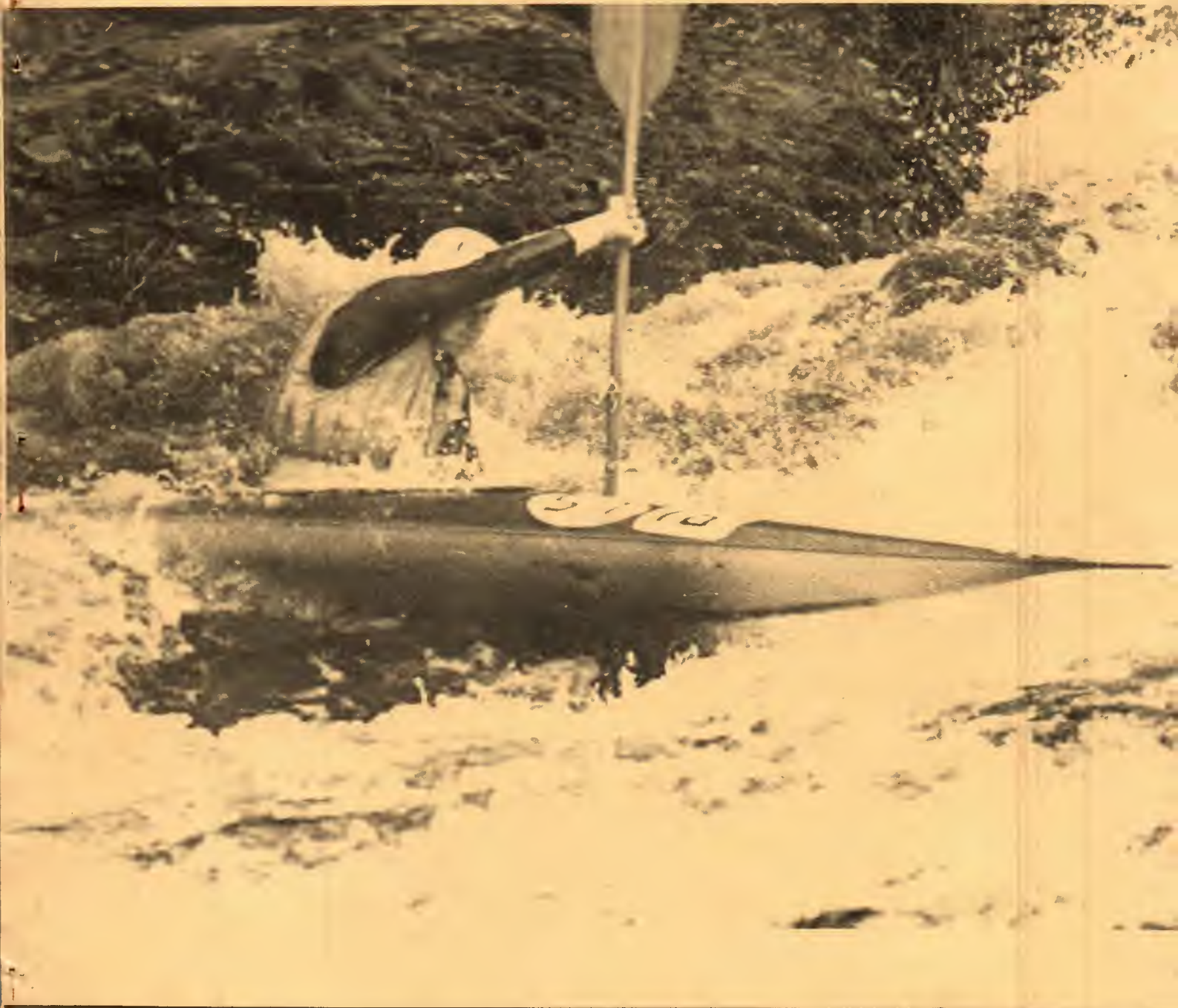


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Cover: Jock Young puts his new PERFECT through its paces at the Serpents Tail Slalom 28th September 1975. Photo David Cuthill.



EDITORIAL

Incredulity is a well-known characteristic of the Scot. A nation-wide reluctance to give due recognition to an outstanding achievement by a fellow Scot is too often expressed in the sentence: "Oh him, a ken his faither".

Incredulity is well summed up in the story about the two young farm workers who went to the "Shows" when they visited their local country town. They went on everything and had a whale of a time. Finally they came to the tent with the sword swallower and knife thrower. He went through his act throwing his knives around with deadly accuracy until he came to the finale when the bikini clad dame drifted in and draped herself against a board. The knife thrower leapt in the air, gave a blood curdling yell and let go a knife which twanged into the board just by the girl's left ear; whereupon one yokel turned to the other and exclaimed "Jings Wullie, he's missed her!"

There should be no incredulity when you read the glowing reports and results of our teams' performances on the Continent this year. Scotland is now becoming recognised as a force to be reckoned with - we have the results to prove it - in fact we have now arrived on the International Scene. All we need now is a World Champion and an Olympic Medal. If our teams continue to improve at the same rate as they have done over the last three years it is only a matter of time.

J.C.

NEW DESIGNS

David Cuthill

The most radical of the newest designs is probably the Lettmann PERFEKT. See front cover. Descended from the Olymp range it is vaguely similar to the Olymp 6 in central volume but is shaped down at the ends to give it its distinctive "points". These are solid glass fibre for the last 30 cms or so. The flat water forward speed of the Perfekt is about 1 second down over the "six" in a minute. However, the very small area of the extremities presented to the water during a turn allows fast turning through waves, and allows minimum effort to be expended in the sinking of the front or back under poles.

The gunwale line is a departure from the "banana" shape which has been the hallmark of slalom boats since the "Isere". This "tail in the air" effect allowed the boat to pivot without the tail end being obstructed by the water. It also attempted to lessen tail drag when the boat sat back on its tail when at speed on the flat. The Perfekt, by contrast, has a completely horizontal gunwale line as there is minimum volume in both the bow and stern, presenting little drag during turns or when submerged as in a straight sprint. The narrowness and solidness of the ends means that if the end comes down on a rock with a weight of water on the deck, the small surface area of the deck at the ends means that the downwards force is smaller than conventionally. Because the ends are thin when looked at side-on, the compressive and tensile forces at the top and bottom surfaces due to bending are lessened in comparison to a conventional "shell" construction. Conventional boats tend to fracture at the deck and seams due to bending of the tail upwards. The Perfekt's "points" give to a certain extent before any force is transmitted to the shell part of the boat. If the force is too great then the points break off but this does not damage the craft structurally and the boat still keeps the water out. It is fairly easy to repair the ends. Alternative ends could be coming soon. The manufacturers are experimenting with rubber and plastics points as replacements for the dangerous skewer ends.

Disadvantages of the Perfekt are:-

1. Safety The points will perforate any kayak very easily and can penetrate at least a foot before stopping. It could transfix the unfortunate victim. The mind boggles at the thought of hundreds of novices using them at Comrie and other slaloms.

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SCOTTISH CANOE ASSOCIATION

1975 S.L.A.COM CHAMPIONSHIPS

GRANDFULTON - RESULTS

TEAM EVENT Saturday, 20th September

| Position | TEAM              | TEAM MEMBERS               | 1st Run  |      | 2nd. Run |      | Best Tot. |
|----------|-------------------|----------------------------|----------|------|----------|------|-----------|
|          |                   |                            | Pen.     | Tim. | Pen.     | Tim. |           |
| 1        | Edinburgh W/W 'A' | Dolan - Young - Cuthill    | 140      | 206  | 130      | 186  | 316       |
| 2        | Services Select   | Florence-Hartley-A.N. Oth. | 120      | 234  | 140      | 221  | 354       |
| 3        | R.A.F. C.A.       | Nicholle-Rignell-A.N. Oth. | 140      | 218  | 210      | 224  | 358       |
| 4        | Roxburgh 'A'      | Fraser-Oliver-Knox         | 150      | 223  | capsized |      | 373       |
| 5        | Forth Canoe Club  | Balfour-Morton-Smith       | 190      | 236  | 180      | 246  | 426       |
| 6        | Irvine Canoe Club | Tannock-Cameron-Purves     | 450      | 273  | 190      | 252  | 442       |
| 7        | Edinburgh W/W 'C' | Linn-Kersel-Ross           | 420      | 267  | 220      | 251  | 471       |
| 8        | Strathclyde Univ. | Penman-Cornwell-McLean     | capsized |      | 290      | 290  | 580       |
| 9        | Roxburgh 'B'      | Geddes-Scott-Kerr          | 430      | 278  | 320      | 277  | 597       |
| 10       | Glasgow Univ.     | Henderson-Gilles-Walker    | 580      | 288  | retired  |      | 868       |
| 11       | Roxburgh 'C'      | Short-Collin-Oliver        | 1030     | 325  | 830      | 334  | 1164      |

JUNIOR K1 EVENT Sunday, 21st September

| Position | Name         | Club                  | First Run |      | Sec. Run |      | Best Tot. |
|----------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------|------|----------|------|-----------|
|          |              |                       | Pen.      | Tim. | Pen.     | Tim. |           |
| 1        | C. Purves    | Boroughmuir High Sch. | 90        | 233  | 40       | 212  | 252       |
| 2        | J. Oliver    | Roxburgh Canoe Club   | 70        | 226  | 50       | 224  | 274       |
| 3        | B. Cameron   | Irvine Canoe Club     | retired   |      | 170      | 229  | 399       |
| 4        | G. Robertson | 9th Kilmarnock B.B.   | 190       | 252  | 240      | 248  | 442       |
| 5        | R. Oliver    | Roxburgh Canoe Club   | 440       | 283  | 230      | 265  | 495       |
| 6        | A. Thomas    | Lochaber High Sch.    | capsized  |      | 260      | 261  | 521       |
| 7        | R. McCairns  | Irvine Canoe Club     | 250       | 284  | 480      | 244  | 534       |
| 8        | T. Prentice  | Roxburgh Canoe Club   | 450       | 244  | 350      | 267  | 617       |

SENIOR K1 EVENT

|    |              |                        |     |     |           |     |      |
|----|--------------|------------------------|-----|-----|-----------|-----|------|
| 1  | J. Dolan     | Edinburgh White Water  | 10  | 167 | 60        | 163 | 177  |
| 2  | J. Young     | Edinburgh White Water  | -   | 183 | 10        | 179 | 183  |
| 3  | D. Cuthill   | Forth Canoe Club       | 20  | 206 | -         | 188 | 188  |
| 4  | A. Morton    | Forth Canoe Club       | 80  | 201 | 40        | 193 | 233  |
| 5  | R. Kennedy   | Edinburgh White Water  | 200 | 214 | 30        | 206 | 236  |
| 6  | C. Tannock   | Irvine Canoe Club      | 170 | 257 | 20        | 220 | 240  |
| 7  | G. Florence  | Edinburgh White Water  | 60  | 193 | 50        | 198 | 248  |
| 8  | D. Geddes    | Roxburgh Canoe Club    | 80  | 266 | 20        | 238 | 258  |
| 9  | K. Fraser    | Roxburgh Canoe Club    | 60  | 206 | capsized  |     | 266  |
| 10 | G. Smith     | Edinburgh White Water  | 50  | 255 | 80        | 257 | 305  |
| 11 | J. Ross      | Edinburgh White Water  | 80  | 239 | 220       | 175 | 319  |
| 12 | S. Gilles    | Glasgow Univ.          | 70  | 225 | 100       | 270 | 325  |
| 13 | R. Nicholle  | Royal Air Force C.A.   | 110 | 222 | 110       | 225 | 333  |
| 14 | A. Henderson | Glasgow University     | 230 | 265 | 100       | 246 | 346  |
| 15 | D. Kersel    | Edinburgh White Water  | 100 | 252 | 140       | 223 | 352  |
| 16 | J. Knox      | Roxburgh Canoe Club    | 150 | 223 | 190       | 215 | 373  |
| 17 | J. Linn      | Edinburgh White Water  | 140 | 240 | 170       | 312 | 380  |
| 18 | A. Florence  | Aberdeen University    | 190 | 299 | 150       | 242 | 392  |
| 19 | B. Cornwell  | Strathclyde University | 180 | 254 | capsized  |     | 434  |
| 20 | A. Walker    | Glasgow University     | 520 | 210 | 320       | 294 | 614  |
| 21 | J. Penman    | Strathclyde University | 460 | 264 | 470       | 240 | 710  |
| 22 | A. Fraser    | Dundee White Water     | 810 | 201 | scratched |     | 1011 |

LADIES K1 EVENT

|    |           |                        |          |     |     |     |     |
|----|-----------|------------------------|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1  | A. Ramage | Heriot Watt University | 380      | 221 | 570 | 228 | 601 |
| 22 | C. Linn   | Edinburgh White Water  | capsized |     | 370 | 304 | 674 |

CANADIAN C2 EVENT

|   |                    |                       |          |  |     |    |      |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|----------|--|-----|----|------|
| 1 | Florence / Kennedy | Edinburgh White Water | capsized |  | 930 | 93 | 1023 |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|----------|--|-----|----|------|

JUDGES EVENT

|   |            |             |     |     |    |     |     |
|---|------------|-------------|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | A. Kerr    | Carlisle    | 10  | 162 | 60 | 167 | 172 |
| 2 | U. Hartley | R.A.F. C.A. | 160 | 208 | 70 | 201 | 271 |



THE SCOTTISH CANOE ASSOCIATION

WHITE WATER RACING CALENDAR

1975/76

The following is a list of the white water races confirmed by the organising clubs for the coming season.

Last season there was some doubt about the payment of levies to the B.C.U. however the matter has been cleared up. Levies will be paid on only one Scottish event - the Grandtully Race in February. This is the only race appearing in the 1975/76 Racing Yearbook. The remaining Scottish events are subject to no levy and clubs are requested to keep entry fees at a reasonable level - hopefully to the guide lines set down by the Slalom and White Water Committee earlier in the year.

|                     |       |                                     |
|---------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| Senior K1           | 50p.  |                                     |
| Junior K1           | 30p   | (A junior paddler is one who is     |
| Team Event (senior) | 45p   | 18years old or under on 1st January |
| Junior Teams        | Free. | of the year of the event.)          |

| <u>Date</u>                          | <u>Event</u>                              | <u>Organiser</u>  |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Sunday, November 2nd.                | Welsh Dee<br>(Llangollen)                 | Mr F. Bennet, 22 Chaucer Ave.,<br>Reddish, STOCKPORT                        |
| Sunday, November 9th.                | Royal Dee<br>(Banchory)                   | The Secretary, Aberdeen Univ. C.C.,<br>Butchart Centre, Old Aberdeen.       |
| Sunday, November 16th.               | River Eden<br>(Carlisle)                  | Mr A. Emmerson, 16 Vicarage Close,<br>Burton, GARNFORTH, (No team Event)    |
| Week-end 21st/22nd/23rd<br>November, | Team Training<br>Benmore Centre           | Slalom Committee. (Selection based<br>on Royal Dee results)                 |
| Sunday, November 30th.               | Thistlebrig<br>I                          | Edinburgh Univ. C.C.<br>46 The Pleasance, EDINBURGH 2.                      |
| Sunday, December 14th.               | River Tweed<br>(Makerston)                | Roxburgh C.C., Mr K. Fraser,<br>2 Mansfield Sq., HAWICK.                    |
| <u>1976</u>                          |   |   |
| Sunday, January 11th.                | Welsh Dee II                              | As above.   |
| Sunday, January 18th.                | Thistlebrig<br>II                         | Strathkelvin Canoe Club.,<br>Mr J. Turcan, 7 Fearn Ave, Lenzie              |
| Sunday, January 25th.                | River Nith<br>Scottish Champs.            | Dumfries C.C., Mr D. Alison,<br>The Old Farmhouse, Nunholm Rd.<br>DUMFRIES. |
| Sunday, February 1st.                | River Tay<br>Grantully<br>(Ranking Event) | Mr A. Morton, The Academy,<br>BROXBURN. (For Forth C.C.)                    |
| Sunday, February 8th.                | Welsh Dee III<br>(Ranking Event)          | As above.   |
| Sunday February 15th.                | River Clyde                               | Glasgow Univ. C.C. The Secretary,<br>The Canoe Club, GLASGOW Univ.          |
| Week-end 19th-21st<br>February,      | Training<br>Week-end                      | Slalom and White Water Committee  |
| Sunday, February, 29th.              | Royal Dee<br>II                           | As Royal Dee I  |
| Week-end 5th/7th March               | Training<br>Week-end                      | Slalom and White Water Committee  |

In addition to these events races will be held on the River Awe later in 1976.

NORTH OF ENGLAND W W CHAMPIONSHIPS

Competitors are offered 10 races on five different rivers all with their own organisations and prizes. A league table is drawn up taking competitors five best results which must come from three different rivers at least. Points are awarded on a 40, 39, 38 etc basis. Entry fees are 80p per race but a block booking may be made for all ten races for £5.

## Race Calendar:

Nov. 9th. N.Tyne  
 Nov. 16th. Eden  
 Nov. 23rd. Wharfe  
 Nov. 30th. Swale  
 Dec. 14th. Tees (National Ranking)  
 Dec. 28th. N.Tyne  
 Jan. 4th. Tees  
 Feb. 1st. Tees  
 Feb. 22nd. N.Tyne (National Ranking)  
 Feb. 29th. Wharfe

Further details may be obtained from E.Palmer. These are worth sending for since they contain nine pages of information on the races with maps, gradings, etc.

Send an S.A.E. to: E.Palmer, 108 Holly Av., NEWCASTLE/TYNE

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CANOEIST OF THE YEAR 1975 RESULTS TABLE

Points are awarded on a 10,9,8 etc. basis on the four Championship events.

|     | NAME        | W.W.<br>Nith | Sprint<br>1000 m | L.D.<br>Tay | Slalom<br>Grandtully | TOTAL |
|-----|-------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------|
| 1   | A.Morton    | 10           | 9                | 10          | 7                    | 36    |
| 2   | J.Dolan     | 9            | 7                | -           | 10                   | 26    |
| 3   | A.Batchelor | -            | 10               | 9           | -                    | 19    |
| 4   | D.Cuthill   | 8            | -                | -           | 8                    | 16    |
| 5   | R.Kennedy   | 6            | 3                | -           | 6                    | 15    |
| 6=  | K.Fraser    | 7            | -                | 5           | 2                    | 14    |
| 6=  | J.Young     | 5            | -                | -           | 9                    | 14    |
| 8   | A.Samuel    | -            | 6                | 6           | -                    | 12    |
| 9=  | I.Speirs    | -            | 8                | -           | -                    | 8     |
| 9=  | C.Dunlop    | -            | 4                | 4           | -                    | 8     |
| 9=  | S.Ramage    | -            | -                | 8           | -                    | 8     |
| 12  | R.Laing     | -            | -                | 7           | -                    | 7     |
| 13  | I.Linn      | -            | 5                | 1           | -                    | 6     |
| 14= | G.Smith     | 4            | -                | -           | 1                    | 5     |
| 14= | C.Tannoch   | -            | -                | -           | 5                    | 5     |
| 16  | G.Florence  | -            | -                | -           | 4                    | 4     |
| 17= | W.Geddes    | -            | -                | -           | 3                    | 3     |
| 17= | I.Ross      | 3            | -                | -           | -                    | 3     |
| 17= | H.Lyons     | -            | -                | 3           | -                    | 3     |
| 20= | F.Nelson    | 2            | -                | -           | -                    | 2     |
| 20= | R.McRobbie  | -            | 2                | -           | -                    | 2     |
| 20= | W.Kersel    | -            | -                | 2           | -                    | 2     |
| 23  | E.Milne     | 1            | -                | -           | -                    | 1     |



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With the general cut back in grant aid by the Government through the Sports Council and unsuccessful attempts to gain financial sponsorship, a reduced team of canoeists participated in this years' programme of International White Water events. A total of eleven paddlers, selected on the results of specific events held earlier in the year, together with a Team manager, made the journey to the Continent to take part in events at Spittal, (Austria) Mittenvald, Bavaria) Landeck, (Austria) and Lofer (Austria). The party travelled by car to the various events and we were fortunate in this respect to acquire on free loan, a Vauxhall Viva saloon. Our sincere thanks are extended to the S.M.T. Co. Kirkaldy for their generosity.

The group arrived at Spittal mid-day on Wednesday 9th. after an uneventful journey of over 1,000 miles. They were welcomed by a high river and overhead conditions which threatened to further raise the water level. Unperturbed by weather, the team pitched their tents at the nearby camp site and decided to venture down the white Water course on the river Leiser. By this time heavy rain was falling and we were soon to realise how quickly this affected the level of the river. The group of more experienced slalomists in our ranks had a successful cruise down the river with Messrs Dolan and Young revelling in the white mass of foaming stoppers and 'holes'. For the River Race Team, in particular the Juniors, their first experience proved both costly and nerve racking. Douglas Melville our youngest junior, was an early casualty falling out of his boat near the start of the race course. A long swim ensued, the result of which caused Douglas's confidence to suffer a temporary setback and his canoe to require major surgery. The remaining team members successfully negotiated the rapids to a point where the river enters a narrow channel adjacent to the road. This final section of the course is also the Slalom Site and presents the greatest challenge and test of skill to the White Water paddler. It was here that Lindsay Wright and Kenneth Fraser were caught unawares in stoppers and ejected from their kayaks. Both paddlers were rescued after rather long swims, however, both canoes suffered a heavy pounding and were swept down the river unable to be rescued.

In the Team event of the W.W.race our team attained 10th position, a most acceptable result in view of the fact that five teams which started failed to finish. In the individual events Kenneth Fraser and James Oliver were the only two Scots to complete the course and take 18th and 31st places respectively. Our Slalom Team, having spent hours of practice on the course prior to the event was disappointed by the eventual cancellation of the team event and also the reduction in length of the Slalom Course for the Individual events again a result of the abnormally high level of the river. Against a very strong field of top continental paddlers Jim Dolan did well to gain 13th place with George Florence the next placed Scot achieving 35th. position.

With the events at Spittal completed and the remaining canoes repaired a somewhat dejected team moved into western Austria to camp at Imst. The team spent four days based at Imst paddling on the river Inn. In addition the Slalom team spent an exciting day on the nearby Otzallerach over a six mile stretch of continuous grade 4 and 5 rapids. A rather exhausted and gratified group arrived back at the campsite that evening with tales of rather hair raising paddling down the river dodging stoppers and 'holes'. Remarkably, their canoes survived unscathed.



CONTINENTAL TOUR (contd.)

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Following our success on the Inn the team divided into two groups; the Slalomists moved over to Landeck for the slalom, and the River Racers to Mittenwald. Unfortunately high water conditions and heavy overnight rain led to the cancellation of all events at Landeck - a canoeist had been killed at Landeck a month before.

Some sixty miles away in southern Bavaria, the situation was in complete contrast. The river Isar was at an extremely low level, providing a straightforward white water course which after Spittal and the Inn, provided considerable relief for some of our less experienced paddlers. The group managed to fit in three practise runs prior to the events proper. (a rather costly exercise as the access road is private and a toll equivalent to £7 had to be paid each time) In the individual events our best performances came from Andrew Morton in the Seniors and Lindsay Wright in the Juniors. Morton, Fraser and Kennedy gave a good performance in the Team event coming within five seconds of a medal. The Juniors also performed well coming 7th. in their team event.

The fortnight between the events at Mittenwald and Lofer was spent on a fairly rigorous training programme. The slalomists initially involved themselves in interval training but once the gates were in position on the Slalom course concentrated gate work was carried out. The River Racers spent their time on interval training and timed runs down the course. This intensive training was certainly effective in improving standards and performances of most of the paddlers. A comparison of the differences in the times between other paddlers who entered both events showed marked improvements notably by Jim Dolan and Andrew Morton. In the Junior event Lindsay Wright was again the highest placed, coming 11th. James Oliver who had been proving very fast in training unfortunately broke his foot rest during the event. Team performances were most satisfactory with both Seniors and Junior s finishing fourth in their respective events. The Junior team might have been higher placed had a misunderstanding not arisen regarding the position of the finish gate.

In the Slalom, the Team comprising of Dolan, Young and Ramage achieved the best result of the tour and perhaps the best result of all Scottish Tour to date - finishing second in a field of 47 Teams from all over the World. Their time was only 0.9 sec. behind that of the winning German Team. Time at Lofer is at a premium and each team is allowed only one run instead of two. Where most teams tried to be very fast and consequently careless, the Scots trio gave an excellent demonstration of well timed cross-overs and skillful breakouts. The fine trophies presented for this outstanding achievement were ample reward for the hours of conscientious hard work and effort put in by the team.

Lofer marked the end of the '75 tour and the start of the long journey home. For some this was a leisurely drive taking time to inspect the beauties of Munich and Salzburg whilst for others it was a long, hard drive to the coast. Once again the tour had been successful in achieving the objectives set by the Slalom and W.W. committee - participation in International events with progressive success, coupled with an experience for our top paddlers of continental rivers.

With the ever increasing costs which such a tour inevitably incurs, thought have to be given next year to an itinerary of reduced length with, hopefully, a maintenance of the number of competitors sent abroad.

Note - This tour is the subject of a brand new EPIC MOVIE, directed by A.G. Smithenheimer. It receives its WORLD PREMIERE on WEDNESDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER in the Compass Centre, West Granton Rd. near Granton Square, GRANTON, Edinburgh. (Doors open 7.00 p.m.)



Precis of Results

## SPITTAL

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| White Water Team event - 17 starters . |         | Individual event 46 starters |                          |
|--|---------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1                                      | France  | 20.59                        | 1 G.Peinhaupt W.G. 17.45 |
| 2                                      | Austria | 21.06                        | 2 P.Hass W.G. 17.50      |
| 9                                      | Scot. A | 22.09                        | 13 S.Fisher G.B. 18.45   |
| 10                                     | Scot. B | 22.52                        | 18 K.Fraser Sco. 19.23   |
| 12                                     | G.B.    | 24.56                        | 31 J.Oliver Sco. 20.02   |
|  |         |                              | 34 C.Avery G.B. 20.57    |

Kennedy and Kersel - cap.  
Morton - retired

## Slalom Individual - 77 starters

|    |            |          |       | pens. |
|----|------------|----------|-------|-------|
| 1  | N.Sattler  | Austria  | 120.6 | + 0   |
| 2  | P.Fauster  | Austria  | 122.6 | 0     |
| 13 | J.Dolan    | Scotland | 137.4 | 0     |
| 35 | G.Florence | "        | 150.5 | 0     |
| 45 | S.Fisher   | Britain  | 150.1 | 10    |
| 47 | J.Young    | Scotland | 151.8 | 10    |
| 60 | S.Ramage   | "        | 165.3 | 20    |

## MITTENWALD

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## Individual W.W. Junior

|    |            |        |       |
|----|------------|--------|-------|
| 1  | M.Brugl    | W.Ger. | 14.22 |
| 2  | M.Muchler  | W.Ger. | 14.40 |
| 10 | L.Wright   | Scot.  | 15.11 |
| 20 | J.Oliver   | Scot   | 15.30 |
| 28 | D.Melville | "      | 15.52 |

## Individual W.W. Senior

|    |             |      |       |
|----|-------------|------|-------|
| 1  | Pech U.     | W.G. | 18.34 |
| 2  | Pfeiffer D. | "    | 18.43 |
| 10 | Morton A.   | Sco. | 19.52 |
| 19 | Dolan J.    | "    | 20.27 |
| 22 | Kennedy R.  | "    | 20.30 |
| 25 | Fraser K.   | "    | 20.39 |
| 35 | Kersel W.   | "    | 21.06 |

(44 in  
each  
event)

## Managers event - 14 starters

|   |                |       |       |
|---|----------------|-------|-------|
| 1 | S.Gunzenburger | W.G.  | 19.43 |
| 2 | H.Istel        | W.G.  | 20.07 |
| 3 | W.Shulz        | W.G.  | 20.16 |
| 4 | G.Smith        | Scot. | 20.27 |

- identical race as for Seniors.

## Team events

## Junior - 19 starters

## Senior - 22 starters

|   |           |       |    |           |       |
|---|-----------|-------|----|-----------|-------|
| 1 | W.Germany | 15.21 | 1  | W.Germany | 14.04 |
| 2 | W.Germany | 15.22 | 2  | W.Germany | 14.40 |
| 7 | Scotland  | 15.33 | 5  | Scotland  | 14.55 |
|   |           |       | 16 | England   | 16.09 |

## LOFER

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## White Water Junior Team event - 12 starters

|    |              |       |
|----|--------------|-------|
| 1. | Yugoslavia   | 15.06 |
| 2. | Switzerland  | 15.14 |
| 3. | West Germany | 15.16 |
| 4. | Scotland     | 15.31 |



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Senior W.W. Team event - 16 starters Slalom Team event - 47 starters

|    |                 |       |    |            |       |       |
|----|-----------------|-------|----|------------|-------|-------|
| 1  | W.Germany       | 14.27 | 1  | W.Germany  | (40)  | 267.8 |
| 2  | Switzerland     | 14.46 | 2  | Scotland   | (30)  | 268.7 |
| 3  | Austria         | 15.07 | 3  | W.Germany  | (60)  | 274.0 |
| 4  | Scotland        | 15.11 | 4  | Yugoslavia | (40)  | 279.3 |
| 6  | Australia/Scot. | 15.14 | 16 | Britain    | (130) | 357.5 |
| 12 | Britain         | 16.17 |    |            |       |       |

Slalom Individual Event - 91 starters

|    |            |           |      |       |
|----|------------|-----------|------|-------|
| 1  | N.Sattler  | Austria   | (0)  | 192.3 |
| 2  | A.Baum     | W.Germany | (0)  | 197.9 |
| 3  | U.Peters   | W.Germany | (10) | 199.3 |
| 14 | J.Dolan    | Scotland  | (20) | 220.3 |
| 30 | M.Thomas   | Britain   | (20) | 239.9 |
| 48 | J.Young    | Scotland  | (50) | 263.0 |
| 56 | S.Ramage   | Scotland  | (50) | 277.2 |
| 61 | G.Florence | Scotland  | (60) | 296.6 |

Senior W.W. Individual event - 45 starters

|    |            |           |         |
|----|------------|-----------|---------|
| 1  | D.Pfeiffer | W.Germany | 16.32.9 |
| 2  | H.Schlecht | W.Germany | 16.49.7 |
| 3  | H.Ott      | W.Germany | 16.50.9 |
| 9  | A.Morton   | Scotland  | 17.04.8 |
| 10 | J.Dolan    | Scotland  | 17.11.7 |
| 19 | R.Kennedy  | Scotland  | 17.38.2 |
| 25 | K.Fraser   | Scotland  | 17.48.4 |
| 30 | W.Kersel   | Scotland  | 18.24.4 |
| 35 | M.Thomas   | Britain   | 18.39.3 |
| 38 | R.Hignall  | Britain   | 19.15.2 |

Junior W.W. Individual event - 22 starters

|    |             |           |         |                |
|----|-------------|-----------|---------|----------------|
| 1  | I.Freestone | Britain   | 17.14.2 | (Disqualified) |
| 2  | H.Hollaus   | W.Germany | 17.15.0 |                |
| 11 | L.Wright    | Scotland  | 18.12.0 |                |
| 14 | D.Melville  | Scotland  | 18.30.2 |                |
| 17 | J.Oliver    | Scotland  | 19.08.3 |                |

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CROSSWORD No.4.

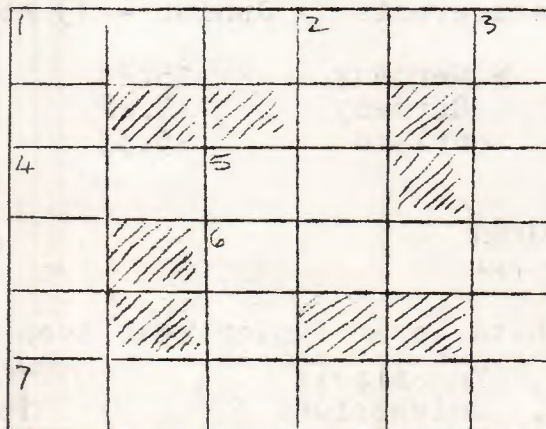
No. 3 Solution see page 12.

ACROSS

1. This Frenchman must ride the waves on iron.6.
4. Need, for this river, is confused.4.
6. We found him in the ebb tide adrift.4.
7. Fat Ron has almost finished the race. 3.3.

DOWN

1. Didn't she do well! 3.3.
2. Sounds like good weather at the end of the French race. 4.
3. Turn Kayak, but not quite a palindrome. 6.
5. A mixed diet to keep the "Kayak" going.4.



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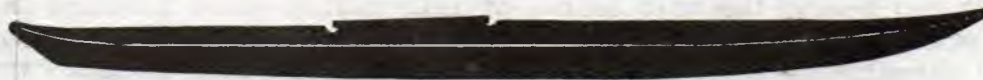
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2. Slalomability and Roughwater handling is difficult to adapt to.

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For the above reasons this kayak is definitely not for anyone less than Div II and is best for short tight courses.

There are rumours about that the I.C.F. intends to clamp down on the point trend in kayak design. If the I.C.F. changes its rules to allow inside touching of the poles without penalties then, of course, the prefekt and small volume boats like them are doomed. However, for the present rules, this boat is fantastically fast on tight gates and I think more people in the top divisions will be buying them next year.

D.C.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Andy,

For some time now I have meant to write to you about the future development of Kayak. It has become the main source of information about Scottish Canoeing events and I wonder if you have considered deliberately promoting it as such. The increased circulation reported in your August issues suggests that it is being bought by many with no connection with the Forth C.C. I think you may have a problem in maintaining this outside interest when events of general interest are mixed with those of interest only to your club members e.g. Baths Night on Page 5 (August Issue). I would like to see Kayak expand to include regular reporting from all over Scotland of club activities, reports on competitive events, plus accounts of river and sea expeditions. I think this would satisfy a real need. Best of Luck, whatever you do - I greatly admire the energy of F.C.C. in getting it going.

Yours sincerely,

John Turcan.

Hon. Sec. Strathkelvin Kayak Club.

Dear John,

Thankyou for the interest in Kayak and the suggestions you make. We had thought that most of these were already covered except the one about news from other Clubs. Though it is somewhat confusing when in your preceding sentence you criticise us for including an item of F.C.C. news!

The policy of the magazine has always been to serve the Forth Canoe Club as it is our prime duty as club officials to keep our members informed on all matters to do with canoeing in Scotland.

If, in so doing, other canoeists find interest in our magazine, we are delighted and have already made changes to accommodate them, such as, changing the name from Forth C.C. News sheet to 'Kayak' and confining the purely club news to the last two pages which are omitted from the general circulation copies. There was an overflow of club items in the last issue on to page 5, but we make no apology for that. We hope the outside interest in our magazine will continue to grow but I do not think we have yet reached the stage of considering any Take Over Bids.

Yours sincerely,

Jack Cuthill.



Kanuregatta Trier/Treves, W. Germany - September 6/7, 1975.

By courtesy of the Deutscher Kanu-Verband and the good offices of Herr Hans Egon Vesper, the Association was able to send a team to a Sprint Racing Regatta in Trier on the River Mosel, just over the West German border with Luxembourg.

It had been decided to limit the team to 12 participants including the Manager and to travel in three cars, which obviously caused certain difficulties relating to boats particularly, as the opportunity was taken to include Willie Reichenstein in the team, and of course he and his craft a C.1. are alone in Scotland so far.

The team was as follows:- W. Reichenstein, D. Batchelor, I. Spiers, C. Dunlop, D. Samuel, R. Montgomery, L. Wright, P. Smith, P. Turcan, C. Linn, Y. Allison and A. Manwell, and without too much trouble on this side of the channel all met up at Felixstowe for the night boat across the Channel. After some concern by the Townsend Thoreson officials over the height and length of our cars plus kayaks, slightly over the stated lengths on the booking forms, we were allowed to embark without any extra charges. Berths and cabins had been reserved and most of the party had a reasonable night's sleep but for some the joy of association with old friends took the conversation well into the night and consequently a rather haphazard landing at Zeebrugge the following morning.

The party then journeyed across Belgium collecting a picnic lunch en route, to eat by the wayside as we reached the wooded hills of the Ardennes and then on to Luxembourg Airport to await Willie who was joining us direct from a pre-Olympic regatta in Montreal. Eventually he arrived expressing concern over the kamikaze approach by the pilot and looking rather under the weather through his long journey and the effects of a cold and throat infection.

It was a fairly short journey from Luxembourg to Trier to find the Youth Hostel or Jugendherberge where we hoped accommodation would be an improvement on camping. This did not prove to be the case and any future participation at Trier would be by camping or hotel/gasthof, in spite of the extra equipment to be carried. The greatest contrast of the weekend was that between our reception by the Youth Hostel officials and the welcome we received from Hans Pilzecker and other members of the Trierer Kanufahrer, who literally could not do enough to make our stay enjoyable and interesting. As to be expected the regatta organization was superb - a real model for us in Scotland to follow, and given a few years practice we may even be able to match.

The regatta events on the Saturday involved Scottish competitors in the 10,000 metre distances or their age equivalents and produced the following encouraging results:-

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| K1 Youth 2000 m.              | 2nd R. Montgomery         |
|                               | 3rd P. Turcan             |
|                               | 5th P. Smith              |
| K11 Men Class II 10,000m.     | 4th I. Spiers - C. Dunlop |
| K1 Men Class II 10,000m.      | 6th D. Samuel             |
| C1 Men Class I 10,000m.       | 2nd W. Reichenstein       |
| K1 Men Vets. Class II 2,000m. | 4th A.W. Manwell          |
| K1 Men Class I 10,000m.       | 4th D. Batchelor          |

The team was very much elated by the performance in these events and considerably raised hopes for the Sunday events which began very early in the morning - the two Peters and Lindsay were not too pleased to be woken at 6.00 a.m. to make our escape from the Youth Hostel, to be out at the regatta course for the Leaders Meeting and the first events; and it fell to Peter Turcan to open the score for the Association by a win in his event even before 9 a.m. And so it continued throughout the day with every paddler thoroughly enjoying the pleasant conditions and able to find competition to draw out their best efforts. By the end of a most remarkable day the following results had been recorded for the S.C.A. All the races shown constitute individual races.

K1 Youth 500m. /



Kanuregatta Trier/Treves - continued.

|     |                 |        |     |   |
|-----|-----------------|--------|-----|---|
| K1  | Youth           | 500m   | 1st | P. Turcan   |
| K1  | Youth           | 500m.  | 2nd | L. Wright   |
| K1  | Youth           | 500m   | 2nd | P. Smith  |
| K1  | Men Class II    | 500m.  | 5th | C. Dunlop   |
|     |                 |        | 6th | D. Samuel   |
| K11 | Men Class II    | 500m   | 4th | I. Spiers - C. Dunlop                                   |
| K11 | Youth           | 500m   | 2nd | P. Smith - L. Wright                                    |
| K11 | Youth           | 500m   | 1st | R. Montgomery - P. Turcan                               |
| K1  | Youth (Girls)   | 500m.  | 5th | Y. Allison  |
| K1  | Men Class II    | 1000m. | 2nd | I. Spiers   |
|     |                 |        | 3rd | D. Samuel   |
| K1  | Men Class I     | 500m.  | 3rd | D. Batchelor  |
| K1  | Ladies Class I  | 500m.  | 5th | C. Linn   |
| C1  | Men Class I     | 1000m. | 1st | W. Reichenstein   |
| K1  | Men Class II    | 1000m  | 6th | C. Dunlop   |
| K11 | Men Class I     | 1000m. | 3rd | I. Spiers - D. Batchelor                                |
| K1  | Ladies Junior   | 500m.  | 6th | Y. Allison  |
| K1  | Men Class I     | 1000m. | 4th | D. Batchelor  |
| K11 | Ladies Class II | 500m.  | 4th | C. Linn - Y. Allison                                    |
| C1  | Men Class I     | 500m.  | 1st | W. Reichenstein   |
| K1  | Youth           | 500m.  | 1st | R. Montgomery   |
| K1  | Ladies Class II | 500m.  | 3rd | C. Linn   |
| K1  | Relay 4 x 500m. |        | 3rd | D. Samuel - W. Reichenstein<br>I. Spiers - D. Batchelor |

At the end of such splendid performances, it was a highly elated team that assembled by request of the organisers, to receive some special tokens and mementos, as a mark of their appreciation of our visit and to express the hope that we would return next year. This gesture was followed by an invitation to a party that evening in the Kanuklub Bootshaus - an evening that none will forget, but all look forward to repeating in 1976.

The return journey followed a most pleasant and relaxed morning looking around the fascinating town of Trier, taking us to Zeebrugge for the night boat once more and then a not too uneventful journey back to Scotland. For most a return to work on the Tuesday morning to conclude a very successful exercise, rather into the lions den as far as canoeing was concerned, but we definitely continued the story of all our tours so far, in bringing credit to our small Association, displaying an enthusiasm and dedication to the sport of canoeing.

Finally my thanks to the Sports Council for the ability to attempt this exercise, to the Association Council for the support and to all the paddlers for their efforts and co-operation in bringing off a real team performance.

A.W. Manwell,  
Team Manager.

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SOLUTION FOR CROSSWORD No. 3. (August)

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LAPPOCK ROCK L.D.

A.Morton

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There's been many an S.C.A. meeting when John Young has bemoaned the lack of sea Long Distance races and I have countered with the comment that sea L.Ds. are tame because at the first sign of two foot waves and a force 4 wind, the over cautious organisers call off the event for reasons of safety.

A smattering of lazy looking competitors appeared at the Boat House in Irvine on a cloudy Sunday morning, debating the efficacy of taking a K1, White Water or Touring kayak onto what appeared to be a fairly smooth sea.

Confucius he say: "The sea always looks calmer than it is."

Eventually, having decided on the appropriate craft each made his (or her) way to the start line where it became obvious that a prominent member of Irvine C.C. was wearing no life-jacket and had chosen to paddle a wooden K1. This prompted a few other case hardened competitors to unload their burdens.

Confucius he say: "Man paddles faster and drowns faster with no life-jacket."

On arrival at the mouth of the harbour Confucius' maxim number one came to mind. Soon the waves washed over craft and competitor alike and one by one the high speed racing shells came to grief. Even White Water boats were not immune!

Soon only myself and Robert Montgomery were left in a shaky lead, heading for the rock which never seemed to get closer.

Confucius he say: "Nautical miles are longer than land miles."

Thoughts such as "What the hell am I doing here?" or "I think I'll jack it in and head for the safety boat" or "I'm sinking" sprung to mind frequently, but eventually the rock was rounded not without much difficulty.

On return the following sea proved just as tricky and steering was spasmodic as the rudder was clear of the water half the time.

"Ah, here comes the safety boat loaded with kayaks, what a welcome sight - - - here, that was a bit close?!!"

Confucius he say: "Kayaks are difficult to see at sea, especially blue ones."

Eventually, the harbour mouth was reached and fortunately the tide was still on the flow. There were not many breaking waves but just enough to knock Robert into the water. What a shame, after such a good paddle in his wooden Hunter. The rescue boat was lumbering along well to the rear trying to sink other not so nimble competitors. So Graham Smith came to the rescue and all was well. Peter Turcan caught Graham and passed him at this stage but Providence saw to it that Graham was duly rewarded by trapping Peter in a fishing line!

So the event ended with not so many passing the finishing line as started. The race was thoroughly enjoyable, testing and exciting, and long may we have "hairy" sea races as well as "hairy" river races.

Confucius he say: "John Young is always right."



THE THREE LOCHS MARATHONJ. Turcan

Teams from five clubs entered the three lochs marathon held on the 6th and 7th of September, organised this year for the first time by the Strathkelvin Kayak Club.

This two day marathon over 50 miles of loch, river, sea and road is for teams of three, and requires more preparation than is usual for canoeing events. Teams have to carry all that they need by way of tents, sleeping bags, food, stoves, spare clothes and trolleys for the portages. Some teams were obviously well practised at the art of storing gear, whilst at least one managed to put their food for the day right up in the bow.

This years start was from Duck Bay and teams were able to choose their own departure time between 08.00 and 12.00 hrs. This choice enabled competitors to select the time which they calculated as most favourable for negotiating the long tidal stretch from Dumbarton to Garelochhead. Actual starting times varied from 09.06 to 12.08; the latter time being officially recorded as 12.00 - this penalty of 8 mins. was incurred by a super confident S.K.C. team, all of whom were members of the committee which drew up the rules of the event!

Observation points were set up at Dumbarton, Ardmore Point, Helensburgh and Garelochhead, and it soon became clear that the main contestants for first place were the R.S.W.A.B.C. team from Greenock and the team from Irvine C.C. At Garelochhead only two minutes separated these two teams, and on reaching the campsite at Ardgarten the time difference was only 6 minutes - very close after a distance of 35 miles. The other three teams did not reach the campsite until well into the evening, by which time the fine, calm day had changed into a wet, windy evening. At this point the organisers took pity on the competitors and provided the appropriate beverage!

The Short Course did not appeal to any Senior Teams and unfortunately only one Junior team took part. There should have been a second Junior Team but they withdrew at the last minute. One frustrated member of this team paddled the section from Helensburgh to Garelochhead and achieved the dubious distinction of losing his trolley overboard for the second year running.

On Sunday morning it was clear that Irvine were determined to eliminate the 6 minutes deficit, and they started in great style. Greenock left about half an hour later, and the judges and spectators were most impressed by the sight of these two teams running the portage section from Arrochar to Tarbert. The other teams took the portage section at a more leisurely pace, but some had troubles with trolleys collapsing. The Dundee team was unusual in having only one trolley, so that two of the canoes were used for arm-stretching!

The N.E. wind blowing on Loch Lomond gave the competitors difficulties over that last open stretch of water to Duck Bay. One of the Irvine Team had the misfortune to break a rudder off Tarbert, so losing a hoped for advantage in their duel with Greenock. At Duck Bay both teams sprinted for the finish, and jumped or fell out of their canoes in order to run to the finishing point, a flag on the shore. The Greenock team were overall winners by a margin of just 14 minutes.

The Junior team did well on the second days paddle achieving the third fastest time out of the six teams. The remaining senior teams finished in good order, and some even said they would like to do it again next year! The Dundee team now agree that Slalom canoes



are perhaps not ideal for long distance paddling.

The Challenge Shield which Irvine C.C. have come to regard as their own will be presented to the R.S.W.A.B.C. in due course. On Sunday each member of the winning team was given an engraved alarm clock presented by General Time (Westclox) of Renton. Other prizes went to Irvine and to the Junior team from Strathkelvin. All participants received a well deserved certificate of Merit for completing the course.

## RESULTS

### THREE LOCHS MARATHON

#### Seniors

|  | Sat.  | Sun. | Total |
|--|-------|------|-------|
| 1. C.Campbell/J.Cameron/R.Todd<br>Royal Scot. West. Amt. Boat Club | 6.58  | 3.42 | 10.40 |
| 2. B.Beeley/C.Tannoch/M.Gordon<br>Irvine C.C.                      | 7.04  | 3.50 | 10.54 |
| 3. I.Stark/A.Scott/G.Cleland<br>Strathkelvin C.C.                  | 8.41  | 5.07 | 13.48 |
| 4. S.Trusslar/J.Glen/J.Sim<br>Blantyre C.C.                        | 10.09 | 5.04 | 15.13 |
| 5. S.Ness/I.Duncan/G.Taylor<br>Dundee W.W.C.                       | 10.08 | 5.10 | 15.18 |

#### Junior. (Short Course)

|   |      |      |      |
|---|------|------|------|
| 1. J.Russel/K.Muir/P.McNaull<br>Strathkelvin K.C. | 4.27 | 4.46 | 9.13 |
|---|------|------|------|

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### RESULTS OF IRVINE LONG DISTANCE RACE - LAPPOCK ROCK 24/8/75

| SENIOR EVENT             | K1 class   |       | JUNIOR EVENT      | K1 class          |
|--------------------------|------------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1 A.Morton               | Forth      | 47.14 | J.Angus           | Irvine - retired  |
| R.Montgomery, F.Nelson - | caps.      |       | Y.Allison         | Irvine - caps.    |
|                          | W.W. class |       |                   | W.W.class         |
| 1 G.Smith                | E.W.W.C.   | 54.52 | 1 P.Turcan        | Strathk. 55.05    |
| 2 B.McKinley             | Irvine     | 60.26 | 2 R.McCairns      | Irvine 55.50      |
| 3 S.Balfour              | Forth      | 60.50 | 3 =P.Smith        | Forth 69.34       |
| 4 B.Beeley               | Irvine     | 60.52 | 4 =K.Bootland     | Forth 69.34       |
| 5 J.Fryer                | G.U.C.C.   | 71.24 | 5 I.McFarlane     | Irvine 73.35      |
| D.Samuel                 | T.C.B.C.   | caps  | R.Bettaney        | Irvine retired    |
|                          | T1 class   |       |                   | Ladies W.W. class |
| 1 D.Manzie               | Strathk.   | 67.15 | 1 Maureen McClure |                   |
| 2 A.Smith                | Irvine     | 69.42 |                   | T.C.B.C. 62.50    |
| 3 J.Turcan               | Strathk.   | 74.15 |                   |                   |



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Bill McKinlay

Early in the year. First meeting of L.D. Committee at Paisley. I had heard that I was on the L.D. Committee, so I went along, just to see what happened at these specialist meetings. I found out that it is incredibly easy to emerge as Team Manager - all that is really required is to be unable to say "no".

In a flash of zeal, I decided to book ship space early, so I duly contacted "Townsend-Thoresen" and booked Mini-Tours for three cars and canoes.

Time passed, information received indicated that finance was difficult and that we would only be able to afford 2 cars. Also it began to look as if 2 cars would be all we could fill. So, back to T-Thosn and changed the booking to 2 cars.

Come the Tay L.D. and, would you believe? a generous proportion of those who qualified for the "Liffey", for various reasons, did not want to know.

Now, by this time, it began to look as if we could just afford 3 cars, so, back to T.T. once again with change of booking. This time, a friend of Graham Smith's had very kindly informed me in Graham's absence, that one of the Mini-Buses would be going so- This meant I could finally settle for 1 Mini-Bus and 1 car. GREAT! Now, if I could just get replies from those invited to make up the team.

When Graham eventually returned from his gentle tour of placid continental streams, he found an S.O.S. from me, to which he responded with alacrity, contacting those who had been out of my reach, and things shortly began to happen. BUT - G.S. felt that his mail-opener had got things slightly wrong, since he was not taking his Mini-Bus.

By this time I was on first name terms with Miss Ross of T.T., even so, I just could not ask her to change this booking again. So I cancelled that one and shifted allegiance to B.R. Sealink.

1. 3 Mini-Tours.

Meanwhile, a desperate search had ensured that we now had sufficient suitable craft to enable everyone entered for the race to have a seat in a canoe. MARVELLOUS. THEN - 24 hours before sailing, I learned that one of our cars had lost it's gearbox. I took the last of the pills and quickly decided to let D. Cuthill sort that one out.

STRANRAER: David had sorted it out rather well, and with a sigh of relief I saw 3 cars tucked up in the hold of "ANTRIM PRINCESS" which /



which is, incidentally, a misnomer if ever there was one. After a nice supper at the new self-catering department we retired in expectation of a good night's sleep.

LARNE: After a very disturbed sleep and a grotty, expensive apology of a breakfast, we left the "Queen of the Seas" and had a fast, unbroken journey to the Liffey. After a good survey of the course, marking all weirs as required on the excellent maps supplied by G.S. Enterprises we eventually found a B.& B. establishment which I would recommend without hesitation.

RACE DAY: I stayed at the start long enough to take some photos and see our crews safely over the first obstacle, then by a combination of luck and blind luck, somehow managed to be at the right place at the right time. This was appreciated, particularly by our English entry, since it meant he was able to have a cup of tea and change of clothes almost as soon as he surfaced at WRENS NEST. For the rest, refreshments, encouragement and succour were dispensed as necessary and many more photographs were taken. So to the FINISH - where an excellent team effort was rewarded

|    |                |                        |                      |
|----|----------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| by | 1st W.W.       | GRAHAM SMITH           | (CUP and GOLD MEDAL) |
|    | 2nd " "        | PETER TURCAN           | ( SILVER MEDAL)      |
|    | 4th " "        | LINDSAY (TINY) WRIGHT. |                      |
|    | 4th LADIES K1. | MORAG EATON            | (Well done Morag).   |

Our Senior K2 pair, K.Fraser/C.Oliver, did very well to complete the course in their newly designed folding glass double and I feel that with more concrete in the mid-section this may yet be a competitive canoe. Someone shifted the weir at "LUCAN" just as our Junior K2, FARREL/WOLFE, attempted to shoot it (bad luck boys) but they managed to finish and can feel proud of the cloth badges they received.

In the Senior K1 class Irvine Ross had to retire at WRENS NEST weir with a broken boat. David Cuthill finished O.K. but with a slow time after being stuck at LUCAN WEIR and having to paddle along the full length of the stopper with the spray deck half off.

Congratulations Team. I am very pleased with this result and wish I could take you across again in two week's time so that you could enjoy seeing yourselves in the T.V. interview we gave to R.T.E. I hope you will agree that the "LIFFEY" is just a shade over-rated and is within the capability of many of our L.D. contestants. It certainly seems so from the river bank.

W. McKinlay  
Team Manager.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

WHITE WATER SELECTION EVENT FOR THE 1976 SCOTTISH INTERNATIONAL WHITE WATER TEAM to be held on the AWE on APRIL 25th 1976 (Sunday). The event will be held in conjunction with the Scottish Universities W.W. Race.

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SECOND WEEK OF SUMMER WEST COAST TOUR (continued from August Issue)

Lillian Williamson.

Saturday 26th July. RHU, Arisaig.

The weather today was rotten and everyone was down in the dumps and not sure what to do. It was decided that we should (all the energetic ones at least) walk into Arisaig which was about four miles away. At the last moment most backed out and canoed there (the easy way) and only two walked. Everyone came back soaked through but happy.

SUNDAY, 27th July.

Today we didn't do any canoeing but some repaired boats and some (Peter Brown, Keith Bootland and Robert Blanch) went fishing. (I don't think they caught very much).

Monday 28th July

It was decided that we had to leave today before everyone went daft with inactivity. We had to wait until 2 p.m. until the final decision was made as this was the time of the weather forecast. It was a disappointing forecast - Force 4 winds and increasing to gales. The waves were getting higher too, so paddling to Mallaig was out. However we did leave, we went the two miles to Arisaig - surfing some of the way, other times using paddles as sails.

We arrived at Arisaig and that was the end of our coast tour as we moved inland to Loch Morar where we spent the rest of our holiday.

Tuesday 29th July. Loch Morar

Our first morning at Loch Morar was bad but cleared up later. We spent most of the day swimming and making small trips into Mallaig. Then later when we returned we packed the canoes with our evening meal and set off to explore one of the islands. When we'd had our meal etc. we paddled back in the dark and moonlight (very romantic). All anyone could hear was John Young singing and the rippling of water.

Wednesday and Thursday 30th/31st July

Basically the same procedure as Tuesday with slight variations. The weather was beautifully warm.

Friday 1st August

We went into Mallaig and after we returned we packed the canoes to go on our last canoeing trip. This time we went up the loch instead of down to the islands. The midges were out in force and everyone was wrapped up with only their eyes peeping out. We stopped at a small beach and had our evening meal and lit a bonfire. (The smoke helped us keep the midges away - we only choked instead.)

We went back for an earlyish night or at least we thought so. Everyone threw themselves into the cold loch in the dark, making enough noise to waken the dead.

Saturday 2nd August.

Up early to come home. In all the journey took us 12 hours because

1. We had a flat tyre.
2. It was such a lovely day (the best of the 14 days) that we stopped at a lot of places to admire the beauty of Scotland and
3. We stopped in Fort William for over an hour.

Still, we were glad to get home, but at least we'd enjoyed ourselves.



AUTUMN GENERAL MEETING  
of the FORTH CANOE CLUB  
will be held on  
WEDNESDAY, 12th NOVEMBER 1975  
in the  
COMPASS ADVENTURE CENTRE  
11, West Granton Road  
at 7.30 p.m.

There are only two occasions in the year when a full meeting of the Club is called and all members are expected to attend to express opinions, hear reports and learn about the business side of the Club. We look forward to seeing you present on this occasion.

A G E N D A

1. Apologies received for absence.
2. Minutes of the Spring General Meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. General Report for the year
5. Financial Report for the year
6. Election of Office Bearers
7. Kayak Magazine
8. Bat Polo Team
9. Slalom Equipment
10. Baths night
11. Membership
12. Club Slop Shirts
13. Club Social Events
14. Other Competent Business

PLEASE BRING THIS AGENDA WITH YOU TO THE MEETING



FOR THE SPECIAL ATTENTION OF F.C.C. MEMBERS

We have now reached the end of another financial year and I make a special plea that you will all pay up your subscriptions promptly. The Purser needs the ready cash in view of the new postal charges and the increasing cost of producing your free copy of "KAYAK".

In the last issue I made an appeal for anyone with a Life Saving Certificate to volunteer to look after our Thursday night bath's session. So far no one has come forward and I just can't believe that this means that we have nobody suitable in the club to take over this simple duty. Think it over again folks and 'phone Jack Cuthill at 447 3954.

Every year there is a natural wastage in the membership of the Club due to old age, change of address, etc. and this has to be made good by a steady influx of new members. This requires a continuous effort by all members to recruit new members.

I should like to see a large increase in membership in 1976. There is no doubt that you get something for your money by being a member of the Forth Canoe Club.

Every year the Commodore's Cup is awarded to the member who by some meritorious canoeing performance brings credit and renown to the Forth Canoe Club as well as distinction to themselves. When there is debate over to whom the award will be given, the younger is given the benefit of the doubt. It is with great pleasure, therefore, I announce that the Commodore's Cup Award for 1975 will be to Miss Morag Eaton.

This is only the third time in 40 years that the Commodore's Cup has gone to a lady member and the presentation will be made at the club meeting on Wednesday 7th January 1976 when Morag will be at home on holiday from St. Andrews University.

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*Jack Cuthill*



# Commodore's Comment

## RIVER CLYDE ACCESS/EGRESS, CROSSFORD INN

N.B. There is now a new owner at the Crossford Inn and he would appreciate canoeists first asking permission for the use of his garden path when they are launching or landing.

We had an interesting visitor recently who recalled for me vivid memories of the Forth C.C. Canoe Sailing days and the annual Challenge Cup races against the Clyde Canoe Club. Our visitor was Ernst Otte, Manager of the German Canoe Sailing Team and he expressed his regret that canoe sailing had dropped out of Scottish Canoeing activities. If any club or individual should feel drawn to this exciting and skilled side of canoeing please get in touch with me. Ernst has promised help in the way of literature and canoe designs and would even be prepared to return and run a coaching session.

Our winter programme of monthly meetings got off to a good start on Wednesday 1st October when John Young told us the story of this year's West Coast Tour illustrated by some magnificent slides. These meetings are held at the Compass Adventure Centre on the first Wednesday of each month and all interested in canoeing are welcome.

November: Scottish International Team on the Continent. Graham Smith.

December: Colorado River - a repeat by popular request.

January : Liffey Descent - with comment from 4 of our club members who took part this year.

February: Slalom Judges Course.

March : The Union Canal and canoeists. Scottish Inland Waterways Assoc.

April : Still to be arranged.

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