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## COVER PHOTO

Ulrike Deppe of West Germany, who gained the Silver in the Womens K1 Slalom Event, competing at the World Slalom.

## CANOEING MAGAZINE PHOTO

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# editorial

## BACK TO THE TYPEWRITER

After three fantastic weeks on the continent, touring down the Ardeche River and covering the World Slalom Championships at Bourg St. Maurice, your editor is now back behind the typewriter - looking very brown, fit and healthy but wishing he could do it all over again.

Having ploughed through a two foot high pile of back mail I am now back on the British canoe sport scene and catching up with what has been happening while I have been away.

Before I left for Europe our sprint paddlers were in trouble with the trip to Moscow for the European Junior Sprint Championships through lack of money. First a full team was to go, then with insufficient money only a three man team was to be sent, the final outcome was a six member team.

'Britain's canoe kids up a £500 creek' was the heading of the Desmond Hackett column in the Daily Express and this brought an immediate response from two organisations. The Avon Rubber Sports Foundation assured our paddlers of backing to the sum of £300 and the Sportsman Club offered another £200 from their Champions Fund that was created to assist British Athletes. Thanks to these two organisations and the Daily Express write-up, our paddlers left for Moscow on 10th August.

In the past Avon Rubber Sports Foundation has helped a number of our paddlers in different sides of the sport and such organisations are a constant source of inspiration to our paddlers to do even better in internationals.

On the other side of the slate I hear that the expected Government Grant for the slalom paddlers who went to Monschau has not materialised so our slalomists will have to foot the bill.



**31st JULY /  
6th AUGUST**

# **WORLD SLALOM & WILD WATER CHAMPIONSHIPS**

## **SILVER MEDAL FOR BRITAIN**

A SILVER MEDAL FOR BRITAIN. With a beautiful first run, the British Kayak Slalom Team of Ken Langford, Raymond Calverley and John MacLeod gained second place to the brilliant French Team and a Silver Medal for Britain....

France were the hosts of the World Slalom and Wild Water Championships - held 31st July/6th August - and events were held in the vicinity of Bourg St. Maurice, Savoie. Bourg St. Maurice is a picturesque little town that nestles between high mountain ranges, a town that during winter months has another type of slalom visitor - slalomists that use two skis. The Swiss border is but a few miles away and all the houses seem typical of Switzerland. Wooded slopes of the valley reach up to the gaunt grey masses towering above, whose peaks are capped with white - all year round it is possible to get ski-ing here. The French could not have chosen a more beautiful site for the Championships - down in the valley rushes the River Isere. From the main road that

traverses the valley slope some way up it was possible to overlook the whole site; far below the Isere, white with dancing water, winds its way across the valley floor between rich green trees, on either side, among small clearings, the bright coloured tents of competitors and supporters could be seen - the venue was perfect.

However the Championships were not to start on a triumphant note for the evening of the opening ceremony the East German team had a discourse with the French organisation as to how their competitors should be classified. With the failure of agreement the East German team went home, followed by the Polish Team who went in sympathy. With Jurgen Bremer, the defending K1 Slalom World Champion, among the East German Team it was little short of a disaster that politics should enter into our sport at the opening of such an event....

Under the shadow of this walk-out the non-stop practice started on 1st August. In brilliant sun - that was to last for the whole cham-

pionships - competitors raced over the course at minute intervals. Among the British Team John MacLeod and Raymond Calverley looked good on the water, while Pauline Squires in the Womens Kayak was really on form with fine runs. Of other nations, of course the Czechs and West Germans gave quite brilliant performances while the French themselves seemed to have medal winning ability.

First of the competition was the Mens C1. Defending champion Wolfgang Peters of West Germany gave a very poor first run for a champion, picking up over 350 penalties that put him down in 13th place. However on his second run he showed his form to successfully defend his title, taking the Gold from countryman Reinhold Kauder in second place, with a best score of 364.32pts. The highest place for Britain in a field of 26 paddlers was Mike Hilliard, gaining the 18th place with a best 659.96pts.

In the Womens K1 we had a strong trio in Heather Goodman, Pauline Squires and Audrey Keerie. The form Pauline showed in the practice was just not there when it was needed and the best she could do was 10th place. Heather gave a creditable performance her first run picking up 140 penalties and on the second improving to 110 penalties. Her best score of 411pts gained the 6th place. For Audrey the water proved too much. Outstanding in the Womens events was Ludmila Polesna of Czechoslovakia. Reigning World Champion, she thrashed allcomers to retain the title, both her runs being quite brilliant, each a winner and on the first hitting only one gate for a '10'.

After the Womens K1 the Kayak Team Event was completed. Here cheered on by the host crowd, the French Team of Maccari, Peschier, Colombe gave a fantastic display of slalom sport racing down the course for 311.02 and each paddler only picking up one '10' on the way - they



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were just beautiful and way above all others (apologies to the British Team who took second place, but we weren't really robbed - we were beaten). The British boys gave a great show but picked up 30,60,20 penalties to gain a best of 420.82pts, 80 down on the French but 40 clear of the West Germans in third place.

Again the crowds cheered like mad in the Mens C2 event - quite a sporting crowd though for they cheered and clapped any brilliant canoeing no matter what country. However the crowds were cheering yet another French win, Jean Claude Olry / Jean Louis Olry gained the Gold over the Czechs Mestan, Mestan. Our one C2 crew of Robin Witter / Dave Swift managed to capsize on the first run but went on to make the 18th place.

The first days competition closed with the Czech Mixed C2 Team winning from the French....

The C1 Team Event started the second days sport and here the West Germans showed their superiority, making a great first run but proving that even champions make mistakes by capsizing on the second! As in all the 'C' events the British paddlers were a little out of their class - we still have a great deal to learn of Canadians and our team of Dinsdale, Hillyard and Goldsmith could only gain 5th place in a field of seven countries.

Claude Peschier paddled brilliantly again in the Mens Kayak Event, making one of the only three clear runs with a tremendous time of 272.92sec to win the Gold with his first run. The Swiss paddler Werner Zimmerman was only 12pts down after the first run and tried vainly to catch the Frenchman on his second. Although bettering the time he picked up '100' and had to be content with second. Behind the



West German Rosener in third place, came Raymond Calverley, certainly making the most outstanding performance of his career. Raymond gave two consistent good runs, making a '30' on the first and improving to only '20' on the second. Oh that '20', without the two '10's his time was better than Peschier and he would have gained the premier Gold! I'll bet he still dreams about those two '10's! Further down the field Keith Wickham paddled into the 11th place with John MacLeod taking the 12th place. Ken Langford never really hit form throughout the championships and could only gain 27th place in the Kayak.

The West German girls, Barbel Korner, Ulrika Deppe and Brigitte Sward won the Gold in the Womens Kayak Team Event with the Czechs taking the Silver. Our own British girls - like the French - capsized on both runs.....

The slalom competition ended with the Czechs winning the Mixed C2 Event and the West Germans the C2 Mens Team Event.

Competition now moved to the Wild Water event and in the Kayak Singles we had great hopes with a strong team of Chris Skellern, Norman Jackson and Tony Young. However our paddlers failed to get among the first ten and the event was won in great style by a Belgium - a Belgium I have seen winning flat water sprint events at the Zaanregatta earlier this season. Jean Pierre Burny is an extraordinary paddler. 1st over sprint events at Zaandam and winner of the Gold for the Wild Water Kayak event! (From Bourg St. Maurice, Burny rushed straight to Moscow for the World Sprint Championships.) Burny put up a time of 36min 31.28 sec to win from Kurt Presslmayr of Austria, clear by some eight seconds.

The French had outstanding wins in the Wild Water 'C' events, taking 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Mens C2, 1st place in the Mens C1, 1st in the C2 Mens Team Event. 1st in the Mixed C2





Event and 2nd in the Mens Kayak Team - something of a walk-over  
 Rest place-results of all events, see 'Result Round-up'.

Not having been to a past World Slalom I cannot compare the organisation or standard of course. However the Slalom seems to run pretty smoothly but the Wild Water was a little chaotic with all the crew numbers being changed at the last minute for the Team Event - it was impossible from the programme to sort out who crews were. One of the best organised events of the week was the party after all the competition that proved a real rave-up!

There is much more that can be said about the World Slalom but space in this issue does not permit - I must have a little space for the fine photos the events produced.

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#### CAPTIONS TO PHOTOS

1. Ludmila Polesna, winner of the K1 Womens Kayak, Slalom and Wild Water.
2. Claude Peschier, winner of the K1 Mens Kayak Slalom Event.
3. Raymond Calverley on the slalom course at Bourg St Maurice.
4. Valenta/Stach, third place winners in the Mens C2 Slalom Event.
5. Geoff Dinsdale on the course.
6. C1 winner - Slalom - Wolfgang Peters.
7. Peter Van Stipdonk of Holland in trouble on the Slalom Course.
8. British Silver Medal winning Kayak Team.
9. Highest placed British Women, Heather Goodman, on the Slalom Course.

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#### CANOEING MAGAZINE PHOTOS

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The World Slalom has taken up much space not permitting more than a few words on the very fine events held at Nottingham before I left. Here was a first class weekends racing, with keen competition, fine weather and excellent organisation.

## CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE EXE

The Exeter Canoe Club are planning a very ambitious programme of events towards the close of this season. Under the title 'CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE EXE' there are three competitive events. The first is a Sprint Regatta and Water Carnival to be held on 20th September (with Carnival Dance in the evening). The following day 21st September is the 14th Exe Estuary Long Distance Race. This sounds like a weekend competitive paddlers should not

## NEW APPOINTMENT AT C.C.P.R.

Mr Clinton Sayer, M.A. has been appointed Technical Director of the Central Council of Physical Recreation in succession to Mr G A McPartlin who leaves in October after serving the Council for over 20 years.

Mr Sayer was educated at Batley Grammar School, Yorkshire and St John's College, Cambridge. He taught at Wellingborough School before joining the CCPR staff in its very early days when he developed the

# NEWS-NEWS-NEWS-IN BRIEF

miss. Eight weeks later there is the Exe Down River Long Distance Race on 16th November. Points will be awarded for all three events and the paddler with the most points after the Descent will receive a trophy as champion of the Exe.

Details of all three events can be obtained from C.J. Leach, 41 Old Tiverton Road, Exeter, Devon.

## COACHES/INSTRUCTORS TEACH-IN

The Central Council of Physical Recreation, in co-operation with the British Canoe Union, will be running a Coaches/Instructors Teach-in at Bisham Abbey on 26th/28th Sept.

The proposed programme includes 'Latest Techniques in Canoeing', 'New Ideas in Teaching Canoeing', and an 'Opportunity to Try New Skills, Perfect Techniques, Exchange Ideas and Keep Right Up-to-Date'.

The course will be under the guidance of Oliver Cock, B.C.U. National Coach, assisted by B.C.U. Coaches. The fee is £4 10s and applications should be made to: C.C.P.R. (London and South-East Region), 160 Great Portland Street, London, WIN 5TB.

Council's work in Yorkshire.

He will bring a wealth of administrative experience and professional qualifications as a physical educationist to the CCPR, for most of his professional career has been at Loughborough College of Education, a national training centre for P.E., where successively he was lecturer, then senior lecturer and later principal lecturer and finally head of the department of physical education where he has been recently concerned with the introduction of the new B.Ed. Course.

In recent years Mr Sayer has been a member of the CCPR Executive and General Purposes and Finance Committees and during the last two years has been very active as chairman of the Games and Sports Committee. He has also been a member of the East Midlands Sports Council on its Executive and Planning Committee and has taken a leading part in the local standing Conference of Sports Organisations.

Mr Clinton Sayer is likely to take up his appointment on 1st January 1970.

## NEW TROPHIES FOR LIFFEY DESCENT

Two new trophies will be awarded at the International Liffey Descent this year. The 'NATIONS TROPHY', presented by the Dublin Bottlers of CocaCola will be awarded to the team with the lowest aggregate time for one K2 and two K1s.

The 'KIRTON CUP', presented by Irish Precision Mouldings the Dublin manufacturers of Kirton Kayaks, will be awarded for the Junior K2.

On the K2 front, most competitors are aware that the fine crew of

As a temporary arrangement we are assuming commencement on Tuesday 7th October 8.0p.m. - 9.0p.m. but will you please note that due to the anticipated congestion that this session is basically for instruction only and admission this year will be by Season Ticket only.

'Please do not waste a long journey without contacting me first for a ticket. We regret this but, no ticket - no admission. Anticipated cost still 2/6 per ses-

# NEWS-NEWS-NEWS- IN BRIEF

Jupp/Gregory from 16th Para Bde. RCT have won the major K2 trophy on two occasions and this year there seems to be even greater interest in the Descent from Fores crews. Already a member of the S.A.A. (T.A.) has been in Dublin for a reconnaissance of the course and it is rumoured that the Royal Marines are interested to compete.

## CANOE ROLLING

Within a short time paddlers will be thinking of Canoe Rolling sessions as the evenings shorten. If clubs send in details of sessions in their areas we will run copy in 'Canoeing Magazine'.

Already we hear from Stan Holthorp on difficulties with the Tuesday sessions at the Seymour Hall Baths in London. Due to staff shortages at Seymour Hall Baths the normal Rolling session, previously held on Tuesdays 9.0p.m. - 10.0p.m. will have to be brought forward to 8.0p.m. - 9.0p.m. Unfortunately final details are not yet arranged due to the re-organisation of a number of other clubs sessions and we hope to confirm in the October issue.

Details: S.F. Holthorp (Instructor), 54 Claygate Lane, Hinchley Wood, Esher, Surrey. Telephone: 01-398 3113.

## SUCCESSFUL IRISH CROSSING

Three canoeists from North Wales, Dave Bland, Mick Gough and Derek Mayes made the successful crossing of the Irish Sea by canoe on 28th June. Starting from Dunlaoghaire, the three paddled slalom kayaks fitted with skegs and reached Holy Head some 22 hours later.

The three have to be congratulated on a remarkable feat of canoeing. It is hoped later in the year to have an article from the trio on their trip and all the planning that went behind it.

## MARQUETTE STAMPS

Following last month's write-up on the Marquette stamps, we hear from Percy Blandford that he has a sheet of these stamps and is willing to sell them at 6d each to anyone interested. Percy points out that this is at cost - he is not in the stamp dealing business!





# photo of the month

The Slalom Course at Bourg St Maurice.  
CANOEING MAGAZINE PHOTO.

# ROUND THE HORN

by alan byde

Four men and a jaunt round the Orme from West Shore to Llandudno, 4 miles by canoe. Three with slalom canoes and one with an eskimo kayak. The three in slalom machines with head protection, he in the kayak with none.

Over the North sea toward Norway maybe, there sits a hole in the air, the centre of a depression. Whirling about it, a clock in reverse, wing the winds. The Orme stand 400 feet high, faces North West over the Irish Sea, across Liverpool Bay, stands in the teeth of the Arctic wind rivers.

Each day, each way swing the tides in and out of the bay, and surge past the Orme. Conway empties across its shallow sand banks into the sea, and then swallows it back again. As the tides flow out of Conway over the singing flats they meet and stir with the wash from the westward flow out of Liverpool and into the swallet hole of Menai. They meet a mile North West of the Orme light.

One may expect it to be bumpy out there, and it is bumpy out there although from the shore the horizon in the early afternoon light is serrated in places and throws back gleams of light, down in the canoe the horizon shortens to sixty feet and the humping crest of the next wave, wind-whipped and streaked with white seething froth.

We meet, untie canoes from

roof racks, agree that its lunacy, but Ken's in charge and he is a driver of men, canoes, cars and he don't stop. Flares, yes. Lines, yes. Weather, yes, no. Sea, Dear Lord knows. Shore party, yes, driving cars around marine parade. Launch from the promenade steps into the waves and wind and thrash and thump of the reflected waves. Like an enormous flight of steps to a great hall, a place of awesome size, down below the clouded sand drifts, dead crab shells, twisting strands of weed....

A ramp slopes down into the sea, angled South west toward Conway Castle. The Sunday afternoon promenaders gather, blood maybe, a few more Christians to the lions perhaps. We sit in the slalom things spray deck on, grind down the concrete and into the swash of distant suns. Two away, and two left. The eskimo kayak is canvas covered, but must of necessity grind its length over the concrete and rub its skeleton through its skin which it does and begins slowly to sink, but later.

The launching of the eskimo is another story. The one man without a crash hat is slammed against the concrete groin, head first, collects a headache that lasts several hours. He rolls up after a dramatic pause head down under the waves, awash and a-bang against hard concrete, wife screaming into the howl of the wind,

'Alan..Alan..Alan..Alan..' I lift up the stern of the long unwieldy thing, it creaks and sags and pops and floats away in the suck of another dumper. Why the Hell men do these damn silly things when warm homes and sunlit gardens and muscle easing rest wait a few score miles away, Heaven knows.

We all float away, and sixty feet, a waves length away from the hard edge of the ocean the group swings swoops and sways on the urgent sea. Off we go, and a steady seaward plonk, with Puffin Isle away to the left front, takes up past the shore houses, the smooth lawns and watching glinting cars on the parade sweeping up over the humping Orme. Head winds, head seas, and an ebbing tide move the group steadily seaward, and wetly up and down. There is one great kick to be had in setting a slalom canoe into the face of a surging wave hissing water-smoke level in the ship and slash of a force six rising eight in gusts. The fishermen of England may be riding out the storm, but we silly sailor boys are two feet off the water and breathing water-thickened air.

In due course Chris indicates the need for rafting up. Rafting up to a contrarily swinging kayak makes me sick, really, so I decline. We group together, and Ken screams against the thrumming roar of the wind howl in the helmet slots. I hear him just, and he is using all his voice six feet from me. Chris's kayak is taking in water, but wild Providence has sent a child's sand bucket on the ebbing sea to meet Chris a mile from the Orme just where tide race and estuary ebb confabulate with onset wind. He ties it to his deck line, rafted up with pan-faced Bob the Job, taciturn, lean and long faced; ex-Viking, tenth time around maybe? 'Whey, man, it'll dee for the bairn' Chris sings happily. The child watches daddy sinking one mile away and four hundred feet up.

I try to show that we are

plonking, twisting and balancing minute after long minute into the surge of a restless sea going the other way. I also look both ways when crossing a one-way street. Huge humps of water disassociated from the general set of the waves hump easterly always, but some southerly, some northerly, a quart-ing sea, cottage sized chunks of water a-fizz with the energy of the air.

My horizon is sixty feet, and paddle tips are seen only rarely and I lose my mates in the weltering boundary where elements meet. The cliffs of Orme are a long way off. I cut in toward them, back along my track, and try to show by example which way to go, because whistles and speech are torn to tatters and drowned in the wind blast through the helmet slots, and continued noise at the limit of tolerability is wearying. I swing in close under the cliffs, right under the light-house, and the Coastguards who are watching are now alarmed because they no longer see me, and our shore party is moving from one hut to the other along the parade. Three on the water and four set off. Where is he?

I know where I am. I am sick in the guts, weary in the arm, and quite, quite frightened and anxious for the rest of the party and aware that I have broken party discipline to seek the eddies I guess are circulating my way under the cliffs. I set the searing wind blast on my left cheek, the smash and thump of the waves crashing up the limestone cliffs on my right, a wave length and a half away, and the doubling waves come belting back off the cliff face and I think how do I stop now? Vertical rise and fall of the waves in the doubling area is almost twice what it was, and I must not be sucked over the giddy frontier between ocean and cliff. Surfing mostly, the first reef is passed, and a shallow bay follows. Wind roar is incessant, but Holy Horrors, what is that screeching?

A jet plane crashing, a machine wrecking a bearing, disintegration of an energy-carrying body. The sea beside me flattens like the down blast from a helicopter rotor and the williwaw riccochets off into the sky again. Scores of these frightful Thor-bolts blast air and water into flying white screaming shapes and me into grim and fearful understanding. Twice I half roll off the water where a direct hit has laid me.

A reef suck and snarls its socketed limestone teeth twenty feet away and six feet lower and the 401 slips smoothly down the wave face, around the set of the headland and into the third bay. Around the next headland is Llan-dudno and still my mates are out there and the calm is spreading in my corner, out of the wind and away from the main stream of the tide and into a lovely one or two knot eddy swinging me home. I can hear to think now. I also hear the lifeboat maroon boom in my memory and present hearing and realise that mates are at this moment drowning, perhaps desperate among the wandering water stacks and rescue techniques are something one learns in the baths. How do I go ashore?

A sloping ledge offers a way in between a block of fallen rock and a spouting crack of booming water. The canoe slips lightly onto the rock slab, slides gently back toward the water spout. A wave huffs and puffs itself up, whams against the shelf, and lifts me with moderate force against the cliff face. My head helmet - encased bonks gently against the rock. The next bastard kicks a man when he's down and hurtles fury and power around the rock, over the shelf, and I'm under the water, ears pop, head pops, so much thunder that sound no longer signifies, and there is a rearward acceleration. Next I know I'm out wedged by my arms into the crack at the back of the fallen block, deck line untied and in my hand, tackle bag with flares inside

clutched in hand. The 401 rises easily right way up and empty to the next big swell, I'm middle deep, and next I'm up the cliff, a six feet sheer shelf, a ten foot shelf and a twenty foot slope of muddy gravel near vertical it seems. The grass cliff goes on up.

Up on the road side, sitting astride the wall along the roadside I look dramatic in lifejacket, wet suit, anorak, spray deck and helmet with fresh scuff marks on it. Popped up from the water. Emissary Davy Jones. A local retired couple eye me with distrust as I would regard a bearded hungry-looking man waving a banner. I ask about the nearest Coastguard station, but they have seen me, and the word is passed around, and I am looking for the lifeboat still, and see it not. A mile away by the reef with the hollow teeth, my mates sit. One, Bob, remains imperturbably. He rafts up with Chris who bails merrily with his child's bucket, and Ken pukes his ring at the swift lift and sagging drop of the rafted canoes.

Down the cliffs again and I think of those who have done this and dropped off or been cragfast and the sea is hungry dog today. The canoe lines down to the sloping slab, now mostly clear of the water and I chat with a blue-grey Ken, a most unhealthy corpse-like hue. 'Coming?' 'Yes'. I launch off the edge of the slab, alternately awash and then a weir four feet high and a dumper-like wave hovers and drops and I'm afloat again by a sliding cliff, swinging, turning, over the weir, roaring water authentic, real thing this, big digs, two or three thumps against the edge of the slab, and then away into gentle waters, the horizon again back to the far distance and not a raggy saw-tooth thing closeby.

We toddle off into the near distance, four again, and the Coastguards heave sighs of relief. The lifeboat tows in a dismasted dinghy.

Round the Orme?

I've been round it and up it!

# COMMENT *Letters to the Editor*

I appreciate Margaret Bellords' concern for the inconvenience that some of new fellow committee members caused me at Easter. I would also like to mention that most slalomists are well aware and appreciate the effort and time that many B.C.U. officials give to the sport. My original letter in the June issue of Canoeing concerning Slalom Committee inefficiency, was directed primarily at those Slalom Committee members who were running the Easter Grandtully slalom. My main complaint was that no apology was offered at Grandtully.

I am very surprised that your correspondent Mr C McAllister has taken exception to being criticised. Although the Records Officer may have written to all paddlers concerned with the Slalom Year Book misprint, I have not yet received any correspondence to this effect. Of course letters can get lost. This is not inefficiency. But if a 2nd division slalomist sends in an entry for a 1st division slalom have it accepted, printed on the programme and allowed a timed run, is this not inefficiency? Mr McAllister I ask you.

Yours sincerely,  
S.J. Baker

(Editorial note: I trust this will now close the correspondence on this subject.)

Address for correspondence:  
Reevesmoor, Hollington,  
Near Derby.

## SLALOM CLASS IN L-D

It is interesting to note that D. Capps of Windsor CC and S. Holthorp of Esher, both Slalom and Wild Water competitors, took 1st and 2nd places at the Orwell River Race in CLASS 3A - the latter paddling a

K.W.4 slalom kayak.

If more and more slalomists are going to take part in L-D, should they not be encouraged by the introduction of a Class 5 Slalom in L-D events. In particular this should apply where estuary and sea races are concerned such as Poole Harbour Orwell, Exe Estuary etc., as this appears to be the type of conditions in which they excell.

(Name and address supplied).



## FURIOUS COMPETITORS

After travelling 250 miles from Manchester to take part in the sprint regatta on 19th July organised by Richmond Canoe Club, I arrived at 1.15p.m. to discover that the start had been changed and each event started two hours sooner. I questioned the organisers and they said that they had sent out notification to all clubs on the Wednesday prior to the event. At least half a dozen competitors hadn't received such notification and the majority like me had missed their events.

I would like to point out to organisers that canoeing and travelling is expensive and in future when any alterations are made to the programme they should go to greater lengths to let their competitors know of such changes.

Yours sincerely,  
George Hodgson.

# THE MONTH AHEAD

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## SEPTEMBER

- 6th LONG DISTANCE, INTERNATIONAL LIFFEY DESCENT, IRELAND. Details: E. Lawrence, 303 Lr Kimmage Road, Dublin, 6, Ireland.
- 6th/7th SURF CANOEING, NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, BUDE. Details: O. Cock, 'Rivertrees', Wargrave Road, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon.
- 7th LONG DISTANCE, KENNET & AVON CANAL TRUST. Details: I. Kirkwood 21 Russell Road, Newbury, Berks.
- 7th CANOE SLALOM, WEST TANFIELD, ON. Details: J. Slater, 42 Queen's Drive, Ossett, Yorks. (WEST YORKSHIRE CC)
- 7th CANOE REGATTA, ABBEY MEADOWS, LEICESTER. Details: D. Andrews, 49 Aberdale Road, Leicester. (LEICESTER CANOE CLUB)
- 13th/14th SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIPS, PANGBOURNE. Details: R. O'Keefe, 4 Cedar Court, Egham, Surrey.
- 14th CANOE SLALOM, MIDDLE LUNE, 2nd/3rd Div. CT. Details: Mrs A. Evans, Nuns Cottage, Gib Lane, Hoghton, Preston, PR5 Ors (LAKELAND CC)
- 20th/21st EXE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS, SPRINT REGATTA/EXE ESTUARY LONG DISTANCE A6 B5. Details: Racing Secretary, 11 Shelton Place, Heavitree, Exeter, Devon. (EXETER CC)
- 21st CANOE SLALOM, SHEPPERTON, 3rd Div. Details: A. Taylor, 117 Queen's Road, Teddington, Middx. (SHEPPERTON CC)
- 28th YOUTH LONG DISTANCE RACE, BEDFORD. Details: D. Bennett, 18 Howbury Street, Bedford. (VIKING KC)
- 28th CANOE SLALOM, SERPENT'S TAIL, 1st Div. CT. Details: C.M. Rothwell, 21 Windsor Road, Clayton Bridge, Manchester 10. (MANCHESTER CC)
- 28th CANOE SLALOM, MONNOW RIVER, Novice, CT, OT. Details: J.B. Richards, Buckstone Lodge, Staunton, Nr Coleford, Glos. (WYE-DEAN CC)
- 28th LONG DISTANCE, K1 ONLY, ROYAL CANOE CLUB MARATHON 35 miles. Details: Racing Secretary, Royal Canoe Club, Trowlock Island Teddington.

## OCTOBER

- 29th/2nd Oct. Approved course for SENIOR INSTRUCTORS & COACHES. Details: Ken Rudram, Bodlondeb, Mill Street, Betws-y-Coed, North Wales.
- 5th CANOE SLALOM, NON RANKING, GUILDFORD. Details: P. Bevan 22 Dynevor Place, Fairlands Estate, Guildford, Surrey
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# YOUTH CANOE SPORT

## TRYING TO BRIDGE THE GAP

Is the gap between school clubs scout groups, youth groups and the canoe club being effectively bridged? Many boys that I know enter the sport through the coaching scheme yet they do not continue in the sport. Why? On reaching the proficiency award level there is no stimulation or incentive to reach a higher standard or competitions to retain interest. This "drop out" needs to be stemmed if the competitive aspects of canoeing are to be developed and improved in the coming years.

At a meeting in May of the B.C.U. Coaches and Instructors, at the Crystal Palace it was generally agreed that in the S.E. there is a lack of competitions, lack of knowledge about local competitions and that transportation of equipment, and distances to travel to competition prove serious obstacles to the teenager. These obstacles are a serious handicap to a young lad if he is to pursue canoeing to a higher level and perhaps go on to join an adult canoe club. Therefore in the last three months Langley Park School, Eltham College and Crawley Canoe Club have jointly organised two non-ranking slalom competitions at Leigh Sluice near Tonbridge, in an attempt to provide this needed stimulus in the S.E. Eight Schools, two Youth Groups and two newly formed Canoe Clubs took part in the June Slalom.

The dry spell at the end of June meant a distinct lack of white water but this was made up for by the superb weather and the fiftysix

individual competitors (making up thirteen teams) had a most enjoyable week-end. A marked improvement in canoe slalom skills also resulted. It was obvious from the large demand that there was and will continue to be a distinct need for this kind of competition. Entries were in fact over subscribed and over twenty four competitors had to be refused entry. Similar competitions, both slalom and racing are planned in the S.E. to give new people starting canoeing an opportunity to compete in a very simple novice competition. The dates of these events are being published by the C.C.P.R. SE. Region.

R. N. CASTLE  
B.C.U. COACH.

## DOUBLE 'A' CANOE RACE

The fifth Annual Double - A Canoe race for Sussex Youth was held on Sunday 20th July attracting a record entry of very proficient paddlers. The marathon course is 45 miles long and starts at Shoreham where the Adur is paddled up-stream as far as West Grinstead. Here the canoes leave the water and the time is stopped. The craft are then transported to Thakeham where they start again with a 6½ mile portage, using trolleys carried all the way in the canoes, and the time is re-started as soon as they start the portage; this ends at Pulborough where they enter the Arun and race downstream to finish at Littlehampton. Very strong tidal conditions were against the competitors on both riv-

ers but nevertheless fast times were set up with the existing record being broken by 3minutes.

The classes are for singles and doubles all the way plus team races for two paddlers and doubles with four -crews changing over at different points en route. It is, of course, the second longest race for doubles in the country and the longest for singles. The winner of the singles received a special commemoration paddle inscribed with the times of the previous four years as he

had won it every year since the race was founded.

During the same afternoon, a ten-mile race for under-16's was held between Pulborough and Houghton, (called the Single-A race), and the tide was flowing upstream at a fair rate of knots causing very long race times. Many competitors in the senior race have competed in several National L.D.'s plus the D.W. over the last three years and competition was very keen.

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# AROUND & ABOUT AROUND & ABOUT

## Thames Regattas

The Richmond Canoe Club Sprint Regatta, held on 19th July. The regatta started at mid-day; eighty people entered and the organisers fought a losing battle with the tightly scheduled programme. In spite of the fact that it was doomed to run almost three hours late, a good days racing was had by all.

Interest in Senior racing was boosted by the return of Laurence Oliver (last year's National Champion) and Alan Edwards, from temporary retirement. However, although Oliver put up an extremely good performance - considering his recent lack of training, the Senior K1 500 and 1000m were both won by M. Whitby of Richmond, and the K2 500 and 1000m by Whitby/Dyer.

Competition was keen in all the Junior races, all the best Juniors fighting for good results to help

them into the Junior World Championship Team. There was an outstanding performance by D. Parnham a Richmond Junior, who came 3rd in the Senior K1 500m, 2nd Junior K1 500m and 3rd in the Open K1 10,000m race on the Sunday, only being beaten by Oliver 1st and Whitby 2nd.

Final time trials for the selection of the Junior World Championship Team were held on Saturday morning 26th July. Those taking part were H. Dyer (Riverside), C. Hillman (Worcester), G. Chester (Boston), R. Billen, D. Parnham, W. Taylor and M. Whitby - all of Richmond.

On this tense occasion there was no foregone conclusion as to what the team would be and competition was extremely close. Each paddler in the team, under I.C.F. Rules can only paddle in two events. The Team was selected as follows: M. Whitby - K1: M. Whitby/H. Dyer - K2:

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Dyer/Parnham/Billen/Taylor - K4:  
B.Mean - Ladies K1.

The Team, under the management of Ron Emes, left for Moscow on 10th August. (A full report on this Moscow trip will appear in next month's 'Canoeing Magazine'.)

We are very grateful to all who at the last moment, helped to finance this team - Avon Trust, Sportsmans Club, Richmond Canoe Club Committee, Wandsworth Borough Council Long Distance Committee and Canoeing Magazine.

With a hot sunny day, a less crowded programme than Richmond and the best Juniors exhausted after their time trials in the morning, the Royal Canoe Club Regatta assumed a pleasant leisurely atmosphere. Several Senior paddlers were unable to race for various reasons, and generally the competition was not keen. However it was good to see so many entries in the novice and youth events - let's hope their enthusiasm lasts.

A new race seems to have come into vogue this season - the mixed K2, a very popular attraction. This event was first held at North v South Regatta and has been followed by similar events at Nottingham, Richmond and Royal.

## Paddling Challenge

In spite of a rather over successful party at the Royal CC on Saturday night, over 20 paddlers took part in this 10,000m K1 race. The event was won by L.Oliver with M. Whitby second and G.Mackereth in third place.

Events reported by D.LAWLER.

## Alpine Adventure

Shortly before setting out on a hazardous Alpine canoeing expedition 19-year-old physics student Jeffrey Slater, from Ossett, Yorkshire, had an important appointment to keep - with Prince Philip at Buckingham Palace.

He was in London with colleague Trevor Eastwood (21) an engineering student, of Ravenscliffe, Bradford, to make final preparations for the pioneering trip which will take them 70 miles along the Alpine River Inn exploring dangerous gorges never before navigated by canoe. Four other young people, including a girl, are also in the expedition.

First call was to collect a Volkswagen Microbus loaned to the six-member expedition by Volkswagen Motors, of Purley, Surrey, the British company which imports the VW range of vehicles. The Microbus was to transport the team and its equipment and tow a trailer carrying their canoes.



As soon as the hand-over had been completed the two young adventurers sped across London in the Microbus to get to the Palace on time.

There Mr Slater received a gold medal and certificate under the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme which recognises outstanding achievement by young people, in this case for past accomplishments in outdoor pursuits.

After the Palace ceremony Mr Slater who is due to go to Cambridge in October, talked about the forthcoming Alpine expedition, designed mainly to save lives among canoeists and other holidaymakers in the area. All six in the group are members of the Leeds Canoe Club.

Said Mr Slater: "In the past people have gone abroad and drowned through a lack of knowledge of the River Inn. We will be the first people to navigate a series of dangerous river gorges, many with walls rising straight out of the water, which stretch from St Moritz to a point on the Swiss-Austrian frontier.

"We hope to pass on the knowledge we bring back about their position and dangers and thus save lives in the future".

The three other male members of the group being led by Mr Slater

are Michael Jones(17) who attends Keighley(Yorks) Boys Grammar School, of Birchwood Avenue, Uttley, Keighley Lindsay Williams(23), a teacher, of 399 Canklow Road, Rotherham; and David Allen(25) property repairer, of Dromfield, near Sheffield.

The girl in the party is Miss Helen Mortimer(20) of Oakwell Cottage, Nuttar Lane, Birstall, near Leeds

Miss Mortimer, who is Mr Slater's fiancée, will share in the driving of the Microbus - and as a school meals supervisor by occupation look after the cooking for five hungry adventurers.

The expedition left for the Inn River 26th July and are expected back at the end of August. (I hope 'Canoeing Magazine' will be able to persuade Jeff Slater to write a full report on the trip for publication later in the year. Ed.)

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# ICF NEWS - ICF NEWS

## INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION NEWS

reprinted from ICF BULLETIN

### OLYMPIC SLALOM

Following the announcement of the decision of the IOC to include slalom in the canoeing programme of the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich, a series of perturbing reports have appeared in the press of the Federal German Republic that there are moves a foot to hold the slalom not in Munich, but in Augsburg - 60 km away. It was difficult to ascertain who or what lies behind these apparently inspired reports. They are difficult to understand since they are in clear contradiction to the terms of the application of the city of Munich for the Games and of the decision of the IOC in Warsaw. The city of Munich had launched their application for the Games under the slogan "The Games of short distances" - meaning that all Olympic venues would be within a limited radius of the city. The IOC decision in Warsaw to include canoe slalom and not wild water racing in the 1972 Games was based on the consideration that according to available plans the competitions could be held in the city itself.

These are matters of principle. True, in 1957 Canoe Slalom World Championships were held on the Ice Canal in Augsburg, but since then conditions have changed considerably: new types of boats have come into use, requirements for a championships', let alone now an Olympic course are vastly different.

It has been reported that the Lord Mayor of Munich, Dr. Hans Vogel, allegedly had stated that it was the wish of the state of Bavaria that Olympic venues should be spr-

ead over various cities in Bavaria. However, the Games have been allocated to the city of Munich and not to Bavaria.

Reference has been made to the considerable cost of the required slalom installations in Munich. It is correct that the cost would be very high if one were to include in them the cost of the extensive reconstruction work to the banks and the river basin of the Isar, which in any case has to be carried out during the next few years - regardless of the Olympic Games. The additional cost to make the stretch of the Isar at the Maximilian Bridge suitable for slalom events is, in proportion, absorbable in the overall cost of the Games. Without going into too many technical details, basically it means that instead of two new weirs with a drop of 3-4 metres, four new weirs with a drop of 1.50 - 3.50 metres would have to be constructed.

At a meeting in Munich on the 29th May - thus before the IOC session in Warsaw - between the President of the Organising Committee of the Games, Mr W Daume, and his technical advisers and on the ICF side, Hon President Dr Karel Popel, it was accepted by all concerned that there could be no doubt about the excellent possibilities which the Isar course in Munich itself offers.

One could ask whether a venue in the heart of a big city would not preclude spectator, press, television and radio facilities as well as other installations required for the organisation of the event.

This is not the case. On the contrary - the venue is ideal. Apart from its natural beauty set against the background of the wooded banks of the river - a road runs all along the course which, on the river side, could be laid out on terraces, providing space for 25,000 or more spectators. In addition there is the Maximilian Bridge which, with the help of a temporary stand, could be brought into use - and another temporary bridge leading from an island to the above mentioned road running along the course.

Therefore - any difficulties in Munich are easily surmountable. In this sense the ICF has let the Organising Committee know that, as far as we are concerned, only the Munich course would be acceptable for the Olympic Slalom in 1972.

## WE MUST EXPAND

Dr Karel Popel, Hon President of the ICF, who was in Warsaw, to support in person, if still necessary, our application to the IOC for the inclusion of canoe slalom (and/or wild water racing) in the Olympic programme wrote in a postscript to his report on his visit:

"The primary task of the ICF from now onward is to grow in size and breadth. Nobody can tell me that in your country Slalom is impossible. Wild water conditions can be found everywhere. And there where natural wild waters are missing, one can find weirs and dams. The finest slalom courses in my own country - and in Europe - in Lipno and Spindleruv Mlyn are artificial courses."

We read in Moscow newspapers that the USSR Canoe Federation has decided to include canoe slalom in the official programme of their activities. In a press interview, Mr A Silajev, speaking on behalf of his federation, said: "An USSR team of observers will travel to the World Slalom Championships in Bourg St

Msurice. In October we will hold the first official slalom competitions - to be followed by the first national championships in 1970".

And we noted from some international competition results that for the first time also competitors from Holland - an otherwise notably flat country - took part - and with creditable performances.

We hope that other countries will follow soon - Sweden, Norway, Rumania, Bulgaria for instance have excellent rapid rivers and natural wild waters. Let us hear from them soon.



The Dutch were again competing at the World Slalom Championships but yet another country sent competitors for the first time to Slalom - Japan. Seen on the Slalom Course at Bourg is Otsuka Yoshinami.

# 'I was there when it happened'

writes  
**OLIVER COCK**

I was walking along the cliff-top at Bude. The day was fine, the tide was out and the great, rolling expanses of sand were dotted about with happy families making sand-

castles, playing rounders or just doing nothing. A pair of red and yellow flags flew crossed in the middle of the beach, denoting that bathing was dangerous. Fifty yards ahead of me was the look-out tower from which the beach life guard could view the whole scene. Above him were three large loud hailers by which he could warn anybody on the beach of any risk they were running.

I noticed two bathers enter the sea. Not far behind them were two canoeists walking down to the water's edge with their canoes. Canoeists may carry on at Bude, when the bathing has been stopped, so long as they are known to be able to look after themselves properly in the surf; so I imagined that the four of them were about to practice rescue operations. My imagination was only half correct.

Suddenly the loud hailers asked for any canoeists who happened to be nearby to report to the look-out tower. I walked a little faster and was immediately there. It was the harbourmaster who had called - he is in charge of all beach safety at Bude - and he told me that a little boy had been reported missing by his parents, at the end of the bathing period. They said they saw him swimming with the others but had not seen him since. They said they were sure he had been swept out to sea. Would we canoeists put on a search for him?

I asked Mr Dymond if either of the two swimmers being dragged ashore by the canoeists, was the boy. He said he did not know who they were. I said I would go and find out. If the boy was not there I would get all the canoeists I could find to put on a search.

As I ran down the cliff steps I met another canoeist, coming up to answer the loud hailer. I told him the story, and said I would go to the four in the water and find out whether they had the boy. If they had not, I would give the signal, he



would get all the others he could find and they would carry out the search.

When I got to the water's edge I discovered that those two canoeists had indeed carried out a rescue; but the two swimmers were just two foolish young men who had taken no notice of the flags. One had panicked in the surf; the other had swum out beyond the surf and was making absolutely no headway shorewards again. They were two very lucky young men, who would almost certainly have drowned had not Peter Harris from Cogenhoe and Phillip Wilson from Leicester been about at that time. They were certainly not the small boy.

I held my hand up.

Down the beach from all directions came canoeists running. I would think we mustered about sixteen altogether. As they arrived I told them all I knew; the little boy, the tidal drift, where it was possible he had drifted to. Out they went to begin the search. In the distance I saw a large number of people, helping to launch the Inshore Rescue Boat. Soon that was afloat. To one of the last canoeists to get on the water I said: "Tell the I.R.B. that if they get any useful messages, to tell the other canoeists." Out he went through the surf and delivered my message. The I.R.B. is in wireless communication with the shore all the time.

Soon some of the canoeists made a line, seaward from the shore. Others, seeing this, joined the line, and we quickly had a line of canoes from the shore to about half a mile out to sea, slowly working their way along the coast. Slightly ahead of them, weaving its faster way, was the Inshore Rescue Boat.

Then we heard the drone of a low-flying aeroplane, and over the cliffs came a helicopter from the R.A.F., Chivenor. Now we had everybody available searching. I myself, was standing at the water's edge, talking to a local policeman, when

another man came up, announced himself as from the Bristol Police. He asked: "Might the lad still be ashore? Had anybody called for him over the loud hailer?" It is not easy to call out the name of a boy whom you think to be drowned, but Mr Dymond did. The little boy had been watching the excitement from the rocks, wondering what it was all about.

I stuck my hand up again. In came the canoeists. In came the I.R.B. In came the helicopter and landed on the cliff-top just behind the look-out tower. Anticlimax? Yes! It may have been a "waste of time" but it was a very fine demonstration of how effective a party of canoeists can be in helping with and carrying out a search. Besides, they had actually rescued two people.

Editorial Note: Mr Dymond told us that earlier in the year two other canoeists, from London, had helped in what could have been a very serious accident. We do not know their names. If they read this we shall be very glad to hear from them. We shall also be glad to hear from any other canoeists who have carried out or helped in rescues. Like the story of the two swimmers above, they may seem trivial at the time, but such rescues probably prevent major disasters. Let us know. Write to the Editor, or the honorary secretary of the Corps of Canoe Life Guards at B.C.U. H.Q. The more evidence we can get hold of, the more we can impress upon others the worthwhileness of the canoe. If you have a story. WRITE NOW.

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'CANOEING MAGAZINE' this month appears in the old style of setting. This we hope will only be for one month. Due to an unfortunate robbery at our printers the composing machine was stolen and another one is not expected to be available for some weeks.

# AGE-TRADE PAGE-TRADE PAGE-TR/

## CHILD'S BUOYANCY AID

SAFESPORT(HORLEY), whose child's buoyancy aid was featured in last month's 'Trade Page', has now moved to a new address and any inquiries should be sent to Safesport(Horley) 67 Lumley Road, Horley, Surrey.

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Inflated Buoyancy is a very different proposition indeed, and here the old figure of 30lbs. has been increased to 35lbs. and Ottersports have built in provision for over 40lbs. thus ensuring greater support and speedier turning into the correct survival position.

Now, what happens to the inher-

ent buoyancy if the Lifejacket is torn or punctured? This question has been satisfactorily answered by providing Closed-Cell Foam a material consisting of a mass of tiny air-balloons, millions of them, each independent of the others. So now, if the outer covering, or even the Foam itself is damaged, the buoyancy is not lost.



Over and above the requirements of the New British Standard, Otter sports have introduced other improvements, notably a Self-Locking, Instant Release Waist-Strap Buckle. Nobody who has striven to maintain tension whilst tying the knot - or struggled with wet, cold fingers to untie it - will need to be told what an advantage this will be.

Naturally, all the qualities which have made Ottersports Life-jackets so widely respected have been retained: - the Neoprene-Nylon

Outer Cover for hard wear and resistance to oil, temperature extreme etc., comfortable neck-line, bright orange colour easily spotted in the water, immensely strong nylon webbing harness with expertly designed lifting becket etc.

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#### NEW KAYAKS IN BRITAIN

While over at the World Slalom Championships in France a number of the British canoe manufacturers completed satisfactory arrangements to build continental kayaks under licence in Britain.

STREAMLYTE MOULDINGS (MARINE) LTD have successfully negotiated the sole British agency for the 'KLAUS LETTMAN' range of kayaks and canoes. These models are now widely used on the continent by top paddlers with great success.

GAYBO LTD completed negotiations with TONI PRIJON for the production of the Prijon range including the new 'Phantom 2' down river racing kayak that proved such a success at the Championships and the new 'Isere' slalom kayak. With the Pavel Bone and Toni Prijon ranges, Gaybo can now offer the choice of the symmetrical form 'Funa' or Swedish form 'Isere'.

P & H FIBREGLASS completed negotiations with 'HAHN CANOES' to produce the full range in Britain including the very successful C1 model that took the West Germans to 1st 2nd and 4th places in the C1 slalom event at the World Championships.

#### KAYAKS FOR U.S.A.

Engineering graduate Colin Austin, who threw up the security of a research job to start manufacturing a glass fibre kayak he believed would revolutionise water sports, is poised to break into the highly competitive American market - less than two years after going into production.

Ten kayaks, a trial order, have left Mr Austin's factory at Whitchurch, Shropshire, bound for Indianapolis, home town of Charles Moore, a consultant engineer and president of the U.S. Canoe Association, who has been given exclusive selling rights in America of Austin-produced Explorer Kayaks.

"Now we are awaiting the reaction of America's leading exponents of water sports. If it is favourable - and I am confident our kayaks are superior to those under production in the U.S. - then it could open the door to big business" said 29-year-old Mr Austin.

"My target is to build up kayak exports to America to 1,000 a year within the next three years.

"Our craft, built on hydrodynamic principles, have a design and cost advantage over American models. The competition will be tough, but I am convinced we can reach this target".

His hopes for the success of the business he started practically from scratch are not, however, pinned exclusively to export ambitions.

"There is still a long way to go before kayaking in this country reaches the level of popularity that exists in America,

"But I believe we can quickly build up a sale of 500 kayaks a year in Britain - and that is our target for next year".

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# RESULT ROUND-UP



## LEIGH SLUICE SLALOM 29th June.

### EXPERIENCED GROUP

1. M.Perrott Eltham College	176pts
2. S.Lucas Langley Park	193pts
3. B.Reynolds Langley Park	195pts
4. P.Broom Langley Park	203pts
5. S.Tilley Eltham College	221pts

### NOVICE GROUP

1. M.Staples Maidstone CC	184pts
2. M.Wood Eltham College	196pts
3. I.Townsend Ewell	207pts
4. K.Hodgson Langley Park	226pts
5. G.Howlett Charterhouse	232pts

### TEAM EVENT

1. Eltham College	268pts
2. Langley Park	322pts
3. Crawley CC	403pts

## NOTTINGHAM SPRINT REGATTA 12th July.

### SENIOR EVENTS(ALL 500metres)

<b>K1</b>	
1. M.Whitby Richmond CC	1. 53.4
2. R.Avery Richmond CC	1. 54.4
3. H.Dyer Riverside CC	1. 56.2

<b>K2</b>	
1. M.Whitby/H.Dyer Richmond CC	1. 44.9
2. M.Bosher/A.Edwards Royal/Worcester CCs	1. 46.6
3. L.Bolam/T.Sowman Leamington CC	1. 47.4

<b>K1 RELAY</b>	
1. Royal CC	8. 29.0

### JUNIOR EVENTS

<b>K1</b>	
1. D.Moore Grappenhall	1. 56.5
2. D.Parnham Richmond CC	1. 57.2
3. C.Hillman Worcester CC	1. 58.6

<b>K2</b>	
1. D.Parnham/W.Taylor Richmond CC	1. 46.9
2. B.Greenaway/R.Billen Richmond CC	1. 47.9
3. M.Giddings/P.Hopkins Royal CC	1. 48.9

### K1 RELAY

1. Richmond CC 'A'	8. 57.3
2. Richmond CC 'B'	9. 07.0
3. Nottingham City KC	9. 22.8

### WOMENS EVENTS

<b>K1</b>	
1. Miss B.Mean Harlow CC	2. 22.2
2. Miss H.Woodhouse North London CC	2. 33.1
3. Mrs D.Lawler Richmond CC	2. 34.3

<b>K2</b>	
1. D.Lawler/H.Woodhouse Richmond/N.London CCs	2. 20.7
2. R.Gray/P.Renshaw Nott/Richmond CCs	2. 39.0

## TRENT RIVER RACE, NOTTINGHAM 13th July.

### CLASS 1A (Seniors B23)

1. M.Whitby Richmond CC	2. 36.45
2. M.Bosher Royal CC	2. 40.00
3. D.Moore Grappenhall	2. 42.29

### CLASS 2A

1. L.Bolam/M.Mean Leam/Harlow CCs	2. 28.45
2. S.Hollier/C.Baker Royal CC	2. 28.48
3. L.Oliver/A.Edwards Lincoln CC	2. 30.45

### CLASS 3A

1. Allen Sheffield CC	3. 06.00
2. Wilkinson Royal Signals CC	3. 09.40
3. R.Usher Chalfont Park CC	3. 14.00

### CLASS 4A

1. Story/Wink Royal Signals CC	3. 01.25
2. Jeacock/Maiden Aylesbury Sea Cadets	3. 20.00
3. Unwin/Hebdon Royal Signals CC	3. 23.10

### CLASS 1B (Juniors B10)

1. R.Duke Richmond CC	1. 18.25
2. Osbourne Nottingham City KC	1. 20.00
3. Robinson Chippenham CC	1. 22.40

### CLASS 2B

1. S.Bulley/B.Martin Bourne Youth Wing	1. 10.30
2. Crossman/Marfleet Aylesbury Sea Cadets	1. 12.40
3. Ralph/Middleton Leamington CC	1. 15.30

### CLASS 3B

1. Williamson Worcester CC	1. 24.30
2. Harrison Boston CC	1. 25.10
3. Gollings Gailey CC	1. 25.25

### CLASS 4B

1. Gunnis/Watson Bradford-on-Avon CC	1. 18.45
2. Heffer/Honour Amersham CT	1. 20.10
3. Squire/Cotteril Gailey CC	1. 21.50

### CLASS 1C

1. Mrs D.Lawler Richmond CC	1. 26.05
2. Miss H.Woodhouse North London CC	1. 26.40
3. Miss F.Brereton North London CC	1. 33.35

### CLASS 2C

1. R.Gray/P.Renshaw Nott/Richmond CCs	1. 31.00
2. Hope/Pritchard Leamington CC	1. 35.00

### DOUBLE-A CANOE RACE

#### SINGLES

1. G.Tricker 8th Worthing VU	6. 35.55
2. G.Martin Bourne Youth Wing	6. 58.45

#### DOUBLES

1. L.Letchford/S.Hill Crawley CC	6. 58.15
2. G.Hill/A.Sutherland Bourne Youth Wing	7. 10.10

#### TEAM SINGLES

1. A.Smedley/P.Smedley Crawley CC (New Record)	6. 27.55
2. Chaskell/J.Gordon 8th Worthing VU	6. 42.10

#### TEAM DOUBLES

1. C.Brown/D.Woodgate R.Brown/P.Woodgate 8th Worthing VU	6. 34.35
2. R.Goldsmith/S.Watson R.Scrace/D.Press 1st Southwick VU	7. 25.00

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##### SINGLES

1. R.Cowan Crawley CC	1. 35.00
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##### DOUBLES

1. M.Green/I.Baker 6th Shoreham Sea Scouts	1. 35.00
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KAYAK EVENTS SLALOM

K1 MEN

1. C. Peschier France	336.48/272.92
2. W. Zimmerman Switzerland	367.58/284.17
3. W. Rosener West Germany	346.90/285.14
4. R. Calverley Great Britain	307.30/288.03
5. U. Peters West Germany	349.15/291.02

K1 MEN TEAM EVENT

1. Maccari/Peschier/Colombe France	454.79
2. Langford/Calverley/MacLeod Great Britain	742.06
3. Peters/Gerlach/Rosener West Germany	742.84

K1 WOMEN

1. L. Polesna Czechoslovakia	328.82/314.18
2. U. Deppe West Germany	Cap/365.20
3. J. Zverinova Czechoslovakia	719.53/369.45
4. B. Korner West Germany	409.68/376.53
5. B. Schwark West Germany	672.96/398.46

K1 WOMEN TEAM EVENT

1. Korner/Deppe/Schwark West Germany	691.44
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2. Kapplova/Zverinova/Polesna Czechoslovakia	875.86
France/Great Britain	- CAP.

CANOE EVENTS SLALOM

C1 MEN

1. W. Peters West Germany	756.89/364.32
2. R. Kauder West Germany	600.58/386.90
3. Z. Pulec Czechoslovakia	484.22/390.61

C1 MEN TEAM EVENT

1. Peters/Cuyppers/Kauder West Germany	609.71
2. Kadanka/Pulec/Sodomka Czechoslovakia	722.32
3. Baux/Bonnet/Trenchant France	793.31

C2 MEN

1. J. Olry/J. Olry France	705.99/363.53
2. Z. Mestan/L. Mestan Czechoslovakia	440.60/380.73
3. Z. Valenta/M. Stach Czechoslovakia	409.04/383.72

C2 MEN TEAM EVENT

1. Rook/Schmidt Heb/Wenzel Scheffer/Steinschulte West Germany	604.38
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C2 MIXED

1. M. Svoboda/J. Traplova Czechoslovakia	CAP/342.56
2. J. Lutz/C. Lutz France	CAP/360.57
3. J. Koudela/H. Krizkova Czechoslovakia	623.58/360.70

C2 MIXED TEAM EVENT

1. Koudela/Krizkova Svoboda/Traplova Prouzova/Horyna	563.21
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(Winning score placed last)

K1 MEN WILD WATER

1. J. Burny Belgium	36:31.28
2. K. Presslmayr Austria	36:39.62
3. J. Schwarz West Germany	36:48.62

K1 WOMEN

1. L. Polesna Czechoslovakia	22:22.80
2. U. Deppe West Germany	22:48.02
3. A. Amslinger West Germany	22:48.60

C1

1. J. Boudehen France	40:14.57
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C2 MEN

1. M. Chapuis/A. Feuillette France	38:28.80
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C2 MIXED

1. H. Spitz/H. Ramelov Austria	21:56.44
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TEAM EVENTS

K1 MEN

1. Kast/Schwarz/Zentgraf West Germany	36:27.33
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K1 WOMEN

1. Kapplova/Novotna/Polesna Czechoslovakia	22:58.80
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C1

1. Gehlen/Jogwer/Heinemann West Germany	40:57.84
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C2 MEN

1. Enard/Tournadre Lefauconnier/Lefauconnier Chapuis/Feuillette France	38:35.70
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C2 MIXED

1. Gaud/Dransart Tregaro/tregaro Ravilly/Guilbaud France	22:28.48
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