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## EDITORIAL

This edition of Canoe Focus marks the start of a new era for the magazine.

It is the first issue of the magazine following extensive research to produce a house journal that covers every aspect of canoeing for all members of The British Canoe Union.

Simply, we have re-designed Canoe Focus to make it easier to read, while at the same time giving, hopefully a professional approach to one of the UK's fastest growing sports.

And this is where you come in. We want to know about your clubs, your competitions, your achievements; even comical happenings in or out of the water.

Canoe Focus is about canoeing for canoeists so let us know what is going on.

As the official organ of the British Canoe Union we want to keep people up-to-date with their sport. If you want guidance on the length and sort of articles preferred we will be glad to advise.

As discerning paddlers scan the pages, promising themselves to read the rest of the mag when they get back from the Club, I shall be back in my normal habitat at Flexel House hoping that everyone will eventually get around to noting that there is increased regional activity and that Geoff Sanders, our Chairman, has contributed an article in which he expresses what is going to happen in our sport with a certainty beyond the dreams of clairvoyance.

However, support from every canoeist is needed in helping to formulate, at regional and national level, schemes for the promotion of canoeing within the context of the leisure explosion.



Britain's Olympic hopes received a surprising boost with the arrival in London of 'Oscar', an English speaking Mastiff wearing a bright red track-suit. It is claimed that he can throw the javelin, pole-vault and outpoint most boxers. This talented dog was introduced to journalists at a Press Conference by Sir Denis Follows, the Chairman of The British Olympic Association who explained how their new mascot was going to help raise £1 million needed to help train, equip and send the British Team to the Games next year. Faced with this daunting bill, the B.O.A. intends to raise a substantial sum through promotions with leading British companies and negotiations are underway with a number of well known household names. These companies will secure exclusive rights to display 'Oscar' on their products and in their advertising.

# Revolution is at hand

We live in exciting times. The rate of change in our present age is without doubt greater than has ever before been experienced in the history of man — and those of us interested in sport must prepare for the changes in society and life styles which, without question, are going to affect us.

The electronic revolution, with its wonder-working silicon chips, is upon us and will change the whole pattern of life of the majority of people in this country. This has an important bearing on sport and recreation, for not only will people have much more leisure time at their disposal, but many will also look to that time to find activities which can be meaningful and self-fulfilling as well as thoroughly enjoyable.

Is canoeing, as a sport and recreation which has so much to offer, to be geared up to deal with this expansion in the nation's leisure time? I venture to suggest that it is a challenge we must be prepared to meet — and that it will be necessary to apply our minds and expend a great deal of effort if we are to avail ourselves of all the opportunities that will be presented. If we are ready for this new emphasis on leisure, canoeing in this country will grow and prosper. I anticipate that government, both national and local, will be eager to support organisations which are sufficiently forward-looking to produce sound and positive development plans, and this could possibly result not only in financial assistance of projects but also backing for our all-important claims for access to canoeing waters.

## Blueprints

Your Council must be willing to look at long-term needs and draw blueprints for the future. It is appropriate that we are now embarking on a full programme of regionalisation, for it is in the regions and at the local club level that most will have to be done if much is to be achieved.

In preparing the way for such significant changes I believe that a start can be made at once. This year is being recognised as 'The Year of the Child' — here defined as anyone under 18. The emphasis for this special year is not meant to be in mounting high-level conferences and the like, but in encouraging 'do it yourself' ventures on the part of the

By Geoff Sanders  
Chairman of Council

young people themselves. Could this be an opportunity for canoe clubs to examine what they do provide and what they can offer youth in their own localities? Is there any way in which the enthusiasm and expertise of club members can be used to promote schemes which encourage participation, activity, competition and adventure for the young? Local youth and community officers, education authorities, local sports associations and schools could be contacted — and local money and local sponsorship is often available for worthwhile projects.

## Large gap

I am aware that here is a large gap between school sport and adult sport — the number of youngsters who do not follow through to adult life activities which they have enjoyed at school is distressingly large.

As chairman of the National Council for School Sport for this current year, I am hoping to encourage people to give some consideration to this problem in the hope that some progress may be made in finding solutions.

In canoeing, the British Schools' Canoeing Association and the British Canoe Union are in the process of combining to introduce a joint "Cadet" membership for youngsters of school age, hoping that it will help bridge this gap by encouraging them to become more fully associated with the work of the B.C.U. and its clubs when they leave school.

At the local level, are the canoe clubs known to the teachers and leaders who run canoeing activities in schools and youth groups? Are they in touch with any local or regional association of the B.S.C.A. which might exist in their area? Is there any effective liaison machinery which can be established?

If our clubs can show a positive concern for youth and their active participation in sport, I am sure that efforts will receive encouragement and, hopefully, positive

help from local authorities and sports associations.

## Local centres

I have my own ideas on what is needed to make real progress. I have for long advocated the establishment of local water-activity centres, equipped and staffed from public money supplemented by contributions from voluntary organisations which assist in the management of the centres. Such places would be put to intensive use — schools and colleges during the day, youth and adult groups sharing the evenings and weekends. The youngster learning to canoe may well be on the water at the same time as the international paddler in training. With such facilities available he will have every chance to develop his full potential in the sport and may well become a champion canoeist himself.

With the approaching revolution in leisure time, I don't consider this a pipe-dream. As a country we must invest in leisure for the future, and it is essential that canoe clubs and the B.C.U., at regional and national level, are ready with their schemes for promotion.

**POSTSCRIPT:** We have a lot to learn from each other in embarking upon such a serious exercise. Can we have an exchange of ideas and comments? The Editor assures me that he will be interested to have your views.

## AID FOR COMPETITORS

The Sports Aid Foundation, which already offers financial assistance to every British amateur international competitor, is to offer further assistance to those competitors of the highest ability who may be expected to compete with distinction in Olympic Games, or World Championships in non-Olympic sports.

Announcing the scheme, SAF Chairman Paul Zetter said, "No competitor who stands sufficiently high in the world ranking of their event need be short of financial aid towards the cost of preparation training.

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# LIGHTER ASPECTS OF THE SPORT

Every sport has its lighter side, as Guy Sellwood (right) will testify as he tries to paddle his way out of a raffia box in last year's Avon Descent. And for a competitor in the Llangollen Town Slalom (below), somebody up there clearly doesn't like him. Unless, of course, he's praying for guidance.

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## LET'S ALL PADDLE TOGETHER

FROM KY-ANOE

New South Wales Canoe Federation

Canoe Polo is a team sport, and therefore teamwork is the principal element. Team members should paddle together as often as possible, learning how each of his team mates paddle — their strong side, their weak side, where they like the ball passed to them for best results, etc. Time should also be spent just talking. This is important, as you find problems that exist with individuals, as well as the team itself. They can then be 'worked on'. Talking sessions are also a good opportunity to assist each other with rolling practice.

In general, as much time as possible should be spent on the water, paddling, passing, shooting, sprints, etc. As far as the individuals are concerned, time should be spent on the three basic skills — **Rolling** (both paddle and hand rolling, going over in all positions); **Shooting** (putting the ball in the goal is what canoe polo is all about, so practice shooting from all angles); **Passing** (this is probably the most important personal skill that needs to be developed). Practice shooting short and long passes as well as passing to a moving player and a stationary player.

Fitness is obviously important, and wind sprints serve to build up your sprinting power.

**Remember** that Canoe Polo is a team sport, not an individual sport like slalom, sprint or long distance, so therefore you have to paddle as a team, not as individuals.

Footnote: The "Polo Explosion" has begun Down Under with real earnest, and we hope to have in the next issue details of the Inter-State and Australian Polo Championships. How about a challenge "Bears", Brummies and others?—Editor.

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## BRITISH CANOE UNION

### NOTICE

#### APPOINTMENT – Racing Coach and Development Officer

A suitably experienced and qualified person is sought for appointment as Racing Coach and Development Officer. This post has been newly created and the successful applicant will be expected to commence employment from the 1st June, 1979.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

Whilst formal qualifications will be regarded as indicative of specialised experience, and will be an advantage, an enthusiastic willingness to undertake work which will often be difficult, demanding and of a varied nature, will be considered to be more important. The ability to organise, motivate, and work harmoniously with others is essential.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

The Racing Coach and Development Officer will be the Professional Officer of the British Canoe Union Racing Committee, and will be required to perform the majority of duties from the Holme Pierrepont National Water Sports Centre, Nottingham. The primary function of the Officer will be to provide a Racing Coaching Service and to promote the aims and policies of the Racing Committee as directed by them. In fulfilling these responsibilities it will be necessary to organise courses, establish, maintain, and develop relationships with Educational and Youth Organisations, Coaches and Clubs, and provide such services as may from time to time be appropriate and possible.

#### CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT

The salary scale for the post will be related to that recommended by the Sports Council for payment to National Coaches, beginning at £4,101.00 p.a. and rising by 10 increments to £6,558.00 p.a. The initial appointment will be made within the incremental scale £4,101.00 p.a. to £5,091.00 p.a. based upon qualifications and experience. In addition to statutory holidays, 4 weeks annual paid leave will be provided. A private pension scheme is not available at present, but arrangements will be made subject to satisfactory negotiation with the successful applicant. will be undertaken during the evenings and at weekends, and weekly hours will accordingly be irregular and dependent upon prevailing circumstances. General arrangements for sickness, approved travel, and other conditions of service will apply. Some clerical support will be made available.

#### APPLICATIONS

Applications should be sent, together with details of qualifications, curriculum vitae and names of two referees to: M. J. Haslam, Chairman, B.C.U. Racing Committee, Planning Branch, C.A.D. Kineton, Nr. Leamington Spa, Warks. A copy of the job specification will be sent to all applicants. CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS – MONDAY, 21st MAY, 1979.

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# BCU answers the Welsh water plan

The British Canoe Union as the recognised national organisation for canoeing in the United Kingdom, submits the following comments on the Welsh Water Authority's Strategic Plan (Consultation Edition) for Water-Space and Amenity:

The Union congratulates the Authority and its staff on the comprehensive and systematic presentation of the material in the report, which brings together for the first time so much that is relevant to the future of water recreation in Wales, and is particularly glad to see the exposition in Section 7.8.3 of the many forms of canoeing and their respective, but varying, needs for types of recreational water.

The Welsh rivers have characteristics unparalleled in most parts of England, and they are of prime recreational importance to all canoeists who look for the challenge and adventure provided by fast flowing water.

## Welcome

The Union welcomes the broad principles stated in Section 8.1.2. and 8.1.19 on ways in which the Authority will try to increase public access to rivers for recreation.

## Principles applicable to Canoeing.

The Union welcomes the more detailed statements in parts of Section 8.1.21 as follows:

"The Authorities will:

- (a) Complete the survey and review of the access situation for canoeists on rivers, in consultation with the Sports Councils, Welsh Canoeing Association, riparian and fishery owners.
- (b) Support negotiations between riparian owners, tenants and the Welsh Canoeing Association to secure more access agreements for canoeists.
- (c) Together with other interested bodies, continue to look for solutions to the canoeing/angling conflict . . .
- (d) Allow the use of suitable reservoirs for canoe training by organised groups with leaders who comply with the Authorities' requirements, including those for safety.
- (e) At suitable sites identified for competition events, assist in providing white water conditions by releasing water from a reservoir above the site subject to operational and cost constraints and consultation with other interests."

With regard to (e), the Union would like to put on record afresh its appreciation of the invaluable co-operation of the Welsh Water Authority with regard to water releases into the River Tryweryn, and in other ways that have contributed to the establishment of this river as an international site for canoe slalom and wild water racing.

## Reservations

With regard to the rest of (c), however, the Union must express the same reservations about the idea of byelaws as are set out in Section 7.8.3 (s), because the precise implications of the proposed byelaws to "place canoeists in the same position as anglers for the purpose of using rivers and other inland waters" are obscure. The Union does not regard an analogy with rod licences as being either self-evident or valid. The need, in the case of canoeing, is for additional recreational opportunities. If a payment for a licence produced reliable benefits in return, it might be worthwhile, but a payment in order to be restricted would be objectionable.

The Union finds the principle stated in paragraph (f) in its present form quite unacceptable, and it urges the Authority to reconsider the paragraph, as it is totally out of keeping with the broad principles referred to in 8.1.2 and 8.1.19.

The Welsh rivers that are of outstanding importance from the canoeing point of view are the Usk, Wye, Teifi, Tywi, Upper Severn and Dee. These also, in the Union's view, offer the greatest scope for trying to develop arrangements for angling and canoeing to co-exist. However, it is made clear in Section 5.4.1 that these rivers are "famous for their salmon fishing" and the "sea-trout fisheries in Wales are amongst the finest in the world". In the light of this the only interpretation that can be placed on the policy in Section 8.1.21 (f) therefore, is that the Authority is determined to restrict the possibility of recreational canoeing, in favour of angling.

## Differences

The suggestion that "casual" canoeists should be diverted to other rivers, estuaries and the coast" either ignores the underlying pressures of the present situation, or is founded on a misunderstanding of the differences in water characteristics needed for different forms of canoeing.

Canoeists who are looking for access, for instance, to the River Dee between Bala and Erbistock, because of its challenge as an extended stretch of fast flowing white water, are totally dissatisfied with the present situation, which allows only one cruise per annum.

What "other rivers" are there? It is frequently stated by riparian and angling interests that narrower rivers are not really suitable for canoeing and angling. Whilst the Union strongly holds that with suitable arrangements canoeing can take place on smaller rivers and tributaries, the scope for recreational canoeing on these is much smaller than on the larger rivers.

While there is much in the Strategy that the Union welcomes, therefore, it feels compelled to regard Section 8.1.21 (f) as inconsistent with the general spirit of the "Sport for All Charter" (Section 2.4.4) and the general policy objectives by Governments that there should be sharing of scarce water space by different forms of water recreation.

## MARATHON UNDER NEW BANNER

The annual Trent Marathon organised by Nottingham Kayak Club this year appeared under a new banner, sponsored by JEFFERSONS, a Nottingham jeweller. Colin Gray, one of canoeing's wily entrepreneurs, wasted no time when he found out that Jeffersons proprietor, Fred Doodey, was a distinguished ex-canoeist of Grand Canyon and Division One Slalom fame. The firm immediately responded by providing all the prizes for this year's race, including three quartz wrist watches that attracted a super entry from all over the country.

Despite a strong local challenge, all three watches eventually made their way back to Reading. With a flood-swollen River Trent making the going tough, the ladies class saw an extremely close race with Lucy Perrett of Leighton Park a clear winner, closely pursued by Ann Plant (Birmingham University), Frances Whetherall (Richmond) and Kath Nadal (Nottingham), all finishing within 50 seconds.

In the men's K1, Greenham, showing just the sort of form that placed him sixth in last year's World Championship 10,000m proved just too strong for the opposition. Closely pursued by Nottingham's Mason and Harding, he broke clear at the portage. Having established a lead, there was no way anyone was going to catch "our Brian" with such a valuable prize at stake, and the Nottingham Pair had to be satisfied with second and third places, just 45 seconds down.

The Junior prize was taken by Kevin Smith, of the Warren Club. This talented young man demonstrated conclusively his potential by finishing 5th overall in a very strong Senior A field.

In the remaining classes the home club carried off the largest share of the honours, including wins in the Senior A K2, Ladies' K2, Girls' Espada B and C, and the Boys' Espada A classes.

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# HOLLYWOOD'S AMAZING RIVER STUNTMAN

He careens into riverside tree limbs, plummets end over end in holes and slides backward over waterfalls. His paddle thrashes uselessly at the water, and his face is panic-stricken. Over the din of the waves, he hears "Cut!" — and a cocky grin and smooth turn into shore put Dean Ferrandini at the feet of his chuckling camera crew. His slick decked canoe (C-1) has taken a beating on this "take", but the 10-time national canoe team member's career as a Hollywood stuntman is thriving.

Dean, an all-round athlete who took an interest in whitewater when his first flatwater C-2 race landed him in the nationals, is a pioneer in combining stunt work with whitewater. His usual day's work — driving trucks off cliffs, catapulting down barroom stairs after fist fights and walking tightropes strung over ravines — has been spiced with an increasing number of offers from major film producers to do "water stunts".

This month a MacDonald's commercial will thrill hamburger lovers with a Big Mac river attack on a sprightly figure in a decked canoe, who agilely heads upstream. The paddler is Dean, an avid open and decked canoeist and kayaker, whose enthusiasm for slalom and downriver racing, flatwater and wildwater paddling, matches only his dedication to an acting career.

The 33-year-old Beverly Hills resident holds credits from such films as "Man from Atlantis" and "Hot Lead, Cold Feet", to "Spiderman" and the upcoming autobiography of "Errol Flynn". He was a stuntman in most, actor in some and whitewater stunt coordinator for two. The latter means that the paddler-actor drew on his combined talents to put whitewater life into movie scenes whose directors formally had no knowledge of the sport's theatrical potential. "Deliverance" sparked a trend on whose crest Dean is riding.

He knows stunt work. He has done enough hang gliding, cliff jumping and milk bottle breaking to establish a feel for Hollywood's backstages. Milk bottle breaking? Well, here's how Dean describes a scene he did for "Donovan's Kid". A horse pulling a milk cart was to jump away just as Dean was unloading a crate of milk. The upset was to throw the trusty milkman to the ground, along with a generous splashing of his fresh white dairy product. "Taking a fall with 100 pounds of milk is not an easy number to do", Dean explained. "You have to make sure you don't hurt yourself. You have to set it up right so it comes across visually without giving you a chance to break an arm".

It's up to a stuntman to be well versed in theatrical demands, and Dean's duties have taught him to be as aware of what cameras can capture in what time slots, as he is aware of the limits to which stunts can go.

The challenge of touching his physical limits in all types of situations is what keeps Dean happy with his freelance Hollywood life-style. Film producers attempt to minimize risks for stuntmen, who are assigned those parts too time-consuming or



"Spiderman" is one of whitewater paddler Ferrandini's freelance stunt roles.

dangerous for the actor, but in almost any situation — even with elaborate precautions, the stuntman must know his abilities, according to Dean.

"A lot of times the perils of the stunt are not directly evident to the people that are not doing the stunt, so you pretty much

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By PAM MILLER

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have to make sure that you're covering yourself, and if you're working with someone else, you're covering them", he says. "It reminds me a little bit of finding myself, because you really are pushing your limits on some of the things". While skill and top physical condition play into Dean's hands, he explains his success as "a lot of thinking, a little planning and a lot of go for it".

Movies can pull off almost any scene they wish, Dean explains the film business, whether physically or with special effects. "But to actually open up an area like wildwater is something that I like to think I've been able to do".

Dean brought to the California film industry a concentrated and energetic bundle of river talent. His background as a paddler is impressive. He met his first C-2 (two-person decked canoe) partner at a Boy

Scout canoe race, where he was persuaded to try his hand at flatwater. Three weeks later, he and his partner, Joe Bruger, headed to the Nationals, where they won third place their first day on the course. The second day gave the young team second place, which secured for them a spot on the US team. Bruger and Ferrandini scooted up to Nova Scotia for the North Americans that year, just missed a 1972 spot on the US Olympic team, and became national champions on the 10,000-metre event just taken out of the Olympics. That was Dean's first dose of C-2. Immersed in daily life activities the next few years, Dean did not slide back into the paddler's seat until he "picked up a slalom canoe" one day.

"I really wasn't too good at steering it in the river", Dean says of his first C-1 attempts. The man who later would pull several national slalom and wildwater awards taught himself how to paddle his new craft. "My only attempt at that point was just to keep the thing headed downstream. So I'd hit holes, rocks, logs and people if they happened to be in my way". In 1973 he founded a kayak and canoe school, and began training. After a few encouraging races, his old partner Bruger convinced him to "hang up the C-1" for a C-2 again. Bruger had never tried wildwater before the team spent 17 days together training for the US team that would take them to Yugoslavia. Dean, who in his spare time had been logging "first runs" on Class VI rivers, said his and Bruger's attempt to paddle wildwater C-2 together at that point was something like "learning how to play piano without knowing how to read music".

"Since then", the tall, broad-shouldered paddler recalls, "it's been boating whenever I have the opportunity. I've been running everything I can possibly get into".

Dean's background in canoe competition eased his way into the acting career he'd always known he'd take on sooner or later. The nephew of two Hollywood personalities, Dean is both an actor and a stuntman who maintains that the two cannot be separated: "When I do a stunt, I'm acting".

"It's a very difficult business to break into", the Hollywood boater said. "Talent is important, but you also have to have the opportunity to display talent. If you tell them that you've been on a bunch of different US teams, then that helps a lot".

Dean describes his river stunt work as "making a V $\frac{1}{2}$  out of a III by going everywhere you wouldn't go normally". For Dean, the barroom fights and Spiderman rope swings are still his "bread and butter", but his increasing number of whitewater stunt offers — which he calls his "specialty work" — are earning him a reputation in whitewater stunt work. Even so, Dean is careful to avoid getting labelled into a corner. He takes pride in his versatility — a stuntman's most valuable product — and enjoys the leaps through fire as much as the spins through whitewater foam.

For Walt Disney's "Hot Lead, Cold Feet", Dean's job called for running an open





canoe into tree branches along the river, and barely ducking under a log in time to plunge over a waterfall, all the time swaying panic-stricken and making all the moves of a river novice caught in a terrifying ride through rapids.

The trees — nature's most ominous hazard for any river paddler — worried Dean a little, so he ran the "course" alone in his "super hot slalom C-1" first. He took note of the set up, the risks involved, and determined he could just pull off the under-the-log routine.

The Indian canoe supplied by the set was considerably heavier than Dean's canoe, for it was "cosmetically correct". He shoved it into the current and concentrated on where his cameras were as he took aim for his mark. Fear plays a small part in his stunt work. According to Dean, "Yes, you do have a feeling, a rush of adrenaline . . . but you click off and you're completely into it . . . You have to go for it sometimes and hope it comes out right". In this stunt, Dean knew that should his canoe turn broadside to the current, he could wrap

**For Disney's "Hot Lead, Cold Feet", whitewater stuntman Dean Ferrandini heads an Indian canoe for the trees.**

his body around a tree that would pull and hold him under. The producers on shore, now mesmerized by anticipation of capturing a good whitewater performance, would not be able to rescue him quickly enough.

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Dean bumped into rocks above the "tree scene" section, and specially aimed his craft into holes to make the boat spin through them. These would "sweeten the shots" for cameramen. He wound through most of the menacing branches as planned, "grabbing onto the gunwales and slishing around" to look impressively out of control. Just before the open canoe took the falls, however, its bow hit the log, startling the paddler to the delight of his directors. He cleared the section safely.

Another unplanned incident during whitewater filming saw Dean plunge into a "really tremendous" hole that took boat and paddler end over end several times before it flushed them out. The cameras were situated too far downstream to effectively capture the moment, but the whitewater stuntman was pleased with his impromptu soaking. "If only we'd had a camera there".

Zigzagging a slalom C-1 upstream to escape a Big Mac may not win Dean any Academy Awards, but he seems to have his wetsuit bootie in the right door.



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## AWARD WINNER

# Sanity Rules, OK?

SAYS MIDDLEMAN

After two rowdy general meetings in London during 1978, the 43rd A.G.M. moved north to Manchester, and sanity returned. Against all the elements — snow, ice, fog and strikes — 98 full members of the Union battled their way to Manchester University on January 27th, 1979.

The President, David Wain, opened the meeting and referred to Federalisation, and that whilst the motion had been defeated, he hoped that satisfactory arrangements were being made for continued harmony in the Union.

In remarkable calm, the meeting progressed orderly. The agenda covered such points as co-optation to Council. The Chairman of Council, Geoff Sanders, presented the Annual Report and pointed out that the Union had not stood still working on the Federal proposals. Access had progressed and a National Access Officer was to be appointed, the Star Tests had been introduced, and we have doubled out T.V. coverage during the year.

After 19 years as Director of Coaching, Oliver Cock was standing down, as was E. Totty from Council. In closing the Annual Report, Geoff Sanders hoped that regional development would continue and pointed out that officers were there to serve not oppose.

Ted Owen, the Union's Treasurer, presented the accounts and for the first time the cost of federalisation was obvious. He hoped 1979 would put the Union back on a sound financial footing.

### Usual chaos

The usual chaos preceded the election result when it was discovered that a batch of votes from Scotland were not posted until after the closing date and large numbers of people in York did not even seem to have received voting papers.

When the election of President was announced, John Turcan was on his feet immediately to congratulate David Wain, who had won by two votes 230 to 228. Council election proved a close battle with Geoff Good, George Parr, Carel Quaife, R. Tyas, together with Geoff Sanders, who topped the poll with 261, being elected.

John Liddell, a member of the K2 expedition, gave a tribute to Mike Jones. Mike, a great ambassador for canoeing, would be missed by everybody connected with the sport and the Union were pleased to be connected with the memorial fund.

George Cleland, after removing his proxy to allow him to speak, withdrew the motion



Award time, and pictured left to right are Geoff Sanders, Fred Briscoe and John Dudderidge. Picture by R. H. Nicholls.

to re-introduce federalisation as the 1972 agreement had been re-negotiated. The sigh of relief around the hall was tremendous, especially from Ted Owen, the Treasurer.

### Full rights

As hoped and expected, the Regional proposals were backed by the meeting and Regional Committees were given full rights on Council.

After motion five was passed and motion six withdrawn, the new Council withdrew for a short meeting whilst the presentations were set up.

The presentations commenced with the Awards of Honour and Merit. There were two Awards of Honour. They were Carel Quaife, Chairman of the Coaching and Development Committee, and Fred Briscoe, B.C.U. Liaison Officer at the Sports Council, who is a constant source of assistance and advice. Awards of Merit were made to John Squires, John Adams and Jed Fletcher.

Following this, the trophy presentation by David Wain took place. Oliver Cock, M.B.E., who had organised the presentation in his normal impeccable manner, announced the presentation of a trophy to the Slalom Committee by the Luton Branch of the Trustees Savings Bank, for the C.1 National Champion. Fittingly, the first recipient of this trophy was Peter Keane, a

Luton paddler. The other presentations were made, but most of the recipients were stranded under several feet of snow around the country.

At 6 p.m. when the meeting closed, the hall was cleared even quicker than expected with members sprinting for the last train south or facing mammoth drives to such places as Warrington, Bury and Chester.

Let's hope the attitudes and reasonableness of this meeting percolate to London next year.

Footnote: Apologies to Scottish candidates for Council, who did not receive notice of pen-portrait requirements in time.

The following awards were presented by John Dudderidge, President of Honour, on behalf of the B.C.U.

Awards of Honour: Fred Briscoe, The Sports Council, 70 Brompton Road, London SW3 and Carel Quaife, 70 Coopers Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

Awards of Merit: Gerald Fletcher, 6 Low Moorlands, Dalston, Carlisle, Cumbria; John Adams, 29 Birchfield Road, Northampton and John Squire, 124 Gough Street, Willenhall, West Midlands.

## FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY

For many years the future of Richmond Canoe Club has been threatened by their precarious tenancy of Messums Boathouse on the towpath at Richmond. The property, owned by Watneys, had fallen into a dangerous state of decay, and it looked as if the club may be left homeless.

However, after prolonged negotiations, government and local authority grants have been secured on condition that a 30-year lease will be granted by Watneys. Work began on this £85,000 project just after Christmas. The Department of Education & Science are putting up £35,000 and the London Borough of Richmond £17,500; a local charity, Richmond Parish Charity Lands, have conditionally promised £8,750, leaving a deficit of £23,750 to be found by the club members.

The building project involves strengthening the foundations and the whole main structure of the building, removing the top storey and roof, and replacing the roof with new steel trusses. Almost all the internal decorations and fitting out, including all plumbing, has been taken on by club members, the cost not being included in the above figures.

Once completed, a task which the builders expect to take about eight months, and the canoe club considerably longer, the new H.Q. hopes to offer a greatly increased boat storage area. It is hoped that the improved training facilities and club room (plus bar) will attract more members. The club aims to attract local youth groups and schools to the sport and also provide a social aspect that has been missing from canoeing for many years.



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Stan Wass

*Unless the photographer is set and his camera ready, exciting scenes may escape.*

# How to freeze moving subjects

BY CARL  
TREWILER

The riverside photographer is faced with subjects which will not stand still. The water in most rivers is moving at average speeds of less than 5 miles per hour, but in specific sections or rapids it can be moving considerably faster. In addition, and almost by definition, a raft or other watercraft in a rapids will experience abrupt up, down and sideway motions. Further (and probably most exasperating), the most exciting scenes often occur quickly and, unless the photographer is ready, will escape capture.

When photographing action, the closer one is to the action, the more difficult the task becomes of preventing blur caused by motion. Most camera-lens-film combinations simply are not capable of resolving one inch at 1000 feet. On the other hand, if the canoe is only a few feet away, the photographer may need to use every means possible to get a recognizable image of a face. With a fixed lens camera (or with a normal lens on an interchangeable lens camera), the photographer does not need to worry much about normal river speeds until within about 100 feet.

## Blur-free

When closer than that distance, the most obvious solution to the problem of obtaining blur-free images is to use the fastest shutter speed allowed by the combination of camera, lens, film and lighting conditions. With the advent of ASA 400 colour negative film, we now can shoot either colour or black and white photographs at 1/1000 of a second under all but the dullest of conditions without special processing or an especially fast lens. This solution is not, however, always available or the most pleasing.

If a subject such as a canoe or raft is moving in some sort of orderly fashion, the amount of image blur at a given shutter speed sometimes can be reduced by changing the angle of the view. As the photographer moves from a position perpendicular to the canoe, to one directly in its line of travel, the shutter speed required to prevent blur caused by downstream motion is reduced by 25%. Similarly, as one moves from water level to a directly overhead position, the effects of up-and-down motion are reduced. Remember, however, that as we move away from the water level perpendicular position, the effects of sideways motions become more prominent.

Panning (or keeping the subject centred in the viewfinder and slowly, but firmly releasing the shutter) is useful to make the subject sharp at the expense of blurring the surroundings of the subject. This technique gives the best impression of speed if some immobile object is included. Panning can give good sharp subject images regardless of the subject's speed. However, if the motion is not uniform the results often are discouraging.

An image of a subject taken when that subject is at the peak of some action (or is for some other reason stopped), generally will be quite clear. The image of a watercraft taken while that craft is ferrying directly away or toward the photographer generally will be quite sharp. A boat doing a pop-up or ender likely will be moving slowest when the boat is near-vertical. This technique requires not only patience and practice but also careful observation of the action to determine when these natural stoppages will occur.

## Panning

Those not familiar with panning (or catching peak action) can practise with an empty camera at a busy highway. When practising the pans, keep a moving vehicle centred in the viewfinder and gently depress the shutter release until the shutter trips. Follow-through after the shot is important.

Catching peak action can be practised at a stoplight or stop sign. Keep the vehicle centred in the viewfinder as when panning, or point the camera at the place where the vehicle is expected to stop. In both cases, pressure on the shutter release should be gradually increased so that the shutter trips when the vehicle first stops. Generally the first variation is most useful with a hand-held camera, and the second with the camera fixed as on a tripod. After some practice load the camera and try a few shots, if possible, at shutter speeds of from 1/50 to 1/1000 of a second. If your technique is good, all of the different vehicle images will be equally sharp.

## Pressure

The key ingredient in taking good action shots is, of course, to be ready for the action to occur. One way of being prepared is to pan the subject with the shutter release pre-compressed to a point just short of releasing the shutter. If something interesting happens, only a slight increase in pressure is necessary to get a shot. This technique is independent of shutter speed or angle of view and thus can be used in combinations to get nearly any degree of sharpness the photographer desires.

# BCU Racing Calendar for 1979

## MARATHON

May 13 Lee & Start	(3)
May 13 Fladbury	(3)
May 20 Maidstone	(3)
May 20 Leamington	(3)
June 3 Exe Estuary	(3)
June 3 Loch Lubnaig	(3)
June 10 Southampton	(3)
June 10 York	(3)
June 17 Soar	(3)
June 17 Hôve	(3)
July 1 Ironbridge	(3)
July 1 Marlow	(4)
July 8 Bath-Bradford	(3)
July 8 Avon S & G	(4)
July 15 3 Harbours	(4)
July 21 Richmond K2	(3)
July 22 Exe Circuit	(3)
July 28 Royal K1	(3)
July 29 Tewkesbury	(3)
Aug. 5 Beccles-Bungay	(3)
Aug. 19 Lichfield	(3)
Aug. 26 National Championships	(3)
Sep. 2 Tay Marathon	(3)
Sep. 16 Pangbourne	(3)
Sep. 16 Willenhall	(4)
Sep. 23 Worthing	(3)
Sep. 30 Wey	(3)
Oct. 6 Sheffield	(3)
Oct. 7 Longridge	(3)
Oct. 7 Garstang	(4)
Oct. 14 Wolfraton	(3)
Oct. 14 Yare	(3)
Oct. 21 Avon	(3)
Oct. 28 Kennet	(3)
Nov. 4 Wye Descent	(4)
Nov. 11 Cambridge	(3)
Nov. 18 Exe Descent	(4)

## RACING

May 26/27 Committee Regatta—Nottingham
June 2 Shoreham Regatta—Shoreham, Sussex
9 Wey Regatta—Thorpe Park
16 Woking Regatta—Woking, Surrey
22/24 International Regatta—Nottingham
30 Strath Clyde—Strath Clyde Park
30 Marlow Regatta—Marlow, Bucks
July 7 Royal Regatta—Thorpe Park
8 Royal K1 10,000m—Trowlack Island
14/15 National Championships—Nottingham
Aug. 4 Royal Thames Regatta—Trowlack Island
11/12 Youth Regatta—Nottingham
Sep. 1 Richmond Regatta—Thorpe Park
8 Inter-Clubs Regatta—Nottingham
22 Reading Regatta—Thorpe Park

## SLALOM

May 12/13 Old Windsor 2/0
12/13 Easby Abbey 3/4
12/13 Glasshouses N
19/20 Tryweryn International
26/27 Washburn 3
26/27 Leny 4/N
June 2/3 Elan Valley 3
2/3 Ironbridge 4/N
2/3 Newbury N
9/10 Tryweryn 1
9/10 Abingdon Weir N/OT
16/17 Linion 3
16/17 Shepperton N
16/17 Stone N/O
23/24 Finchale Abbey 4/N/O
23/24 Winchester N/O
June/July 30/1 Chester Weir
30/1 Peterborough 4/N
30/1 Fulteney Weir N/O
July 7/8 Linton 2
7/8 Washburn 4
14/15 Pipe Bridge 4/N
14/15 Cookham N/OT
Aug. 4/5 Washburn 2
18/19 Fairmile 4/N
Sep. 1/2 Marple 4
1/2 Howsham 4/N
1/2 Ironbridge N
8/9 Whorlton 3/4
8/9 Teviot Bridge 4/N
8/9 Glasshouses N
15/16 Matlock 4
15/16 Hambledon N
15/16 Winchester N/O
14/15/16 Grandtully
22/23 Castlefields Bingley 4/N
22/23 Comrie 4/N
29/30 Serpents Tail 1
29/30 West Tanfield 4/N
Oct. 6/7 Royal Deeside 2/3
6/7 Carlisle 4/N
6/7 Shepperton 4
6/7 Pontilas N/O
6/7 Leven Wild Water Test
13/14 Llangollen Town 1
13/14 Potarch 3/4
13/14 Durngate Mill N/O
20/21 Llandysul 2

20/21 Middleton in Teesdale 3
21/22 Darley Abbey 4
27/28 Training Course Llangollen
27/28 Seaton Park N
27/28 Leven Wild Water Test
Nov. 3/4 Builth Wells 2
3/4 Ludlow 3
3/4 Mapledurham Weir

## SURF

May 12/13 Services Open Champs. at Croyde Bay
North Devon, Dave Young, 28
Meldrum Court, Temple Herdwike, Leamington Spa
26/27 North Welsh Championships
Vyn Cox, Victoria House, Corwen Road, Truddyn Mold, Clwyd
June Scottish S.E. Championships
John Mould as above
Aug. Scottish Nationals
25/26 John Mould as above
Sep. 1/2 Welsh Nationals at Porthcawl, Wales, Vyn Cox as above
Oct. 6/7 N.E. English
6/7 Cornish Championships at Sennet Bay, Cornwall, Penzance Canoe Club
13/14 R.A.F. Open Champs., at Croyde Bay, Devon. Time Rule as above
Nov. British Nationals, Time Rule as above
11/12 above

## COACHING

### BEGINNERS, INLAND

June 23/30 Plas y Brenin	(5)
June/July 30/ 7 Plas y Brenin	(5)
7 Birmingham	(17)
Sep. 1 Birmingham	(17)
8/15 Plas y Brenin	(5)
29 Birmingham	(17)

### BEGINNERS, SEA

July 1/3 Kings Lynn	(1)
Sep./Oct. 30/2 Kings Lynn	(1)

### BEGINNERS, CANADIAN

June 9/10 Bewdley	(18)
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### PROFICIENCY COURSES (INLAND)

Apr. 27/29 Calshot Spit	(12)
28 Anglesey	(6)
May 13 Shrewsbury (Testing)	(19)
May/June 28/1 Hereford (Trng. only)	(25)
10 Birmingham (Trng. only)	(17)
May 11/13 South Coast	(13)
June 8/10 Felixstowe (Trng. only)	(14)
16/18 Kings Lynn	(1)
16/23 Plas y Brenin	(5)
July 1/3 Kings Lynn	(1)
July/Aug. 28/4 Plas y Brenin	(5)
Young people 15-17 years	
6/11 Round Isle of Wight Exp.	(12)
11/18 Plas y Brenin	(5)
12 Anglesey	(6)
18/25 Plas y Brenin	(5)
Aug./Sep. 25/1 Plas y Brenin	(5)
Young people 15-17 years	
1/8 Plas y Brenin	(5)
Sep. 9 Birmingham (Trng. only)	(17)
16 Bewdley (Testing only)	(18)
21/23 Calshot Spit	(12)
22/29 Plas y Brenin	(5)
Sep./Oct. 30/2 Kings Lynn	(1)
Oct. 6/8 Norfolk	(10)

### ADVANCED TRAINING

July 4/13 The Alps	(26)
7/21 The Alps	(26)
11/20 The Alps	(26)
Sep. 15/21 Plas y Brenin	(5)
Oct. 27/28 Staunton on Wye	(24)
Nov. 2/4 Marlow	(15)
4/6 Calshot Spit	(12)

### ADVANCED TRAINING AND TESTING (SEA)

May 11/13 Polzeath (Trng. only)	(8)
18 North Devon	(7)
May/June 26/2 Plas y Brenin	(5)
May 28/30 St. Davids (Trng. only)	(21)

June 16/17 Llynn Peninsula	(6)
Assessment only	(1)
16/18 Kings Lynn (Trng. only)	(1)
July 14/21 Plas y Brenin	(5)
21/22 Plas y Brenin	(5)
Aug. 11/12 Anglesey (Trng. only)	(6)
Sep. 15/16 Anglesey (Testing)	(19)
Sep./Oct. 30/2 Kings Lynn (Trng. only)	(1)
13/14 Belford, Northumberland	(27)
19/21 Calshot Spit	(12)

### SENIOR INSTRUCTOR TRAINING (INLAND)

May 11/13 Marlow, Bucks	(15)
19/20 Ross on Wye	(23)
May/June 28/1 Hereford	(25)
1/3 Marlow, Bucks	(15)
9/10 Bewdley	(18)
9/10 Shrewsbury	(19)

July 13/15 Marlow, Bucks	(15)
Sep. 1/2 Llanrwst, North Wales	(6)
7/9 Marlow, Bucks	(15)
8/9 Telford	(20)
14/16 Felixstowe	(14)
21/23 Henley on Thames	(13)
Oct. 6/8 Norfolk	(10)
20/21 Catton, Northumberland	(27)
Nov. 10/11 Staunton on Wye	(24)

### SENIOR INSTRUCTOR TRAINING (SEA)

May 11/13 Polzeath	(8)
26/27 Anglesey	(6)
June 8/10 Felixstowe	(14)
16/18 Kings Lynn	(1)
Sep. 21 Plymouth	(9)
28/30 Anglesey	(6)
28/30 Tunbridge Wells	(26)
Oct. 5/7 Calshot Spit	(12)
13/14 Belford, Northumberland	(27)

### SENIOR INSTRUCTOR ASSESSMENT (INLAND)

May 11/13 Marlow, Bucks	(15)
12/13 Bewdley	(18)
19/20 Ross on Wye	(23)
June 1/3 Marlow, Bucks	(15)
9/10 Shrewsbury	(19)
22/24 Bath	(3)
July 13/15 Marlow, Bucks	(15)
Sep. 1/2 Llanrwst	(6)
7/9 Marlow, Bucks	(15)
8/9 Telford	(20)
14/16 Felixstowe	(14)
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June 8/10 Felixstowe	(14)
16/18 Kings Lynn	(1)
Sep. 21 Plymouth	(9)
28/30 Anglesey	(6)
28/30 Tunbridge Wells	(26)
Oct. 5/7 Calshot Spit	(12)
13/14 Belford, Northumberland	(27)

### COACH TRAINING (INLAND)

Sep. 15/22 Plas y Brenin	(5)
Oct. 20/21 Catton, Northumberland	(27)
27/28 Staunton on Wye	(24)

### COACH TRAINING (SEA)

May 12/13 Anglesey	(6)
May/June 26/2 Plas y Brenin	(5)
Oct. 13/14 Belford, Northumberland	(27)

### COACH ASSESSMENT (INLAND)

Sep. 15/22 Plas y Brenin	(5)
Oct. 20/21 Catton, Northumberland	(27)
Nov. 10/11 Staunton on Wye	(24)

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# Nigel's big moment



Following the International Canoe Polo Match at Crystal Palace between Great Britain and Holland, British Captain Nigel Midgeley receives the International Trophy from the Swedish International Canoe Federation delegate Lars Bennbach.  
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# Dear Sir

## THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

### STAND UP AND SHOUT

When is the B.C.U. going to stand up and shout its representation of this country's growing number of canoeists? My son has been the target yet again for the stone and abuse-throwing fishermen of the River Tees at Yarm.

He was on a tidal stretch and particularly tried to avoid the rods and lines on his route during a training session. There wasn't a fishing match in progress. Local agreements do little good. We need a strong spokesman for the youth in canoeing today.  
LINDA SMITH (Mrs.),  
Cleveland.

### GET THINGS SORTED OUT

I have been a member of the B.C.U. since 1967 and have always been told that I should not canoe the rivers of North Wales as they are in a state of negotiating access. It is surprising that so many people stay in the Union under these circumstances, especially as the river adviser regularly canoes the various rivers with parties from his college.

It's about time a little less time and money was spent on slalom and racing and a little more of our fees on sorting things for those who do not want to be in clubs or race, but would just like to canoe various rivers on their own. As far as I know, I have never been asked if I would pay for canoeing, although my fishing licence for local rivers is much less than the B.C.U. membership fee.

N. S. ADAM,  
Abercaseg UCHAF,  
Bethesda, Gwynedd.

### HOW ABOUT A DEMONSTRATION?

On the subject of access, I — and I'm sure a lot of other paddlers — would like to demonstrate their feelings on the present restricted situation. Well B.C.U., or anyone who is good at organising things, how about a demonstration on a no-access river so canoeists can show their feelings?

The B.C.U.'s present policy is useless. It causes bad feelings among local people towards canoeists, because good rivers with access are overused, for example the Wye.  
D. K. ATKINS.

### A JOY AND DELIGHT

I was delighted to see Oliver's article on disabled canoeists, as the group of blind people that so enthused his friend were from Leicestershire and attending an Activities Week at this Centre.

They were a joy and delight to work with and I thoroughly recommend that any one who is finding teaching canoeing a bit dull, or whose group is getting a bit blasé, to get in touch with their local disabled groups and help them to get on the water. Their tenacity and good humour will, I am sure, rejuvenate anyone helping them actively participate, and put your own canoeing firmly into perspective.

BRIAN GRAY,  
Coach,  
Aberglaslyn Hall,  
Beddgelert, Caernarvon.

## IN BRIEF...

- Due to numerous requests, the date of the Bromley Canoe Club's Jubilee LD Race has been put back from May 27 to June 3. Entry forms are available from K. T. Dunstan, 43 Grosvenor Road, Belvedere, Kent.
- The A1 S1 Training and Assessment Weekend proposed for July 7-9 at Thamesfield has now been altered to September 21-23, still at Thamesfield, Henley-on-Thames. Details from P. W. Holloway, 111 South View Avenue, Caversham, Reading, Berks.
- Pyranha Mouldings Limited are on the move to their new Watersports Centre, and the Sales Department hope to be in the new premises by Spring Bank Holiday. New address will be: Pyranha Watersports Centre, Marina Village, Preston Brook, Nr. Warrington WA7 3DW.
- The American Canoe Association has opened its new office just outside Washington DC, with a full-time staff, and in consequence the Denver office has now been closed. The Washington address is now: The American Canoe Association, PO Box 248, Lorton, Virginia 22079, USA. Street address: 7217 Lockport Place, Lorton, Virginia. Cable address: Canoe, Lorton, Virginia, USA. Phone: (703) 550 7523. Incidentally, the Association will be celebrating its centenary in 1980, and would welcome British visitors.
- The divisional status of the Stafford and Stone Canoe Club's Slalom at Stone on June 16-17 has been omitted in the Slalom Year Book. It is, in fact, a Novice and Open event.
- There will be a training course for those who wish to teach the disabled to canoe, Sunday, July 29, to Friday, August 3, near Plymouth. Cost £16. Further details from Ron Moore, RCO Devon and Cornwall, Mill Ford School, Biggin Hill, Plymouth. Send s.a.e. please.

## NEW BCU RACING RATINGS

The following are the B.C.U. Racing Committee re-classifications of 1978, effective as from January 1, 1979.

### PROMOTIONS

#### (a) TO SENIOR A — MEN'S KAYAKS

Racing No.	Name	Club
NR	R. Campbell	WWR
091	N. Clarke	RLP
+NR	N. Carlyle	ROY
+NR	P. Doman	RIC
321	R. Lang	PGL
NR	R. Montgomery	IRV
+NR	N. Robson	FLA
119	G. Spiers	NKC
331	M. Swallow	WWR
+NR	J. Truran	ROY

#### (b) TO SENIOR A — MEN'S CANOES

358	M. Gohar	ROY
122	M. Sheriff	WEY
NR	Nutt	—
	Haines	—

#### (c) TO SENIOR A — WOMEN KAYAKS

+NR	J. Adams	WWR
083	C. Brooks	TON
315	L. Clough	LIC
412	S. Hornby	WWR
+NR	A. Plant	LIC

#### (d) TO SENIOR B — MEN'S KAYAKS

(from Novice — includes those promoted during the season)

+NR	A. Baylif	WFN*
+NR	C. Cook	—*
142	G. Drew	BOA
161	P. Foster	NEW*
+NR	K. Fraser	ROX
332	T. Gould	RIC
350	G. Ingram-Monk	MAI*
284	J. Jobe	PCR*
042	M. Kelly	ROY*
+NR	D. McKenzie	St.A*
+NR	C. Norton	ACV*
355	R. Price	NEW
036	L. Saunders	RLP*
222	J. Speck	ACV*
+NR	D. Tittle	EDG
335	C. Tatum	NEW
+NR	N. Wain	WWR*

#### (e) TO SENIOR B — MEN'S KAYAKS

(from Junior)

019	R. Buttle	BOA
+NR	S. Briggs	WWR
213	C. Collett	RIC
204	R. Gautier	ROY
203	P. Richard	ROY
004	S. Melling	RIC
074	D. Swaffield	AYL
299	N. Shillingford	RLP
041	K. Rodgers	ROY+

#### (f) TO NOVICE — MEN'S KAYAKS

(from Junior)

193	C. Bilboa	LIN
198	A. Bradley	NKC
082	J. Coombs	WAL
194	R. Guest	LIN
017	M. Howard	WEY
126	P. Hawkins	ROY
192	A. Hughes	LIN
227	S. Haycroft	NKC
376	P. Hignett	ACU
302	P. Hambridge	MIL
123	L. Kelly	ROY
195	T. Moore	LIN
115	C. Smith	NKC
300	I. Willett	WAR
062	P. Etherton	ACU+

#### (g) DEMOTIONS (at own request)

TO SENIOR B — MEN'S KAYAKS		
+NR	A. Batchelor	—
430	A. Edwards	WOR
150	S. Jackson	ACU
+NR	M. Whitby	—

#### NOTES:

1. +NR Not Registered (as a racing competitor).
2. The Racing Committee have decided not to introduce a Senior C Class for at least one more season. Therefore those junior paddlers whose 18th birthday fell on or before January 1, 1979, and who have not already been promoted to a higher Senior Class will be required to paddle Novice Class during 1979. This applies to all non-registered paddlers as well as to registered competitors listed above at (f).
3. + = Incorrectly shown in 1979 Canoe Racing Year Book.
4. \* = Omitted in error from the 1979 Canoe Racing Year Book.

# Regional Roundup

At the West Midlands AGM, the following officers were elected: Chairman, Carel Quaife; Vice-Chairman, Eric Gagg; Secretary, Jeff Stamps; Treasurer, Dick Whittington. Thanks to Mike Baines as our founding secretary, and congratulations on his recent marriage.

The increased support of £500 from B.C.U. central fund was welcomed, and it was decided that all B.C.U. affiliated clubs in the region are now members of the West Midlands Regional Group as of right, and without payment of a further subscription to the WMRG.

All club committees are asked to let Jeff Stamps have the names of their two representatives, and his address is 122 Ulverley Green Road, Olton, Solihull, West Midlands.

The group continues to be very active in access matters, where more support is requested from clubs.

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News from the Southern Region is that following an exploratory meeting held in Basingstoke of a number of club representatives, it was agreed to go ahead and regionalise the Southern Region. A working party has been set up under the chairmanship of K. J. Lovell, which will in due course arrange an inaugural meeting.

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Canoeing is progressing rapidly in most areas of the Yorkshire and Humberside Region.

The AGM, held in October, was well attended, and David Stanley and Justin Locke were reappointed as Chairman and Treasurer respectively. Maurice Phipps retired as Secretary, with Ken Harrap, West Yorkshire Canoe Club Chairman, taking over.

One of Ken's major tasks as river adviser has been to negotiate access agreements on the River Ure. The problems with one Parish Council and small fishing club have delayed major access agreement which has been welcomed by all the riparian owners of the stretch of river. This highlights the impossibility of the present access legislation, where one person can prevent a working relationship on a whole river. It would seem that legislation is inevitable to give a legal right of access. The calendar will be delayed a little longer until this problem can be resolved.

A project which is going well and shows the advantage of a formal regional body is the creation of a Slalom and Wild Water Race Course in a valley where controlled operational release of water is possible from one reservoir to another. Ian Guthrie ably chairs a Regional Committee that is developing the use of the valley and is impatiently awaiting release from a publicity embargo so that he can go ahead and raise the money required for the development from local interests.

Three Slaloms, Div. 2, 3 and 4, and five Wild Water Races are planned for this year, and one weekend has been set aside for coaching and general use. Yorkshire and Humberside clubs who wish to organise events in 1980 on the river must inform Mark Markham, the Regional Slalom and Wild Water Officer, by the beginning of June of the proposed event and alternative dates.

The Region welcomes Rick Halsall as the new R.C.O. He was elected in the first

series of elections for the Coaching Organiser post. Ken Rooker is Chairman of the coaching panel and L.C.O. for South Yorkshire, and Dave Millimen (West Yorkshire), Ron Ryman (North Yorkshire) and Angela Fredrich (South Yorkshire) have been re-elected.

The Access Committee, with Chris Hawksworth as Chairman, has functioned well and the Regional Access Development Plan has finally been published and is available to members of the Union for 70p. Please send a s.a.e., 9" x 4", to David Stanley if you would like a copy.

Much too-ing and froing has taken place between the National Access Committee and the Region to agree the Regional Policy it contains, and the associated maps giving details of the Region's access requirements. No longer can the Sports Council and Local Authorities claim not to know the needs of the canoeist, and the Region has a strong planning base to use in its access negotiations.

The Leeds C.O.S.E. continues to flourish under the direction of Mark Markham, with Nick Wain, National Slalom Champion; Alan Edge, Open Slalom Champion; 18-year-old Terry Hibble, National Wild Water Race Champion; Hillary Peacock, M.B.E., National Ladies' Wild Water Race Champion.

Pete Godfrey (18) and Susan Small (16) are both in the top ten of world ranking, and John Rennocks and Jeremy Robinson (16) are both pushing hard to get to the top. The enthusiasm of the members is certainly pushing paddlers to the top. It's a pity that we cannot attract sponsorship that will prevent the sport from being a drain on competitors and on their parents' pockets.

Further details from: David Stanley, Chairman, 1 Firs Gate, Harrogate; Kenn Harrop, Secretary, 25 Elmwood Grove, Wakefield; Mark Markham, Slalom and Wild Water, 22 Wrenbury Crescent, Leeds; Rick Halsall, R.C.O. Buckden House, O.P. Centre, Buckden, Skipton, N. Yorks; Chris Hawksworth, Access Officer, The Mill, Glasshouses, Harrogate, N. Yorks; Ian Guthrie, Development Committee, Sandy Barn, Wetherby Road, Knaresborough, N. Yorks.

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News from the East Midlands Region is that the river bed at Matlock was levelled in a flood prevention scheme but negotiations between the East Midland Group, the District Council and the Severn-Trent Water Authority resulted in the latter moving several tons of rock and earth, under the direction of Frank Goodman and George Parr, to make the site an acceptable

piece of water for the slalom canoeist. A local wire works have donated wire from which to suspend slalom gates and negotiations are at present under way with the army to see if they will erect the wires.

The Severn-Trent Water Authority have also agreed to consult the group before work is carried out on the Kings Mills weir on the River Trent in order to safeguard the canoeing amenity which exists there.

Negotiations are taking place with the Peak Park Planning Board who have set up a committee of interested parties to look into the possibility of opening up some rivers, within their boundaries, to canoeists.

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A £250 development grant from the Sports Council to help towards the setting up of Britain's first canoe county training squad scheme has been handed over by Mr. Howard Darbon, an Eastern Region Sports Council senior regional officer, to Mr. Dennis Smith, Secretary of the British Canoe Union (Eastern Region). The money represents 50 per cent of the total cost of the scheme over its first six months.

The scheme, which has been running for three months, covers the counties of Bedfordshire, Norfolk, Essex and Suffolk. Other monetary contributions have come from the county councils concerned and the Eastern Region of the British Canoe Union.

Each county has formed its own squad with a total membership of over 60 paddlers reflecting the existing level of competence in the respective counties. Thus Bedfordshire has a strong racing element and Suffolk a strong slalom squad. The Essex racing squad is composed of paddlers covering a wide range of abilities from Olympic training squad members to successful young competitors at minimum level.

The Norwich racing squad is made up of Devizes to Westminster Race competitors, a member of the Olympic training squad and young paddlers with purely local but good marathon successes. The Essex slalom squad caters for a lower level at the present time, whereas the Bedfordshire slalom element covers a wider range of competence.

Each squad is led by members of the Canoe Union's Eastern Regional committee coaches panel with outside specialist assistance wherever possible. Squads meet every four weeks for a full day. Mr. Dennis Smith said, "Through the sessions already held, it is possible to see improvements in the standard of individuals and much of this can be attributed to the personal encouragement each member receives and the sense of belonging that the squad system motivates".

## SINS ON THE DART

The access arrangements at Holne Park on the River Dart (one of the few rivers offering white water canoeing in the south west) are being endangered by the canoeists for whose benefit they were made.

The complaints are: bank erosion, parking congestion, and annoyance of other landowners at Holne Bridge. Please do NOT use the bridge area for launching and landing. The correct launching point is near the weir inside the Country Park grounds. Avoiding payment of parking and camping fees within the grounds; unauthorised use of other Country Park facilities.

The Country Park's purpose is to provide the public with recreational facilities that would not otherwise be available. Please respect them.

The Dart access arrangements apply from October to the end of January and involve getting a permit from the River Dart Country Park office. Please use the correct launching point and pay up cheerfully. The parking and camping fees are not unreasonable when spread over a party.

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## A DATE IN MOSCOW

David Dryer, Sports Travel Limited the General Agent in the United Kingdom for tickets and tours to the Olympic Games in Moscow, wish to draw attention to the Spartakiada, which will be held in Moscow in 1979.

Spartakiadas are held every four years in the Soviet Union and include all the Olympic Games and sports. These events take place the year prior to each Olympiad, therefore the 1979 Spartakiada will be an important dress rehearsal for the 1980 Olympic Games.

In 1979, for the first time some foreign contestants will take part in the Spartakiada. All the stadiums and facilities in use for the Spartakiada will be those which will be used for the Olympic Games.

In association with Intourist, David Dryer is arranging complete programmes for organisers and administrators to be present in Moscow in order to check the planning of movements for teams, officials and supporters for the 1980 Olympics.

## New rules for Marathon Racing

During the period of the International Canoe Exhibition, the first meeting of the ICF ad hoc committee for Marathon Racing — set up after the Congress of the ICF in Belgrade, 1978 — was held.

The members of this committee, John W. Dudderidge, Chairman and member of the ICF Board; Jørn Cronborg, Vice-Chairman and President of the Danish Canoe Federation; Juan Feliz (Spain); Russ Hawken (New Zealand); Alan Laws (G.B.); Ian Maclean (Ireland); Bas van der Ster (Holland) and Andras I. Toro (U.S.A.) were all present, together with Lars Bennbäck, (Sweden) member of the ICF Board; Alfred Falkner (Austria) and Arthur Van Thienen (Belgium).

The delegates were welcomed by Gordon Richards, Director of the British Canoe Union, and the meeting was opened by John Davies, Director of the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre, who welcomed the members and expressed the hope that they would enjoy the exhibition. Apologies for absence were received from Frank Whitebrook, of Australia, member of the ICF Board, and Tor Gervin, of Norway. The following was agreed: The Notteroy Rundt, July 8; Sella River, August 4; Shannon Marathon, September 1; Gudenna Marathon, September 15-16. These to be used for assessment of the 1979 European Grand Prix.

One of the first matters discussed was the name of the discipline. In 1975 the unofficial committee had favoured "Canoe Marathon" but other proposals had come forward, such as Marathon Racing and Long Distance Racing, the latter name having been used over many years in some federations.

The meeting agreed on "Marathon Racing" which emphasised the competitive nature of the sport and at the same time clearly differentiated it from the other racing disciplines in the ICF.

### DRAFT RULES

The greater part of the weekend was devoted to the compilation of a set of Draft Rules for Marathon Racing, and when the meeting closed, the work had been completed. The new Draft Rules, translated into French and German, will now go to the ICF Board for its approval, and then, in 1980, to the ICF Congress in Moscow. It would be tedious to write at length on the details of the Rules, sufficient to say that on basic ICF administrative rules the Marathon Rules agree with the Racing Rules for flatwater racing. The differences lie in the rules specifically relevant to Marathon Racing and its special conditions.

It was decided for the time being to adopt the same boat classes as are used in flatwater racing — though not all of them — namely K.1, K.2, C.1, C.2, but it was agreed that the existing C.1 and C.2 used in flatwater racing are not ideally suited to the conditions that may be met in marathon races. One of the members of the Committee, A. I. Toro, (Former World Champion in C.1 over 10,000m and now Marathon C.2 Champion) a naval architect, offered to work on a more suitable design within the existing rules, and his offer was accepted. There were strong views expressed that the C.2 used for marathon racing in U.S.A. and Canada, be adopted as the ICF Class, and it is clear that when more is known of this class, the matter will come up again. There is obviously much to be said for a class of proven suitability which is already in wide use over a whole continent.

### ENCOURAGEMENT

It was decided not to include any other classes of boat in the Rules, but it was agreed that every encouragement be given to the organizers of national marathon events, to include in their programmes, races for additional classes.

It was also agreed that the Polish Canoe Federation be invited to organize one of the four marathon events for the European Grand Prix in 1980. The Committee will meet again in Duisburg during the World Championships in August.

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### COACH ASSESSMENT (SEA)

May	12/13 Anglesey	(6)
May/June	26/2 Plas y Brenin	(5)
Oct.	13/14 Belford, Northumberland	(27)

### COMPETITION COACHES TRAINING (RACING)

June/July	30/1 Bala	(6)
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### COMPETITION APPRECIATION (RACING)

June/July	30/1 Bala	(6)
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### CANOE BUILDING

Nov.	16/18 Plas y Brenin	(5)
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### ETCETERA

July	4/13 Advanced Expedition in the Alps (Members must be proficient in Grade II rivers)	(26)
	7/21 Advanced Expedition in the Alps	(5)
	11/20 Advanced Expedition in the Alps (Members must be proficient in Grade II rivers)	(26)

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### The Huron a hit at Hiswa

McNulty Seaglass Ltd., who had a great success at the International Canoe Exhibition at Crystal Palace with their 16ft., open Canadian tourer the HURON went off the following week to the Amsterdam International Boat Show (HISWA) and had an even greater success with their craft. The Dutch paddlers particularly admired the moulded floor and mahogany trim of the grp version while the cold moulded mahogany version attracted the connoisseur as it does wherever it is shown. Quote from Chris Hare of McNulty's: "We were invited to go over to the show and the Dutch paddlers could not have been more enthusiastic about our range of kayaks and canoes. The show itself is very spacious and pleasant, in complete contrast to the conditions which prevail at Crystal Palace you could even sit and eat in comfort". New from the company is the HORIZON, a 17ft. long, 25in. beam twin cockpit touring double, capable of carrying a rudder, with a bulkhead and hatch aft for the easy and safe storage of equipment. Also fresh off the stocks is the HURRICANE, their new surf boat, which has been applauded by all who have tried it during its extensive pre-production testing and is now in full production. A demonstration craft is available for those who wish to try it. Finally a heavy water version of the SUPA NOVA to be called the SUPA NOVA HL is now in production and will be seen at Grantully at Easter for the first time. Designed specifically for the heavier water encountered

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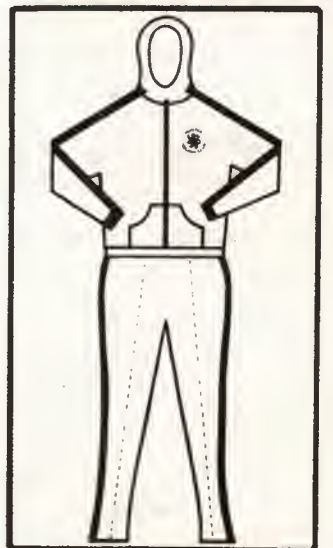
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