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Pointers . . .

The AGM in January decided to abolish, as far as the election of the officers and members of Council is concerned, proxy voting, and to introduce as from 1960 the

POSTAL BALLOT.

Council is at the moment considering the details of the procedure which has to be adopted, but it is already now clear that the new scheme cannot be worked if not all clubs do co-operate.

—Many clubs who take an active part in one of the branches of our sport have still not submitted nominations of their representatives to the

BCU TECHNICAL COMMITTEES.

Even when there is no change in representation from 1958, the member must be confirmed in writing to Headquarters.

—Our CANOEING CALENDAR in this issue mirrors the manifold activities of the Union and the clubs.

CRUISING

as always remains the "mainspring" of our sport. The slalom fraternity is getting ready for the

SLALOM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

in Geneva, whilst the racing competitors look forward to a good season with the

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

as their main objective.

GOING ABROAD

Both the BCU Slalom Committee and the Paddling Racing Committee are set for the big international competitions which will be held this year: the Canoe Slalom World Championships in Geneva, the first World Championships in Wild Water Racing in France, and the European Championships in Racing in Duisburg.

We have already reported on the preparations made by the Slalom Committee for the Slalom World Championships. Since there is at present no separate Wild Water Racing Committee, the Slalom Selection Committee—who are most in touch with the people interested in wild water—will also make the necessary selection of the team which will represent Great Britain in the first World Championships in Wild Water Racing, which will be held the week after the Slalom Championships on the Upper Vezere, at Treignac, near Limoges, in France.

In view of the exploratory nature of our entry this year, this will consist of the slalom team plus numbers 4 and 5 reversed. That is, the non-competing spare in the slalom event will become number 4 in the wild water race and vice versa. It is stressed that this "consolation prize" will not necessarily be maintained in future years, and is purely due to the fact that we cannot hope to take too serious participation this year.

Two large expeditions, one from Richmond CC and the other from Birmingham CC, will set out in August for the European Championships in Duisburg. In order to give potential Olympic paddlers international experience, the largest and strongest possible team, commensurate with ability, shall be entered. The primary aim will be the K4 event; the secondary, the relay. The K1 and K2 events will be considered after these two main objectives have been satisfied.

We know well the nature of the formidable task before our competitors: a tough and exacting contest against the pick of the world's best canoeists. But we know they will give of their best. And so we say to them: Good fortune—press on, and good luck!

A New Slalom Scheme

The BCU Slalom Committee has worked out a revised Divisional Scheme, providing for three divisions. The First Division for 1959 shall consist of all those who gained their place under the old regulations and in addition those who would have gained their place had the 1958 results been calculated according to the new scheme.

The Second Division for 1959 shall consist of those who obtained 200 or better on their ranking figure worked out by the new method on 1958 Division II results, or who have competed either in Division I slaloms or within the last ten years at any slalom before the divisional system was introduced.

All other competitors are in the Third Division, with the exception that ladies who have competed in any slalom within the last ten years are given the choice of starting in either Division II or I but once having made this choice they are subject to the general rules.

Full details of the new scheme can be obtained from the BCU Slalom Committee, but here are a few of the most important points:—

1. Slaloms may include First, Second and/or Third Division events, and shall be open to men or women. Normally, First and Second Division events will be held at the same slalom, and Third Division events may either be included or held as separate slaloms. There may also be special classifications (such as veterans) as defined by the promoting club. Excluding the team event, no canoeist may enter for more than one event at any one slalom.
2. Each year the BCU Slalom Committee shall designate five slaloms as Ranking Slaloms. These ranking slaloms shall consist of First, Second and Third Division events. In addition to these five ranking slaloms, further Third Division ranking slaloms may be held on dates approved by the BCU Slalom Committee and held in the presence of a nominee of the Slalom Committee.
3. Ranking lists and promotion and relegation are regulated as follows:—

FIRST DIVISION

- (a) *For each ranking slalom.* Taking into account only the better runs of each competitor, the average of all scores, except those that are greater than three times the winner's, is calculated and called 100. Then each competitor's score is reduced to a percentage of this average to give the results for that slalom.
- (b) *Ranking List.* The place of a competitor in the ranking list is determined by that of the three methods below, which gives him the highest place:
 - (i) Best result.
 - (ii) Average of best results, less five.
 - (iii) Average of best three results, less ten.
- (c) *Relegation.* A competitor is relegated to Division Three if the figure which gives him his place in the ranking list is greater than 100 or if he does not obtain a result during the season.

N.B.: This figure of 100 is subject to review each year.

SECOND DIVISION

- (a) *For each ranking slalom* the winner's time is taken as 100 (as in previous years) and each competitor's score is reduced to a percentage of this to give his result for the slalom.
- (b) *Ranking List*: The place of a competitor in the ranking list is determined by that of the three methods below, which gives him the highest place:
- (i) Best result.
 - (ii) Average of best two results, less ten.
 - (iii) Average of best three results, less twenty.
- (c) *Promotion*. A competitor is promoted to Division One immediately he wins a slalom, or at the end of the year if the figure which gives him his position in the ranking list is lower than 110.
N.B.: This figure of 110 is subject to review each year.
- (d) *Relegation*. A competitor is relegated to Division Three if he does not obtain a result during the season, unless he has competed during the previous ten years either in Division I or before the divisional system was introduced.

THIRD DIVISION

- (a) Points are awarded according to the place obtained in the slalom. If there are six competitors or more: first place, 6 points; second place, 5 points; third place, 4 points; fourth place, three points; fifth place, 2 points; all other finishes, 1 point. If there are fewer than six starters the last person gets 1 point, the next to last 2 points, etc.
- (b) Immediately a competitor in Division Three gains 7 points during a season he is promoted to Division Two. Points will not be carried forward from one season to the next.

The Slalom Racing List

DIVISION ONE

I. Carmichael, P. Farrant, D. Sims, K. White, J. Shaw, J. McLean, B. Horsman, D. Lucas, B. Goodman, J. Barbour, B. Roope, I. McQueen, D. Macauley, G. Bolt, E. Taylor, D. Campbell, B. Crockett, Heather Goodman, N. Morley, P. Mouque, Mary Horsman, D. Gays, F. Lumsden, I. Camfield, N. Morley, D. Bursnall, R. Pratt, B. Harrison.

DIVISION TWO

M. Wilson, J. Ferguson, T. Bridges, C. Sutton, J. Doxey, H. Barton, B. Rhodes, R. Hardy, B. Thacker, J. Wooley, T. Sowman, I. McPherson, D. Olerenshaw, C. Bloxham, R. Hobson, B. Wallhead, J. Spuhler, O. Cock, M. Rothwell, D. Berry, M. Turney, A. Hubbard, D. Amos, L. Hall, R. Robbens, C. Sutherland, C. Whiteside, J. Meats, G. Milne, L. Beecham, M. Keevil, A. Sharples, D. Patrick, T. Owen, C. Barnacle, G. Chester, P. Setterfield, S. Chorley, C. Mantle, A. Smith, I. Strong, D. Savage, F. Wagner, H. Powell, S. Wheeler, D. Taylor, B. Emm, R. Crockett, R. Fenwick, B. Loudon, E. Totty, R. Flowers.

DIVISION THREE

The following, who also competed in 1958, will form the nucleus of this Division: P. Cooper, H. Price, D. Hayden, J. Roberts, R. Trotter, M. Hanson, D. Shilson, A. Harvey, D. Green, C. Creaser, K. Ragsdale, A. Price, N. Handly, J. Argent, R. Chace, N. Dyer.

The Ladies' Ranking List will no longer be compiled as a separate feature. On the old system it would have been won by I. Robbins, of Chalfont Park CC. In addition the following competed during 1958: J. Amsden, S. Churchill, M. Jameson, V. Marshall, M. Wallace, X. Crockett, J. Beecham, R. Needham, M. Bellord, D. Lucas, E. Barnett, D. Garton.

The 1959 Racing Programme

I. "STRAIGHT" RACING

The 1959 racing programme is as follows:—

May	18	...	Willesden Borough Regatta (Welsh Harp).
June	13	...	Richmond CC Regatta.*
July	5	...	North v. South Regatta (Worcester).
July	19	...	Birmingham CC Regatta.*
Aug.	6-8	...	Serpentine Regatta.*
Aug.	9	...	Paddling Challenge Cup.*
Aug.	27-29	...	West European Championships (Duisburg).
Sept.	5-6	...	Royal CC Regatta.*
Sept.	12-13	...	National Championships, 500 m./1,000 m.*
Sept.	26-27	...	do. Long Distance Events.*

* Status Regattas.

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The programme for the North v. South Regatta at Worcester on July 5 contains the following events:—

Women: K.1—500 m.

Men: Junior—K.1, K.2 and K.4—1,000 m.

Senior—K.1, K.2 and K.4—1,000 m.

K.1—4 x 500 m. relay.

NCK.1—500 m.

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The following championship events will be staged in 1959:—

Senior Men: 1,000 m. and 10,000 m.—K.1, K.2, K.4, C.1, C.2.

4 x 500 m.—K.1 Relay.

500 m.—K.1, K.2.

Junior Men: 1,000 m. and 10,000 m.—K.1, K.2, K.4.

500 m.—K.1, K.2.

Cadet Men: 500 m.—K.1.

Women: 500 m.—K.1, K.2.

The following non-championship events will also be staged:—

3,000 m.—K.1 Cadets and K.1, K.2 Women.

1,000 m. and 10,000 m.—N.C.K. Men.

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The Paddling Racing Committee has approved the following list of Senior Paddlers for 1959:—

R. Blick	...	Birmingham CC	R. Rhodes	...	Canoe Touring C
G. Colyer	...	Royal CC	R. Saddleton	...	Richmond CC
E. Cronk	...	Richmond CC	J. Shambrook	...	do.
R. Hood	...	Royal CC	R. Silcock	...	Royal CC
R. James	...	Birmingham CC	G. Swettenham	...	Richmond CC
G. Konyi	...	do.	E. Szorenyi	...	Birmingham CC
R. Lowery	...	Richmond CC	F. Wagner	...	Worcester CC
R. Parker	...	do.			

2. LONG DISTANCE RACING

The Rules and Recommendations governing Long Distance Racing have worked reasonably well so far, and the two meetings of the LD Sub-Committee held earlier this year accepted only a few minor amendments. In order to incorporate, where practicable, canoes of the same design in one class, the rule for Class 2 canoes has been reworded to read: "National Chine Kayaks and all other similar single chine kayaks having a girth of 29 inches or more. . . ." In cases of dual membership the committee followed the ruling of the Paddling Racing Committee that each competitor who is a member of two or more clubs shall by March 1 declare the name of the club in whose colour he shall race in individual events. In crew events that club shall have first claim on his services. A person joining a second club after March 1 must continue racing for his first club and cannot race for his second club unless prior consent of his old club has been obtained. This consent shall not be withheld in the cases of changes of residence from one area to another.

The winners of the 1958 LD Championships Trophies are as follows:—

The Hasler Trophy—Richmond CC, 147 points.

Individual Challenge Trophy—R. O'Keefe (Richmond CC), 20 points.

The Pairs Challenge Shield—J. Shelston and R. Lowery (Richmond CC), 19 points.

The most outstanding Junior competitor was A. Sowman, of Royal Leamington Spa CC.

	*	*	*	Venue
April 5	...	Leamington CC Race. B.12/P.4 (Class	...	Avon/Leam.
		Event)*		
April 19	...	Birmingham CC Race. A.12 (Class)*	...	Edgbaston Reservoir
May 10	...	Midland CC Race. B.12/P.8 (Class)*	...	Soar
May 24	...	IWA Bedford—St. Neots Race. B.15/P.5 (Class)*	...	Ouse
May 31	...	Lakeland CC Race. A.20 (Class)*	...	Windermere
June 7	...	Mersea Island Race. A.11½/P.1 (Handicap Event)*	...	Mersea, Essex
June 14	...	Chelmsford BC Race. B.12½/P.9 (Handicap)	...	Chelmer
June 21	...	Worcester CC Race. B.15/P.3 (Class)	...	Severn
June 28	...	Poole Harbour Race. A.12/B.3 (Class)*	...	Dorset

July 19	...	"Against the Tide" Race. (Class)	Thames
July 26	...	Weston Bay CC Cross-Channel Race. A.13 (Class)			Bristol Channel
Aug. 30	...	Canoe Touring Club Race. B.15/P.2 (Class)*			Thames
Sept. 6	...	Bath Avon Canoe Race. B.11½/P.6 (Class)			Avon
Sept. 13	...	Exeter CC Race. A.8½/B.3/P.2 (Class)*	...		Exe
Oct. 18	...	London River Race	Thames

The classification of races is as follows: "A" denotes open water, sea or lakes; "B" denotes rivers, canals, etc.; "P" denotes the number of portages and the number following "A" or "B" the length of the race in miles. Events marked * are those which qualify for the Inter-Club Team Trophy—the "Hasler Trophy".

Canoeing Calendar 1959

It gives us great pleasure in submitting to the members of the Union this year's Canoeing Calendar. Here is a wide choice of events to choose from—no matter whether you are interested in touring, racing or slalom. The list does, of course, not include the many events held before this issue of "Canoeing in Britain" reaches members, in particular those held during Easter.

All events are open to all members of the BCU. If you are interested in a particular event, write to the organiser (whose name and address, where available, are given in brackets) or to the secretary of the club or committee in question.

Information in respect of touring at home can be obtained from R. F. Tyas, 19 Pine Hill, Epsom, Surrey. Miss E. E. McLellan, 9 Downsway, Sanderstead, Surrey, supplies you with information on cruising abroad. Information about wild water runs and slaloms, both at home and abroad, will be given by W. Horsman, Three Hollies, Nicol Road, Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks. A. L. Todd, 47 Knightwood Crescent, New Malden, Surrey, secretary of the BCU Paddling Racing Committee, is the man to write to in respect of racing and regattas. D. E. Smith, 206 The Hides, Harlow, Essex, acts as secretary to The Long Distance Racing Sub-Committee.

I. EVENTS AT HOME

April 5—Leven Wild Water Test.
Lakeland CC (E. B. Totty, Green
End, Hawkshead, Ambleside, West-
morland)
April 5—Leamington River Race.
Royal Leamington Spa CC (R. A.
Sowman, 4 Landor Road, The Cape,
Warwick)

April 11—Cruise on Ribble. Man-
chester CC (D. S. Berry, 23 Windsor
Road, Clayton Bridge, Manchester
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April 11-12—Cruise on Arrow and
Avon. Birmingham CC (L. Willey,
120 Thornhill Road, Streetley, near
Birmingham)

- April 11-12—Cruise on Avon. Royal Leamington Spa CC (M. W. Wilson, 44 Queensway, Leamington Spa)
- April 12—Third Division Slalom. Manchester CC (A. Sharples, 34 Welton Drive, Wilmslow, Cheshire)
- April 12—Cruise on Chelmer. Chelmsford Boating Club (E. Boesch, Moulsham Mill Lane, Baddow Road, Chelmsford, Essex)
- April 17-19—Cruise on Wharfe. Upper Wortley School CC (C. P. Binns, Ashley Road, Leeds 12)
- April 18-25—Cruise on river Ure. Lakeland CC (E. B. Totty, Green End, Hawkshead, Ambleside, Westmorland)
- April 19—Birmingham CC Long Distance Race (D. J. Woolley, 17 Garretts Green Lane, Sheldon, Birmingham 26)
- April 19—Cruise on Calder. CCC Ribble Group (A. Shaw, 44 St. Silas Road, Blackburn, Lancs.)
- April 19—Cruise on Thames. CCC Thames Estuary Group (J. A. Quinn, 7 Roma Road, Walthamstow, London, E.17)
- April 19—Cruise on Ribble and Calder. CCC Ribble Group (A. Shaw, 44 St. Silas Road, Blackburn, Lancs.)
- April 25-26—Cruise on Stour. CCC Mole and Medway Group (Miss E. E. McLellan, 9 Downsway, Sanderstead, Surrey)
- April 26—Ranking Slalom at Builth Wells. CCC (J. Barbour, 7 Broomhill Road, Deptford, London, S.E.8)
- April 26—Spring Regatta at Leicester. Soar Valley CC (R. E. Gays, 17 St. Denys Road, Evington, Leics.)
- April 26—Cruise on Wey: Godalming to Chertsey. CCC Thames Group (J. Doubell, 76 Windborough Road, Carshalton, Surrey)
- April 26—Cruise on Leam. Royal Leamington Spa CC (M. W. Wilson, 44 Queensway, Leamington Spa)
- May 2-3—Camping weekend at Edisford Bridge. CCC Ribble Group (A. Shaw, 44 St. Silas Road, Blackburn, Lancs.)
- May 2-3—Cruise on Tern and Severn. Birmingham CC (L. Willey, 120 Thornhill Road, Streetly, near Birmingham)
- May 3—Cruise on Thames: Greenwich to Mortlake. Blue Waters CC (M. MacDougall, 10 Arabin Road, Brockley, London, S.E.4)
- May 9—Neptune Day at Raven's Ait on Thames.
- May 10—Midland CC LD Race on the Soar
- May 10—Cruise on the Ouse. CCC Herts. Group (G. Albury, 69 Hazelwood Drive, St. Albans, Herts.)
- May 10—Cruise on Dee. CCC Dee and Mersey Group (A. Webb, 23 Hall Lane, Partington)
- May 11-16—Cruise on Scottish rivers. Lakeland CC (E. B. Totty, Green End, Hawkshead, Ambleside, Westmorland)
- May 16—Cruise on Tay. Manchester CC (D. S. Berry, 23 Windsor Road, Clayton Bridge, Manchester 10)
- May 16-18—Cruise on Dorset Stour. BCU (R. F. Tyas, 19 Pine Hill, Epsom, Surrey)
- May 16-18—Whitsun cruise on Thames. Lechlade to Reading. Reading Kayak Club (J. E. Lane, 94 London Street, Reading, Berks.)
- May 16-18—Cruise on Wye from Builth Wells. Soar Valley CC (R. E. Gays, 17 St. Denys Road, Evington, Leics.)
- May 16-18—Cruise on Thames: Cricklade to Oxford. CCC Thames Group (J. Doubell, 76 Windborough Road, Carshalton, Surrey)

- May 16-18—Cruise on Thames: Lechlade to Oxford. Birmingham CC (L. Willey, 120 Thornhill Road, Streetley, near Birmingham)
- May 16-18—Cruise on Blackwater and Colne. Chelmsford Boating Club (E. Boesch, Moulsham Mill Lane, Baddow Road, Chelmsford, Essex)
- May 16-18—Cruise on Swale. CCC Thames Estuary Group (J. Quinn, 7 Roma Road, London, E.17)
- May 16-18—Whitsun cruise on Avon. Royal Leamington Spa CCF (M. W. Wilson, 44 Queensway, Leamington Spa)
- May 16-18—Cruise on Ure. Royal Leamington Spa CC (M. W. Wilson, 44 Queensway, Leamington Spa)
- May 17—Scottish Open Slalom. SCA (Mrs. J. McLean, 26c Ainslie Gardens, Perth)
- May 18—Welsh Harp Regatta
- May 22-24—Cruise on Teifi. Manchester CC (C. M. Rothwell, 21 Windsor Road, Clayton Bridge, Manchester 10)
- May 24—National Slalom Championships at Shepperton on Thames (W. Horsman, Three Hollies, Nicol Road, Chalfont St. Peters, Bucks.)
- May 24—IWA Bedford—St. Neots LD Race on the Ouse.
- May 29-31—Cruise on Wharfe. Upper Wortley School (C. P. Binns, Ashley Road, Leeds 12)
- May 30-31—Cruise on Stort. CCC Thames Estuary Group (J. Quinn, 7 Roma Road, London, E.17)
- May 30-31—Cruise in Lake District. Birmingham CC (L. Willey, 120 Thornhill Road, Streetley, near Birmingham)
- May 31—Cruise on Stour. Royal Leamington Spa CC (M. W. Wilson, 44 Queensway, Leamington Spa)
- May 31—Windermere Long Distance Race. Lakeland CC (M. J. Tyson, 30 Greystone Lane, Dalton-in-Furness)
- June 7—Mersea Island LD Race
- June 7—Long Distance Race. Soar Valley CC (R. E. Gays, 17 St. Denys Road, Evington, Leics.)
- June 7—Leven Wild Water Test. Lakeland CC (E. B. Totty, Green End, Hawkshead, Ambleside, Westmorland)
- June 7—Third Division Slalom. Twickenham CC (E. Taylor, 153 Uxbridge Road, Feltham, Middx.)

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Sunday, June 14th, 1959



Details from
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Well Cottage, Stock,
Ingatestone, Essex

- June 7—Cruise on Crouch: Rochford to Sawbridgeworth. CCC Thames Estuary Group (J. Quinn, 7 Roma Road, London, E.17)
- June 13 — Richmond CC Regatta (Status Regatta)
- June 13-14—Canal Cruise 1: Catherine de Barnes to Stratford. CCC Warwickshire Group (F. Ralph, 45 Omar Road, Stoke, Coventry)
- June 13-14 — Cruise on Cuckmere. CCC Thames Group (J. Doubell, 76 Windborough Road, Carshalton, Surrey)
- June 13-14—Cruise in Chichester Harbour. CCC Mole and Medway Group (Miss E. McLellan, 9 Downsway, Sanderstead, Surrey)
- June 14 — Chelmsford Boating Club LD Race (Mrs. M. A. Marriage, Well Cottage, Stock, Ingatestone, Essex)
- June 14—Third Division Slalom at Averham-on-Trent. Soar Valley CC (R. E. Gays, 17 St. Deny's Road, Evington, Leics.)
- June 19-21—Cruise: Dolgelly to Portmadoc. CCC Dee and Mersey Group (J. Edwards, Hillcroft, Llanbr Road, Barmouth, Merioneth)
- June 20 — Cruise on Churnet and Dove. Manchester CC (S. J. Potts, 86 Cavendish Road, Manchester 20)
- June 20-21—Canal cruise 2: Stratford to Fladbury. CCC Warwickshire Group (F. Ralph, 45 Omar Road, Stoke, Coventry)
- June 21—Long Distance Race: Arley Kings to Worcester. Worcester CC (M. C. Powell, 28 Sypress Street, Barbourne, Worcester)
- June 21—Cruise on Kent. Lakeland CC (C. Whiteside, 19 Whitestiles, Kendal)
- June 27-28—Cruise on Vyrnwy: Dolanog to Severn. Birmingham CC (L. Willey, 120 Thornhill Road, Streetlëy, near Birmingham)
- June 28—Cruise on Cam. CCC Herts Group (A. Albury, 69 Hazelwood Drive, St. Albans, Herts.)
- June 28 — Cruise on Avon. Royal Leamington Spa CC (M. W. Wilson, 44 Queensway, Leamington Spa)
- June 28 — Lakeland Rag Regatta. Lakeland CC (A. L. Thwaites, West Garth, Rushley Mount, Hest Bank, Lancaster)
- June 28—Poole Harbour LD Race
- July 4—Chelmsford Regatta. Chelmsford Boating Club (E. Boesch, Moulsham Mill Lane, Baddow Road, Chelmsford, Essex)
- July 5—North v. South Regatta at Worcester. Worcester CC (M. C. Powell, 28 Cypress Street, Barbourne, Worcester)
- July 5—Cruise on Thames: Greenwich to Teddington. Blue Waters CC (M. MacDougall, 10 Arabin Road, Brockley, London, S.E.4)
- July 5—Slalom practice weekend at Shepperton.
- July 11—Sea surfing on Lley Peninsula. Manchester CC (A. Sharples, 34 Welton Drive, Wilmslow, Cheshire)
- July 11 — Leven Wild Water Test. Lakeland CC (E. B. Totty, Green End, Hawkshead, Ambleside, Westmorland)
- July 11-12—Cruise on Great Ouse. Royal Leamington Spa CC (M. W. Wilson, 44 Queensway, Leamington Spa)

- July 11-12—Cruise on Monnow: Pontilas to Monmouth. Birmingham CC (L. Willey, 120 Thornhill Road, Streetley, near Birmingham)
- July 11-12—Cruise on Cuckmere. CCC Mole and Medway Group (Miss E. McLellan, 9 Downsway, Sanderstead, Surrey)
- July 12—Cruise on Chelmer. Chelmsford Boating Club (E. Boesch, Moulsham Mill Lane, Baddow Road, Chelmsford, Essex)
- July 18—Cruise on Weaver. Manchester CC (N. Dyer, 8 Eden Avenue, High Lane, Stockport)
- July 18—August 2—Foreign Cruise. Lakeland CC (E. B. Totty, Green End, Hawkshead, Ambleside, Westmorland)
- July 18—Canoe Sprint Meeting. Bradford-on-Avon CC (M. H. Walden, The Kiln, Ladydown, Trowbridge, Wilts.)
- July 19—Third Division Slalom. Tay CC (Mrs. J. McLean, 26c Ainslie Gardens, Perth)
- July 19—"Against the Tide" LD Race on the Thames
- July 19—Birmingham CC Regatta (Status Regatta)
- July 19—Cruise on Ouse. CCC Herts. Group (A. Albury, 69 Hazelwood Drive, St. Albans, Herts.)
- July 24—August 11—Cruise on West Coast of Scotland. Upper Wortley School (C. P. Binns, Ashley Road, Leeds 12)
- July 25-26—Camp at Canvey Island. CCC Thames Estuary Group (J. Quinn, 7 Roma Road, London, E.17)
- July 25—August 8—Holiday cruise. Venue not yet fixed. Royal Leamington Spa CC (M. W. Wilson, 44 Queensway, Leamington Spa)
- July 25—August 9—Family holiday on Cornish Coast. Manchester CC (A. Sharples, 34 Welton Drive, Wilmslow, Cheshire)
- July 26—"Across Morecombe Bay". Lakeland CC (M. J. Tyson, 30 Greystone Lane, Dalton-in-Furness)
- July 26—Weston Bay CC Cross-Channel Race on the Bristol Channel
- August 1-3—Cruise in Chichester Harbour. CCC Thames Sstuary Group (J. Quinn, 7 Roma Road, London, E.17)
- August 2—Scottish Confined Slalom. SCA (Mrs. J. McLean, 26c Ainslie Gardens, Perth)
- August 3—Cruise on Darenth. Blue Water CC (M. MacDougall, 10 Arabin Road, London, S.E.4)
- August 6-8—Serpentine Regatta (Status Regatta) (H. Thelen, 13 Campden House, Harben Road, London, N.W.6.)
- August 7-15—Holiday cruise in Lake District. Soar Valley CC (R. E. Gays, 17 St. Denys Road, Evington, Leics.)
- August 8-23—Cruise on British rivers. Manchester CC (C. M. Rothwell, 21 Windsor Road, Clayton Bridge, Manchester 10)
- August 9—Leven Wild Water Test. Lakeland CC (E. B. Totty, Green End, Hawkshead, Ambleside, Westmorland)
- August 9—Paddling Challenge Cup Race of the Royal CC

- August 9—Cruise on Stour. Chelmsford Boating Club (E. Boesch, Moulsham Mill Lane, Baddow Road, Chelmsford, Essex)
- August 15-16—Cruise on Avon. Royal Leamington Spa CC (M. W. Wilson, 44 Queensway, Leamington Spa)
- August 15-16—Cruise on Lune. Lake-land CC (G. J. Beecham, Tower View, Lindale, Grange-over-Sands)
- August 16—Canadian slalom at Shepperton. Royal CC (D. Lucas, 5 Harts Leap Road, Sandhurst, Berks.)
- August 21—September 5 — European Holiday Tour with visit to European Championships in Duisburg. Birmingham CC (R. W. Emes, 129 Blackrock Road, Erdington, Birmingham 23)
- August 22—Reading Regatta. Reading Kayak Club (J. E. Lane, 94 London Street, Reading, Berks.)
- August 22—September 5 — Cruise on Loire, France. Canoe Camping Club (R. W. Baker, 34b Mornington Road, London, E.4)
- August 22-24—River run: Kenore to Perth. Tay CC (Mrs. J. McLean, 26c Ainslie Gardens, Perth)
- August 22-24—River Run: Kenore to Perth. Tay CC (Mrs. J. McLean, 26c Ainslie Gardens, Perth)
- August 23—CCC Chertsey Regatta. CCC Thames Group (F. Stevenson, 28 Annett Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey)
- August 23—Cruise on Chelmer. CCC Thames Estuary Group (J. Quinn, 7 Roma Road, London, E.17)
- August 23—Ranking Slalom at Marsh Lock, near Henley. Chalfont Park CC (W. Crockett, 159 Welbeck Road, Carshalton, Surrey)
- August 29-30—Cruise on Irt. Lake-land CC (E. B. Totty, Green End, Hawkshead, Ambleside, Westmorland)
- August 30—Canoe Touring Club LD Race on the Thames
- August 30—Surfing at Polzeath. Organiser: O. J. Cock, Rivertrees, Wargrave Road, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon.)
- September 5—Royal CC Regatta
- September 5-6 — Cruise on Dove. Royal Leamington Spa CC (M. W. Wilson, 44 Queensway, Leamington Spa)
- September 5-6—Camp at Burnham. CCC Thames Estuary Group. (J. Quinn, 7 Roma Road, London, E.17)
- September 6 — Autumn Regatta at Leicester. Soar Valley CC (R. E. Gays, 17 St. Denys Road, Evington, Leics.)
- September 6 — Windermere Race. Lakeland CC (M. J. Tyson, 30 Greystone Lane, Dalton-in-Furness)
- September 6—Cruise on Thames: Greenwich to Chelsea. Blue Waters CC (M. Macdougall, 10 Arabin Road, London, S.E.4)
- September 6—Avon Long Distance Race: Bath to Bradford. Bradford-on-Avon CC (M. H. Walden, Lady-down, Trowbridge, Wilts.)
- September 12-13 — National Championships (Racing) at Walton-on-Thames. Short distances (Status Regatta)
- September 12-13 — Cruise on Wey: Godalming to Chertsey. CCC Mole and Medway Group (Miss E. McLellan, 9 Downsway, Sanderstead, Surrey)

September 13—London River Race.
C.2 Men and C.2 Women (F. Luzmore, 31 Petersham Road, Richmond, Surrey)

September 13—Cruise on Ivel. CCC Herts. Group (G. Albury, 69 Hazelwood Drive, St. Albans, Herts)

September 13—Exeter CC LD Race on the Exe

September 13—Lakeland Slalom at Newby Bridge, Windermere, and Leven Wild Water Test. Lakeland CC (E. B. Totty, Green End, Hawkshead, Ambleside, Westmorland)

September 19—London River Race. K.4 and C.2 Mixed (F. Luzmore, 31 Petersham Road, Richmond, Surrey)

September 19-20—Camp at Wivenhoe. CCC Thames Estuary Group (J. Quinn, 7 Roma Road, London, E.17)

September 19-20—Cruise on Severn: Welshpool to Shrewsbury. Birmingham CC (L. Willey, 120 Thornhill Road, Streetley, near Birmingham)

September 20—Third Division Slalom at Averham-on-Trent, near Newark. (Organiser: R. E. Gays, 17 St. Deny's Road, Evington, Leicester)

September 20—London River Race. Viking Trophy Race (F. Luzmore, 31 Petersham Road, Richmond, Surrey)

September 26—Cruise on Tees. Manchester CC (D. S. Berry, 23 Windsor Road, Clayton Bridge, Manchester 10)

September 26-27—Cruise on Teme. Royal Leamington Spa CC (M. W. Wilson, 44 Queensway, Leamington Spa)

September 26-27—National Championships (Racing) at Kingston. Long distances (Status Regatta)

September 27—Cruise on Thames: Greenwich to Erith. Blue Water CC (M. MacDougall, 10 Arabin Road, London, S.E.4)

October 3—Patton Cup Race of the Royal CC

October 4—London River Race. Classes from Greenwich (F. Luzmore, 31 Petersham Road, Richmond, Surrey)

October 4—Cruise on Chelmer. Chelmsford Boating Club (E. Boesch, Moulsham Mill Lane, Bad-dow Road, Chelmsford, Essex)

October 4—Leven Wild Water Test. Lakeland CC (E. B. Totty, Green End, Hawkshead, Ambleside, Westmorland)

October 10—Cruise on Dee (I). Manchester CC (D. S. Berry, 23 Windsor Road, Clayton Bridge, Manchester 10)

October 10-11—Camp at Hadleigh. CCC Thames Estuary Group (J. Quinn, 7 Roma Road, London, E.17)

October 10-11—Cruise on Stour. Royal Leamington Spa CC (M. W. Wilson, 44 Queensway, Leamington Spa)

October 18—London River Race on the Thames

October 25—CCC Annual Tideway Run on Thames. CCC Thames Group (J. Doubell, 76 Windborough Road, Carshalton, Surrey)

October 25—Cruise on Blackwater. Chelmsford Boating Club (E. Boesch, Moulsham Mill Lane, Bad-dow Road, Chelmsford, Essex)

October 25—Leven Wild Water Test. Lakeland CC (E. B. Totty, Green End, Hawkshead, Ambleside, Westmorland)

November 1—Cruise on Thames. Blue Waters CC (M. MacDougall, 10 Arabin Road, London, S.E.4)

November 7—Cruise on Dee (II). Manchester CC (D. S. Berry, 23 Windsor Road, Clayton Bridge, Manchester 10)

November 7-8—Cruise on Dove: Rocester to Burton-on-Trent. Birmingham CC (L. Willey, 120 Thornhill Road, Streetley, near Birmingham)

November 22—Cruise on Dee (III). Manchester CC (D. S. Berry, 23

Windsor Road, Clayton Bridge, Manchester 10)

November 28-29—Cruise on Roden. Birmingham CC (L. Willey, 120 Thornhill Road, Streetley, near Birmingham)

November 29—Cruise and "Mild Water" Race on Bollin (I). Manchester CC (D. S. Berry, 23 Windsor Road, Clayton Bridge, Manchester 10)

December 12-13—Cruise on Wye: Ross to Tintern. Birmingham CC (L. Willey, 120 Thornhill Road, Streetley, near Birmingham)

December 20—Cruise on Bollin (II). Manchester CC (D. S. Berry, 23 Windsor Road, Clayton Bridge, Manchester 10)

II. EVENTS ABROAD

April 19-26—International Wild Water Cruise, Cuneo-Chorasco-Tanarox de Ceva-Allesandria, Italy

April 26—International Canoe Slalom at Diekirch, Luxembourg

May 1-6—International Wild Water Race on the Auvézère, France

May 3—Wild Water Race on the Taurion, France

May 7-10—International Cruise on Loire. Canoë-Club de France (M. G. Dupois, 5 rue Jeanne-d'Arc, Orléan, Loiret)

May 17—International Wild Water Race on the Lesse, Belgium

May 24-31—International Wild Water Week on the Dunajec, Poland (Komitet Organizacyjny, Krakow, ul. Ksiecia Josefa 24a, Poland)

May 30-31—International Canoe Regatta at Rapperswil, Switzerland

May 31—International Canoe Regatta at Wasserbillig, Luxembourg

June 5-6—Wild Water Race on the Upper Vesdre, France

June 6-7—International Canoe Regatta in Bydgoszcz (Bromberg), Poland

June 11-14—Arkansas River Race, Salida, USA

June 14—International Canoe Slalom at Merano, Italy

June 21—International Canoe Slalom at Merano, Italy

June 24-30—Wild Water Week on Ziller, Saalach and Aache, Germany

June 27-28—International Canoe Regatta in Zaandam, Holland

June 27-28—International Canoe Regatta at Naples, Italy

July 19—International Canoe Slalom at Nova Gorica, Yugoslavia (Savezni Odbor Brodarsko Saveza Jugoslavije, Trg Republike 3/IV, Belgrade)

- July 19—August 15 — International Canoe Cruise on Danube (from Regensburg to Budapest—through Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Hungary)
- July 20—August 2 — International Canoe Rally on river Iijoki, Finland. Finnish Tourist Association, Mikonkatu 15A, Helsinki
- July 25-26—Canoe Slalom World Championships at Geneva
- July 26—International Canoe Regatta on Bagsværd Lake, Denmark
- July 28 — International Wild Water Race on the Isère, France
- June 5-6—Wild Water Race on the Upper Vesdre, France
- June 6-7—International Canoe Regatta in Bydgoszcz (Bromberg), Poland
- August 1-2—Wild Water Racing World Championships on Upper Vézère at Treignac
- August 8—Sella River Race, Spain
- August 9-16—Wild Water Week on Salza, Austria
- August 28-30 — European Championships (Racing) in Duisburg, Germany
- August 30 — International Canoe Regatta at Torino, Italy
- August 30-31 — International Canoe Slalom and Wild Water Race at Szczawnica, Poland
- September 5-6—Pre-Olympic Canoe Regatta on Lake Albano, Italy
- September 6-13—Canoe Cruise on Braha Brda, Poland
- September 12-13—International Canoe Regatta at Lecco, Italy



From the Clubs

There are only few club reports this time—as to be expected at this time of transition from winter to spring and summer.

Royal Leamington Spa CC is seriously concerned about the limited accommodation in the existing boathouse, and an approach is being made to the Town Council regarding alternative premises. In the meantime all resources of the club will be directed to the building up of the Boathouse Fund. The programme of winter

training tours has been very successful in spite of some bitterly cold weather. It has also been possible to arrange some slalom training at Rockmill Weir. Eskimo rolling and swimming sessions have continued during the winter months.

Worcester CC has three NCKs on the stocks, and it is hoped that these, together with a two-seater which was rebuilt out of the frames of a sport single, will provide adequate training for those members who do not own their own boats.

Stort Sailing and Canoe Club has acquired a stretch of land on the Blackwater, near Osea Island.

Lakeland CC has fixed the date for this year's Lakeland and Dipper Club dinner for November 28, 1959. Only Lakeland and Dipper Club members are eligible to attend.

The activities of the *Scottish Hostellers CC* in winter included several slide and film shows. Visits have been made to other Scottish clubs. There has been more winter canoeing this year, and one double even got ice-bound on Loch Lomond. They eventually reached safety, the forward paddler acting as ice-breaker. Canoe building is in full swing, the most popular choice being the "Clyde", which did so well in last year's SCA Regatta.

Manchester CC's reputation as a wild water club is such that their notice of a series of "mild" water races was printed in our last issue as wild water races. With one of the five races still to take place when we went to press, the results (compiled from either the sum of the best three times or 1.6 times the sum of the best two times or 3.4 times of the best time) are: 1, N. Dyer, 284 min.; 2, A. J. Harvey, 313 min.; 3, M. Rothwell, 314 min.; 4, A. Sharples, 350 min.; 5, C. Sutton, 355 min.; 6, D. Berry, 360 min. A course was held on February 21-22 at Hamerbank Hall, Windermere, on the lines of the slalom course at Bisham Abbey, but whilst not ignoring slalom, devoting more time to technique applicable to rapid river touring.

Birmingham CC reports: The winter months have been spent in the main in making preparations for the coming season, though there have been several winter meets on local rivers, and Eskimo rolling classes have continued weekly throughout the winter. Film shows and lectures have

proved a great attraction. The greatest single item of importance concerning the club has been the progress that has been made with the City of Birmingham Parks Department relating to the lease of land at Edgbaston Reservoir for the building of a Social Centre and Boat House for the use of the Birmingham Canoe Club and Birmingham Rowing Club. It is hoped that the Social Centre will be opened in time for the first Birmingham Canoe Club Regatta in July this year.

During 1958 *Chalfont Park CC* improved their boathouse facilities at Hambledon and completed a permanent building at the back. A stove has been added, and permanent poles have been fixed in the stream for slalom practice.

Soar Valley CC provided the instructors at a recent canoe building week-end organised by the Leicestershire Re-Education Committee. On January 4 a nine-mile race was organised for the "New Year Cup", which in future is to be raced on the first Sunday of every year. Six competitors entered this year, despite a heavy flood caused by melting snow.

Derby YMCA CC has been given the job of providing craft and personal to give instruction in a wide North Midland Region of the YMCAs effort in physical pursuits. Through this scheme some private waters have become available. It has been a tiresome task to find waters on which to canoe regularly.

Bradford-on-Avon CC (section of Bradford-on-Avon Rowing Club) in March completed an addition to the club facilities: a special canoe storage building, also usable as a workshop.

The *Canoe Camping Club* proposes to run a cruise on the Loire, in France, from August 22 to September 5. The event is open to all BCU members. The fares will be £8 10s.

for adults, £7 10s. for juveniles (14 and under 21), and £5 10s. for children (10 and under 14). Write to Rodney Baker at 34b, Mornington Road, London, E.4.

The *Dee and Mersea Group* of the Canoe Camping Club reports: "For many years our members have co-operated with Education Authorities and the CCPR, and we are now seeing some fruits in boys and girls aiming at the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Leaders have come forward to offer meets and we look forward

to a splendid season, to be shared with the Ribble Group".

Chelmsford Boating Club has made further improvements to the club's headquarters during the winter. Their main event is the Chelmer Canoe Race on June 14. They are disappointed that this year the race is not one of the ten ranking LD events.

Upper Wortley School CC has two new Eskimo kayaks under construction in the school workshop. Saturday canoeing expeditions have continued throughout the winter despite ice, snow and fog.

Addresses to be Noted

The principal officers of the Union are named below and all correspondence intended for them should be addressed to their private addresses. Where letters are sent by members of the Union, the writer should give his club and/or membership number.

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Slalom: W. Horsman, Three Hollies, Nicol Road, Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks.

Long Distance Racing: D. E. Smith, 206 The Hides, Harlow, Essex.

"Canoeing in Britain": H. Thelen (as above).

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Herbert Rittlinger, Germany's most outstanding canoeing author, has given us another of his remarkable, interesting and amusing travel books. This time he has set out to seek new adventures on a cruise with his wife and some of his friends in this fascinating and not so little dangerous stretch of sea, sands and low water between the Frisian Islands in the North Sea. (Herbert Rittlinger, "Amphibische Reise zu verlorenen

Inseln", F. A. Brockhaus, Wiesbaden.) Go and read it—even if you have to struggle through the pages with a dictionary. It is worth it! Herbert Rittlinger's previous book on his travels in darkest Africa will be published in an English translation in early summer.

Another book which reached us from Germany is Paul W. Wuehrl's "Stromer auf fremden Fluessen" (Verlag Ludwig Auer, Donauwoerth), which describes the holiday cruise of

three young students in Northern Italy and Southern France. A book radiating warmth, friendly comradeship and innocent adventures in a beautiful landscape.

Here at home we have the first book written by a woman canoeist, M. Russell, "Starting Canoeing" (Bosun Books, Adlard Coles Ltd., 7 Brunswick Place, Southampton), a simple but adequate introduction to canoeing for the newcomer. There may be always debatable points on technicalities, but one of the author's statements needs correction: slalom championships are events in themselves, and not won on points gathered in a series of competitions.

WHITSUNTIDE MEET

A Whitsuntide run on the DORSET STOUR from Sturminster Newton will be arranged, if possible, finishing near Bournemouth. Please get in touch with R. F. Tyas, 19 Pine Hill, Epsom, Surrey (Epsom 1665).

KENNET AND AVON CANAL

Dr. Ray Glaister, of 66 Squires Bridge Road, Shepperton, Middlesex, has sent us a copy of his very full notes of conditions on the Kennet and Avon Canal (Reading to Bristol) for canoeists, based on a canoe trip done in the summer of 1958. This gives comprehensive details about water-levels, weed, portages, charges, etc. Dr. Glaister is ready to furnish duplicated copies of his notes to canoeists for sixpence, plus postage.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held in Friends House, Euston Road, London, on January 24th, 1959. One hundred and fifty-five members from seventeen clubs attended. Apart from such routine matters as the presentation of the Annual Report of Council, the Statement of Accounts and the Elections, the chief interest was centred on a motion which, after

having been amended at the meeting, proposed that as from the Annual General Meeting in 1960 the election of the officers and members of the Council shall be by postal ballot. After a lengthy discussion, this motion was carried by 70 to 45 votes.

In the election Dr. Gillies was re-elected by acclamation as President of the Union. Only one nomination was received for the office of Hon. Treasurer—for the re-election of J. R. Dawes who, however, informed the meeting that he felt compelled to withdraw his agreement to the nomination. This was accepted with regret and the meeting expressed the appreciation of the Union for all the work done on its behalf by Mr. Dawes during the many years he had been in office. The office is now to be left open, to be filled by Council in due course.

The result of the election for Council was as follows: O. J. Cock (135 votes), Miss E. E. McLellan (112 votes), G. Swettenham (103 votes) and J. A. Bright (97 votes).

The formal business of the meeting was followed by a film by Cyril Cooper of the Summer Isles.

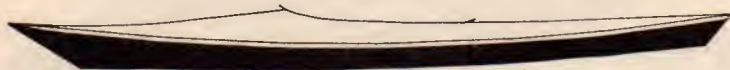
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