extreme. The Supreme has slightly less buoyancy than the Extreme. This new model is already on test with several of the top British paddlers and we expect it will become a real winner in the forthcoming slalom season.

We will also have the majority of our range of kayaks and canoes and canoeing equipment on display.

VALLEY

Following their successful low-profile slalom canoe, the Viper, designed for the heavier paddler, Valley Canoe Products are introducing a new slalom canoe for the lightweight competitor. The Viper 'L' has a beaver tail coupled with a very flat deck and a completely new hull design. Available in glass, Diolen or Kevlar lay-up and with a choice of 865 resin (a new lightweight resin from B.I.P.) or Deracane to match the Kevlar.

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CALENDAR 1978

—Wild Water—

February 5th

R. Tees II Grade III to IV in flood. 2½ miles.

15 mins. K1 Men.

Max. number of entries 150.

Open event all classes. Youth prize. No Team. Entries taken up to 11.30 on day of race.

West Yorkshire C.C.

M. Butler, 14 Fairfield Road, Barnard Castle, Co. Durham.

February 5th

Grand Tully Race. Grade II to III. 2½ miles.

16 mins. K1 Men.

Max. number of entries 100.

Open event all classes. Team event. Youth class.

Relay massed start.

Forth C.C.

A Morton, 34 Roselea Drive, Brightons, Falkirk.

February 15th

Leven W.W.T.

Eric B. Totty, Craigmuir, High Knott Road, Arnside, nr. Carnforth, Lancs.

March 5th

River Wye

Bath C.C.

Peter Wood, 7 Sunnybank, Wick, Bristol, BS15 5PL.

March 5th

Upper Wharfe II Grade II to III (can be IV) 4 miles.

18 mins. K1 Men.

Max. number of entries 150.

Open event all classes. No Team event. Youth. Sunday only. Entries by 11.00 am at Burnsall.

Leeds C.C.

M. J. Markham, 22 Wrenbury Crescent, Leeds.

March 12th

Leven W.W.T.

Eric B. Totty, Craigmuir, High Knott Road, Arnside, nr. Carnforth, Lancs.

March 18th/19th

Ranking Event.

R. Tryweryn.

Chester C.C.

Mrs. Brigg, 106 Becketts Lane, Great Broughton, Chester.

April 16th

Leven W.W.T.

Eric B. Totty, Craigmuir, High Knott Road, Arnside, nr. Carnforth, Lancs.

May 13th/14th

BRITISH OPEN & RANKING EVENT

RANKING EVENT

R. Tryweryn Grade III to IV continuous 5 miles.

30 mins. K1 Men.

Max. number of entries 500.

Relay Team Event. Youth Prize.

Stafford & Stone C.C.

Pauline Goodwin, Woodendale, Maerhills, Baldwins Gate, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs.

May 20th/21st

(Monday Spring Holiday)

(Same weekend as Welsh Open; R. Tryweryn)

R. Tryweryn Grade III to IV, mostly continuous 5 miles.

30 mins. K1 Men.

Max. number of entries 500.

Youth prize for under 16 years old.

Chester C.C.

Mrs. Briggs, 106 Becketts Lane, Great Broughton, Chester.

Only open to competitors on the previous season's White Water Ranking List plus competitors who have scored points on the current 1977/78 Ranking Races.

June 1st/2nd/3rd/4th

EUROPA CUP

R. Tryweryn

—Slalom—

March 4/5

SHEPPERTON 2, J. Shepperton C.C.

C. C. Horn, 10 Poplar Close, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hants.

March 11/12

DUCK MILL, Bedford. 4, J. Viking C.C.

M. J. Carter, 5 Clarendon Street, Bedford.

MARPLE 4, N, J. Manchester C.C.

J. Blundell, 6 Delbooth Avenue, Flixton, Lancs.

Leven Wild Water Test.

March 18/19

APPLETREEWICK 2, J. Leeds C.C.

I. Greenwood, 479 Leeds & Bradford Road, Leeds.

METHERTON BRIDGE 2, 3, J. Dundee W.W.C. Miss M. Soutar, 76 Forth Crescent, Dundee.

DUDHAM MILL 4, N. Suffolk N.S.A.

R. N. Castle, 1 Leicester Close, Ipswich, Suffolk.

DURNGATE MILL N, O. J. Worthies S.S.C. 42 Springvale Road, Kingsworthy, Winchester.

March 25/26

Easter Bank Holiday (England & Wales)

GRANDTULLY 1. S.C.A.

G. Cleveland, Kelvin Lab., Glasgow University, N.E.L., East Kilbride.

April 1/2

SYMONDS YAT 2, Gloucester C.C.

B. West, Orchard End, Sandfield Lane, Sedgeberrow, Evesham, Worcester.

SHEPPERTON 3. Shepperton C.C.

C. C. Horn, 10 Poplar Close, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hants.

FAIRNILEE 3, 4, N, J. Edinburgh University C.C. A. E. Bryden, Top Flat left, 5, Spittal Street, Edinburgh. (S.C.A. Can.)

PONT-AR-ITHCN n, O. Birmingham C.C.

A. R. Gosling, 6 Ferndale Park, Pedmore, Stourbridge, W. Midlands.

April 8/9

HAMBLEDON WEIR 3, 4, J. Chiltern Edge School, Reades Lane, Sonning Common, Reading.

ORTON STAUNCH, PETERBOROUGH 4, N. Protens C.C.

B. Churchill, 34 Crowson Crescent, Northborough, Peterborough.

PONTRILAS N. O. Wydean.

B. C. Gates, Merryweathers Farm, Five Acres, Coleford, Glos.

April 15/16

HAMBLEDON WEIR 2, Chalfont Park C.C.

T. J. Cronin, 38 Hillside, Slough, Berks.

BINGLEY, MYRTLE PARK 4, N. J. Bradford & Airedale C.C.

Miss H. Butterfield, 209a Cutler Mts. Lane, Bradford.

COMRIE 4, N. Ancrum C.C.

A. M. Waterson, 24 Sherbrook Gardens, Dundee. (S.C.A. Can.)

Leven Wild Water Test.

April 22/23

LLANDYSUL 3, 4. Bristol C.C./Bristol University C.C. Scy. Univ. C.C., Students Union, Queens Road, Bristol.

April 29/30

BALA MILL 1, J. Midland C.C.

J. A. Nelson, 30 Weirfield Road, Darley Abbey, Derby.

TEITH 4, N, J. Heriot Watt Univ. C.C.

A. Dytch, Sports Union, Sports Centre, Riccarton, Currie, Midlothian.

May 6/7

OLD WINDSOR WEIR 2. Windsor C.C.

Miss L. Hodgkins, 34 Mirador Crescent, Upton Lee, Slough.

IRONBRIDGE 4, N, J. Telford C.C.

M. Jones, 15 Ludford Drive, Stirchley Park, Telford.

May 13/14

EASBY ABBEY 3, 4, J. Manchester C.C.

D. Wilbraham, 16 Alt Avenue, Naghall, Liverpool

GLASSHOUSES N, J. Leeds C.C.

C. Unsworth, 31 Brownberrie Walk, Horsforth, Leeds.

May 20/21

TRYWERYN 1 & Welsh Open, J.

Lyn Briggs, 106 Becketts Lane, Chester.

May 27/28

LENY 4, N, J. Dundee W.W.C.

Miss M. Soutar, 76 Forth Crescent, Dundee. (S.C.A. Can.)

June 3/4

EUROPA CUP RIVER RACE

International Slalom

ELAN VALLEY 3, Gloucester C.C.

P. Legate, 23 Morley Avenue, Churchdown, Glos.

June 10/11

CARLISLE 4, N. Carlisle C.C.

A. Yates, 2 Middle Close, Lowry Hill, Carlisle.

STONE N, O. Staffs/Stone C.C.

Mrs. P. Goodwin, Woodendale Cottage, Maer Hills, Baldwins Gate, Newcastle, Staffs.

ABINGDON WEIR N. OT, J. Kingfisher C.C. Dr. B. M. R. Green, 1 Pond Cottages, Chilton, Didcot, Oxon.

June 17/18

LINTON 3, J. York C.C.

S. Illing, 4 Millfield Lane, Nether Poppleton, York.

SHEPPERTON N. Shepperton C.C.

N. Unwin, 5 Pine Walk, Surbiton, Surrey. Leven Wild Water Test.

June 24/25

FINCHALE ABBEY 4, N, O. Gateshead K.C. D. Taylor, 22 Oakfield Road, Lobley Hill, Gateshead, Tyne & Wear.

WINCHESTER N, O, J. Winchester C.C. F. Constable, 1 Kingsley Close, Stanmore, Winchester.

July 1/2

LINTON 2, J. Manchester C.C.

I. Beecroft, c/o 8 Roger Close, Romiley, Stockport.

CHESTER WEIR N, J. Chester C.C.

L. Briggs, 106 Becketts Lane, Chester.

July 8/9

PIPE BRIDGE 4, N. Sunderland C.C.

K. Lambley, 8 Kingarth Avenue, Seaburn, Sunderland, Tyne & Wear.

DARLEY ABBEY N, O. Midland C.C.

J. A. Nelson, 30 Weirfield Road, Darley Abbey, Derby.

(BRITISH SCHOOLS SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIP) HAMBLEDON

R. Annan, 20 Narford Way, Ruislip, Middsx.

July 15/16

COOKHAM WEIR, N, J. Warren C.C.

D. J. Looker, 24 Thames Avenue, Pangbourne, Reading.

August 19/20

AWE 2, 3, J. Edinburgh W.W.C.

Mrs. C. Linn, 5 Kinks Road, Edinburgh.

August 26/27 Bank Holiday (England & Wales)

Linton Invitation Slalom (Sunday Only) (Div. 1 & Yorks. paddlers) Entries on the day, before 10.00 a.m.

Leeds C.C. A. Edge, 28 Hyde Park Terrace, Leeds 6.

September 2/3

MARPLE 4, J. Manchester C.C.

M. Scott, 27 Tatton Drive, Sandback, Ches. GLASSHOUSES LL N, J. Leeds C.C..

N. Smalley, 9 Belmont Gardens, Bramley, Leeds 13.

September 9/10

WHORLTON 3, 4. Tees K. C.

R. W. Agar, Tanton Hall Farm, Stokesley, Middlesborough, Cleveland.

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BINGLEY CASTLEFIELDS 4, N, J.
Bradford & Airedale C.C.
Miss H. Butterfield, 209A Cutler Mts. Lane,
Bradford.

HAMBLEDON WEIR N. Chalfont Park C.C.
T. J. Cronin, 38 Hillside, Slough, Berks.
TEVIOT BRIDGE 4, N, J. Roxburgh C.C.
K. Fraser, 2 Mansfield Square, Hawick,
Roxburghshire.

September 16/17

MATLOCK 3. Sheffield C.C.
H. L. Pashley, 10 Crawshaw Grove, Sheffield.
HOWSHAM 4, N, J. York C.C.
P. Stephenson, 74 Newlands Park Drive,
Hull Road, York.

DUCK MILL, Bedford N, J. Viking K.C.
M. J. Carter, 5 Clarendon Street, Bedford.

September 23/24

SERPENTS TAIL 1, J. Manchester C.C.
A. F. Hardisty, 8 Muirfield Close, Prestwich,
Manchester.

WEST TAHFIELD 4, N. W. Yorks C.C.
D. Nash, 151 Penistone Road, Waterloo,
Huddersfield.

September 30/October 1

SHEPPERTON 4. Shepperton C.C.
N. Unwin, 5 Pine Walk, Surbiton, Surrey.
PONTRILAS N, O. Wydean C.C.
G. Rogers, 68 Swift Road, Gloucester.
CAIRNTON 2, 3, J. G. HATFIELD, 3
Straik Road, Skane, Aberdeenshire. (S.C.A.
Can.)

Leven Wild Water Test.

October 7/8

LLANGOLLEN TOWN 1, J & British
Mrs. P. Goodwin, Woodendale Cottage,
Maer Mills, Baldwins Gate, Newcastle, Staffs.

October 14/15

BUILTH WELLS 2, J. Worcester C.C.,
Hylton Road, Worcester.
CARLISLE 4, N. Carlisle C.C.
A. J. Yates, 2 Liddle Close, Lowry Hill,
Carlisle.

DURNGATE MILL, Winchester N, O, J.
Worthies S.S.C., 42 Springvale Road, Kings-
worthy, Winchester.
POTARCH 4, N, J. Aberdeen University C.C.
T. J. Liddon, c/o Butchart Recreation
Centre, University Road, Old Aberdeen.
(S.C.A. Can.)

October 21/22

LLANDYSUL 2, Bristol C.C./Bristol Univer-
sity C.C. Socy. Univ. C.C., Students Union,
Queens Road, Bristol.

DARLEY ABBEY 4, J. Midland C.C.
J. A. Nelson, 30 Weirfield Road, Darley
Abbey, Derby..

COMRIE 4, N, J. Glasgow Univ. C.C.
G.U.C.C., Stevenson Building, 77 Oakfield
Ave., Glasgow.

Leven Wild Water Test.

November 4/5

LUDLOW 3, J. Birmingham C.C.
A. R. Goaling, 6 Ferndale Park, Pedmore,
Stourbridge, W. Midlands.

November 11/12

DEVERON J, J. Keith Grammar School C.C.
J. Gilchrist, Keith Grammar School Keith,
Banffshire.

—Regatta—

6-7 May
Spring Regatta
K4 10,000m Champs. Nottingham.
27/28 May
Committee Regatta
K1 10,000m Champs. Nottingham
Saturday, 3rd June
South of England Championships
Open Shoreham SX
16/17/18 June
Dewar's International Nottingham
Saturday 24th June
Royal Regatta
Open Teddington

Saturday 1st July
Marlow Regatta
Open Marlow

8/9 July
National Championships and BSCA Cham-
pionships Nottingham

Saturday, 22nd July
ACU Championships
Closed Monmouth

Tuesday, 25th July
Reading 10,000m
Open Reading

29/30 July
Home International & K2 10,000m
Strathclyde

12/13 August
Inter Clubs Regatta Nottingham

19/20 August
Richmond Regatta
Open Richmond

9/10 September
International Match Regional & Inter
Services Champs. Nottingham

—Surf—

April

29/ South West Championships
30 J. Hermes, The Cottage, Tregrehan Mills,
nr. St. Austell, Cornwall.
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May

6/7 Services Open Championships at
Saunton Sands, N. Devon.
T. Rule, Officers Mess, RAF
Rheindahlen, BFPO 40..
27/ North Wales Championships at Hells
29 Mouth, Abersoom.
Vyn Con, Victoria House, Corwen Road,
Treuddyn Mold, Clwyd.
9/10 National Championships
J. Hermes, The Cottage, Tregrehan Mills,
nr. St. Austell, Cornwall.

—Marathon—

March

5 Gailey
12 Waterside D (4)
19 Lincoln Fosse & Witham
26

April

2 Nottingham
8 Oxford (4)
9 Thames
16 Leamington
23 Hull
23 Lee & Stort

May

6 Stour Youth Race
7 Bedford St. Neots
7 Rother
7 8-A-J Scouts (4)
14 Millfield
14 Loch Lubnaig
20 First's LD Scout (4)
20 Chelmsford Youth Race (4)
21 Reading
21 Bromley (40)

June

4 Hove
10 Fladbury (4)
10 Newham Youth Race (4)
11 Bath—Bradford
25 Chelmer

July

1 Harlow Youth Race (4)
2 Wolverhampton
9 3 Harbours
16 Tewkesbury
22 International K2
23 Exe Circuit
29 International K1
30 Maidstone

August

5/6 Beccles to Bungay
20 Lichfield
26/
28 National Championships

September

3 Liffey
3 Worthing
3 Tay
17 Soar
17 Adur Scout Race (4)
23 Sudbury Youth Race (4)
24 Pangbourne
24 Yorkshire Derwent

October

1 Wey
7 Sheffield
8 Longridge
8 Carstang Guardian (4)
8 Yare (4)
8 Haybridge Basin Youth Race (4)
15 Kennet River
22 Avon Descent
22 2nd Sidcup Scouts (4)

November

5 Cambridge University
19 Exe Descent

—Coaching—

Beginners, Inland

Apr. 15—22	Plas-y-Brenin	(33)
Apr. 22—29	Plas-y-Brenin	(1)
Apr. 24	Birmingham	(33)
Apr. 28—30	Buxton	(14)
May 6—7	Bowles Rocks	(3)
May 12—14	Buxton	(14)
May & June	Kings Lynn	(13)

(for young people of
9—18 years)
(Tuesday & Wednesday
evenings)

June 3—10	Plas-y-Brenin	(1)
June 10—17	Plas-y-Brenin	(1)
June 17—24	Plas-y-Brenin	(1)
June 18	Birmingham	(33)
June 24—		
July 3	Bowles Rocks	(3)
July 15—16	Bowles Rocks	(3)

(for young people)

July 22—29	Plas-y-Brenin	(1)
Aug. 12—19	Plas-y-Brenin	(1)
Sept. 10	Birmingham	(33)
Sept. 16—17	Bowles Rocks	(3)

Beginners, Canadian

Mar. 17—19	Plas-y-Brenin	(1)
June 17—18	Bewdley	(31)

Beginners, Sea

May and June	Kings Lynn	(13)
	for young people of	
	9—18 years)	
	(Tuesday & Wednesday	
	evenings)	
June 23—25	Kings Lynn	(13)
June 30—July 2	Kings Lynn	(13)

Proficiency Courses, Inland

Mar. 26	Bidford (Testing)	(32)
Mar. 18—19		
Apr. 8—9	Burwash	(2)
Apr. 22—23		
Apr. 3—7	Burwash	(2)
Apr. 23	Birmingham	(33)
Apr. 28—30	Buxton	(14)
Apr. 28—30	Stone	(34)
Apr. to June	Kings Lynn	(13)
	(Thursday evenings)	
May 7	Great Haywood	(35)
	(Testing)	
May 4.11, 18 & 25	Carlisle (Training)	(9)
May 6	Bath (Testing)	(4)
May 14	Shrewsbury (Testing)	(30)
May 12—14	Buxton	(14)
May 13—14	Warwick	(36)

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May 12-14	East Barnby	(23)	<i>Advanced Training and Testing, Sea</i>		<i>Senior Instructor Assessment, Inland</i>			
June 4	Bewdley	(31)	May 27-29	Scotland	(11)	Mar. 10-12	Carlisle	(9)
June 9-11	Kelso	(23)	May 27-31	St. Davids (Training)	(39)	Mar. 10 12	Windermere	(19)
July 7-9	East Barnby	(23)	May 27-	Plas-y-Brenin	(1)	Mar. 11-12	Staunton-on-Wye	(27)
June 25	Bewdley (Testing)	(31)	June 3			Mar. 11-12	Longridge, Bucks	(21)
July 7-9	East Barnby	(23)	June 9	Anglesey (Training)	(20)	Apr. 8-9	Burwash	(2)
July 1-8	Plas-y-Brenin	(1)	June 14-21	Turnberry, Scotland	(15)	Apr. 22-23		
July 1	Telford (Testing)	(37)	June 23-25	Calshot Spit	(6)	Apr. 7-9	Northampton	(25)
July 22-28	Bowles Rocks	(3)	July 1-2	Anglesey (Testing)	(20)	Apr. 14-15	Henley-on-Thames	(5)
July 29-	Plas-y-Brenin (15-17yrs)	(1)	July 14-21	Turnberry, Scotland	(15)	Apr. 22-23	Wrexham	(20)
Aug. 5				(Training)		Apr. 22-23	Longridge, Bucks.	(21)
Aug. 19-26	Plas-y-Brenin (15-17yrs)	(1)	July 15-22	Plas-y-Brenin (Training)	(1)	Apr. 28-30	East Bergholt	(12)
Aug. 26	Bath (Testing)	(4)	Aug. 5-12	Plas-y-Brenin (Training)	(1)	May 6-7	Bewdley	(31)
Aug. 26-	Plas-y-Brenin	(1)	Sept. 16-17	Anglesey (Testing)	(30)	May 6-7	Bowles Rocks	(3)
Sept. 2			Sept. 29-	Kings Lynn (Training)	(13)	May 20-21	Ross-on-Wye	(29)
Sept. 2-9	Plas-y-Brenin	(1)	<i>Training and Testing, Canadian</i>			June 10-11	Shrewsbury	(30)
Sept. 10	Telford (Testing)	(37)	May 27-	Plas-y-Brian	(1)	July 7-9	Thamesfield	(22)
Sept. 8-10	Buxton	(14)	June 3			July 8-10	Bath	(4)
Sept. 10	Birmingham	(33)	<i>Senior Instructor Training, Inland</i>			July 14-16	Stone	(34)
Sept. 9-16	Plas-y-Brenin	(1)	Mar. 10-12	Carlisle	(9)	Sept. 1-3	Buxton	(14)
Sept. 16-23	Plas-y-Brenin	(1)	Mar. 10-12	Windermere	(19)	Sept. 3-4	Bidford	(32)
Oct. 8	Great Haywood	(35)	Mar. 11-12	Staunton-on-Wye	(27)	Sept. 15-17	Felixstowe	(12)
	(Testing)		Mar. 11-12	Longridge, Bucks	(21)	Sept. 16 17	Bowles Rocks	(3)
Oct. 21-22	Burwash	(2)	Mar. 17-19	East Barnby	(23)	Sept. 30	Longridge, Bucks.	(21)
			Mar. 18-19			Oct. 1		
Oct. 28	Ludlow (Testing)	(33)	Apr. 8-9	Burwash	(2)	Sept. 30	Ludlow	(33)
Nov. 4	Bath (Testing)	(4)	Apr. 22-23			Oct. 1		
Nov. 25-27	Ashburton	(16)	Apr. 7-9	Buxton	(14)	Oct. 6-8	Northampton	(25)
<i>Proficiency Courses, Canadian</i>			Apr. 7-9	Northampton	(25)	Oct. 6-8	Harrogate	(24)
May 6	Bath (Testing)	(4)	Apr. 14-16	Henley-on-Thames	(5)	Nov. 10-12	Windermere	(19)
May 12-14	East Barnby		Apr. 22-23	Telford	(28)	Nov. 11-12	Staunton-on-Wye	(27)
June 9-11	Kelso	(23)	Apr. 22 23	Longridge, Bucks.	(21)	Nov. 25-27	Ashburton	(16)
July 7-9	East Barnby		Apr. 22-23	Bowles Rocks	(3)	<i>Senior Instructor Assessment, Canadian</i>		
Aug. 26	Bath (Testing)	(4)	Apr. 22-23	Wrexham	(20)	Mar. 17-19	East Barnby	(23)
Nov. 4	Bath (Testing)	(4)	Apr. 28-30	East Bergholt	(12)	Sept. 22-24	Harrogate	(24)
<i>Proficiency Courses, Sea</i>			May 20-21	Ross-on-Wye	(29)	<i>Senior Instructor Assessment, Sea</i>		
Apr. 7-9	Anglesey	(19)	Apr. to June	Kings Lynn	(13)	Mar. 11-12	Trefriw	(20)
Apr. 29-30	Cumbria	(10)		(Thursday evenings)		Apr. 7-9	Anglesey	(19)
Apr. to June	Kings Lynn	(13)	June 10-11	Shrewsbury	(30)	May 5-7	Barrow	(11)
	(Thursday evenings)		June 17-18	Aberystwyth	(20)	May 5-7	Calshot Spit	(6)
May 20-21	Burwash	(2)	June 1, 8,	Hereford (evenings)	(27)	May 20-21	Burwash	(2)
June 10-11			15, 17			June 10-11		
May 19-21	Calshot	(6)	June 17-18	Bewdley	(31)	June 10-11	Anglesey	(20)
May 19-21	Kings Lynn (Training)	(13)	July 7-9	Thamesfield	(22)	May 20-21	Anglesey	(20)
May 21	North Wales	(20)	Sept. 9-10	Bowles Rocks	(3)	May 26-28	Penzance	(18)
May 27-	Anglesey	(14)	Sept. 3-4	Bidford	(32)	June 10-11	Kings Lynn	(13)
June 2			Sept. 15-17	Felixstowe	(12)	Sept. 1-3	Anglesey	(19)
May 27-	Pembroke	(38)	Oct. 6-8	Harrogate	(24)	Sept. 2-3	Bowles Rocks	(3)
June 2			Sept. 30-	Longridge, Bucks.	(21)	Sept. 29-	Nr. Plymouth	(16)
June 16-18	Kings Lynn (Testing)	(13)	Oct. 1			Oct. 1		
June 30-	Kings Lynn (Training)	(13)	Sept. 30-	Ludlow	(33)	Oct. 13-15	Calshot Spit	(6)
July 2			Oct. 1			<i>Coaching Training, Inland</i>		
July 1-8	Plas-y-Brenin	(1)	Oct. 6-8	Northampton	(25)	Mar. 17-19	East Barnby	(23)
July 22-28	Bowles Rocks	(3)	Nov. 10-12	Windermere	(19)	May 27-	Plas-y-Brenin	(11)
July 29-	Plas-y-Brenin (15-17yrs.)	(1)	Nov. 11 12	Staunton-on-Wye	(27)	Oct. 28-29	Staunton-on-Wye	(27)
Aug. 5			Nov. 25-27	Ashburton	(16)	<i>Coach Training, Canadian</i>		
Aug. 7-11	Burwash	(2)	<i>Senior Instructor Training, Canadian</i>			Mar. 17-19	East Barnby	(23)
Aug. 19-26	Plas-y-Brenin (15-17yrs)	(1)	Mar. 17-19	East Barnby	(23)	May 27-	Plas-y-Brenin	(1)
Aug. 21-29	Anglesey	(14)	Sept. 22-24	Harrogate	(24)	<i>Coach Training, Sea</i>		
Aug. 26	Plas-y-Brenin	(1)	<i>Senior Instructor Training, Sea</i>			Mar. 17-19	East Barnby	(23)
Sept. 2			Mar. 11-12	Trefriw	(20)	Apr. 1-2	Trefriw	(20)
Sept. 1-3	Anglesey	(19)	Mar. 17-19	East Barnby	(23)	May 5-7	Calshot Spit	(6)
Sept. 2-9	Plas-y-Brenin	(1)	Apr. 7-9	Anglesey	(19)	May 27-	Plas-y-Brenin	(1)
Sept. 15-17	Calshot Spit	(6)	Apr. 22 23	Bowles Rocks	(3)	Sept. 29-	Kings Lynn	(13)
<i>Advanced Training and Testing Inland</i>			Apr. to June	Kings Lynn	(13)	Oct. 1		
Mar. 10-12	Windermere (Training)	(19)		(Thursday evenings)		Oct. 13-15	Calshot Spit	(6)
Mar. 24-26	Plas-y-Brenin (Training)	(1)	May 5-7	Calshot Spit	(6)	<i>Coach Assessment, Inland</i>		
May 27-	Plas-y-Brenin	(1)	May 5-7	Barrow	(11)	May 27-	Plas-y-Brenin	(1)
June 3			May 6-7			June 3		
June 10-24	Special course in Alps	(1)	May 20-21	Burwash	(2)	Nov. 25-26	Staunton-on-Wye	(27)
Sept. 22-24	Harrogate	(24)	June 10-11			<i>Coach Assessment, Canadian</i>		
Oct. 28-29	Staunton-on-Wye	(27)	May 19-21	Kings Lynn	(13)	May 27-	Plas-y-Brenin	(1)
Nov. 10-12	Windermere (Testing)	(19)	May 20-21	Anglesey	(20)	<i>Coach Assessment, Sea</i>		
Nov. 17-19	Carlisle	(9)	May 26-28	Penzance	(18)	Apr. 1-2	Trefriw	(2)
Nov. 18-25	Plas-y-Brenin (Training)	(1)	Sept. 1-3	Anglesey	(19)	May 5-7	Calshot Spit	(6)
Nov. 25-26	Staunton-on-Wye	(27)	Sept. 9-10	Bowles Rocks	(3)	May 27-	Plas-y-Brenin	(1)
Nov.-Dec.	Upper Wye	(25)	Sept. 29-	Near Plymouth	(16)	June 3		
Dec. 2-9	Plas-y-Brenin (Training)	(1)	Oct. 1			Oct. 13-15	Calshot Spit	(6)
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