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# COMMENT

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## Long distance racing returns to World Cup Programme

Long distance racing returned to the Sprint Racing World Cup circuit in Hungary with British success in both the men's and women's races. Tim Brabants took the gold medal in the inaugural 2.5km race and Abigail Cattle took the silver medal in the women's event. These races form part of an experiment by the ICF who are looking at the overall format of the racing programme to ensure that it remains attractive and exciting.

## Canoeing on television

Although Eurosport will have shown the Slalom World Championships at the end of July live we understand that the BBC will feature the championships in a programme dedicated to olympic sport on Sunday 10 August. Eurosport will show the Sprint Racing World Championships from Gainesville, USA live and have released the following programme schedule:

11 September	21.00	500m heats Live
12 September	08.30	500m/1000M heats
12 September	16.15	1000m semi live
12 September	20.00	500m semi live
13 September	09.00	Semi finals replay
13 September	21.30	200m semi
14 September	08.30	1000m final
14 September	20.30	200m finals live
15 September	10.00	500m finals live

Please note timings are subject to change and viewers are advised to look at television listings closer to the date.

## Exclusive offer to BCU clubs and members

The British Canoe Union's (BCU) World Class Programme athletes regularly train at the British Olympic Association (BOA) Training Centre in Lofer, Austria.

The BOA would now like to extend the facility for use by BCU clubs and members at certain times of the year. The centre is likely to be available during the academic summer and Easter holidays, plus the October half term, which would be attractive to age group squads and club groups. For adult paddlers the BOA is also happy to consider club-booking enquiries during June, July and September when there may be some spare capacity. Available to BCU Clubs and members at £22 per person full board on a twin share basis.

## BCU subscription rates from November 1, 2003

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by direct debit can enjoy membership at the existing 2003 rates prior to the November rates.

## Long Term Paddler Development

Assembled in Nottingham on Thursday 12th June more than 50 representatives from every aspect of the BCU community listened to Istvan Balyi - a Hungarian athlete development expert.

The subject of Istvan's talk was the Long Term Paddler Development Model, which recognises age related stages in the development of children and adults. The system really tries to ensure that every coach in our system has the opportunity to do the "best job" with the paddlers in their care. It recognises that it takes 10 years or 10,000 hours to produce champions and that there are four distinct stages in an athlete's development - fundamentals, learning to train, training to train, training to win. These basic principles are good for every paddler whether their aspirations relate to the Olympic podium or paddling for health and enjoyment. The model is being used by several sports and helps to develop "physical literacy" and skills that are transferable from sport to sport. Full information on Long Term Paddler Development in the BCU will be available in future editions of *Canoe Focus* and *Code* and on the BCU website [www.bcu.org.uk](http://www.bcu.org.uk)

## International events

Our teams are currently engaged in both European and World Championships. For sprint racing and canoe slalom the world championships this year are also Olympic qualifying events. The Slalom World Championships will have happened between this comment being prepared and *Canoe Focus* being distributed to members - please look at the BCU web site for results [www.bcu.org.uk](http://www.bcu.org.uk). The Sprint Racing World Championships will take place in Gainesville USA from September 11th to 14th, the Canoe Polo European Championships will take place in Ireland from 12th to 17th August and the Marathon Racing World Championships in Spain from September 27th to 28th. We wish all of our competition paddlers well and look forward to bringing you results and news in future editions of *Canoe Focus*.

## Congratulations

### WILD WATER RACING

**Jonathan Schofield** - Silver medal  
Junior European Wild Water Racing Championships (Sprint)  
**Jonathan Schofield** Bronze medal  
Junior Wild Water Racing World Championships Mayrhofen K1 Men.

### SPRINT RACING

**Rachel Train** - Gold medal  
Zagreb World Cup Round K1 200m  
**Tricia Davey** - Bronze medal  
Zagreb World Cup Round K1 1000m  
**Women's K4** 500m (Train, Cattle, Davey, Hardy)  
Zagreb World Cup Round

### CANOE SLALOM

**Paul Ratcliffe** - Silver medal  
La Seu World Cup Round  
**Nick Smith & Stu Bowman** - Bronze Medal  
La Seu World Cup Round

## International Canoe Exhibition 2004

The International Canoe Exhibition will again take place alongside the Outdoor Show at the NEC from April 2nd to 4th. Full details of an exciting programme including use of the NEC's outdoor lake will be available in October's *Canoe Focus*.

## Sadly,

Sadly we have to report that Jack Spuhler, one of the leading slalom enthusiasts in the very early days, died on 30th June 2003. Jack was British Team Manager from 1951 until 1969 and was also the British representative on the International Canoe Federation (see page 12).

# Man-made water rapids opens on Thames

Canoeists will be riding the crest of a wave on the Thames after man-made white water rapids were officially opened in June. The rapids, set to give canoeists of all abilities a real challenge, have been created at Hambleton Weir and were officially opened by inland waterways minister Alun Michael. He saw canoeists from the local Chalfont Park Canoe Club in action as they tackled the rapids during a visit to the weir, near Henley.

The project, which involved the design and installation of hydraulic ramps on the weir apron to create white water conditions cost £85,000 and took the Environment Agency eight months to complete.

Now canoeists based on the Thames and across the country are set to take on the challenging stretch of water to test their skills of free-style and slalom canoeing.

Alun Michael said: "This is an excellent project. Canoeing is an exhilarating sport, which offers people of all ages a real challenge. "The Thames is one of our most important waterways. It is a marvellous resource for recreation. Projects like this one at Hambleton Weir give people the chance not just to take on a new challenge but to enjoy an exciting sport."

Barbara Young, chief executive of the Environment Agency, who accompanied the minister, said: "The restored whitewater we have created at Hambleton, along with the rapids we manage upstream at Hurley, now make the non-tidal Thames one of the best canoe spots in the country. Along with all the rowing, sailing and boating you can also do on the river, the Thames is fast becoming a world class recreational waterway"



Alun Michael is holding a paddle which was a gift to him from the Environment Agency and local canoeing organisations.

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## New Website

Newark Canoe Club have a brand new website at [www.newarkcanoeclub.org.uk](http://www.newarkcanoeclub.org.uk)

This new site will soon grow and will include pictures, movies, the latest news, events/trips, and a bit about the club, the committee and how to join.

## Expeditions Committee

This year the BCU expeditions committee received few applications for grant aid. The members of the committee being active paddlers are fully aware that the nature of kayaking expeditions has dramatically changed over the past few years. Many years ago, when the committee was formed, it was to offer a small amount of grant aid and to act as a resource for paddlers to consult; the committee has always been made up of active paddlers with a good network of friends around the world and a wealth of knowledge built up over the years.

In those days, expeditions were rarer, more formal and often planned and prepared over the winter by paddlers before they set off to attempt their expedition some months later. Today, expeditions tend to be a group of friends who select a destination - Nepal say - and when they hear a few words from fellow travellers and they are off to some new run that has opened up. A rush round the shops and a dash to the bus station and the expedition has happened. No one really calls these trips 'Expeditions' more often they are referred to as 'Missions'.

So what direction for the Expeditions Committee? The last few years and the majority of applications the committee have received have been 'gap year' students doing Operation Raleigh or similar organised trips which includes some canoeing or kayaking. Now I do not want to belittle these trips but I do not feel that this was the reason for the committee's existence.

There is nothing we can do about the lads and lassies in Kathmandu or similar destination even with the marvels of e-mail, and the committee will continue to try and support the 'gap year' type of expedition if the tag "canoeing or kayaking" expedition is sufficiently warranted. However, in between these two types of trips are (slightly) more organised expeditions and we look forward to hearing from these trips. The expeditions committee works like the following:

- Expeditions apply by mid January - application forms from BCU or by e-mail from me [dave@dmanby.demon.co.uk](mailto:dave@dmanby.demon.co.uk). I check the expeditions: feasibility, capability of the team, references and the like if necessary and circulate the rest of the committee with the details.
- The committee meets at the International Canoe Exhibition where we decide which expeditions get grant aid. Grants

sizes vary depending on the number of expeditions applying, the nature of the expedition, and the budget we have to spend but vary from £100 to £1000.

- The expeditions who applied are contacted and told if they have been successful. They go off on their expedition and on return write of their experiences for publication in *Canoe Focus*. On receipt of the article we pay the grant whether or not the editor of *Canoe Focus* chooses to publish their account. (We try to be fairly helpful as a committee and through the marvels of e-mail will consider exceptional applications that may want faster processing - for instance an expedition may be conceived in April and the window for it is October.)

To be considered for a grant as an expedition here are some guide lines:

- Grants are given to an expedition not an individual.
- Expeditions must be outside of Western Europe.
- As far as can be ascertained the expedition should be a first descent or at least a first British descent. We realise we could get into trouble here!

The committee also considers Sea Kayaking expeditions - but definitions are even harder - so be sensible in your application! The majority of the members should be British passport holders and members of the British Canoe Union. Youth expeditions need not be first descents but 75% of the expedition team should be under 18.

## Showtime!

Five major names - Palm, Perception, Pyranha, Crewsaver and Wavesport - are all joining forces for the first time in history. Their aim - to promote the sport of canoe and kayaking. Serious discussions have been taking place at Palm Equipment's headquarters in Clevedon to plan the pinnacle of all efforts - a canoe village at The London International Boat Show 2003.

The show, celebrating its 50th year, has chosen Excel, Europe's state-of-the-art exhibition centre, as the new venue to accommodate the grandness of the event. One of the star attractions will be a 35m x 30m pool, where demonstrations and events will take place during the 10 day extravaganza.

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## New appointment for PaddleSport

PaddleSport have appointed Mike Punter as their Sales and Marketing Manager who came into the job on 1st July.

Mike is responsible for developing retail and contract sales for PaddleSport and helping with website development and all other aspects of marketing.

## Dee tours 2003/04

The WCA regret to announce that it is likely the recreational tours which usually take place in the November, December

and January periods will be cancelled this winter.

It has not been possible to negotiate access for these events on the section of river from Corwen to the Horseshoe Weir with all the relevant landowners and riparian owners. The WCA would like to thank landowners and riparian owners for their support in the past and it is hoped that a positive outcome can prevail in the future.

The WCA would like to thank Llangollen Angling Association for their continued support and for the permission to use their waters for competitive events on the section between Horseshoe Falls and Llangollen itself. Given their relationship with other angling associations, they feel unable to give permission for touring at the moment. The WCA would also like to thank Rhug Organic, who have waters between Cynwyd and Carrog. The WCA asks paddlers to respect the rights of these owners and refrain from using these waters to assist positive relations in the future.

The WCA are still attempting to negotiate access on the river Dee. The WCA seeks to do this not only to provide opportunities for canoeists, but also to minimise the financial loss the Dee valley will suffer as a consequence of these cancellations. In the absence of tours on the Dee this year, alternatives will be sought to compensate for the loss of these events which have been running successfully for 30 years.

These well-established tours have provided management for a section of river that was a source of conflict prior to their inauguration and the WCA hopes that the tours can be reinstated in the future.

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## Maisemore weir

The home of the Gloucester and Cheltenham paddling fraternity has collapsed rendering the weir extremely dangerous and should not be used until repairs have been made. The weir collapsed towards the end of May after a combination of a wedged tree, large tides, old age and high water force. Four foot of weir is missing behind the supports, with more water now entering the shute upstream of the old looping holes position. The new hole, with jagged wood sticking out, a large recirculating boil and a tree stump could be fatal if paddled!

The rest of the weir face stretching the total width of the river has lost many sections of the downstream edge of the weir face, and appears to be in bad shape, although strangely enough the dodgy stopper on the far side is now a lot safer as a result of the collapse. A tree is now lodged just above the hole and some of the stoppers are now closed in at the ends. The damage is major enough to hopefully cause the NRA to repair the weir, demolishing the weir would not be an option as it would cause the tidal bore to continue to tewksbury causing flooding on very large tides. A section of the bank has also collapsed alongside the river where the conveyor belt eddy is next to the jetty.

I hope this helps in giving anyone thinking of visiting the weir a chance to look elsewhere before they travel.

**Matt Hammersley**

## NOW! Week hits the mark in 2003



The first National Outdoor Week, held 3-11 May this year, was a great success according to a post promotion survey of event organisers. Local clubs were delighted with the additional publicity generated for their events by the national media campaign. As well as good coverage in the specialist outdoor titles, the week featured in national titles

including *The Sunday Times* and a raft of local papers ranging from the *Birmingham Post* to the *Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph*.

Local radio stations around the country also covered the week enthusiastically with features and interviews broadcast from *BBC Radio Cumbria* to *GWR* in Wiltshire. Web coverage too was extensive, with excellent coverage on many national agencies' and tourist board sites.

Over 90% of events registered on the [www.outdoorweek.org.uk](http://www.outdoorweek.org.uk) website generated sufficient support to take place and a number of organisers report attracting new members to their club as a result of their NOW! events.

Thousands of entries have also been received for the *Countrywide* holiday prize draw competition featured in the *Go Outdoors NOW!* voucher books distributed through OIA member stores in the run up to and during the week.

Held to coincide with the May Day holiday weekend, the timing of the first NOW! week suited 96% of event organisers 'very' or 'reasonably well' with a clear majority in favour of repeating the promotion at the same time in 2004.

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# Kayakers surf Teahupoo!

Four well-known British kayakers have returned from French Polynesia in the South Pacific after a month of surfing some of the best reef-breaks in the world. Bill Mattos, Nathan Eades, Steve Childs and Tim Denson were the first kayakers successfully to surf the fearsome Teahupoo, well-known to surfers as the heaviest and most brutal wave in the world. As well as the speed and power of its crushing lip, much of the wave's terrifying reputation derives from the almost dry reef onto which it breaks. Since Teahupoo was revealed to the world in 1998 it has claimed a number of lives, and continues to be the worst nightmare of many pro-surfers. The boaters were more than equal to the task however, as were their carbon-kevlar Marauder surf-kayaks supplied by Mega Performance Kayaks. Both boats and paddlers returned from the trip largely unscathed, confounding many eminent critics who had billed their trip as an "impossible mission".

As well as the headlining Teahupoo, the boys were able to surf many more beautiful breaks including some secret spots that they were privileged to be shown by the local surfers, and bring back not only a mountain of photos and video but also the knowledge that kayakers can be accepted and encouraged by other surfers at some of the most heavy-duty locations in the world.

A technical report and some photos from the trip can be found at [www.goatboater.com](http://www.goatboater.com) - later in the year video footage will be included in a number of screen projects. Watch this space for further information!



## Have you ever wanted to make a film?

The Kendal Mountain Film Festival (13th - 16th November) invites applications from aspiring film makers from the north west of England. Aimed at individuals or small teams, this is an ambitious plan to stimulate and lay the foundations for a future in film making. The successful applicants will receive training in camera operations, editing and film production in the area of adventure sports. The films will be shown and judged at the festival and the winner will be broadcast by the BBC. Applications should be made by August 15th and then winning applicants will be notified by September 1st. Training will take place early in September with a film completion date of October 31st. Details and application forms on [www.mountainfilm.co.uk](http://www.mountainfilm.co.uk) or e mail: [info@mountainfilm.co.uk](mailto:info@mountainfilm.co.uk) and title Extreme Film School.

## Sport England Coach of The Year awards launched



Sport England has re-launched an award scheme designed to reward and recognise the country's most dedicated coaches - the Sport England Coach of the Year Awards. Previously administered by

sports coach UK, the new format will raise the profile of coaches, provide closer links with existing local awards and simplify the application process.

Under the new system, entries will only be accepted from candidates who have won a regional or Sports Partnership coaching award within the last 12 months. This will create a more logical sequence between existing coaching awards and ensure that the most worthy coaches are given the opportunity to apply. The award categories are:

- Performance Coach
- Female Community Coach
- Male Community Coach
- Coach Of Disabled Performers

The performance coach award will have a different approach whereby nominations will be accepted directly from national governing bodies, without having won a regional award. The overall winner will then automatically be entered into UK Coach of the Year Awards, run by sports coach UK.

The deadline for submitting entries is October 17th 2003 and decisions will be announced in November. Each winner will receive a special prize presentation in their home town and will also be invited to attend the UK Coach of the Year Awards at the Café Royal, London in December. For further information please contact Gill Manners at Sport England on 020 7273 1672. Application forms are available from Sports Partnerships and the Sport England website.

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## Obituary

### Jack Spuhler

It is my sad task to announce the death of Jack Spuhler on Monday 30 June 2003. Jack was one of the leading slalom enthusiasts in the very early days. His first connection with slalom was at the World Championships of 1949 when on a holiday canoeing trip. He and his companions decided to compete. Things were like that in those days.

This led to helping to run and compete in slaloms throughout the British Isles. In 1951 Jack, with his great command of languages (English, French and German) was off to the World Championship (3rd) in Steyr, Austria, this time as team manager. He continued as the British Team's Manager for another nine World Championships until 1969. Jack also was the British representative on the International Canoe Federation, and was greatly involved in the formulation of the rules of this very new and expanding sport.

In the early days the rules said 'all competitive canoes have to be fully folding' and, as the only manufacturer of suitable canoes was in Germany, most British competitors designed and built their own craft. Jack was one of the leading lights of this and produced some canoes of really first class design and craftsmanship culminating in the JS mark 6. This highly successful canoe was produced by some of the professional boat builders who paid Jack a royalty which went straight into slalom funds. Jack, an unassuming man, was liked and admired by slalom and white water canoeists both in this country and Europe.

For about 25 years of the very early days he was one of the stalwarts who helped to establish the foundations of slalom and white water canoeing and was awarded high honours by the British Canoe Union. Jack will be sadly missed by many friends and companions.

**Bill Crockett**

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## Obituary

### James S Adam

4th December 1907 - 16th April 2003

James Seymour Adam or Seamas to his friends was born in Dundee from Aberdonian, Buchan and Highland stock. He moved to Glasgow in his youth, studying accountancy and company secretaryship before taking up a career in journalism with the *Scottish Daily Express*. Subsequently he worked on the *Glasgow Evening News*, the *Daily Record* and the *Evening Times* before being appointed editor of the *Weekly Scotsman*. Moving into management he became in turn General Manager of Scotsman Publications, Managing Director of the *Chester Chronicle* and Associated Newspapers and finally Managing Director of the *Middlesbrough Evening Gazette*.

During World War II he trained as a radio operator with the Royal Corps of Signals, was commissioned and served as a Staff Captain working directly to the War Office.

Seamas was a life long friend of Sir Alistair Dunnet who most successfully edited the *Scotsman* newspaper for sixteen years. In 1933 the pair started a weekly boys magazine called the *Claymore* promoting the physical and intellectual adventure ready to hand in Scotland. When their meagre resources ran out, forcing an end to publication, they turned to a real life adventure. Paddling two "Lochaber" single seat, three piece, sectional kayaks they journeyed from Bowling on the Clyde to Kyle of Lochalsh. The intention had been to finish at Stornoway but they had left it too late in the year and winter weather curtailed the voyage. Seamas continued alone the following year, this time paddling a "Queensfern, Senior". He made the journey from Kyle to Stornoway in five days paddling and the third day, from Staffin to Scalpay, was the

first recorded solo crossing of the Minch by kayak. Considering the relatively short, wide and slow canvas covered kayak, Seamas used compared with today's longer sleeker craft, his performance was outstanding. Sir Alistair Dunnet wrote about their canoeing adventure in 'Quest by Canoe' dedicated to Seamas and published in 1950. It was subsequently republished as 'To Late in the Year' and 'The Canoe Boys' in 1995.

In 1963 Seamas was elected Honourary President of the SCA, a position he held for five years. During that time he quietly helped the Association in a number of ways through his many contacts in a wide field of interests. He was a President of the Scottish Federation of Sea Anglers, a member of the Scottish Council of Physical Recreation, the forerunner of the Scottish Sports Council and a member of the Cairngorm Winter Sports Development Board.

An accomplished author of books and articles his works include 'Over the Minch', a 'Gaelic-Scots Wordbook', 'The business Diaries of Sir Alexander Grant' and 'Laughter in the Kirk'.

Retirement in 1975 brought a new venture. as organiser of the first International Gathering of the Clans, an involvement he was to maintain. As an author, broadcaster and poet he was in demand as a public speaker and graced the Association by opening the Canoe Exhibition in Perth a few years ago.

Seamas died in Wrexham, North Wales where he and his wife Flora, a lovely Irish lady, moved last year to be near their daughter Ailish. He is also survived by his son Ian. Our sympathies are with them.

**Duncan R Winning OBE. Honourary President**

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## Youth development

Gloucestershire based Outdoor Active and Wenonah Canoe are jointly sponsoring outstandingly talented 15 years old Chris Stevens by providing him with a canoe to gain his 5 Star Open Canoe qualification. Chris, who is a member of Cheltenham Canoe Club and already has 5 Star Kayak, will use the boat to attend an increasing number of events to develop his skills. Says Richard Bennett, MD of Outdoor Active, "Youth development is vitally important in promoting the sport. Supporting Chris, who is showing great promise, is our first sponsorship." Says Chris Stevens, "I'm really delighted that Outdoor Active and Wenonah are supporting me. Their support will help me in my eventual goals of competing at international level, and becoming an Outdoor Adventure Instructor in a range of activities."



## Action on access

### Countryside Agency Access Demonstration Schemes – case study areas announced

Four areas have been selected by the Countryside Agency for the feasibility study of improving access for canoeing on inland waterways by access agreements. The BCU had pressed for a minimum of six river systems.

The study areas have been chosen for specific target objectives as described in the extract from the Countryside Agency progress report No 2 that follows.

#### Area 1: Mersey (inc Irwell, Goyt, Etherow)

**Objective:** To consider the potential of this site for achieving agreement which will increase participation in canoeing. This site was selected on the basis of its proximity to urban areas, the current existence of some canoeing activity and the potential to link new access into the Mersey Navigation.

#### Area 2: Little Ouse, Dove and Waveney

**Objective:** To consider the potential for achieving agreement over a distance of more than 24 km for touring, where there are potential tourism-related benefits to the local economy. This system has the potential for linkage into navigation's in the Broads and the Great Ouse, which could create a significant touring resource in an area that is readily accessed from the major South Eastern and Midlands conurbation's.

#### Area 3: Wear

**Objective:** To consider the potential for achieving agreement within an area with fish/nature conservation interest. This river also includes some white water.

#### Area 4: Temе, Onny, Clun

**Objective:** To consider the potential for improving access while balancing the needs of nature conservation evidenced by SSSIs.

The University of Brighton are the consultancy undertaking the Area studies and during June and July work is scheduled to have progressed on two fronts:

- surveys of the sites to establish their physical potential, together with an initial indication of problems that will need to be addressed.
- contacting local stakeholders and other interested parties, to begin building a picture of the issues to be addressed and potential for negotiating agreements. We will be looking, at all the sites, for potential partners with whom we are able to work to take this process forward.

An update on the progress for this work is expected from the Countryside Agency in July. Their progress reports no 1 and 2 and subsequent interim updates can be viewed in full on the BCU web site - select Access and then Action on Access.

For this and earlier stages of the study the consultants requested the English Access Committee to provide information and contacts for each Area. Thanks go to regional access teams, individual paddlers and canoe clubs local to the study areas that helped and in particular: Phil Ascough, Helen Brown, Vic Brown, Chris Cleaver, Martin Dunn, Jonathan Roberts, Karl Bungey, Mike Hubbard, Dave Cassell, and Alan Cox.

The consultants overall findings on the real problems in negotiating access and prospect of improving access for canoeists by access agreements is due early next year. If favourable the Countryside Agency will move on to an implementation phase in years 2 and 3 to carry out detailed local access negotiations.

Should the recommendation from the current stage conclude that it is not likely to produce a successful way forward for years 2 and 3, then the government will have to think again. If new legislation proves to be the only way forward then we shall need the active support of every single canoeist. The document, 'Access Strategy: England' in the Access section of the BCU web site sets out the direction the BCU will follow to secure more access to water.

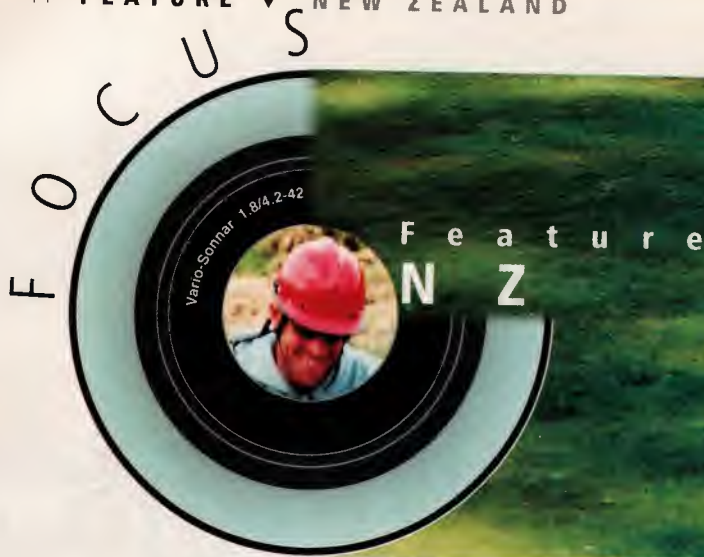
### Wensum - Fakenham to Lenwade Mill

Please note that the L.A.O. for the River Wensum - Fakenham to Lenwade Mill - East is: Mr. Tony Carter, 19, Meadow Rise Road, Norwich, NR2 3QE

E-Mail: [tony@carterhome.demon.co.uk](mailto:tony@carterhome.demon.co.uk) and not Mr. Chris Wright as stated in the BCU Yearbook 2003.

### Paddleworks online

Nomad Paddleworks' new website is now online and fully functional. On it you can find product information and pricing, news and all the usual stuff you would expect from a paddling website. Chris at Nomad would like to apologise for the long wait for the site to be up and running and thank the customers for their patience. To check out Nomad's products go to [www.paddleworks.co.uk](http://www.paddleworks.co.uk)



**“Your plane will be delayed for six hours due to snow.” It could only happen in the UK. We had 26 hours of travelling to do and we were starting with a delay due to a few snow flakes at Heathrow. Still at least we could check in our luggage, which included five kayaks, a large paddle bag and four rucksacks, so that left us free to visit Burger King, the Duty Free shop, numerous coffee shops, the shop that sells Harrods bears, back to Burger King, back to the Duty Free shop, until eventually the six hours were up and we were finally on our way to New Zealand.**

This trip had started to be planned after a kayaking holiday to Nepal two and a half years ago. Where to next? Phil at Adventure Whitewater had organised that trip and I knew he had previously organised trips to New Zealand. So it was put to the group, with responses from everyone: “that’s somewhere I have always wanted to go”. Well if we have all always wanted to go there, why don’t we go? And so the plans were put into motion:

“Hi Phil, can you organise a trip for us to New Zealand. There are five of us [we ‘recruited’ one more]. We want to paddle every day – none of these days off to see the sights. We want to run class three and four rivers. Oh, and we don’t want to camp – if we’re going all that way we want to do it in style. And we all want to take our own boats so that we haven’t got to get used to different boats.”

“Of course”, came Phil’s reply, “I’ll sort the itinerary and logistics, and I’ve got two excellent kayaking guides in mind who would be just right for your trip.” So after a year or so from our initial enquiries to Phil, we were finally on our way and the start of two of the most amazing weeks’ paddling and the most fantastic all-round holiday I think any of us have ever had.

We were met from the airport by our guides for the two weeks Mikey Abbott and Allan Ellard, who had actually been tooing and froing for the last six hours, unaware of our delay at Heathrow (the domestic flight from Auckland to Christchurch didn’t register the delay). After a few frantic phone calls back to the UK, “Are they actually coming?”, “Have they left?”, I think they were quite relieved to see us stagger out through arrivals, all of us looking somewhat haggard following the long journey.

We were then taken straight to our motel, where there was time to drink a few beers, shower and freshen up and then be collected again by Mikey and Al for our first ‘night on the town’ in New Zealand. They drove us up the mountain outside of Christchurch towards Lyttelton, where at the top view point, with the most stunning views, out came the champagne and glasses to welcome us to New Zealand. We really were doing this in style! After a meal, where most of us struggled to keep awake, having had very little sleep in what was getting on for 48 hours, we were dropped off at the motel for a very welcome sleep.

#### **Jetlag, what jetlag?**

We all managed to have no problems sleeping that first night, even though New Zealand is 13 hours ahead of UK time, and we were ready for

# New Ze

## legendary south island

Annette paddling the Whataroa.  
Photographs by Simon Wheeler and  
Annette Bruno

our first river – the Hurunui. What a fantastic warm up river – clear, warm class III water, in a stunning valley with some excellent play spots. What more could you ask for – a real change from kayaking in the UK in January. Before we knew it we were back in the minibus heading for Murchison where we were to spend the next four days. En route however we found time to relax our weary bodies in the hot sulphur pools at Maruia and stop off and look in awe at Maruia Falls, which have been paddled on numerous occasions, but which we all decided to give a miss this time!

Murchison is a real kayaking centre, with numerous sections of the Buller and Matakita rivers offering some fantastic paddling. Over the next four days we paddled several sections. All the levels were quite low, as we were having the most amazing sunny weather, but it meant that the rivers were at their most playful so we could make full use of the eddy lines, holes and surf waves to play to our hearts content, with a few short harder rapids just to keep us on our toes. And of course with such warm water, you don’t mind flipping over and rolling up if you don’t quite make the move or get the line right. [Now as an aside, there is probably something you should know about this group of six paddlers – we are not what you would call very good playboaters. But we persevere and we try very hard. So to find ourselves in the midst of two fantastic playboating guides was just too good an opportunity to miss. So we surfed every hole, stern-squirted on every eddy line and surfed even the tiniest of waves – with top tips and tuition from Mikey and Al. This did of course mean that over four days on the Buller and Matakita rivers, kayaking runs that were down in the guidebook as taking two hours were taking us between four and six! And I think at this point credit must go to Mikey and Al for they never tired of teaching us, giving us tips on how to improve, or moaned about getting back to our motel several hours after the planned time – although Al was heard to mutter, “Well, I was getting a bit worried at one

# aland's



Living in style – our Log Cabin at Geraldine.



Simon playing on the Shotover.

The ultimate shuttle – helicoptered in to the Hokitika Gorge



point, as we had been on the river for over an hour and a half and I could still see the put in".

**The west coast**

Having playboated until we could play no more – my stomach muscles have never been in so much pain – we headed off to the west coast to step things up a gear. During the journey we were able to take in the seal colony at Westport, the pancake rocks and blowholes at Punakaiki (and not wanting to miss out on any kayaking opportunity we also stopped for a couple of hours' surfing) and fish and chips at Greymouth, before arriving at the Waters Edge Resort, at Hokitika, our home for the next three nights. It is a backpackers hostel, but is certainly not like any hostel I have ever stayed in. We had hired the entire place so it meant we had full run of the facilities, including television, stereo and free internet access. There were mainly individual bedrooms, some with en suite bathrooms,

and the house was set right on the beach, where we enjoyed a fantastic campfire one evening.

And then the day arrived for our first 'heli' run. With so few roads in New Zealand, and large areas, understandably, designated as national parks, helicopters have opened up a huge number of new rivers in the last few years; it is the ultimate shuttle vehicle. So there we were ready and changed, having been briefed by Mike and Al about the dos and don'ts of helicopters, waiting for our helicopter to arrive. And we waited and waited and waited. Unfortunately this was our first cloudy day since arriving in New Zealand, and the weather was too bad for the helicopter to fly. So to plan B - the 'two-hour bum burner quad-biking' at Greymouth. As disappointed as we were not to have been on our first heli-kayaking trip, this more than made up for it. This was grade 5 quad-biking - fantastic fun. And the next day, we finally got our helicopter trip to the Hokitika river. For some of us it was the first time in a helicopter, and there is also something quite daunting about being flown into a river, knowing that the only way out is to paddle. But the kayaking was amazing. The pace had definitely stepped up a gear from all our playboating on the Buller, with a few swims to prove it, but the remoteness and stunning gorges added to the whole experience. We had our second heli-run the next day on the Whataroa, which was running at about 70 cumecs. This was a longer paddle, with our guides kindly carrying lunch for us in the back of their boats to eat half way down. This was my favourite run of the trip, steep sided gorges, lots of scouting, some good drops and technical rapids - fantastic.

With one night at Fox and a walk up to the glacier the following morning, it was then on to Queenstown with an evening paddle on Roaring Meg. Our accommodation was superb - a rather exclusive chalet with views out over Lake Wakatipu, and three days of paddling various sections of the Kawarau and Shotover rivers, with an afternoon jetboating and a visit to a winery and cheesery. Then finally on to Geraldine where we stayed in a stunning log cabin surrounded by forest, with deer at the end

## info

The group consisted of Annette Bruno, Simon Wheeler, Jo Kenny, Stuart Kenny, Barry Grounds and Caroline Geritsen. If you would like to know more about this trip, or any of our other kayaking adventures, email us at [annetteandsimon@tinyworld.co.uk](mailto:annetteandsimon@tinyworld.co.uk)

Our kayaking guides were Mike Abbott, from Christchurch, New Zealand, and Allan Ellard, from Rugby, England.

The trip was organised by Phil Arnold at Adventure Whitewater email: [info@adventure-whitewater.com](mailto:info@adventure-whitewater.com)

of garden; it could only be described as the ultimate in luxury. Our final river was the Ragitata gorge. Having doubled in volume due to

overnight rain, it was a pretty daunting prospect for most of us. We scouted the entire gorge, and, apart from the first rapid, we were all happy to paddle. But it is always so different when you're back down at water level. For all of us this was quite a 'meaty' river running at 140+cumecs. There were numerous rolls but we all survived to tell the tale. A

great one to come back and do another time. It was then back to our log cabin for our final evening. Phil, in New Zealand with his wife for a month, joined us for our evening's barbecue, and out came the champagne to finish the holiday as we had started.

And then in the morning it was back to Christchurch, a final couple of hours' surfing (well you can't waste good surf beaches, in the sun, in February when you have three hours before you plane departs!), last minute shopping at the arts centre, and then at last to the airport for the journey home.

### What a trip!

We paddled everyday but still found time to take in the sites and get a real feel for New Zealand. We were nearly all paddling Inazones, which meant we were easily able to make the most of some fantastic playboating as well as running some great rivers. However, if there had been more rain, some of us might have preferred to be in larger volume boats as we may have stepped things up earlier in the holiday and run some harder rivers - probably not the place to take very low volume playboats. But as it happened the water levels worked brilliantly for what we wanted to do and for the boats we were in.

Our thanks go to Phil at Adventure Whitewater for making our plans for a trip to New Zealand become a reality. And of course we would like to thank our two kayaking guides Mikey and Al, who made an ordinary kayaking holiday in an amazing country into so much more - they looked after us from the moment we stepped off the plane until we checked back in two weeks later: they coached us in playboating; led us down rivers; drove us from place to place; fed us (the food was superb - if they ever give up kayaking they should become chefs) and any extra things we wanted to do they sorted for us. We couldn't have asked for anything more - real kayaking legends!

So is it worth going all that way for a two week holiday? From all of us it is a definite 'yes'. New Zealand offers great paddling, in warm water, in warm weather (well most of the time), the scenery is outstanding and there are also 101 other things to do which easily fit in with as much kayaking as you can squeeze into a day. We definitely did things in style - stayed in superb accommodation and ate incredibly well. But it was worth every penny and every minute of the journey. Watch out Mike and Al, we will definitely be back. ●

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**Wiltshire canoeists have recently completed the NACYP 100-mile canoe test between Welshpool and Worcester on the River Severn. The group from Melksham Adventure Centre and the Wiltshire Youth canoe club were able to participate in the five-day event thanks to Millennium Award funding of £2991, which helped to finance application advice, travel, training, entry fees, subsistence and equipment purchased.**

### Friday 23 May

The event weekend started off with a lot of frantic running around, collecting and loading transport, A canoe trailer, kayaks, food, tents and various other camping equipment. Once the advance party had arrived at the base camp at Ludlow racecourse in the Army Transit van. We unloaded and set up most of the tents, then the hired minibus arrived, having filled up with diesel and putting air in a flat tyre on route.

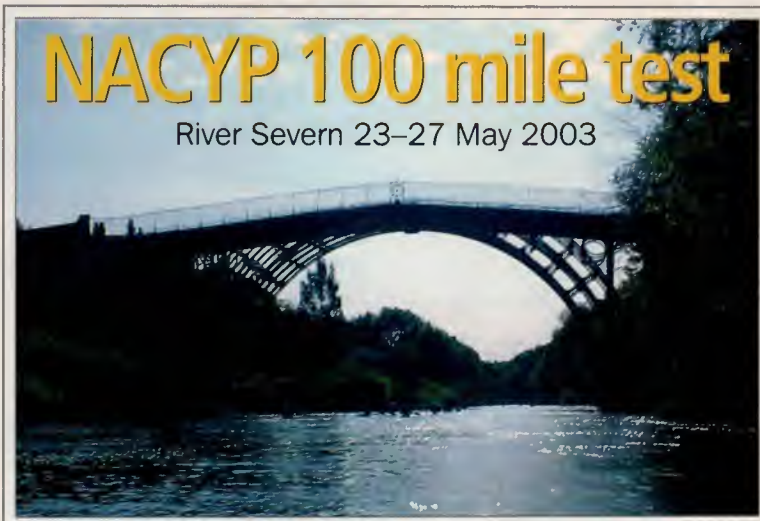
After everyone had had settled in camp and heartily eaten bacon butties (even one of the vegetarians amongst us). The towing vehicle and canoe trailer finally arrived having broken down on route. Over the weekend our base camp crew found and fitted an alternator, regulator and replaced part of the wiring loom. Friday night in camp was a memorable

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occasion with us witnessing the WYCC snoring championship first hand then being woken by a nocturnal cockerel at 3am!

### Saturday 24 May

After finally getting up and Breakfasting we were raring to go, so after our initial briefing we hitched the trailer up to a kind volunteers towing vehicle and set off in the minibus to Welshpool. When the canoes arrived at the start we were dismayed to see that we were missing a big green wavehopper. While discussing its demise we noticed it travelling down the lane "Jaws style" over



the hedges on top of the Bedminster Down canoe trailer. Apparently they witnessed its demise and masterminded the recovery operation for which we are very grateful.

After creating duct tape handles on the lightnings to satisfy the marshals it appears that the two hour sun baked wait went to the heads of some of our paddlers. Most notably Cal, our senior instructor who managed to capsize before he launched his wavehopper much to everyone's amusement! The

river was about a metre above normal and we had to fight swirling eddies as well as contending with rain, sunshine and hail. Before we completed the 24 miles arriving at Montford Bridge. Sleeping was punctuated by a track laying gang working on the adjacent railway, more snoring trials, Mr Cockerel crowing and apparently Cal & Ritzzy were doing support strokes in their sleep all night.

### Sunday 25 May

This was the day of the great rescue buoy hunt, it was reported that 41 buoys were spotted in the river on this 33-mile stretch between Montford Bridge and Ironbridge rowing club. Ritzzy took a plunge having successfully retrieved his dry sack from the rear of his wavehopper then drifting into these trying to light a cigarette. This was an excellent demonstration of why you should always keep away from trees while on the water!

Rosie also had a little swim as after refusing to let us empty her kayak we were forced to sink it, before we could empty it and put her back in. Shrewsbury weir had to be portaged as the high water levels had created a huge stopper, which we were all glad not to tackle. Before tea we tried going to the leisure centre for a swim but as the pool was closed we could only use the showers. Our camp crew then fed us supreme chicken chow mein or tuna pasta.

We were all freezing cold in our tents overnight, were woken by horses running around the field, which someone saw fit to let loose before the cockerel woke at about 4am.

### Monday 26 May

Today we started off paddling the 30-mile stretch between Ironbridge and Stourport Bridge down through the Ironbridge gorge. The weather and scenery were stunning with the Severn Valley steam trains running along the riverbank. Most of the rapids were washed out but one unfortunate paddler managed to hole his dancer in a collision with a submerged car. Tom provided some entertainment today with his splendid demonstration of "the yo yo entry", getting into one side of his kayak and promptly falling out of the other.

Everyone in our group with any energy left went to the leisure centre for a swim before sitting down to another fine meal. Most of the groups attending participated in a dramatic five-a side tournament in camp with the winners taking on the NACYP all stars team, I felt we were robbed although we did finally find a use for Alec.

### Tuesday 27 May

An overnight deluge and a wet early start to pack up camp really gave us a good start to the day but everyone was still in high spirits and keen to get onto the water. Both of our teams paddled together today and enjoyed a lot of frivolity on route. One water fight resulted in Cal and Ritzzy being capsized by an "enemy Canadian". Two of the three weirs encountered today were shot before all the 151 participants congregated for a mass finish. Everyone then got changed ready for the final presentations at Worcester Racecourse. ●

Congratulations must go to everybody who took part, especially Kate, Ian and Tessa who at 11 and 12 years old, we believe could be the youngest kayakers ever to have completed the 100 miles. Thanks must go to the Millennium commission, the Army for the Transit van and other equipment, the AA man, Bedminster Down Boys club and all of the instructors, leaders and helpers without whose help this trip could not have happened.





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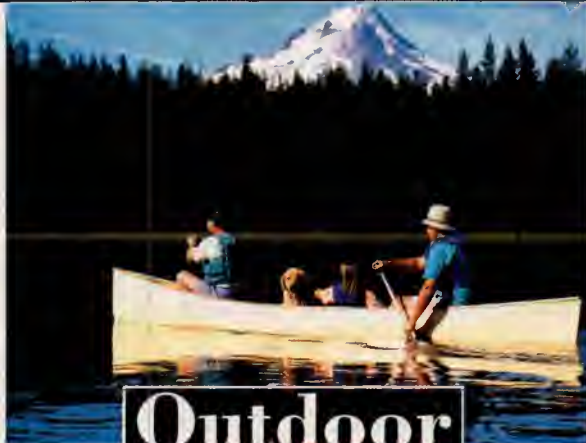
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They became a protected species in the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act, which means they cannot be hunted, transported or kept, without licence, even stuffed ones! However they are still classified by the International Union for Conservation of Nature as 'Vulnerable to Extinction.'

Many people are surprised to learn that we only have one type of Otter in the UK: The Eurasian Otter. This surprise is understandable, as adaptive animals, coastal otters will frequent the sea, notably in Scotland, behaving like Sea Otters, floating on their backs whilst opening shell fish etc, enough for even Bill Oddie to call them Sea Otters! However, unlike true Sea Otters, the Eurasian Otter does need to go to fresh water to stop its fur becoming water logged.

They are the only amphibious member of the Weasel family; their brown fur is made of two coats, a dense under layer and a thick waterproof outer, which allows them to spend a vast amount of time in the water. Exceptional swimmers, they can dive for up to 20 seconds and use their sensitive whisker and snout as well as their acute sense of smell to hunt. Nearly 80% of their diet is fish, predominantly eels; the rest is an opportunistic and seasonal mix of birds, small mammals and frogs. Their size, distinguishes them from other mammals, reaching up to between 1-1.3 metres, they are one of the countries largest carnivores, American Mink who inhabit similar areas are half as long and nearly ten times smaller.

As canoeists we are in a prime position to spot them, although they

# The Otter

**Perhaps the most cherished of our water mammals, the Otter is the quintessential river animal. Only now recovering from the 50s and 60s when they were in steep decline through a mixture of hunting, habitat destruction and organochlorine pesticides. The organochlorine pesticides then used in farming, which built up in the food chain, Otters being at the top, received concentrated levels!**

are generally nocturnal and secretive, there are geographical and even individual differences.

Scotland is well known for its opportunities to see otters. Wales and the south west are also hot spots, reports of otters swimming alongside canoes, or watching canoeists pass, whilst sunning themselves on the river bank! In areas

where otters are unusual, e.g. urban, they are still seen, as they will adapt to high levels of human activity. But it is more likely that it is the signs that will be spotted. Slides, which they use to enter the water. Tracks, their symmetrical webbed feet are unique and of course their faeces (spraint) which they use to mark territory as well as communicate. Over 100 scents have been recognised as communication, seventeen of which relay information on gender, age, individual recognition, they always choose a dry elevated site, and are particularly fond of ledges under bridges.

Until their protection they had been limited to Scotland, Wales, East Anglia and the West Country. They are now repopulating other areas. This is a naturally slow process, even though a litter (2-3 cubs) can be born at any time of year. Female (bitch) otters don't breed until they are two, the cubs aren't fully fledged until they are one and the average life expectancy of an otter is four! So the odds are stacked against them. ●

**By Mike Hinson**

# Open canoe symposium

**It's not often that a single event can change your perspective. A weekend of events has a fighting chance. Last year's 'Open Canoe Symposium', held at YMCA Lakeside, managed to change the perspectives of many a paddler. The regular gamut of workshops, for a day or half a day was fairly exhaustive, from introduction to open canoes to advanced white water.**

Perhaps the star of the show was one of the guest coaches, Harry Rock, from the USA.

Having dominated the world of competitive canoe poling for over a decade, we Brits had a lot to learn. Judging by the massive over subscription to his workshops, we are keen to learn.

Harry's interest in poling developed through a desire to get out on the rivers by himself, poling meant there was no need for the logistics of river trips. Working as a guide at the time he was quite keen, at the end of the day, to be alone. He soon realised the further benefit of poling in rescues situations, the ability to get upstream quickly and to have a 12 foot pole to aid rescue proved extremely valuable.

Unlike the poling scene in this country, generally the domain of the 'Traditional Enthusiast' and bolted on to various BCU awards in coaching/personal performance, in North America, poling is an entity in itself. Dedicated polers, run rivers poling all the way. Complemented by a competitive national league akin to our slalom, events are held around the country, where the three disciplines are slalom, wild river and white water, where it gets big and technical.

Harry's workshop ran on both flat and white water. He soon had students standing on one leg, breaking in and out, pirouetting, pushing their hips out, and watching their poles bend as they forced their way up bolder gardens. In the wake of this there was the first poling competition held in Cumbria earlier this year. Paddlers were seen analysing the benefits of aluminium over carbon poles, taping their



poles up and trying to find an importer for spikes for the pole ends. The change of perspective went further when talking to Harry himself.

Being at Lakeside meant it was also 'home ground' for the open canoe sailing group, who again bought a new perspective to the uninitiated. Whilst the protagonists of 'canoes are for paddling' shuffled restlessly, awaiting their white water trips, the OCSG presented technical workshops covering the various ways of outfitting canoes to sail, so you can still run rivers. The merits of different systems, from basic downwind sails to the more sophisticated sailing rigs, that effectively give you a whole new boat...a sailing boat. The techy sessions were followed by on the water sessions, group members lending their boats, as well as support from Solway Dory, who manufacture all things canoe sailing. There was even a regatta! As well as being tremendously enthusiastic to share their particular passion for this aspect of the sport, in true canoeists style they are keen to adventure, push boundaries and do it all independently. Although the weekend was blessed with plenty of water it wasn't blessed with much wind, which proved how little you need to move a canoe and its occupants, leaving even the most stalwart of paddlers impressed, as the boats travelled effortlessly in every direction.

Then there was 'forward paddling', 'spicing up your doubles', 'play boating', 'solo paddling', 'beginners, intermediate and advanced, white water', 'rafting', 'rescues', 'canoe games', 'journeying', 'efficient flat water', 'local river trips', not to mention the lectures, slide shows, Ceilidh, bar and 'advanced gunwale bobbing'?

The symposium runs each year, in either England, Scotland or Wales, in rotation. This year's symposium will be at Glenmore Lodge on the 5-7 September. Harry won't be able to make it but there is already an exciting selection of workshops including many of the above as well as 'paddle making', 'rolling a canoe', 'technical advanced skills', 'intro to open canoe', 'skinny boats, bent paddles' the list goes on. Then there's slide shows on 'tripping the world', 'Baffin Island', a video premier, lectures and of course a Ceilidh. It could change your perspective. ●

**By Mike Hinson**





Deb Pinniger

## Final results

### K1 men

1. Jay Kincaid USA
2. Andrew Holcomb USA
3. Steve Fisher RSA
4. Eric Jackson USA
5. Billy Harris CAN

### K1 women

1. Brooke Winger USA
2. Deb Pinniger GBR
3. Jutta Kaiser GER
4. Fiona Jarvie GBR
5. Polly Green USA

### C1 unisex

1. Bill McNight USA
2. Luke Hopkins USA
3. Barry Kennon USA
4. Nicolas Sarazin FRA
5. Goto Marihiro JAP

### OC1 unisex

1. Stefan Patsch GER
2. Andrew Bell USA
3. Joan Marc Pasques ESP
4. Seth Chapelle USA
5. James Weir GBR

### K1 Junior men

1. Rush Sturges USA
2. Pat Keller USA
3. Richard Chrimes GBR
4. Peter Csonka CZE
5. Michael Quinif USA

### K1 Junior women

1. Katerina Midgauova CZE
2. Ali Wade USA
3. Hannah Farrar USA
4. Lianne Wagtho NED
5. Lena Schnoor GER

### Squirt men

1. Brendan Mark
2. Masashi Kayakawa
3. Clay Wright
4. Toru Ishihara
5. Dustin Urban

### Squirt women

1. Deb O'Keefe
2. Motoko Ishida
3. Valerie Bertrand
4. Cindy Jamison



Richard Chrimes

# The Terminator Freestyle Worlds 2003

**Graz, Austria - this year's culture capital of Europe was host to the 2003 Freestyle World Championships. The river Mur flows right through the city centre and the feature for the event was constructed underneath the main road bridge in town. The position of the hole combined with glorious sunshine ensured a good crowd of supporters on the bridge at all times to add to the excellent atmosphere of the event. Unfortunately the feature wasn't quite the super sweet wave we'd all been hoping for, but instead a mammoth sized hole, with an unquenchable thirst for tired kayakers, appropriately named 'Terminator.' With the final swimmer count fast approaching 100, mere survival was everything! At least it kept the practice queues down!**

After a week's hard work, training at all hours of the day and night we were ready to take on America, along with the rest of the world! The lure of free beer brought most competitors to the opening ceremony where we were treated to a display of flags, an international bid for peace and some traditional Austrian dancing. This was followed by some Red Indians kindly blowing into their conches to bring us some rain, to help the ever-dropping river level! Once again a large

screen brought live action from the hole to the main square in town throughout the week.

Each competitor had two 45 second runs both counting, with the best paddlers going on to quarter and semi finals. The top five in each category then went head to head in a knockout final. The truly unpredictable nature of the hole



Lynsey Evans

provided exciting finals with some unexpected results!

The event kicked off with the OC1's, some huge ends from James Weir sent him through to the final in second place, where two unlucky flushes placed him 5th. Next up were the junior ladies, with the top girlies putting some of the seniors to shame. Despite losing her lid and dutifully returning to the pit of doom, Jak Alder narrowly missed a place in the finals, finishing 6th overall in her first international event. The junior men's event was closely fought at every stage, with Richard Chrimes leading the way in the heats and quarter finals, having some of the highest scoring runs of the whole competition to finish in 3rd place. Excellent runs also placed Scott Simmonds 8th and Eddie Smith 11th. In the C1 event solid runs from Lee Pyke sent him through to the semis to finish 10th overall. In the Ladies Deb Pinniger paddled

Richard Chrimes



awesomely and finished 2nd by just 2 points! Flea Jarvie was also amazing, finishing 4th only just missing out on a medal. After going well in the heats Lynsey Evans had a couple of flushy runs in the semis to finish 14th. Solid runs in the men's semis put Pete Astles into 13th place, with Matt Tidy 19th, Mark Birkbeck 26th and Carl Leahy 31st after the quarter finals. The squirt event took place further down stream, away from the music and commentary, in the company of several noisy ducks, where Bob Campbell finished 8th, Graham Bromley 10th and Ben White 12th.

Cheesy and Debs once again organised us a GB team meal. They produced an awesome array of salads, beer and wine that we managed to consume in an open-air theatre at the top of the Schlossberg, (a big hill in the middle of Graz) before staggering down to join the losers party! Thank you to them for all their efforts.

Big thank-you from everyone go to Hippy Dave and Jacko for their brilliant coaching at all times of the day and night, Mike Birkbeck for organisation, Su Ottoline for organising and looking after us all, Peak UK for our unmistakable team shirts



and hoodies, and most importantly to all the mummies, daddies, boyfriends and girlfriends who gave us such fantastic support, making us a truly unique, united team! Roll on 2004! 🍀



Pete Astles



Lee Pyke



Fiona Jarvie

# Conwy Ascent

Although there were relatively few entries for this year's race the standard was high. Winning men's K1 Ian Tordoff overtook the lead K2 of Greg Slater and Paul Prestwood just before the finish and they were soon followed by Melvyn and Victoria Swallow in K2, then James Block in K1. First lady home was Ruth McDonald and first junior was Dylan Woodhead. A strong head wind for much of the course slowed everybody down, particularly the Touring Canadians and the lower division paddlers.

Many more touring paddlers entered, in a wide range of craft from sea kayaks to Open C2s to short play boats. As usual some of the tourers were as fast as the slower racers while some took twice as long. A few were defeated by the head wind and retreated to Tal y Cafn to get out but some others paddled all the way back down again.

The safety boats had relatively little to do this year but were a welcome presence, particularly in the harbour where the tide was strong.

The date has not yet been set for next year's event but will be posted on the web site as soon as it is. For more details and for this year's results look at [www.dcpaddlers.fsnet.co.uk](http://www.dcpaddlers.fsnet.co.uk)



# Wild Water Racing

## European Championships

### Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic



**Story:**

Peter Keron

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Doug Oakley

across the river. Fortunately by avoiding this jet you also line yourself up nicely for the weir which is immediately after the tunnel and would otherwise be very difficult to read. The weir is probably about 150 yards long, has a gradient of about 5 degrees and goes round a bend. As the water accelerates down the weir and reaches the bend, it piles up against the wall on the outside of the corner and creates a very steep and quite alarming camber. This bit of water is great fun to paddle and means you go so fast that you feel like you are flying.

Through another tunnel, and another long and shallow weir, the water then just suddenly goes uphill. Instead of there being a stopper or a wave at the bottom of the weir there is a 12 inch step up, a wall of water, which is surmounted easily as you have so much speed on, but which is nonetheless an amusing novelty. Though racing the course was very gruelling and the long flat sections were very hard work, these features, and paddling through such a beautiful

The River Tepla may not be one of the venues which immediately springs to mind when considering world class wild water venues but nonetheless Karlovy Vary in the Czech Republic hosted an excellent 2003 Wild Water Racing European Championships . The classic racecourse started with a couple of minutes of bouncy waves and then about 15 minutes of fast flowing but mainly flat water before the river enters the picturesque town and flows through some very strange weirs to the finish in the town centre.

In the last two minutes of the race there some very unusual water features that you are unlikely to find anywhere else. First of all there are a couple of tunnels where the river flows quickly and steeply (but still flatly) for a couple of hundred yards towards the chink of light at the end. The second tunnel is not quite as long, but has a geyser at one side which spouts hot water in a jet halfway

town made the course very enjoyable for everyone.

The British Team consisted of Jonnie Schofield, Jamie Oughton, Rory Woods, Ben Oakley, Jessica Oughton and Olivia Churchill (all in K1) and Matt Stephenson and Ton Ticer in C2. Peter Keron, Martyn Steele and Richard Forbes were the senior team, all racing in kayaks. Since the racecourse is dam-released and there was very little water available for practice, no-one knew the river especially well, Fortunately this also meant that when the race came round no-one was too tired from doing lots of practice runs to learn a tricky course. Racing through the centre of such a grand and historic watched by so many spectators was a quite a change from racing in Britain, which can be cold and grim and everyone was motivated to perform for the crowds.

The notable result from the trip was Jonnie Schofield's silver medal in the sprint event and fifth place in the classic race. It was another great achievement for the Junior World Champion considering the course is not one which plays to his strengths (both the sprint and the classic were unusually long and flat) and also considering he made a mistake in the sprint and was still only 0.2 seconds off the winner after 2 runs. All members of the team performed to their potential and won their own personal races with the exception (and I hope he will excuse my bringing your attention to this) of Martyn, who had been suffering with a chest infection and was lacking oxygen processing capacity that you can't do without on a course like this.

All is was great spectacle and a privilege to be part of such a well run event. Thanks have to go to Jes Oughton and Kevin Bowerbank for organising the trip and coaching the juniors and to Phil Caunt for coaching the small but select senior team. ●





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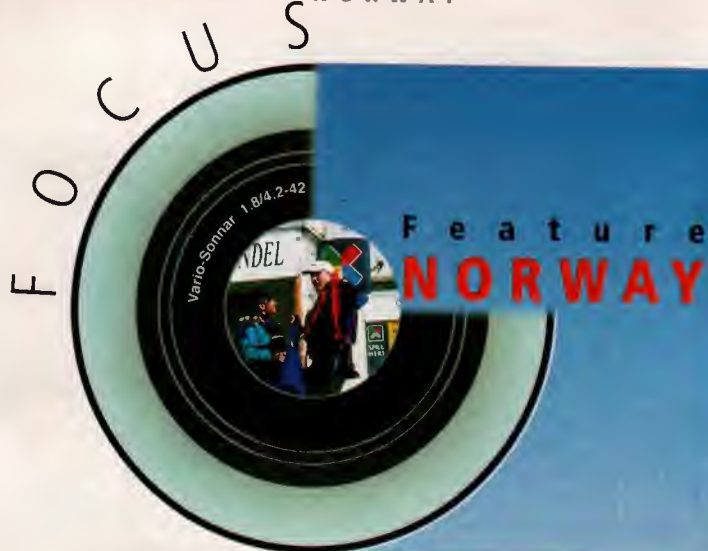
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# Njord Sea Symposium

Norway is known for its beautiful fjords, the Norwegian's whole way of life is based around the sea. However, guiding tourists on the sea, outside of a ferry, is a very new phenomenon. Over the past few years small one-man band companies have evolved developing skiing, mountaineering, trekking, sea kayaking and diving ventures off the fabulous west coast. Insurance sea kayaking for many of these companies has been an issue. People have masses of experience but no formal qualifications. The Norwegian Canoe Association (Norges Padleforbund or NPF) has river qualifications and last year ran a pilot sea kayak version. The only qualification that exists is one that equates to somewhere between the BCU's level 3 and 4 coach award. It obviously appropriate for the area, but as Njord's young staff have found it doesn't allow younger, less experienced kayak guides and coaches to teach in less exposed areas with insurance.

In comes Njord Sea Kayak Symposium, an opportunity for all the companies to get together, receive training in sea kayak safety, personal skills and coaching. Further more with Sven and Rune from the NPF, a chance to thrash out a system of coaching and guiding that the insurance companies will also be happy about. An added bonus would be to achieve an internationally recognised award in the meantime, which would be understood by tourists coming to Norway to sea kayak. This is where we fit in.

I met Eivind, Managing Director of Njord 2 years ago at Anglesey sea and surf's annual symposium. He had come to do some British awards. I met him again whilst in El Chorro, Spain, the following Christmas and he said his company should run something like ASSC's Symposium to promote sea kayaking in Norway. Why don't you I said – gave him some pointers and thought nothing more of it until the following October when he e-mailed me for help organising it and winning NPF approval.

A week in Norway having meetings, couple more in the UK chatting through things with the BCU and coaches here etc and we were away. The following April armed with a small posse of BCU coaches, Nigel Dennis, Oly Sanders, Stuart Gibson, Dave Youren, Simon Burke and myself, masses of sea kayak literature and C1/C2 forms the size of a small rain forest, we set off for Norway.

Symposiums are great things to go to. They always have a great atmosphere, loads of people all with similar interests in one place at one time. A place to swap ideas, learn new things and talk a whole load of baloney that most of your others mates would be bored stiff with. International symposiums are a chance to paddle in some of the best sea kayaking spots world wide, listen to lectures and see presentations of those sea paddlers that have been on awe inspiring trips. What more, they generally cater for all the family and so make a wonderful holiday for the whole family, even if your not all paddlers or have toddlers, the locations provide far more than just sea paddling. Finally, of course there's always the nightlife. Every evening has events going on, some nights even on the water. The last night bashes are always a hoot especially when you have brought along with you world renowned spoon players like Simon and Dave, better still guitar player like Stu!

## BCU Week

This years symposium was divided up into two parts, BCU week, developing safety, personal and coaching skills and the symposium itself spread over the Easter weekend comprising of rolling clinics, lectures, NPF courses and trips.

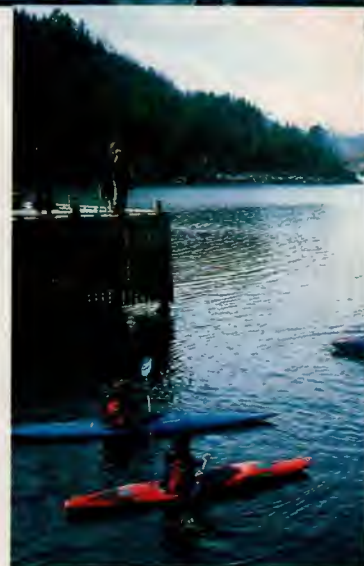
**Easter 2003 saw Norway's first ever Sea Kayak Symposium. It was hosted by a young up and coming outdoor centre, who have an even younger up and coming dynamic staff. The weather, the people, the atmosphere and the fantastic venue made for a wonderful premiere event. It has definitely set the bench-mark for future sea kayaking events of which I hope there will be many not only at Njord in Askvoll, but at other centres up and down the awesome play ground that is Norway.**



Running BCU courses, which invariably involves assessment at some stage or other, are not easy at the best of times. Assessing people who have only ever worked in isolation have no standards by which to compare themselves and so the whole process is even worse. This is the only bit I really hate about my job – but there you go, "It's a dirty job, but someone has to do it." A hard week of diplomacy, empathy, encouragement and I'd like to think inspiration from the BCU coaches brought over, made this whole process of grading everyone, for want of a better word, far less painful than I anticipated – thank you guys.

## Day 1, rescue work and assessment of the Canoe Safety Test.

I don't know if you've ever been to Norway, but April is an interesting time to hold a



# Kayak Symposium



symposium whose prime focus is safety and rescue. Ice is still very much in evidence at this time of year. (Why choose it then – it was the only time that fitted into Njord's calendar). As we drove to the swimming pool and fjord that were to be our base for the day, the team drew lots on who had to work outside first, before the sun had a chance to warm the water and melt the ice floating on the surface.

Olly and Dave's team, bless'em, much to Olly and Dave's undoubted admiration, volunteered to go first. Stu, Si and myself rubbed our hands with glee and headed to the pool. The day went well, everyone passed with no problems, our hats go off to everyone for getting in and out of the water so much. Hopefully, we thought, the next two days of personal skills would be just as easy.

## Have you ever assessed 3 star or 4 star?

4 star is a piece of cake when people come to you with a 3 star certificate already in their possession. Without it, a seemingly simple award for experienced sea kayakers, becomes the nightmare from hell and a real kick in the teeth for one's ego, especially after working safely in isolation for years. You'll be pleased to know it's just as horrid for the trainer/assessor who has only two days to turn things around.

Olly, Stu, Dave and Si earned their money twice over during these two days. (Nige was directing a level 3 assessment and myself, a level 2 assessment, we had it easy, these people were already in the BCU system and knew the score.) Hanging draws and bow rudders, the bane of many a 3 star trainee's life, bow rudders in a sea kayak even more complex. Rolling is easy to assess. With regards to the roll, life for the assessor is easy, students roll up or they don't - they know themselves whether they've passed or not. Strokes, well now they're far harder for the assessor, because to the student, they're appear to be far more subjective (they're not I hasten to add). To be fair to our students, a 3 star test is usually performed in a kayak much shorter than a sea kayak and strokes are generally easier (barring the hanging draw of course this is a lovely stroke to do in a sea kayak.) For example, the concept of when to edge into a turn or away from it, likewise into or away from a stroke is far more complex and really touches 4 star. Si resorted to skiing as an analogy, which seemed to work well. Likewise the others found demonstrations to help enormously, especially given that few of the client's first language was English. I can honestly say I think the coaches tried and fully tested every coaching style (framework) possible as well as applying all the coaching top tips/strategies (processes) known. Full marks boys you can keep your Assessor grades.

Once personal skill levels were assessed, the groups for the final two days of coach education were finally drawn up, into a team for Level 1 Training and Assessment and a team for Level 2 Training. Block courses like these are not common. However, in special circumstances, such as international coaches embarking on BCU awards that are only available in their country once a year, the BCU will often authorise such block course routes through the scheme. I must add, as is the case for British coaches, the BCU only allows exemption through to Level 2 Training, even if (as was the case for two Norwegian coaches) people have the experience to gain exemption to Level 3. Very rarely, these days, if ever, are people allowed exemption beyond Level 2 Training. There is just too much coaching, legislation and other useful information that will be missed. Furthermore, the BCU must ensure their own legal obligation, of certifying coaches have received the most up to date and correct information regarding current best practice for the different levels of coach, is adhered to.

The coach training programme was what most of the symposium participants had come for. It was a fabulous two days, everyone combining years of experience and knowledge and throwing it into the melting pot. The younger less experienced coaches got the opportunity to work alongside the Norwegian coaches and guides of which they had heard lots about and admired. To make it even more interesting, there were all sorts of nations represented, not just Norway and the UK, but Denmark, Lithuania, United States, Germany and France. Poor Ludovic Dupont (what a star he is) is a Frenchman of about 22 years, he came to Norway five months earlier, on a placement, speaking only French and

# thanks

Thanks Njord (Evinid, Lars and Lise) for organising things, the excellent food and the great atmosphere. Thanks to all the participants who made it possible to run, thanks for your enthusiasm, open mindedness and a brilliant welcome to all the UK BCU coaches you had to endure. Thanks to Mike Devlin and Maria at BCU HQ. Poor Maria has to now process the rain forest of paper work I have sent her. Finally, many thanks to Nigel, Stu, Olly, Dave and Si for working so hard and making my job so much easier.

school-level English. He completed the whole BCU week in a mixture of English, Danish and Norwegian, and finally, when he got the chance to present his own session through the medium of French, struggled to think in French fast enough to deliver his session. Poor Ludo, it had been that long since he'd used his own language, he reverted back to pigeon English, sign language and an excellent selection of games. If you need any ideas on games Ludo is your man.

### The Symposium Weekend

This got off to a good start with a night paddle on Friday night, around the islands closest to Askvoll. This is a fantastic area for practicing night navigation. There are navigation lights everywhere. One can paddle through different light sectors within seconds and all without

the fear of being run down by as any commercial shipping - they don't run after 7pm. The luminous plankton are very vivid and make the sea at night a very special place to be. The nooks and crannies of all the islets make navigation a real challenge in a safe environment - really quite perfect.

NPF courses, a little like the old style proficiency award, also ran at the weekend. These ran over three days and firstly introduced people to

kayaking, strokes, equipment, capsizing drills, etc. Followed by some trip planning and expedition skills. Alongside these courses, trips to the outer islands of Vaerlandet were also run. The best part of this trip was in fact the ferry ride out there. The speed at which the ferry captain came into the little ports was phenomenal. "Surely we will crash!" We never crashed but the effects of the wash must be quite something.

The islands of Vaerlandet are beautiful. Little places that time forgot. Small fishing industries sustain the islanders economy, whilst little tea rooms doubled up as post offices and grocery store and museum attract the tourists who visit these remote islands when the weather is fair. Next year we hope Njord run an overnight trip so that the islands can be fully explored and the tea rooms sampled. A camp on Norske Hest (Horse Island) would make it extra special, allowing for a late afternoon hike to the summit of this 481m (1443ft) rock island and a commanding view of the beauty all around. An exquisite



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night's sleep under the Norwegian stars with the hope of seeing the Northern Lights will only add to the magic that is the Vaerlandet Islands. The next day, a 20 mile paddle back along the outer more exposed islands, adds the adventurous spice that makes sea kayaking the special thing it is. Yes, I for one will definitely be coming back next year for the symposium.

Safely back washed and dressed for the evening's entertainment, we are treated to a final dinner of seal meat – a most interesting dish. Seal meat has the texture of beef and the taste of a cod liver oil tablet that splits just after you have popped it into your mouth! The salad was nice though. After dinner we all headed off to the local hotel where Njord had brought in hot from Bergen – the Bergen Mandolin band. Simon and Dave, much to the annoyance of the band, accompanied them on the spoons. Both had fabulous bruises on their thigh next morning. Stuart, actually a musician in his own right fared better on a guitar in the break, although the words to his version of Eric Clapton's "Wonderful Tonight" were a little bluer than I remember Mr. Clapton ever singing it. A good night was had by all; it had been a fantastic first symposium, a good omen for future ones. For more information about paddling in Norway or next year's symposium and photos from this year's symposium see: [www.seakayaknorway.com](http://www.seakayaknorway.com) or email Eivind at [office@njord.as](mailto:office@njord.as)

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## Around the Netherlands by sea kayak

**Two enthusiastic and experienced sea kayakers, Axel Schoevers and Nico Middelkoop, plan to circumnavigate the Netherlands by sea kayak. This challenging expedition of more than 1250 kilometres has never been undertaken before. They will paddle along the whole Dutch North Sea coast, closely following the borders of Belgium and Germany, on the sea and on inland waterways. The expedition starts on August 11th 2003.**

Nico and Axel are both certified sea kayak instructors and they estimate it will take them four weeks to complete the circle. Information and progress reports are available on the dedicated website:

[www.seakayak.nl](http://www.seakayak.nl)

The origins of sea kayaking lie with the Inuit, the indigenous people of the high north (Greenland, Canada, Alaska and Siberia). The traditional 'skin-on-frame' sea kayaks were very seaworthy and the paddling and survival skills of the Inuit unsurpassed. The Greenland sea kayak tradition is enjoying a revival. Fortunately much of the knowledge of the traditional skills of the Inuit has been preserved just in time. Mastering one of the 30 ways to 'Eskimoroll' a sea kayak is both a challenge and a milestone for every modern-day sea kayaker.

The western and northern shores of the Netherlands face the North Sea. Germany is on the eastern border and Belgium is in the south.

The southwest (Zeeland estuaries) and the north (Waddenzee) are prime sea kayaking areas. Planning a trip there involves taking tides, currents and the weather into consideration. Apart from the natural beauty, paddling in these areas is a navigational challenge and requires good judgment of one's own ability. The Netherlands has numerous lakes, rivers and canals that offer interesting and scenic routes along the cultural, historic and industrial heritage of the Netherlands. A modern-day sea kayak is generally made out of glass-fibre (sometimes polyethylene) and has a length of between 4.60 and 5.50 metres. Bulkheads with watertight hatches provide floatation and storage space. The paddler is 'sealed' in the 'cockpit' with a 'spray-deck' and therefore remains 'dry' as long as he/she sits in the sea kayak. Sea kayaking is a distinct activity within the canoe sport. The Netherlands is well-served with three national organisations: the Nederlandse Kano Bond ([www.nkb.nl](http://www.nkb.nl)), Stichting Peddelpraat ([www.peddelpraat.nl](http://www.peddelpraat.nl)), the Toeristische Kano Bond Nederland ([www.tkbn.nl](http://www.tkbn.nl)) and many local clubs, affiliated either with NKB or TKBN. Paddling on the sea and 'unsheltered water' requires specific knowledge, experience and the right equipment. Safety aspects and 'seamanship' are of major importance. ●

**Axel Schoevers**

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# Nomad Reed Cup 2003



**So the summer is here and the second of the annual Nomad Reed Cup has been completed. The brainchild of Chris Leesmith of Nomad Paddleworks combined with the support of Chris 'Reed', the event was held on Bala Mill Falls.**

The idea of the competition is to break away from some of the more serious aspects of kayaking and arrive at a fun competition where paddlers of all abilities can compete and

have fun at the same time. For those lucky enough, there were big cash prizes to be had for each category: head to head race; ramp start race; and king of the ramp.

## Head to head

This, as all head to head races got a little messy with every competitor lining up at a start line about half a kilometre above Bala Mill Falls and battling their way to the finish line just below the falls. This must have been the noisiest race of the day with boats and paddles clashing together and abuse flying between competitors. Unfortunately there was no bloodshed so perhaps competitors weren't trying hard enough!

## Ramp Start Race

Probably the main event, with heats of three, eventually leading

to a grand final to find the overall winner. At the start, 200 metres above Bala Mill Falls, there was a big ramp with a little kicker at the bottom. Each competitor was drawn into heats of four and then the winner of that heat moved onto the next heat and eventually found themselves into the quarters, semis and the grand final. The race wasn't as straightforward as launching yourself off the end of the ramp and sprinting your way to the end though. After successfully landing at the bottom of the ramp, you have 10 metres to perform a 360 degree move. This is the part where tactics started to take place, spectators watched as some competitors tried for cartwheels and flat-spins while others opted for a role. Basically by this point if you were out in front, the cat was in the bag so the tactics you chose for your 360 degree move could cost you or win you the race.

## King of the Ramp

This was the last competition of the day, with every competitor spending most of the day throwing themselves off the ramp, the organisers were fairly confident that this would be the breath-taker! So it was all paddlers to the ramp in bib order to have one shot at the king of the ramp – whoever pulls the biggest crowd pleaser walks away with a fat wad of cash! There was some pretty cool stuff going on and needless to say pretty stupid, painful stuff as well. The judges decision tied in with the crowd's opinion and the prize went to Jamie Burbeck for his air loop off the end of the ramp!

The whole day was very well organised and all competitors had a great time, there was music, beefburgers and cold drinks. The day was eventually ended in the 'Goat' pub in Bala where DJ Muzzy provided the music and there was more than enough food supplied by Nomad and Reed. If you weren't there then you missed out. but don't worry, it'll be on again next year so watch this space!

Thanks and well done to Chris Leesmith of Nomad Paddleworks and Chris Reed of Reed Chillcheater. ●

**Nathan Eades**





# World Service Super Games 2003

## Canoeing Excellence



Three members of the Army Canoe Union sprint and marathon racing team took part in the World Service Super Games in Christchurch, New Zealand, over the period 6-14 April 2003. The sprint events took place on the River Avon (200m, 500m and 1000m) less than 24 hours after the team landed in New Zealand after 28 hours of travelling.

Within three hours of getting off the plane the team were given their kayaks to try, these were similar to what the team were used to paddling back in the UK, which was a great relief. All three ACU paddlers were medal winners at the Inter Service Championships in the previous September and had enjoyed a good winter's training. With Pte Barnes RAMC beating Sgt (SI) Reese APTC (14 Regt RA) over 200m at the Inter Service event for the first time, it proved to be very competitive within the British camp alone, before the other services were even considered. The first race of the day proved to be the most competitive with Sgt Reese beating Pte Barnes on the 200m by less than 0.3 seconds, with L/Bdr Woodhead RA (16 Regt RA) also taking third place in the final, for a clean sweep for the ACU in their class. The event had begun well for the British contingent.

The other competitors were clearly taken aback by the standard of the British kayakers. The various competitors from

Europe, Australasia, and Canada were not used to the conditions and weather in New Zealand, as the ACU were accused of bringing the rain with them (only the fourth day of rain the Kiwis have had this year!). The first day of racing got better and better with the ACU taking first, second and third in both the 500m and 1000m events finals, with Sgt Reese recording the fastest times of the day. A clean sweep so far placed the British at the pinnacle of excellence.

With the twelve hour time difference, 28 hours of travel and the sprint events, the team re-hydrated and had an early night to prepare for the 20km marathon race the next day. The marathon started on the River Avon then across a 3km wide estuary and back again. All the competitors started together in a mass start, with Pte Barnes working hard off the start to try to break with a small group. The Australian police proved their paddling ability by hanging on for the first two miles then dropping along with L/Bdr Woodhead, leaving Pte Barnes, Sgt Reese and a New Zealand police force paddler to set the pace. The policeman turned out to be one of the top paddlers in New Zealand. He showed his knowledge of the course trying all the tricks in the book to drop the British boys including forcing them into the bank. It was on one of these occasions where he took his chance and increased the pace leaving Pte Barnes to battle his way through the weeds. Sgt Reese then took the lead in a bid to slow the pace down to allow Pte Barnes to catch up. The kiwi clicked on to this and again increased the pace. Sgt Reese took turns in taking the lead around the 20km course. With about 300m to go to the finish Sgt Reese turned on the speed he displayed in the sprints, finishing 13 seconds clear of the Kiwi. The final results were again first, second and third to the ACU in their class and first, fourth, and sixth overall. An excellent result for the ACU paddlers, with Sgt Reese also being presented the award for best paddler overall of the games.

The games proved to be an excellent competition that allowed our athletes to gain experience competing against new competitors in international competitions. ●

**By Sgt (SI) B Reese APTC.**



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# Regents Park Bellboat Regatta

At the end of May, Regents Park was host to 16 primary schools from Westminster who were to experience paddlesport for the first time. Whilst Regents Park is more normally associated with quieter pastimes, relaxing in deck chairs, listening to the band, duck watching and the open air theatre – over 100 voices changed that for the day, as they demonstrated very audibly their enthusiasm and enjoyment for the event! The regatta launched the start of Champion 2012 – Westminster's Olympic sports initiative in partnership with the Mercers' Company (see below) and Olympic Canoeist Steve Train was on hand at this event to give support and encouragement.

The teams were given drills on land before being helped into the boats and with the guidance of the helms were soon on the start line of their very first canoe race. There were some great races with everyone giving it their all in fact, one young girl when asked if they were going to win commented "of course we are - why shouldn't we!" The event was a great 'team effort' between Councillor Tim Joiner, Westminster Sport Development Unit and the BCU. Thanks to the helms from Canalside Centre and supply of boats from Islington Boat Club, Vicky Docks and Canalside Centre and a special thanks to the Royal Parks for allowing us access to the park and lake.



## Get Active success

The Watersports Zone was a big hit at the recent "Get Active" day at the NEC where 12,000 young people were encouraged to "Get Active" and get involved in sport. A total of 16 zones, all with different sports, gave plenty of choice and action plus central warm up areas and celebrity sports personalities. The Watersports Zone comprising of canoeing, rowing and sailing, was geared to give young people a brief introduction on land and inspire them onto the water based on coping with an estimated 200 children every 30 minutes!

Headed up by the Young People's Programme and with a great team of volunteers from the West Midlands, young people sampled the sport on paddling ergo machines and took on the "20 stroke challenge"! Then it was on to balancing on a fit ball and trying to paddle (to give a feel for balance) and practicing the paddle action. They literally were queuing in the aisles to have a go! One parent said "they've been dying to have a go here all day – this is fantastic!"

Meanwhile out on the lake, Upton Warren were giving a display of paddlesport whilst Paula Radcliffe joined young people in a 1km run.

Get Active is an initiative with Cadbury and the Youth Sport Trust and whilst some may not agree with some aspects of the promotion – this event was hugely popular and you know what - not a chocolate bar was in sight!

## Champion 2012

Westminster's Olympic sports initiative in partnership with the Mercer's Company. This is a superb new initiative introduced by Councillor Tim Joiner from Westminster City Council to give the young people of Westminster the opportunity to participate in an Olympic sport. Canoeing is one of five sports involved that include fencing, judo, table tennis and dancesport. Whilst Westminster may not have many green playing fields, there are good opportunities to access water, especially the canals. So the programme will focus initially on flat water such as sprint and marathon.

The programme was recently launched with a Bellboat Regatta in Regents Park (see below) and a reception in the Lord Mayor's Room at City Hall Westminster. K1 sprinter and Olympic bronze medallist Tim Brabants and Abi Cattle were at the reception giving their support to the initiative along with



BCU officials including Albert Woods, President of the BCU and Brian Chapman newly elected Chairman of the Board.

Whilst not all the young people will aspire to become Olympic champions – it is hoped that the pathway will be there for those that wish to take it - but more importantly, for all the children taking part it brings all the benefits that paddlesport has to offer young people. The first sessions are being run at the Canalside Activity Centre W10 for the summer term with the full programme commencing in the 2003/4 school year.

## Paddlesport Northwest

Sunday 21st June

Merseysport Water centre, Liverpool

This was the 2nd Annual Paddlequest event to take place in the Northwest, the venue was Merseysport in Liverpool. Young people had the opportunity to enter various events including: canoe polo, diamond slalom, K1 sprint racing, bellboat races, Ergo Challenge and for those who were new to the sport 'come & try'. The Mersey River Festival organisers had supported the event by providing mobile changing rooms,



extra portaloos and a mobile PA system, so a huge thanks to Judith Feather and her team.

The event provided new experiences and challenges to all young people involved, there was a good representation from female paddlers, about 40% of total number of entrants. There were great results recorded in all events. Diamond slalom had several gold awards and all young people were able to obtain either silver, bronze or blue awards. The under 21's GBR canoe polo squad gave a display during the day which inspired all young people to take part. Bellboat events had some close finishes, as did K1 sprint.

Colin Cartwright and Robin Avery did a great job on the Ergo Challenge, young people were paddling flat out to record times over 100 metres. The PA system came in very useful having a mobile microphone and I was able to interview entrants and event organisers alike, although a lot ran away when they saw me approaching with the microphone in hand. As Paddlesport Development Officer for the Northwest it gave me great satisfaction to announce winners of both team and individual events as they stood on the podium at the end of the day. Prizes consisted of trophies, medals and we provided

all young people who took part with paddlequest certificates.

No event can be successful without the support and all the hard work put in by the various clubs and event organisers literally too many to mention. A huge thankyou to all who made the event worthwhile and provided all those taking part with excitement, fun and a challenging day.

**Len Hartley, PDO Northwest & Yorkshire**

### Adam Cooper's view

On Saturday the 21-6-03 Heather and volunteers took a group of 22 young people down to Merseyside paddlequest. Throughout the day Salford competed in diamond slalom, bell boating, polo and ergo and lightning challenges. We had an U12's team an U15's team and an U18's team.

All through the day we each competed in each challenge until it was time to get changed and see who had received medals and trophies. We got medals in every challenge. In the polo we got trophies for the U12s and the U15s. I was the only one to get a gold medal in the U12s for diamond slalom. All in all we had a great day.

## Top Club update

The newly revised Top Club scheme now has 44 clubs working towards accreditation (see right column) and new clubs are joining up to the scheme every week. As we go to print several clubs are likely to have been accredited by August. It will be exciting to see the first ones to achieve the award nationally and in each region.

The Top Club accreditation scheme is based on the principle that clubs demonstrate:

- A commitment to young people
  - Provision of safe, quality activity and coaching programmes
- For clubs that have achieved the standards it gives public recognition; for clubs that wish to improve what they do it is like a blueprint or model to help and guide what areas to work on and the Top Club award is not just for clubs – BCU approved centres can participate as well.

The added benefits of the newly revised Top Club is that it links into a national accreditation scheme across sports – Sport England's ClubMark. Core criteria have been developed and the BCU have worked with Sport England to ensure that our Top Club scheme not only aligns to the Clubmark criteria but also meets the specific needs of our clubs and paddlesport. This means that a club can gain accreditation for both schemes at the same time.

For more information about the scheme check out the web site on [www.bcu.org.uk/youth/youthindex.html](http://www.bcu.org.uk/youth/youthindex.html) or email [youth@bcu.org.uk](mailto:youth@bcu.org.uk) or call Mandy on 0115 982 6265.

**The following BCU Clubs have registered and are currently working towards Top Club. In so doing they have demonstrated a commitment to working with young people and to the provision of safe, quality and active coaching programmes – well done to you all.**

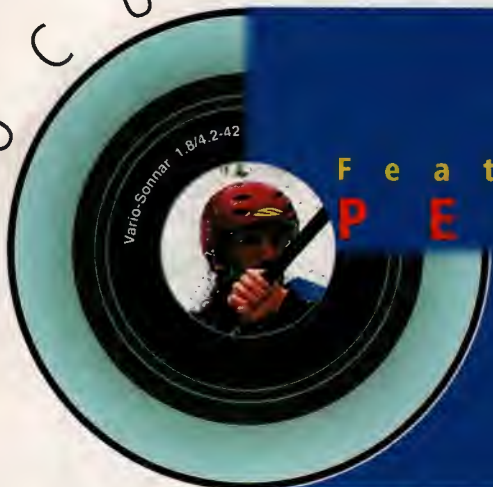
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  - Tamworth CC
  - Tandridge Canoe Polo
  - Upton Warren KC
  - Wey Kayak Club
  - White Rose CC
  - Wokingham CC
  - Wyre Forrest CC

## Brilliant in the white stuff!

Here are a few pics of my son Gareth Edwards aged 12 years old who is a BCU member, practicing on the Burrs two weeks ago before he went on the Tees Barrage and was brilliant in the White Water. Picture: Steve Roggers.



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# The mighty Rio Ap

## Day 1

The mighty Rio Apurimac, in Quechua (the native Inca language) it means "The god who speaks", for years the river had been a barrier/border for the Incas, the upper reaches are also now claimed to be the source of the Amazon. My goal was to kayak the commercial section along with some rafts, there was a crew of five including myself, Christian on the paddle raft with Carlos a trainee guide, Eddy on the gear raft and Frank video/photo boating. We set off from Cusco, the centre of the universe for the ancient Inca culture, now the most visited city and region in South America and headed out on a four hour drive over a pass into the Apurimac valley. The road was pretty scary on the way down to the put-in of the river, countless hairpin bends, the track was only wide enough really for one truck and so when we met an oncoming vehicle, it was a tense feeling going so close to the edge of the mountain and looking at the river some 500 metres far below! So after lunch we were finally on the river, there was only one class III rapid to negotiate today, a straight line through the waves and with ample of opportunities for some great river playing. We camped on river left, though the beach was quite small I found a great place to sleep on some smooth rocks a little further upstream.

## Day 2

With blue skies and the sun now up, we set off on what is the longest day on the river, a few class IIIs to negotiate, some great waves to surf and ample places to initiate ends to get myself warmed up for the first major class IV drop "Chute". We scouted on river right which provided us with a great view of the rapid. Basically, there were a couple of big holes to miss and one hole to run, a line could be seen through it and it really was a big water move. I went back to my kayak and set off, at the start middle left using the tongue between two offset holes, work middle right, clip the first big hole to the right, a little bit of left angle and get on the rooster tail to let the force of the water and the speed of the kayak punch through, finally a hard right to avoid the hole at the bottom of the rapid, the rafts came next and once everyone was together we headed around the corner to our first portage.

There was a chicken shoot on far left that was possible, it was a one metre drop with a boof to the right required to miss the rock waiting at the bottom, then another 25 metres of paddling and finally we had to hump and dump the rafts and kayaks over some huge rocks and run the final part of the portage. We continued on our way with some more class IIIs and then it was "Space Odyssey", another class IV rapid with a huge undercut rock to avoid. The entry was nice and clean but the second drop had a huge rock in the middle with a smaller one in front of it forming a hole and then a massive pillow wave on the huge rock behind, which was nicely pushing you in the hole or throwing you left into a gnarly undercut.



In fact, this undercut has been the subject of some injuries and a fatality. At the start go middle left, cut to middle right behind a large rock, run middle at the start of the second drop work right, run a diagonal wave pushing into the middle (a place really to avoid as this is straight for the hole or if you are unlucky the pillow wave), catch the eddy before cutting behind the huge rock and working far left to miss two nasty holes at the end.

Another line nailed and more rapids ensued with names such as Campo Minado, Purgatorio, Three Marias and Zeta, all of which were class IV rapids, however all of them were read and run. We arrived at our camp on river left and with a great surf wave next to the beach; both Frank and I were freestyling until it got dark!

## Day 3

Another good nights sleep and with everything packed we set off with great anticipation of the day ahead, today is the main day with the biggest

# urimac



and most challenging rapids of the whole trip. A host of class IV's and obviously the major drop on the river "La Muela" or "Toothache" as it is known in English. "Tres Marias No 2" started the day off, a rapid that I personally named 'Wake Up' as the last couple of trips people have either fallen out of the raft or broken their nose! "The Goal" was next, nothing too bad and then around the corner was "El Trinche", a class IV which is full of surprises. This had three monster holes, the first going from the middle all the way to the left river bank, the second, about 15m below, went from the middle to the far right hand river bank, this was a particularly nasty hole with a big drop leading into it. A working was certainly in order if you were there! The last hole was waiting on river left, which the entire river was pushing towards. The entrance again was middle, working right to clip the first hole, then a change of angle and a hard paddle to middle left to avoid the second hole and finally work against the current to miss the last hole, phew no problems! With another set of read and run rapids following and then the major wave of the river was on us. The first part of "Sin Nombre" was a rush of punching waves and running holes, before the river split into two, on the right was a clean line but on the left was an amazing wave with a huge eddy to feed it. It was pretty difficult to get on but once there you throw all sorts of moves, I was spinning like a dream, getting great blunts and a loop was also on video. Below the river gave up its steepness for a while providing some flat

water, though the gorge we were in really made up for the flat. It was another hour before we started getting to a bunch of rocks scattered in the river, which only meant one thing, Toothache! I first scouted on river right and decided there was no line, however when scouting on river left my views had changed, there was a line but certainly a gnarly one. The start of the rapid did not look too bad, there were a couple of options, either make a cut move before yet another siphon on river left or a boof move on middle right. What I was more concerned about was the monster of a hole at the bottom of the rapid on river right, it looked as though there was little chance of being released from it, whether in or out of a kayak, terminal was a word that sprang to mind! On scouting river left the line looked runnable but the crux move was in the middle of the rapid, skirting between a hole in the middle of the river and a monster hole behind it off to the right. There was a green tongue only \_m wide shooting you left and after the current flowed to river left into yet another terminal hole, the line here was to take the next green tongue that would cut from left to right between both holes and finally running the last diagonal hole before the current again took you left of a massive rock at the bottom of the rapid, the whole rapid was around 500m long!

With the line impregnated in my mind I went back to my kayak and with the video camera rolling I dropped in, my thoughts were one, nothing



but the line and the moves to make were in there, it had to be that way, at this water level nothing else could confuse or distract me! I ferried out into the middle of the river, working my way through a maze of rocks to find my first marker rock, so far so good. I saw the boof spot, ferried out of the eddy I was in, turned and started to accelerate, whoosh, my last stroke and I was airborne, boof, the great sound that comes when you

have landed on the aerated water. I was now on a slack piece of aerated water, here came the crux move, from river middle to middle left, past the hole onto the tongue and a slide down past the two holes below, a change of angle, fighting all the way as the current was trying to push me into the next hole, 6 to 8 good forward strokes and there I was on the

second tongue shooting me down and past the 2 terminal holes, another couple of strokes and a final deep stroke to lift the bow as I started to enter the trough, I now found myself on the pile at the top of the hole, by leaning forward and getting all the weight away from the stern I made past the last hole upright, phew! I was now working my way to the cushion wave that enabled me to skirt left of the huge rock and there I was in the eddy behind the rock. I had made it, my heart was still pumping and the

adrenaline was also right there, I had just run and nailed the line on a major class V+ rapid on one of the most amazing rivers I have paddled. As the clients portaged, one of the girls shouted out "You are completely crazy!" my reply was somewhat different to what she was expecting. Instead of the "Yep and don't forget it", I explained to her that it was all taken into consideration, the line, the holes and the what ifs. All the moves, paddle strokes and feelings were also part of the equation. She just glanced back and smiled but the expression on her face still gave me the feeling that her first statement was there. Just a little further downstream was another class V drop, appropriately called "You First!" This again was inspected due to yet another siphon that had claimed a life last season, though nowhere as near as long as the last one, this rapid was a 2m waterfall, followed by the siphon some 10m further below. So back in the eddy, I saw my boof spot and out I paddled, again some speed was required and I was then airborne, with a great landing I had time to paddle left of the siphon and our last camp on river right.

#### Day 4

Yet another great nights sleep and with so many smooth rocks I just laid my therm-a-rest down and listened to the soothing motions of the river. With the moon again shine into the canyon I managed to see a couple of satellites cruising high in the night sky above me, really the only evidence of man since we set off from the river put-in. It was a far more relaxed day today, we were now at one with the river and as if mother nature was making this known we saw a baby condor in the canyon and further downstream a group of green parrots kept their presence known by flying over us for a while. A couple of class III drops to warm us up and then we hit 'Babalua', which then ran into "Last Laugh", the aptly named last major rapid of the river. Babalua was nicely negotiated and 'Last Laugh' was again a great climax to the river, a two metre slide down to a hole which was easily punched and that was it, there were a couple of other rapids but nothing too stressful. We arrived at the take-out around midday, met up with our truck and headed back to Cusco. It was an amazing trip and one that will always hold a special appeal to me, I was really lucky that season, I managed to kayak (and push a gear raft a couple of times) the Rio Apurimac 14 times, ranging from the high water of May to the low waters of September, each time the river changed its character making every trip a great adventure, I even managed to run the portage a few times later on in the season. ●

**Steve Brooks**



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Steve would like to thank the following people for their support:

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# LETTERS

Your chance to put forward your point of view

## kayaks, planes and baggage

Warning to all paddlers wishing to take their canoes on board an aircraft. Since the Lockerbie incident, airport security has been of utmost importance. Therefore by law, all baggage, which you carry, must be accounted for. Recent findings have found paddlers hiding baggage inside their canoes, by doing this the luggage is not screened properly so you are breaking the law and placing other passengers and crew at risk.

All baggage must be screened. If you wish to carry baggage in excess of their free luggage allowance, you may do so subject to weight restrictions and upon payment of the excess fee. All paddlers carrying large amounts of baggage which requires special handling are advised to check-in as soon as possible in order to facilitate check-in procedures.

Those paddlers which are found to be hiding items inside their canoes after they have checked-in may result in them being ejected from the aircraft and refused travel.

For the safety and security of other passengers and crew, please comply by the procedures laid down by the airports and airlines.

## Maun and Meden

With reference to the article in the June edition of *Canoe Focus* entitled 'Day Cruise'. I was access officer for the Maun and Meden until a few years ago and attach my hand-out for members' enquiries.

The piece says that the Meden is, despite appearances, the recommended way through. It is in fact the only legal way through and this needs pointing out to members. I have informed the BCU and they have put it on their website, but not everyone will be able to access that.

There is no legal portage at the first mill on the Maun after it branches away from the joint channel with the Meden about one mile NE of Thoresby. This is Haughton Mill. Although a kindly soul let me portage via his garden he asked me not to do it again. Rockley Mill, mentioned in the article, is a no go area. Not only does the landowner forbid portaging, which is his right and to be expected, as the only route is through the private garden of his house but will take action in case of trespass and call the police. To add to this, water extraction has reduced the Maun as it passes through Milton Hamlet to a reedy channel barely passable by kayak. So, the Meden must be followed when the channels diverge. The river Maun is not at any time called the River Whitewater, as stated in the piece. That is just a name which the Scouts gave to the mini rapids as the river passes their land and has found its way onto the Ordnance maps.

Peter Adams

## Access begins at home

I agree with Alan Waites in his letter about more interest on access issues abroad than at home. We should be pursuing the problems on our own rivers more rigorously. I have met my MP as requested by the BCU, put the points of access to him, received the usual politician sympathy and heard nothing since. The lengthy paper from the Environment Agency about 'Navigation for the Future' looked interesting so I completed the response sheet with comments about access and compromises with other River users. The results have been published with some points they say they will look at which could affect canoeists as follows,

- Landowners want more control over **their** water. ie make a charge

- Local Authorities would improve banks and access but would have to be self funding. ie make a charge.
- Fishermen wanting yet more research into boats having an effect on fish stocks and their sport.

I have tried to make the point on occasions to my MP and with the Environment Agency that before effort is put into increased access we should make known what access we have now. The local River Derwent has access dating back centuries. In fact the Derwent Tour is held each year to prove this and yet there is constant pressure from fishing clubs to close the access. Canoeists at Church Wilne, a play spot on the River Derwent, have been ordered off the river by fishing bailiffs, intimidated by having their photographs taken and abusive remarks. There are no 'Public Footpath' signs on rivers and this where there is a problem. Over the years, if people are told there is no access and they should not be there, it becomes a reality. I would suggest we have a campaign to get the Environment Agency to produce leaflets on current access and the local authority to have more information. If you ask at a Tourist Information office for cycle routes or where you can go fishing they will give you a handful of leaflets. In Derby, if you ask about canoeing they will tell you about Carsington Water, which is a reservoir with a hire centre, they have no other information.

Steve Adams, Outdoor Industries Association

### The Chairman of the English Access Committee comments:

*The Government, in this case DEFRA, is well aware of the situation having commissioned the independent report 'Water-based Sport and Recreation: the Facts 2001' that established that there are some 4,678 kms of canals and major rivers with navigation rights, 55,463 kms of major and minor rivers without navigation rights on which access agreements apply to just 812 kms. Following the lobbying referred to by our correspondent above, some 72 MPs signed an early day motion calling for some action based on the report. The Government has commissioned a further independent report to demonstrate how access might be improved through negotiation on four inland waters. Detailed enquiries are being undertaken at local level to ascertain as to whether this looks likely to succeed and a report is due in the new year. In the mean time the EAC is planning a further major campaign for new legislation. We hope that there will be huge active support for this from canoeists.*

## Magic Maggie

This letter is to thank Maggie Kos at the BCU for her help and support during the trip down the River Thames in a paper boat. To confirm, we did break the 383 year old record set by John Taylor and became the first people in history to take an 85% paper boat 160 miles down the river Thames.

The reason for all this, as you know, was to raise as much money as possible for Comic Relief. The total raised for Comic Relief by the paper boat was £7024.77. This has all been raised thanks to your help and support. I am very grateful for Maggie's assistance and thank her on behalf of all at Comic Relief and the people who are not as fortunate as us, whom we can now help.

Maggie's initial input in giving me the names of the boat makers, people to approach and her general enthusiasm was brilliant - so it was really good to see her at the finish as she were there at the start. Please pass on my thanks to the BCU and as I've said before if there is anything you think I might be able to help with, I'm only too willing so just ask.

A huge big red thank you for all the time and effort you put in to make this event the massive success that it was.

Tim Fitzhigham, Comic Relief Boatman

## Slalom bibs

Please note postal rates have increased. When applying or returning your bib the rate has increased to 46p for 150g second class and 60p first class. As all post is now automatically weighed, should the wrong postage be used, then the item will be returned or have to be collected from the sorting office, incurring double the shortfall in postage plus a £1.00 surcharge.

When entering a slalom with more than a couple of entry cards plus S.A.E please check weight - up to 60g 28p first class, 20p second class. Up to 100g 42p first class, 34p second class. If in doubt have it weighed.

Jim Croft BCU Slalom Administrator

## Keep it natural

After a recent discussion with the warden at Skokholm Island, Pembrokeshire, I was asked to emphasise to readers of *Canoe Focus* that the island is a nature reserve and there is no permission to land.

Phil Eccles

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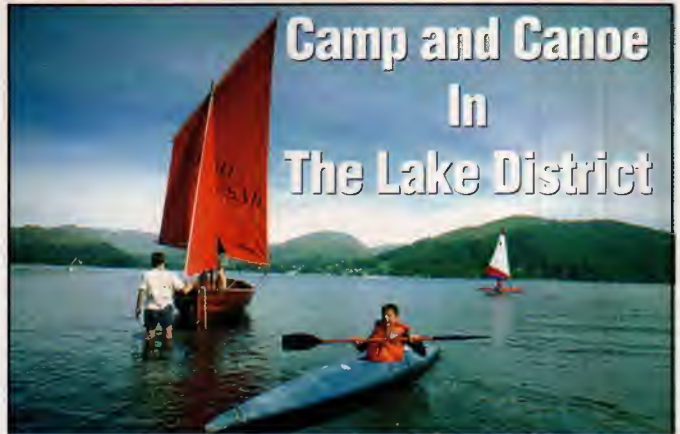
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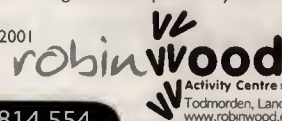
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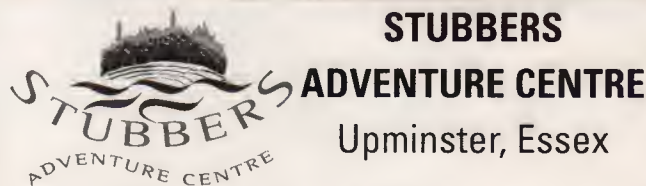
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The rack has been well used for a couple of weeks now and has provided reliable transport for both a whitewater and surf kayak. The uprights were relatively simple to attach to the vehicle. The included

universal mounts allow fastening to installed base racks. They are bolted down using an Allen key with rubber pads and four bolting positions holding the uprights in place.

Transporting the surf kayak has been a little bit of a challenge due to its awkward shape. However, the drain holes come in handy for looping the straps through, although this causes one of the uprights to be pulled inwards at a



slight angle. Having said that, the uprights remain strong whilst keeping the kayaks secure and they cradle the kayak hulls very well without causing distortion. Kayaks are held very securely going down the road, even at motorway speeds and rubber protection for the buckle also protects the kayak.

The Hull-A-Port is very adaptable to different kayak sizes and hull lengths, however, for complete safety carrying long sea kayaks I would recommend using the 855 Quickdraw bow and stern tie-down straps (not included).

I really wish there was some provision for locking the kayak to the vehicle as it makes me nervous to leave the kayak on the vehicle when having to leave it for a while.

One word of warning though; the uprights add an easy 18 inches or so to the height of the vehicle and if sometimes you're a little lazy about taking them off you could be doing a u-turn at the entrance of the multi-story car park or car wash!

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The latest watch from the company is the traser T5002 and it is a quality piece of kit. From the looks to the weighty feel, it just oozes quality. It doesn't really matter where you are with the watch because whether the river bank or a dinner party, this time piece looks the part and fits right in. It is sleek, and it has dropped some of the bulk associated with earlier models.

The watches handsome looks are down to the brushed stainless steel case, which gives it an understated solid appearance. The face is protected by hardened sapphire glass and a one direction stainless steel rotating bezel changes the date and time. Add to this a precision Swiss quartz movement and water resistance to 200m and as I say it is suitable for any occasion. The eagle-eyed amongst you may notice them in films such as *Oceans 11*, *The Fast and the Furious* or *Under Siege*.

There is more to this watch than just good looks though. Each watch is fitted with a number of tiny glass vials, which are guaranteed to glow for 10 years without the use of batteries. They don't require

light to recharge and you won't have to press any buttons - just a quick glance will give you the correct time, anytime day or night, leaving you free to concentrate on your activities. This unique

feature is called 'Permanent Light Technology', making it one of the easiest watches in the world to read in low-light and dark conditions, especially in the outdoors at dusk or dawn where available light is at a minimum. The T5002 boasts a full 16 traser lights to help you easily identify the time at a seconds glance. I have worn watches in the past which glow in the dark or require pressing a button but I have never come across a watch which is so easy to read at night, it's superb! I have worn this watch for a while now and you do not need a light source, you do not need to try to stare at it for a while as your sight adjusts as with some watches, it is simply there for you to easily see all the time.

The watch we received came with the silicon sports strap, which for outdoor and river use I would probably recommend over the bracelet option. The strap keeps the watch securely in place on the wrist and there are no joints for dirt or sand to get lodged into.

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## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Eastern Region Development Team will be held on Monday 17 November in The Club Room, University Athletics Ground, Adams Road, Cambridge, at 7.30 for 8 p.m start. Bar available.

**Agenda items, apologies and requests for maps to Minute Secretary, 27 Gilbert Road, Cambridge CB4 3NX, 01223 311715, FamilyBlock@aol.com**

## Freestyle team selection

The three events to select the freestyle team to represent Great Britain in 2004 are as follows:

**Friday 10th October**  
12.00 pm - 4.00 pm,  
the Tryweryn.

**Saturday 11th October,**  
Holme Pierrepont  
Slalom Course

**Sunday 12th October,**  
Holme Pierrepont  
Slalom Course

A competitor's best two out of three events count.

## White water racing weekend

As you will have seen in the minutes of the last few

Exec. meeting we are planning to hold a

weekend to demonstrate what white water racing has to offer. This will take place weekend of 30/31st

August in Nottingham.

It is hoped to have white water events for people of all abilities, and also other events for the rest of the family. Some of the ideas

which have been suggested are a triathlon, BBQ etc. We also hope to have sessions with paddlers to find out what makes them come to races, and what would make those who don't come very often come to more.

**More details to follow. Sarah Wright IBM Business Consulting Services Phone + 44 7740 923344**

## Worcester and Wyre Forest Swanalong 2003

7th September

British waterways are again allowing us to use the three sets of locks between Bewdley and Worcester to avoid portages. This is the eleventh year we have run the Swanalong between the two canoe clubs and it is also the 50th year of Worcester canoe club. Various events have been planned throughout the year, for further information of these please check the Worcester canoe club website.

The Swanalong is an optional charity paddle so you can raise funds for your favourite charities or just come along for a nice days paddle. This year Steve Brown from radio Hereford and Worcester (who is not a canoeist) is hoping to paddle a single kayak to raise money for a local charity, last year we paddled together in a Canadian and raised £250 for the Acorns hospice in Worcester and also made a donation to 'Lifestyles' another local charity.

**If anyone would like further information on the Swanalong please contact Steve Hutchinson on 01905 29069 (Answerphone) or e-mail [shutch2@yahoo.com](mailto:shutch2@yahoo.com)**

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The new Adventurers' Zone brings together a host of record breaking marine, explorers headlined by the youngest person to climb Everest and famous explorer Bear Grylls fresh back from his record breaking trip across the Atlantic in an open top inflatable boat

Time for the kids to get creative? Head on down to the Lego park where there is plenty of fun to be had and an opportunity for parents to leave their kids to play whilst they explore the rest of the show

Two of the America's Cup yachts will be at the show offering sailing enthusiasts the opportunity to be part of the crew on these famous racing vessels. Tickets must be bought in advance for this experience through the ticket hotline.

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The latest in outdoor leisure wear will also be on display as well as all the kit, gadgets and equipment that are of interest to all boating enthusiasts. For those visitors looking for holiday inspiration, a range of boating holiday specialists - from sailing to narrow boating - will be showcasing holidays both in the UK and abroad. Together with a variety of bars, cafes and restaurants the show is a great day out. **Tickets can be purchased now on-line at [www.southamptonboatshow.com](http://www.southamptonboatshow.com) or by ringing the ticket hotline on 0115 912 9111.**

## BCU Lifeguards National Championships

19th - 21st September

The Championships are being held at the Tryweryn National White Water Centre, Bala in North Wales. This year's

Championships are to be based on the river Tryweryn and will use lower graded sections of the river.

The BCU Lifeguards championships involve teams performing set rescues on the Saturday of the event. These skills can include use of throwlines and pinnings. These skills will be notified to the participating teams in advance. Teams will consist of three persons.

Sunday is the day of the unknown! Incidents will be set and teams will have to sort out the problems encountered. The event is scored on time, casualty care and use of correct techniques.

Entry is open to all whether you are already a lifeguard or you are a safety and rescue team or a BCU Club. There are categories for overall, juniors, ladies, veterans, and non BCU Lifeguards clubs. There is even an 'oscar' award for the best casualty.

The entry fee for the competition is £30 per team. Entry for juniors teams is free. There are also fees for camping. **For further details on Championships 2003 Please Contact: Simon Fairless, 6 Greenwood Drive, Henllys, Cwmbran NP44 6EA [lifeguard@swiftwater2000.co.uk](mailto:lifeguard@swiftwater2000.co.uk)**

## Open canoe symposium

5-7 September 2003

Glenmore lodge Scotland

The planning for this year's Open Canoe Symposium is now nearly complete. The varied programme is designed to suit all and includes half day and full day workshops from advanced white water techniques in traditional boats to monster spotting on Loch Ness. We have early evening workshops including 'expedition food' and 'canoe rolling', there's also a ceilidh on the Saturday evening. Plans are being finalised to bring a surprise guest over from North America, on previous events we have had the World Flatwater Freestyle Champion and the World White Water Freestyle Champion leading coaching sessions. Places are filling so book now to ensure you are there. **For more info visit [www.canoesymposium.co.uk](http://www.canoesymposium.co.uk) or Phone Glenmore Lodge on 01479 861 256 to make a booking.**

## "Seaquest"

Blackpool Outdoor Adventure Group

Saturday - 13th September - 11.30am

The River Wyre in Lancashire is a most unusual river as it goes from hill to sea in one area, rising in the Forest of Bowland and flowing out to sea into the Morecambe Bay. In this distance it flows through rapids, rural settings and a wide estuary.

The event is to be held in the lower reaches of the river and as well as taking in the historic port of Fleetwood, competitors will have an opportunity to travel past an SSI and travel alongside hidden villages lost in medieval times.

The event, which will involve locating checkpoints, will run up-stream with the flooding tide to Shard Bridge, take in the benefits of slack water and then use the ebb of the river to return to the finish. The competitors will need to be fit to cover the 22Ks, have good map reading skills and be competent at self-rescue in the event of a capsized.

The estuary will offer many interesting challenges to the paddlers, noting the wildlife, navigational skills, reading the water and timing their run to match the flow of the tide. Local experts will be on hand on the day to give advice. You may compete as an individual or team and in any type of canoe or kayak. All paddlers completing the course will receive a certificate showing their time. A shorter course will be used in the event of unfavourable weather conditions. Any proceeds will be donated to the R.N.L.I

Bring the family and friends! Fleetwood has, a first class swimming pool, the Marine Hall with a selection of cask ales, markets, shops and the retail area of Freeport. **Wyre Borough Council Tourist Information Tel 01253 891000 will be pleased to help with finding accommodation etc.**

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