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## Pointers . . .

Do not forget the  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

on January 13 which coincides with the last day of the Boat Show. The meeting opens at 6 PM sharp, and members are requested not to be late. It must be expected that the main item on the agenda :

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

will cause lengthy and detailed discussions. Asking for more money from its members, is at no time a pleasant task for any voluntary organisation, and still less for clubs to have to pay out more money. However: when considering Council's motion, members should carefully think over the reasons for this proposal as set out on another page of this issue. As early as in 1956 Council had warned that an increase might soon be necessary, and now this step cannot be postponed any longer. The

### TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

will meet before the AGM to finalise their plans for the coming season. Is your club properly represented on the committee which governs the branch of canoeing in which you are actively interested? If not, now is the time to nominate your candidates.

## HENRY EUSTACE WELLS

IT IS with deep regret that we announce the passing in November 1961 at the age of 81 years of Mr Eustace Wells.

The name of Eustace Wells was for a great many years almost synonymous with the Royal Canoe Club for he joined that club in 1910, was its Paddling Mate and Captain from 1922 until 1948 when he became Commodore — an office which he held until his retirement in 1958.

As a representative of the Royal Canoe Club, Mr. Wells took a prominent part in the negotiations which culminated in the founding of the British Canoe Union in 1936. It was largely due to his influence and diplomacy that the Royal Canoe Club was drawn into taking an active part in the development of the Union. His courtesy and charm won him many friends and admirers in canoeing circles.

In 1938 Mr. Wells was elected President of the British Canoe Union and to his Presidency he brought dignity and authority. In his person were welded the old traditions of the Royal Canoe Club and the vigour of the younger clubs. In his administration of the Union affairs, Mr. Wells combined a broadminded understanding of the needs and moods of the present with an assured firmness on matters of principle, and when he retired in 1951, the Union had recovered from the set-backs of the war years and was growing rapidly in size and authority.

After his retirement, Mr. Wells maintained an active interest in canoeing affairs and frequently attended social functions and regattas organised by the Union and its clubs.

I was privileged to enjoy his friendship and guidance for nearly thirty years. Members of the BCU Council over whom he presided, and officials and members of clubs who knew him, will wish to associate themselves with me in this appreciation. We extend to his son, Mr. Peter Wells, our deepest sympathy.

JOHN W. DUDDERIDGE

# Annual Report of the Council 1961

## 1. LIST OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

		<i>Club</i>	<i>Retires</i>
<i>President:</i>	J. W. Dudderidge	CCC, RCC	Next year
<i>Hon. Secretary:</i>		HSCC, Rich.CC	
	R. W. Baker	CCC, KTC.	This year
<i>Hon. Treasurer:</i>			
	E. J. Owen	RLSCC	This year
<i>Council Members:</i>			
	J. A. Bright	OFC.	Next year
	H. G. Bruce	RMCC, Ind.BCU	Next year
	O. J. Cock	CCC, RCC, CPCC.	Next year
	R. W. Emes	BCC, BKRC	This year
	Lt.-Col. I. F. G. Hall	Ch.CC, Ind.BCU.	This year
	E. E. McLellan	CCC.	Next year
	J. Spuhler	CCC, MCC, CF.	This year
	R. F. Tyas	CCC.	This year
<i>Co-opted Members:</i>			
	A. Emus	RCC.	
	H. Thelen	CF.	

## 2. MEMBERSHIP

Individual	115	Non-renewals	17	New	57	Increase	40
Clubs	125	"	5	"	34	"	29
Associates	24	"	0	"	14	"	14

## 3. NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Friendly co-operation with various national bodies concerned with physical recreation has been maintained during the year. The Union has continued its close co-operation with the CCPR, in particular in connection with the Coaching Scheme and the Area Youth Championships, and has given technical advice to the Duke of Edinburgh Award Committee.

At the last Annual General Meeting the post of Hon. Treasurer could, in the absence of a nomination, not be filled, and Council appointed E. J. Owen to fill this vacancy until the next AGM in 1962.

## 4. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Our President, as a member of the ICF Board, attended the meeting of this body held in Poznan after the European Championships in Racing. Mr. J. Spuhler, as a member of the ICF Slalom Committee, attended the meetings of this Committee in Spittal and Dresden. Mr. H. Thelen, Editor of the ICF Bulletin, attended the meetings of the ICF Touring Committee in Urbar, of the ICF Paddling Racing Committee in Budapest and the ICF Board in Poznan. Mr. Alan Emus, Chairman of the ICF Sailing Committee, attended the meeting of this committee in Copenhagen.

During the latter part of the year we have been privileged to welcome amongst us Mr. Wilkinson, the Commodore of the American Canoe Association, and Mr. Varcoe, the President of the Australian Canoe Federation. As their visits overlapped they were both able to confer with our President on matters of importance to the development of canoeing.

## 5. NATIONAL COACH

A national coaching scheme was floated in the year, and we have been very fortunate in obtaining the maximum M.O.E. grant for the administration of the scheme from the Ministry of Education. This has enabled us to appoint a full-time National Coach, who will start operating on the 1st January 1962.

In the meantime courses have been run in various parts of the country and Honorary Coaches have already been appointed. With the advent of the New Year a system of grading of coaches will come into being and we shall have Instructors, Coaches and Senior Coaches, as well as Specialist Coaches for Racing and for Slalom. Candidates for these will be required to pass examinations and certificates will be issued to the successful ones.

## 6. CORPS OF CANOE LIFE-GUARDS

We have had some trouble in getting this Corps registered with the Charity Commissioners as a Company limited by guarantee. However, things appear to be proceeding more smoothly as the Inland Revenue have accepted it as a charity, but inevitably the course through various government departments is long and tortuous. As a result we have been able to make little progress with the formation of the Corps, in spite of energetic demands from "below" to get on with it. We have had one generous donation from the Dulverton Trust, for the purchase of canoes; but nobody is able to give us much until the Corps is properly registered.

In the meantime we have continued with the pilot scheme within the London Federation of Boys' Clubs and we have now enrolled the first ten members from there to the national scheme. These life guards are available as teachers and assistant leaders on expeditions and, in fact, the demand for their services exceeds the supply. They are also available to the police for flood relief work. The Berkshire Police ran a most successful exercise at the end of September for them and the Chief Constable was most enthusiastic as to their potential uses in this field.

## 7. TESTS

Our standard tests are being accepted more and more widely as the correct standards of proficiency to which every canoeist should aspire. Lapel badges are now available for all standards. Although nobody has yet aspired to a Gold, we have had two successful candidates for the Silver — the only two, we may say, who have come forward so far. We shall look forward to further candidates in the coming year.

## 8. CANOE SAILING

For nearly a quarter of a century our representatives have fought for the adoption of the 10 sq. m. sailing canoe in the countries of Europe. Although the recognition of this class by the ICF in 1946 was a great encouragement, their efforts were only fully rewarded this year with the holding of the first World Championship in this class, with teams from USA, Germany (West), Sweden and Great Britain.

Our offer to the ICF Congress to stage these Championships in England having been accepted, the regatta was held on open water off Hayling Island.

The British team, led by Alan Emus, was triumphantly successful taking the first seven places — a result reflecting not only the high degree of skill of the sailors, but also the efficiency of their craft.

We congratulate the World Champion Alan Emus and all who brought honour to British canoe sailing.

## 9. SLALOM

As in previous years 1961 has seen an increase in the number of canoeists competing in slalom. The splitting of competitors into four divisions has proved an effective method of controlling the entry at ranking events. The organisation of slaloms has, in many respects, shown improvement. The communications officer, in his first season, has provided organisers with a reliable and efficient telephone system with which to control their courses.

Although the standard of our top men has not increased during the season a considerable number of younger canoeists have reached the same level, many of whom are still in their teens and if their present rate of progress is maintained they should stand Britain in good stead in future international slaloms. In the international field the British team has given an excellent account of itself at Aachen, Anseremme and Goumois.

## 10. RACING

The Paddling Racing Committee has concentrated this year on attracting more youngsters to sprint racing, rather than on preparing existing paddlers for international competition. With the assistance of the CCPR four area youth championships were organised, about 160 youngsters competing. It is hoped that this scheme may be extended next year and lead to National Youth Championships.

The administration of this new scheme, the organisation of the Serpentine Regatta — the biggest canoeing event ever held in this country — and of the National Championships, strained to the limit the resources of the committee who were therefore unable to undertake a full training and selection programme with a view to sending a team to compete at Poznan.

The future seems promising, with a national scheme for coaching racing paddlers under way and the encouraging entry for junior events revealing much potential talent.

## 11. LONG DISTANCE RACING

The number of Long Distance races has increased this year, a successful series culminating in the Silver Jubilee race held on August 27th to mark the 25th anniversary of the BCU. A team was sent to Spain to compete in the Sella River race, in which the nominated pair took an honourable fourth place. In the sprint regatta held before the race the team gained a second and a third place.

## 12. YOUTH

The highlight of the year for canoeing for youth has been the holding of Youth Championships in Bedford, Birmingham, Durham and London, as described previously. These have given a fine example of co-operation and much encouragement to youth officers. Next year it is hoped to hold the championships earlier in the season.

The youth officers have organised courses in canoeing, given advice and answered innumerable questions.

## 13. TOURING AT HOME

There were between 50 and 60 canoeists on the Easter Meet, on the Rivers Lugg and Wye from Leominster to Ross. The Lugg was new to many of them and caused some (from all accounts quite unjustified) capsize. We are grateful to John Soulsby for his excellent arrangements for the camp sites.

There was no official Whitsun Meet this year, but a group of about 20 went on the Dorset Stour. Later a proposed international tour on the Avon, Wye and Thames, to last a fortnight, had to be cancelled, owing to lack of support.

Touring remains, as it has long been, a club and individual activity and we have heard of trips on several "new" rivers, mainly in Scotland. We appeal to clubs and canoeists to send reports of trips on such rivers to the Touring Secretary and not to hesitate to write pointing out errors and omissions in the "Guide to Waterways", the new edition of which has sold well.

The Union was represented at a meeting of organisations interested in watersports called during the summer by the CCPR to discuss problems of access to waterways, lakes, reservoirs and gravel pits, not only for touring, but for racing, sailing, rowing and other sports.

## 14. TOURING ABROAD

Members have continued to explore the waterways and coasts of Europe. Although most keep to well-known rivers of France, Germany and Austria, we are glad to hear of more enterprising expeditions undertaken by others. It is unfortunate that the uninformed enthusiasm of some young canoeists has led them to plan tours depending upon canoeing upstream on such rivers as the Nile or the Rhône.

## 15. PUBLICATIONS

1961 saw the appearance of the third edition of the *Guide to British Waterways*, revised and enlarged and altogether a more useful and handsome volume. Since its publication its sales have remained steady. The four pamphlets have appeared in attractive covers, printed and bound, and have sold well.

*Canoeing in Britain* has appeared quarterly, the spring issue being a special Silver Jubilee number, enlarged and with an illustrated cover; it contained a number of articles on the development of all aspects of canoeing during the last twenty-five years.

## 16. SUPPLIES

This has been a record year, with sales totalling £1,000. At the beginning of the year the revised edition of the Guide appeared and almost 1,000 have been sold so far. Pamphlets are proving popular, and though these were only brought out 10 months ago, revisions and additions are already in hand. There has been a steady sale of pennants, ties and badges and a new feature is a transfer for use on paddles or car windscreens. The shop is now keeping a stock of canoeing books by author members, and also maps of the more popular British and foreign rivers.

## 17. FILMS

The Film Library goes from strength to strength. The British Film Institute reports that it is one of their most used sections. There has been an upsurge in the sale of the loops and the strips, the former now being available in both 16mm. and 8mm. sizes.

## 18. KAYAKS

After nearly ten years of good service, the kayaks belonging to the Union have at last worn out. Three new kayaks have been built and these have already gone into service in swimming baths, where they are being used for teaching and training in the "Eskimo Roll."

## 19. ENQUIRIES

The Enquiries Secretary, since his appointment last year, has received a large number of requests for information, which have been passed on to the specialist officers of the Union where necessary. Most of the enquirers are non-members, some of whom have based their requests on inaccurate unofficial statements appearing in magazines.

## 20. FINANCE

The considerable expansion of the work of the Union has naturally led to a great increase in expenditure. The subscription income of the Union has not kept pace with this and the extra cost has been met out of

other income which should be available for expansion. It appears that adult membership has not increased as rapidly as junior membership, which is subsidised; this also suggests that our financial position is increasingly unsound.

## 21. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We wish to thank Dr. Malcolm Gillies, a past president of the Union, who retired at the beginning of 1961 after many years' valuable work on the Council. We also express our gratitude to Mr. O. J. Cock who retires from the Council on his appointment as BCU National Coach. We shall miss him as a member of the Council but are very glad that his energies will now be fully devoted to canoeing.

Further thanks go to the Commodore and Flag Officers of the Hayling Island Sailing Club and all others whose efforts assisted in the very successful staging of the World Championships in Canoe Sailing; to the CCPR for their continued support in all aspects of canoeing; and to the *News of the World* for their organisation of the Serpentine Regatta.

*On behalf of the Council of the BCU,*

R. W. BAKER,

*Secretary.*

## The National Coaching Scheme

Details of the National Coaching Scheme have now been finalised, and when the National Coach will take up his work on a full time basis on January 1, he will have a very comprehensive programme in front of him. As the name implies, the scheme aims at the training of coaches and instructors who then on their side will be available to clubs and outside organisations.

There will be four classes of coaches:

1. Elementary instructor
2. Hon. Coach (Kayak or canadian canoe)
3. Hon. Senior Coach
4. Specialist Coach (for slalom, racing, sailing).

In each category an award will be given to candidates who have successfully passed an examination. The details of the examinations are as follows:

1. ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTOR'S CERTIFICATE.
  - a. *Conditions of Entry.* Candidates must:
    1. Be over 17 years of age.
    2. Hold the BCU Elementary Proficiency Certificate.
    3. Have at least 6 months active canoeing experience.
    4. Have knowledge of a recognised resuscitation method.
    5. Pay an examination fee of 5/- when applying.
  - b. *Examination.*
    1. *Test of canoeing abilities.* Practical demonstration of skills contained in the elem. prof. certificate.
    2. *Practical teaching.* Ability to teach basic canoeing skills to an individual (not a class).
    3. *Oral examination.* General canoeing matters—e.g. canoe-camping, canoe construction, equipment.

## 2. HON. COACH'S AWARD.

a. *Conditions of Entry.* Candidates must:

1. Be over 21 years of age.
2. Hold the Elementary Proficiency Certificate and should be up to the standard of the Advanced Proficiency Certificate.
3. Hold the Intermediate Certificate (or higher) of the Royal Life Saving Society.
4. Pay an examination fee of 10/- when applying.

b. *Examination.* (Kayak or Canadian).

1. *Test of canoeing abilities.* (A holder of the Advanced Proficiency Certificate will be exempt from this part of the examination).

2. *Practical Teaching.* Ability to teach a group (of not less than 4) canoeing skills. (The latter may be up to Adv. Prof. Certificate standard).

3. *Written and Oral Examination.* On all aspects of the sport, including:—

—a knowledge of the various types of canoe and their use.

—ability to advise on—slalom and racing—organisation of regattas, slaloms and tours.

—competence to prepare and test candidates for the Duke of Edinburgh Award at all levels.

—knowledge of the structure and work of the BCU.

knowledge of practical teaching techniques.

—knowledge of own local canoeing waters.

The candidate must show evidence of wide reading in the subject.

## 3. HON. SENIOR COACH'S AWARD.

a. *Conditions of Entry.* Candidates must be holders of the Hon. Coach's Award. They must pay an examination fee of 10/- when applying.

b. *Examination.* Oral and Written. The candidate must be competent to demonstrate and teach the skills of kayak and Canadian canoe; have knowledge of sea, estuary and river canoeing of all grades, with special reference to the organisation and control of groups. Evidence must be given of ability to organise and run courses for the training of coaches.

## 4. SPECIALIST COACHES.

These are appointed by the respective committees controlling slalom, racing, sailing. Their appointment has to be endorsed by the National Coaching Committee.

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The Hon. Coaches in an area will form the Area Coaching Panel, normally under the direction of a Senior Coach.

As the result of the number of coaching courses and weekends which have been held during 1961, a panel of instructors and coaches is now available to assist in teaching and instructing at future courses. Clubs and other organisations requiring such assistance, should write for the list of the Union's Outside Officers to either Headquarters (147A Station Road, London, E4), the Hon. Secretary of the National Coaching Committee (G. Sanders, 33 Orchard Avenue, Solihull, Warwicks.), or the nearest CCPR office.



## THE UNION'S FINANCIAL POSITION

As members will have seen from the notice of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting, Council proposes that the annual subscriptions payable by clubs be increased from November 1, 1962, as follows:

Full Members 7/6  
(Present rate 4/6)

Family Members 2/6  
(Present rate 1/-)

Junior Members 2/6  
(Present rate 1/-)

When deciding on these proposals, Council had to take into consideration the serious financial position of the Union which is borne out by the fact that the running expenses during the financial year 1960/61 exceeded the subscription income by a very substantial margin—by approximately £300 after allowances had been made for some expenditure which was exceptional this year.

It has been obvious for a long time that with its present subscription income the Union cannot meet its increasing obligations. The present rate of subscriptions was fixed eleven years ago, and since then costs have gone up substantially—particularly the rates for postage and printing which have almost doubled.

However, there are two other aspects of the problem which Council had to consider:

The deficit on the subscription account has usually been met by income from other sources—an income which varies from year to year and should have been used for development purposes. We have pointed out on a number of occasions that from the rapid growth of canoeing follow increased responsibilities of the Union to the sport as a whole—responsibilities which we cannot simply disclaim by reducing the programme of our activities because we have to adjust

them to an income which is shrinking in value. It is just the lack of sufficient facilities which continues to endanger the position of the Union as the national governing body of the sport. For a time it looked as if canoeing tended to develop outside the Union because we were unable to cope with the problem.

At the same time we have to take into account that in course of the years a gradual shift in the structure of the membership of the Union has taken place. Though the total numbers of members has gone up, the relation of the number of Full Members to the number of Junior Members has, as far as subscriptions are concerned, worsened from year to year. Ten years ago the Junior Members represented approximately 20% of the Full Members whilst in the last financial year the Junior Members equalled the Full Members. The Membership Returns received so far seem to indicate that this trend is to continue. This means that the subscription income from Full Members, in percentages, has been dropping from year to year, and it is this income which had to subsidise the portion of our activities which falls on our Junior Members. Not counting Family Members—their number has remained more or less static—ten years ago the Union received from the clubs for each ten members (eight Full and two Junior Members) £1 18 0 in subscription. In 1960/61 this income had dropped to £1 7 6 (five Full and five Junior Members).

The proposed new subscriptions try to restore the balance and to make up for the drop in the value of the pound (approximately 6/4 in the £). If the present ratio of five Full to five Junior Members were to remain,

*the Union's subscription income in value per ten members, based on the new rates, will be £2 10 0 which is nothing more than the £1 18 0 which we received ten years ago.*

*It is hoped that the new rates will enable Council to budget for a programme of activities on approximately the present scale. Members are, however, reminded that the new rates are proposed to come into force only as from the next financial year. This is not to imply that the problem of the Union's finances does not require*

*an urgent solution, but some clubs have already fixed the subscriptions which they will levy this year and might therefore find it embarrassing to ask their members half way through the year for an increase. Perhaps members themselves, when considering Council's proposals, will give an answer to the problem: "How are we going to finance this current year 1961/62?"—and will submit their suggestions to the Annual General Meeting in the form of an amendment to Council's motion.*

## **Leven Wild Water Test 1961**

In many ways 1961 has been a remarkable year in the history of the Leven Wild Water Test. The level of the river was favourable to the holding of the test on no fewer than six occasions and consequently several competitors were able to enjoy recorded runs at different water levels and at different stages of personal physical fitness. Thus it has been possible to make comparisons from the results, which are tabulated below, in three directions:—

1. Competitor's performance against other competitors.
2. His performance against the river, i.e. at different water levels.
3. His performance at the beginning of the season compared with his own performance in each of the later months.

From these comparisons several interesting factors emerge:—

1. A record time of 7 mins. and half a second was achieved.
2. This was not a fluke as several others also beat the previous record of 7 mins. 15 secs.
3. Fitness and greater experience of wild water conditions were the key factor as evidenced by the times recorded in August by those who had trained for the World Championships and had just returned to this country in a peak condition of physical fitness.
4. The time allowance factor proved to be as fair and just as it is possible to make it. If we disregard the results of the April test, when none of the top rankers were present, it would appear that any advantage there might be seems to be at the medium levels but this is so slight that it is just as likely to be cancelled out by unfavourable winds or other adverse weather conditions. Results at the lower levels continue to be more widely spaced out, as between the more experienced and the less experienced, whilst at the higher levels the bigger waves tend to offset some of the advantages presented by the faster current.
5. The proportion of Silver awards to Bronze has risen sharply which proves beyond doubt that the standard of wild water canoeing in this country continues to improve. It has been particularly marked this season.

Congratulations are due to Martin Rohleder for his record-breaking performance which earned him the Gold Dipper Badge for 1961, Nigel Morley, Keith White and David Mitchell who followed very close and who all succeeded in beating the previous record.

It now seems that the seven minute barrier is not invulnerable and there will undoubtedly be keen competition in the coming season to see who will be the first to break it.

#### Data for 1961

Number of recorded runs		59
Standard achieved:	Gold	1
	Silver	35
	Bronze 1st class	10
	Bronze 2nd class	6
Finished the course, but failed to qualify		3
Retired		4

#### Comparison with previous years

Year	Standard attained			Failed	Total
	Gold and Silver	Bronze 1st class	Bronze 2nd class		
1954	6	10	7	11	34
1956	3	9	12	12	36
1957	11	11	5	7	34
1958	6	5	5	3	19
1959	10	5	—	2	17
1960	4	4	8	8	24
1961	36	10	6	7	59

## British Open Youth Championships 1962

In an endeavour to encourage interest in competitive canoeing the British Canoe Union, with the active assistance of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, launched an experimental scheme in 1961 for the holding of open Youth Championships for boys between 14 and 18 years and for girls between 16 and 18 years in various areas throughout the country.

The results of this scheme were sufficiently satisfactory to encourage us to repeat it in 1962 and in addition to hold National Youth Championships for the winners from each area. These area championships must be completed by 30th June, 1962. The names of the winners would be notified to the National Organiser (A. L. Todd, 47 Knightwood Crescent, New Malden, Surrey) by 15th July, 1962, to enable the arrangements to be made for the national event which will be held in London on 10th/11th August as part of the Serpentine Regatta.

## AREAS

From the experience gained in 1961, the following areas have been selected. These are based largely on the Regions of the CCPR, and on the existence of established canoe clubs which, it is hoped, will assist in the organisation of the regattas. The regatta bases shown here are provisional, depending of the ability and willingness of the local canoe club to assist. If the necessary organisation for staging the various regattas cannot be found in one area, it may be necessary to merge it with an adjoining area.

### North East Area

Co. Durham, Northumberland, North Riding of Yorks.  
Regatta base : Durham City.

### Yorkshire Area

East and West Ridings.  
Regatta base : Leeds or York.

### North West Area

Lancs, Cheshire, Cumberland and Westmoreland.  
Regatta base : Chester.

### North Midlands Area

Derby, Leics, Lincs, Notts and Rutland.  
Regatta base : Nottingham.

### West Midlands Area

Warwicks, Staffs, Works, Salop and Herefords.  
Regatta base : Birmingham.

### Central Area

Northants, Peterboro, Hunts, Beds, Herts and Bucks.  
Regatta base : Bedford.

### Eastern Area

Cambs, Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex.  
Regatta base : Chelmsford.

### Southern Area

Oxon, Berks, Hants, Isle of Wight.  
Regatta base : Reading.

### South West Area

Somerset, Devon, Cornwall, Dorset, Wilts and Glos.  
Regatta base : Bradford-on-Avon.

### London and South East Area

London, Middlesex, Kent, Sussex and Surrey.  
Regatta base : Bedfont, Middlesex.

### Wales

Regatta base : Cardiff.

### Northern Ireland

Regatta base : Belfast.

### Scotland

*(If the Scottish Canoe Association should decide to take part in the scheme).*

Regatta base : To be decided.

## RULES

1. These Championships will be conducted in selected geographical areas of Great Britain. The winners of the Area Championships in each class will be entitled to compete in the National Open Youth Championships at the "News of the World" Serpentine Regatta on 10th/11th August, 1962.
2. The Championships are open to members of youth organisations like boys' clubs, girls' clubs, sea cadets, sea rangers, boy scouts, schools, etc.
3. There will be three classes :—  
*Class A* — Boys over 16 and not more than 18 years, i.e., boys born between June 1, 1944 and May 31, 1946.  
*Class B* — Boys over 14 and not more than 16 years, i.e., boys born between June 1, 1946 and May 31, 1948.  
*Class C* — Girls over 16 and not more than 18 years, i.e., girls born between June 1, 1944 and May 31, 1946.
4. *Craft* — The races will be in kayaks conforming with the measurements laid down in the British Canoe Union LD

classes 3 and 4, i.e., single seaters of not more than 15 feet in length and a minimum beam of 23 inches.

5. *Events* — There will be the following events :—  
500 metre races for all classes (A, B, and C).  
Relay races for boys only over 4 legs of a 500 metre course, each team to consist of 2 boys from class A and 2 from class B.
6. *Conditions of Entry* — Each entrant must certify that he/she can swim at least 50 yards and the written consent of the parents or guardians must be given on the entry form.
7. *Safety Precautions* — All competitors must wear approved life-jackets and their kayaks must be equipped with buoyancy bags.
8. *Equipment* — Competitors must supply their own kayaks and paddles for the Area Championships. Kayaks (not paddles) will be supplied for the Area winners taking part in the National Championships regatta.
9. *Entry Fees*— 2s 6d for individual entries  
5s 0d for each relay team  
(There will be no entry fee for the National Championships).

## ORGANISATION

The National Organiser will invite established canoe clubs to stage each Area Championships regatta and to appoint a racing official who will act as Chairman of an organising committee which should include representatives of his club and of any neighbouring clubs willing to assist, the Regional Youth Officer of the BCU, and the Regional Officer of the Central Council of Physical Recreation. The CCPR have again indicated that they will do their best to help with this scheme particularly in establishing contact with the youngsters at whom the scheme is directed.

In one area the County Youth Service has already offered to administer the scheme, i.e., to take over the distribution of entry forms, the acceptance of entries, the preparation of programmes, etc. The Racing Official there will act in an advisory capacity and with his club will assist in staging the actual regatta.

It is to be hoped that similar assistance may be forthcoming from the local education authority in other areas as the administrative resources of most canoe clubs are very limited.

## Competition Results

### Kayak Racing

#### NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

(October 14-15)

*K1 10,000 m: Juniors* 1.) V. Gyorffy (Richmond CC) 45min. 24.5secs.; 2.) P. Lawler (Richmond CC) 45min. 35secs.; 3.) P. White (Canoe Touring Club) 46mins. 37.5secs. *NCK 1 10,000 m:* 1.) M. Hope (Canoe Touring Club) 52min. 5secs.; 2.) B. Burke (Canoe Touring Club) 52min. 32secs.; 3.) D. South (Canoe Touring Club) 54min. 24secs. *K 1 10,000 m: Seniors (Non-Championship):* 1.) R. Still (Royal CC) 46min. 37.5secs.; 2.) B. Pratt (Royal CC) 47min. 35secs. *K 1 3,000 m Women:* 1.) M. Tucker (Richmond CC) 18min. 5secs., 2.) M. Terry (Richmond CC). *K 2 10,000 m:* 1.) V. Gyorffy-P. Lawler (Richmond CC) 44min. 7secs.; 2.) R. Lawler-P. White (Richmond-Canoe Touring Club) 46min. 4secs.; 3.) V. Binstead-R. Still (Richmond-Royal CC) 47min. 28secs.

### LD Racing

#### BLUE WATER CC — AGAINST THE TIDE RACE

(October 22)

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### Slalom

#### LEVEN SLALOM

(September 2)

*Division III:* 1.) D. R. Winning (Tay CC) 146 pts.; 2.) J. Reid (Tay CC) 164 pts.; 3.) F. Nelson (Manchester CC) 165 pts. *Division IV:* 1.) M. Davies (Chester CC) 110 pts.; 2.) A. Kaye (Chester CC) 117 pts.; 3.) K. Harrap (West Yorkshire CC) 119 pts.

#### WARREN LIGHT CRAFT SLALOM

(September 10)

*Division III:* 1.) Wilson (Twickenham CC) 130 pts.; 2.) S. Baker (Windsor CC) 176 pts.; 3.) M. Cakebread (Windsor CC) 194 pts. *Division IV:* 1.) B. Eveleigh (Warren Light Craft) 131 pts.; 2.) S. Hodgson (Colne CC) 141 pts.; 3.) C. Strickland (Windsor CC) 146 pts.

## COMBINED LAKELAND AND MIDLAND CC SLALOM

(September 24)

*Division I:* 1.) D. Mitchell (Chester CC) 214 pts.; 2.) J. Shaw (Manchester CC) 229 pts.; 3.) J. Barbour (CCC) 229 pts.  
*Division II:* 1.) M. McAuliffe (W.L. CC) 247 pts.; 2.) D. Lovell (W.L. CC) 252 pts.; 3.) A. Edwards (Worcester CC) 260 pts.

## INTERNATIONAL SLALOM FRANCE—BELGIUM—GREAT BRITAIN

(October 14)

*Individual Event:* 1.) R. Pagnoulle (Belgium) 99 pts.; 2.) G. Dinsdale (GB) 99 pts.; 3.)

K. White (GB) 107 pts.;—*Team Event:* 1.) Great Britain 170 pts.; 2.) France 278 pts.; 3.) Belgium 324 pts.—*Overall Classification:* 1.) Great Britain 495 pts.; 2.) France 720 pts.; 3.) Belgium 828 pts.

## MIDLAND SLALOM

(October 15)

*Division III:* 1.) I. Manning (Leamington Spa) 145 pts.; 2.) R. Powell (Worcester CC) 150 pts.; 3.) S. Baker (Windsor CC) 151 pts.  
*Division IV:* 1.) P. Doncaster (Worcester CC) 104 pts.; 2.) P. Massey (Worcester CC) 108 pts.; 3.) M. Manning (Worcester CC) 108 pts.  
*Open Event:* 1.) D. Olorenshaw (Leamington Spa) 117 pts.; 2.) R. Wood (Midland CC) 117 pts.; 3.) J. Doxey (Midland CC) 127 pts.



## From Headquarters and Committees

### THE POSTAL BALLOT

Only one nomination each has been received to fill the posts of Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer:

*Hon. Secretary:* R. W. Baker (Proposed by E. M. Whewall, seconded by J. D. Shaw).

*Hon. Treasurer:* E. J. Owen (Proposed by R. A. Sowman, seconded by C. B. Manton).

Both are therefore elected.

Eight nominations have been received to fill the five vacancies on Council and therefore the election will be by Postal Ballot. Ballot papers have been sent to club secretaries and Individual Members. Only Full Members whose names appear on the Union's Nominal Roll are entitled to vote in the Postal Ballot. The completed ballot papers must reach the Hon. Secretary of the Union not later than Monday, January 8, 1962.

The nominations for the Council are as follows:

E. Beanland (Proposed by J. Leech, seconded by R. W. Baker).

W. H. Crockett (Proposed by W. Horsman, seconded by S. Short).

Lt. Col. I. F. G. Hall (Proposed by O. J. Cock, seconded by J. A. Bright).

G. Marshall (Proposed by J. Robson, seconded by C. H. Hare).

C. M. Rothwell (Proposed by E. M. Whewall, seconded by J. D. Shaw).

J. Spuhler (Proposed by E. M. Whewall, seconded by J. D. Shaw).

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21\*, August 25—September 1, Septem-  
ber 15—22, September 22—29.

Advanced canoeing course: July  
28—August 4.

Canoe Coaches course (under BCU  
National Coach) August 11—28.

CCPR Centre at Bisham Abbey:  
April 19—26, April 26—May 3\*, July  
21—28\*, August 18—25\*, September  
1—8\*.

Courses marked \* are for the 15—  
18 age group. All others are for  
those of 17 and over.

YMCA Sea Canoeing Course for  
Coaches (at Botley, Southampton):  
July 21—22 (With BCU National  
Coach), September 15—16.

Polzeath: June 29—July 8 (With  
BCU National Coach).

All details can be obtained from:  
CCPR, 6 Bedford Square, London,  
WC1.

## FROM THE TOURING COMMITTEE

In addition to the traditional Easter Meet—see announcement on another page of this issue—the Touring Committee plans a *Whitsun Meet* on the *Wiltshire Avon* from Melksham to Keynsham and a *Summer Holiday Tour* abroad. It is hoped to arrange for a party to go to Germany to join the *ICF cruise* on the Werra and Weser in mid-August. These rivers flow through picturesque wooded hill country in Hesse and Hanover, and there will be an opportunity on the home journey to see the World Championships in Racing on the Baldeney Lake near Essen. The trip would last a fortnight. Anyone interested should write as soon as possible to the Hon. Secretary, BCU, 147A Station Road, London E4, so that he can get an idea of the numbers.

We have just learned of a proposal by the British Waterways Executive to increase canal license fees by about 33% from January 1, 1962. The Union is making presentations to the Executive.

Clubs and members are reminded that the Touring Committee will meet on January 13, 1962, to co-ordinate trips on the rivers where difficulties of access and objections from owners of fishing rights are most likely. If you are planning a trip on any of the following rivers, please write, giving proposed dates to one of the following:—

*Pennine Rivers, Dee, Clwyd*

D. S. Berry, 23, Windsor Road,  
Clayton Bridge, Manchester, 10.

*Usk, Wye above Glasbury, Teme,  
Monnow*

C. B. Manton, 13, Fosse Estate,  
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## FIXTURE MEETING

All Technical Committees (Racing, Slalom, Long Distance) will meet in the afternoon of January 13, 1962 (prior to the AGM) to finalise their fixture lists for the coming season. For this purpose they will require details of the events which clubs intend to organise, and clubs are therefore requested to forward these details as soon as possible to the secretaries of the appropriate Technical Committee. A joint fixture meeting with representatives from all committees will be held as soon as possible after the meetings on January 13 so that all fixtures can be co-ordinated and dates, where necessary, be changed.



There have been no club reports in recent issues of "Canoeing in Britain" simply because no such reports had been received by the Editor. He omitted to send out his regular circular to club secretaries asking for such reports assuming that slowly it had sunk in that these were required. He was wrong because since he stopped sending out his "chasers" the reports stopped as well. Will club secretaries please remember to send all news on their club activities regularly, and in any case not later than March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1?

Change of address: New secretary of *Tay CC* is Mr. F. Lumsden. 6 Abbot Street, Perth.

New secretary of *Cambridge University CC* is Chris Sutton, Trinity College, Cambridge.

## CANOE INSURANCE

If you have not yet availed yourself of the comprehensive canoe insurance policy which the Union has effected, please write immediately for a proposal form which is obtainable from Headquarters or club secretaries. All types of canoes and gear are covered, and if required, camping gear and clothing normally carried can be included. All loss or damage, but not normal wear and tear and valuables, are covered, also third party liabilities up to £1,000 in the UK and Europe. The premiums range from 25/- to 45/- per annum. The Union's Enquiries Secretary will be at the AGM to answer any insurance enquiry that members or clubs may have.

## From the Clubs

*Oxford University Canoe and Kayak Club* has already sent us details of their fixtures for 1962: March 4 Open LD Race, March 10 3rd & 4th Division Slalom at Sandford Weir, March 11th First Annual Inter-University Slalom, May 13 Open 1st Division Slalom.

*Upper Wortley School CC* went on a successful holiday tour to Ireland and used the school's Open Day to demonstrate to a wider public the scope of its activities.

*Manchester CC* reports an increase of its membership from 153 to 189.

*Leamington Spa and Worcester CCs* organised a joint wild water race from Builth to Erwood on October 10 which attracted 47 entries, followed by a 1st and 2nd division slalom at the Rocks on the day after. Unfortunately no further details are available.



# 26th BCU Annual General Meeting

Saturday, January 13th, 1962, at 6 p.m. in  
the Stars Cross School, Sidmouth Street, London, W.C.1

## AGENDA

- 1.) To read the notice convening the meeting.
- 2.) To approve the minutes of the 25th Annual General Meeting.
- 3.) To consider any matters arising from the minutes.
- 4.) To receive the Annual Report of the Council.
- 5.) To receive the Statement of Accounts.
- 6.) To declare the results of the Postal Ballot.
- 7.) To appoint an Hon. Auditor.
- 8.) To appoint two tellers to act at this meeting.
- 9.) To consider the following motions :
  - (a) Proposed by C. B. Manton and seconded by W. J. Amsden :  
"All Juniors should be required to pass the British Canoe Union Elementary Proficiency Test before taking part in any competitive event organised under the auspices of the British Canoe Union."
  - (b) Proposed by Council :  
"From November 1, 1962, the annual rates of subscription for affiliated clubs shall be as follows :

Full Members ...	7/6
Family Members ...	2/6
Junior Members ...	2/6
- 10.) Awards of Honour.
- 11.) Presentation of Trophies.

*By order of the Council*

R. W. BAKER,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

Notice is drawn to the following Rules of the Union :—

Only Full Individual Members of the Union, Full Members of Affiliated Clubs, Officers of the Union and Members of the Council shall be entitled to speak at General Meetings (Rule 50).

Every Full Individual Member of the Union and every Full Member of an affiliated Club shall have one vote only. No person shall have more than one vote (Rule 65).

Any Member of the Union entitled to vote at a General Meeting of the Union shall be entitled to appoint another Member of the Union who is entitled to speak and vote at General Meetings, as his proxy to speak and vote instead of him . . . The instrument of proxy shall be in the form prescribed by the Council and shall be lodged with the Honorary Secretary not less than three clear days before the General Meeting (Rule 66).

## **RAPID RIVER TRAINING WEEKEND**

Every year for some years there has been a rally of slalom and rapid river canoeists of all grades from experts to novices. New techniques and equipment have been evolved and tried out and a great deal of information collected and passed to newcomers.

Again this year there will be a rally at Windermere and it is hoped that this venue will attract experts and novices alike from clubs all over England, Wales and Scotland.

The programme of discussions, practical work and sessions on technique will be sent to all attending.

**VENUE:** "Hammarbank", Ambleside Road, Windermere (Holiday Hostel of The Lancashire & Cheshire Boys' Club's Assn.).

**DATE:** 16th—18th March, 1962.  
(Arrive Friday evening—depart after tea Sunday).

**FEE:** Two guineas. A card will be issued to denote receipt of fee and acceptance on the course.

You should bring your own canoe. You will also require canoeing gear, towels, gym shoes, change of clothes and toilet requisites.

**ENROLMENT:** Please complete the application form below and return to The Regional Secretary, CCPR, 26 Brazenose Street, Manchester 2, with fee and stamped addressed envelope.

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SIGNATURE..... DATE.....

(A parent or guardian should sign if the applicant is under 21)

# Easter Meet 1962

**Thursday April 19 - Monday April 23 1962**

The 1962 Easter Meet will be either on the *Great Ouse*, Radwell (near Bedford) to St. Ives, or the *Upper Trent*, near Stafford to Burton on Trent or Swarkestone.

The BCU Touring Committee will decide at its January meeting between these two in the light of local enquiries about feasibility of camp sites, awkwardness of portages etc.

This part of the Ouse has not been chosen for an Easter Meet since 1942. The scenery is not spectacular but there are some picturesque stretches. There would be about three portages each day, except the last. The Trent is not, as is sometimes imagined, industrialised. The part between Stafford and Swarkestone does not flow through any towns except Burton, where the river frontage is pleasant. The scenery is in these higher parts very pleasant, and the water conditions resemble those on the Wye—a reasonable current, as a rule, with occasional easy rapids, and a few weirs, some shootable.

On either river there may be difficulty in finding a camp site for the Thursday night with good rail access for a late train. There may be similar difficulties with trains on Good Friday (Sunday services). People who are dependant on trains should say, when asking for details, whether they would have to be transported from the station on arrival.

Please fill in the form below for full details, which will not be available before the end of February. Please enclose 3d. stamp.

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To: Touring Secretary (Easter Meet),

The British Canoe Union, 147A Station Road, London, E4.

Please send me full details of the Easter Meet 1962.

NAME ..... \*Single/Double.  
ADDRESS ..... Name of  
Companion .....  
..... \*Arriving on Thursday/Friday.

I shall come by train/car.\*

Shall you require transport from nearest station? Yes/No.\*

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