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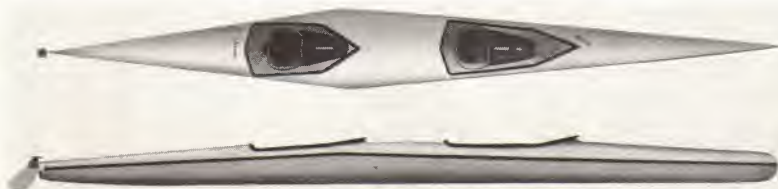
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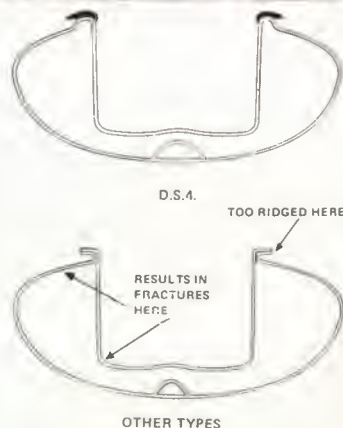
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K2 men, 10,000m race on the Duisberg Regattabahn. Photo by courtesy of 'Presse-und Werbeamt der Stadt'.

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editorial

GREAT PROSPECTS

The first few weeks of the new year, already the new canoeing season is creeping up on us. In Britain the 1969 competitive season looks like being the best ever for all sides of the sport.

In sprint racing, courses are already being run to train up and instruct young paddlers and I hear we have some talent but only in youth boys group, as in all sides of competition there is vast potential for girls and women. On the slalom side our national team is getting back into training after a short winter break and their target is the World Slalom Championships in France later this year, while at home we have our first ever International Slalom at Llangollen in October. The L-D side once again has a big calendar and I hear already that an even greater number of International Teams will be coming to Britain for the Championships to be held on the Tay in Scotland. Teams planning to compete include the Americans, South Africans and possible the Germans, apart from teams that have competed in Britain before - with a little luck we should see some ten federations in the L-D. The Canoe Sailing World Championships are to be held at Grafham Water in August and here again we should see a good number of federations.

TWO INTERNATIONALS and ONE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP - we are certainly on show in Britain this coming season and it is up to every paddler, to support teams and organisers as to what impressions our continental sportfriends will take away with them of British canoe sport. Make sure it is not a detrimental one - make sure these paddlers will WANT to come back again to our events!



INTERNATIONAL

CANOEING

CANOE-SPORT
IN GERMANY
by klaus klein



K4 women, 500m race at the European Championships held on the Duisberg Regattabahn. Photo by courtesy of 'Presse-und Werbeamt der Stadt.'

DUISBURG - CANOE CENTRE FOR SPRINT RACING. This is the first of a series of short articles on Duisburg, a centre for German canoe sport. During the coming months, these articles, written by Klaus Klein of 'Wassersportverein Niederrhein E. V.', Duisburg, will cover sprint racing, canoe sailing, white water and touring.

DUISBURG, famous for being one of the biggest industrial towns in Europe, has yet another face. This town is a sport minded town with a special attachment to water-sport. Within this 'CANOEING' takes the greater part.

There are more than 30 canoeing clubs in Duisburg and various places to exercise. Four clubs do racing-sport, while the rest are engaged in Touring and White Water Canoeing. Two clubs, the 'Wassersportverein Niederrhein' and 'Bertasee' use the famous 'Regattabahn' as a training course, while the two other clubs engaged in sprint canoeing, the 'Meidericher Kanu-Club' and 'Akerfähre' use the 'Rhein-Herne-Kanal' and the river 'Ruhr' for their training. While 'Bertasee' (with 74 German championships the most successful club in Germany) have nearly only juniors and seniors, and don't do a lot in youth canoeing, the three other clubs concentrate on youth canoeing. They devote much time in coaching boys



and girls from the age of 10 years onwards.

The most successful club in this direction is the 'MEIDERICHER KANU CLUB' and with nearly 100 boys and girls they have a large reservoir to choose from. Their former junior K4 (which has raced together for almost 6 years) has been integrated in the national team. In the recent years they always had at least one boat in the first three in the final of the German Youth Championships, and put their biggest effort in the K4, which always brought them their biggest success. Until now their biggest discovery has been Ernst Blazek, who became junior world champion in 1962 at the age of 19, and promised to be one of the greatest talents ever. While Herr Willi Kühn and his son had their biggest success with coaching boys, Herr Helmuth Sgaslik, the chairman of 'Wassersportverein Niederrhein' had his success with girls canoeing. Some German Youth Championships and a talent like Elke Felten (she became 4th in Tokio) and Volker Buick, who won several championships, were the gains of many years of hard work, which one has to put up in spite of the ideal regatta course.

Several regattas during the year make Duisburg an interesting town for canoeists. The German Canoeing Centre and the Canoeing Centre of Noddrhein - Westfalen, have been permanently stationed in Duisburg. Weekly training courses for boys and girls are available. (They are coached by famous canoeists, who have studied at Cologne Sporthochschule, and are paid by the government).

The Regattabahn is entirely for rowing and canoeing. A big fence around the lake, keep swimmers and people off the water. A nearby Youth hostel and two other houses belonging to the council are for visitors, available and in easy reach of the 'Regattabahn'. Visitors from abroad can be sure of a hearty welcome, and are given every assistance.

Any sprint paddler wishing to make a trip to Duisburg for a spell of training under first class conditions and with top coaches should contact Klaus Klein c/o 'Canoeing Magazine'.



Photos taken at the regatta in Duisburg-Meiderich (on the Rhein-Herne-Kanal). They show a little of what Willi Kühn has achieved in 'Youth Canoeing', and picture successful boys and girls from the 1st Meidericher Kanu Klub in Duisburg. Photos by H. Schulze, Duisburg.



MIKE CLARK on competitive CANOEING

RACING THE DEE

Some 50 paddlers competed the second River Dee White Water Race, held on Sunday 12th January. Water conditions were not much above average while weather conditions were pretty rough with wind and driving rain for most of the event. For the few of who camped up at the Abbey, mud made things a little uncomfortable for the cars and the only consolation was that the ground was softer to sleep on!

The Dee course is raced from the Chain Bridge Hotel to just below the broken weir below Llangollen Town Bridge - a distance of around two miles. Competitors start at one minute intervals with the K1 event on the Sunday morning and the Team event in the afternoon.

Out in front of the K1 was Norman Jackson pacing for Manchester Canoe Club with a time of 13min 37sec. Tony Young of Leeds taking second place with 13min 56sec and Chris Skellern of Worcester Canoe Club racing into third place with 14min 2sec. Pauline Squires of Leamington Spa was the only woman competing in the K1 but although making the 'Tail' well, capsized on the Town Rapids and failed to finish.

In the C1 event G. Goldsmith of Brighton gained the win with a time of 18 min 26sec with J. Sibley of Windsor Canoe Club taking second with 19min 17sec. while only J. Court/J. Goodwin raced the C2 and made a good time of 16min 6 sec.

As mentioned the water conditions did not seem over hectic yet there were a good few capsizes and at least one kayak was completely broken in two.....





BUOYANCY AIDS

THE HOLTWEAR 'SLIMLINE'

During the latter half of last season 'Canoeing Magazine' run a number of readers letters concerning arguments of the wearing of lifejackets and buoyancy aids. I had proposed to give a run down on jackets particularly suited to the canoeist, both buoyancy aid and lifejacket. However at present the B.S.I. are reviewing their standards for LIFEJACKETS with regard to inherent buoyancy and type used. The following feature is therefore on BUOYANCY AIDS only, that are suited to the canoeist or are in use with many competitive canoeists.

HARISHOK BUOYANCY VEST

The HARISHOK Buoyancy Vest is made of a very pliable closed cell Polyvinylchloride foam, specially developed for American lifejackets and shortly to be made under licence in Britain. The covering of the vest is of high quality, heavy duty industrial nylon, and the foam is inserted in stitched compartments between the outer and inner covers. All materials shed water so that this vest quickly dries after use. The jacket is warm and comfortable to wear, while nearly one inch thickness of foam provides

not only the buoyancy but shock resistance against any collision the canoeist may have during white water paddling or capsize. There are no sharp edges to wear the jacket and of course it is impossible to deflate. The buoyancy rating complies with the ICF rule of 6 kilos personal buoyancy, keeping the canoeist well up in the water yet allowing him to swim to safety.

There are no tight straps to restrict the wearer in competitions, while this vest is easy to put on and smart to wear. Price of a ready made Harishok is £4. 17. 6d, but is also available in an easy to build kit at £3. 5. 0d with the foam buoyancy sewn in. Available from H. Calverley 22, Schools Road, Abbey Hey, Manchester, 22.



LIFFEY LIFHEY BUOYANCY AID

The idea of a buoyancy jacket for canoeists with foam inside it was not new but when the Liffey Lifey came out in June no-one had managed to find a suitable nonabsorbant foam at a reasonable price. Thus the Liffey Lifey was the first of its kind and was a sales success. This jacket has caught on in a big way with water skiers as well as canoeists while an increasing number are being sold to Education Authorities and the Forces.

The jacket contains 6½ kilos of non absorbant foam buoyancy between heavy duty nylon. It has a draw cord at the waist and elastic at the bottom. Available in two sizes, medium or large in Pink, Red or Light Blue. Price at present is £4. 15. 0. but will be increased to £5. 5. 0. from the 1st March.

The foam now used is softer than the original 1968 models and the design has seen detailed improvements to the shoulders. Available from: Northern Wild Water Centre, 4, Victoria Road, Wetherby, Yorks.



VIKING PERSONAL BUOYANCY AID

VIKING BUOYANCY AIDS are manufactured to the specifications of the Personal Buoyancy Aids Standards as adopted by the Ship and Boat Builders National Federation. The Viking jacket, is of top quality PVC/Mesh laminate with all edges stitched and webbing bound, is made up of a series of separate buoyancy compartments. Each compartment encloses a foam pad which in turn, is itself enclosed in an electronically welded polythene bag, the result is a double skin which ensures a completely water-tight jacket.

The Viking jacket has a lace-up front through non-corrosive brass eyelets and it also incorporates waist fastening with flexible tie tapes which eliminates the tendency for the jacket to ride-up over the head. Models are available in a range of eight sizes suitable for men, women and children. The prices range from 45/- for a child's jacket to 58/6 for extra large (over 15 stone).

The jacket is supple in wear, light in weight, and allows full freedom of movement. The outside of the jacket is high visibility fluorescent RED, as used by the R. A. F. Rescue Units, Police and

Mountain Rescue Teams and of course the colour is impervious to sea water and will not lose its florescent luminosity through constant use. (minimum buoyancy for Medium Jacket 16lbs, minimum for large 19lbs). Details from: Channel Marine Factors, Westcliff Arcade, Ramsgate, Kent.



FLOTHERCHOC INTERNATIONAL LIFE-VEST

The FLOTHERCHOC life-vest must surely be the most popular buoyancy aid worn by rough water canoeists on the continent and to be seen in use in increasing number by British paddlers who have competed slaloms abroad.

The Flotherchoc is made of very strong nylon fabric for rapid drying and the buoyancy formed by a multitude of air cells which make it very light. The air cells, jointed and supple, are inserted into stitched compartments between the nylon and neither inflate or deflate. These air cells form a thermic vest and protects against shocks of a capsize in rock strewn rough water. All the materials are unaffected by sea water and the jacket incorporates a zip fastening with buttons of nylon.

A number of models are available but of interest to the canoeist is the 'KAYAK ICF' model with guaranteed 7.5 kilos of buoyancy for adults and 5.5 kilos for children. The 'KAYAK COMPETITION' model, a short bolero styled jacket for kayak racing with minimum 6.5 kilos of buoyancy: the 'KAYAK COMPETITION'

with sleeves, another short racing jacket but with sleeves added that should prove popular with our winter canoeists, again with 6.5 kilos buoyancy. All jackets are available in orange only.

Other jackets from Flotherchoc include models for water skiing, sailing and a full lifejacket. Made in France, the Flotherchoc is available from agents; Welsh Harp Boat Centre, 274, The Broadway, West Hendon, N.W.9.



SAFAFLOAT

This is another buoyancy jacket using the air-cell principle and is made again of orange nylon with zip fastening at the front but also includes a collar. The Safafloat has a waist tie-up and the air cells seem a little larger than either the Flotherchoc or Peter Storm. Price is £6.17.6. and details are available from Northern Sailmakers, Pier House, Wallgate, Wigan, Lancs.

PETER STORM SKIPPER

Similar to the Flotherchoc 'Kayak' buoyancy aid is a new jacket from Peter Storm, the SKIPPER. Peter Storm will now manufacture a special kayak jacket with independant PVC air cells and also made of orange nylon: both of British manufacture. These jackets are shorter than the standard buoyancy aids with PVC cells and also have larger arm-holes. The Skipper in all sizes - small, medium, large - has buoyancy higher than the ICF

required minimum of 6½ kilos. These jackets should shortly be available from most chandlers in the country. Prices range from £7.3.6. for the small to £9.9.0. for the large size. Details from Peter Storm Waterproofs, Nottingham, England.



The HOLTWEAR 'SLIMLINE' Buoyancy Waistcoat is in tough yellow PVC and fitted with internal kapok expanded air pockets, which are secured individually to the inner container. Thus if the outer part of the waistcoat is damaged the inner pouches still retain their individual buoyancy.

Continual development has resulted in the new 'Slimline' which is slimmer and even more comfortable and unobtrusive than before, whilst retaining the unrivalled performance of the original design.

The 'Slimline' is an ideal buoyancy aid, affording protection from shocks on rough rivers while providing well over the minimum ICF recommended buoyancy for canoeists in the medium, large and extra large jacket sizes. Prices from £3.8.6d for small to £3.16.5d for the extra large. Available from Jack Holt Ltd., The Embankment, Putney, London S.W. 15.

These are by no means all the BUOYANCY AIDS and JACKETS that are suited to the canoeist. Details from manufacturers that did not arrive from our request are Helly-Hansen 'NAVIGARE' and 'ELVSTROM' buoyancy aids; Kelvins Accessories Ltd. buoyancy aids; and Marksway.

Also available at a number of canoe manufacturers is the two cushion type of buoyancy aid, the cheapest form of aid with prices around 35/0d



SEE US AT THE CONFERENCE

'CANOEING MAGAZINE' will once again have a stand at the National Canoe Conference to be held at the Crystal Palace on 8th February. Your editor looks forward to meeting many new friends and having a chat with old ones - make a date, see you there.

Apart from 'CANOEING MAGAZINE' there will be trade stands from almost every major canoe manufacturer as well as stands from clubs and organisations. The Conference itself covers a wide range

to school groups accompanied by a responsible adult. Details: Mr. G. Lee, 22, Richmond Close, Hayling Island, Hants.

Please note that this course is organised by the Hampshire Association of Canoeists and if the response from Hampshire schools is such, participation may be restricted to just that county.

SWIMMING TANKS

In May, the Roman Hill Secondary Boys School at Lowestoft will be holding a Festival of Sport. To be included in

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of canoe sport including 'Fibre Glass Construction!', 'Cold Mould Construction!', 'Greenland Adventure' with Chris Hare, 'Chine Construction!', 'Sea Rescue Techniques', plus the German film on white water, 'Half Man half Boat' and the Rank film, 'White Water Canoeing'.

The Conference opens at 10am and tickets are 5/- each or 2/6 at party rate for groups of 8 or more. Party bookings must be made in advance, details from CCPR (L & SE), 160, Great Portland Street, London W. 1.

HAMPSHIRE CANOEISTS SLALOM TRAINING WEEKEND

Shepperton Weir on the Thames has been booked for the weekend 25th/27th April by Mr. Geoff Lee, who is organising a slalom training weekend for school groups. The programme is for practice on Friday evening and Saturday morning, with a demonstration and event for Instructors Saturday morning and a competition for students on the Sunday.

This should prove of great value for a number of schools who are taking up slalom sport, but lack the experience to compete on equal terms at white water events.

Own camping and canoeing equipment necessary. Cost 3/- per head, which includes camp and competition fee. Open

this is a canoe rolling display and the school is after suitable portable tanks for use. Any club or other school that has such portable swimming tanks and are able to loan one to Roman Hill, please contact B. Wayman, Esq., Roman Hill Secondary Boys' School, Lowestoft.



A British Waterways Board dregger at work just below Croes-y-Pant Bridge near Mamhilad on a section of the Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal that is under going restoration from Jocky Bridge near Pontypool to Brecon for pleasure boating and general amenity.

Photo: British Waterways Board.

WHAT TO DO ABOUT HOLIDAYS

CCPR offers exciting new courses in 1969

If you are wondering what to do about holidays it is well worth looking at the excellent programme of sports and outdoor activities arranged by the Central Council of Physical Recreation this year. Over 4,500 places are available and the courses cover 47 different activities, including several exciting new ones. For example, at the National Sailing Centre at Cowes, Isle of Wight, initial training in coastal cruising with overnight camping

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ashore and afloat is given. For those who want to brush up their lawn tennis there is a pre-season training weekend for experienced club players. Another week's course is competitive canoeing at Bisham Abbey on the upper reaches of the Thames. If you have never been to the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre there is the chance to attend a three-day course in squash. On Lake Windermere instruction in advanced water skiing based at Storrs Hall Hotel has been arranged, while at Plas y Brenin National Mountaineering Centre courses in mountain geography are a new feature.

Courses last a week in most cases and are divided between those for coaches and players of all standards. The majority are for people of 17 and over but several are for the 15 to 18 age-group: these include badminton, canoeing, fencing, golf, lawn tennis, squash mountain activities and sailing.

The cost of a week's training is very reasonable and generally ranges from £14.10. to £16 (one or two like riding and golf are more). The price includes board, accommodation and use of equipment. Added to this you receive first-class coaching in beautiful surroundings and a happy atmosphere among those who want to get on with their sport.

An illustrated brochure can be obtained free (6" x 9" SAE) from CCPR Dept. B, 26, Park Crescent, London, WIN 4AJ.

GLOUCESTER CANOE CLUB

Recently formed is the Gloucester and District Canoe Club with clubhouse on the banks of the Severn. The club is open every Wednesday evening from 7.30 and can be found, signposted with a red arrow off the Sandhurst Lane, a turning off Estcourt Road. Membership is open to all over 11 years of age and details

of the club and activities can be obtained from Geoffrey R. Albey, Wycliffe College Junior School, Ryeford Hall, Stonehouse Glos.



CHAMPIONS '68

Apologies to J. Goodwin/J. Court of North Staffs whose photo should have appeared in our 'CHAMPIONS '68' feature last month under 'White Water Racing. Apologies also to C2 pair Kennedy/Adams whose picture appeared by mistake - editor is pretty good, but not infallible!



PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Racing the Dee River in North Wales, a C1 paddler battling through rough water below the broken weir.

Photo: Mike Clark, Mamiyaflex, 180mm lens, 1/125 at 4.5

DIY

BUILDING THE KAYEL-OTTER SLALOM KAYAK

part 1

These days, the majority of competition kayaks are made of glassfibre or for sprint racing are manufactured of hot moulded veneers. However competitive canoeing is but one side of our sport and for those who are unable to afford the expensive competition craft or want a cheaper form of kayak for touring or more general purpose type craft, there are a number of easy to build kits on the market.

This month we start in 'Canoeing Magazine' the first of a series of building features and begin with 'part one' of a 'two part' article on building the Otter-sports Slalom Kayak.

The kayak is of ply with glassfibre joints and certainly extremely easy to build. Its construction principle is a number of preformed panels, stitched together with nylon fishing line, temporary frames pinned into place and a glass fibre tape brushed over the joints to make a light, frameless kayak of monocoque design. The kit is complete to the last detail and includes all panels cut to shape as are the deckbeams, cockpit frames, temporary frames, with cockpit coamings and lip preformed. The hip-boards, knee bars and footrest are ready to fit into place and supplied is a glassfibre moulded seat. Glue and varnish, screws and nails glassfibre kit, plus illustrated stage-by-stage building instructions - nothing could be simpler than building this kayak.

Our kit arrived, I took it down to the 16th Twickenham Scouts and with the help of one of one of their members we set too on the kayak.

Having checked all parts of the kit were present and spent a little time reading through the instructions we started making up the bottom panels. Being ready shaped, this is only a matter pairing the

SPECIFICATIONS

KAYEL-OTTER SLALOM MK. V.

Length: 14' 0". Beam: 24". Cockpit: 32" x 15". Weight: 34lbs.

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1. Checking kit parts.



2. Making the butt joints on bottom panels.



3. Trimming butt joints.



4. Drilling holes for lacing.



5. Making scarf joints on the inwales.



6. Fixing the inwales in place.

panels (all parts are stenciled with a letter for identification) and making a butt joint with a buttplate on what will be the inside of the kayak, for all panels are only half the length of the finished craft. Thus with two chines and the deck there are 16 panels, the 12 hull panels having to be butt jointed. To ensure our kayak will have true lines the use of a stretched nylon datum line is used. Having glued and pinned the butt joints of the bottom panels, nipped and filed flush the pins, both panels are put face to face and using a simple drilling guide $1/16$ holes are made all round the edges. Next the keel edge of each panel is bevelled to get the

keel angle. Beveling is required on all the chines and deck but accuracy is not of great importance as the glassfibre will fill any gaps.

The chine panels and side panels of the hull are treated in a similar fashion but the butt plates on the side panels are cut short to allow room for the inwale. The inwale once again has to be jointed and this time a scarfed joint is used. Having glued and pinned this it should be left overnight to ensure the glue is set hard but when making up check that it is straight to a datum line. The inwales are next glued and pinned to the inwale edge of the side panels.



7. Lacing the bottom panels together.



8. Temporary keel frame in position.



9. Bevelling the bottom panels.



10. Lacing up the chine panels.



11. Lacing the side panels.



12. Laced up hull before inwales are 15 trimmed.

The hull is now ready to assemble and the bottom panels are laid inside face to face, the nylon line threaded in a half-hitch through each of the holes along the keel edge. The panels are then opened out and the temporary frame screwed but not glued, into position. The chine of the bottom panel is then bevelled to meet the chine panel and hole positions marked and drilled on the chine panel to match the bottom panel, with holes also drilled along the top edge. Both chine panels are then laced in position but may require a little trimming at the ends to gain a correct curve and also may need the use of copper wire to pull the ends together. The top edges of the chine panels are then bevelled as before, with the side panels

drilled and laced to form the complete hull. Care should be taken to ensure that the ends are trimmed to come together vertical.

Deckbeams and temporary stretchers are now put in place and the cockpit frames fitted. Our kayak is now ready for the glassfibre joints to be made but before starting, check the lacing which may now require a little adjustment. Follow carefully the instructions with the glassfibre kit and tape all the inside joints, using two layers on the keel. I found it advisable to use an old stiff brush for laying the resin and working it through the tape. The hull can now be left for the resin to set hard.

continued next month.



13. Fixing the deckbeams.



14. Fixing the cockpit frames.



15. Glassfibre taping the keel.



16. Inside joints being taped

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'CANOEING MAGAZINE' is pleased to run the first of a series of articles on the lighter side of the Sella Descent Canoe Race, held in Spain each year. Under the title 'Sella Miscellaneous' they are written by Hauke Patiste who is one of the main driving forces behind the Sella.

SELLA MISCELLANEOUS

Some four-five years ago the French team camped at Vega beach, some 5 miles from Ribadesella. Early one morning, with a dawn haze low over a fully flat sea our Frenchmen decided to train in open water. Out they went and back they came an hour later. Now it so happened that at that exact moment a couple of Spanish Guardia Civil (rural police and coast guard) passed by. They probably had arrived recently from Castilla plains and were on their first shore duty. For them the case was clear. Three crafts nearing

the coast in a definite attempt to land. That needed a thorough inspection! So, when the Frenchmen were pulling their canoes out of the water, they were asked for their own and their boat documentation.

On their answer "comprends pas" the Guardias frowned their eyebrows, looked at the dripping paddlers, and came to the conclusion that the case was even more serious than it had looked like in the beginning. This was not a simple landing, this was a foreign invasion on national territory by completely savage, indecently dressed and undocumented people of unknown origin in as undocumented and strange crafts! Their duty was overclear, so they duly arrested the flabbergasted Frenchmen and put them in the provisional local jail.

Two hours later, an excited captain of the French team came to tell me that his crew was hooked up. Logically a visit to the Ribadesella captain of the Guardia Civil was enough to have a motor messenger rush to Vega and set the invaders free again.....

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FEBRUARY

- 1st/2nd SPRINT TRAINING COURSE, Richmond Canoe Club. Details: R. Lawler, 41, Simplemarsh Road, Addlestone, Surrey.
- 2nd TEES WHITE WATER RACE (number 2) Details: J. Slater, 42, Queens Drive, Ossett, Yorks.
- 8th NATIONAL CANOE CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION, Crystal Palace. Details: C.C.P.R. (L. & S.E.). 160, Great Portland Street, London W. 1.
- 9th WATERSIDE WINTER SERIES (K2 long distance), Gt. Bedwyn to Newbury, 14 mile. Details: The Warden, Waterside Youth Centre, Northbrooke Street, Newbury, Berkshire.
- 16th DEE WHITE WATER RACE (number 30.) Details: F. Bennett, 22, Chaucer Avenue, Reddish, Stockport.
- 23rd WATERSIDE WINTERS SERIES (K2 long distance), Newbury Circuit, 20 mile, 22 mile. Details: The Warden, Waterside Youth Centre, Northbrooke Street, Newbury, Berkshire.

MARCH

- 1st/2nd SPRINT TRAINING COURSE, Richmond Canoe Club. Details: R. Lawler, 41, Simplemarsh Road, Addlestone, Surrey.

CANOE ROLLING

- LONDON SEYMOUR HALL BATHS, Tuesday evenings, 9pm - 10pm (no C2s or Surf Boards).
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- BRADFORD WAKEFIELD ROAD BATHS, BRADFORD 4, every Thursday evening, 8pm - 9pm with the Leeds Canoe Club.
- LEEDS CANOE CLUB at Kirkstall Road Bath, Leeds 4, every Friday evening, 8pm - 9.30 pm.



SCOUT CANOEING



CONFERENCES AND EXHIBITIONS

1969 is upon us and the last few weeks have seen a great deal of activity in the way of conferences and exhibitions. 'DYNAMO 4' an activity conference at Loughborough University held over four days with all the pupils living-in was attended by some 400 Venture Scouts and over fifty Rangers. On the canoeing side at Loughborough beginners and advanced canoe courses were arranged with the use of a local swimming pool. The area BCU Coaching Organiser ran the beginners course with the Assistant Warden, Longridge, (myself) controlling the advanced side.

At the Earls Court Boat Show, the Scout and Guide stand being along side the BCU was found to be most useful with the two organisations assisting each other.

DEVIZES TO WESTMINSTER

Already many Scouts are preparing for the 1969 Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race and all the talk is to the faster type K2s. If any Scout Crew would like to team up with some of the Longridge crews to make up teams to enter for the Team Prize, please contact me at Longridge.

PROGRAMME '69

The Course Programme 1969 for the Longridge Centre is now available and contains thirty five courses, six of which are open to Ranger Guides. These courses cover canoeing instruction from the complete beginner to the canoeist who wishes to advance into racing, slalom and touring. Note that to take part in an advanced course you should have had tuition in the K1 or slalom type kayak - this includes advanced touring courses, as such courses will be done in K1 or slalom kayak. Details of the year's programme can be obtained from the National Scout Boating Activity Centre, Longridge, Quarry Wood Lane, Marlow, Bucks.



SCOUT PUBLICITY

The Publicity Dept. Scout H. Q. would like Scouts who take part in canoeing events to show the Scout symbol either on their kayak or paddles. This will enable easy identification when photographed and greatly publicize the movement through canoe sport.

CANOE SAILING

CANOE SAILING is an exciting sport for those who can afford it. However between 2nd/ 3rd August, the Canoe Sailing World Championships will be held at Grafham Water. The organisers have asked if any Venture Scouts would like to help at this meet in preparing sailing canoes and launching. Helmsmen will be attending from many parts of the world and here is an opportunity to see some world class canoe sailing at close quarters. Any Venture Scout or Leader interested should contact: Cdre. Royal Canoe Club, Trowlock Island, Trowlock Way, Teddington, Middx.

CANOE CONFERENCE

The Scouts will be showing at the Canoe Conference at the Crystal Palace on 8th February and our stand there will demonstrate canoe construction in fibreglass - the boat that will be built is a K2. Already a number of K2s have been built at Longridge where we have two moulds. Any Scout Group can have the use of these and material are provided at cost.

CHARTERHOUSE ADVENTURE CONFERENCE

'Adventure Through Scouting' was the title of a conference held at Charterhouse on the 5th January and organised by the Surrey County Scouts. As well as a number of lectures, including a very interesting and often light-hearted talk entitled 'Introducing Canoeing' by Oliver Cock, there were a large number of trade stands covering Caning, Mountaineering and Canoe Sport. I am not sure whether it was a tremendous success for trade exhibitors for there was so much going on and the conference so wide spread that it was difficult to find much time to talk with manufacturers in detail.

Certainly this type of conference, bringing together all those interested in outdoor activities, is very usefeful for canoe sport overlaps with camping and many a paddler takes to hills at odd times.

Of great interest is a series of canoe courses - similar to those being run at Longridge - to be organised for Surrey Scouts at Send and in conjunction with the Caterham Canoe Club. What a boost for Scout Canoeing if we could get the major canoe clubs in different counties up and down the country to run similar courses for their district Scout Groups. I hope to have details of the Send courses shortly and dates should appear in our pages.

ALAN TULLETT,
Ass. Warden, Longridge.

SCOUT CANOEING COMING EVENTS

| FEBRUARY | CANOEING COURSES AT LONGRIDGE CENTRE | | |
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| 1st/2nd | 4C | LEADER COURSE - BASIC COMPETITIVE | 40/- |
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Details: The Warden, Longridge, Quarry Wood Road, Marlow.

BOAT SHOW 69

Once again few of the major canoe manufacturers exhibited at the Earls Court International Boat Show. Only three firms - OTTERSPO RTS, TYNE CANOES, and HOLWILL FIBREGLASS LTD - took their products to the show. However for paddlers there was a wide range of accessories that should have proved of interest and made a visit to this London show worthwhile.

First the canoe manufacturers. Ottersports was again showing a wide range of craft mainly for the touring enthusiast but had a new general purpose slalom kayak on show that looks very interesting. Also on this stand was a very nice Canadian paddle made by Moldau. I seem to remember recommending the slalom and white water blade I saw on the stand last year and it is only recently that I have seen the blade in use around the slaloms. This new Moldau Canadian blade will certainly appeal to our C1 and C2 exponents, make sure you have a look at it. On display at the Tyne stand was the new 'Sportsman' touring single in glass-fibre as well as the established range of kayaks. Up in the Warwick Hall was Holwill Fibreglass. Here was a comparatively new range of kayaks from a Warwickshire manufacturer. Their range included the D.S. 4 slalom kayak which seeing for the first time, I was most impressed with. Certainly this kayak will be seen around some of the slaloms during the coming season. Near at hand in the Warwick Hall was the British Canoe Union Stand, not this year showing a range of canoes and kayaks used in canoe sport but an information stand with a display of some very fine photographs (I have to comment on the photographs for they were all taken by your editor!) I hear from Martin Boshier who organised this year's BCU stand that the response was quite worthwhile in respect of gaining new members to the Union. Directly opposite



the BCU was the Scout and Guide stands. Here an interesting water competition was held and also on their pool was the Ottersports Slalom Kayak being featured in our magazine.

Talking of pools, this year's rolling display was undertaken by members from a number of clubs with the majority coming from the Leamington Spa Canoe Club. Monday 6th January saw our 'canoeing girl of the year!', Pauline Squires, becoming the first woman to put on a 'rolling' display at any Boat Show. Apart from finding it very cold - although having managed to borrow a wet suit from one of the exhibitors - failing to do two hand rolls, failing to do the 'hat trick', Pauline did manage some well executed 'rolls' and made seven 'rolls' in 15 seconds in a 'rolling' race! Well done to all those paddlers for giving up their time to publicise canoe sport, and all those who manned the BCU stand for hours on end.

What else of interest around the Show. As usual there was a wide range of wet suits, many well within the canoeists price range and of interest to any of the winter paddlers. Peter Storm had on display their new Bukflex anorak which looks very good and a real winner as far as canoeists go. Helly-Hansen had a very worthwhile 'Polar suit' on show, a track suit type garment with soft pile on the inside that I'm told will keep you warm in very cold conditions even when it is wet.

For white water boys who also take to surfing, the European Surfing Company was showing a wide range of boards, the design differing from last season, the boards being a little shorter with a more pointed nose. A new board to me was the 'Rider', manufactured by Western Wings, Worcester, quite an interesting board priced at a little under £30. All told, this year's International Boat Show was worth a visit from the canoeist.

1. B. C. U. Stand
2. Tyne Stand
3. Pauline and 'Chas' from Leamington Spa CC.
4. Ottersports Stand
5. An interesting wet suit - Collins and Chambers.
6. Surf boards on the European Surfing Co. Stand.



COMMENT *Letters to the Editor*

It is right that some of the correspondence in your columns should be of the wooden spoon variety and you have been kind enough to print some of mine of that variety. It is also right that when a wrong is seen to be righted, acknowledgement should be given to this.

Since the aforementioned correspondence, I have had a most kind invitation to join a team of trainers engaged in preparing some young paddlers for competition this season. I have now joined in two of their weekends, have tasted and found that it is good. Young paddlers are being taught to race in racing boats, they are meeting older paddlers, they are engaging in an excellent sport and in the right atmosphere. In the process, a coaching scheme for canoe racing is being hammered out. No doubt, a more authoritative report of this will soon be forthcoming from the sprint racing committee. But for the time being, thank you, sprint racing committee, you have a superb job over Mexico behind you and are now really building up a basis for another superb job over Munich.

Now, what about all this talk on the Cadet class? They want a canoe, one

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Lastly, to Alan Bye, with respect, had he been at Marlow last weekend, he would have seen thirty racing paddlers, all mad keen for international honours, all striving to improve their technique and stamina, but all showing respect for each other, sharing washing up duties without too much coercion, altogether a happy training camp where people were learning the art of human relationships in a competitive world. Not a bad lesson to learn. They're a nice crowd, Alan, I'm privileged to be amongst them.
Yours sincerely,
David Cook,
Hollowford Centre.



JOHN ROBERTS

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of John Roberts, slalomist, sprinter and long distance racing enthusiast who was a member of the Riverside Canoe Club at Oxford. John was killed when knocked down from behind while riding his bicycle in early January. A familiar face around the competitive scene, John Roberts will certainly be missed by canoeists from clubs throughout the country.

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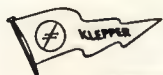
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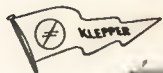


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