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A K2 crew in real trouble on the Liffey Descent. The kayak completely broke in two on the Wrens Nest Weir!

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editorial

OUT WITH SLALOM

Last month in our letters page a reader commented that he thought a slalom class should be officially introduced into Long Distance Racing. Over the past few months this un-official 'Class 5' has been creeping into events and I was last month going to make comment about it when the letter in question arrived.

Now at the risk of losing yet another friend I would strongly discourage the introduction of a 'Class 5' in Long Distance. The whole of Long Distance is moving slowly towards an open 'K' class and to encourage this, Hasler points are very much loaded on the class. Not so long ago we had a class system in Long Distance that involved 7 types of kayak - 21 events at each Long Distance - over-loading race organisation to a point where the very numbers of classes almost strangled the sport. Now we have 12 events at each Long Distance and I for one would like to see even this reduced. Please don't force the introduction of yet another class.

Don't get me wrong, I don't want to ban slalom and wild water kayaks from our competitions - they are very welcome, providing they accept the present classes. In international Long Distance we now have an open class and slalom and wild water class. The water conditions on internationals is far rougher than the average British Long Distance event and so appeals to the rough water canoeist, while with just open 'K' classes it is reasonable to add the rough water class.

In ranking Long Distance I see no reason why we should overload the organisation with another class. If the kayaks are so suited to the type of water it must be presumed that the class 3 is not (Poole Har-

bour, Orwell, Exe Estuary) so why have a slalom class, I am sure the class 3 boys would be willing to race on equal terms.

It can be argued that many schools have complete fleets of slalom kayaks and on turning to the competitive side find that there is no class (officially) for such craft in Long Distance. This is a valid point but one that should be passed to the Coaching Committee. Instead of continually 'plugging' the slalom kayak as the only ideal, schools should be encouraged to build up mixed fleets

SPANISH TOUR

with LYN BOSHER

DIARY OF XXXIII DESCENSO INTERNACIONAL DEL SELLA SERIES

After 24 hours of heavy driving, two-thirds of the British team for the 1969 Sella arrived in the province of Santanda to compete in a series of "warm up" races preceding the actual Sella Descenso, consisting of one rough (wild) L.D., one sprint regatta and a 10,000 type L.D.

Sunday, 3rd August - Internacional Ason Descenso (10 miles)

Ason being the most important race of this series, incidentally won by Norman Jackson in 1968 using a white water boat, it was anticipated

again that the white water boats would crucify the racing K.1's and K.2's especially as the water was well down on the previous years. Not so, K.2's took the first six places, the winning K.2. being last year's Sella winners which won by the incredible margin of 10 minutes!

Monday, 4th/Tuesday, 5th August - Ason Sprint Regatta/Crossing of the Limpias (7 miles)

These two events were against local club opposition where we had little difficulty in winning the majority of classes.

Having had a very pleasant start to the tour, we then moved on to Ribadesella for the climax of the racing. Fate did prevail however, on one member of the team, when, unfortunately, a horse decided to cross the road in front of his moving car. Luckily enough the horse escaped unscathed and so did the occupants, although the car fared badly; mechanically it was still sound and so the journey could be continued.

Participants in the Sella, including Danes, South Africans, Austrians, Belgians, French, Italians, Irish, Norwegians and Portuguese, arrived a few days before the actual race. Water on the Sella was the same as usual but this, of course, is not the hazard - the hazard being the physical number of entries - 224 canoes all told. So if you are drawn 224, 223 boats must be overtaken to win! We were quite lucky this year in as much as our K.2's as a whole had fairly good draws. This cheered the morale of the team, especially as it was our strongest ever and we felt sure that at least the team event, if not the overall win, was within our grasp at last. We considered the South Africans our biggest threat and this was confirmed when we observed them in training, although their actual sprinting speed

we thought to be of a moderate standard.

Saturday, 9th August - Internacional Del Sella (16 miles)

Came the race day, which dawned murky, things did not go so well - Michael Mean/Laurie Bolam started very well but unfortunately, when laying in rather a good position, damaged their boat very severely putting them effectively out of the race. Lawrence Oliver/Alan Edwards paddled very well into fifth place being our best position (K.2.) for the last five years at the Sella. Our other K.2's were placed 17th and 19th respectively (Colin Grey/Phillip Schnepf - Brian Greenaway/Derek Blackmore). This year our only success in the K.1's was John Handyside winning the junior section, with Christopher Tatam third. Martin Boshier held fifth place in the senior K.1's. The team event went to the touring South Africans who managed first, sixth and twelfth positions - extremely consistent paddling under very chancy racing conditions, and a very well deserved victory. Second overall was a Norwegian crew, perhaps the fastest K.2. in the race on sheer speed.

Sunday, 10th August - Sella Sprint Regatta (500m & 10,000m K.4)

At the sprint regatta high hopes were held of success, L. Oliver was heard to say that he thought it was well within our grasp to win all three events. Unfortunately not so, the best Oliver could do in a K.1. was second, first position going to Mario Pedretti, South Africa, and in the K.2's Oliver/Edwards were third, while our K.4. could only muster a fourth position. Not a very good effort considering the overall standard of the regatta. Carres-Deva L.D. (13½ miles)

Those paddlers who did not par-

ticipate in the regatta, raced that evening in this long and "hairy" (at least by British standards) L.D. This race consisted of shooting a "Liffey Type" weir and multitudes of rapids, a far better course than Sella itself! Once again the South Africans were invariable....

Tuesday, 12th August - Nalon (10 miles)

Confident at this L.D. that we might have success owing to it being rather of a British nature - deep water for the first 4 miles, then up-stream through odd shallows for 7 miles or so. The two British crews of M. Mean/L. Bolam and S. Hollier/C. Baker were battling it out with the two South African crews in the deep water, but soon after hitting the shallower stuff Mean/Bolam were dropped due mainly to a very faulty rudder. Hollier/Baker were left to hold the fort with the South Africans right until the final rapid - 500m from the finish - but a slight error resulted in their exit downhill; South Africa first and second!

Thursday, 14th August - Tresona Relay

Relay race 4 X 250m. This was the culmination of bad luck where our relay team was disqualified for missing the buoys on their first leg, even so our team time was faster than the overall winning time - South Africa's of course!

From here on the remainder of the British team split up, some went to a race near Leone in the centre of Spain and the others to Bilbao on the north coast. The paddlers who went to Bilbao enjoyed huge success against local opposition.

Let us hope that next year's racing in Spain is met with better luck than this year's - plus the weather too!

WELSH SCOUT JAMBOREE

Percy Blandford, who was at the Welsh Scout Jamboree at Lawrenny on Milford Haven, informs us that the organisers of the water activities estimate that during the 10 days camp about 10,000 boy/hours were put in canoeing. Around 50 canoes of all types were available for general use and probably 200 privately owned ones as well.

The Chief Scout (Sir Charles Maclean) visited the Jamboree and it is now expected that the water

INN RIVER EXPEDITION

The boys on the Inn River Expedition are all back safe and sound - which I understand is more than can be said for a number of the kayaks they took out with them! During their expedition the boys did a 70 mile stretch of the Inn River in Switzerland never before navigated by kayak and two members of the party, Michael Jones and David Allen, made the first ever successful descent of the Ardez Gorge. This gorge claimed the lives of two

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activities centre which was set up will be developed in to the equivalent of another 'Longridge'.

TYNE CANOES THE ARCTIC

We hear that a British Expedition to the Arctic - comprising members of the Canoe Camping Club - used Tyne Canoes on this adventure. Along with Eric Totty, Brian Cowburn, John Alderton and Kathleen Toothill was Mr David Hirschfield - Managing Director of Tyne Canoes Ltd - who, at 69 years, was the oldest participant of the party.....well done Mr Hirschfield.



canoeists in 1967.

An article on the trip will appear in the Daily Telegraph Colour magazine some time during October. However, another article on the trip, especially written for 'Canoeing Magazine' by Jeff Slater, will appear in our magazine in December.

SKI-ING IN NORWAY

This winter the CCPR's ski training Courses, which are for all grades of ski-ers, are being held at *Geilo in Norway. These holidays are arranged in co-operation with the National Ski Federation of Great Britain. Instruction for four hours each day is under the direction of the chief instructor, Geilo Ski School and parties will stay at the modern Geilo hostels which provides excellent food and facilities in a friendly and informal atmosphere.

The cost for 14 days is from £49 to £58 (from Newcastle), and a fortnight's holiday covers travel, accommodation, full board, instruction and insurance. Ski-ers of average ability should allow an extra £3 for ski lifts whereas beginners

will find ample ski-ing terrain in the nursery slopes around Geilo thus reducing the need to use ski lifts. Fox experienced ski-ers, special rates are available for unlimited use of lifts.

Boots, skis and sticks may be hired - £6-12-0 for the full period (ski boots £2-2-0 and skis and sticks £4-10-0).

Pre-ski training on artificial slopes will be available at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre, in South-East London; Bowles Mountain-

BRITISH WATERWAYS BOARD STEPS INTO THE 1970's.

SYMBOL OF NEW IMAGE

The British Waterways Board have adopted a new emblem more in keeping with their modern image.



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earing Centre, Eridge, Kent; Barton Hall, Torquay; and Plas y Brenin National Mountaineering Centre, where, apart from practice on the dry ski slopes, a snow-making machine is in use.

*Geilo is a large village lying in a sheltered valley half-way between Bergen and Oslo: on the north side the mountains rise to 6,000ft providing an abundance of slopes to suit all degrees of skill.

'KNOCKOUT' N.W.W.C. KAYAKS

B.B.C. Television chose N.W.W.C. Kayaks for use in the 'Its a Knock-out' competition at Blackpool that was screened on 3rd September.

The kayaks, four 'Prijon Inn' Slalom, were purchased from the stock of the Northern Wild Water Centre, and were the centre point of one of the games. The kayaks were all of standard manufacture, and, although the competition involved a mini-slalom course and an Eskimo roll under a low bridge, the competitors - many of them complete novices - managed the course very well.

Sir Frank Price, Chairman of the Board, explained: "The years ahead will be exciting ones for the waterways. New opportunities, new powers and new responsibilities have been given to the Board by the Transport Act 1968 and we intend to use them to the full".

When reproduced in colour the new symbol will be in a light French blue chosen as the new "house colour". The emblem will be seen on the Board's pleasure boats, commercial barges, tugs, maintenance vessels, road vehicles, publicity literature, note paper etc.

Designed by Wyatt Advertising & Marketing Ltd. of London and Birmingham, it replaces a "lifebelt" emblem which has remained virtually unchanged since the waterways were nationalised in 1948.

The new emblem, symbolic of the Board's new image, is fittingly presented to the public at this moment of time, when the effects of the Transport Act 1968 are being seen on all sides. The passing of this Act resolved issues crucial to the future of the waterways, particularly in their role for recreation and amenity.

OLYMPIC SLALOM ROUND-UP

by RODNEY WITTER



Unfortunately I was unable to go to Bourg St. Maurice for the World Championships, so you will have to look elsewhere in these pages for an account of the events (reported last month - Rodney! ED.) and, I hope, of some British successes in them. Rather, at this watershed of events in the two year slalom calendar, I wish to take stock of the position of British slalom and consider the future of the sport. For this reason I have headed the article 'Olympic Slalom Round-up', since I believe that the recent decision of the International Olympic Committee that slalom (but not W.W. racing) is to be included at the 1972 Olympics, is going to cause a deal of reconsideration and reorganisation of our slalom set-up.

At the top of the body of slalom competitors we have already a training squad whose members are chosen by the Selection Committee (one may apply for election to the squad if you think that the selectors have not considered your name) and from which our international

teams are chosen. This squad has been working very intensively and very successfully this year and should not need much change. It might require some enlargement and regionalisation, to diminish the huge mileages the squad members have to travel each weekend, and presumably it will now be known as the Olympic Squad - to remind all concerned that the main goal being aimed for is now three years away and not the usual two (though the 1971 World Championships will provide a most welcome curtain raiser to the following year's Olympics). What is needed for the squad is a good non-paddling manager. This is a most important role and I hesitate to hope that the right man for the job will be found. He will need to have some unusual qualities and much will be demanded of him in the administration of the squad, the International and Olympic teams. No doubt he will receive more than his fair share of brick-bats, but at the end of it all the reward should be the managing of a well-knit and successful team at the

Munich Olympic Games.

The directors of British slalom must also consider the vast mass of competitors further down the scale of ability and ask themselves whether they are being adequately catered for. In my opinion slaloms must provide:

a) an opportunity for improvement and promotion of the individual up the divisional ladder, and

b) enjoyment for those who only seek pleasure and not competitive advancement from the sport.

The fulfilment of the first requires that the quality of a slalom be of a certain standard. That is the judging, timing and standard of course should not cause grumbles among the more keen competitors. Judging and timing have been giving a lot of cause for concern at some recent slaloms. This really shouldn't be happening since the introduction of the slalom judges' exam and the new timing apparatus. Organisers are requested to pay particular attention to these points and to remember that severe complaints can lead to the loss of ranking status for a particular slalom.

For the class of people I mentioned under b) - those who wish mainly for enjoyment from the sport of canoe slalom - I don't think the considerations of judging, timing, etc. are as important as the number of slaloms available for them to get to. That is, they are interested more in the quantity of slaloms than the quality. In this direction the national organisation is really falling down; where are the slaloms to satisfy the canoeists from the West Country? And even London and the Southern Counties are not well catered for with competitions. This, of course, is mainly due to lack of sites (though there must be other suitable Thames weirs besides Sheperton and Windsor?) and the realisation that a site must be of a certain standard before the Slalom Committee will accept it for ranking purposes. However, let us face

facts - there must be more slaloms in the south and west for novices. These events can be almost flat water slaloms on any old stretch of agitated water, but we must cater for those who want to try slalom. If they become keen on the sport, then they will start travelling to the ranking events and get a foot on the bottom of the divisional ladder. So let us have a few of the new clubs organising novice slaloms. Don't be put off by imagined difficulties - organising a slalom is not all that involved and you will always find one or two experienced chaps at the top will come and help sort out your problems if you ask them in advance. A provisional competitive calendar will again be worked out for 1970 by Chris McAllister, prior to the full slalom committee meeting at Maurice Rothwell's Manchester home on 6th-7th December. If organising clubs can tell Chris their plans for next year, as soon as possible, then the provisional list can be made and a good few hours wrangling will be saved at the meeting.

Incidentally all clubs are asked to make a note of the above date and make sure they are represented at this most important meeting where our future policies will be decided. You must have strong views on how our Olympic sport should be run, so remember each club is permitted two delegates but only one vote when a decision is made.

I think also that the public image of canoe slalom needs gingering up a fair bit. Any public impressions are going to depend largely on what they see of competitors and competitions, both at first and second hand. First hand experience means what the public see for themselves at an event. This impression is formed from the professionalism of the organisation and the behaviour of the individual competitors. My views on slalom organisation are well known and do not require repeating here. Some comment

on the recent trend in slalomists' behaviour is called for however. The latest edition of 'White Water' contains various letters highlighting the problem, including a lengthy piece from a Chalfont Park member detailing the behaviour they have suffered from. The chronicle of woes goes on for two pages then reaches the incredible conclusion that the solution is quite simple - viz a little more thought and responsibility from the offenders. In other words all that is needed is a few words to the bad lads, "Be better chaps in future, won't you." What rubbish! This type of solution just does not work.

What is required is sanctions against offenders. By this I mean that slalom organisers should immediately throw anyone guilty of misbehaviour straight out of their event. (The Slalom Committee has already given formally its approval to any action of this nature that is taken.) Cases of gross offence should be referred to the Slalom Committee for action, such as banning the offender from competitive slaloms for six months. This may seem rather drastic but in my opinion it is the only way to combat the problem. Furthermore it would be well to note that I am serious about this and I warn anyone who, by their behaviour at the Llangollen National or International competitions brings slalom into disrepute or jeopardises the organisation of future events in the town, that they will be dealt with most severely on the lines I suggested above.

Speaking of the International Slalom (18th-19th October) I would ask everyone to give it maximum possible support. Quite a few helpers will be required for a variety of jobs and all offers will be gratefully received. A beer and bangers session will be held in the Town Hall on the Saturday night to welcome our guests, at which the Rhos Male Voice Choir will perform. A limited number of tickets will be

available for this function, to which all slalom helpers will be admitted free. This international competition includes a wild water race on the Saturday with the individual and team slalom on the Sunday. Each country is permitted up to a maximum of 6 competitors in each class and it is hoped that the British Selection Committee will enter the maximum possible number of competitors. The competition also embraces the 3rd annual France vs. Great Britain match which Britain has won on both previous occasions.

As to national publicity, I am very pleased to hear that the Daily Telegraph now has a correspondent appointed for 1st Division events. I was also glad to see the paper's coverage of the World Slalom.

The first reports from the World Championships are just getting back and I would especially like to congratulate the British team on their superbly gained Silver Medal in the Men's team kayak event. Another result which should not be overlooked was Raymond Calverley's 4th place. Raymond is still very young and can only continue to improve - with luck he should be one to watch for a medal at the Munich Olympics.

Not so pleasant to hear were the stories of discontent and wrangling within the British contingent. Obviously 20 individuals, who have been working as hard as our team have for this one event, are going to be pretty highly tensed up at the competition itself. Such tension is bound to lead to bickering unless a firm captaincy and management is exercised. It appears that this was not the case and the 'team' was very definitely composed of 20 individuals. This, in my opinion, is a pretty poor state of affairs, and if the team manager and captain are not doing their jobs properly, they must be replaced by people who are capable of handling our team properly and taking them through to the 1972 Olympic Games.

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GOLLEN INTERNATIONAL

SLALOM K1 MEN

Ken Langford
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K1 LADIES

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Graham Goldsmith
Jim Sibley
John Albert
Robert Hastings

C2 MEN

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WW RACE

John Court/Jon Goodwin
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Richard Williamson

TOM BEERE



It is with regret that we hear Tom Beere of the Harlow Canoe Club died on 30th August as a result of a climbing accident. Along with John Day, Dave Lewis and another 20 year old climber (not a canoeist), the four were making ascents in the Llanberis Pass in North Wales. Tom Beere was with the young climber when they both fell; Dave Lewis and John Day were climbing another route when the accident happened and it will never be known how or why the accident occurred. The young climber was killed instantly, Tom Beere did not regain consciousness and died the following day.

Tom Beere was a fine long distance paddler, a great character in our sport and a well liked person who will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

THE MONTH AHEAD

WHERE TO GO - WHAT TO COMPETE - WHAT TO SEE

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Mon. 3 10 17 24 31
Tue . 4 11 18 25 ..
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Thu . 6 13 ..

OCTOBER

- 5th CANOE SLALOM, NON RANKING, GUILDFORD. Details:P.Bevan, 22 Dynevor Place, Fairlands Estate, Guildford, Surrey.
- 5th CANOE SLALOM, BUILTH WELLS, 2nd, Div.OT. Details: C.B.Manton, 11 Stepping Stones Road, Coventry, CV5 8JT. (WORCESTER/LEAMINGTON CCs)
- 5th CANOE SLALOM, POTARCH, Novice/ON. Details: D.Thornton, 15 Dalhouse Place, Arbroath, Angus, Scotland.
- 10th/12th POTENTIAL INSTRUCTORS COURSE, BISHAM ABBEY. Details:C.C.P.R. S/R, Watlington H ouse, Watlington Street, Reading, Berks.
- 12th CANOE SLALOM, LLANGOLLEN TOWN, 1st /CT Details: R.C.Witter, 5 Walnut Close, Upton-by-Chester, Chester.(CHESTER CC)
- 19th LONG DISTANCE.KENNET, B14, P16. Details: I.Kirkwood,21 Russell Road, Newbury,Berks. (KENNET VALLEY CC)
- 19th INTERNATIONAL CANOE SLALOM, LLANGOLLEN TOWN.
- 24th/26th POTENTIAL SENIOR INSTRUCTORS COURSE, BISHAM ABBEY. Details: C.C.P.R. 160 Great Portland Street, London, W.1.
- 26th WILD WATER, LEVEN TEST. Details: E.Totty, Craigmuir, High Knott Road, Arnside, Westmoreland. (LAKELAND CC)
- 26th LONG DISTANCE, CAMBRIDGE, B14/P4. Details: A.Buckmaster, Clare College, Cambridge. (CAMBRIDGE UNIV. CC)

NOVEMBER

- 2nd LONG DISTANCE, READING CIRCUIT, non-ranking, B19. Details: A.Roberts, 12 The Ridgeway, Caversham, Reading, Berks.
- 8th LONG DISTANCE, LONGRIDGE, open Madison 2hr X K1 X 2 X 300m. Details: A.Tullett, Longridge Activity Centre, Quarry Lane, Marlow, Bucks.

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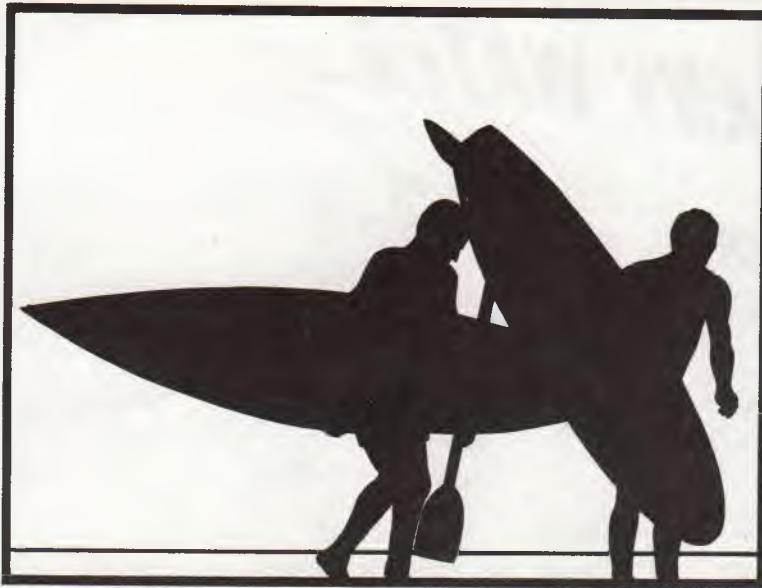
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CANOE AND SURF GALA



NATIONAL CANOE SURF CHAMPIONSHIPS,
6th/7th September, 1969.

Excellent weather was marred by too calm a sea to show the canoe at its best for the National Surf Championships this year. Although they were a little bigger on Sunday, they were still so small that the judges decided that it would be impossible to judge the best handler under the very easy conditions prevailing.

Accordingly a form of slalom was hastily arranged. Heats were run off through a maze of buoys, on a mass start of eight canoes. The "maze" for the finals was a tortuous passage through rocks, at one point of which, the competitor had to go through on the swell, to carry him over some rocks, and lean over to avoid an overhanging rock! This event was run on a time basis, the 16 competitors starting at regular intervals.

There is little doubt that this sport - of going through rocks with a sea running - is up and coming. I know of several groups about the country who do it. The rocks at Bude

are perhaps not the best for it; but I am confident that we shall see more of it in the future.

The Bude Surf Life-Saving Club supported us with their usual enthusiasm and good races were held on the single and double skis. The canoe versus ski event was won fairly easily by the canoes this year, but we must wait to see the duel in all sorts of sea conditions before we can conclude that this will always be the way of it.

The ladies had their first event this year. A straight race was keenly contested. More events for the ladies are planned for the future.

A new innovation was a relay race, again run through the rocks, but this time competitors could choose any route they wished. Nine teams competed. This is going to be a very exciting event when the sea is rough.

Other events were as before. We had a total of 64 competitors which is slightly fewer than last year; but that did nothing to assuage our enthusiasm. Smooth sea and all, a good time was had by all, canoeists and audience alike.

Oliver Cock.

MIKE CLARK on competitive CANOEING

Almost a hundred crews competed the British Championship Long Distance Race, sponsored by John Player and Sons and held on the River Tay in Scotland on 31st Aug. Once again there was a good international entry with crews coming from Austria, Denmark, Ireland, South Africa and Spain. The English entry was very pleasing considering the number of miles travelling involved for many. However I feel the only real disappointment was the lack of local crews - little more than twelve Scottish paddlers raced - and if this is all the support we are going to get at future venues I would recommend the L-D Committee consider carefully the advantages of travelling so far away from the Long Distance centre.

However the course proved quite thrilling, although a little boring for the first twelve miles of the senior course. Once on the junior course and the last 11 miles, things became quite amusing - I know from experience this time, as I paddled over the day before! Stanley Weir was great fun; I nearly came out but managed a successful shoot. A little up from Stanley is the so called dreaded 'Campsie Lynn' rapid. Some rapid - I had gone past it without realising and it was only by looking back at the 'Players' banner that confirmed the rapid. Below Stanley there were some very nice standing waves to buck the kayak, while Thistlebrig again proved disappointing from memories of last year -

the water was very low and completely changed the rapid.

For the actual race there was the promise of much water let out from dams upstream, but, viewing most of the race from Stanley Weir there was little evidence of more water, at the most it was a mere six inches higher. It was impossible to follow much of the senior race while in the junior most of the main hazards were so close together that again it was impossible to get a view of competitors at more than one exciting stand-point. In the senior event the race was virtually over by the time crews reached Stanley Weir (still with 12 miles to go!) for they were all well spaced out. In the senior doubles, fresh from their great success at the Sella, the South African crews thrashed down the course to take first and second places, the Spanish crew taking third, while in the senior singles South African crews took second and third places. The British crews certainly took a hammering and it was only Norman Jackson of Grappenhall, taking first in the senior singles, who kept the flag flying.

The only foreign competition in the Womens events came from Ireland so Miss Pauline Squires was pretty safe for a win to retain her British Championship title.

The entry for the International Liffey Descent the following weekend in Ireland was better than the British Championship race, although a little down on last record entry. Continental and Irish entries were again up and the drop only occurred from British paddlers (it was down some 50% from last year!). Now I would not assume our own paddlers are taking fright at this race but would put the drop down to the vast distance many had to travel the week before - I hope so anyway and trust we will be back to strength at this very fine event next year.

Once again there was fine sponsorship from the Dublin bottlers

of Coca-Cola and although the Water Board did let out their usual amount of water it was a little late this year - some of the leading crews overtaking the flood. However the course was as spectacular as ever and attracted vast crowds at all the 'interesting' hazards!

I was hoping that, as the South Africans had not been to the Liffey before, they would at least be shown the way home on this event! It was not to be so.... Out in the lead of the Senior K2 was W.Van Riet/R.Van Riet and the pair shoot Wren's Nest in fine style, closely followed by a second South African crew of Chalupsky/Culverwell. However the latter came to grief across the top of the 'stopper' and were out in the water. Hot on their tail were Baker/Hollier for Britain, closely followed by Avery/Lawler. A fine race ensued to the finish between these three crews (the first South African crew taking the win by almost two minutes). Finally Lawler/Avery gained the second place for Britain with Hollier/Baker third and the second South African crew in fourth place. It must be recorded that in fifth place M.Bosher/M.Whitby for Britain, although over four minutes down on the winners, have probably altered the course of the Liffey - figuratively speaking of course - for although not original, the pair successfully shoot Lucan Weir in their K2. Just how they did it can be seen

in the fine photograph. Next year I will expect all the leading crews in K2s to attempt this - if they are out to win!

In the senior K1, Norman Jackson could not hold off South African Ken Scott as he had done the week before and had to be content with second place.... S. Kitson, past winner of the Descent, paddled into third place.

In other events C. Tatam won the junior K1 for Britain while in the Womens K1, Miss Squires more than made up for her last performance on the Liffey by winning her class with a time that would have put her in eighth place of the senior K1! In the Wild Water Class L. Obermaier of West Germany gained a fine win, well clear of R. Davis in second and again with a time that would have given him third in the senior K1! Certainly another great Liffey Descent....

Plans are now being voiced for a change in the Liffey course next year. The proposal is to cut the last three miles of the race to finish at the Garda boathouse above Islandbridge Weir, and to add three miles on to the top of the race. This would bring in three new weirs above the Celbridge Rapids - one that I understand is over five feet higher than Wren's Nest! Sounds great let's hope Coca-Cola will agree to the finish not being in Dublin.



K2 winners on The Liffey - W.Van Riet/R.Van Riet of South Africa.



M. Whitby/M. Boshier shooting the Lucan Weir on the Liffey Descent. The drop here is some ten feet! Note paddle brace as they drop over the weir sideways. Photo: D. Mitchell.

Photo: D. Mitchell.



Norman Jackson making a crafty portage of Stanley Weir on the Tay International.



Pauline Squires making a fine shoot of Stanley Weir on the Tay International.

MOSCOW Championships

After very fast and close time trials held at Royal Canoe Club on 26th July, the team for Moscow was selected. K1 - M. Whitby, K2 - M. Whitby/H. Dyer, K4 - D. Parnham/B. Taylor/R. Billen/H. Dyer, and K1 Womens - Miss B. Mean.

After the final weeks training the team left for Moscow on 10th August. The flight in an Aeroflot left us tired and hungry. At the Airport, after a small typically Russian meal of meat - rather like a small steak but only about 2" sq. - potatoes and carrots, we were taken to our hotel. This was nothing special: it smelt, had hard beds but was our home for the next 8 days.

The next few days we wasted waiting for our boats to arrive and so lazed about the course. We did however make a hilarious trip on what must be the most ornate and lavish Metro in the world. Here we got to know the Russians as people who look as if they have just lost their nearest and dearest and where our interpreter tried to disown us!

Finally after many broken promises we got our boats on the evening before we had to race....

Wednesday, the first days racing, began with our hopes being smashed to the ground - in the K2 heat with the 5th fastest time of the day, we came 4th - .06 of a second away from the final! Our nerves were so bad at the start that the whole kayak was vibrating.... However the 13th did not live up to its

name as Barbara gained 4th in her heat and was through to the final (in the final she finished 8th).

The K2 final was won in a time of 1. 40.2 by the Hungarians, with the Russians and Rumanians taking 2nd and 3rd. The women K4 closed the events of the day and here the pretty Rumanian crew gained the victory.

Thursday the 14th proved to be a better day for our team. In the K1 heat, after making a false start, I was second, beaten by the Pole but leading the Rumanian, Czech and West German. Unfortunately our K4 was beaten into 4th place in the fastest heat of the day, the Czechs winning from Russian and East German crews. However their time of 1. 35.0 shows that they weren't hanging around!

In the K1 final I was drawn between the Russian and Hungarian. In a fantastic race, which turned out to be almost as slow as the womens - due to a strong head wind - the Russian won in a time of 1. 59.4 with the East German taking 2nd, the Pole in 3rd. I gained 7th place, but the times of all 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th were 2. 03.0 so it was a very close race!

The mens K4 was won by the Hungarians while in the straight final of the womens K2 the East Germans came through the Swedes and Russians to win.

Friday saw the heats of senior events so our junior team took time out to do a little sight seeing around Moscow....

The next morning we were back on the course to watch senior finals with 9 K2s in the 100m making a tremendous race to finish all in a time of 3. 44.00. During the afternoon the K1 10,000m was won by the Russian, after Hansen of Denmark had set the pace for all the way and after Hess, of Hungary - who crossed the finish first - was disqualified for wash hanging on the last 1000m. However in the K2 10,000m the Hungarians dominated the race taking 1st and 3rd places, with the Norwegian crew in 2nd place (incident-

ly, for Mexaros, who paddled with Selzoi to take 3rd place, it was 14 years ago that he won his first Championship Medal!)

The final day of the championships the Russian proved their complete domination by winning, not only the mens K1 1000m and K2 1000m, but also the womens K1 - where they also gained 2nd - and womens K2...! However the race of the championships was the K4 10,000m, where despite

tremendous pressure from the two Hungarian, two Russian and two Rumanian crews, the Norwegians led the race all the way to win from the Hungarians with the Swedes taking 3rd.

After a very disappointing party that evening and a rushed shopping expedition the next morning we returned to London - B.E.A. - in style. (Disappointed, but richer from it).



Report and photos:- Mark Whitby.





photo of the month

Going....going....! A K2 slowly disappearing below Stanley Weir on the Tay International.
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'SLOPP' SHIRT SLALOM TEAM

Generally our British competitive canoeists are a pretty motley lot - just take a look at almost any regatta and see how many of the paddlers wear club colours! Even when abroad our paddlers seem ashamed of club colours, so it was pleasing to see our slalom team at Bourg St. Maurice all in British colours - even on the campsite. Apart from the expensive tracksuits, the team was supplied with Canadian 'Slopp' Shirts - made in England of course - and these relatively inexpensive 'tops' were ideal for campsite garb.



The Canadian 'Slopp' Shirts are available from Canadian 'Slopp' Shirt Company, 88 Park Lane, Croydon, and prices are 42s for small, medium or large and 44s for extra large. They have a vast range of designs but will also screen the shirts to your own club design, which for over 40 shirts the stencil charges are free.

The material of the shirts is similar to tracksuits and proves ideal for training wear or off the

water between events. Also available from the company are cotton 'T-Shirts' priced at 13s 6d printed with any of the 'Slopp' designs.

300 MILES OF WILD WATER

Chris Hawkesworth, 1st Div. Paddler and owner of the Northern Wild Water Centre, paddled 300 miles of the Colorado River where it flows through the Grand Canyon in Arizona, U.S.A. in August.

The expedition was organised for the B.B.C. Television, to film for "The World about us" series. The kayak Chris paddled was a "Prigion" INN Slalom Kayak, made in his own factory, and modified to take three T.V. film cameras as well as power packs for a remote controlled tape recorder. The 281b canoe took 2281bs of paddler and equipment through the giant waves and formidable stoppers for the journey down this exceptional river. Despite the intense heat (120° at times) and having to take part in the rescue of another paddler caught in a whirlpool, Chris, and the films, came out alright - the canoe had only the usual scratches on the bottom. An unforgettable and enjoyable experience....

The film, over 4½ hours of it, will be edited and curtailed to 55 minutes, to be shown in colour on B.B.C. 2 in November. It should be worth seeing.

'SCHOOLS AND YOUTH GROUPS'

The booklet 'Canoeing for Schools and Youths' by G. Sanders is now out of print and at present there are no plans for a re-print.

Likewise the 'Canoeing Magazine Binder' is sold out and the new ones will not be available for some months.



TOWARDS MUNICH

OLYMPIC TRAINING SQUAD

You may be aware that almost immediately following the return of the British Olympic Team from the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City, the Team Managers and other representatives of the various Olympic sports, were interviewed by the Minister of Sport, Mr. Dennis Howell M.P., and were informed that there would be a considerable increase in the financial aid available for pre-Olympic training. Certain undertakings were to be given by the sports concerned if the full advantages provided by the new arrangements were to be obtained, and precise details of these will be available during the next few weeks. Recently the Sports Council announced publicly, that the sum of £100,000 per year was to be allocated for pre-Olympic training, up to and including 1972, and Canoeing will of course qualify for a proportion of this amount, providing that this sport is prepared to fulfill certain conditions. The most important requirement proposed by the Sports Council, and that calculated to create the greatest impact, is the formation of a National Olympic Training Squad, the major function of which will be to prepare competitors physically, and mentally, for the 1972 Olympic Games.

The Olympic Training Squad, as most of you will know, is not new to the sport of Canoeing, and such a squad operated with modest success prior to the 1968 Olympic

Games. However, it is anticipated that the new Olympic Training Squad will be a much larger unit than it has previously been possible to administer, will be better equipped, and will provide a more extensive and exciting training programme.

Positive details of the organisation and activities of the Squad cannot be published until further discussions regarding the financial subsidies that may be expected, have taken place with the Sports Council. However, the following provisional details are reproduced for your interest, and may assist in helping you decide the extent to which you may wish to be involved in the activities of the new Olympic Training Squad.

1. The size of the Squad will be as large as possible, having regard to financial and organisational considerations, and the Sports Council have been asked to consider a group of 18 senior men, 6 junior men, and 6 women paddlers, together with 3 Coach/Trainers and a Team Manager. However this application has not yet been approved.

2. For the first year at least, the headquarters of the Squad will be at the Central Council of Physical Recreation Centre, at Bisham Abbey, Marlow, Bucks.

3. Winter Training weekends from Friday evening until Sunday evening, at which all Squad members must be resident, will be held from October to April each year, on the following dates in 1969/70, and it is anticipated that at least 50% of travel-

ling and the whole of the accommodation expenses will be met -

Fri/Sun 3rd/5th October 1969
Fri/Sun 31st/2nd November 1969
Fri/Sun 5th/7th December 1969
Fri/Sun 9th/11th January 1970
Fri/Sun 6th/8th February 1970
Fri/Sun 6th/8th March 1970

4. Two, possibly three, international regattas will be included in the programme each year, which will be at least 50% financially subsidised and will be exclusive of the World Championships to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1970, and Jaice, Yugoslavia, in 1971, and the Junior European Championships to be held in Snagow, Rumania in 1971.

5. It is hoped that Crew boats will eventually be provided for the use of the Olympic Training Squad, but this will eventually be dependent upon the extent of the financial aid available.

6. The emphasis of all Olympic Tra-

ining Squad activities, will be placed upon Team and Crew training. Individual training, though obviously of immense importance, does not require the sophisticated financial and organisational arrangements essential to the Team or Crew, and will therefore be made use of only as a means of improving Team or Crew performances. It is essential to fully appreciate this fundamental principle of the Squads functions, as the whole of the training programme will be arranged with these factors in mind. The Squad will therefore be divided into Groups, broadly on a geographical basis and each Group will be virtually self-sufficient within the Squad, and will be encouraged to pursue its own training methods, with the obvious reservation that they must not interfere with the training programme of other Groups, and that there is a general progression towards the ultimate target of the Olympic events to be held in 1972.

BOOK REVIEWS



LIVING CANOEING by Alan Bye. 266 pages illustrated with line drawings and photographs. PRICE 35s (Adam & Charles Black, London).

'Living Canoeing', a superb book by Alan Bye that must become one of the real classics of our sport, well illustrated with instructional diagrams and inspiring techniques, really excellent chapters on sea canoeing and reading waves, plus canoe building in glass-fibre and chapters on baths training, exposure and many more.

Although there is little explanation of the competitive side

of our sport all the strokes are there for your use. Alan has been involved in more than one sea canoeing adventure and his chapters on this side of the sport cannot be too highly praised. This book will certainly become a standard work on canoe sport and a book for every enthusiasts shelf, whether youth leader, rough water or flat water paddler.

The price at 35s is inexpensive for the wealth of information between the covers. If you find difficulty in obtaining this book, it is available by return through 'Canoeing Magazine Sales' at our editorial address, price 35s plus 2s postage.

RESULT ROUND-UP



WOLVERHAMPTON L-D 17th August.

CLASS 1A

1. R.Avery Richmond CC	1. 26.39
2. N.Jackson Grappenhall ACA	1. 28.37
3. S.Kitson Grappenhall ACA	1. 33.55

CLASS 2A

1. A.Acton/K.Yate's Wolverhampton CC	1. 28.47
2. Dawson/Dawson Richmond CC	1. 30.16
3. R.Pierce/G.Downing Wolverhampton CC	1. 31.43

CLASS 3A

1. G.Mackareth Grappenhall ACA	1. 36.44
2. B.Gulliver Soar Valley CC	1. 38.49
3. R.Davis Itchen Valley CC	1. 41.38

CLASS 4A

1. K.Saville/J.Rossiter Caterham CC	1. 36.48
2. A.Claire/P.Wakeling Itchen Valley CC	1. 38.14
3. C.Vare/G.Cottle Bradford-on-Avon CC	1. 41.10

CLASS 1B

1. J.Phelps Harlow CC	1. 09.14
2. M.Perrin Caterham CC	1. 10.12
3. H.Baker Harlow CC	1. 10.28

CLASS 2B

1. I.Why/P.Rammsford Longridge SGCC	1. 06.40
2. S.Gould/T.Gould Kennet Valley CC	1. 07.50
3. Adams/Langley Hewell Grange CC	1. 12.25

CLASS 3B

1. R.Williamson Worcester CC	1. 12.28
2. M.Matthews Itchen Valley CC	1. 14.29
3. M.Gollings Gailey CC	1. 15.54

CLASS 4B

1. P.Cotterill/D.Squires Gailey CC	1. 13.10
2. Daniel/Heffer Amersham CT	1. 14.06
3. M.Beamand/T.Lloyd Gailey CC	1. 15.27

CLASS 1C

1. Mrs D.Lawler Richmond CC	1. 14.48
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CLASS 4C

1. Miss F.Taylor/Miss C.Wharry Clevedon CC	1. 21.24
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CLOCH LONG DISTANCE 24th August.

HANDICAP CLASS

1. A.Morten Glasgow Univ. CC	1. 27.41
2. J.Young Forth CC	1. 29.55
3. R.Riddell Forth CC	1. 31.31

K2 CLASS

1. D.Cuthill/G.Cuthill Forth CC	1. 48.29
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GANTOCK CLASS

1. D.Winning Cloch CC	1. 40.33
2. W.Bryce Kyle CC	1. 54.00
3. J.Reid Cloch CC	1. 55.22

NATIONAL CANOE SURF CHAMPIONSHIPS Bude 1969

CANOE HANDLING

1. S.Grellis Bridport CC

SINGLE SKI RACE

1. P.Frost Bude S.L.S.C.

CANOE RACE

1. M.Wright A.C.U.

DOUBLE SKI RACE

1. M.Moyle/P.Frost Bude S.L.S.C.

RESCUE RACE

1. R.Reilly/G.Foster A.C.U.

LADIES CANOE HANDLING

1. Miss V.A.Brown 2nd North/land Canoe L.G.
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CANOE v SKI

1. M.Wright (canoe) A.C.U.

BRITISH NATIONAL LONG DISTANCE

CANOE. RACE CHAMPIONSHIP - RIVER TAY 31st AUGUST

SENIOR SINGLES

1. N.Jackson Great Britain	2. 39.15
2. M.Pedretti South Africa	2. 41.15
3. R.Van Riet South Africa	2. 43.50

SENIOR DOUBLES

1. W.Van Riet/K.Culverwell South Africa	2. 27.15
2. P.Chalupsky/K.Scott South Africa	2. 28.45
3. P.Cuesta/A.Villar South Africa	2. 38.15

WOMENS SINGLES

1. Miss P.Squires GREAT Great Britain	1. 30.40
2. Mrs H.Goodman Leamington Spa CC	1. 33.30
3. Miss J.McCrea Ireland	1. 42.00

INTERNATIONAL LIFFEY DESCENT, IRELAND, 6th September.

SENIOR K1

1. K.Scott South Africa	1. 45.55
2. N.Jackson Great Britain	1. 48.41
3. S.Kitson Great Britain	1. 53.30
4. R.Love Salmon Leap CC	1. 57.30
5. G.Mackereth Grappenhall ACA	1. 59.45

SENIOR K2

1. W.Van Riet/R.Van Riet South Africa	1. 40.18
2. P.Lawler/R.Avery Great Britain	1. 41.49
3. S.Hollier/C.Baker Great Britain	1. 42.45
4. P.Chalupsky/K.Culverwell South Africa	1. 44.25
5. M.Whitby/M.Bosher Great Britain	1. 44.43

JUNIOR K1

1. C.Tatam Great Britain	1. 55.14
2. M.Kennedy Ireland	1. 55.26
3. G.Long Ireland	1. 59.36
4. H.Baker Grappenhall ACA	2. 03.49
5. K.Bailey Grappenhall ACA	2. 05.29

JUNIOR K2

1. I.Maclean/R.Rowe Ireland	1. 50.49
2. M.Bulley/S.Martin Great Britain	1. 53.11

SLALOM/WILD WATER

1. L.Obermaier West Germany	1. 53.16
2. R.Davis Itchen Valley CC	1. 56.20
3. D.Fawcett Leeds CC	2. 02.04

WOMENS K1

1. Miss P.Squires Great Britain	2. 00.40
2. Miss J.McCrea Ireland	2. 09.19
3. Miss A.McQuid Ireland	2. 11.55

WOMENS WILD WATER

1. Miss P.Topitsch West Germany	2. 42.39
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INTERNATIONAL CANOEING

AUSTRALIAN SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS
Bundamba Murrumbidge River, N.S.W.

MENS K1

1. B.Dashwood	387
2. J.Volma	403
3. P.Dear	469

JUNIOR K1

1. P.Markowski	370
2. R.Simpson	387
3. P.Freeman	410

WOMENS K1

1. Miss G.Hatch	306
2. Miss G.Savage	314
3. Miss H.Brownlea	1003

OPEN C1

1. P.Egger	613
2. J.Egger	799
3. S.Neil	1041

OPEN C2

1. T.Robinson/G.Barker	662
2. T.James/P.Foy	677
3. R.Walsh/S.Neil	800

MIXED C2

1. S.Robinson/M.Robinson	248
2. H.Brownlea/C.Brownlea	292



Start of senior K2 at Tay International.

Hasler Trophy

RICHMOND CANOE CLUB	86	75	74	72	72	70	58	56	491
HARLOW CANOE CLUB	82	71	60	59	45	45	42	34	438
ROYAL CANOE CLUB	34	32	32	28	26	24	23	14	213
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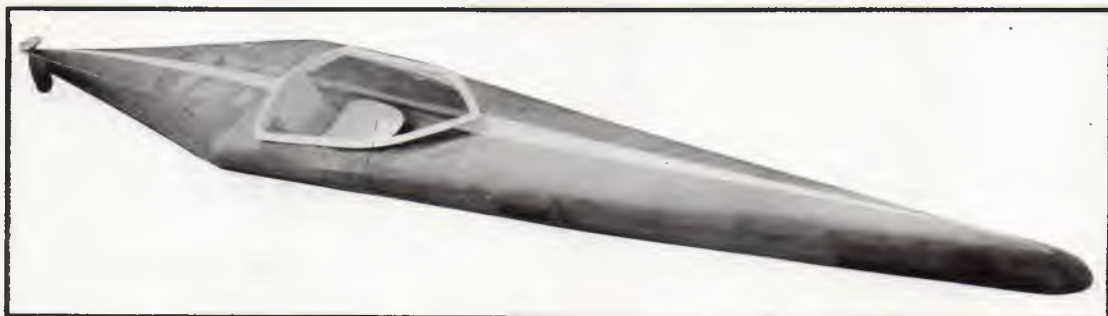
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