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Growth

Towards the end of last year it appeared that the Union was going through a period of stagnation. The number of clubs affiliating to the Union fell below the number of other clubs which, for one or another reasons, faded away. — All signs seem to indicate that we have by now overcome this temporary setback. Since April a record number of new clubs and individual members have affiliated to the Union, and the total membership has reached an all-time record figure.—But much remains to be done.

A number of existing clubs have not yet found their way into the Union. There are still many possibilities which need to be exploited. Boat building and canoe conferences, most of them under the auspices of the CCPR, are being held all over the country, opening up the ground for the formation of new clubs. More and more boys' clubs are including canoeing into their programme. Now it is up to us—and the clubs in the regions—to follow up these possibilities. We can only be satisfied when our isles are covered by a complete network of local canoe clubs along our waterways and canals.



The Postal Ballot

At the AGM on January 24, 1959, the following motion was carried by 75 votes to 45:

"That at and after the Annual General Meeting 1960 the election of Officers of the Union and Members of the Council shall be only by postal ballot of all fully paid-up members of Affiliated Clubs and Individual Members."

A special General Meeting will be held on October 3, 1959, at 6.30 p.m. in Friends House, Euston Road, Lonon, NW1, in order to consider the amendments to the Rules of the Union that are needed to give effect to the resolution of the AGM.

A postal ballot cannot, in the Council's opinion, be satisfactorily operated unless there is a check that only those entitled to vote have their votes counted. This can be done either by posting voting papers only to those known to be eligible or by checking voting papers on return. Both methods require the Union to have an up-to-date list of fully paid-up members of affiliated clubs, which has never so far been called for. The postal ballot will not be successful without the co-operation of the clubs in this, and it will be seen that members of clubs will be deprived of their vote if their club does not provide a current nominal roll each year.

Council adopted the method of checking voting papers after receipt. A check of some kind at this stage would be necessary in any case. To post ballot papers direct to each fully paid-up member of an Affiliated Club would add appreciably to the Union's present postage costs, and, incidentally, be a departure from the Union's long-standing rule of communicating with members of Affiliated Clubs through their clubs. In practice, too, there might not be much time between the receipt of the nominal rolls from clubs and the date when voting papers must be sent out.

Under the rules as proposed to be amended, the postal ballot will be conducted as follows:

1. Clubs will send to the Union, along with their Return of Membership as at October 31 due by Rule 18 on November 21 each year, a certified list of names and addresses of their Full Members who are fully paid-up on October 31.

2. Where more nominations are received by November 30 than there are vacancies, voting papers containing a declaration signed by the member that he was a paid-up Full Member, either individually of the Union or of an Affiliated Club, at October 31 and has not previously voted in the same election in either capacity, will be sent out in December to the Secretaries of Affiliated clubs either with the winter issue of "Canoeing in Britain" or separately. The latter must take the responsibility of distributing them to the members of their clubs. Voting papers will be sent directly only to Individual members of the Union.

3. The voting papers will be returned through the post to the Hon. Secretary of the Union or to some other person appointed for the purpose

by the Council. To allow time for checking and counting they must be received at least four clear days before the AGM (i.e. the Monday before the Saturday).

4. Two tellers, not themselves being candidates for election, appointed by Council will check and count the votes. Papers received late, including any brought to the AGM, and any received from people whose names are not in the current nominal role of the club concerned, will be invalid.

5. The result of the ballot will be announced at the AGM by the Chairman (with the exception of the President which will be announced by the Hon. Secretary).

6. At least 15 votes must be cast in the postal ballot (the same number as for the quorum for an AGM) for it to be valid. If fewer are cast the election will be by show of hands at the AGM as at present.

Fishing Rivers—A Reminder •

Much good canoeing—and all the wild water canoeing—in this country is on rivers where there is no recognised right of navigation. Many land-owners tolerate the occasional passage of canoes, but some refuse permission to pass either occasionally or completely. Objection occurs more often on rivers where salmon or trout fishing is valuable than on those where there is only coarse fishing.

It is not possible to give advice of universal application about the times of year when permission is most likely to be given, or passage is likely, because they vary from river to river and owner to owner. But the close season for a particular river is thought to be better than the fishing season.

Approximately, the close seasons are:—

for fly-fishing: beginning of October to end of February;

for coarse fishing: beginning of March to mid-June.

Unfortunately the water conditions best for canoeing are also best for fishing, and Easter and Whitsuntide are best avoided for this reason on fly-fishing rivers. Low water-levels and clear water are bad for fishing, and so is muddy water in time of spate. Clear water and good water-levels are good for fishing.

At any time of the year there is a golden rule for fly-fishing rivers: when you come up with a salmon or trout fisherman, whether you have permission from the owner or not, don't pass him without asking whether he is ready for you to pass. Discourtesy leads to ill-will, and for all you know he may be playing the best fish of the day.

That is the only general indication the Touring Committee can give. Your best plan is to write to one of the three individuals appointed some time ago by the Touring Committee to collect information about objections from riparian owners, fishermen, etc. They are:—

for *Pennine rivers, Dee and Clwyd*: D. S. Berry, 23, Windsor Road, Clayton Bridge, Manchester 10.

for the rest of Wales, the Wye and Severn basins: B. J. Harrison,
The Bean House, Cradley, near Malvern, Worcs.

for South and East England: Miss E. McLellan, 9, Downsway,
Sanderstead, Surrey.

If you have met with objections, please write direct giving full details, especially the location and, if possible, the length of river concerned, the name and address of the owner and whether it is an absolute objection or a wish to be asked for prior permission.

They will advise, from the information sent to them in this way, whether, and if so at what time of the year, it is advisable or inadvisable to attempt particular rivers, and also about owners who should be asked for permission (Please send a stamped addressed envelope).

They should always be asked what the position is before any attempt is made to canoe the following rivers:

Eden, Ribble, Lune, Wharfe, Dee (see special note below), *Upper Wye, Usk and Tame,*

where objections are most likely to be raised if too many trips take place, whether by individuals or clubs, in the season, and where a number of owners wish to be asked for permission in case there is some good reason why boats should not pass on a particular day, or merely because they feel it is good manners to ask before going on private water.

RIVER DEE

One of the principal riparian owners on the Dee near Corwen has intimated that he will no longer give permission for trips by individual canoeists or clubs unless some scheme can be organised for concentrating them into a relatively few days in the season. A large number of canoeists on one day causes, he says, little, if any more disturbance than one, provided they are led by someone responsible and go through in one bunch.

The Union will try and agree something with him. In the meantime, members and clubs will help the Union by *refraining from arranging trips on the Dee for the rest of the season.* It should be mentioned that this owner has willingly given permission over a number of years but was upset not long ago when a canoeist broke the rod of a fisherman who was playing a salmon.

CANAL TUNNELS

British Waterways Executive have informed the Union that as result of an accident recently in a canal tunnel to a canoeist who was drowned, they propose to forbid the use of certain tunnels to canoeists. The Union is getting in touch with the Executive to discuss this proposal which could easily frustrate canoe trips on some important canals.

BCU MEETS

Easter Meet on the Bedford Ouse.

Contrary to expectation the water conditions were at least lively, and fast enough to wreck one poorly constructed canoe and damage several others. Fallen brickwork and flood debris made the smaller bridge arches a little tricky. At no time were the conditions dangerous, but a number of inexperienced canoeists capsized or got into diffi-

culties. The camp sites, some of which had been under flood water some weeks before, were apt to be damp, and the weather was not good. Our thanks are due to the Bedford Group of the CCC who made the local arrangements. The meet was reported in the local press and on both BBC and ATV services. We were again pleased to have parties from various youth clubs from London, Oxford and Coventry.

Whitsun Meet on the Dorset Stour.

A very enjoyable Whitsun Meet was held on the Dorset Stour in good weather. There were 33 persons in the party in 24 boats.

Easter Meet, 1960.

The Touring Committee have provisionally decided on the Stratford Avon for the Easter Meet, 1960.

National Slalom Championships 1959

The BCU Slalom Championships were held this year on the Thames at the now famous Shepperton Weir. There were 58 entries, almost equally divided between the three divisions, a record for any slalom, with ten team entries.

The National Slalom was the last of three Ranking Slaloms held this year to select Nos. 4 and 5 in the British Team at the World Slalom Championships in Geneva at the end of July. It was fitting therefore to see that the first three men in Div. I were chosen Nos. 1, 2, and 3.

The championships, aided by the new Electronic Timer, went off like clockwork, being completed by 4.30 p.m., even with a proper lunch break, and the record number of runs.

The course was quite demanding, reverse gate 10 requiring a particularly high standard of rough water canoeing.

The Div. I event was won by Paul Farrant (Chalfont Park CC) with a score of 220 (70 sec. penalties). He last won the Championship in 1953, at Armathwaite, and has been in the British Team in '53, '55, '57. Second was Ian Carmichael, last year's Champion, of Twickenham CC, with 235 seconds (100 sec. penalties) and third was Keith White of Manchester CC with 259 (80 sec. penalties). Fourth was Twickenham's young Lincoln Hall, promoted only a week before from Div II at the Scottish Slalom, a very fine effort indeed. Lincoln with 264 was close on the heels of veteran Keith White. Fifth was Doug Sims, of Royal Leamington Spa CC, with 290.

The winner of Div. II was Ron Flowers of Twickenham CC with 132, well ahead of Alan Hubbard of Richmond CC who came second with 163. Third was Chris Bloxham, of Royal Leamington Spa CC, with 164

The first lady in Div. II, and thus the Ladies Champion, was Eva Barnett, of Chalfont Park CC, with 270. Eva, who has been canoeing for many years, wins this championship for the first time. Second lady was Margaret Bellord, also of Chalfont Park CC, with 307, three second ahead of Valerie Milne, of Twickenham CC. There were five lady entrants in Div. II.

Div. III winner was Geof Dinsdale, of Twickenham CC, with 125, followed by Ron Tate, also of Twickenham CC, with 165, Ken Miles of Chalfont coming third with 170.

Whereas a few years ago it was a rarity to see an Eskimo Roll in a Slalom, almost every capsized this year was followed by a roll, even in the Third Division.

There were ten teams entered in the team event. First was Twickenham A Team with 670 points, comfortably ahead of Chalfont A who had 726 and Manchester A who had 737. The Twickenham A Team was Ian Carmichael, Eric Taylor and Lincoln Hall.

An excellent slalom, well organised, on the hot sunny day that we have now come to associate with Shepperton.

The Bulth Wells Slalom

CCC, with their usual site on the Thames taken this year by the National Slalom Championships, decided to hold their event at the excellent site just upstream of Bulth Wells. Fiftysix brave souls finished the course in spite of torrential rain, which made it necessary to amend the course on Sunday morning. The use of the new electronic timer enabled the organisers, in spite of the late start due to having to alter the course, to finish by 3.30 and enabled the soaked competitors to pack up in the rain and flee back to England and dryness.

Results:

Div. I (12 finishers):—1, Paul Farrant (Chalfont Park CC) 121; 2, Iain Carmichael (Twickenham CC) 137; 3, Julian Shaw (Manchester CC) 144.

Div. II (26 finishers):—1, Stephen Chorley (Manchester CC) 53; 2, Lincoln Hall (Twickenham CC) 58; 3, Chris Sutton (Manchester CC) 66.

Div. II (18 finishers):—1, David Green (Llandaff CC) 45; 2, Tony Dunaway (Twickenham CC) 51; 3, Martin Rohleder (Manchester CC) 52.

The SCA Slalom at Thistle Brig

The SCA Slalom (May 17) was held in very heavy water conditions this year and it was not found possible to run a Div. III course. In view of the distances involved the entry was fairly small, there being 17 in Div I and 11 in Div. II.

Results:

Div. I:—1, Iain Carmichael (Twickenham CC) 290; 2, Paul Farrant (Chalfont Park CC) 293; 3, Jim Barbour (CCC) 345.

Div. II:—1, Lincoln Hall (Twickenham CC) 192; 2, John Ferguson (Tay CC) 234; 3, Ron Flowers (Twickenham CC) 242.

The International trophy was won by England (928 points) against 1473 for Scotland.

LEVEN WILD WATER TEST

K. White and J. Shaw of Manchester CC were awarded a silver badge for the first two places in the Leven Wild Water Test of Lakeland CC on March 1. E. Totty received a bronze 1st. class. In the Test on April 5, J. Shaw again received a silver award and A. Sharples, also from Manchester CC, a bronze 1st class.—Owing to the low level of the water on May 10 no timed runs were held but about 25 completed the course as a cruise to provide material for the BBC Northern TV film which was shown on June 12 in the programme "World of Sport."

SLALOM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

15 nations have already made their entries for the Canoe Slalom World Championships in Geneva (July 25/26): Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Eastern Germany, Western

Germany, France, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Poland, Rumania, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia. The USSR has declined the invitation owing to the lack of experienced slalomists. Further entries are expected from USA and Sweden. The entries so far are for 147 competitors—the biggest team coming from Eastern Germany with 33 competitors, followed by Western Germany with 26, France 25 and Austria 24.

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In Manchester CC's 3rd Division slalom at Gisburn on the Ribble, on April 12, the organising club took first three places: J. Critchley with 164 pts., followed by M. Rohleder and M. Simpson with 189 and 241 respectively. Also, the team event was won by a team of Manchester CC.

Selection For Duisburg

The BCU Paddling Racing Committee has decided that the following regattas shall be used primarily as the basis for the selection of the British team for the European Championships in Duisburg, end August:

Welsh Harp Regatta (May 18), Richmond CC Regatta (June 13) and the North v. South Regatta (July 5).

Those included in the preliminary list of possibles will attend a weekend selection course at Thamesfield, Henley, on July 11/12.

It is realised that only one 10,000 metre event will take place during this period and the committee has therefore urged clubs to follow the practice adopted by Richmond CC who are holding weekly 10,000 metre time trials, using the results of each trial as a basis for handicapping subsequent trials. Apart from the results of the above regattas and the trials the committee will also consider personal recommendations from club captains and the individuals' mental approach to disciplined training. It is emphasised that junior paddlers who hope to be selected, will be expected either to compete in some senior events or prove themselves in time trials.

The Serpentine Regatta

Entries have already been received for this year's Serpentine Regatta from Austria, Holland, Belgium, Yugoslavia, Germany and Switzerland. The competitors from Germany will bring with them a small fleet of C los, some of which will be available to club crews from this country. It has been decided to eliminate from the programme the K 2 and K 4 Junior/Senior events and also, because of the lack of support, the C1 race. The tentative programme will therefore include the following events:

K 1 Seniors	K 1 Juniors	NCK 1 Men	K 1 Women
K 2 Seniors	K 2 Juniors	K 1 Cadets	K 2 Women
K 4 Seniors	K 4 Juniors	C 2 Men	C lo Men

Entry forms can be obtained from club secretaries or the organising secretary: H. Thelen, 13 Campden House, Harben Road, London, N.W.6.

Full Programme for LD Racing

The season has started with all LD races well supported and well run. The new rule that to score any points for the LD's Racing Committee's trophies, a time more than 120% of the winner's must be returned, is having the desired effect of improving the standard of racing. New boats are evident, mainly in Class III, the under 15ft. singles. The LD Racing Committee's aim that a craft specially designed for LD racing will emerge, seems to be on the point of becoming a reality.

Efforts to draw up a team to represent Great Britain in the Sella River Race, were rather disappointing as only a few people bothered to put their names forward. G. Blackford, of Worcester CC and J. Dalton, of Thameside CC, have agreed to make up a crew. These two are separated by many miles but it is hoped that they will take the opportunities as they come along, to train together, and that they will team up in the non-ranking races before August.

The Windermere Race

The annual Windermere race of Lakeland CC on May 31 had the following results:

Class II:—1, J. P. L. Dalton (Thameside CC) 3 hrs. 25 min. 30 secs; 2, D. Green (CCC Bedford Group) 3 hrs. 30 min. 20 secs.

Class III:—1, B. R. Smith (Canoe Touring Club) 3 hrs. 49 min. 30 secs.; 2, E. J. Owen (Royal Leamington Spa CC) 4 hrs. 5 min. 10 secs.

Class V:—1, G. Blackford—R. Hayes (Worcester CC) 5 hrs. 45 min. 0 secs.; 2, J. Amsden—J. Adams (Royal Leamington Spa CC) 6 hours 5 min. 0 secs.

Class VI:—1, T. Sowman (Royal Leamington Spa CC) 1 hr. 55 min. 16 secs.; 2, M. Huckvale (Royal Leamington Spa CC) 1 hr. 58 min. 36 secs.

Total club points:—Royal Leamington Spa CC 21 pts.; Thameside CC 5 pts.; Worcester CC 5 pts.; Canoe Touring Club 5 pts.; CCC Bedford Group 4 pts.; Chester Sailing and Canoe Club 3 pts.

The Leamington River Race

The race attracted a record entry of 90 competitors. Conditions were ideal and all previous class records were beaten. A total of 15 clubs took part. The race received much publicity in the local press both prior to and following the event. The BBC and ATV filmed the race. A large crowd of spectators watched the race from the various bridge vantage points. The Club received the maximum co-operation from the local authorities and from private owners. Councillor E. H. Fryer started the first competitor from the Cloud Bridge and Councillor E. Lucas started the first competitor from the Adelaide Road Bridge starting point. His Worship the Mayor, Councillor F. Gundry, and the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Gundry, presented the trophies.

Results:

Senior Class I:—1, R. Blick (Birmingham CC) 1 hr. 2 secs.; 2, R. Parker (Richmond CC) 1 hr. 1 min. 34 secs.; 3, J. Shambrook (Richmond CC) 1 hr. 3 min. 57 secs.

Senior Class II:—1, A. Acton (Wolverhampton CC) 1 hr. 9 min. 16 secs.; 2, R. Barnacle (Royal Leamington Spa CC) 1 hr. 9 min. 36 secs.; 3, D. Shankland (Llandaff CC) 1 hr. 10 min. 47 secs.

Senior Class III:—1, R. Rhodes (Canoe Touring Club) 1 hr. 51 min. 19 secs.; 2, R. O'Keefe (Richmond CC) 1 hr. 53 min. 8 secs.; 3, J. Mathers (Canoe Camping Club) 1 hr. 55 min. 44 secs.

Senior Class IV:—1, D. Woolley—R. Emes (Birmingham CC) 1 hr. 1 min. 8 secs.; 2, J. Harris—B. James (Birmingham CC) 1 hr. 1 min. 46 secs.; 3, S. Syrad—T. Shenton (Royal Marines CC) 1 hr. 2 min. 38 secs.

Senior Class V:—1, B. Lowrey—J. Shelston (Richmond CC) 1 hr. 48 min. 38 secs.; 2, R. Fish—B. Smith (Canoe Touring Club) 1 hr. 55 min. 17 secs.; 3, G. Blackford—R. Hayes (Worcester CC) 1 hr. 59 min. 56 secs.

Junior Class VI:—1, T. Sowman (Royal Leamington Spa CC) 1 hr. 53 min. 3 secs.; 2, A. Grady (Royal Leamington Spa CC) 2 hrs. 2 min. 16 secs.; 3, M. Huckvale (Royal Leamington Spa CC) 2 hrs. 2 min. 28 secs.

Total club points:—Richmond CC 20; Royal Leamington Spa CC 19; Birmingham CC 18; Canoe Touring Club 11; Wolverhampton CC 8; Worcester CC 7; Royal Marines CC 4; Canoe Camping Club 4.



NO FREAK RACING KAYAKS

In recent years continental boat designers have developed a racing kayak which, though technically built to the specifications of the ICF Racing Rules, were of a design that one can only describe them as freaks. This was clearly noticeable at last year's World Championships in Prague where one could see kayaks which had a very narrow beam of some 41-42 centimetres at the cockpit and only behind the cockpit bulged out to the required 51 centimetre minimum beam. Also the hull, by having a concave shape, was very narrow across the waterline.

The ICF Paddling Racing Committee has now unanimously decided that as from 1961 such boats will be prohibited. Racing kayaks must have a convex hull and convex gunwales. This decision is, however, still subject to ratification by the ICF Congress.

The Committee has also decided that at world championships and Olympic Games the lanes in the short distances must have a minimum width of 9 metres. This means that in future no canoe or kayak shall come nearer to any other canoe or kayak than nine metres in any direction.

THE NATIONAL CHINE KAYAK

When the BCU Paddling Racing Committee introduced the National Chine Kayak, it laid down two principal rules which should govern this class. It was decided that all NCK boats must be built

- (a) to certain specifications and
- (b) within these specifications to a design approved by the Paddling Racing Committee.

So far the Committee has decided upon the specifications of NCK Singles and Pairs. Two designs for an NCK 1 have been approved, one

by Weston Bay CC and the other by A. E. Reddish. A prototype of an NCK 2 has been produced, but the blue print has not yet been formally approved—though we understand that the plans by A. E. Reddish are almost ready.

In view of an announcement in the last issue of "Light Craft" that plans for an NCK 4 are for sale, it should be stated that the Paddling Racing Committee so far has not established the specifications for an NCK 4, let alone has not approved a design for an NCK 4.

Of course, the Paddling Racing Committee, we are sure, would be only too pleased to give its views on any NCK design if plans are submitted to it—but without its approval no craft can be accepted in the NCK class.

NEW CLUB TROPHY

The Royal Canoe Club has generously presented to the Paddling Racing Committee an attractive trophy for the newly introduced Inter-Club Team Competition. The trophy consists of a suitably inscribed Rob Roy Paddle, dating from the last century, with replicas.

CHESTER CANOE RACE

Chester Sailing and Canoe Club held their first LD race over 12½ miles from Farndon to Chester on April 12. 12 of the 13 competitors were from the home club, but the club hopes to make the race an annual event and expects more support from other clubs in future years. A swift current and a tail wind speeded times and the first three home, A. Harvey, Y. Tuyn and G. Davies, all finished within three minutes of each other. On handicap, G. Davies was placed first with a corrected time of 1 hr. 36 min.

From the Clubs

There has been a spate of applications for affiliation to the Union since April. Not less than nine new clubs came into membership during the last three months. These are:

Gleeds Boys Canoe Club (Secr.: N. Russell, 20 West Parade, Spalding, Lincs.).

Warren Light Craft Club (Secr.: C. J. Masters, 12 Patrick Road, Caversham, Reading).

Broxbourne Canoe Club (Secr.: Mrs. M. Smith, 206 The Hides, Harlow, Essex).

Durham Canoe Club (Secr.: W. L. Saunders, c/o CCPR, 40 Saddler Street, Durham City).

293 *Field Sqr. RE (TA) Canoe Club* (Secr.: J. W. J. Mitchell, The Drill Hall, Newport Road, Stafford).

Norton Canoe Camping Club (Secr.: H. T. A. Whiting, 2 Midhurst, Letchworth, Herts.).

HMS "Raleigh" Canoe Club (Secr.: Lt.-Cdr. S. K. Sharrock RN, HMS "Raleigh," Torpoint, East Cornwall).

RA Junior Leaders School Canoe Club (Bramcote Camp, Nuneaton).

Royal Air Force College Canoeing Section (F/C P. J. Maitland, Senior Mess, R.A.F. College, Cranwell, near Sleaford, Lincs.).

In addition to these new clubs we are glad to report that Thameside CC, after a period of some difficulties, is in circulation again.

Stort Sailing and Canoe Club has been re-organised and the canoe section has been reformed in the name of *Harlow CC*. Secretary is still P. G. Boutell, 39 Ram Gorse, Harlow, Essex.

Change of addresses: A. G. Avery-Pearce of 4 Bradenham Place, Penarth, Glam., has succeeded D. Green

as secretary of *Llandaff CC*.

J. Robson of the *Northumbrian Kayak Club* has moved to 31 Pollard Street, South Shields, Co. Durham.

R. Emes of *Birmingham CC* has moved (again) and lives now at 264 Marsh Hill, Erdington, Birmingham, 23.

R. Downing (169 Old Fallings Lane, Bushbury, Wolverhampton) has taken over as secretary of *Wolverhampton CC*.

The *Dee & Mersey Group* of the *Canoe Camping Club* reports: "We are proud of our primarily touring juniors. A. Harvey in his folding canoe capturing a gold medal and other trophies at Birmingham LDR. By sharing events with our good neighbours Ribble, Manchester CC and Chester CC, we have attended 9 meets in 3 months. Our contributions were a wild sea meet at Hoylake and a calm river one on Dee."

The *Thames Group* of the *CCC* says that though their programme to date has gone according plan, they would welcome more support. A special welcome is extended to their regatta weekend at Chertsey on August 22/23 and the annual Tideway Run from Putney to Wapping on October 23, when they hope to beat last year's record of 76 canoes.

The *Ribble Group* of the *CCC* had a fine weekend on May 2/3, attended by 30, with a film show by J. Soulsby of the *Wye Group*, on the Saturday evening.

The *Sussex Group* of the *CCC* reminds readers of their Arun run from Pulborough on August 8/9.

A nucleus of members of *Bradford-on-Avon CC* is training every Tuesday and Thursday evening on the river above the town weir up to Staverton.

Four senior members of the new *Hamelsham CC* attended an Outdoor Activities Course during Whit-week, jointly arranged by the Brighton, Eastbourne and East Sussex Education Authorities. Lightweight camping, sea canoeing and a cruise of the Cuckmere were included in the programme. 20 canoes will be built this year, 14 of these, it is hoped, will be ready by August for the club's first summer cruise, which is scheduled for the Wye from August 7-15.

Upper Wortley School CC have moved their activities further down the Wharfe to Pool-in-Wharfedale, where they are converting a disused barn into a new boathouse of their own.

Sheffield CC are on the lookout for proper headquarters, but their request to the Sheffield Corporation Waterworks Committee for a site at one of their reservoirs has been rejected—though dinghy sailing is allowed on the same waters.

The nucleus of a slalom section in *Richmond CC* has now consolidated with a membership of 14.

Wolverhampton CC enjoyed the Easter weekend with a circular tour on Trent and Dove and the Trent & Mersey Canal. Members of the Gailey Aqua Youth Club, Stafford Youth Canoe Club and Rowley Regis Grammar School Canoe Club also took part. Whitsun was ideal for sea canoeing and some canoes were out in Cardigan Bay.

Lakeland CC had a rainy start of the season with much water, but then the weather improved from all other points of view except canoeing and the late spring was very dry. In all, *Lakeland CC* attended 13

meets so far of which they organised eight.

The Whitsun cruises of *Royal Leamington Spa CC* were both successful, the visit to the Ure proving to be exciting as was expected. A party of club members also cruised on the Avon from Leamington to Evesham. The junior team of T. Sowman, A. Grady, M. Huckvale and J. Amsden have done outstandingly well in the LD races held to date having scored a total of 46 points in the Hassler Trophy competition. The club has supported all five ranking races held up to going to press and is leading in the competition with a total of 86 points.—The slalom section took part in the Builth, Perth and Shepperton slaloms. D. Sims (4th at Perth and Shepperton) has made a successful start to the new season, being selected to compete with the British Team in the World Championships at Geneva.—It is expected that a party of at least twenty members will again visit the Scillies for the Annual Holiday during July/August and a smaller party is planning to visit Scotland.

Wey CC is rapidly expanding. They are engaged in making their Byfleet Boat House into a boating and canoeing centre for the Surrey area.

Chalfont Park CC, apart from being well represented at all slaloms, went also touring Easter on the Welsh Dee and Whitsun on the Welsh Wye. Their Mad House and Water Baby Contest was held on June 21 and the Motor Rally is scheduled for October 11.

Chester Sailing and Canoe Club has now some 30 canoes in the club including two NCK1s, which they hope to increase to four next season.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A special General Meeting of the BCU will be held on Saturday, October 3, 1959, at 6.30 p.m., in Friends House, Euston Road, London, N.W.1. The main item on the agenda will be the amendments to the rules which Council thinks are necessary to bring into effect the resolution adopted by the last AGM that the election of officers and members of the Council shall be by postal ballot. Official notice of the meeting will be sent out in due course, but in the meantime make a note of the date.

BCU SLALOM SECRETARY

Mary and Bill Horsman have now a second daughter, Sally, born May 20, 1959. In view of the increasing domestic chores and his inability to attend slalom, coupled with the fact that he is no longer able to attend to the necessary correspondence, Bill has reluctantly had to tender his resignation as BCU Slalom Secretary. Pending the announcement of a new secretary, please address all slalom correspondence to the Chairman of the Slalom Committee, Maurice Rothwell, 21 Windsor Road, Clayton Bridge, Manchester 10.

LEADERS WANTED

The programme of the expedition of some 70 German canoeists to this country, which we mentioned in our last issue, has now been tentatively fixed as follows:

August 4-8: Visit to London and Serpentine Regatta.

August 9-14: Wye from above Hereford to Tintern.

August 15-20: Thames, Oxford to Chertsey.

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August 22—Marymass Regatta at Irvine. Irvine CC (C. Cousar, 5 Waterside, Irvine).

August 23—Long Distance Race from Lappovk Rock. Irvine CC (C. Cousar, 5 Waterside, Irvine).

September 19-21—Autumn meet on Forth. Forth CC (I. D. Pendleton, 12 Alva Place, Edinburgh).

September 13—Novices Long Distance Race, Oxford to Reading. Warren Light Craft Club (C. J. Masters, 12 Patrick Road, Caversham, Reading, Berks.).

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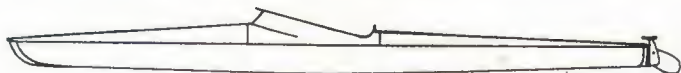
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