

# canoeing in Britain

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Do not forget the

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

on January 26 at the Star Cross School, London, W.C1.

The meeting will open at 5.30 PM sharp, and members are asked to be there in good time. Last year the opening of the meeting had to be delayed because a great number of members had still to be checked in. The main item on the agenda are the proposed

## CHANGES

in the Union's constitution and administrative setup. Nobody expects that all members are in agreement with the proposals. Some may have their own reservations, fearing that the proposals are bound to weaken the structure and the finances of the Union and to add to the administrative burden. However, no matter what your views are: do come to the meeting, listen to the arguments, have your say and

## VOTE

Only in this way can the Union's policy reflect the true wishes and views of its members. The

## TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

will meet before the AGM at 2 PM, also at the Star Cross School, 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 representatives.

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

As you will have heard and read by now, the Council has considered recommending drastic changes in the membership structure of the Union as it affects clubs with the following objects in view.

- (i) Increasing the appeal of the BCU among the hundreds of people and dozens of clubs who have not joined in spite of a considerable expenditure in time and money on publicity.
- (ii) Simplification of administration.

Approximately a thousand individual membership forms and several hundred of club affiliation forms have been sent out in the last year or so as a result of direct requests. A tiny fraction of these have been returned completed. As you would expect only a small number of people and clubs who have not joined have let us know their reasons. Those who have, have given very similar reasons; individuals have said that 15/- is too high for the services received and clubs that the fees are too high or that they are unable to give us membership figures on which to calculate a subscription. The answer seems to be lower fees and a simpler method of calculating club subscriptions.

If the Union is to become a more effective voice for canoeing, we must increase the membership. If the Union is to increase its services and facilities we must increase the subscription income. On the basis of "small profits—quick returns", it is held that we can increase both our membership and our income at one and the same time.

The Council proposes four types of membership:

- (i) Affiliated Members, i.e. Clubs.
- (ii) Members, i.e. Individuals.
- (iii) Divisions, e.g. Scottish Canoe Association.
- (iv) Associates, i.e. Wellwishers.

Under the proposed scheme, Affiliated Members will pay a uniform subscription (suggested 2 gns.) regardless of size. The rights of this form of membership will be limited to those appropriate to organisations, such as the right to seek Union

recognition of its canoeing events and the right of access to the Union register of members for recruiting purposes. The individual member of an affiliated club would derive no personal privileges from his club's affiliation. It is hoped that the clubs will do all they can to encourage their members to join the Union. Two clubs have already altered their rules in anticipation of reorganisation to make Union membership a condition of membership. The Council must not and will not interfere in these matters. However, a club with at least six Full Union Members in membership will have the right to a voice and vote at General Meetings of the Union and to representation on the several Technical Committees.

Member's rights are those appropriate to a person: voting rights, the Union publications at a preferential rate, the right to wear the tie and fly the pennant, and the right to enter Union recognised events, etc. The responsibility of determining the conditions of recognition and granting recognition in the name of the Union will be delegated to the Technical Committees.

At the Annual General Meeting which we hope every member will do his best to attend, you will be asked to agree amendments to the present Rules:

- (a) Introducing Youth Individual Membership;
- (b) Extension of the definition of "Associate" to include individual Wellwishers;
- (c) The substitution of the words Junior Membership by the words Youth Membership. This is to avoid the present confusion between a form of membership and a standard in competitive canoeing.

You will be asked to agree:

- (d) To a reduction of the Individual Membership subscriptions to—Full 7/6, Family 2/6, Youth 3/6;

and agree

- (e) To the abolition of the Individual Membership Entrance Fee. Then you will be asked to agree
- (f) To a complete revision of the Rules to implement the re-organisation of club membership operative from November 1, 1963.

Finally you will be asked to agree

- (g) To an "escape clause" giving the Union the chance of second thoughts in the light of the results of its recruiting campaign, at the A.G.M. in 1964 if those results are not conclusively in favour by October, 1963.

So you see that the idea is to reduce Individual Membership subscriptions in the year 1962-1963 and cut all club subscriptions to 2 gns. in 1963-1964.

Please come to the Meeting on January 26 at Star Cross Schoöbl and join in the debate and cast your vote.

R. W. BAKER.

# Annual Report of the Council 1962

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

	<i>Club</i>	<i>Retires</i>
<i>President:</i> J. W. Dudderidge	RCC	This year
<i>Hon. Secretary:</i> R. W. Baker	KTC	Next year
<i>Hon. Treasurer:</i> E. J. Owen	RLSCC	This year
<i>Council Members:</i>		
J. A. Bright	OFC	This year
H. G. Bruce	RMCC, Ind.BCU	This year
G. Marshall	DCC	Next year
E. E. McLellan	MCC	This year
C. M. Rothwell	MCC	Next year
J. Spuhler	MCC, CF	Next year
H. Thelen	CF	This year
R. F. Tyas	MCC	Next year
<i>Co-opted Members:</i>		
A. Emus	RCC	
J. Gould	LICC	

## 2. MEMBERSHIP

Individuals	119	Non-renewals	61	New	65	Increase	4
Clubs	157	"	11	"	43	"	32
SCA	10	"	—	"	—	"	—
Associates	30	"	6	"	12	"	6

## 3. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

We have continued to play a leading part in the work of the International Canoe Federation. At the 1962 ICF Congress in Essen, the President was again elected to the Board of Management as one of the three representatives for Europe. Mr. J. Spuhler was re-elected to the Slalom Committee and attended the meeting of this Committee in Spittal. Mr. A. Emus resigned as Chairman of the ICF Sailing Committee, but continues to serve as a member of the Committee. Mr. H. Thelen was elected Chairman of the new Propaganda and Information Committee of the ICF and continues to serve as Editor of the ICF Bulletin. In connection with his work he has visited the canoeing associations in most of the countries in Europe. He attended the meeting of the ICF Racing Committee in Paris and acted as BCU delegate at the ICF Congress in Essen.

#### **4. NATIONAL COACHING SCHEME**

During 1962 the National Coach completed two tours in most regions, running courses for training coaches and leaders and giving lectures, demonstrations and film shows. Bookings have been made through the CCPR whose co-operation has been invaluable. A scheme of coaching awards has been introduced, the main categories being Instructor, Hon. Coach and Senior Coach. 35 initial appointments were made, 32 passed the Instructors' examination and four that for Hon. Coach.

#### **5. TESTS**

During the year the National Coaching Committee took over the work of the Proficiency Test Committee. Thanks are due to the members of this committee for their most valuable work in initiating and administering a series of worth-while tests. An impressive number of people have taken the new Novice Test since it was introduced in June—indicating that there was indeed a need for such a test. During the last year 149 candidates have been successful in the Proficiency Test (until recently called the Elementary Proficiency Test), bringing the number of holders of this certificate since it was first introduced in June, 1952, to 441. Although only three have taken the Advanced Test in kayaks (five have now passed the test since 1952), it is to be anticipated that this number will increase rapidly in the years ahead. No proficiency tests at all have been taken in Canadian canoes but with the increasing popularity of this type of canoe one can reasonably expect a constant flow of entries in future.

#### **6. CORPS OF CANOE LIFE-GUARDS**

Although still small, the Corps of Canoe Life-Guards has been far from inactive. Members have been devoting much of their spare time to instructing other youthful canoeists, and giving demonstrations at swimming galas. Two outstanding events in the year have been a demonstration before the annual conference of the British Association of Organisers and Lecturers in Physical Education, and an exercise in Flood Reconnaissance carried out with the Buckinghamshire Constabulary. In this latter event, the enthusiasm of the Police for the scheme was almost overwhelming.

#### **7. CANOE SAILING**

Canoe Sailing has continued to develop strongly and the team which represented us in the international sailing regatta in Germany was very successful.

#### **8. SLALOM**

The year has been one of steady progress particularly as regards the influx of newcomers and the various slaloms held in each of the four divisions have been well attended. In the international field we have been conserving our resources but entries were made for a slalom at Spittal in Austria where next year's World Slalom is to be held.

## **9. RACING**

The year under review saw a body of newcomers coming into racing and at the same time the retirement of many experienced competitors from active paddling. This resulted in a virtually internationally untried team which took part in the International Regatta in Essen (which replaced the World Championships) with only moderate success. The National Sprint Championships were held, only for the second time ever, in the provinces—at Boston, Lincolnshire. The Serpentine Regatta was again the highlight of the racing season with racing canoeists from many countries taking part. The Youth Championships have been an outstanding success—with the National Championships forming part of the Serpentine Regatta. Several training courses were held during the winter and earlier part of the season with the traditional Easter Course at Thamesfield.

With a greater number of newcomers to the sport, and in particular as a result of the Youth Championships which have opened up great possibilities for introducing racing to a so far unexplored section of the canoeing fraternity, the provision of more and better technical facilities for coaching and training remains one of the most urgent tasks which lies ahead.

## **10. LONG DISTANCE RACING**

An excellent season has been enjoyed, fourteen national ranking races being held, six in the south, five in the Midlands and three in the north of England. These were generally well attended and efficiently organised. The Hasler Trophy was won for the second year in succession by the Worcester Canoe Club, the Royal Canoe Club coming a close second. Once again a small team representing Great Britain took part in the Sella River race. The official pair finished tenth in a large entry, gaining fifth place for Great Britain out of a total of thirteen nations.

The LDR Committee made few changes to the existing rules for LDR Racing though the safety regulations have been considerably tightened up. The classes decided upon in 1961 have had a further year's test and these have again proved satisfactory, but a full assessment of their suitability will not be possible until the end of the 1963 season.

## **11. YOUTH**

During the year, considerable work has been done to improve organisation. The country has been divided into areas corresponding with those of the CCPR, to simplify administration, and Youth Officers have been appointed in most of these. Ultimately these officers will be able to work with the Education Authorities and local Youth organisations. More volunteers with a knowledge of both canoeing and young people are required for this work.

## 12. TOURING AT HOME

About 35 canoeists took part in the Easter Meet on the Rivers Sow and Trent. The first camp was in the sports ground of the English Electric Company at Stafford, who were good enough to make available the facilities of the sports pavilion. We are very grateful to them for their hospitality. This Meet showed once again that the Trent is not the uninteresting industrial river that many people—especially in the south—think it is. About 20 canoeists took part in an enjoyable weekend in excellent weather on the Bristol Avon at Whitsuntide.

Throughout the year members have toured in ones and twos and in larger groups at home and abroad. Unfortunately there is no sign of a real improvement in the position of access to private rivers or objections from fishing interests.

## 13. TOURING ABROAD

Members have continued to canoe the rivers of Europe for pleasure, but the number of service organisations asking for information for marathon trans-continental trips seems to be increasing and these do not sound entirely pleasurable. France, Germany and Austria continue to be the most popular countries for foreign touring but Italy and Jugoslavia have also drawn canoeists.

## 14. PUBLICATIONS

A new pamphlet on Canadian canoeing has been added to those already published and we wish to express our gratitude to Brian Skilling for his work in compiling it. *Canoeing in Britain* has appeared four times during the year, giving useful information about future events and the results of past ones.

## 15. SUPPLIES

There has been a steady sale of foreign maps and guides throughout the year, and the BCU *Guide to British Waterways* has continued to sell well. A new pamphlet, on Canadian canoeing, has been added to the series.

## 16. FILMS

Three new films have been added to the British Film Institute Library and 15 loops added to the eight sold by ourselves. The BFI report shows that they have had 212 bookings over the last available period of 12 months, mostly for more than one reel. We ourselves have dealt with 87 customers for loops, mostly again of orders for several loops.

## 17. ENQUIRIES

Over 300 club application forms have been distributed during the past year, but only a small proportion have been returned. Over 1,000 individual membership forms have been sent out, of which only a small number have joined.

## 18. FINANCE

During the year ended 31 October, 1962, the BCU has managed to balance its income and expenditure account, but has not made any additions to its reserve account. Subscription income has increased from £555 in the year to 31 October, 1961, to £674 in the current year, as a result of an increase in membership. The coaching scheme in its first year has broken even and this is most satisfactory and pleasing. This is due to the immense amount of work and effort put into the scheme by the National Coach and his supporting coaches throughout the country, coupled with the considerable assistance received from the CCPR.

## 19. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We again express our appreciation of the work done by the CCPR for so many aspects of canoeing and thank the *News of the World* for their sponsorship of the Serpentine Regatta.

*On behalf of the Council of the BCU,*

R. W. BAKER,

*Secretary.*

# Competition Results

## ***Leven Wild Water Test 1962***

Appearances are often deceptive, and so it proved with this damp summer which left the Leven in low water on so many occasions and disappointed so many canoeists who had travelled North on the appointed dates to do battle with the river. Their visits were not entirely wasted, however, as much useful slalom practice was enjoyed at the main fall and the cruises down the course provided excellent opportunities of learning some of the secrets of this lively river in her many moods. Many more took part in the cruises and practice runs, and they outnumbered those who decided to compete with a recorded run. The spell of the river gripped them and they are all potential challengers for next year's competitions. On only one occasion this year did a good water level and good weather coincide.

The Gold Dipper for 1962 was won by *Dave Mitchell* of Chester Canoe Club on August 26 when there was excellent water at 10 feet 5 inches, but with heavy rain and headwinds which prevented exceptional times being achieved. Under such conditions it was a meritorious run and well deserving of this highest honour. *Keith White* was left in second place only five seconds behind, whilst *Frank Nelson*, of Lakeland Canoe Club, with his best performance yet, was only three seconds behind. *Glyn Davies*, of Chester Canoe Club, was one second slower. Among the ladies, *Catherine Whiteside*, of Lakeland Canoe Club, won a Bronze Dipper with a comfortable

margin to spare and becomes the third lady to join the ranks of the Dipper Club. In this competition the ladies compete on equal terms with the men, as the contest is considered to be more against the river than against the other competitors. The previous two ladies to hold the badge are Heather Goodman and Joan Beecham, also of Lakeland Canoe Club.

It was seen that some of the men who were capable of fast times sometimes returned slower times than those who appeared to be not so fast but who took care to obtain cleaner runs. This is one of the attractions of the course as it puts a premium on skill as opposed to brute force.

The seven minute barrier remains as a challenge and it seems probable, after last year's times, that it might well be broken in 1963, a year when steady training for the World Championships will produce competitors in a peak condition of fitness.

For the sake of those not conversant with the rules of this contest, it may be helpful to say here that the Standard Water Level is reckoned at 10 feet 10 inches. For every inch below this level, five seconds are subtracted from a competitor's actual time. For each inch above this level, five seconds are added to the actual time taken on the course. This procedure enables equitable comparisons to be made at all navigable levels.

### **SHEPPERTON SLALOM (Twickenham CC—16 September)**

**Division 1:** 1. D. Mitchell (Chester) 123 pts.; 2. P. Doncaster (Worcester) 135 pts.; 3. P. Mayhew (Chalfont) 135 pts. **Division 2:** 1. F. Everleigh (Warren) 126 pts.; 2. R. Powell (Worcester) 130 pts.; 3. D. Baker (WDCC) 134 pts. **Women:** 1. M. Bellord (Chalfont) 186 pts.; 2. V. Cadby (Chalfont) 190 pts.; 3. J. Arnsden (?) 224 pts. **Team Event:** 1. Worcester 189 pts.; 2. Twickenham 191 pts.; 3. Chester 192 pts.

### **LLANDYSSUL SLALOM (Leamington and Worcester CCs— 7 October)**

**Division 1:** 1. D. Mitchell (Chester) 286 pts.; 2. P. Mayhew (Chalfont) 299 pts.; 3. F. Everleigh (Warren) 304 pts. **Division 2:** 1. G. Bolt (Chalfont) 284 pts.; 2. D. Baker (Windsor)

287 pts.; 3. M. Thompson (Worcester) 291 pts. **Women:** 1. H. Goodman (Lakeland) 354 pts.; 2. M. Bellord (Chalfont) 436 pts.; 3. M. Pindar (Leamington) 650 pts.

### **LD WINNERS**

The 1962 Haster Trophy was won for the second year running by Worcester Canoe Club with 224 pts.—with Royal Canoe Club (210 pts.) in second place, followed by Canoe Touring Club (83 pts.), and North Sea Camp Canoe Club (60 pts.).

The Individual Championships were won as follows:

Seniors Singles: A. Edwards (Worcester Canoe Club).

Juniors Singles: G. Palmer (Worcester Canoe Club).

Seniors Pairs: Aaked-Arnold (Royal Marines Canoe Club).

Juniors Pairs: Wade-Treacy (North Sea Camp Canoe Club).

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### **STOP PRESS**

In her New Year's Honour's List H.M. The Queen made BCU President John W. Dudderidge, in recognition of his services to canoeing, an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE).

We extend to our President our most sincere congratulations on this award. We are delighted that through this award public recognition is being given to the outstanding services

which John W. Dudderidge, ever since the foundation of the Union in 1936, has rendered to our sport. The great strides which canoeing has made in recent years, cannot be separated from John W. Dudderidge as the driving force behind this progress. Honour has been bestowed not only on him, but also on our sport and the Union.



# British Open Youth Championships 1963

Following the success of the 1962 Youth Championships, the general arrangements for the 1963 Championships will remain unchanged—except that in some cases, in the light of the experience gained in 1962, the areas have been slightly re-defined.

The Championships are open to all boys between 14 and 18 and girls between 16 and 18—no matter whether they belong to an affiliated canoe club or not. They aim in particular at schools and youth organisations which normally do not enter in competitive events.

It is suggested that all Area Youth Championships are held during the same weekend—namely the weekend June 22-23 which for this purpose has been kept clear, as far as possible, of all other competitive events so as to make the maximum number of club officials and members available for the running of the regional events. Clubs will again be asked to stage and to assist in the running of the Area Championships, and it must be left to them to change, if this is thought to be advantageous, the date and also to fix the venue. In any case, it is essential that all Area Championships are completed before the end of June by which time the names and addresses of the winners in each area must be forwarded to the National Organiser (A. L. Todd, 47 Knightwood Crescent, New Malden, Surrey) from whom also further information can be obtained. The National Championships will again form part of the Serpentine Regatta whose organiser is H. Thelen, 13 Campden House, London, NW6.

## AREAS

The Central Council of Physical Recreation has again promised their most valuable assistance in publicising and administering the regional events, and since at this stage details of the organisers, as well as the date and the venue of the Area Championships, are not yet available, applications for details should be addressed to the nearest CCPR office, which will bring applicants in touch with the organisers. The address of the appropriate CCPR office is given for each area.

### SOUTH WEST

Cornwall and Devon.  
(CCPR, 29 Market Street, Crewkerne.)

### WEST

Somerset, Dorset, Wilts. and Gloucesters.  
(CCPR, 29 Market Street, Crewkerne.)

### SOUTH

Hants. and Isle of Wight.  
(CCPR, Watlington House, Watlington Street, Reading.)

### SOUTH EAST

London, Middlesex, Surrey, Sussex and Kent.  
(CCPR, 6 Bedford Square, London, WC1.)

### CENTRAL

Oxon, Bucks. and Berks.  
(CCPR, Watlington House, Watlington Street, Reading.)

### EAST

Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Herts., Beds., Cambs., Hunts., Soke of Peterborough, Northants.  
(CCPR, Association Buildings, Harbour Street —for Soke of Peterborough and Northants.; CCPR, Bank Chambers, 125 St. Ann's Well Road, Nottingham.)

### WALES

North Wales: CCPR, 16 Chester Street, Wrexham.

South Wales: CCPR, 52 Charles Street, Cardiff.

### MIDLANDS

Salop, Hereford, Worcs., Warwicks., Staffs., Derbys., Leicesters., Rutland, Notts. and Lincs.  
West Midlands: CCPR, 256 Moseley Road, Birmingham 12.

North Midlands: CCPR, Bank Chambers, 125 St. Ann's Well Road, Nottingham.

## YORKSHIRE

East and West Riding.  
(CCPR, 4 Albion Street, Leeds.)

## NORTH WEST

Lancs. and Cheshire.  
(CCPR, 26 Brazenose Street, Manchester 2.)

## NORTH EAST

Northumberland, Durham and North Riding.  
(CCPR, 40 Saddler Street, Durham City.)

## NORTH

Cumberland and Westmorland.  
(CCPR, 26 Brazenose Street, Manchester 2.)

## SCOTLAND

SCA, Charles Cousar, 26 Harbour Street,  
Irvine, Ayrshire, Scotland.

## NORTHERN IRELAND

CCPR, 45 Arthur Street, Belfast.

## RULES

1. The 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 9/10 August, 1963.
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, 1945, and May 31, 1947.  
**Class B** — Boys over 14 and not more than 16 years, i.e., boys born between June 1, 1947, and May 31, 1949.  
**Class C** — Girls over 16 and not more than 18 years, i.e., girls born between June 1, 1945, and May 31, 1947.
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 if required 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).

## Fixtures for 1963

At a meeting of representatives from the three main Technical Committees of the Union, held on December 15, the following fixture table for 1963 was agreed upon:

### SPRINT RACING

- May 18-19—North versus South Racing Meet.  
June 3—Welsh Harp Regatta.  
June 15—Richmond Canoe Club Regatta.  
June 22—Proposed date for Regional Youth Championships.  
June 29-30—Birmingham Regatta.  
July 6—Royal Canoe Club Regatta.  
July 17-28—National Championships.  
August 8-10—11th Serpentine Regatta. Second Open National Youth Championships.

August 11—Paddling Challenge Cup Race of the RCC.  
August 23-25—European and Extra-Ordinary World Championships in Jajce, Yugoslavia.

### LONG DISTANCE RACING

March 10—The Oxford Race: 10 miles.  
March 24—Llandaff Race (Non-ranking): 12 miles.  
March 31—Hartlepoons Race: 15 miles. (The date of this race is subject to confirmation. April 28 has been suggested as an alternative date.)  
April 7—Leamington Race: 12 miles.  
April 21—CTC Thames Race: 15 miles.  
May 5—Bedford Race: 15 miles.  
May 12—Worcester Race: 19 miles.  
May 26—Chester Race: 13 miles.  
June 9—Chelmer Race: 12 miles.  
June 16—Bradford-on-Avon Race: 11 miles.  
June 23—Poole Harbour Circuit Race: 13 miles.  
July 7—Midland (River Trent) Race: 18 miles. (The date of this race is subject to confirmation. August 17 has been suggested as an alternative date.)  
July 20—Berwick-upon-Tweed Race: 15 miles.  
August 25—Cleethorpes Race: 11 miles.  
September 8—Exeter Race: 12 miles.  
September 15—Sunderland Race: 15 miles.  
September 22—Birmingham Race: 18 miles.

All races, except the Llandaff Race on March 24, are ranking races counting points for the Hasler Trophy which represents the Club Championship LD Award, and for the Singles and Double Junior and Senior Championships.

The dates for the following LD races have not yet been fixed:

Royal Canoe Club on Thames;  
Lakeland Canoe Club on Lake Windermere;  
Lakeland Canoe Club on Morecambe Bay;  
London River Races.

### SLALOM AND WILD WATER

March 24—Chester Slalom (3rd and 4th Division).  
March 31—Hammarbank Training Weekend.  
April 14-15—Grantully Slalom (1st and 2nd Division).  
April 21—Dinkley Slalom (3rd and 4th Division).  
April 28—Marsh Lock Slalom (1st and 2nd Division).  
May 12—Llangollen Slalom (1st and 2nd Division).  
May 18-19—Tay Slalom (3rd and 4th Division). Worcester Slalom (3rd and 4th Division).  
June 2—Perth Slalom (1st and 2nd Division).  
June 16—Carlisle Slalom (3rd and 4th Division).  
August 3-4—Tay Slalom (3rd and 4th Division).  
August 10-11—Slalom World Championships on Lieser at Spittal, Austria.  
August 13-14—Wild Water World Championships on Lieser at Spittal, Austria.

August 17-18—Swarkestone Slalom (3rd and 4th Division).  
September 1—March Lock Slalom (3rd and 4th Division).  
September 8—Lakeland Slalom (3rd and 4th Division).  
September 7-14—Polzeath Sea Surfing Week.  
October 10—Builth Slalom (1st and 2nd Division).  
October 13—West Yorkshire Slalom (3rd and 4th Division).

## SAILING

August 5-10—European Canoe Sailing Championships at Bjorko on Lake Maelaren near Stockholm.

# From the Coaching Committee

## COACHING AWARDS

The following Coaching Awards have been made between September 1 and November 30, 1962:

### Instructors

#### North West Region

P. K. Brownhill, 31 Lorraine Road, Timperley, Altrincham, Cheshire.  
C. Metcalfe, 41 Tideswell Road, Hazel Grove, Cheshire.  
A. J. Harvey, 48 Croft Avenue, Bromborough, Cheshire.  
M. H. Smith, Wyndcroft Farm, Bryniau Hill, Llandudno.

#### Southern Region

M. R. Eckersley, Embley Dower, Embley Park, Nr. Romsey, Hants.  
D. Menhinick, Winton House School, Andover Road, Winchester.

#### West Midlands Region

J. S. Brown, 15 Rosafeld Avenue,

Halesowen, Birmingham.

C. P. T. Charters, 195 Fox Hollies Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham 27.  
J. W. Greenfield, Wyrley Birch Schools, Perry Common Road, Erdington, Birmingham 23.  
C. H. Hollis, 21 Brean Avenue, South Yardley, Birmingham 26.

### Please Note:

1. For details and entry forms for all BCU Tests and Awards write, enclosing a s.a.e., to G. Sanders, BCU Awards Officer, 33 Orchard Avenue, Solihull, Warwicks.
2. The official title of the BCU Instructor's Award will now be 'Instructor' and not 'Elementary Instructor' as originally announced.

## INSTRUCTORS WANTED

Hon. Coaches are urgently needed to staff courses at Bisham Abbey during 1963.

### Courses for men and women not under 17 years of age

Thursday, 11th April to Thursday, 18th April.

Saturday, 22nd June to Saturday, 29th June.

Saturday, 20th July to Saturday, 27th July.

### Courses for young men and women of 15 to 17 years of age

Thursday, 18th April to Thursday, 25th April.

Saturday, 10th August to Saturday, 17th August.

Saturday, 17th August to Saturday, 24th August.

A number of Instructors may also be required to help on these courses, which are all for beginners.

If you are able to help could you please drop a line to:

The Warden,

CCPR National Recreation Centre,  
Bisham Abbey,  
Nr. Marlow, Bucks.

as soon as possible, stating the dates you are available and indicating

whether you are an Instructor or Hon. Coach.

Travelling expenses (2nd class by rail) and keep are provided. If you are hesitating about giving valuable holiday time for such a course, can we simply re-echo the view given by many who have helped on previous courses that it was the best holiday they had enjoyed for years!

## TOUR OF THE NATIONAL COACH

In the last issue of "Canoeing in Britain" we published the programme for the work of the BCU National Coach for the first six months of 1963. Here are details of his tour programme for the remainder of the year. Applications for the services of the National Coach must be sent to the nearest CCPR office at the address given for each area.

July 10-23  
Scotland.

August 17-24  
Coaches' Course at Plas y Brenin.

August 24-31  
Coaches' Course at Bisham Abbey.

## BCU SAFETY OFFICER

Mr. John Dawes has been appointed as BCU Safety Officer and will have a seat on the National Coaching Committee.

## LIFE JACKETS

The Coaching Committee has submitted to Council for its consideration the following statement, drafted by the BCU Safety Officer, on the question of life jackets:

"Considerable public attention has recently been drawn to the qualities of life jackets which are on the market and to the desirability of establishing a standard or standards for this type of equipment.

September 8-15  
Week at Polzeath.

September 16-20  
South West (Somerset, Devon, Cornwall, Dorset, Wilts., Glos.), 29 Market Street, Crewkerne.

October 21-29  
South Wales, 52 Charles Street, Cardiff.

October 31—November 6  
Northern Ireland, 45 Arthur Street, Belfast.

November 8-20  
North West (Lancs, Cheshire, Cumberland, Westmorland), 26 Brazenose Street, Manchester 2.  
North Wales, 16 Chester Street, Wrexham.

"Suggestions have been made from several sources that the British Canoe Union ought to make some pronouncement on this matter.

"At the present time a number of organisations, among them the British Standards Institution and the Ship and Boat Builders' National Federation, are considering the question of standards and development work is being carried on by manufacturing concerns.

"Through its National Coaching Committee, the British Canoe Union is keeping in touch with these developments and is being consulted in several of them.

"The Council proposes to await the results of the present independent enquiries and to examine them in the light of the equipment then made available to the public.

"The Council does not consider

that a useful purpose would be served at the present stage by adding to the number of investigations now being made or by making a pronouncement while these investigations are still uncompleted."



## From the Clubs

### NEW CLUBS

The following clubs have affiliated to the Union since the publication of the October issue of "Canoeing in Britain":

*Army Apprentices School Canoe Club* (c/o A/L/Cpl. L. Winterburn, Army Apprentices School, Carlisle, Cumberland).

*Atlantic College Canoe Club* (c/o Rainer von Barsewich, Atlantic College, St. Donat's Castle, Llantwit Major, Glamorgan).

*Charter Canoe Club* (c/o D. C. Wells, 18 School Road, Runham Vauxhall, Great Yarmouth).

*Forester Brigade Juniors Canoe Club* (c/o W. W. Chismon, Depot Sherwood Foresters, Normanton Barracks, Derby).

*Foxford Canoe Club* (c/o C. Champs, 606 Foleshill Road, Coventry, Warwickshire).

*Kimberley County Secondary School Canoe Club* (c/o C. G. B. Farwell, Kimberley Secondary School, Newdigate Lane, Kimberley, Notts.).

*Light Infantry Canoe Club* (The Barracks, Pontefract, Yorkshire).

*Walsall Youth Canoe Club* (A. Toplis, 75 Willows Road, Walsall, Staffs.).

*Queen Elizabeth's Hospital School Canoe Club* (address not advised).

*SEME Canoe Club* (address not advised).

### RESIGNATION

The *Canoe Camping Club* has resigned from the Union and its membership lapsed on October 31, 1962.

### BRISTOL CANOE ASSOCIATION

An Association of Bristol Avon Canoe Clubs was formed on November 14th, 1962, at a meeting at Chippenham, Wiltshire, arranged by Westinghouse Sailing and Canoeing Club. Representatives of 13 Clubs or organisations were present:

Bradford RC, Bristol Aces CC, Bristol CC, Bath CC, Pinehurst CC, Malmesbury Youth Centre, Chiseldon Youth Centre, Chippenham Sea Cadets, Chippenham Youth Canoe Race Committee, Ashton Park School, Bristol, Bristol Schools Canoeing Association, Westinghouse Sailing and Canoeing Club, Central Council of Physical Recreation.

Officers elected were: *G. Bachmann*, Hon. Secretary, 103 London Road, Chippenham, Wiltshire.

M. Walden, Asst. Secretary,  
The Kiln, Ladydown, Trowbridge,  
Wiltshire.

The aims of the Association are:  
To encourage the sport of canoeing.

To co-ordinate activities, to dis-  
seminate information and to promote

joint activities and a coaching and  
training programme.

Any clubs overlooked in the  
original invitation, and new clubs  
about to be formed are invited to  
write to the Secretary, G. Bachmann.

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## LONDON ACCOMMODATION FOR PROVINCIAL MEMBERS

Members wishing accommodation  
in London for the night following the  
AGM on January 26th should get  
in touch with the Hon. Secretary  
(R. W. Baker, 147A Station Road,  
London, E4) now. They will be  
required to bring airbed and sleeping  
bag. The Secretary will arrange with  
London members to provide "floor  
space".

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## CORPS OF CANOE LIFE GUARDS

The Committee of the Canoe Life  
Guards has reached an agreement  
with the Twickenham Youth Club  
recognising the Twickenham scheme  
as a "nursery" for the National Corps.  
The qualifications required of the  
Twickenham members are very much  
in line with those of the National  
Corps, except that the age limits are  
slightly lower. Members can, if they  
so choose, graduate from one to the  
other when the age limit has been  
reached (Twickenham 18 years).

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## A Note from the Editor

*This issue of "Canoeing in Britain" concludes the 12th year of the Union's official quarterly. It is also the last issue for which I sign as Editor.*

*Already earlier in the year I indicated to Council that I wished to relinquish the offices in the Union which I have held for some years, and with the proposed changes in the Union's setup which will also affect "Canoeing in Britain", I thought the time for a "natural break" had come.*

*When I started "Canoeing in Britain" twelve years ago, we printed a few hundred copies. It was essentially a news sheet, a means of communication between the Union and its members and an outlet for news from Council, committees and clubs. This remained in all the years the unaltered editorial policy. However, with the growth of the Union, also "Canoeing in Britain" grew in*

*size and circulation. The last issue was printed with 4,700 copies. Therefore I felt the time had come—as I have suggested to Council—to change not only the Editor, but also review the editorial policy. I have proposed to Council to change over to a slightly more magazine type of publication by introducing articles of a general nature on various aspects of canoeing, having more illustrations, though not necessarily at the expense of the news reports—provided, of course, that the money for this expansion is available.*

*Council will have to decide whether these proposed changes can be carried out in conditions which I did not anticipate. It will also have to find a new Editor to whom I express my good wishes for the success of his efforts. Give him all the support which—as I know only too well—he will need.*

H. THELEN.

# Easter Meet 1963

**Thursday April 11 - Monday April 15 1963**

It is proposed to arrange the 1963 Easter Meet on the *Severn* from Shrewsbury to Worcester.

This cruise includes two days of easy water in the pleasantly wooded stretch between Buildwas and Stourport.

(Note: The Touring Committee may decide at its January meeting to change the venue and arrange the Meet on the *Wye* on some part between Hereford and Tintern. The details sheets that will be sent in February or March to those returning the slip below, will state definitely the river and starting point and the location of the first day camp.)

Please note that the Easter Meet is intended for members of any canoe club, who can bring non-members as guests. It provides the opportunity for meeting and getting to know canoeists from other parts of the country and hearing about their experiences.

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To: Touring Secretary (Easter Meet),

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AT STAR CROSS SCHOOL,  
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**AGENDA**

1. Welcome by the President.
2. Minutes of the 26th Annual General Meeting.
3. Matters arising from the Minutes.
4. Declaration of the election of Officers and four members of the Council.
5. Adoption of the Annual Report.
6. Adoption of the Accounts.
7. Appointment of an Auditor.
8. Appointment of Tellers for the meeting.
9. Motion of Council (circulated to Individual Members, Secretaries of affiliated clubs and Schools Canoeing Associations).
10. Notices.

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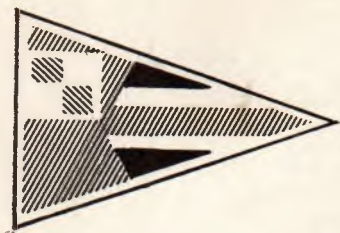
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