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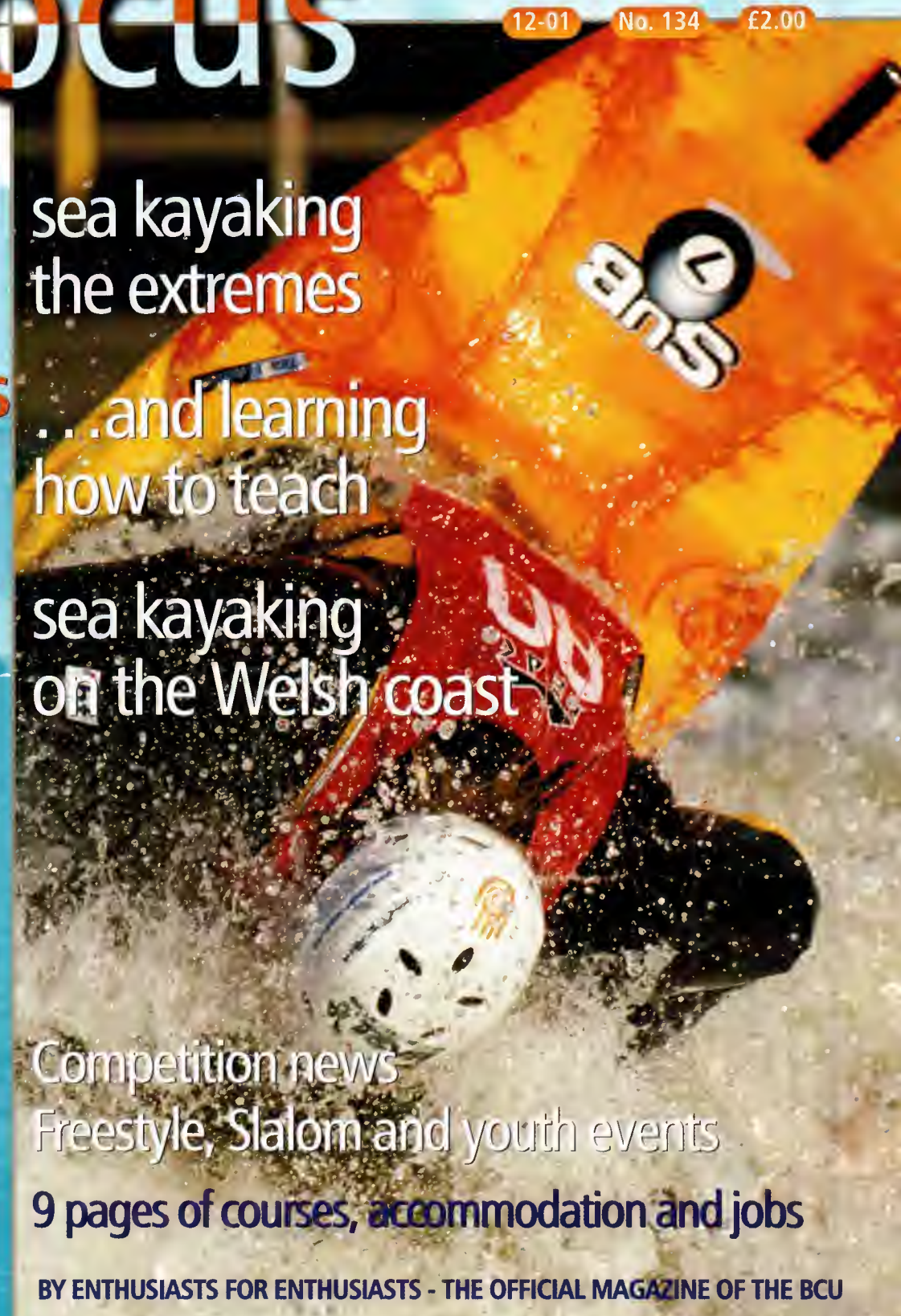
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COMMENT

Paul Owen
Chief Executive

Access

You will read elsewhere in this edition of *Canoe Focus* details of the BCU's intentions to launch a lobbying campaign aimed at encouraging the government to introduce changes to the law based upon the evidence that has been collected by a research team from Brighton University, on behalf of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

The research team identified:

- Canoeing has a case for a more equitable share of access to and along rivers
- Conflict is more perceived than real and actual conflict is low.
- Worries about water quality are more perceived than real
- Voluntary access agreements have failed to materialise – less than 6% of rivers have agreements negotiated since 1935, despite strenuous efforts
- Widespread informal paddling is tolerated on 38% of rivers
- 15% of the population are active in watersports which are under represented at all levels in government.

The news that this research supports our own previously held beliefs is indeed excellent. But now comes the hard bit! Persuading anyone to do anything about it.

The BCU office will shortly be sending out copies of the organisation's new Access Strategy, together with the case for an Access and Inland Waterways Bill, to all MPs and anyone who we can think of who can influence the government's decision-making process.

Centrally, we will be writing to and arranging meetings with ministers to press the case. However, this alone will be not be enough, we need all members and indeed all canoeists to take some time to consider the facts, consider what greater access to waterways would mean to them and contact their own constituency MPs. Perhaps you could arrange to attend a local MP's surgery to expand on the case.

The BCU has been pressing for an equitable resolution to the "access problem" since 26 May 1965. The organisation simply wants to achieve fair and equitable access to a variety of inland water from across England and Wales for canoeing.

I would like to extend a very warm thank you to every canoeist who took time to complete the questionnaires that provided the weight of data in support of the case.

Early in the new year canoeists will deliver the Raw Deal petition, which the BCU has supported.

Membership

I am pleased to report that by the end of October we appear to be turning the corner with regard to membership numbers. For the year ended 31 October our total membership numbers have recovered to a point where we close the year on our second highest number of members ever.

National Canoeing Development Centre

Plans for the National Canoeing Development Centre are now at a very advanced stage and we anticipate that in 2003 we will be able to move into a new purpose built centre at Holme Pierrepont. This will house all of our staff, act as a base for organising events on the white water course and establish a canoe club.

The funding should also allow us to upgrade the white water course and create a purpose built canoe polo facility on the water previously known as the Winfield Pool.

Canoe England

The BCU had been looking at its federal structure for sometime and has decided to operate in England as "Canoe England" in order to establish an English identity for English members.

The Canoe England division will provide:

- English membership services
- Access and facility development
- Training for BCU tests and awards

Retaining the one overall company, the British division will retain the BCU name and concentrate on:

- International competitions
- International affairs
- Being the awarding body for coaching awards

At sometime in the future, it may be that the two divisions will be split to form two independent trading companies

I paddled my own canoe

I paddled my own canoe is an autobiography of Oliver Cock MBE. Oliver reaches his ninetieth birthday next month and his autobiography, which will be reviewed in a future edition of *Canoe Focus*, has just been released as we go to print. Oliver set up the original BCU Coaching Committee, coached in both wild water racing and canoe slalom and started canoe polo.

He retired as the BCU Director of Coaching in 1982 at the age of 70 but chose not to retire!, becoming president of the British Dragon Boat Association, a post he held for a further twenty years.

From early examination his book is a fascinating insight into Oliver's life, I look forward to reading more. The book is available from the Book Guild and its ISBN is 1 85776 539 7.

BCU Board

The BCU AGM is on March 9 2002 and will consider nominations for the post of treasurer and for elected members of the board. Nomination forms are available from Vera Whalley in the BCU Office and should be completed and forwarded to Vera by December 31 2001.

INTERNATIONAL CANOE EXHIBITION

This will take place at the National Exhibition Centre on February 23 and 24. Please see February's *Canoe Focus* for full details.

And finally,

Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year to all BCU members.

Contributions wanted

Fluffy is a yellow duck who likes sunshine, warm rivers and the thrill of bouncing down easy rapids. He doesn't like getting his head wet and is very nervous on anything more than a class-three.

Fluffy really loves the rivers of France's Massif Central and features in a new guidebook that Pete 'Green Slime' Knowles is writing. Pete and Fluffy would like to hear from anyone who has possible contributions, such as short anecdotes and drawings. All material will be acknowledged and if it's used there's a free book and perhaps a little fame for you.

Contact **Pete Knowles, Rivers Publishing, 125 Hook Rise South, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 7NA**, e-mail: slime@riverspublishing.demon.co.uk.

'White Water Massif Central – Fluffy's Guide To The Friendly Rivers of Southern France' will be published early next year and will cover the main rivers that flow in high summer, such as the Ardeche, Chazezac, Hérault, Orb, Tarn, Lot, Dordogne, Vézère and Allier.



Visit the rock

Considering that the Rock of Gibraltar is almost an island, it should be no surprise to find a proliferation of watersports taking place there.

Canoeing has been popular among the locals for many years but until now has been a purely independent activity. The newly formed Gibraltar Canoeing Association has been set up to bring paddlers together and is now officially recognised as the body representing the sport locally.

The aims of the organisation are to promote the sport to the public, coach paddlers, organise events and facilitate access to canoeing for newcomers.

About 60 kayaks can be counted on the rock and this number is likely to multiply considerably once the association is able to acquire a suitable seafront venue.

Gibraltar's unique geographical location, at the spot where the powerful Atlantic Ocean meets the Mediterranean Sea, produces a variety of currents and water conditions that are a continuous challenge to the more adventurous sea kayaker. There could, for instance, be stormy weather on the eastern side of the rock and a perfect calm on the western side. The crossover, at Europa Point, is always a thrilling moment while paddling about surrounded by a group of dolphins is an unforgettable experience.

Group outings to the rivers of the Spanish mainland provide a complete change of scenario and a very different experience.



BCU members visiting Gibraltar and interested in getting out on the water should contact **GCA secretary Eugene Pons on tel: 00350 59620, fax: 00350 59654** or e-mail: eugene.pons@gibtel "We will be very happy to greet you," he says.



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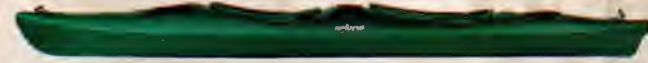
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Yorkshire clean-up

Yorkshire Water is splashing out £400 for an innovative and exciting river clean-up by canoeists on the River Aire, in Leeds, as part of its RiverCare initiative.

RiverCare, which was launched in September, is a five year programme which will see the company invest over £400 million in making rivers cleaner, to the benefit of both the environment and river users. Taking to the water in October were more than 20 enthusiasts from the Leeds Canoe Club, who started on cleaning the river from its Kirkstall base to the Granary Wharf in the city centre. Paddlers were armed with black refuse bags, to pick up as much litter from the river's surface as they could. Ian Needham, chairman of the British Canoe Union for Yorkshire, said: "The sponsorship money will help Leeds CC fundings in purchasing junior equipment. The scheme is targeted at getting more and more people, especially the younger generation, involved with the sport. "By its very nature canoeing is an environmentally friendly leisure pursuit, where people of all ages can develop new life skills whilst enjoying and looking after the region's rivers.

"The scheme shows Yorkshire Water is a responsible local company which is willing to invest in the surroundings and the community where it operates." Leeds CC welcomes people of all ages and experience to its club on 07710 187 709.

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Both kayaks feature Perception's new freestyle outfitting configuration and retail.

Get Yourself in a Spin.

The Spin is set to be released a month ahead of schedule and is now anticipated to be available from Perception Proline retailers in January. The Spin is a smaller

relative of the recently released Full Tilt and aimed at paddlers up to 75kg. This compact design is a surfing delight and an aerial maestro. Perception's shortest ever boat will play at all the spots bigger boats can't and features Perception's new freestyle outfitting configuration for added control and comfort.

The Spin measures in at just over 190cm with a volume of 151 litres, weighing 15kg and retails at £699.00 inc VAT.

The Sonic and Supersonic, which are the final installment of Perception 2002 Proline releases will be



making their appearances next month. Further details will be available in the next issue.

Colourful Carolina



The Carolina is now available with Tie-Dye Colour-wash options of White Rock

and Galaxy Blue or Sunset Orange and Firecracker in addition to the single colour options of Sunshine Yellow, Firecracker and Teal Green.

This smooth flowing, stable and user friendly tourer has two outfitting specifications to suit the pocket and intended use. The Standard version features a comfort-moulded seat with adjustable backrest, adjustable pedal footrests, ergonomic carry handles, drain plug and buoyancy blocks and retails at £350.00. The Expedition version adds fore and aft bulkhead and hatch systems, fore and aft chart elastics and a foam moulded adjustable backrest and retails at £499.00. There is no extra charge for the Colourwash option.

Call Perception on 01825 765891 or email info@perception.co.uk for a copy of the latest fleet sheet.

Wider Perception

Perception have confirmed the following additions to their promotional tour dates:

Dee Tour, Llangollen December 8-9, with a white water test fleet and advice from members of Team Perception.

London Boat Show, Earls Court, London, January 4-13, with a display fleet and advice about Perception kayaks from sit on, touring and white water kayakers.

Boat Caravan and Leisure Show, NEC, Birmingham February 15-24, with a large display fleet and advice about Perception's 2002 range of sit on, touring and white water kayakers.

International Canoe Exhibition, NEC, Birmingham, February 23-24, with a comprehensive display fleet and advice about all Perception's sit on, touring and white water kayakers. Including advice from Team Perception.

www.perception.co.uk

Southwater Watersports Centre

Southwater Watersports Centre has now opened a shop 800 yards from the centre, in Southwater, West Sussex, stocking a large range of canoeing/kayaking equipment for everyone from beginners to experts. Demo boats are available, from Dagger, Perception, Wave Sport and Eskimo.

Southwater Watersports Centre is a young company, now in its fifth year and still developing to achieve watersports for all. Proprietor is John Dowling, who has been involved in watersports for the last 20 years and who started the company initially as a windsurfing centre. But, due to demand, the centre evolved into a thriving multi-activity centre, now offering a wide range of watersports activities and dry-land based activities.

John Dowling's objective, with the help of his enthusiastic qualified staff, is to offer watersports for all. They will train anyone from six and beyond to undertake watersports safely whilst having as much pleasure as possible. The Lake is situated in Southwater Country Park, in the centre of West Sussex.

Cripplegate Lake is approximately six acres in size, which makes an ideal environment for introducing people off all ages and abilities to the world of watersports, in a safe and pleasant environment.

Access to the lake is very good, with purpose-built slipway and pontoons for launching. And, for those who require a wheelchair, there is easy access to the water and there are paths all around the lake, that are wheelchair friendly. Activities to choose from include dinghy sailing, windsurfing, kayaking, Canadian canoeing, raft building, orienteering, team building and river journeys.

The centre is inspected yearly by the Royal Yachting Association for dinghy sailing and windsurfing, by the British Canoe Union for kayaking and open canoeing and every two years by the Adventurous Activities Licensing Authority.



Riot Tekno

If there is one thing they're known for at Riot, it's breaking new ground. It's not a matter of improving old design theories, but creating new ones; not perfecting old moves, but inventing bigger, higher ones to dwarf the old. It's this constant search for ways to change the world of freestyle that makes Riot the benchmark by which all others are measured.

Riot informs us that they have done it again. Combining the visions of master designers Corran Addison and Arnd Schaeftlein, the Tekno is a kayak that, it is claimed, will forever change the face of freestyle.

Available in the new year fully fitted with Riot's amazing Ratchet backband, footbrace and thigh brace system. The Tekno measures in at 210 X 63.5cm, with a volume of 50US gallons. Price £699.



Peter solos it

Adventure paddler Peter Owen recently made a solo crossing of the Irish Sea from Whitesands St.Davids to Rosslare, Ireland, in 13 hours. Peter followed this up with a solo crossing and return of the Bristol Channel, from Stackpole Quay, Pembrokeshire to Lundy Island, overnighing in a cave on Lundy before returning to Stackpole.

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WILD web

Paddling is an activity that can be enjoyed by the whole family. From flat glass like lakes to crashing mountain rivers there is something for every age. Toddlers can enjoy a paddling adventure before they can walk, and teenagers can join the "hard men" on the white stuff. If

you are looking for good reasons why you should take the kids canoeing then you should check out

www.gregcons.com/canoe/jw_Bringingupkids.htm. Most interesting of



these was the idea that canoeing helps children learn how to act and react by being around adults and seeing how they cope with a situation. Child psychologists agree that children learn about the adult world through experience, and adult contact through shared activities helps them through the difficult transitional stages of puberty. If you are looking to bring create balanced adults then sharing a sport like paddling is a good idea.

Like any active sport paddling has risks, and for an interesting view on risk and

outdoor sports try www.spiked-online.com/Articles/0000000053B8.htm.

Essentially we need to decide how much adventure to supply our kids, and how much risk to take. As the author notes, "when all the danger is removed you no longer have outdoor adventure but outdoor banality." One of the ultimate rushes of white water canoeing is the feeling of entering dangerous situations, yet still being in control.

Clearly safety is a key issue and basic advice can be found here http://outdoors.fazeshift.com/trippingtips_003e.html. With younger children your choice of buoyancy is quite critical. Most recommend both a crotch strap to prevent your child slipping out, as well as a buoyant collar to keep their heads above water. To see what such a buoyancy aid should look like take a peep at www.crewsaver.co.uk/leisure/airfoam/seafoam.htm.

Most families start out with a Canadian canoe into which the entire family can fit. For advice on kids and open canoes try <http://www.gregcons.com/canoe/kidpaddle.htm>. You may also be wondering how to keep kids amused so take a look at www.gorp.com/gorp/activity/paddling/features/can_kids.htm. Their idea of toy towing is a neat one.

When the children are getting a little older, and are looking for more then there is a range of qualifications that the BCU has put together to encourage the UK's future paddlers. Details of the "Paddlepower" scheme and relevant contacts can be found on the BCU website www.bcu.org.uk/youth/paddlepower.htm.

There is plenty of good adventures to be had on Britain's lakes and rivers, and around our extensive coastline. Canoeing is a good way to enjoy the great outdoors as a family.



He'll have a white Christmas!

Disabled paddler sets off for Antarctica



Disabled explorer Glenn Shaw is all set to fulfil a lifetime ambition - to kayak off the coast of Antarctica. By anyone's standards it is an ambitious project, but the single detail that

makes this venture all the more remarkable is that, when he's not in his kayak, Glenn is confined to a wheelchair (or 'snowmobile', as Glenn calls his custom-built vehicle).

Glenn suffers from a medical condition known as 'brittle bones'. He knows that the slightest knock can result in a broken limb. A simple fall might kill him outright. But Glenn is an adventurer, and treats his physical handicap as simply one more difficulty to overcome.

Glenn is drawing up his expedition plans with the assistance of former British Antarctic Survey base commander, Paul Rose. His support vessel is being operated by seasoned Antarctic Greg Mortimer, the first Australian to climb Everest and K2. Glenn will be setting off for the frozen continent this month. He hopes to take to the icy waters around Antarctica at Christmas. Glenn is also planning to camp on the Antarctic Peninsula during the course of the expedition. He will be posting regular updates at www.glennshaw.com before and during the voyage.

"I've wanted to kayak amongst the penguins for years," Glenn enthuses. Now, thanks to a Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Fellowship I have been able to turn my dream into reality." Glenn's previous adventures have included a trek in the Himalayas, four attempts to cross Canada's Continental Divide using huskies, and a solo canoe voyage through British Columbia and Alberta.

A Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, Glenn is a past recipient of a ski scholarship from the American National Sports Centre For The Disabled. He has also worked with Brunel University's Research and Development Team to test and develop kayaking equipment for fellow disabled explorers.

For details of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, tel: 020 7584 9315. www.wcmt.org.uk.

Get covered

In an increasingly litigious society, it pays to know exactly where you stand when it comes to questions of personal responsibility.

BCU director of coaching Mike Devlin sounds a word of warning to anyone taking part in a group trip or event, however casual: "It's no longer acceptable to shake your head and say 'We were just a group of friends out paddling. Nobody was in charge'. At a recent coroner's inquest the person taking part who had the most experience was deemed responsible for the accidental drowning of another participant and, as a result, was sued by the widow of the dead man."

In a second scenario, two qualified coaches running an authorised course, which included a day's trip on the river, were asked by a friend if he could go along. At the board of enquiry set up to look into a serious injury which occurred on the trip. It was the friend rather than the coaches who was deemed responsible, because he happened to have more experience than them.

Adds Mike: "It is essential that every paddler makes sure her or she has adequate insurance cover, not just for what might happen to their equipment or themselves but to cover any liability they might have for what happens to others."

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New access officer for Lyn

Following Pete Oliver's move to New Zealand there is a new access officer for the River Lyn.

He is **Scott Varker, Church House, Church Yard, South Molton, EX36 3BW, tel: 07788 915467 (mob).**

Please contact him for information and permits to paddle this technical river. The BCU is investigating a means of having day permits available close to Watersmeet so that paddlers can get on the water when levels are right.

Talking trash

Environment minister Michael Meacher recently unveiled a newly designed £110,000 work boat that sucks up litter from the Grand Union Canal at Little Venice, in West London. Paid for by British Waterways and London's Waterways Partnership and operated by Thames 21, the boat has been christened Taranchewer and has been designed so it can duck under low bridges. A plan has been set up by British Waterways to recruit 40 volunteer wardens who will be trained to provide a high profile deterrent to those who leave litter or graffiti on the canalside. If the scheme proves to be successful, BW intends to extend it to waterways elsewhere across the country.

Action on access: We need your help now!

We need your help now! Right now, yes, right now – and it is crucial. We want you to lobby your MP for a change in the law for canoeing access and passage to and along all rivers

For some 35 years the BCU has been lobbying hard for more access for canoeing. Over all this time and following government advice after government advice we have continued to seek this through voluntary negotiation.

What have we achieved? About 376 miles of voluntary access agreements, a mere 3% out of the near 11,000 miles of river that we could paddle.

The BCU has continued to lobby government – and all other appropriate bodies – and has met with ministers. In March 2000 we put down questions in both the Houses of Commons and Lords during the Countryside and Rights of Way debates.

Following pressure, the DETR (now DEFRA) announced in October 2000 that, together with the Environment Agency, British Waterways, the Countryside Agency, Sport England, English Nature and the Countryside Agency for Wales, they would commission research: "To establish the current levels of participation in and availability of water space for water-based sport and recreation in England and Wales".

A consortium of researchers led by Brighton University was commissioned to carry out this research and many canoeists contributed by making returns to the questionnaires. We are grateful for that support.

The preliminary findings of this research were reported on October 30 and broadly support our own figures, but above all they substantiate our long held argument for a fairer and more equitable share of access to water.

The BCU's access management committee has recently come to the inevitable conclusion that negotiation is simply not the only way forward to achieve this goal. It is quite clear that landowners are in the main not interested in discussing voluntary access agreements.

The BCU now feels that the only way to progress is to ask government to develop new legislation for rivers and the marine environment.

The present government has shown an understanding of the problem and may have the interest to consider legislation, but, there is only so much we on the access committee and at the BCU office can do.

You can see that we are lobbying hard and you can help by writing to your MP and by visiting them at their local office or surgery in support of fair shares for Access.

We would like canoeists in every constituency in England and Wales to lobby their MPs. If you are prepared to do this and to do it in the immediate future, and would like further lobbying and background information, please contact **Ginnie Hannah or Chris. Hawkesworth at the BCU office. Tel: 0115 982 1100**, or e-mail : access@bcu.org.uk. Every additional voice will help.

The 'Raw Deal' petition is to be handed in to ministers early next year, so there is still time to sign it if you have not already done so – but don't put action off any longer.

You're welcome back!

Encouraging visitors back into the English countryside is vital for the recovery of the rural economy, according to Rural Affairs Manager Alun Michael who launched a new Countryside Agency publicity campaign.

Despite continuing foot and mouth in some areas, nine out of 10 paths are open throughout England. The Countryside Agency's campaign sets out clear guidelines to help people, including paddlers, to enjoy the countryside while at the same time acting responsibly to reduce the minute risk of spreading F&M.

Simple advice includes not entering farmland if you have handled livestock within seven days, avoiding contact with farm animals, not venturing on footpaths that bear a local authority 'closed' notice, and, should you step in dung, removing it before leaving the field.

Said the minister: "Visitors to our rights of way, our national parks and other rural areas can be reassured that, as long as they follow the golden rules, their visits to the countryside will help the rural economy and protect the countryside's future".

Young Father Thames

The Environment Agency has announced a £2 million investment to upgrade locks, weirs and other facilities to provide better access along the River Thames.

Works will be carried out all along the famous rivers, in such places as Oxford, Reading, Henley-on-Thames, Windsor, Sunbury and Walton-on-Thames in a programme which started in November and will run through to March.

The construction work will rejuvenate and boost navigation on the river. Currently, more than 24,000 vessels are registered by the agency for use on the waterway, which also attracts many thousands of canoeists and rowers.

Research figures indicate that between 10 and 12 million people visit the Thames each year by boat, on foot, by bike or by car, between its source near Cirencester, in Gloucestershire, and Teddington, in South West London.

Grant for Derby Canal

The Inland Waterways Association recently announced a £3,000 grant to the Derby and Sandiacre Canal Trust to help fund a navigable culvert for the Derby Canal near Wilmorton College, Derby, which will pass the canal under a new link road which leads from London Road to Pride Park.

The new culvert will form part of the proposed diversion of the canal from Wilmorton to Spondon, avoiding the original route into Derby which has now been redeveloped.

Commented IWA council member John Baylis: "Since the original line of the canal was blocked by the A52 bypass many years ago, there have been occasions when we have thought that the Derby Canal was never going to be restored.

"Thinking has changed so much that had the A52 been set for building today, rather than all those years ago, it would most likely have been designed to leave the canal's original line intact.

"As it is, Derby City Council has accommodated the diversion route in its plans for the link road and, with the IWA's help, we are finally able to build the culvert and continue with the restoration of the Derby Canal."

On-stream advice

The Environment Agency has introduced 'strong stream advice' on the Great Ouse, replacing the previous system of navigation closures.

Interested marinas, boat clubs, canoe clubs, other organisations and individuals will receive advice on an automatic messaging system and will be notified personally when advice is issued for the Bedford to Earith section of the river.

'Strong stream advice' advises users whenever the river is unsafe to navigate due to strong currents, overflows and when certain lock structures are being used to discharge floodwater.

Appropriate 'strong stream advice' signage is being erected at lock landing stages to warn those navigating the river of its current state. A similar system has worked well on the River Thames for many years.

Lend a hand!

Preparations for the year 2002 annual Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race are now well in hand and entry forms for prospective competitors are now available.

Following the abandonment of the race in 2000 and cancellation of the event this year due to the foot and mouth disease crisis, all entry fees were refunded though the organisers still had to meet many normal costs.

Says the events communications team leader Tony Roberts: "We now need to have a good event in 2002 – for the competitors, our accountant and our ongoing viability as a major event within the canoeing world."

"The organisation of the event has been completely revised in a quest to simplify the administration and incorporate new technology. We now have dedicated teams to cover each facet of the race and they have been working for many months, under the direction of their team leaders, to prepare next year's competition at Easter."

According to Tony, signs at present are pointing to strongly renewed interest in Devizes to Westminster, which is not only a superb competition in its own right but provides vital overall training in the months leading up to the test itself. This build-up could lead to the return of much of the old inter-club and unit rivalry which proved to be so exciting in the past.

However, the rules and classes have been revised, which will need some careful handling during the race and the organisers say they will need some help. Says Tony Roberts: "We already have a dedicated band of volunteers who have remained loyal to the race over the years but things are a changing and more assistance is required."

"As with all organisers, we have to be aware of the ever present shadow of dispute, which must be prevented by our own awareness and careful forward planning, the aim being to avoid problems at all times. What we now especially need is help on the communications, control and safety aspects of the race, particularly from those who have actual knowledge of the race and its topography, whether on the water or by land."

"So where are the lads and lasses who have experienced the agony and ecstasy of the race? Who has sampled the euphoria of that final arrival at the steps and know the feeling of vowing never again – or of planning to do better next time. "These are probably the crews who paddled the Accords, Typhoons, Mirages and Gliders of past events. I'd also like to call on all the gallant supporters who struggled to keep their eyes open so they could catch that first paddle splash in the sunrise. Please, we could do with your help now!"

"We are also looking for sponsorship, so if you have done well in your business and career, a little drop of help from you in this direction would not be amiss."

Contact: **Tony Roberts at 12 The Ridgeway, Caversham, Reading, Berks RG4 8NX. Tel: 0118 9477794** or e-mail: JuRb839@aol.com

Polo agm

The Canoe Polo agm is set for Sunday December 2 at the headquarters of the 73rd Derby Scout Group, Allestree, Derby at 12 noon. Further details are available from **Claire Turner on tel: 07931 350808** or e-mail: polo_sec@hotmail.com

Celebration time

Berkshire's Chalfont Park Canoe Club is planning a special golden jubilee get-together on June 22 to celebrate its 50th birthday.

"We are trying to contact as many of our former members as possible to invite them along for what

promises to be a very special celebration," says club membership secretary Richard Argue, adding, "In order to make the arrangements, we need an idea of how many will be attending and will send invites to every old member who makes contact. This can be done via our website at www.chalfontparkcc.org.uk and using the form on the 'Jubilee' page or by writing to me."

Richard can be reached at 38 Glaisdale Road, Thatcham, Berkshire RG19 3XJ.

Quite a challenge

The River Ancholme, at Brigg, is the venue for the Falcon North Lincs Adventure Challenge, set for May 26.

The event will involve a 22 mile bike ride, 6.5 miles of flatwater kayaking and a 6.5 mile run.

Entries are now available from **Ken Collier, 95 Wshipton Road, Scunthorpe., N Lincs DN16 3HJ or tel: 01724 337958.** Places will be limited to 60, solo or relay.

All at sea

Jersey, in the Channel Islands, will again be the venue for the International European Sea-Kayaking Symposium, the sixth in the series, from May 31 to June 7, 2002.

Now in its 12th year the bi-annual event continues to draw paddlers from across Europe and further afield to the island, whose 40 ft tidal range assures sea kayakers of some dramatic coastal and offshore paddling.

Already, an impressive programme of kayaking trips and clinics has been planned, drawing on the in-depth experience of both local paddlers and well-known names from across Europe.

At a cost of £85 per person, the week-long programme of events gives sea kayakers the opportunity to enjoy a wide range of challenges. Whether it is a quiet coastal paddle along the southeast coast's superb inter-tidal zone, where miles of reefs are uncovered at low water, or caving on the north coast.

Offshore, the famous Ecrehous islets and Paternosters beckon. Further afield the feudal island of Sark is a planned destination. To the south, the isolated Les Minquiers reef – home to the most southerly toilet in the British Isles! – offers possible relief to tired paddlers.

Those who enjoy surf kayaking will be equally at home. With Jersey the current world champions in this branch of the sport, the west-facing beach at St Ouen's should offer plenty to keep the keen surf kayaker busy. Moreover, there should be no shortage of top level coaching from members of the Jersey team.

For further details of this non-profit making event contact: Jerry Michel, 46 Clos Des Ormes, La Verte Rue, St Lawrence, Jersey JE2 3 1JJ. Tel: 01534 639390, or e-mail: flyingturtles@localdial.com

www.jcc.org.je/symposium





Run river,

Kevin Lindsay and friends holiday in the French Alps and learn how to teach

Kayaking in the French Alps provides some excellent paddling for a range of abilities in comparatively clean rivers funded by glacial meltwater. In summer the weather is generally good and there are many scenic views to be digested.

It was a perfect venue for John, Paul, Dan, Mary and myself. We knew each other from the canoe club at Sheffield Hallam University, and keen to become more accomplished paddlers, and ultimately Kayak Coaches we embarked on a trip that would not only turn out to be great fun, but provided the pre-requisite training necessary for coaching.

This was arranged through a well recommended kayak school, Canoe Control. They offer extremely tailored kayak tuition and for us it was to result in our achieving our BCU 4*, Canoe Safety Test and White Water Safety & Rescue qualifications.

Having booked for one week in fully catered camping accommodation for about £425 or so, which included the use of all their kayaking equipment, we set off on the Eurostar for Grenoble.

There, we were met by Stewart Woodward – the top man at Canoe Control – who took us to our campsite, Les Vaudoix, near Briançon, which claims to be the highest town in Europe.

We arrived late at night and spent the next day (Saturday) finding our feet around the campsite and basking in some pretty powerful sun. Then we had a walk up to Les Vigneaux for a Scooby snack, which turned into a bit of a picnic by the river Gyronde, which runs through the campsite.

The Gyronde, very turquoise, looked highly refreshing, but hey, this was meltwater and we soon realised that taking a swim in these waters was to be avoided at all cost!

On Sunday, the trip officially kicked off. Stewart and his team – Darren Joy, Steve Fullard and Simon Westbrook – had no idea how good or bad we were as paddlers, despite what we told them!

We started with a classroom chat on the riverbank of the Guisane, where we were introduced to the theory, structure and characteristics of an eddy. Following further advice on river reading, we discussed stoppers, rooster-tails, and trees and we were taught some hand signals.

Then we padded our boats out, prized ourselves into them and glided onto the Guisane at the La Salle section, which is the old slalom site. Darren and Steve looked on whilst we practiced breaking in and out of the flow. This was our first taste of how fast these rivers flow.

After lunch we ran our first river, from Briançon to Prelles, on La Durance, a stretch of Grade 2–3 water.

The tuition here was didactic – they did it, we did it and followed



their line. We paddled down, breaking in and out of eddies, keeping things tight and controlled, whilst using the range of hand signals taught earlier to communicate with the convoy, until the 'get-out' at Prelles.

Back at the campsite, it was all hands on as we were hit by torrential rain. A trench had to be dug across the front of the mess tent to prevent the water flooding in! A look at the "tranquil" Gyronde? someone suggested.

This was now a brown and raging torrent of deafening magnitude and was kicking like a donkey. Amongst the noises of the river the sound of boulders smashing into each other could be heard. They would come to rest having altered the geography of the river yet again. We went back to the mess tent for some shelter and the next lesson – don't play Monopoly with the Nepalese! Steve's wife Sonni was using her ruthless Himalayan survival tactics to accumulate more dosh than the bank.

Monday saw a change in the weather. It was still cool but sunnier than the previous day. Simon and Darren took us

to L'Argentiere, which is where the new all-singing slalom course is situated on La Durance, paralleled by a training lake.

On the lake, we worked on our paddling style and efficiency, use of edges, knees, legs, feet, support strokes and rudders.

After a good helping of *jambon*, *Camembert et du pain* on the river bank, we paddled down the Durance to St Crepin.

We continued to hone those breaking in and out skills, as well as now developing river observations for trees and stoppers, spacing and communication, as taught previously. However, John struggled to explain how he broke his paddle. Stewart promptly interrupted "Who's paddle?"

We found a reasonable wave at St Clement, which we played on while Mary opted to spectate and take some photos for the club website www.shucanoe.co.uk

Tuesday morning and Simon correctly guessed we'd all have sore heads and several jugs of water were on the breakfast table waiting, which we gratefully devoured before our croissants and eggie bread!

Then it was off to Embrun – a huge meltwater lake contoured with rows of holidaymakers sunbathing and PGL adventurers. Today we would complete our canoe safety test with Darren.

For most of us this was a formality, but none-the-less needed doing. After watching John flatwater cartwheel a Dagger Redline we worked through the various kayak rescue techniques, towing methods, line throwing and rapid re-coiling.

We then tackled a series of scenarios set by Darren which were to emulate typical river situations that could be expected on a trip with

run...



less able paddlers. Dan, now suffering from sunburn, refused to believe that a person would in reality clamber from the water on to his kayak and kiss him as Paul did.

Beer o'clock crept round once more, so off we went back to camp having completed our CST.

Wednesday was typically English – overcast, wet and cold! We practiced our river-running skills with Stewart and Simon on the Upper Guisane down to La Durance.

Under the close supervision of the ever safety-conscious Stewart, we each took it in turns to lead the group, survey the river ahead and give appropriate communications to the group. It was a good morning's paddling with everyone having a go – it was much harder than it sounds as there is so much to think about.

Wet and cold, we went back to the campsite for some soup. When asked what soup it was, the reply was: "Green!" Green soup it indeed was, and very welcome too!

Warmed up, ready to go again and with Mary having withdrawn from the afternoon session, the four of us ran the Gyrone from the campsite to the slalom course at L'Argentiere. This was a river with a slope on it! It was running very fast, quite shallow and littered with the shiny patches that indicate obstructions lurking just under the surface and made more obvious by the rooster tails of the stopper that lurked just beyond.

Concentration, a positive attitude and astute observation were all required here – all this to focus on and you are still looking for an eddy to drop into that isn't shadowed by trees just managing to clutch to the river bank a little while longer before finally giving way to soil erosion.

After some stiff feedback from Stewart about our initial descent we continued down to the slalom site at L'Argentiere where Mary and Darren we waiting with videos and cameras.

We ran it a couple of times – with all the action caught on camera, including the camerawoman being taken out by Dan on the riverbank swinging round with his boat on his shoulder. We might get £250 for that on YBF! No one swam, much to Stewart's relief.

Thursday morning was spent in the sun on the campsite as we went through some of the theory aspects of the white water safety and rescue course that we wanted to complete.

It was after this input that we all cringed about some of the trips we had been on previously that fortunately had all passed without incident despite the incompetence. But if our club was like any other club our message is that these courses we were doing are imperative in order for all trip goers to safely enjoy themselves in future. Having kit is one thing, but realising it's importance and knowing how to use and correctly deploy it is another.

During the afternoon, we continued our river-running education with Stewart and Steve. This time we paddled the Guil River at the Mont Dauphin Gorge and developed our scouting and various eddying-down techniques including leapfrogging.

On Friday, the theory from Thursday was put into practice at St Clement, on the Durance. All the dry suits (those who possessed them) and thermals were called for as it was time to get wet in water that was only fluid because it was moving!

The first exercise was to swim out into the flow and demonstrate our ability to swim aggressively through an eddy line into the relative calm and safety of an eddy. We then practiced our line throwing, with rope to swimmer rescues, followed by boat to swimmer rescues and chest harness release exercises. We wrapped the morning up with 'coach on a rope' teamwork exercises and practiced the various roping configurations discussed on the campsite on Thursday to effect rescues. All good stuff.

By now we were realising the volume of what we had learned during the week, despite believing that we were competent paddlers at the start of the trip. Filled with confidence on our last afternoon, we asked if we could paddle some 'Bigger Stuff'.

We paddled down the Durance again to Rabioux from St Clement, where our request was effectively met. The 'Rabioux Waves' were excellent. This section of river was very popular with other boaters and rafters so you had to wait your turn.

As the hole became free, you asserted your position, punched and boofed across the eddyline and dropped down into the hole. The flow streaked past, the noise of the water boiling behind you was deafening. Rising up onto it, your boat thrashed round like riding a bronco – a lean forward, a few quick strokes and a desire to get hold of it again dropped you back in again to surf or maybe run a few slick tricks.

This was addictive and no matter how many times you did it, the desire to continue to play on it just one more time was there. But a horizontal slicing movement of Darren's hand in front of his neck from the riverbank indicated the day, and the trip was over.

That was it. This had been an excellent week's holiday and a massive success in terms of us all now having greater knowledge, awareness and skill in order to continue to safely enjoy this wonderful sport. We all returned with the qualifications we required taking us a step closer to becoming competent coaches.



info

Many thanks to Stewart and his team of coaches for such an enjoyable and rewarding time; the kitchen staff for constantly turning out some excellent camp fodder and we look forward to being there next year in greater numbers. Hallam Canoe Club's website can be found at:

www.kayaker.freeserve.co.uk

Just the job for you?

Aided by an able and dedicated team, Peter Davey has run the national sprint regattas at Nottingham for several years. Due to heavy work commitments, Peter has now reluctantly decided that he can no longer continue in his regatta organiser role.

This job – a most important role which is essential for the success of our sport – is therefore now vacant. If you are interested in taking over from Peter and would like to find out more, please contact either **Roland Lawler on tel: 01784 454772** or **Peter Davey on tel: 01372 464472**.

Some previous experience of organising, especially of canoeing events. Would be highly desirable.

In view of the demands of the job, a fee in the region of £5,000 per year is envisaged.

Wye not help?

Unfortunately, the foot and mouth crisis has taken its toll where the River Wye Symonds Yat Rapids project is concerned by preventing the necessary survey work from being carried out so that detailed plans for the river and other works could be prepared.

However, the project is now back on course and the BCU South West regional committee will be seeking drainage consent and will be dealing with the planning situation later this year. If these are satisfactory then the final details of the agreement with the Forestry Commissioners will be dealt with.

All that then prevents us from purchasing the rapids is money! To make donations and give letters of support, contact:

Veronica Westlake, 33 Golden Vale, Churchdown, Gloucester GL3 2LU, tel/fax: 01452 531218.

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BCU member Andy Biddulph is managing editor of Midland Bricks & Tiles Publishers Ltd, a non-profit arts organisation set up for the promotion of artists and writers that is busking books and images on the internet.

Andy tells CF: "As a BCU member, I am thinking that this platform could serve as a cheap and cheerful method of disseminating information between members and promoting canoeing in general and especially recreational canoeing.

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If you are keen to get your paddling writings into print, take a look at the artists and writers page on the MBT web site at www.midlandbricksandtiles.btinternet.co.uk.

Make your mark

Given the number of canoes which go missing, the Boating Industry's Boatmark security marking scheme, an electronic chip-based tagging system launched at the recent Southampton Boat Show, should be of interest to members. This major step has been made possible by the government's 'Chipping Of Goods' initiative, which offers funding to establish industry-wide projects that will increase the use of electronic tagging to protect personal property.

Commenting on the launch, the Home Office minister, John Denham, who has overall responsibility for crime reduction said: "Crooks are using increasingly sophisticated methods to commit crime and we too must harness technology if we are to catch them. By using state-of-the-art electronic tags, the Boatmark scheme will act as a powerful deterrent to criminals, making it less attractive to steal marine craft and easier to recover and return them to their rightful owners. The existing Boatmark registration scheme, operated in partnership between the British Marine Industries Federation and HPI Ltd, has been in operation for more than five years. The scheme, which is based on a visible hull identification number, will in future offer the added security of an electronic tag that will be securely embedded in a canoe's hull.

Welsh vision

The Countryside Council for Wales has announced its vision for the natural environment of the Principality as it should be in 2010 and the contribution it should make to the economic and social wellbeing of everyone in Wales, residents and visitors alike.

CCW is committed to working with partners to ensure that Wales develops landscapes of more distinctive character; more wildlife on land and in the sea; economic development that respects the natural environment and its historical and cultural heritage and greater access to the countryside and coast for all its people and its visitors, increasing their wellbeing and enjoyment.

Says CCW chairman John Lloyd Jones: "If the saga of the foot and mouth tragedy has shown anything, it is the integrated nature of our rural and urban economies and society. We must improve the quality of our natural environment for other aspects of Welsh life to flourish.

"We can take some pride in many aspects of our environment – enjoyed by the millions of thousands of visitors to our countryside, our rivers and our coast every year. But we need to acknowledge that our acts have also led to an impoverishment of the environment, a loss of character in our landscape and in the number and variety of plants and animals which share our lands and seas."

The vision statement sets out what CCW is determined to achieve by 2010. Many of the actions will be carried out by CCW itself but some will be undertaken by other organisations, equally committed to the future wellbeing of the Welsh environment.

Among the challenging but achievable targets are several items of key interest to paddlers, there include improving the water quality of lakes, rivers and streams; setting up immediate response systems to minimise pollution arising from accidents at sea and siting offshore developments to safeguard important wildlife areas and to avoid unacceptable visual intrusion from the land.



OBITUARY

John Farmer 1961-2001

I met John when I joined the Boy's Brigade as a youngster. The BB's emphasis at the time was on marching and bibles but when John came back from a week at Glenmore Lodge in the early 'Eighties he transformed the 1st New Barnet Company into more of an outdoor pursuits club.

During the rest of that decade and most of the next, John, myself and a host of people we met along the way progressed from our home-made Snipes, through to the radical new plastic Dancers, to the ever-so-extreme Rotobat and beyond. We spent countless weekends and many longer trips together, paddling, camping, drinking, climbing and cycling. During this time, John led frequent D of E expeditions from his school in Cambridgeshire and in 1995 he travelled to the Arctic as kayak leader on a British Schools Expedition.

His death in September, after a short fight with cancer, has robbed many people of a great friend and inspiration and many future generations of schoolchildren the opportunity to learn in the outdoors from an accomplished and worthy mentor.

Our weekends away will never be empty, thanks to the memories John has left us with, but the sight of his beaming smile and the sound of his laughter will be sorely missed.

Dave Mountain



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Peak UK 2001 white

BCU Paddlefest Holme Pierrepont Nottingham October 6-7

This year's final of the multi discipline playboating Peak Whitewater challenge was part of the annual Autumn BCU Paddlefest at the National Watersports Centre at Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham. The event attracted many paddlers including members of the Welsh Freestyle Squad and Olympians Laura Blakeman and Nick Smith.

Downriver, the first leg of the the event competition was the mass-start head-to-head downriver. This is the big one, now feared due to previous reputation by most paddlers



Richard Chrimes

taking part. 120 paddlers lined up on the far side of the watersports centre regatta lake. Le Man's style they run down the lake shore, get in as quick as possible, sprinted hard as across the lake, run the portage over the hill, seal launch into the Winfield Pool, race across it, through the tunnel, then off down to the bottom bridge of the slalom course. Sounds tiring, just reading about it... Welshman Bledd Lloyd led the strong field to the end, taking the men's victory paddling a speedy Trickster. Richard Chrimes came home top junior and Lara Tipper top lady. Olympian Nick

Smith sped down the course in his now relic Riot Hammer to take the C1 victory.

Paddlers had a few free hours to use the course between events. The girls from Red Bull came down and gave sample drinks to all the



Mark Birkbeck

competitors. Paddlers could also take part in Paddlefest clinics or demo the latest toys.

Extreme Slalom

The second event of the day, the extreme slalom ran from the top of the course to the middle bridge. The course consisted of a tricky figure of eight move on the inlet gate, off down through the now familiar Snakey move, run through a few trad slalom gates, pull a cartwheel, wave wheel and more, then race as quick as these playboats will go to the finish. Sporting a fine mullet, local raft guide Paul Shepherd took the men's win with a speedy clean run. Tom Emmerson took the junior win with Paula Floyd top lady.

Party on...

After a big day on the river it was time to relax and party at the rugby club beside the Peak shop. Kayakers packed the club to hear their Peak UK *id10t5* video soundtrack favourites Burdock. Support was provided by local Trent Boulevard kayaker band *Clutchin' at Straws* and a giant inflatable penis (which was stolen!! Can they have it back please?).

Burdock opened their set with the classic *Everyone*. The packed audience knowing every word bounced their way through all the favourites then onto Peak UK's anthem *Tom Said*. With the absence of Tom the Sprout, a couple of Tom substitutes got on stage to sing along. Being totally useless, the two Toms had to be helped out by the real Burdock fans in the crowd.

Next up, it was the turn of event organiser Snakey to sing along to a cover of Elastica's *Vaseline*. Snakey put on a good show even with someone smearing Vaseline all over his face. The pressures of being a pop star hey!

Burdock continued on through all the classics such *Hope you catch something Nasty* and *DD Debbie*. They entertained all until the final encores - a country and western punk style cover and Motorhead's *Ace of Spades* finished the evening off with style.

Freestyle

A dazed and confused day dawned. it was Freestyle Sunday: 120 paddlers to do two 45 second runs each in the Plug and Muncher holes. It was a big day for the judges. Fortunately the weather forecast was wrong and the heavy rain and gale force winds were holding off well.

Nottingham having a permanent score board gave Peak UK tech man Matt Stephens a chance to demonstrate his Palmtop instant freestyle scoring system. The top ten men qualified through to an exciting final with many new moves being pulled including awesome kickflip entries, air loops, and tricky woos. Junior Richard Chrimes kicked everyone's ass with the biggest scoring run ever in a UK event. Ex junior world champion Mark Birkbeck placed second with event chief Pete Astles placing third. Top placed lady was Lynsey Evans.

Just as the event was finishing, the delayed bad weather arrived. Strong winds and torrential rain hampered the prize giving. Overall placings for this event went to: Paul Shepherd in the men's and Richard Chrimes as top junior. Lynsey Evans was top lady with Eleanor Rutter top junior.

2001 combined series points and overall champion

water challenge final

singing fish prizes were awarded to Pete Astles in the men's event, Lynsey Evans as top lady, Richard Chrimes top junior and Lowri Davies top junior lady. Well done.

I'm pretty sure a good time has been had by all involved with this year's Peak Challenge. We have big plans for next year with new venues and categories. See you all soon.

Thanks to everyone for turning up, having a good time, paddling, helping etc, especially the officials: Su,



Lowri Davies

Nanny, Matt Treena, Roy, Mike, Austen, Hippy Dave plus anyone else that helped. Also thanks to all the event sponsors: Peak UK, Riot, Necky, Pyranha, Reed, Canolfan Tryweryn, Playboating / Canoe Kayak mags, Teva and more. Big thanks to Clutchin' at Straws and Burdock for evening entertainment. Thanks to Mike and the BCU folk for making this event possible. For full results checkout www.peakuk.com. For Burdock info check out www.burdockweb.co.uk

Fun at the weir



The autumn sun was out and the scene was set for the inaugural KayakoJacko Boulders Weir Rodeo.

Despite being a playboat favourite for some years, Boulders has not previously hosted a rodeo. However, following redevelopment work and a unique co-operation between the Environment Agency the British Canoe Union and local canoeists, the venue is now ideal for boater's to go and test their metal.

The site has been described as a bit on the gnarly side, but this was not in evidence on the day. The variety of moves pulled during the competition were staggering. It was even worth watching the eddies to see some cool moves being performed in some weird looking boats! This became even more evident when a TV camera crew appeared.

Proceedings started in a relaxed manner, with Jacko briefing the competitors and giving some background to how the facility had been created. This was followed by the chief judge, Roy Simpson, who explained the scoring system for the day.

The novice section was held first. As there were only a handful of competitors there was little or no rest between runs for these guys. This was a real test of fitness as well as skill level. Following some game runs, Richard Yates was eventually deemed the winner, with Ali Marshall the runner up.

The junior event was probably the most competitive of the day. Despite being on the water for ages practising, these guys showed no sign of running out of steam. The level of control for this group was really impressive and is sure to have the seniors looking nervously over their shoulder. Mark Birkbeck took top spot with Carl Leahy and Sam Ellis second and third respectively.

The ladies were very well represented in this competition, which may surprise some, given the reputation of the site. The girls ran in some gutsy displays to show some great boat control and sheer bottle, the outcome being Hazel Wilson in first place, followed by Paula Floyd second and Louise Wigmore in third.

Time for the C1 boys to strut their stuff. It never ceases to amaze how these folks do it. Isn't it difficult enough with

two blades? The skill and sheer finesse of the C1 boaters made for an entertaining class. Oliver Castle took top prize for his efforts.

The grand finale was the senior men's event. This was the largest field, with entries ranging from the young guns to seasoned 'Team Worzel' vets. After an array of loops and wheels the judge's verdict was a win for Pete Astles, with the juniors, in the shape of Carl and Sam, snapping at his heels.

The site has to be one of the best for spectators. You are that close to the action you can hear the judge's pencil marking the scores. What was particularly pleasing was that a good number of very interested members of the public watched the event.

Another spectator was stationed about 200 yards away from the action, watching the event while doing a spot of fishing and landing a nice carp followed by a large and very lively pike. Who said our two sports cannot co-exist?

Thank to all the competitors, Judges and spectators for their efforts. Also thanks to Perception and Nookie who sponsored the event and the Marshall folks – and cheers to KayakoJacko for a cool day. See ya next time.

For more details and more photos take a look at www.kayakojacko.co.uk



K1 Men

- 1, Simon Jackson, 230.85
- 2, Paul Ratcliffe, 231.49
- 3, Etienne Stott, 232.41

K1L

- 1, Fiona Pennie, 260.27
- 2, Anyta Jayes, 268.37
- 3, Nerys Rowlands, 271.73

C1

- 1, Daniel Goddard, 261.99
- 2, David Florence, 267.40
- 3, Andrew Hamilton, 267.51

C2

- 1, J Roden/ A Roden, 280.72
- 2, S Green/ P Green, 326.47
- 3, C Moore / T Matthews, capsized

National Ranking Champions 2001**K1 Men**

Philip Hayward Rosebowl
Paul Ratcliffe

K1 Ladies

Liz Sharman Trophy
Fiona Pennie

C1

TSB Trophy
Rob Turner

C2

Streamlyte Trophy
Philip & Steven Green
Junior Champions

K1 Men J18

Colin Ralph Trophy
Ryan Yates

K1 Ladies J18

Slalom Committee Trophy
Claire Harrower

C1

Simon Warden Trophy
Daniel Goddard

C2

Warrington CC Trophy
D Goddard/ W Greensmith

K1 Men J16

IBM Trophy
Aynsley Buggy

K1 Ladies J16

Cheltenham & Gloucester
Anneka Brewster

Final National Ranking Premier Final

Llangollen Saturday October 27, 2001

Saturday's men's race was won by Simon Jackson from Tees, who appears to be on the start of a new winning run, having won the British Open on the same stretch of water only a week before.

Jackson achieved his first championship win in men's kayak, three years after being junior British Open champion, marking a good season of domestic premier results for him.

Fiona Pennie sought revenge on Llangollen's local girl Anita Jayes in ladies kayak. Jayes had won the British Open on the previous weekend, with Pennie second.

Fiona Pennie becomes ladies national ranking premier champion. This is her first win of the Premier national title but comes only a year after being junior national champion.

Junior paddler Daniel Goddard won by more than five seconds in the Canadian singles event. Rob Turner had already secured the national championship title for the second year with five race wins.

In Canadian doubles, Philip & Steven Green collected a 50 second penalty to finish some way behind James & Andrew Roden.

Nevertheless the Greens collected their six national title since 1993.

Pics by Robin Yowles



Mark Ratcliffe



Heather Corrie

International**K1 Men**

1. Julien Dekarczyk, France 104.0
2. Simon Jackson, England, 104.5
3. Fabian Dorfler, J Germany, 104.8

K1 Ladies

1. Anita Jayes, Wales, 122.6
2. Fiona Pennie, Scotland, 124.7
3. Kim Walsh, Scotland, 124.7

C1

1. Jerome Legall, France, 114.4
2. Stuart McIntosh, England, 114.9
3. Daniel Goddard, J England, 118.1

C2

1. J Roden/ A Roden, England, 124.02
2. A Burt/ A Nicoll, Wales, 193.2
3. C Brown/ S Pitt, Scotland, 233.3

British Open Champions 2001

Simon Jackson, Four Seasons
Ryan Yates, J18, Bradford & Bingley
Sam Lyons, J16, Yat Racers
Edward Kay, J14, Aberdeen
Anita Jayes, Llangollen
Tracey Kinniburgh, J18, CR Cats
Anneka Brewster, J16, Paddle Plus
Stuart McIntosh, Arrowcraft
Daniel Goddard, J18, Stafford & Stone
Roden/Roden, Stafford & Stone

The Denbighshire Award for best Welsh Junior paddler in the British Open was awarded by the chairman of Denbighshire Council to Tom Wakeling.

Wild Welsh waters

John Gregory reports on the British Open and International Canoe Slalom

Scotland's ladies had to be content with second and third place behind Llangollen's local girl Anita Jayes in ladies kayak at the British Open and International on the River Dee. Fiona Pennie was second and Kim Walsh third, having won in qualification.

Janine Dickie became the youngest competitor to compete in the British Open but found Saturday's conditions just a little too overpowering and took a swim after Town Falls. Nevertheless she returned for more in the Division One the following day.

The River Dee had swollen over the Friday night following torrential rain, creating thick brown spate conditions. The race was delayed as a new 18 gate course had to be set on the Saturday morning. The event comprised no practice, and two qualification accumulate runs leading to a one run final on a new course for the top boats.

Competitors had focused in from as far as New Zealand to attend the Llangollen Canoe Slalom Festival International and British Open. Not surprisingly there were only a handful of competitors who accomplished runs without penalties.

Simon Jackson, from Tees, achieved his first championship win in men's kayak, three years after being junior British Open champion. This marks a good season of domestic Premier results.

Mark Ratcliffe, 25, brother of Olympic silver medallist Paul, continued to ascend towards the top of British canoe slalom by finishing third in the British Open. Stuart McIntosh competed in this his first and only race in the UK this year. He won qualification and finished the final four seconds ahead of second placed Brit Dan Goddard.

The international race saw some impressive results from French and German paddlers who are evidently used to the bigger volume white water rivers than are their British competitors. The French won both the Canadian singles and men's kayak classes.

The *Daily Telegraph* picked up the battle between Paul and Mark Ratcliffe and Janine Dickie's exploit as the youngest ever competitor in the British Open.

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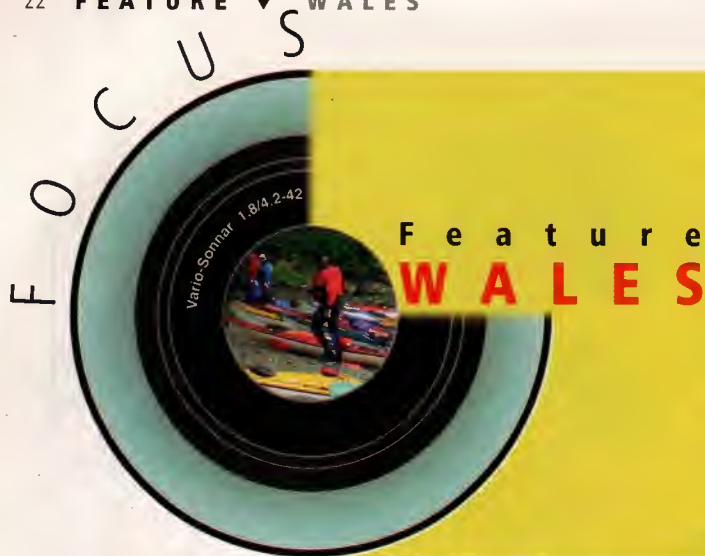
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Organiser Dave Pennant recounts a great weekend kayaking on the Welsh coast



“Please apologise but tell them we’re full”: that was the message that I had to relay for the two weeks leading up to Cwm Pennant’s annual sea kayaking festival. Whilst I don’t like turning people away there is a limit to the number that can be squeezed into our lecture room. And so it was that on the weekend of Sept 7-9, some 60 – or was it more? – people turned up for our annual event.

The programme offered the usual mixture of practical coaching sessions and a short paddle on the Saturday, and a longer trip on the Sunday. P&H, Nigel Dennis Kayaks and Kirron provided fleets of demo boats for both the come and try it session and for the trips themselves, with the Saturday evening given over to lectures and a bonfire.

We have been pretty lucky with the weather over the last four years and the Saturday was no exception. After an initial welcome and briefing we all headed off for the short drive to the picturesque bay at Borth y Gest, and divided up into differing ability groups.

The sessions were informal, with Derek Hutchinson holding court in one part of the bay and other groups gradually dispersing around the estuary as the mood took them.

At high tide the Glaslyn and Dwyryd estuaries provide a large shallow and sheltered paddling area, with the mountains of Snowdonia offering a stunning backdrop.

The plan had been for each group to work independently in the

morning, and then all meet up at Portmerion for lunch. By the time that I went afloat I could only see three out of the five groups, but was reassured that as they were all in safe hands I needn’t worry.

As scheduled, we met up for lunch, arriving at the rendezvous dead on high water – or at least the three groups that I had seen during morning did. Of the others there was still no sign. It subsequently transpired that one group had gone right up the Dwyryd river with the tide, and the other had lost all track of time and were at least an hour adrift with their lunch plans. \

Still, after a pleasant break sitting on a sandbank in the sun, we headed off back down the estuary. A head wind had started to pick up and one group set off back for our start point at Borth y Gest, whilst the rest of us decided to head off along the coast to Criccieth.

The Glaslyn estuary has a tidal bar which can provide very interesting paddling conditions in a wind-against-tide situation and with the tide rapidly dropping we had just enough water to avoid the larger waves by sneaking along a sheltered half-

tide channel close to the shore.

The wind had now increased and was gusting force five, leading to a good work-out and one practical deep-water rescue demonstration

once we emerged into open water.

At Criccieth we pulled up onto the beach and parked the kayaks on either side of the slipway whilst we waited for the minibuses to ferry the car drivers back to get their vehicles. I was suddenly accosted by an irate man, complaining that we were blocking the slipway, and that if the lifeboat had to be launched to save us it wouldn’t be able to get afloat because we were in the way. I did try to point out the illogic of his argument, as the fact we were all ashore meant that we didn’t need saving.

As a long time supporter of the RNLI, I didn’t think that his attitude was exactly guaranteed to win friends or promote his cause. I pointed out that we would happily move the boats and that it could be done in a lot less time than it would take the crew to arrive and get

sea



kitted out. He then got into his car and disappeared as quickly as he had arrived, without ever having introducing himself, and leaving me astounded by his outburst.

Saturday evening's lectures consisted of two slide presentations, one on Cwm Pennant's summer expedition to Newfoundland, and the second on the first all-female circumnavigation of Wales. Fiona Whitehead gave a spirited and very individual account of her trip, which included a practical (well almost) demonstration of how to relieve oneself whilst at sea in a kayak. Unbeknown to me she had seriously considered carrying two sea kayaks upstairs into the lecture room to aid the demonstration.

The weather forecast for Sunday was less than helpful and although dry, the day dawned windy as forecast. With the wind a northwesterly, force five to six, the thought of everyone being blown out to sea wasn't the most attractive option, and the decision was taken to have a mass paddle up the Mawddach estuary. I don't think that Barmouth has ever seen so many sea kayakers descending on the town and after what seemed to take ages everyone was afloat and heading up the river. With a midday high water we had tidal assistance

in both directions, although that didn't stop several paddlers finding the occasional sandbank to walk across on the return trip.

The trip was a great social occasion, with small groups of paddlers exchanging experiences and discussing everything from trips to coaching, and the relative merits of different kayak designs. When we got back down to Barmouth the wind was still blowing strongly out in the bay and the white horses confirmed that we had made the right decision. We said our goodbyes in the car park with most people heading home from there.

It had been a great weekend but as with all such events it wouldn't have been possible without a lot of help and support. My thanks go out to all the coaches who helped me run the event, to Fiona and Sue (HM Coastguard) who contributed to the lecture programme, to P&H, Nigel Dennis, and Kirton Kayaks, who supplied demo kayaks for the weekend, and not least to the Cwm Pennant staff who helped with the admin, driving, bonfire building, and in particular to Mary and her team for the superb catering.

Three men in three boats

The idea was kindled during an Easter climbing jaunt along the North Cornish Coast. In this beautiful setting, an awe-inspiring view can be savoured over the sea on a clear day. There, in the distance, stands the imposing outline of Lundy Island.

As a child holidaying in the area, I had often gazed across the wide expanse of water and felt an urge to visit this distant hunk of land and explore its mystic nooks and crannies.

Unbeknown to myself, my climbing partner, Simon Hammond, shared the same dream of taking a trip over to climb on the high-quality sea cliffs that the island exhibits. What Simon was able to add to the scheme of things was the transportation arrangement. Sea kayaks were the call of the day, and he knew where he could

A young one, a someone and a not so young one head for Lundy Island. Tim Taylor tells the story of a perfect paddle and some great climbing



Bryce, Tim and Simon leaving from Hartland Quay, Tuesday July 31

borrow some. Being a novice paddler, I turned to my bible, the *O*, to swot up on the art of sea crossing. One point was bought to mind through this and talking to those in the know: "Less than three, there should never be".

To fill this necessary final place on our expedition, we decided that we should attract someone who would be able to look after themselves, was a first class kayaker specialising in sea crossing, a high-grade lead climber, and an endurance expert with a degree in surviving the unknown. After all, this was a serious trip. Not an easy call. However, after frustratingly failing to identify someone to fill these criteria, we happen to mention the trip to Bryce Barr, experienced paddler, local health food store proprietor and all-round good bloke, who

jumped at the chance for a bit of adventure.

The chosen boats, Kirton Inuks, were delivered, camping kit dusted off and climbing rack assembled, and we were ready-to-rock.

I was happy that my inexperience as a kayaker would be well compensated for by Simon and Bryce's wealth of knowledge. I gathered together all my enthusiasm and met the other guys at Hartland Quay, the launching point of the trip. As the sea mist started to part that Tuesday morning we caught our first glimpse of the day's paddling ahead.

Bryce, arriving last of all, having had a barney with his missus, was not quite the epitome of a seasoned paddler. With black sacks, string vest and unshaven appearance he looked more like the local tramp (for those of you who have not heard of this living legend, Bryce is a 58-year-old teenager, mad for it and great with it).

We were soon away as planned, with Bryce muttering about his lack of paddle fitness. Blimey! I thought to myself, what's paddle fitness got to do with it? Which way do I hold this thing?

As I ventured out into the sea for the first time ever in this great vessel, I could only contemplate the possible disaster that lay ahead. I think the other guys would agree that I wasn't quite my normal chatty self, as I braced those knees for support, deployed low support strokes one after another and slowly edged my way out into the depths of the sea.



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Third Paddler, Simon Hammond



Time to leave, Bryce and Simon, limbering up for the paddle



Camping on Lundy Island

two hours and forty-five minutes paddling, Bryce having set a fierce pace all the way. Stowing the boats away in a cave we started out on a huge carry of all our equipment to the campsite. Simon, adamant that there would not be drinking water on the island, insisted on manhandling a 10-litre drum of water up the hill to the campsite, a carry that almost killed him. Now for an island with a floating population of

over a hundred not to have a drinking water supply would appear strange to me, but then again, it takes all sorts. As I'd guessed would be the case, I can safely say that during our stay we didn't go thirsty and definitely didn't impose a drain on the Lundy water resource.

Within minutes of arriving at the camping area, we had made our mark, an array of mess surrounding our small tent. Having enjoyed a snack of fresh fruit provided by Mr Health food Bryce himself, complemented perfectly by the

array of sweets, chocolate bars and nuts that Simon and I had selected to bring as our rations, we set out for our afternoon's climbing.

The infamous 'Devil's Slide' was a must to be climbed; a classic route for its grade, including three pitches that make for a perfect introduction to the Lundy granite. Simon had the first lead of the day, bringing Bryce and me up the slab together. Then it was my turn to set the route and lead on through. Now I don't know if it was my over-enthusiasm or perhaps ignorance of the safety issues, but, placing three pieces of protection over a 40-metre pitch and only remembering to clip the rope into two, doesn't fill fellow climbers with confidence in your personal climbing ability.

That said, all went well and we returned to the campsite well satisfied and ready for a much-needed good night's sleep. However, wherever you go, there is always one snorer, Simon filling this role with impetuous groans and grunting throughout the night. Even Bryce's razor sharp elbows didn't manage to hush the snorting monster.

After a beautiful fried breakfast in The Tavern, Lundy's pub/restaurant, it was time for another epic adventure on the rock face, the route of choice this time being Shamrock, which proved to be an exposed climb that tested our nerves and agility on the polished holds of the second pitch.

After a call to our weather advisor on the mainland we accepted that an impending low pressure area was going to force us to make an earlier than expected retreat from the island. Satisfied by our achievements, we broke camp and made our way casually down to pack the boats and set off for home.

The sea condition could be described as choppy, which took its toll on our already tired bodies. But to brighten up the crossing we were lucky enough to observe numerous dolphins and an array of rather large jellyfish. After a short pause mid-crossing to rescue Bryce's elusive sun hat, which had blown from his head, we battled through to reach the Quay in just under three and a half hours, where we met with our families and our transportation home.

The perfect paddle was an awesome, inspirational trip, bringing together three generations of paddlers, demonstrating how easy it is to transform a long held dream into reality. The trip proves that you don't need to be a seasoned paddler to get out there, see something new and have some fun.

Bryce, of course, started out setting the pace, with Simon winging it behind him and then there was me, the novice, splashing along behind, slowly mastering the art of getting the boat moving in the general direction that we were

heading.

The sea conditions were fair, although it felt rather lumpy to me. In the spirit of things we rafted together in order to assess the situation and get some food on board. To my slight amusement we couldn't stay together for long as top-notch hard-arse paddler Simon was feeling the affects of seasickness, and wanted to get moving again. By the time we were getting close to the island I was well settled in and feeling comfortable with my ability. We landed on Lundy after just



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We chose the East Coast because of its relative accessibility and the financial cost seemed realistic. The Angmagssalik Fjord, near Kulusuk, offers many possibilities and the people we had spoken to spoke of the stunning scenery and long daylight hours.

The total flying time from London to Kulusuk in Greenland totals four hours, but with the change-over in Iceland and the usual delays due to the weather conditions in Greenland it was more like thirty-six. Flying into Kulusuk on the twin Focke plane from Iceland you get a glimpse of the pack ice and the stunning coastline that leads you onto the gravel airstrip that the Americans built.

Kulusuk is a stopover on the tourist trail with many people flying in for a couple of hours or for an overnight stay. It was chaos as people looked for their baggage and jostled to get on the Helicopter shuttle to Tasilaq, the biggest community on the East Coast.

The flight is well worth the 50 pounds each way as you get stunning views of the fjord and mountains that surround Tasilaq. We managed to duck and dive excess baggage and arrived with enough equipment and food for a month.

The sea kayaks had been arranged through the ROC foundation and the idea was to borrow the boats, in exchange for some coaching of the local Inuit children. We spent a day and a half chasing various contacts in Tasilaq. We were not sure what condition the boats were going to be in. Anders, our contact, proved to be invaluable both in his hospitality and advice and we located the boats in pristine condition.

The kayaks were Greenlanders made by Nigel Dennis, with a traditional small cockpit and two storage compartments. We paddled them round to where we were camped in Tasilaq. What followed next was the usual nightmare of how to pack everything into the boats, we had not been organised enough to go through either a dry run or a test paddle the boats back in the UK. With gear under the deck lines and between our legs we managed to fit it all in.

As we paddled out of Tasilaq Bay it was with a sense of excitement and apprehension. We had decided to do without a VHF or emergency beacons as we felt that we wanted to be as free of this sort of link as possible and make all our decisions based on this knowledge. We also decided against a gun, a decision that gave me a few sleepless nights. Advice varied, but the sight of many skinned bear carcasses spoke volumes to me.

As soon as we were out of the bay the scenery was stunning. Pack ice and huge icebergs stretched as far as the eye could

THE BEA

They say; "See the rest of the world then see Greenland". A land that encapsulates extremes. The vast Greenland ice cap and the extreme seasons of 24 hour daylight and darkness. We wanted to do a trip in the North West territories of Canada therefore needed to train and find out about this sort of environment. Greenland seemed to offer a more gentle introduction to this hostile environment, we were to be proved wrong.



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see and we became engrossed in the atmosphere of it all. The scale threw me and I made a silly navigational error on the first day, mistaking and underestimating the scale. We ended up almost trapped going around a headland in an environment we had only just encountered. All the alarm bells were ringing and we retraced our steps into safer waters near Kulusuk. It was a sobering lesson and a mistake I could not allow to happen again. The plan was to head North up towards the grave of Gino Watkins, a famous explorer who had spent a lot of time paddling in a traditional kayak at the turn of the century.

We settled into a regular routine. Leo, not being a morning person left me to do breakfast and coffees and he took care of lunch and supper. We managed to supplement our food with catches of cod and scorpion fish and even the occasional sea trout, a real treat. However, Leo drew the line at trying to get any seal meat off the locals.

We paddled North past some settlements into the fjords. The

campsites were brilliant, flat and always with a water supply. There was lots of ice and we occasionally saw fishing boats trying to find their way through the ice.

The local Inuits always waved but rarely stopped or talked and seemed always on their way making use of the short summer months. The weather was good, high pressure seem to dominate and our only concern was the Piteraqa wind or Fohen wind that could blow off the ice cap in excess of 130 km per hour and wreck any badly pitched shelter. We had a Hyperspace tent on loan from Terra Nova and we had great faith in the design and qualities of these tents.

We paddled into Tuno fjord and tried to climb high on the glacier to check on the state of the ice in Sermillgaq, however wellies and trainers and no rope or ice axes are hardly textbook kit on glacial terrain. We had to retreat near the col when the crevasses became too large to just hop across. We did however see what we thought was an old abandoned mine on the other side of the Fjord, so we paddled across to have a look. It turned out to be an old abandoned American refuelling base, with old vehicles and oil drums scattered everywhere. Whoever flew into that strip must have been very good or very stupid. It was at this campsite we first had our encounter with arctic foxes, cheeky, curious and hungry. They nibbled our plastic bags and water



containers and even peed and crapped on my socks and map case as a final insult. They were however, always welcome visitors.

We eventually paddled into Sermilallgaq and it was choked with ice. We had by now got used to following leads through the ice, chopping and pushing ourselves through with our paddles. We followed these leads and found an Island to land on. It was inhabited by a pack of hungry huskies, obviously placed there by the locals when not required, time to move on.

The ice was getting thicker as we reached Puissaraq Island, and it was here that we met an elderly couple, who had been stranded on the

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island for five days. A quick hike to the top of the island told us why; the pack ice stretched as far as the eye could see. We spent a restless night hoping we would find a way through the ice. We tried to cross the fjord the next day, but it was a frustrating round of blind alleys. We eventually made the decision to turn round and retrace our steps.

Over the next few days we managed to squeeze our way back towards Ikateq. Again we found ourselves blocked by ice and for the first time we had to get out of our boats and drag them across the ice. The locals seemed to have a sixth sense about what was good and bad pack ice. We were still learning and the thought of falling through was not a pleasant one. We had our first taste of bad weather, the pressure dropped and cloud and rain shortly followed.

Over the next few days we managed to get a local peak in, although a team we met later who had done the first ascent weren't too

impressed when they found out that we had climbed it in our wellies. From the summit we got a glorious view and even in Angmagssalik the ice had been blown in by the weather. The idea was to try to go up Ikasagtivaq and into Sermilik fjord as this was supposed to be regularly clean of ice.

The weather improved and we managed to find our way into Ikasagtivaq. About half way down, the ice cleared and we found ourselves paddling in open water for the first time before reaching the settlement of Tinitqilaq.

It was here that we saw and met the only other kayaker, - a Danish man in his fifties, called Jon Anderson. Jon put all our worries into perspective. Over the years Jon has paddled all except 200 km of the coast of Greenland and this was because he had been blown 100 km offshore by a Piteraak wind and had to be rescued. He has also paddled the North West Passage. I asked Jon if he had a gun and if he had seen bears in the area. The "yes" answer to both of these and the fact that he had shot bears in the area was not what I had wanted to hear. He has a theory that the older he got the more the bears are frightened of him. He apparently used to shout at bears as a young man to no effect. However, while climbing onto an iceberg in his forties, he came down to find a bear by his kayak which had the gun in it. He was so angry that he ran at the bear ranting and the bear turned around immediately and jumped into the sea. An interesting theory but I'm not sure I'm grumpy or cantankerous enough just yet.

We spent a fascinating day with Jon and we both learned a huge amount about the condition we were in. We left and headed south down Sermilik. The scenery was stunning as the fjord is fed by three glaciers. There were huge icebergs everywhere and having been told there were Narwhales here our eyes were peeled.

The campsites were brilliant and many times we came across old settlements and Inuit graves. We also came across the only sailing



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boat, a steel hulled yacht owned by a French couple, it was called the Vagabond. They were running a support ship for geologists and mountaineers. They were kind enough to invite us on board and after three weeks paddling a good cup of coffee and a proper seal seemed very strange. The vagabond had also been stuck and as we paddled away we could see the scrapes and dents in the hull which showed the conflict it had had with the pack ice.

We were nearing the end of our trip and the boats were getting lighter and easier to pack. We were hoping we would be able to sneak around the coast and get back to Tasilaq.

So, again, we climbed up onto high ground and saw that the sea was still covered in ice, but there appeared to be open passages just out to sea. We managed to sneak out and encountered swell for the

first time, which added to the problem. Leo was following me through on a lead and almost got his boat crushed by the pack ice moving up and down. At last we found more open water and headed along the coast again, coming across more old hunting settlements. We had heard many icebergs breaking up, mostly in the distance but it was whilst sitting at the campsite that night that I saw my first Iceberg break up and the way it rolled over, you would not have a chance if you were anywhere near it. They say that only one fifth of the height and one eighth of the volume is above the surface, which made you realise the scale of the ice under the water was huge. The next day we paddled back into the shelter of Tasilaq and pulled ashore. The trip was over but I knew I would be back.

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Greetings from the north east

Bobby started at the end of August and will be looking after the northern half of the North East. Her

first two day's work included helping run the BCU youth events at the world marathon sprint championships – and she's been busy ever since! We asked her to spare some time to tell us about herself and her work...

It's truly a sport for all Bobby Timperley sums up her love for paddling.

"Having read the impressive profiles of PDO's Howard Blackman and Phil Hadley in the last edition of CF, I found myself thinking that their act was not going

to be an easy one to follow... however, here goes!

I guess I got into regular canoeing fairly late in life when my local club – Hexham CC – came into existence in the early 90's. Prior to that, it had been canoeing whilst at college in the 70's and the subsequent ownership of three ancient fibreglass kayaks that my two sons and I

used on flat water.

The enthusiasm and drive of the founder member of the club soon propelled me through star grades and into coaching. Eventually my younger son, Patrick, was thoroughly hooked and I now find myself trying to balance doing the 'parent runs', to local and national freestyle events, with coaching, paddling for my own enjoyment and development work – plus trying to fit in my great love of mountaineering!

With a new partner reluctant to kayak, but prepared to canoe, I've found myself recently diverting time and energy into open boat skills. Last year's highlight was the two-day descent of the scenic Ardeche gorge with Peter, followed by Warden Gorge in an open canoe on the Tyne Tour with friend Jenny. She and I also took part in the Liffey Descent this year. Four-star open boat training on the River Usk beckoned mid November!

Why do I love canoeing and want to share it with others? Well, once you've mastered basic techniques there are just so many ways to go! Whether you want to compete in such disciplines as slalom, freestyle, sprint, marathon, polo or go canoe camping, or sea kayaking or whatever it's a wonderful sport and pastime and you meet such nice people – really!

And surely, being an island race – on a planet that's two-thirds water – what could come more naturally to us than 'messaging about on a river'?"



We continue this month with just one PDO Profile - our latest recruit, Bobby Timperley.

Loads of fun

More than 400 paddlers, in 51 teams, battled it out for honours in the national bell boat championships at the

National Watersports Centre, Nottingham in October. Fortunately, the weather did not obey the forecast and under warm autumn skies there were some nail biting close finishes – keeping the judges' eyes and fingers nimble as boats flashed past.

Numerous teams had returned from last year's event but also many newcomers joined in the fun, including a good number of scout groups who notched up some excellent results, in particular 58th Southport Sea Scouts, 30th Bournemouth and 1st Melbourne. Cubs group.

In the under-12 group, St Patrick's School scored a convincing win – clearly still on a roll from winning the bellboat race at the Stockton marathon worlds last month. Teams from Broomhill School (Goscote Gang and Broomhill Bashers) unfortunately did not make it to the final but produced some terrific drawings of their bell boat experiences (see left) for our



competition and the winners of this were Chris Thorpe and Sophie Whitmore – both aged 10.

The U18 event produced the closest racing of the day, which left everyone on the banks exhausted from cheering and straining to see who had won. The honours went to Wanna Bees 3, with last year's winners – Pingle School - in 2nd place.

Thanks to all our many helpers in all the events for a great day of Paddlesport. Our thanks to NCH who supported the event complete with their mascot – Cedric the Dragon, who took to the water again – his experience from last year paying off so that, with Polly's gang, a convincing win was secured in the VIP race!

Several teams elected to raise money for NCH – for which the charity have produced a very special prize

But if you thought it was just about Bellboating – then think again. In between racing, there was lots more to do and try.





Diamond slalom challenge

In excess of 90 young paddlers took to the water on the Winfield pool site for the Diamond Slalom challenge, with top GB slalom paddlers on hand to offer top tips and general advice. For some this was a totally new aspect of Paddlesport – others were able to show their experience



and gain a higher level award, with everyone receiving a certificate.

A total of 89 awards were achieved - six silvers, 40 bronze and 43 blue. Some paddlers worked very hard with the coaches and were able to improve their results. Of particular note was

Francis Bailey, from Burton CC, who worked her way through to bronze – just missing out on silver – and pupils from Small Heath School, with Raqeeb Armed achieving a silver award. Congratulations to everyone.

Challenge event

An interesting series of races was provided for competitors in the Lightning Challenge, which ran alongside the bellboat event, including 200 metres sprints, mini marathon and a novel relay event involving a helmet!!

It was great to see complete newcomers to the event and we hope to see you at the Lightning event series next year. Particular credit should go to Eilish Jennison who at seven years of age proved she could be someone to watch in the future. Thanks to Burton Canoe Club and Pyranha for helping to run and support the event.

Results

1, Hanna Burgess, Kingston KC; 2, Nathan O'Callaghan, WGSCA; 3, Robert Bottle, WGSCA; 4, Ian Jennison, Kingston KC; 5, Eilish Jennison, Kingston KC.

Come and try it: the ergo challenge

All day, many young people took to the water to try out the variety of boats in the "Come and Try It" session and some took up the challenge on the paddling ergo machines.

Congratulations to you all – the best scores in the ergo challenge follow but first thanks should go to Soare Valley Canoe Club for running the challenge and to Desperate Measures and Lakeside Adventure for running the "Come and Try It" session.

Under-12:

1. Ryan Liquorish, Paddleplus;
2. Daniel Cummmings, St Patrick's.

Under-16:

1. Sam Barns, WGSCA;
2. Alex Paul, WGSCA;

Under-18:

1. Antoni Mason, Notts KC;
2. Matt Scarfe, Soare Valley CC.

What a card!

Whatever the type of boat you paddle, all the experts seem to agree that the experiences young people have while learning and developing in the sport should swing pretty high on the clap-o-meter of fun – particularly for the 6–10 age range!

But that doesn't mean just aimless play – it's about enjoying yourselves whilst developing a solid foundation in the sport, with progressive skill development and healthy fitter bodies: in other words, games with an aim.

The BCU Paddlesport activity cards in the Paddlepower resource pack include 14 different games/activities. Each card has basic information on how to play, on organisation and safety notes, progressions, technical aims and trouble shooting. As they are laminated you can take them on the water and they fit neatly into a pocket. We've printed one here for you to see – but there are loads more games and activities – and I bet you could tell us some good ones!! So, if you have a good game or FUN way of teaching a skill – then let us know. We'll award a prize for every one we print.

In the meantime, if you would like a set of activity cards see details which follow. For a range of unusual ideas there

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Getting a taste

The first event in this season's Paddlesport calendar, which runs until June 2002, Reading canoe club's October K4



event was a great success. The aim of Paddlesport is for regional canoe clubs to organise events throughout the winter, to give youth paddlers a taste of many of the different canoe/kayak based activities available within the sport. Each event is run

as a team challenge, with a trophy awarded to the winning team, and certificates going to participating paddlers. Year nine youths who attend the winter series can use this as credits towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme (for further details of this contact Linda Clark on linmclark@aol.com).

For many paddlers the Reading experience was not only the first time in a K4, but also the first time in a racing boat. The weather was unusually warm for the time of year, and the sun shone. Nearly 40 youth paddlers from five canoe clubs in the region descended on Reading Canoe Club, The Warren, Reading, for the event.

Each team put two boats in, or some paddled twice, with the fastest times going forward. Results were based on the overall fastest crew, times (in minutes) and positions were as follows:

Reading Wrecks,	4.23.4;
2, Reading Sea Scouts	4.55.3
3, Suicidal Chickens	5.02.5
4, Pangbourne Lemmings	5.25.3
5, Black Swan 2	5.46.3
6, Black Swan 1	7.32.0

As well as the team trophy, points are awarded for each event that will be carried forward to count towards the final series trophy, which will be awarded in June.

For further details on the Paddlesport events in the southern area contact **Linda Clark (youth representative on Southern Region Development Team)**, e-mail: linmclark@aol.com, or for details on clubs and youth activities contact **Craig Hill (paddlesport development officer)** on e-mail: craig@hydromania.fsnet.com.

Richmond on form

Six of Richmond's promising young canoeists picked up prizes in the London and South East Region's sprint Grand Prix final standings.

The Grand Prix is a series of five races held between April and August, with points accumulated at each event. The paddler with the most points in each class at the end of the series wins.

All Richmond's paddlers, ranging in age between 10 and 18, raced well and half a dozen claimed overall honours, awarded to them at a recent prize-giving ceremony. The Grand Prix prize winners were: Jonathan Sims (2nd in Lightning Boys); Siobhan Tooze (2nd in Under-12 Girls); Lizzie Broughton (2nd in Under-14 Girls); Eleanor Broughton (1st in Under-16 Girls); Netty Kelly (1st in Under-18 Girls); and Kim Wetherall (2nd in Under-18 Girls).

Meanwhile, five of Richmond Canoe Club's young canoeists have been selected for the UK development squad. They are Kim Wetherall, Netty Kelly, Oliver Isbell, Gvidas Papreckis, and Sean Tooze.

Underlining their good form of late, Richmond's young athletes performed well at the recent Richmond Canoe Club Thames Marathon. Kim Wetherall partnered Mahji Mohseni to victory in the division 5-6 doubles race over eight miles, an event dominated by home crews. Second place was claimed by senior paddlers Karl Gilbert and Pippa Kelley, with seniors Conor Morrissey and Oliver Billings in third place.

There was also success in the division 7-8 race, over four miles, with junior Lizzie Broughton claiming first place paddling with senior Liz Greasby. Second place went to Netty Kelly and Siobhan Tooze.

Richmond Canoe Club actively promotes canoeing in the borough and runs a variety of courses for canoeists of all ages and abilities. It participates throughout Britain and Europe in racing events. The club was the winner of the 1999 team event title of the 125-mile Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race and was the winner of the 1999 National Interclub Sprint Racing Championships. Richmond

has produced a number of international and Olympic class athletes and coaches.

Peter: Picture caption: Richmond Canoe Club's Grand Prix winners (left to right): Eleanor Broughton, Kim Wetherall, Lizzie Broughton, Netty Kelly, Siobhan Tooze, Liz Greasby (coach) and Jonathan Sims. Picture by Sharon Tooze.



Lightnings – final strike

The final Nottingham Regatta of the season attracted a record number of 36 Lightning entries. With such a high level of interest there was a need for the Lightning organising team to link up with Viv and Mike from Paddleability – this partnership could be the beginnings of great things for next season!

The racing provided paddlers with three main challenges - a 500 m time trial, a 200 m sprint, a mini marathon – and, of course, the fun and games of the relay races. The 500 m TT was, as the French say, "a race of truth", with the young athletes competing against the clock. The leading positions were constantly changing, with mums and dads eager to find out how their youngsters got on.

Athletes results from the 500 m TT enabled the organisers to arrange the 200 m sprint into finals, with the fastest nine athletes in final one and so on. It is worth mentioning that usually at this point we run a little bit late. On this occasion everyone was so organised that we actually arrived at the 200 m start 20 minutes early, so well done!

The mini marathon presented the athletes with a new challenge: the turn buoys. From a mass start, the main pack raced up towards the turn at 500 m. Some of the paddlers were so engrossed in their own race that they had to make some very quick adjustments to their line with some nimble rudder control to avoid collision.

Well done to all the athletes, supporters and organisers for making Lightning competition probably the most fun racing in which to participate, spectate, support – and for me – organise. See you next season

Thanks to Frank Healy, Mike Twiggs, Viv Kendrick, Kevin Bowerbank, Jez Oughton, Tim Mumford for their help in running the event.


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Get down to white water!

GB junior team manager Jes Oughton takes a fresh look at white water racing for youngsters and explains how, with a dedicated coaching team now in place, development is the key. White water racing has traditionally had a limited profile in the world of paddle sport, but maybe that's about to change.

The challenge of hurtling down a river in the quickest time you can, matched against the clock, is a pursuit currently enjoying renewed interest amongst kayakers, especially with young paddlers.

Events normally happen during the early and latter parts of the year, enabling competitors from other disciplines such as slalom and sprint racing to take part as well as providing a change of scenery for play-boaters.

The BCU White Water Executive, and indeed the BCU's Young Peoples Programme, has recognised this interest and to maximise the potential, is investing wisely in the development of young, would be - boy and girl racers.

A new Coaching team is emerging under the guidance of Great Britain's Junior Team Coach, Kevin Bowerbank, from Bath. Kevin is encouraging many ex-junior team members to pass back their knowledge through the coaching structure. His plan provides an age-related structure; as well as recruiting many present senior racers, like top paddler Pete Keron, Jon Royle and Kiwi Ant Roebuck, to add technical and practical racing experience.

Many new events are organised for all levels of newcomers, from Wavehopper – durable plastic boats designed to cope with the rigours of rougher waters and beginners – to GP classes with handicaps in existing races, to full weekend training camps. There is somewhere for everyone to go.

To cope with the increased demand, the sport has expanded its fleet of available boats to ensure no one is missing out through lack of a seat. A dozen new Wavehoppers have been bought to add to the existing plastic fleet. And for anyone showing more dedicated potential and displaying the attitude to train and paddle at an advanced level, Kevin has purchased six new Balas (a lightweight composite racing/training boat). An excellent choice of design, Balas have been paddled to world championship victories in the past.

Kevin's idea is that, with the right commitment, a youngster will be asked to lodge a deposit of £100 with the executive. In return, her or she will receive a good development squad boat to take away, and train and race in for 12 months, with the support of the GB junior team management, hopefully removing the last major barrier to full development.

To most people, representing your nation is but a distant dream. Under the broad umbrella of the rejuvenated junior white water racing scene, with its dedicated coaching and training plans, those dreams can become reality.

Our young racers are already achieving great things. We had four British paddlers in the top ten at the 2001 junior pre-worlds at Bala, including Jonnie Schofield who won the gold medal in both the classic and sprint event. Ryan Ainsworth achieved a first in the Liffey junior white water class. We even saw a second place for Jonnie at the Nottingham sprint – beaten by only one second amongst the best seniors! Next year our aim is more gold medals, this time at the junior world championships, again at Bala.

But you don't have to aspire to those dizzy heights to get involved. If you, as an individual or a club representative or group leader want to try racing, organising or attending an event, or are even after borrowing some kit to have a go, then get in touch. Just click on the white water web site at www.wildwater.org.uk or leave a message for Jes at jo.oughton@ntlworld.com.

There are some very switched-on people organising some exciting events for young racers so why not have a go, we'll be happy to see you and you will certainly enjoy the challenge.

Jes Oughton

GB Junior Team Manager

Grant well spent

Scotland's newest racing club has been awarded a National Lottery grant. The Linlithgow Canoe Racing Club applied for the Awards for All Grant and was successful in securing funding for six Lighting K1's and three full-sized stable K1's.

This will allow the club, now in its second year and based at the Low Port Centre in Linlithgow, to develop its junior programme much faster than would otherwise have been possible.

The new Lightnings have already won in competitions away from the club base. At a recent Regatta held at Kirkcaldy, Thomas Sneddon won the boy's event and Katherine Birse took the girl's event.

This success proved the value of the lottery award to the club, as they would not have been able to compete in the event before receiving this welcome funding.

West Lothian Council has also supported the club, through its sports unit, and the use of the Low Port Centre. The continued backing of the council is seen as a key factor in the future success of the club.

Another important element has been the enthusiasm of the parents and their willingness to help out.

The club has increased its membership this year, with an average of 20 kids attending weekly coaching sessions. The club will run a limited winter programme and next spring will be ramping up activities to a higher level than this year in order to achieve even more.

The Club is run by Scottish National Coach, Shaun Caven. For further details, please contact him at tel: 07753 623702 or e-mail lkcoach@hotmail.com

LETTERS

Your chance to put forward your point of view

Wait till they're ready

In October 2000 my daughter – then aged 15 – started kayaking and decided that she really enjoyed it. I bought her an old slalom boat and supported her in that I transported her to and from the local canoe club.

In May/June she went in for a competition as a division four J16 and won. This was really good news but she was paddling on home waters. This also meant immediate promotion to division three.

On the same weekend, her friend and paddling partner also won and got promoted. Since then they have entered half-a-dozen more local competitions and her paddling partner has been promoted to division two on points and therefore my daughter was aiming to get enough points to be promoted at Sowerby Bridge.

I think though, that the system is wrong because I personally don't think they have enough experience in the different types of water to be in division two. I think that if you get promoted in one year then you should be in division two until the end of that season, unable to get promoted, however many points you score – so that you can get much more experience on different types of water and become much more proficient at a sport that is potentially quite dangerous.

As young paddlers get more proficient they want to travel further away to other competitions and thus they are going to gain more than just competing against people who may have paddled a lot longer. They will also learn more about safety on the water and how to watch out for each other and other paddlers which, at times, I see a serious lack of at competitions.

This lack of consideration is usually during practice sessions when some people like to think that they have sole use of the water, when they don't. Too many seem oblivious to the presence of other paddlers, making it an accident waiting to happen.

Another girl that my daughter met at a slalom was promoted on her first division four event then came last in division three for the next event, but she was then promoted again at her next event, a double which she won both days. It is wrong to promote people like this. Even with two wins the competitor's three best results should have to add up to 250.

My daughter and her friends really enjoy slalom because it is more technically based and you need more skill and therefore more time to become really good. Easy promotion does not encourage people to go for the skill levels but for the speed aspect. If that is what they want then they should go for river racing. Slalom competition is about skill and speed in combination. The only way to get both is to be able to have the time to achieve the skill – then the speed will follow. This is especially so if you have not got the brute strength.

One last point is that there is no way in which paddlers can know their current ranking as the season progresses because the web-site www.canoeslalom.co.uk is never up to date. No offence is meant to the person running the site but this is another example of how the organisation of the sport could be improved.

This lack of organisation carries through at competitions

where there is no fixed start-time because of organisers trying to accommodate late arrivals. If someone doesn't have the courtesy to turn up on time for the start of a slalom they should not be allowed to compete.

Anne Howarth
Kipton, North Yorkshire

Use some sense...

On our way for a family open canoe trip on Argyllshire's Loch Awe, we were driving by the dam at the top of the River Awe. We spotted lots of kayaks so stopped to watch, thinking my six-year old daughter would enjoy seeing the antics of playboating.

I have kayaked for more than 30 years, many of them as a coach, and run my own centre, which mainly revolves around kayaking, so why did I feel uncomfortable while watching from the lay-by overlooking the river?

It wasn't the kayaking, that looked good, and was entertaining to see. It could have been the crowds, maybe 20 plus kayaks, but no, I have been to the odd sea kayak symposium and paddling with crowds can be sociable..

No, it was the wheel-spinning cars, vehicles speeding to and from exit points, the male strutting, and 'laddish' behaviour.

Maybe if they had been young things, I would have smiled at the exuberance of boys learning social skills and trying to define their place in the world. But no these guys were my age.

Should I make a judgement? damn right I should.

If you have a kayak on the roof off a car, people will watch you. If you are a good kayaker, or have the shiny latest kit, kids will look up to you. You are role models.

There were impressionable youngsters there waiting to climb down to the water. Push the limits on the water, show off your kayaking skills if it's appropriate, but please don't be a dickhead in a car and get us all a bad name.

leis gach durachd
John White

Exchange wanted

We are a German family with two sons –10 and 8 years old – living in Bremen, in the north of our country. One of our hobbies is going with our canoe and our tent downstream.

To learn better english (specially for our sons) we want to come to England next summer and spent our holidays there, perhaps with our canoe and tent. We would like to hear from your readers with information about canoeing in England. What are the nice rivers we can paddle? Do you have some suggestions?

We also want to establish contact with an English family, preferably with children around the same ages as ours. Our object is to arrange an exchange. We suggest that both families can visit each other or send their children to the other country to learn the language. Is it possible that you announce this information to other canoeists, who might be interested in this exchange?

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Playboating session

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Where the Session+ really excels in its playboating is on wave features. The hull is simply the fastest I've seen on a wave, spins really easily, and the volume distribution means that blunts rise up pretty spectacularly.

The speed on the wave is the key thing to being able to initiate vertical moves easily and yet not flush off the feature (it rocked at Skookumchuck). The Session+ is relatively long to achieve this, so the smaller Session might be worth considering if you're looking for a pure Hurley boat.

For river running though, especially on big water, the extra length means that you can get down stuff you simply wouldn't want to

consider in a completely low-volume boat. We've run rivers like the Thompson and Fraser in BC and it felt totally happy.

We're aiming to do some rivers with raft support and we won't be running the Humla Karnali (this time!) so at 51 gallons, the Session+ looked like a good match. That's the same volume as the BigEZ, and 10 gallons more than its smaller brother, the Session, but you still seem to be able to squeeze multi-day kit in. The easy seat adjustment helps here – you only need to move one bolt and they've cunningly put a plastic nut underneath that you can easily get your hand to.

All that said, the Session+ does perform remarkably well in holes for a paddler of my size and weight (6'1" and 13-ish stones). Whereas some boats can feel completely out of control in the cartwheel, the Session+ allows you to slow cartwheeling down and concentrate on placing the next end. If you aren't splitting consistently yet, this boat could well open that up.

With the length and volume distribution, ends actually look a lot smoother and more visible from the bank. EJ, for example, complained that judges weren't scoring some of his bigger moves in Sort because they couldn't see them that well (on Playak). The volume around the cockpit keeps you high on the pile so ends don't dig too deep – which could be good for Hurley!

Outfitting hasn't been tacked on with the Sessions either. It features snowboard ratchets, which are actually recessed into the thigh grips. This could stop you tearing your thigh in a tight exit. The seat doesn't flex and the foot bumps have plenty of room. Session and Session Plus 2001, RRP £699.95.

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Marc Musgrove

Surfers, playboaters and white water paddlers look after your ears!



As a surf kayaker I'm acutely aware of the problems surfers and white water paddlers have with their ears and in particular a complaint known as Surfers Ear. This medical condition can affect anyone who finds themselves in cold, wet and windy conditions – probably the entire population of Britain!

The effect of water filling your ears and then evaporating off causes the ear canal to be chilled. The bone around the canal reacts to this chilling by growing, these growths narrow the ear canal, first forming a sump, behind which water can collect and cause infection, and finally these growths can close off the ear canal altogether.

Surfers, Swimmers, Divers and White Water paddlers all seem to be particularly at risk and if no preventive action is taken many will end up requiring a delicate and uncomfortable operation which will remove some of the extra growth but

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Gimme shelter



All responsible leaders of paddling parties will know the value of carrying a group shelter (kisu/bothy/refuge) and its value in the treatment of injuries and hypothermia as well as providing a dry shelter on the bank for lunch stops on wet days, making a useful changing hut in the car park at the take-out, or (occasionally) serving as a sail for a couple of rafted canoes on a breezy day.

Experts tend to agree that a refuge is an essential, life-saving piece of kit to be carried by every group leader, and the Conquest Refuge Mk II that I have been testing is a very good example of this kind of shelter.

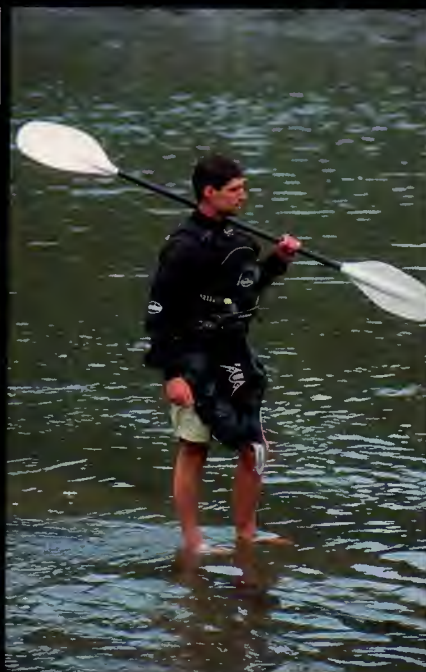
Basically a big nylon bag measuring approx 3 m long x 1.5 m high and packing away to approx 25 x 40 cm, the Refuge Mk II has a draw-corded hem so you can draw the base in to minimise wind entry, and a draw-corded window/vent at each end so you can look out or let in more fresh air.

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Costing approx £59.95, the Conquest Refuge Mk II is the kind of thing that should be in every canoe trip leader's kit and is a genuine lifesaver, as well as being useful in many other less extreme situations.

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John Fenna



Shell out for these

Nookie have introduced an all-new range of kayaking shell garments. As well as the usual functional features we expect from the Nookie design team, all the new cags sport pre-curved and twisted arms for an optimal anatomical fit when holding a paddle, and the added benefit of looking super-stylish at the same time!

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Look out for the new silver-retro Nookie logo on the latest Nookie products.

Cap it all...

Here's Nookie's take on the now ubiquitous skull cap. Since these items are now widely accepted to prevent 'ice-cream head' and, more seriously, surfer's ear, Nookie have been unable to resist the demand any longer, despite their designers' assertions that all such products make you look like a gimp, or at best very foolish.

The Nookie skull cap features 1 mm super-stretchy neoprene, with a titanium coating to reflect heat. The colour scheme has already been hailed as a great leap forward from the usual black, particularly by one dealer in Russia who thinks it "makes him look like cosmonaut". The chin strap is fitted with adjusting quick-release buckles. One size fits all. Typical



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Dancer XS, £130. Wooden paddle, £15. Child's yellow fibreglass boat with skeg, £70. Helmets and buoyancy aids with boats. Tel: 01666 822755 or e-mail: steph.walker@lineone.net.

Dancer, WW spec, Schlegel Topline paddle, dry bag, spraydeck, large buoyancy aid, all in good condition, buyer to collect, £275, will split. Tel: Graham on 01229 586622.

Equipe slalom canoe, kevlar patches, diolen hull, lightweight, two off, metallic glitter top, well used, offers invited. Tel:01922 644441 (Walsall).

Eskimo Kendo Starlight, mango colour, full plate footrest, backstrap, garage stored - excellent condition, suit smaller paddler, £395. Can deliver to Nene or Hurley. Tel: 01276 475719 or e-mail: stephen.lawrence@ukgateway.net.

Eskimo Kendo Starlight, sexy mango, full plate footrest, back strap, excellent condition, garage stored, £395. Tel: James on 01276 475719 or 07733354348.

Eskimo Topo-Duo, WW spec, excellent condition - garage stored. £550. Tel: AE Hyde on 01482 666799.

Eskimo Kendo Evolution, green, full plate footrest, fully airbagged, great river runner and play, excellent condition £350. Eskimo Quadro, blue, airbag, still has original foot rest, not used, spins really well, good river runner whilst has the ability to play the river £400. Nookie Aqua Tex, double seal dry bag, excellent condition cost £160 will sell for £60. Shred Ready Shaggy peaked helmet with flame design on the front, as new, cost £110 will sell for £80 (no offers). Open canoe paddle, 60 inches long, new condition, £20. Also various other small items for sale. Tel: Richie on 01885 400397 (Herefordshire) or e-mail: Canoerichie@aol.com.

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Topo Duo wanted to buy, reasonable condition, for club in Notts. Tel: Mel Gordon on 01777 869065.

Topolino Spud, Microbat or similar that will fit in a car plus decent deck to fit, decent paddle (right-hand) and any other kit to buy - throw line. Helmet, wet suit, knife, poggies etc. Tel: Nick on 01642 513773.

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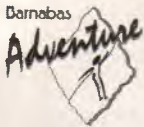
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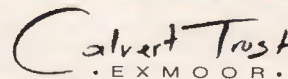
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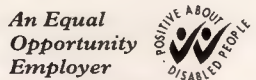
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The big drawback is that phones and water do not mix well, and you definitely need to have some kind of waterproof case to protect the phone's delicate workings.

The Hydro Podz 3, from Rosker, is a useful pouch, designed to take mobile phones or GPS systems and other sensitive kit – even small cameras.

Made from tough texturised and vinyl proofed 1800 denier Polyester, the Hydro Podz 3 has two compartments – a clear vinyl pocket with a Ziploc type closure and radio frequency welded seams for your phone and a Trico-lined padded pocket for bits and bobs. This pocket closes over the phone pocket to provide some knock protection.

Coming complete with a detachable and adjustable shoulder/waist strap, the Hydro Podz 3 measures some 10" x 5" closed, with the pockets measuring approx 7.5" x 4.5". The phone can easily be used without being removed from the protective pocket.

As to the waterproof performance of the Hydro Podz, the manufacturers only guarantee 'splash proof' performance, but, in my experience, the seal is 100% watertight and will survive even prolonged immersion. Whether the Hydro Podz will keep your phone dry during a prolonged thrashing in your favourite stopper or surf is another question, and if you are looking to play like this, I would advise you put your Hydro Podz protected phone inside a dry bag/barrel for extra safety until you reach calmer waters!

A useful piece of kit, the Hydro Podz 3 costs around £17.50. Smaller and larger sizes are also available.

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