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Editorial

All Our Yesterdays

The B.C.U.'s year ended on October 31st, and in this issue the Annual Report sums up the previous twelve months' activity. It has been an interesting year and by no means an easy one for those charged with running the Union's affairs. Problems of finance, access and safety have been the special concern of council members. After this difficult time of change and stress, a period of steady development and consolidation would be welcome and of benefit to the Union.

L.D. Secretary to retire

John Woolley has announced that he is to give up the L.D. Secretaryship in order to devote more time to his family. This is a blow to Long Distance Racing which he has fostered with almost fanatical intensity. The amount of work involved has now grown to such an extent that he considers it too much for one man to handle. He still wishes to be associated with the organisation

Now's Your Chance!

All interested in the preservation of a network of inland waterways for pleasure boating are being invited to give information and views to Mrs. Barbara Castle, Minister of Transport.

The Ministry is consulting Regional Sports Councils, associations representing waterway enthusiasts, boat clubs, etc., but the Minister is anxious that any other organisation or individuals with views or useful information on the subject should let her have them.

Most of the British Waterways Board's existing waterways are not, and cannot be, economic transport undertakings. Their cost to the public is unlikely to be less than about £600,000 a year for some time to come—in general the waterways could at little or no extra cost continue to provide for canoeing and angling.

The principal object of the present consultation is, to decide upon a network of waterways which it would be justifiable to keep open in the immediate future. The Government considers that it would be wrong to allow waterways of potential future value to go out of service in such a way that they could never be economically be restored to use. The network will, there-

of L.D., but to a lesser degree. His successor will have a high standard to live up to.

Calendar as Before

Only one club—the University of Bristol C.C.—felt sufficiently strongly about changing the publication date of the B.C.U. calendar from March to December, to write and tell me. Obviously the majority is happy with the present date, so amidst change, one bastion, the B.C.U. Canoeing Calendar, remains yet inviolate.

Thinly Disguised Advert.

When you get this magazine, the A.G.M. and Canoe Conference will be about six weeks away. Chris Hare and I are looking forward to meeting old and new acquaintances at the *C. in B.* stand. If there is room, we will have on display the Eskimo kayak and accessories which Chris brought back from Greenland in September. Till then, have a good Christmas.

JACK LEVISON.

fore, include not only the more popular waterways (the Lancaster Canal, and Llangollen Canal and the southern end of the Oxford canal) but also less used waterways, in order that experience may show what opportunities for increasing use and revenue may exist.

DEEP WATER RESCUE DRILLS

B.C.U. Corps of Canoe Life Guards

A number of rescue drills were tested in the swimming bath to get the technique correct, and then on choppy water.

The methods of rescue undergoing trial were the "T", "TX", "H", Stevenson Raft Rescue, Young method, Smith's method.

With the exception of the last three they found the methods feasible, but only the "H" method was deemed satisfactory when dealing with a completely waterlogged canoe.

In both Stevenson's method and the Young method difficulties were encountered in breaking the air lock on the submerged craft, though this was overcome by experiment.

The Smith method defeated all attempts to be carried out successfully and was abandoned.

Annual Report of the Council 1966

Retires

President: J. W. Dudderidge, O.B.E. This year

Hon. Treasurer: E. J. Owen Next year

Elected members of Council

Retire this year

R. W. Baker
Major H. G. Bruce
Miss E. E. McLellan
J. Bright
R. M. O'Keefe

Retire next year

C. M. Rothwell
P. C. A. Rogers
J. Spuhler
R. F. Tyas
C. B. Manton

Nominated members of Council

Coaching Comm: Mrs. F. C. Littlewood,
J. Travers.

L.D.R. Comm: D. Green, J. M. Woolley.

Sailing Comm: A. Emus, P. Wells.

Slalom Comm: Miss M. Bellord, J. Shaw.

Sprint Racing Comm: R. A. Sowman,
J. Thomas.

Touring Comm: C. E. McAllister,
M. Tapscott.

Scottish Div: J. L. Henderson.

N. Ireland Div: C. B. H. Barton.

Co-opted: J. Levison.

General Secretary

Captain A. R. Kennedy, C.B.E., R.N.

Council Committee Chairmen

General Purposes: R. F. Tyas.

Competitive: Major H. G. Bruce.

Access: J. W. Dudderidge, O.B.E.

Publications: Miss E. E. McLellan.

Safety: Surg. Cdr. A. F. Davidson, R.N.

Coaching: G. Sanders.

Divisional Presidents

N. Ireland: Capt. The Earl of Rodden, R.N.

Scottish: Mrs. C. Stevenson.

Membership	1966	1965	1964
Individuals	3,532	3,272	2,620
Clubs	291	256	236
Associates	24	12	13

Whilst the Club membership has expanded at a very satisfactory rate the expansion of the Individual membership has received a severe check. There is little doubt that this has been caused by the doubling of the subscription at the beginning of February and Council feel that a period of stability is essential if we are to continue to increase our membership at a rate approaching the 25% which had been planned.

Once again there has been a serious loss of members from the previous year. Now that canoeing is beginning to make an impression in official circles it is more than ever important to keep our membership up. The Council hopes that all 1966 members will continue to support the Union.

National Affairs

This has been a year of consolidation. BCU representatives have been appointed to all Regional Sports Associations or Conferences and to most County Associations. Activities during the year have varied from Region to Region and from County to County; some have been very active whilst other have scarcely begun work. There are, however, encouraging signs that canoeing is recognised by most Local Authorities as a popular and growing sport and often the BCU is asked to provide representatives when they are planning recreational facilities. Area Coaching Organisers have borne the brunt of all this work which has been in addition to their normal coaching duties. The Council wishes to express its appreciation of their good work.

The Council has continued to press the case of the canoeist for more water for canoeing and greater sharing out of water between water sports. September saw the publication of the Water Sports Code which is designed to make the sharing of the available water easier for all. A recent development has been the setting up of Regional Water Recreation Sub-Committees which will enable canoeing problems to be discussed in a more understanding atmosphere. The BCU is co-operating with the Sports Council in conducting a survey of coastal waters for recreational purposes.

The BCU representation on the Committees of the C.C.P.R., Olympic Association, RoSPA and Y.P.T.A. continues as last year.

The BCU has received considerable financial support from the Sports Council through the Dept. of Education and Science and has been given grants for administration and coaching, international competitions and capital expenditure on equipment for sprint racing and slalom.

International Affairs

The Union has continued to play an active part in the work of the International Canoe Federation (ICF). A delegation attended the biennial World Congress of the ICF in Berlin and at this meeting the President was re-elected to the Board. Mr. Spuhler, Mr. Wells and Mr. Thelen, who have given good service on the Slalom, Sailing and Propaganda Committees respectively, were re-elected to these bodies, and Mr. Wells was elected Organising Vice-President for the Sailing World Championships to be held in Britain in 1969. Mr. Thelen will continue to edit the International Bulletin.

Mr. Thelen has served as Vice-Chairman of the Commonwealth Canoe Associations and Mr. O'Keefe has been our representative on the Committee of this body.

Divisional Reports

Northern Ireland Division

The enthusiasm for canoeing in Northern Ireland has continued to increase and the Canoe Association of Northern Ireland has now 15 Clubs, 3 Associates and 3 block affiliations. The most encouraging feature of this steady increase is that the block affiliations represent a growing interest by Education Committees and Youth Organisations and also for the first time two new clubs have sprung up in the West of the province.

The Northern Ireland Divisional Council has been particularly concerned with setting up a Coaching Scheme using the BCU series of awards. There has also been the opportunity to meet the Youth and Sports Council for Northern Ireland and much ground work has been laid in the matter of grants, coaching and access to waterways.

Competition has been largely confined to Long Distance Racing. Once again the Irish champions are in our area. There has been the usual full calendar of Club events, and sponsorship has allowed us to run four special events as well as sending a party over to England for the National Youth Championship. Members from this area took part in races in Spain as well as the British Championships and the International Liffey Descent.

The Association has been concerned that two separate fatalities have occurred in the Province as a result of canoe capsizes in coastal waters. Though one of the boys was a member of a club, both appear to have been the result of individual folly. It is the aim of the Association and its Clubs to educate people to avoid taking unnecessary risks.

Scottish Division

The membership of the Association has gone up this year by about 20% and as had been predicted a large proportion of the increase comes from youth and school groups. The S.C.A. has 16 clubs and 3 canoeing sections in affiliation.

The Scottish Divisional Council has revised its sprint and Long Distance Racing Rules and much time has been devoted to setting up the S.C.A. Coaching Scheme using the BCU Tests and Coaching Awards. An ad-hoc committee has been set up to administer a temporary scheme pending certain constitutional changes which are needed.

Although Scotland has so far been fortunate over rights of access to water this situation is bound to change as boating and other water-using pastimes become more popular. In order to be prepared for this situation when it arrives, the Scottish

Council of Physical Recreation convened a conference of water users at which the S.C.A. was well represented. The Conference resolved to ask the Secretary of State to set up a working party to consider the problem and report to the Scottish Sports Council.

Sprint racing gains numbers every year and the Scottish Youth Championships were very successful. More S.C.A. Clubs are competing in big regattas south of the border.

This year there was only one Scottish confined slalom. This reflects the tendency of the sport to become more specialised and of Scottish slalom to become more integrated with the BCU ranking system.

Long Distance Racing has had a good season and in particular this year's Three Lochs Cruising Race was more popular than ever.

Cruising and Touring as ever are highly popular. Groups have visited various parts of the Western Isles, the small Isles seem to have been very popular.

The Education Authorities and Youth Organisations in Scotland are becoming very conscious of the value of canoeing. The ad-hoc Coaching Committee is trying to establish a group of certified Instructors to form a core for expansion to deal with the situation. In conjunction with the S.C.P.R., residential courses for Instructors were run at Inverclyde Recreation Centre at Largs.

Headquarters

The Council has taken advantage of a re-organisation of accommodation at 26/29 Park Crescent to move the BCU Headquarters office into a larger room. The extra space now available will be sufficient for the development of the Headquarters on the lines of the Five Year Plan. Because the membership has not grown as much as had been expected it has not been necessary to employ a full time assistant during this financial year, but the Council plan to make the appointment a full time one early in the New Year and to transfer responsibility for the administration of the Coaching Scheme to Headquarters at that time.

Coaching Scheme

This has been a year of consolidation and steady progress for the Coaching Scheme and it is interesting and rewarding to see that a high proportion of last year's test candidates have gone on to take the various Coaching Award examinations this year. Also, more candidates have achieved higher qualifications of both advanced tests and awards. This has led to a considerable increase in the strength of the Coaching Register with 203 new Instructors, 17 Senior Instructors, 7 Coaches and one Senior

Coach; bringing our total Award holders on the "active" list to around 600. Five more Area Coaching Organisers have been appointed to give us a total of eleven of these extremely hardworking officers, who do a great deal to handle local coaching matters — thus easing the central burden of work. We are most grateful to Mr. Cock, who, as National Coach, has worked so energetically to further canoe coaching; and to all members of the Scheme who give us so generously of their time and effort.

A second National Coaching weekend was held at Loughborough at Easter-time, and was well-supported and was considered most successful — in spite of Arctic weather conditions. Next year it is hoped both to repeat the Loughborough week-end and to introduce a similar sea canoe coaching weekend.

The Coaching Newsletters have again been published. With the help of the C.C.P.R. a circular letter has been sent out to over 200 Education Authorities in England and Wales giving details of the Coaching Scheme. It is expected that this will increase the demand for help from members of the Scheme.

With the continued growth of the Coaching Scheme its administration becomes more difficult and, in spite of dividing up the paper work as much as possible, it is proving too great a volume of correspondence for voluntary work. Council has consequently decided that the responsibility for the administration of the Coaching Scheme must be transferred to Headquarters.

John Dudderidge has resigned from the Chairmanship of the Coaching Committee and G. Sanders, formerly Secretary, has taken his place. The Council wishes to pay tribute to the work of both these officers of the Union who have contributed so much of their time to make the Coaching Scheme a success.

National Coach

The National Coach has again visited all parts of the United Kingdom and the Channel Islands. The usual pattern of courses of instruction was followed, but now the tours in each region are becoming over-subscribed and he is unable to fulfil all the engagements requested of him. More and more Education Authorities are anxious to have canoeing properly organised in their schools, and this augurs well for all branches of the sport.

As well as these normal tours, the National Coach has completed the first instructional film on canoeing, and this is now available from the British Film Institute. Two further films are contemplated soon.

He also attended the National Sprint Championships at Pangbourne and the Royal Canoe Club Centenary International and Sailing Regatta at Hayling Island.

Corps of Canoe Lifeguards

Progress has been maintained in recruiting and training new units and enrolling new members into the Corps, but it is perhaps in the establishment of the Corps as a recognised branch of the Beach Rescue Services by Local Authorities that most progress has been made.

Within the Beach Rescue Services, the Corps' representative has been able to meet and discuss common policies with the representatives of the other organisations involved (the R.L.S.S. and S.L.S.A.G.B.) at a sub-committee of the Water Safety Committee convened by RoSPA.

In September the General Secretary of the R.L.S.S. and a representative of the BCU and Atlantic College had an opportunity to meet a delegation from the County Councils Association, the Association of Municipal Councils and a representative of the Ministry of the Board of Trade. Problems relating to water safety and rescue publicity, grants and the help of voluntary organisations were discussed and the need for more positive action to stem the growing number of accidents in coastal, estuary, and inland waters was acknowledged.

By kind permission of Rear Adml. Hoare, those interested in the Corps again met at Atlantic College over the August Bank Holiday weekend. The Council takes this opportunity to express its indebtedness to Adml. Hoare, not only for the facilities which are provided on these occasions, but also to the members of his staff for the leading role they play in promoting the interests and work of the Corps.

The surfing week at Bude included a number of competitive events organised by the Bude Surf Life Saving Club.

Safety

Although matters of safety are constitutionally the responsibility of the Coaching Committee, the Council has considered it expedient to form a special Safety Committee. This Committee makes general recommendations regarding all aspects of safety and in particular examines accident reports and statistics with a view to warning canoeists of particular dangers or asking manufacturers to make particular modifications when they may be necessary.

Their analysis of the fatal accidents this year shows that nearly all are due to inexperience or failure to observe the normal safety precautions taught by the BCU Instructors.



B. Jupp and C. Gregory of 63rd Para. Sqn. race down the Celbridge Rapids in the 1966 Liffey Descent.

Aquaphoto.

Access to Waterways

Every suitable opportunity has been taken of ensuring that the Sports Council, the C.C.P.R. and its various committees appreciate the importance of improved access to waterways. Representations have been made to the C.C.P.R., and through them to the Sports Council, urging more definite recognition of the needs of the canoeist than is given in the Government's White Paper "Leisure in the Countryside". There are encouraging signs that the canoeist's problems are gradually being better understood and that this may lead to more willingness to consider ways of meeting his needs. The Council hopes that in the fulness of time action to remove the canoeist's disabilities may follow. In the short term the Council has asked that recreational users should be given reasonable representation on River Authorities. Whilst wishing to encourage better understanding by local authorities who are already represented on the River Authorities, of the value of canoeing as an outdoor pursuit and the obstacles now inhibiting its full development, the Council feels that the best interests of members are meantime served by co-operating whenever possible with landowners and fishing interests. The particular case of the Ribble is being followed up, but there are considerable practical and legal difficulties.

Home Touring

Home Touring remains an individual and club activity, which the Union assists with advice and through its Guide to Waterways. There have been frequent references by members to the River Advisers, who have

striven to advise in the best interests of the general body of canoeists; the Council reiterates the importance of seeking their advice about difficult waters, and of following their advice to refrain from a particular trip if this would make things worse for others later.

Foreign Touring

The production and duplication of a leaflet on touring abroad indicating the most popular rivers and their degree of difficulty, has eased the pressure of answering letters individually, although some enquiries are so specialised that they must be answered separately.

A Holiday Tour planned for attractive rivers in Southern Ireland in July was cancelled for lack of support. The Ardeche Tour attracted 31 provisional bookings—enough to make the Tour financially successful. Confirmed bookings, however, fell to 25 but at this stage the loss incurred by cancellation of the Tour arrangements would have been much greater than the slight loss now shown on the Tour. Experiences show that unless a certain minimum number of bookings can be guaranteed at an early stage of planning, there is bound to be a degree of financial risk in running such tours.

The river was very low; at first there was much wading and progress was slow. The departure from Avignon for the Mediterranean had to be postponed for a day until the whole party reached the rendezvous, thus cutting the three days planned to two. But this was a minor drawback in relation to the enjoyable nature of the trip as a whole.

Long Distance Racing

This has been a year of steady progress but possibly more important is the fact that we have retained our previous gains. Over 20 races were held during the year in this country. Abroad, considerably more interest is being shown in Long Distance Racing and it is hoped that the I.C.F. will soon take over the control of International L.D. Racing.

Internationally our team again brought honour and glory to the British Canoe Union. For the second year running Charles Evans won the International Sella River Race and the title of Spanish Champion, and Great Britain won the Nations Team Prize. We were strongly represented in the Irish International and again our team did well.

At home we had the good fortune to attract sponsorship of the Open British Championship at Llanwrst for the first time ever. The race proved most successful, attracting entries from Ireland and all parts of the British Isles. For the future we need to attract a greater representative attendance from more clubs in areas where the sport is not well supported. We also need a long period of stability in the rules of the sport. The administration of L.D. racing is becoming a major problem and the Honorary officers are now fully extended in their duties.

Sailing Racing

Canoe Sailing continues to make steady progress. Of the new sailing canoes built during the year 50% were amateur built or finished off by the owners from a professionally supplied shell. One of these amateur finished canoes was displayed at the C.C.P.R. Exhibition at the Crystal Palace Sports Centre and attracted considerable admiration and attention. The Committee has produced an attractively illustrated information leaflet which has been distributed to a large number of interested groups and individuals throughout the country and also to a number of enquirers from overseas.

To provide for the further development of the sport steps have been taken to form regional groups of canoe sailors who will affiliate to the BCU and be represented on the Sailing Committee at national level. During the year the Committee has been able to give help and advice to Australian canoe sailors.

An international regatta (recognised by the I.C.F.) was organised at Hayling Island Sailing Club to mark the centenary of the Royal Canoe Club. The Viking Ship Trophy for teams from Sweden, West Germany and Gt. Britain was retained by Britain.

Plans are in hand to send a strong British team to the European Championships in Sweden next summer.

Sprint Racing

Many fine young paddlers were noted at home regattas where the racing was of a very high standard. Entries fluctuated and the Royal and Richmond Regattas, two of our longest established events, had disappointing entries. In the National Championships which were held at Pangbourne there was an entry of over 200 competitors for the events.

The results of the World Championships which were held in East Berlin during mid-August indicate that we still have a long way to go to reach the standard of the big European Federations, but the spirit and will is there and our team members made great efforts to get on terms with the best sprint paddlers in the world. Our women's K2 and K4 crews fared best, both crews reaching the finals of their events.

We were greatly encouraged by the splendid results which were achieved at the Zaandam International Regatta and were the best ever at any international event. Strong opposition was provided by the best paddlers from Holland, Belgium and West German Clubs.

A great deal of hard work has gone into the year under review, and all officials and competitors are to be congratulated on a successful season.

B.C.U. Supplies

Sales continue at about the same level except for books which have not proved to be so popular. Adjustment of prices earlier in the year has resulted in an increased profit. A new wet suit badge and new I.C.F. blazer badge have been added to the badge list during the year and recent canoeing publications to the book list.

B.C.U. Publications

Canadian Canoeing and the *B.C.U. Guide to Waterways* have been revised and reprinted. The *Long Distance Racing Handbook* is being revised but production has been held up by the alterations to the Long Distance Racing Rules. It is hoped to produce the new pamphlets on *Canoe Construction* early next year.

Canoeing in Britain

The BCU magazine was revised completely in March, the size and number of pages increased, and for the first time a two-colour cover picture appeared. Despite this, printing costs have been kept down, and the new style magazine represents better value for money. Rates for advertisements have been revised but income from these has dropped slightly this year.

A motion to substitute an alternative publication was withdrawn in April after costings had been compared. The Council feels that *Canoeing in Britain* in its present style is a big asset and that to try to save money by producing an inferior type of publication would be a serious mistake and detrimental to the campaign for more members. The Council wishes to express its appreciation of the work of the voluntary staff who give up weekends, holidays and evenings to prepare and pack thousands of magazines each quarter, but most particularly of the work of the Editor and his staff who have worked so hard and shown such faith in their magazine.

Four hundred copies of the June issue were distributed to Public Libraries in England and Wales, and a few have placed regular orders.

Films

With assistance from the Whitbread Trust a new film with sound, "The Basic Skills", has been produced by the National Coach and added to the library. This is an excellent instructional film and it is hoped that schools and youth clubs will make full use of it. The British Film Institute returns show 528 hirings compared with 490 last year. Sales of loops have also increased showing 293 sales compared with 269 last year.

Acknowledgements

The help and encouragement of the C.C.P.R. has once again been invaluable. We are greatly indebted to them for arranging courses, coaching and Proficiency Tests and for assistance with the National Coach's Tours. The Sports Council and the Dept. of Education and Science have continued to take a great interest in canoeing and the Council wishes to express its appreciation of the grants made to it.

The Council is also grateful to Messrs. John Player & Sons for their assistance with the Open British Long Distance Championships at Llanwrst.

J. W. Dudderidge, President.

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Canoe Sailing

Thirty-one canoes of the International 10 sq. m. Class joined with seven of the German and Swedish National classes to celebrate the Centenary of the Royal Canoe Club at the International Regatta sailed in Chichester Harbour from 31st July to 6th August, under the flag of Hayling Island S.C. The week was dominated by strong winds, gales, squalls and almost unceasing rain. A full-blooded Force 8 on Wednesday played havoc with the programme, but after a hectic day's sailing on Thursday, when a full twelve-mile race was followed by two team races in the afternoon, all the races scheduled were sailed.

Alan Emus led the British team to victory in the three team races sailed against Germany and Sweden. He also collected the Quincey Cup awarded on points over five races with one discard, gaining two firsts, a second and a sixth place. The R.C.C. Sailing Challenge Cup, which was instituted in 1874 and is the premier trophy in the International Class, went to John Biddle in two straight races. Emus was first to cross the finishing line in the second race, but a protest concerning an incident before the start was upheld and Biddle consequently judged the winner.

Dick Marks, from Burnham-on-Sea, brought his new canoe "Warpaint" and sailed consistently well, with a first, a third and two fourth places, to gain second place on points. His flat-cut Elvström sail was most impressive in the heavy going when more than once he slashed right through the fleet on the windward leg.

The week finished with a victory for Kjell Jacobsson of Sweden, who won the Murphy-Howard Cup in most testing conditions with a Force 4-5 wind from the south kicking up a short sea over the ebb. This is the first time a Continental European helmsman has won a British canoe sailing trophy.

The German and Swedish National classes aroused considerable interest. Like the International, both are cold moulded or glass-fibre, 17 ft. long and carry respectively 9½ and 10 sq. m. of sail. Their beam is about 4 ft. and with a conventional cockpit the helmsman supports himself outboard on two flaps which give another foot or so of leverage when sailing but are removed for handling the canoe ashore.

The German canoes have conventional sloop rig while the Swedes carry a yawl rig which proved astonishingly efficient and weatherly. It was a remarkable sight to see them quietly lying-to in heavy weather waiting for the ten-minute gun and it is easy to understand that they are popular for cruising on the tideless waters of the Baltic.

—P.W.

LETTERS

12 Gladstone St.,
Hartlepool,
Co. Durham.

Dear Sir,

I have recently learnt, from reliable sources, that a prospective Instructor may be examined by (a) a Coach, (b) a Senior Instructor, (c) 3 Instructors. If this is the case, then I and many others who have accepted the BCU Rules and Regulations in good faith, have been greatly misled.

I would like to enter the examination for Senior Instructor, and indeed, would have done so this year if the BCU had not incorporated the A.S.A. swimming certificates in the examination syllabus. If I want to take up swimming seriously, then I would join the A.S.A. and not the B.C.U. But I happen to like canoeing instead and only swim when necessary. Again, I am not the only member of the Union who feels this way.

Finally, I and a number of instructors, teach the "basic skills of canoeing" to a large number of young people from schools, youth clubs and other types of organisations, but the facilities at our disposal do not give scope to teach canoeing up to Proficiency level. The Novice test is too low for our purpose. There being no National Certificate available for our various groups (to cover all the basic strokes, first aid and resuscitation methods etc.), I have been encouraging the award of local "Canoeist" certificates.

If the B.C.U. came down out of the clouds and studied the problems of the increasing number of organisations such as ours more closely, and instituted a National Certificate which was within the capabilities of the various boating centres, then I think this would undoubtedly encourage greater membership into the B.C.U. of young people who had obtained their National Certificate, by a chance course of canoeing being laid on by their school, organisation, etc.

If we had a stronger membership from this source, we would not have had to raise our subscriptions by 100%, would we! Action please!

John B. W. Walton.
(Instructor B.C.U.)

(Senior Instructors are entitled to examine for the Instructor Award; Coaches for the Instructor and Senior Instructor Awards; Senior Coach for all three awards. On odd occasions, where no appropriate examiner is readily available—usually because a particular part of the country has not a full complement of senior members of the Coaching Scheme, 3 Coaches, examining together, have been authorised to examine for Coach award, 3 Senior Instructors for Senior Instructor Award. It has rarely been

Dear Sir,

There has been a great deal published in recent *C in B's* about methods of rescue. Many points have been said both for and against the various methods, some have been justified and some guess work. So as to try and establish the better methods and make a film of these I would appreciate it if you would put a letter in *C in B* to the effect that I am wanting details of all rescue methods with stage by stage instructions and if possible stage by stage photographs. Anyone who is experimenting with rescue techniques or who have devised methods in the past I would be pleased to hear from them. This film if accepted would be available to the coaching panel. I hope you can help me in this matter.

T. I. Williams, BCU Coach.

necessary to authorise three Instructors to examine a candidate for the instructor award. Why and how has Mr. Walton been 'greatly misled'?

The A.S.A. Swimming Certificates are not incorporated in the examination syllabus for our awards and never have been. An elementary award of the Royal Life Saving Society is required for Senior Instructor and Coach awards; a teacher of canoeing may need to rescue and provide appropriate treatment to any member of his class who gets into difficulties.

I am interested to read Mr. Walton's comments about the need for an intermediate test between Novice and Proficiency standard, but fail to understand how facilities at his disposal do not give scope to teach canoeing up to Proficiency level; perhaps he could elaborate. The fact remains that our Proficiency test is a basic safety award—and the Novice Test remains merely an encouragement for the beginner to proceed to Proficiency stage. What would Mr. Walton want to add to the Novice Test (and exclude from the Proficiency Test) for his new test?

I would welcome positive, constructive comments from Mr. Walton, which I could bring before the National Coaching Committee and, with his permission, perhaps publish in the Coaching Newsletter for consideration by members of the Coaching Scheme.

Geoff. Sanders,
Chairman, National Coaching Committee.)

BY BCU TO THE ARDECHE

Mike Tapscott

Twenty-two canoeists and nineteen canoes (one being a Canadian), assembled at Waterloo station on 20th August, and we were off on the B.C.U.'s second foreign tour. The journey of some 600 miles was uneventful and ended at the village of Vogue on the Upper Ardecche two days later.

The first day's journey was 10 miles from Vogue to Rooms and a great deal of wading was necessary on this stretch. Repair kits were in great demand. One canoeist arrived at Rooms in the dark and upon enquiring as to his whereabouts, from some people having dinner on a terrace some 80 feet above the river, was quite surprised to be told to stay where he was, as a 12 foot weir was only a few yards downstream. I don't think he will forget portaging that weir in the dark nor the pretty young maid who served him with enormous well earned sandwiches afterwards.

At Vallon the gorge starts with the magnificent Pont D'Arc, a natural limestone bridge of substantial proportions. The scenery throughout is splendid, fish are plentiful, crystal clear pools reflect the peculiar shapes of the limestone cliffs, shade and sunlight, all contribute to an atmosphere of grandeur and permanence. One night was spent in the gorge and after an early start on the fourth day it was regretfully soon left behind, and a steady stroke set for the end of the Ardecche. The end comes rather abruptly in a loose stone weir with the roofs of Pont St Esprit as a background. An easy portage and we joined the Rhone.

The distance for the last day was 30 miles and we left Pont St Esprit at 10 a.m. The first 5 miles had no current, but we had been warned of this, and spent the time counting the kilometre posts along the banks. Our entry into the navigation was rather like stepping on to an escalator, and soon we were averaging 9 knots, with the distance posts flashing by rapidly. It was pleasant to "raft up" and enjoy cold chicken and "Cardinal" grapes, interrupted only by some terrific blasts on a hooter, as a French barge, washing flapping from a line, swept sarcastically by.

The return journey was uneventful, apart from a dumper truck driver who tried to get a panel from the side of the coach as a souvenir, and canoes and canoeists met up again near Waterloo to collect their belongings and disperse. One thousand, seven hundred miles is a long way to go for seventy miles canoeing, but most seemed to think it well worth while, and have returned home to prepare their canoes for next year's holiday.

Coaching News

Thank You!

All those who sent details of their coaching activities as requested in the last edition of "C in B". Those of you who did not—Mrs. F. C. Littleddyke, BCU Hon. Coaching Sec., 15 Denewood Close, Watford, Herts., would still like to hear from you—but soon—so that we can send the detailed picture requested of the Coaching Scheme to the Grant Authorities by the end of the year.

North-East Coaching Scheme members please note that Chris Hare, BCU Hon. Coach, 9 Tynebrooke Ave., West Hartlepool, Co. Durham, is your new Area Coaching Organiser. We are most grateful to Chris for taking over this extensive task from Alan Bye when Alan recently moved out of the area. Our thanks go to Alan for the magnificent job he has done in the North-East . . . and our hopes that he will now characteristically enliven the West Midlands!

Examination Successes

Our congratulations go to the following:
Advanced Tests: Inland Kayak—A. Turner, J. Cheesmond. Sea Kayak—J. Thorne.

Coaching Awards

Senior Instructor: D. Owen, 74 Rothbury Ave., Rainham, Essex. D. Sutcliffe, Atlantic College, St. Donat's Castle, nr. Llantwit Major, Glam. T. L. John, 5 Shirley Close, Hounslow, Middx.

Coach: C. Woodbridge, Atlantic College, St. Donat's Castle, nr. Llantwit Major, Glam. J. Thorne, Longriggend Field Study and Outdoor Centre, Longriggend, Airdrie, Lanarkshire.

Dates to Note

- (1) Coaching week-end 1967—Soar House, Quorn nr. Loughborough, Leics., 1st/2nd April 1967.
- (2) Coaches' Sea Course—Calshot Activities Centre, Hants., 15th/16th July, 1967.

Ottersports Ltd. have announced a new all-plywood canoe kit, the Kayel Otter "Nipper". It has been designed specifically to meet the demand for a canoe suitable for boys in the 7—12 age group. In the hands of a young boy, suitably trained, it can perform every manoeuvre of which the full-sized touring single is capable. Brief Specification: Length 11 ft., Beam 20 ins., Cockpit 33 ins., weight 22 lbs. Kits are expected to be ready in early January, price £13/2/6d. The prototype can be seen at the Boat Show (4—14 Jan.) at Earls Court.

CANOE CONFERENCE & A.G.M. Sat. 28 & Sun. 29

from outside Bury.

The Technical College is directly in Bury near the Town Hall, Railway Station and Market.

Parking facilities are available opposite the Technical College.

The following is a summary of the main events and when they will take place.

A.G.M.

6.45 p.m. on Saturday, January 28th. No charge for admission.

CANOE CONFERENCE

10.0 a.m. to 6.0 p.m. on Saturday, January 28th. Charge for admission: 3/- for Adults, 1/6d for those under 19. Application form for tickets may be obtained from either CCPR N.W. Region, Ralli Building, Stanley Street, Salford 3, or from BCU General Secretary, 26/29 Park Crescent, London, W.1.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

As convenient to Technical Committees during the period of the Exhibition.

CANOE EXHIBITION

10.0 a.m. to 6.0 p.m. on Saturday, January 28th, and 10.0 a.m. to 1.0 p.m. on Sunday, January 29th. Admission on Saturday included in Canoe Conference. Sunday admission free.

The Exhibition will include exhibits by members of the canoe trade and specialist exhibits explaining:—

Coaching
Canoe Building
BCU Tests and Awards
Duke of Edinburgh's Awards
Long Distance Racing
Sprint Racing
Touring
Slalom and White Water Racing.

**a full
canoeing weekend
— don't miss it!**

Conference Programme			Special Seminars
General Lectures			
Sat. 28 Jan.			
10 a.m.	Hall	Exhibition open all day. Opening by His Worship the Mayor of Bury, with introduction by the President.	10.30 Long Distance Racing (Large Hall).
	Gym	"Introducing canoeing as a sport to Youth Groups, Schools through the Coaching Scheme." (O. Cock).	11.30 Safety Seminar (Small Hall).
11 to 11.15		COFFEE BREAK	2.00 Slalom Discussion (Large Hall).
11.15 to 12.05	Baths	Basic Strokes and Canoeing Techniques.	2.30 Touring Committee (Small Hall).
12.10 to 1.00		Canoe Touring.	4.00 Sprint Racing.
		LUNCH BREAK	4.00 Sprint Racing Committee Meeting.
2.00	Gym	Opportunities for canoeing in the North. (Panel of experts representing Sprint Racing, L.D.R., Sea Canoeing, Slalom, Touring).	
4.00	Baths	Rough Water and Slalom Techniques.	
5.00 to 6.00	Gym	Films.	
6.45	Gym	A.G.M.	
Sun. 29 Jan.	Hall	Exhibition open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Coaching meetings (Large Hall). Slalom Committee Meeting. Other Technical Committees as required.

Sun. 29 Jan. 1967



Refreshments after the A.G.M.

Arrangements have been made to provide dinner and a buffet meal after the A.G.M. at the Royal Hotel, Bury. Accommodation for up to 70 can be arranged for dinner and probably any number for buffet supper in an adjoining room.

Applications for reservations should be made on the form provided on the A.G.M. Agenda to E. M. Whewell, 479 Manchester Road, Bury, Lancs. Cost per head: Dinner 12/6; Buffet 5/6.

Overnight Accommodation

Overnight accommodation can be arranged consisting of space to place your lilo or camp bed in a centrally heated hall with toilet facilities, running cold and probably hot water, and limited cooking facilities, using your own food and utensils.

An outline map of Bury will be sent with the reply.

Applications should be made to E. M. Whewell, address as above, on the form provided on the A.G.M. Agenda.

My Column—Oliver Cock

I feel chuffed! because so many things seem to be going the right way in the canoeing world, and when things are looking up there is something to be chuffed about.

In the competitive field there were not any world-shaking events. Nevertheless, things have happened. In the Sella River Race we once again proved ourselves somewhat better than others; and the Royal Canoe Club, holding its Centenary International Sailing Regatta, demonstrated that we could still show a thing or two to the rest of the world in sailing.

We also had the first ever surfing gala, at Bude, and this was a howling success, despite its experimental nature. When you get a thousand people over to watch you, and about ten seconds' television viewing quoted at you for the next month or so, you know the experiment has made its mark.

In the field of recreation, there are signs that some of the more selfish brethren, who demand that they have sole right to use our rivers and lakes, are realising that their gross selfishness does not pay, in more senses than one. We are gaining little footholds here and there, with the aid of the Sports Councils and others, and I am sure we shall gradually regain the ancient heritage, existing in every other country in the world, so far as I have been able to discover, to share with others the right to navigate our rivers. We shall achieve this, so long as we go on pestering Authority.

In the field of development for the future, we have seen a new, miniature canoe arrive. This is primarily for use in swimming baths (the indoor canoeist has been known for a good many years already in Manchester); but who knows where it will ultimately end up? Another miniature canoe has been developed for our under-teen-age children, and we are thinking of a special racing canoe for our young-uns as well. Yet another scheme is being suggested: that they shall be able to build their own really sailing canoe as well, which ought to bring on some useful new blood here.

Altogether you can't say we've gone to sleep over the year, can you? I think we've got something to be chuffed about. If we keep it up, we'll be going places. Have a Happy Christmas and a jolly good New Year.

Your own personal copy of *Canoeing in Britain* posted free to you each quarter when you join the British Canoe Union. Details: General Secretary, BCU, 26/29 Park Crescent, London W.1.

Long Distance Racing

John Woolley

Urgently wanted: a new Secretary. Reason, the present one is going to retire. Cause, like the small child who ate too much cake and became sick, I have been overfaced, and had too much administration these last few months. We have also had a new addition to the family and the time has arrived for me to devote considerably more time to my home.

The work of the Secretary is very demanding these days, the sport is growing in this country and internationally, and the individual membership system of the Union means that correspondence has more than doubled.

The future administration of the sport will need careful thought. The work should, I feel, be divided. The Committee and Executive Meetings and correspondence could be a full time job for one person, the organisation of L.D. International Teams for another, and finally there is the Open Championship Race.

In many respects I shall be sorry to hand over the job, although I would be willing to take on some of the work, possibly one of those parts already mentioned. Sponsorship of the Championship is assured for the future, providing, of course, that canoeists support the event. I do hope that members will come forward at the next election of Officers and that the Committee finds the right person.

DISTRESS SIGNALS

The Corps of Canoe Lifeguards carried out a distress signal exercise in August at Atlantic College. Various devices were tried in mainly good visibility, and it was concluded that the most satisfactory method of attracting the public attention and initiating action was to use a maroon. We understand that the Home Office is against the general distribution of a pyrotechnic such as a maroon because it can be dangerous and the signal is used to call out Coastal Rescue and life boat services.

EXE ESTUARY RACE

Class	21 August
Class 1A	
1. P. Lee, Exeter	1.34.45
2. B. Peeney, Exeter	1.37.45
3. D. Olorenshaw, Leamington Spa	1.43.6
Class 1B	
1. L. Balfour, Nomads	1.35.30
2. J. Radford, Exeter	1.35.40
3. G. Jones, Nomads	2.4.30
Class 2A	
1. A. Godwin, Eastbourne	1.45.33
2. M. Foley, Exeter	1.46.15
3. D. Davis	1.50.50
Class 2B	
1. R. Lappage, Nomads	1.55.5
2. R. Heale, Exeter	2.21.20
3. K. Jury, Nomads	2.21.30
Class 3A	
1. A. Gallop, Chew Valley	1.39.45
2. Novnes, Maker-v-Rame	1.49.40
3. R. Orchard, Southampton	2.1.55
Class 3B Juniors	
1. N. Jones, Maker-v-Rame	1.42.45
2. P. Crowther, Maker-v-Rame	1.44.30
3. R. Nicholson, Southampton	1.47.0
Class 3C	
1. A. Poore, Exeter	1.57.20
2. H. Worth, Exeter	2.0.12
3. M. Duckett, Southampton	2.0.22
Class 4A	
1. D. Smith, Riverside	1.40.25
2. D. Muthers, Canoe Touring	1.45.0
3. D. Dalrymple, Southampton	1.46.46
Class 5A	
1. Kirkby/Bosher, Royal	1.20.50
2. Giddings/Tallett, Royal	1.23.5
3. R. Moore/R. Pearson, E/Laurne	1.23.55
Class 5B	
1. Marshall/Brett, Exeter	1.30.31
2. Mann/Willetts, Norton	1.36.29

Class 6A

1. Bailey/Sanson, Viking	1.40.15
2. Dean/Hughes, Westland	2.31.15
Class 6B	
1. Rogers/Deavis, Southampton	1.35.3
2. Holdbrook/Povers, Norton	1.44.50
3. Halfpenny/Dexter, Nomads	2.6.30
Class 7A	
1. Humphries/Duller, Chiseldon	1.36.30
2. Cootle/Bevan, Bradford/Avon	1.36.31
3. Wyness/Dennett, Chiseldon	1.36.50
Class 7B	
1. Caldecutt/Rudherham, Southampton	1.37.10
2. Thompson/White, Norton	1.44.20
3. Norton/MacClarglan, Norton	1.45.32
Class 7C	
1. Nicholson, Southampton	1.32.15
2. East, Junior Leaders	1.32.30
3. North, WYCA	1.45.30
Class 4B	
1. Purce, Harlow	1.47.25
2. Hunt, Harlow	1.53.35
3. Blackburn, Harlow	2.03.00
Class 5B	
1. Greenaway/Hewett, SSF Sqn.	
Air Cadets	1.18.00
2. McLaughlin/Milligan, J.L.	1.22.30
3. Ashley/Donshor, J.L.	1.23.20
Class 6B	
1. Rogers/Beavis, Southampton	1.23.40
2. Bell/Cridland, Lincoln	1.35.40
3. Babone/Napier, Norton	1.38.00
Class 7B	
1. Caldecutt/Rudherham, Southampton	1.21.57
2. White/Willetts, Norton	1.25.30
3. Avery/Whitby, Richmond	1.28.57
Class 1C	
1. Mean, Hatfield	1.28.15
Class 2C	
1. Richards, Nomads	1.51.45
2. Wyatt, Nomads	1.55.45
3. Turner, Southampton	2.08.55
Class 3C	
1. Oliver, Southampton	1.30.20
2. Sheehan, Maidenhead	1.45.50
Class 4C	
1. Derson, Richmond	1.39.05

SHEPPERTON SLALOM

Div	11 Sept
Div IV	
1. D. Parley, Windsor	44.8
2. R. Hardy, Windsor	44.8
3. R. Liddiard, Coine Ladies	49.1
Team Event	
1. M. Bellord, Chalfont	92.4
2. P. Lewis, Shepperton	277.6
1. Windsor	
2. Shepperton "A"	
3. Shepperton "B"	
Open Event	
1. Jim Sibley	
2. Stewart Hodgson	
3. Graham Goldsmith	
Novices	
1. R. Beavis, Southampton	90
2. H. Chapman, R.N.K.A.	107
3. M. Twitchin, Brighton	114

L.A.O.C. REGATTA

Senior Singles	21 Aug
1. K. Birke, Midland	
2. J. Chamberlain, Midland	
3. D. Patrick, Midland	
Ladies Singles	
1. J. Norton, L.A.O.C.	
2. M. Gays, L.A.O.C.	
3. J. Hears, L.A.O.C.	
Junior Singles	
1. H. North, Wigton	
2. P. Hann, L.A.O.C.	
3. G. Harrison, L.A.O.C.	
Senior Doubles	
1. Cooper/Wilkinson, Nottingham	
2. Taylor/Andrews, L.A.O.C.	
3. Brown/Blackley, L.A.O.C./Wigton	
Junior Doubles	
1. Hann/Westley, L.A.O.C. Notts.	
2. Goosey/Harrison, L.A.O.C.	
3. Yeh/North, Wigton	
Mixed Doubles	
1. Norton/Taylor, L.A.O.C.	
2. Beears/Beears, L.A.O.C.	
L.A.O.C. Challenge Trophy	
Midland C.C.	

Race Results

ROYAL C.C. CENTENARY INTERNATIONAL SAILING REGATTA 31 July - 6 Aug

Quincey Cup	
1. A. Dous (Shrike III)	94
2. R. Marks (Warpaint)	112
3. J. Biddle (Confusion)	125
Sailing Challenge Cup	
J. Biddle (Confusion)	
Murphy-Howard Cup	
K. Jacobsson, Sweden (Help)	
Team Races	
International Class.	
1. W. Germany	60 1/2
2. Sweden	47
3. Gt. Britain	31 1/2
National Classes.	
1. Sweden	41
2. W. Germany	24 1/2

R.A.O.H. CANOE CHAMPIONSHIP 1966

Team Challenge Cup	
2 Div. HQ & Sig. Regt. (Gray/Sudron; Rowley/Irvin)	
Individual Challenge Cup	
2 Div. HQ & Sig. Regt. (Rowley/Irvin)	
Individual Touring Class Prize	
10 Regt. RCT. (Shaw/Glass)	
Individual Folding Boat Class	
13 Sig. Regt. (Poole/Davidson)	
4 Div Team Challenge Cup	
HQ 20 JUNIOR BOE HQ & (200) SIG SUN (Granger/Cassile; Elsie/Anderson)	

NATIONAL SEA SCOUT REGATTA 1 - 2 Oct Under 15 (Barry Canoe Trophy)

1. G. Martin, Southbourne	
2. G. Cooke, 1st Sutton Coldfield	
3. I. Nevill, 19th Polkestone Seniors (Warrington Baden-Powell Silver Bowl)	
1. R. Lawrence, 16th Twickenham	
2. A. Paddon, 2nd Deal	
3. D. Bolton-Hagis, 8th Norwich Sea Rangers Canoe Race	
1. V. Wightman, S.R. Ship Nicoya	
2. J. Clark, S.L. Ship Tautor	
3. K. Ferguson, S.R. Ship Nicoya	

MAUSH LOCK SLALOM 2 Oct

Div III	£
1. J. Parker, Worcester	38.5
2. C. Gregory, Royal	68.5
3. V. Hinstead, Royal	71.7
Div IV	
1. K. Jenkinson, Leeds *	49.2
2. A. Stopp, Chalfont	52.5
3. E. Heale, Nuneaton	53.1
Ladies	
1. M. Bellord, Chalfont	113.0
2. S. Duckett, Southampton	144.7
3. J. Howse, Chalfont	162.2

PONT ALLY CAFAN SLALOM 17 - 18 Sept

Div III	£
1. H. Dyer, Riverside	60.2
2. B. Moore, Shepperton	66.9
3. R. Hagger, Manchester	70.8
Div IV	
1. C. Green, Leeds *	56.0
2. G. Lydon, Leeds *	61.1
3. K. Jenkinson, Leeds *	66.7
Novices	
1. H. Chapman, R.N.K.A.	119
2. H. Hurvey, R.N.K.A.	146
3. P. Addie, Bristol	151
Ladies	
1. J. Battersby, Manchester	64.1
2. P. Squires, Coventry	70.9
3. C. Gooling, Birmingham	85.5
Team Event	
1. Chester	312
2. Windsor A	396
3. Leeds A	491
C.2. Event	
1. Chester	305
2. Leeds *	416
3. Windsor	441

CHELMER YOUTH RACE 23 Oct

Class I Junior (under 16) Doubles	
1. Woods/Smart, HMS Ganges	1.25.54
2. Mudge/Smith, "	1.31.48
3. Lewis/Francombe, "	1.39.57
Class II Senior Doubles (16-19)	
1. Oakenfeld/Thuradon, Eagle	1.14.49
2. Finn/Malcaby, HMS Ganges	1.15.48
3. Malcolm/Irvine, HMS Ganges	1.16.19
Class IV Junior (under 16) Singles	
1. Williams, Waverney Valley	1.18.46
2. Purze, Harlow	1.20.07
3. Jermy, Waverney Valley	1.21.42
Class VI Youth Singles (16-19)	
1. Johnson, Eagle	1.12.13
2. East, Eagle	1.15.50
3. Bew, Waverney Valley	1.17.15
Class VIII Girls (16-19)	
1. W. Drysdale, Eagle	1.31.06
Class II Open under 14	
1. Hannett, Eagle	1.29.33
2. Ling, Waverney Valley	1.31.12
3. Mann, Newham	1.34.32

ROYAL C.C. CENTENARY L.D. RACE 17 Sept

1. Gardner/Roberts, Riverside	4.38.00
2. Kirby/Boher, Royal	4.47.00
3. Giddings/Tullett, Royal	4.51.00

LLANGOLLEN SLALOM 24/25 Sept

Div I	£
1. D. Mitchell, Chester	72.4
2. K. Langford, Manchester	76.9
3. D. Palmer, Forth	77.3
Div II	
1. R. Lees, Cambridge	74.4
2. R. Prince, Manchester	76.5
3. S. Hatton, Manchester	76.5
Ladies	
1. J. Battersby, Manchester	85.3
2. H. Goodman, Lakeland	92.4
3. M. Bellord, Chalfont Park	133.8
Teams	
1. Manchester A	304
2. Chester A	356
3. Forth	425

LEA & STORT L.D. RACE 2 October

Canadian Doubles	
1. Chester (Mitchell/Woodhouse)	351
2. Chester/Leeds (Witter/Witter) *	455
3. Leeds (Swift, Slater) *	518
Class 1A	
1. Oliver, Lincoln	1.39.50
2. P. Lawler, Richmond	1.49.35
3. Lees, Cambridge Univ.	1.50.20
Class 2A	
1. Cantle, Harlow	2.05.05
2. Honan, Dublin	2.07.12
3. Webb, Nomads	2.30.10
Class 3A	
1. Parker, Lincoln	1.49.25
2. Kitson, Dunsbury	1.49.35
3. Beers, Hatfield	1.50.45
Class 4A	
1. Pereira, Lincoln	2.01.05
2. Pluthero, C.T.C.	2.05.55
3. Lave, Lincoln	2.06.10
Class 5A	
1. Miller/Man, Harlow	1.30.15
2. Jupp/Boher, Royal	1.35.50
3. Unstead/Who, Richmond	1.41.00
Class 6A	
1. Bennett/Brooks, Viking	1.42.35
2. Grant/Holmes, Lincoln	1.43.05
3. Orchard/Davies, Southampton	1.47.51
Class 7A	
1. McCool/Money, Viking K.C.	1.51.36
2. Brinkworth/Agnesfeld, Bradford/Avon	1.54.35
3. Dawson/Davson, Richmond	1.57.15
Class 1B	
1. Mackereth, Warrington	1.24.40
2. Balfour, Nomads	1.29.50
3. Coe, J.L. Dover	1.30.55
Class 2B	
1. Leah, Warrington	1.36.40
2. Lapping, Nomads	1.38.25
3. Jones, Nomads	1.42.35

MAUSH LOCK SLALOM 4 Sept

Div IV	£
1. C. Chaplin, Camb. Univ	35.2
2. V. Binstead, Royal	61.5
3. P. Peacock, Leeds *	61.7
Team Event	
1. Leeds *	887
2. Soar Valley A	1010
3. Windsor	-
Novices	
1. D. Watts, W.D.C.C.	152
2. S. Marshall, Riverside	155
3. D. Shildrick, Reading	174
Ladies	
1. P. Squires, Coventry	82.0
2. M. Bellord, Chalfont Park	103.8
3. S. Duckett, Southampton	107.9

LUNE SLALOM 10/11 Sept

Div III	£
1. P. Brown, Forth	69.2
2. T. Nelmes, Leamington	76.4
3. P. Peacock, Leeds *	78.0
Div IV	
1. M. J. Swallow, Chester	65.4
2. P. Paterson, Forth	65.9
3. C. Hawkeworth, Leeds *	67.0
Ladies	
1. H. Goodman, Lakeland	62.0
2. J. Battersby, Manchester	69.3
3. L. Calverley, Manchester	70.4
Open	
1. D. Mitchell, Chester	85
2. K. Longford, Manchester	91
3. P. Fleischuk, Chester	110

OPEN BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP CANOE RACE (LLANRHIST TO CONWAY) 3 Sept

Ladies Singles	
1. M. Tucker, Richmond	1.34.00
2. L. Oliver, Southampton	1.37.20
3. K. Danson, Richmond	1.37.45
Junior Singles	
1. I. Balfour, Nomads	1.33.12
2. R. Freeman, Lincoln	1.35.50
3. J. Lockwood, Nottingham	1.34.10
Junior Doubles	
1. Brett/Marshall, Exeter	1.29.50
2. Plook/Haskey, J.L. R.E.	1.30.30
3. Girling/Ashley, J.L. R.E.	1.31.36

TREVOR ROCKS SLALOM 16 Oct

Div IV	£
1. D. Buranall,	51.5
2. B. Jupp, 16 Para	56.5
3. T. Farnham, Midland	59.1
Team Event	
1. Chester	148
2. Nuneaton	383
3. Manchester	568
Ladies	
1. P. Squires, Coventry	52.1
2. L. Calverley, Manchester	79.1
3. S. Duckett, Southampton	165.9
Novices	
1. R. Orchard, Southampton	151
2. K. Rudram, Tovers	169
3. S. Greenwood, Manchester	171
C.2. Event	
1. Mitchell/Woodhouse	173
2. Witter/Witter *	177
3. Fleischack/Swallow	276

WORLD CANOE RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS
Berlin-Gruenau 19-21 Aug

Men K1 500m.	
1. Vernescu, Rumania	1.48.95
Men K2 500m.	
1. Vernescu/Sciotnic, Rumania	1.37.62
Men K1 1000m.	
1. Shaparenko, USSR	3.59.26
(A. Wilson, GB, 4th in semi-final)	
Men K2 1000m.	
1. Shaparenko/Stetsenko, USSR	3.37.51
(Edwards/Oliver, GB, 5th in heat)	
Men K4 1000m.	
1. Sciotnic/Turcas/Ivaniv/Calenci, Rumania	3.09.87
(Edwards/Oliver/Neau/Polna, GB, 4th in heat)	
Men K1 10000m.	
1. Heaz, Hungary	45.28.05
10. Wilson, GB	47.30.29
Men K2 10000m.	
1. Szillessi/Fabian, Hungary	40.59.38
14. Lawler/Sovman, GB	46.36.52
Men K4 10000m.	
1. Chuzhikov/Griahin/Morozov/Ionov, USSR	36.56.88
Men K1 4 x 500m. Relay	
1. Karyukhin/Kabanov/Battinsk/Matveev, USSR	7.36.05
Women K1 500m.	
1. Pinneva, USSR	2.05.10
9. M. Tucker, GB	2.11.18
Women K2 500m.	
1. Kelsus/Alize, R. Germany	1.59.41
9. Tucker/Jackson, GB	2.06.64
Women K4 500m.	
1. Shubina/Seredina/Pinaseva/Leuchenko, USSR	1.45.91
(Tucker/Jackson/Oliver/Neau, GB, 6th in heat)	
Men C1 1000m.	
1. Leve, W. Germany	4.29.53
Men C2 1000m.	
1. Callabiciov/Couallov, Rum.	4.10.98
Men C1 10000m.	
1. Hajna, Hungary	50.39.02
Men C2 10000m.	
1. Maxim/Stainov, Rumania	49.09.41
Final Scores	
1. USSR	125
2. Hungary	107
3. Rumania	93

CLOCH L.D. RACE 4 Sept

Handicap event.

1. J. Howell, Ayrshire	1.39.35
2. J. Young, Kyle	1.39.39
3. B. Bealey, Irvine	1.45.30
Gauntlet & Skua Event	
1. A. Green, Irvine	1.35.40
2. J. Wining, Scot. Host.	1.42.48
3. J. Reid, Scot. Host.	1.43.34

ATHOLSON L.D. RACE 23 Sept

1. Young/Batchelor, Kyle/Irv.	2.52.47
2. Bealey/Bealey, Irvine	2.58.04
3. Duncan/Gilmour, Irv./Ardr.	3.16.44

SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA 10-11 Sept

Men NCK 1 10000m.	
1. J. Howell, Ayrshire	
2. J. McIntyre, Ardrossan	
3. A. Batchelor, Irvine	
Men Singles Class A 1000m.	
1. J. Howell, Ayrshire	
2. J. McIntyre, Ardrossan	
3. B. Brown, Irvine	
Men Singles Class B 500m.	
1. J. McIntyre, Ardrossan	
2. R. Lav, Kyle	
3. J. Duncan, Irvine	
Men Doubles Class A 1000m.	
1. Potts/Brown, Irvine	
2. Rowell/Bealey, Ayrshire/Irvine	
Men K2 1000m.	
1. Rowell/Wilson, Ayrshire	
2. Bealey/Batchelor, Irvine	
3. Potts/Brown, Irvine	

Men Junior Singles Class B 500m.

1. A. Batchelor, Irvine	
2. M. Bealey, Irvine	
3. S. Bryce, Kyle	
Men K1 1000m.	
1. A. Wilson, Ayrshire	
2. J. Howell, Ayrshire	
3. W. Reichenstein, Novallas	
Ladies Doubles Class A 500m.	
1. Garrick/McLennan, Ayrshire/Irvine	
2. McHouall/Currie, Ardrossan	
Men NCK 1 1000m.	
1. A. Wilson, Ayrshire	
2. J. Howell, Ayrshire	
3. J. McIntyre, Ardrossan	
Men Junior NCK 1 500m.	
1. M. Bealey, Irvine	
2. A. Batchelor, Irvine	
3. K. Bryce, Kyle	
Men Junior Doubles Class B 500m.	
1. Bealey/Batchelor, Irvine	
2. Foster/Bryce, Kyle	
3. J. Howell, Irvine	
Ladies NCK 1 500m.	
1. A. McGreen, Irvine	
2. J. McIntyre, Ardrossan	
3. A. McHouall, Ardrossan	
Mixed Doubles Class A 500m.	
1. Wilson/Garrick, Ayrshire	
2. McIntyre/McIntyre, Ardrossan	
3. Bealey/Stevenson, Irvine	
Open Class 500m.	
1. K. Bryce, Kyle	
2. R. Potts, Irvine	
3. C. Rowell, Ayrshire	

WHARFE SLALOM 8-9 Oct

Div III	%
1. R. Williamson, Worcester	67.1
2. M. Swallow, Chester	68.7
3. R. Stott, Manchester	71.1
Div IV	
1. D. Fawcett, Manchester	46.7
2. C. Watta, Birmingham	59.2
3. B. Horn, Manchester	60.6
Ladies	
1. P. Squires, Coventry	80.0
2. A. Keerie, Sunderland	89.6
3. J. Howe, Chalfont	118.9
Team Event	
1. Worcester	447
2. Lakeland	449
3. Shepperton	571
C2 Event	
1. Mitchell/Woodhouse	310
2. Lloyd/Sibley	503
3. Swift/Slater	644
Wild Water Race	
1. D. Mitchell, Chester	26.46
2. J. Woodhouse, Chester	26.27
3. N. Jackson, Manchester	26.53
Open Event	
1. K. Rickham, Sunderland	135
2. R. Calverley, Manchester	139
3. J. Woodhouse, Chester	151
Novices Event	
1. J. Littlell, Ellesmere Coll.	285
2. S. Brown, Cambridge U.	302
3. T. Harrall, Ellesmere Coll.	330

SMARKSTONE SLALOM 13-14 Aug

Div III	%
1. P. Fleischhock, Chester	70.4
2. G. Jones, Manchester	74.4
3. P. McAliffe, Reading	74.8
Div IV	
1. L. Stott, Manchester	72.5
2. M. J. Smith, Soar Valley	72.5
3. P. Dolan, Lakeland	74.8
Ladies	
1. H. Goodman, Lakeland	76.0
2. L. Calverley, Manchester	78.3
3. J. Howe, Chalfont	84.8
Novices	
1. D. Duranall, Indep.	171
2. B. Ottmann, Bristol	188
3. P. Davies, Notts. U.	207
Team Event	
1. Manchester "B"	353
2. Manchester	374
3. Reading "A"	396

CAMBRIDGE L.D. RACE 30 Oct

Class 1a	
1. J. Glavin, Royal Marine	1.46.57
2. C. Evans, Hoyal	1.48.19
3. A. Stoney, Cambridge U.	1.49.57
Class 1b	
1. I. Balfour, Nomads	1.13.46
2. M. White, Richmond	1.15.54
3. G. Mackereth, Warrington	1.15.57
Class 1c	
1. L. Oliver, Southampton	1.20.49
2. D. Mann, Harlow	1.23.29
3. K. Danerson, Richmond	1.28.07
Class 2a	
1. A. Acton, Wolverhampton	2.06.74
2. D. Hughes, Nomads	2.16.05
3. R. Fish, C.T.C.	2.20.38
Class 2b	
1. A. Westerlink, Nomads	1.32.08
2. P. Baldry, Roman Hill	1.32.47
3. G. Wyatt, Nomads	1.35.09
Class 2c	
1. P. Wyatt, Nomads	1.42.26
2. J. Smith, Galley	1.51.13
3. C. Norman, Nomads	2.01.26
Class 3a	
1. S. Nilson, Dewsbury	1.56.54
2. N. Lilley, Lincoln	1.57.02
3. D. Clarke, Cambridge U.	1.57.05
Class 3b	
1. H. Johnson, Eagle	1.24.27
2. R. Nicholson, Southampton	1.25.37
3. -Null, H.C.T.	1.26.25
Class 3c	
1. S. Buckett, Southampton	1.32.58
2. M. Turner, Southampton	1.40.12
Class 4a	
1. K. Pereira, Lincoln	2.07.45
2. D. Dalrymple, Southampton	2.10.38
3. R. Pinthor, C.T.C.	2.12.39
Class 4b	
1. H. Heavis, Southampton	1.22.59
2. G. Jones, Nomads	1.31.20
3. J. Welfenden, Galley	1.38.15
Class 5a	
1. Oliver/Edwards, Lincoln	1.38.17
2. Mean/Miller, Harlow	1.41.50
3. Jupp/Gregory, H.C.T.	1.41.48
Class 5b	
1. McLaughlan/Milligan, JL Dow	1.13.31
2. Marshall/Brett, Exeter	1.17.45
3. Woods/Sinna, Nottingham	1.14.54
Class 5c	
1. Sheehan/Warth, M'head/Ex'r.	1.27.19
2. Baker/Page, Nottingham	1.31.39
3. Huskinson/Shek, Royal	1.53.04
Class 6a	
1. Peaking/Smith, Lincoln	1.54.51
2. Jordan/Steven, Royal	1.56.01
3. Grant/Holmes, Lincoln	1.59.25
Class 6b	
1. Dakenfold/Thurston, Eagle	1.29.19
2. Rogers/Watson, S'hampton	1.32.42
3. Criddle/Tillson, Lincoln	1.41.04
Class 7a	
1. Yates/Morgan, Wolverhampton	1.59.43
2. Brinkworth/Lancefield, Harad.	2.02.22
3. Oliver/Stevenson, S'hampton	2.05.02
Class 7b	
1. Huddersham/Caldecott, S'hampton	1.21.08
2. Clarke/Shore, J.L.H. Dover	1.37.57
3. Finch/Pimlay, Charlton Sch.	1.46.06
Class 7c	
1. Gregg/Swift, R.C.T.	1.44.10
2. Heelan/Warren, R.C.T.	1.49.50
3. Little/Potter, R.C.T.	1.52.53
Unrestricted (Experimental single)	
R. Lees, Cambridge U.	1.54.35

LAPPOCK ROCK L.D. RACE 14 August

1. J. Young, Kyle	
2. A. Batchelor, Irvine	
3. B. Bealey, Irvine	

ROUND CUMBRAE SINGLES 28 August

1. A. Wilson, Ayrshire	1.55.00
2. J. Young, Kyle	2.01.02
3. B. Bealey, Irvine	2.07.56



The Mayor of Conway, Councillor R. J. Roberts, pictured presenting the international team trophy to the English team after British Canoeing Open Championships, sponsored by John Player & Sons, and held at Conway on September 3rd. Receiving the trophy, one of three donated by Player's, is team captain Charles Evans. Looking on are (from left) team members Martin Boshier, Mariane Tucker and Anthony Kirkby.

Fish Disease Spreads from Ireland

This letter from the Matlock & Cromford Angling Association was sent to us recently by the L.A.O.C.

Dear Mrs. Andrews,

Your request to canoe along our stretch of the River Derwent is agreed to subject to the following conditions.

That you will ensure that all canoe outer skins and paddles, etc., that will be immersed in the water will be rigorously disinfected in order to avoid any possible contamination of our waters by the fast-spreading disease, columnaris.

As you may be aware, many Midland rivers have been seriously infected by this deadly bacteria (apparently imported from Ireland) and already the River Trent around Nottingham and the lower reaches of the Derbyshire Derwent are infected. Columnaris is quite capable of surviving on damp material up to around ten days . . . more or less than this period depending on temperatures, exposure to weather, etc.

The River Authorities have called upon all anglers to avoid known infected waters and, in any case, to disinfect their tackle, waders, etc., in an effort to contain the spread of this disease which has already killed over a million fish in the Midlands.

Frankly, we would prefer not to have canoes on the river this winter for the foregoing reason but, in view of our past amiable relations we will agree to your request if the cleansing procedure is carried out.

Chlorine germicides or potassium permanganate may not be effective and you should use a strong solution of phenolic germicide (the kind of disinfectant which turns milky when added to water). A solution equivalent to 2% Lysol is the minimum necessary.

Proprietary phenolic household disinfectants should be used in concentrations of 15% (approximately 2 parts disinfectant to 13 parts water).

Cleansing may be done at home but if undertaken near the river on no account permit any of the solution to enter the water.

I am sure you will appreciate our deep concern over this disease which, in Ireland, has become steadily worse over the past three seasons.

Yours faithfully,

Ken Clower, Hon. Sec.

Since this letter was sent, we have heard of columnaris being discovered in salmon in the Lune and Duddon (Lancashire) and Cumberland, Lincolnshire and Lancashire River Authority areas have been designated infected areas.

At least one club (Leicestershire Association of Canoeists) is supplying disinfectant on all club trips; all boats were disinfected at the Llangollen slalom run by Manchester C.C.; it would be as well if all individuals and clubs observed this procedure during the present outbreak. Fishing apart, it can do our struggle for access no good if we lay ourselves open to any accusation of spreading this disease through neglecting this simple operation.

A meeting of Canoe clubs was held on 15th June in Birmingham to try and ascertain what are to be considered the urgent needs of canoeing in the West Midlands region. A four-point document was sent to the West Midlands Sports Council, giving opinions on access, use of other facilities, pollution and the establishment of water sports centres. An informal regional organisation was felt to be a possibility.



The mass start of Senior K1's and K2's in the National L.D. Championships at Llanwrst on the River Conway. Aquaphoto

Mike Clark Canoe Racing

So the 1966 competitive canoe season closes, and already our paddlers are in Winter training for next season. However, the last two months of this season saw some of the most spectacular and exciting events in the calendar—The National L.D.—The International Liffey Descent—Llangollen Slalom — and The Royal Centenary L.D. race among them.

The British L.D. Championships were for the first time sponsored by John Player & Sons, and held over a 14 mile course on the River Conway in North Wales on Saturday, 3rd September. Without doubt this was certainly the most spectacular L.D. event held so far in Britain, having the mass start of all classes in the style of the International Sella River Race—indeed, it was a carbon copy start of the Spanish event! Over 110 of our top crews were on the line, including a number of crews from Ireland, and what a fine sight the competitors made strung out each side of the river bank for almost two hundred yards. At the sound of a cannon they were off, all thrashing through the shallow, narrow river for the lead. The course for the first few miles was over

broken water, but then the Conway began to widen as the paddlers came out into the estuary. Much of the centre part of the course was a drag over flat water but once into the estuary the water became quite choppy and there were a few capsizes. The Senior doubles was won by Kirkby/Bosher of Royal CC in a fine time of 1 hr. 44 min. 13 sec. This pair have gained many wins in K2's throughout the season and truly deserve to be national L.D. K2 champions. It is interesting to note that Kirkby/Bosher did not have the best of the draw on the start—they were almost last—and to win they had raced through over a hundred other crews. The race for the Senior K1 title looked like being a very close finish between Wilson of Kyle CC and Evans of Royal CC. Both these paddlers were hard on the tail of the senior K2 with about two miles to the finish, and after losing the K2 wash they were wash-hanging each other. However, with little more than half a mile to go the K1's collided and Wilson capsized leaving Evans clear to take the senior title.

The following weekend a number of our top L.D. paddlers were in Ireland for the Seventh International Liffey Descent. This 16 mile race, sponsored by The Bottlers of Coca-Cola, is just THE GREATEST! The course on the River Liffey starts at Celbridge and finishes at O'Connell Bridge in the heart of Dublin, along it there is almost every conceivable hazard to face the canoeist, fierce rapids, treacherous weirs, sluices and fish shoots, difficult portages, a tidal section and many bridges and other obstacles. With a dam above the start and one on the course, the water was regulated to give an exciting race — some twelve inches above normal—and spectacular conditions at the Lucan weir and the three big "V" weirs of Anna Liffey, Wren's Nest and Palmerston, "V" weirs that just have to be shot!

Entries for the race were up by a third from last year, showing the growing interest in this thrilling race; because of this the Irish paddlers are finding it difficult to keep many of the top trophies in Ireland! The British Para. crew of Jupp/Gregory in the International K2 raced into the lead from the start and were unbeatable, returning a winning time of 1 hr. 44 min. 20 sec., with other British crews Kirkby/Bosher and Harvey/Harvey taking second and third places. Alexander of Ireland managed to retain his International Singles title for the third year, but second, third and fourth places in this event were taken by British paddlers, while Skellern of Worcester CC took 1st in the Wild Water class and Parker, also of Worcester, gained 1st in the Slalom Class.

Slalom Round-up

With Worcester and Leamington's slalom at Llandyssul in October, the 1966 season came to a close. The event was won for the fifth year running by Dave Mitchell (Chester), for him his fifth consecutive National Championship. This is something quite unprecedented in slalom history, and it is a measure of the hard work and training which Dave devotes to his canoeing. It hasn't, however, been an easy victory this year as he has been pressed throughout by John McLeod (Manchester), John Woodhouse (Chester) and Ken Langford (Manchester) and during the latter part of the season by four vastly improved newcomers to the scene at the top; Roy Calverley (Manchester), Keith Wickham (Sunderland), Chris Skellern (Worcester) and Brian Palmer (Forth). There should be a real fight for the four available places at next year's world championships. The selectors have already chosen the above together with Norman Jackson to compete in the international slalom at Zwickau in Eastern Germany early next year.

As the slalom season finishes the White Water race season starts. Gone are the days when canoes were put away during the winter. The first race to count towards the new White Water racing ranking list and championship was held on the River Usk at the end of October; and again Chalfont Park had secured the co-operation of the water authorities into releasing an extra 60 million gallons of water into the river, from a reservoir at the valley head, for the duration of the race. This made a usually rather rocky stretch of river into an exciting race course, and perhaps more clubs could think of the possibility obtaining the extra water on rivers which have a reservoir. It's almost standard practice on the Continent.

The slalom executive have passed to the full committee their recommendations for the White Water race ranking system; that initially there will be only one division and that all races shall be open. However, it was considered that under high water conditions certain rivers could be dangerous and, therefore, that anyone entering a race should have proof of a certain level of competence. Membership of 1st and 2nd divisions would be considered as an automatic qualification, but others should supply a certificate of competence signed either by their slalom representative or club secretary. The organisers of a race will still have the right to refuse an entry if they think the conditions are too dangerous.

Rules for a C.2 ranking system and championship have also been formulated and are expected to be adopted by the full slalom committee meeting at the end of

November. For 1967, all 1st and 2nd* division slaloms will also have ranking C.2 events. These will be open to members of all divisions and competitors in C.2's will not be barred from paddling kayaks at the same event. For 1968 a choice between kayak and Canadian at the same event will probably have to be made. During 1967 mixed C.2's will compete with the men in one division, and events at 3rd and 4th division slaloms will be counted as non-rankers. Organisers are asked to record the names and clubs of both partners in a C.2, for ranking purposes. A challenge cup for the C.2 champions has been very generously offered by Roy Staley and the class should receive a tremendous boost by the presence in this country for the next five months of Josef Sedivec, current world champion in mixed C.2 down river racing, and runner-up at the world slalom. He is at present working in London, and is expected to be at the Hambleton training weekends during the winter. The first C.2 purchased by the slalom committee is now in Leeds, where it is available for practice, and three more should soon be at Hambleton, Manchester and Worcester. With all this activity the class should really get going next year.

Whilst the general standard of slalom canoeing and organisation has been improving steadily over the years, the standard of judging does not seem to have been doing so, and a very welcome plan to remedy this is the introduction of a judging panel. Anyone wishing to be included on it will be required to take an examination to ascertain that they are fully conversant with the rules, and a list of those on the panel will be made available to slalom organisers so that they will know who is qualified. The scheme is being run by Ian Pendleton and Maurice Rothwell (21 Windsor Road, Clayton Bridge, Manchester 10) from whom further information can be obtained.

Further recommendations from the slalom executive to the full committee and likely to be adopted were (a) That the pirating of established canoe designs (see *C. in B.* September 1966) will be discouraged by disqualifying anyone attempting to compete in such boats for which a certificate from the designer (as proof of permission to make the boat), cannot be shown, and that the criterion as to whether a boat is a copy or not shall be whether a mould has been taken off an existing canoe. Thus minor modifications, such as to the cockpit, of a pirate boat, will not evade the requirement to produce a certificate.

(b) Anyone who has not included his BCU number on any of his entry forms as proof of BCU membership, and who does not immediately inform the slalom secretary of his number, will be considered as

not having competed this year at all, and dropped one division. This does not apply to novices.

(c) No-one in attendance at an international slalom at which we are represented by a team, may paddle on the water during the event or during associated practice, unless they are in the selected team, and camp followers should do as they are asked by our team officials. Anyone wishing to gain international experience at other events may do so only with the slalom secretary's permission which will normally only be given to members of first division.

The next full meeting of the slalom committee, to which each club may send two representatives, will be held in conjunction with the Canoe Conference and BCU A.G.M. on Sunday, 30th January, Officers and members of the selection and executive committees are elected at this meeting (and will meet afterwards) and the 1967 programme will be finalised.

NEWS from the Canoe Association of Northern Ireland

The winter season has now commenced in earnest. The first two beginners' courses have already been successfully completed (both were over-subscribed), and an eskimo rolling course is now in progress.

Perhaps the most encouraging aspect of these courses is the number of teachers and youth leaders who come for a first introduction to canoeing. With this aspect in mind we are hoping to introduce in the near future a comprehensive Coaching Scheme which would offer Instructors' Courses, and Coaching awards.

Outstanding memories of the summer season are the choice of three canoeists from Northern Ireland, G. Glasgow/G. Nevin (K2) and N. Alexander (K1) to represent Ireland at the Ribadesella Descent, and the Liffey Descent, where it seems few competitors avoided capsizing. N. Alexander again won the K1 event demonstrating that he is the outstanding singles canoeist in Ireland.

While there is no doubt that canoeing in N. Ireland is very much on the increase, the number of adult clubs remains small. Clubs exist in Belfast, Larne, Enniskillen and Strabane. The Belfast Club is particularly active throughout the winter with a tour each month. Details of any of these clubs and information on how to form a club can be obtained from W. S. Baird, Secretary, C.A.N.I., "Amboseli", Circular Road, East Cultra, Co. Down.

ICF congress in East Berlin

John Dudderidge attended the I.C.F. Congress as BCU Delegate.

The Congress was held in the new Kongresshall in Alexanderplatz, East Berlin, and for the first time in its history the delegates enjoyed the advantages of simultaneous translation installation.

The President, M. Charles de Coquercaumont welcomed the delegates.

In his Report (which incorporated the reports from the technical committees), the President referred to his meetings with the Executive of the International Olympic Committee, and said that one subject discussed had been for a more generous distribution to the sports federation of the monies received for television rights. He said that although there would be little change in the next Games, he was confident that in 1972 much more substantial grants could be expected.

He then referred to the work of the Propaganda Committee and said that its Chairman, Mr. Henry Thelen, had travelled in Europe, Asia Minor, Africa and North America making fruitful contacts with canoeing bodies and other sports organisations, and many conferences had been arranged.

The Paddling Racing Committee had produced new Racing Rules for the period 1966/70, and a proposal for a new class of Canadian "War Canoe" with six paddlers and steersman was being studied with a view to submission to Congress in Mexico, after full trials had been carried out.

The courses for the Championships in Rumania and East Germany had been inspected and approved, and officials for these two events had been appointed. The Slalom and Wild Water Committee had been faced with a problem when, due to visa difficulties, the 1965 championships had to be withdrawn from Merano. Fortunately Austria had come forward with an offer to stage them again at Spittal, for which the I.C.F. was grateful. New Rules had been produced and circulated.

For the Sailing Committee the President reported a very successful World Championship on Lake Constance at Dettingen-Wallhausen. The Touring Committee under the direction of Mr. Max Schmidt had done excellent work in the promotion of international canoe cruising, and some twenty or more international cruises had been

held with over three thousand participants. Reference was also made to the work of a new committee, that for Sport Medicine, set up in Tokyo under the chairmanship of Dr. Pelle of Hungary. This committee had a delicate and far reaching mission to investigate the effect of canoeing on the development of young people and on older people.

Finally, the President said that because of this deepening and broadening of the work of the I.C.F., new work plans for the Board and the Committees were being studied to increase the efficiency of the organisation and improve the service to member federations.

A proposal from the Touring Committee that the expenses of members attending meetings of committees be met by the I.C.F. was rejected on the grounds that the cost could not possibly be met on the present income of the Federation.

A proposal from Denmark to change the rules of measurement of racing canoes and kayaks, was referred to the Paddling Racing Committee, as was also a proposal from Sweden to make racing craft One Design.

A proposal from the German Canoe Association that efforts be made to bring slalom into the programme of the Olympic Games was given strong support. The President said that it would be some time before success could be expected, but that the I.C.F. would support any move by the German Canoe Association to stage an exhibition Slalom in Munich on the occasion of the 1972 Olympic Games to be held there. Proposals from the Soviet Union and Rumania to widen the programme for World, Continental and Olympic competitions was referred to the Paddling Racing Committee for consideration and report in 1968.

The Sailing Committee requested permission to experiment with certain modifications to the Sailing Rules in the European Championships in Sweden in 1967. The request was granted.

The following arrangements were confirmed:

Championships 1967/1970

European Racing Championships: Senior, 1967 in Duisburg (mid-August); Junior, 1967 provisionally in Sweden; Senior, 1969 in U.S.S.R.; Junior 1969 in U.S.S.R.

World Championships in Racing: 1970 in Denmark (early August).

World Championships in Slalom and Wild Water: 1967 in Czechoslovakia (July), and in 1969 (provisionally) in France.

European Championships in Canoe Sailing: 1967 in Sweden (early August).

World Championships in Canoe Sailing: 1969 in Great Britain (early August).

Elections:

M. Charles de Coquereaumont was re-elected President for the period 1966 to 1970.

Mr. Otto Bonn was re-elected 2nd Vice-President for the same period.

Organising Vice-Presidents:

Racing 1967/8 Mr. Stock (Mexico).

Slalom and Wild Water 1966/7 Mr. Oto Hally (Czechoslovakia).

Sailing 1966/7 Mr. Neveling (Sweden).

Sailing 1968/9 Mr. Peter Wells (Gt. Britain).

As Members of the Board:

Three for Europe: Messrs. Lukatin (USSR), Grappelli (Italy), Dudderidge (GB).

Two for North America: Messrs. Wilkinson (USA) and Clement (Canada).

One from Africa: No nomination.

One from Asia: Mr. Ishi (Japan).

One from Australia: Mr. Varcoc.

Technical Committees:

To the Sailing Committee was re-elected Mr. P. Wells (GB).

To the Slalom Committee was re-elected Mr. J. Spuhler (GB).

As Chairman of the Propaganda Committee was re-elected Mr. Thelen (GB).

Meetings of the Board of I.C.F. August 22nd and 24th, 1966:

A meeting of the Board of I.C.F. was held the day before Congress to study the Agenda and prepare any recommendations, and the new Board met on the day following Congress to plan the work for the next two years.

The President called the members to order and turned to John Dudderidge, who this day celebrated his 60th anniversary and said that John D. had been a member of the Board since 1938 in the old I.R.K. (earlier name for the I.C.F.) and during these many years had worked very creditably for the development of the I.C.F. and canoe sport. As a memento of the occasion and on behalf of the Board of the I.C.F., the President then presented John Dudderidge with an engraved bronze wall plaque. Following this, the President of the East German Canoe Association gave his congratulations and presented a bouquet of roses.

John Dudderidge expressed his appreciation and said how glad he was to be able to complete his 30 years with the I.C.F. Board.

The Board will meet again in January 1967 to divide out work amongst its members; the hosts will be the German Canoe Association.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

BCU Rules. Printed copies of the BCU Rules are being distributed with 1967 membership cards. Due to a printing hold up the Rules did not arrive until the end of October.

If you have renewed your Full or Youth membership and have not received your copy of the Rules please let me know.

Subscriptions. All rights of membership are suspended as from 31st January if subscriptions are overdue. If you have not paid for 1967 please send your subscription now (Full 15/-, Youth 7/6, Family 2/6); if you have not got a form a piece of paper will do. As a last resort I will be at the A.G.M. available for anyone wanting to renew.

Reservoirs. If you would like to obtain the use of a local reservoir for canoeing you will find the local authority likely to be more sympathetic now. Before you approach them read the joint circular from the

Ministry of Land and Natural Resources No. 3/66 and Dept. of Education and Science No. 19/66 (obtainable from HMSO 1/-) — it will help a lot. One point: please do not suggest canoe rolling unless you pretty well know it will be acceptable. Water undertaking authorities are very suspicious of canoeists from the pollution angle and there is plenty of scope for the use of reservoirs for canoe racing and practice, when the canoe will pollute the water much less than the dinghy sailor.

Affiliated Clubs. Will membership secretaries who send in individual members lists please indicate when possible:

- (a) Last year's BCU number.
- (b) Whether a new member.
- (c) Any change of address.

Nearly 50% more clubs have renewed since 1st September than at the same time last year. Many thanks to Secretaries and Treasurers. This really does make administration easier and incidentally cheaper.

LIFEJACKETS — Council statement

The Council has given careful consideration to the policy of giving its approval to certain makes of Lifejacket in order to provide a suitable Lifejacket for canoeists at a price below that of the BSI kite-marked Lifejacket. Unfortunately, the BSI will not provide an inspection service for any Lifejacket which will not conform entirely to BSI standards. To provide a professional inspection service for the relatively small quantity of Lifejackets which would be needed by canoeists would make the BCU Approved Lifejacket cost as much as or even more than the BSI kite-marked Lifejacket.

The Council therefore feels that it is unable to continue to give its approval to any Lifejacket which is not made according to BSI specifications and subject to their inspection during manufacture.

Existing BCU Approved Lifejackets

The Council has been much concerned about canoeists who at present own and use the BCU Approved Lifejacket for use in inland waters. This Lifejacket is well designed and has been given practical tests by experts and pronounced perfectly satisfactory for use in inland waters. In inland waters members can safely use any Lifejacket which is the same as the kite-marked version but without the whistle, life-line and lifting becket. But the Council cannot accept responsibility for the quality of the material which must be a matter between the purchaser and the manufacturer.

No trouble has been reported from users of the BCU approved Lifejacket made by Messrs. Ottersports. However, there may be

a few who still have a jacket made of the faulty material accidentally issued by Messrs. Vacuum Reflex. This material is that of which the air container is made. It is a light yellow in colour and looks as though it is made of canvas. If anybody feels he may still have one of these (the faulty batch was made in February, 1966) the easiest way to check is to take the bottom of the front air bag in one hand and the webbing strap that goes round the waist in the other. Then give a sharp tug outwards. In sound lifejackets this tug will have no effect. In the faulty lifejackets the strap will tear away from the bag. Such lifejackets should be returned immediately to the suppliers. The others are sound and can be worn with full confidence.

BSI 3595 Lifejackets

Not all BSI 3595 kite-marked lifejackets are suitable for canoeing and canoeists are advised to ensure that any lifejacket they buy has the following characteristics:

- (a) Conforms to British Standard 3595.
- (b) Has an inherent (built-in) buoyancy of not less than 20 lbs and not more than 25 lbs.
- (c) Has provision for inflation by mouth to the full buoyancy.
- (d) Is compact enough not to impede paddling.

The General Secretary will keep a list of Lifejackets which have been recommended by the Safety Committee as conforming to the above specifications.

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One hundred years ago, John MacGregor founded the first Canoe Club in the world—now the Royal Canoe Club—at the Star and Garter. This remarkable man at the age of forty designed and had built the first Rob Roy canoe, and within the space of one year paddled extensively in Europe, wrote the best-seller “1,000 miles in the Rob Roy Canoe”, and made canoeing the popular rage of the time.

Philanthropist

He was born on 24th January, 1825, with yachting already in his blood. At Trinity College, Cambridge, he rowed for his college eight and though he read for the Bar, he did not practice the legal profession. He was an ardent philanthropist with deep religious convictions and a great friend of Lord Shaftesbury; together they started the Shoeblack Brigade, which provided work for the boys frequenting Ragged Schools.

His expeditions, which took him all over the world, were the outcome of a strong and aspiring nature, and he was in the habit of carrying with him tracts and useful literature which he distributed wherever he went.

He wrote many books and in 1963 the BCU reprinted “1,000 Miles” from the 13th edition of 1851, which contains not only a fascinating account of his canoe journey, but a map and an appendix giving canoe speeds of the time, information on how to deal with rocks and currents and other remarkable technical data. The General Secretary still holds a small stock of this book, a copy of which MacGregor sent to Emperor Napoleon.

His canoe

The first Rob Roy canoe was 15 ft. long and 2 ft. 6 in. broad, built of oak and weighed (with mast, sails and a two-bladed paddle) about 90 lb. It flew a silk Union Jack and its name was painted on the stern in blue letters. It was in this canoe that he paddled on Lake Titisee in the Black Forest, notwithstanding that the people there protested against the proceeding, and said that Pontius Pilate, who, it seemed, was at the bottom of the lake, would assuredly drag the boat down.

One of the most exciting and best known of all Rob Roy's adventures (MacGregor himself was known by this name from childhood) was when he found himself pursued and fired upon by a mob of furious Hooleh arabs. Eventually the canoe and its occupant were surrounded and lifted bodily from the water, and carried into the presence of the sheikh.

MacGregor knew he was in a difficult position, and resorted to a stratagem—a masterpiece of ready humour—which he described in “Rob Roy on the Jordan”. As no one offered him any food (a calculated insult among arabs) he set to to prepare a meal. Whilst it cooked he offered a pinch of salt to the sheikh, who, believing it to be sugar (arab salt looks like black pepper), accepted. Having thus eaten salt together in the sheikh's own tent, MacGregor and he were then bound by the strongest tie, and MacGregor was able to proceed unmolested.

Lectures

MacGregor's almost sentimental attachment to his successive canoes was well known, as were his exploits, and he was in great demand as a lecturer. In 1870 alone he gave his “Rob Roy” lecture 56 times, earning the sum of £4,160—all of which he devoted to charities and deserving causes. This lecture was a splendid affair—he had a full-size Rob Roy on the stage with him, and would assume at various places in his talk the appropriate dress for canoeing and camel riding, as well as imitating animal noises and performing eastern music.

The canoe used for MacGregor's journeys on the Nile and Jordan (Rob Roy 2) was preserved in the Victoria and Albert Museum and later presented to the Royal Canoe Club, where it still hangs today in the boat-house. Although still in one piece, it leaks like a sieve. In 1948 John Dudderidge paddled it down a swimming pool in a demonstration connected with preparations for the Olympic Games. It barely reached the end before foundering with all hands.

(We are indebted to Major S. Douglas-Jones, nephew of John MacGregor, for his help in compiling this article).

SEA SENSE IN GREENLAND



Chris Hare was a member of the British Geological and Kayaking Expedition to Ubekendt Ejeland, West Greenland, 1966 and in this article recalls some of his experiences seal hunting amidst the ice.

Photo: C. Hare

Jet flight, passenger boat, coastal steamer, helicopter, and now we were on the final stage of our journey to Ubekendt Ejeland in a converted fishing boat used by a mining prospector who came along with a lift just when it looked as if we would be stuck for a week in the area's main settlement — Umanak. The golden light of the midnight sun reflected on the icebergs as we dropped anchor in Igdlorsuit Sund. Igdlorsuit being the only village on Ubekendt Ejeland (Unknown Island), the whole village lined the shore to help us unload and set up camp. It was July 6th, 11 days since we had left Newcastle quay and a rainy England in the grip of a seamen's strike.

From this moment we became part of an active Greenland hunting community sharing its life and celebrations and contributing not a few of our own, the most spectacular being Ronald Thom complete with bagpipes and kilt playing for a village dance! A Greenland village is like any other small community where everybody shares in all that goes on, and in our case the dogs took more than their fair share. No sooner were we installed than the hungry huskies of Igdlorsuit decided that we were fair game and used our camp as a supplementary food supply. They are normally fed only twice a week. During the first three nights they took 34 lb of cheese and all our dried milk powder, and on

other occasions pairs of boots, rucksacks, a primus stove and kettle. Nothing was safe and to place a camera bag on the ground during filming would be fatal. Anything chewable goes. A tea chest proved no deterrent, only an appetiser — so in the end all food was surrounded by a cairn of boulders.

Friendly relations with the village had been established by Dr. Drever, expedition leader on earlier expeditions, and at a series of coffee and home-brewed beer parties during the following week, my own relations became firmly established. Canoeists are much the same the world over. Two glasses of home-brewed ale, and stores of adventures in their kayaks flowed from this village of kayak hunters. They love kayaks and hunting and it is every small boy's dream to go one day and hunt seal from the kayak. Although it must be said that the greatest number of seal are caught from the sledge during the long winter months, it is as a kayak man that the Greenlander is really proud. His eyes glow as he tells of the long stalk of the "puisse" (seal) and the final thrust as the harpoon goes in to the seal wounded by rifle fire, and the kill is made.

So it was to be with me. Although I had been on hunting trips with village hunters, I had always used a camera and left my rifle in the motor boat, my own fibre glass

kayaks were too unstable to be fired from anyway. But after some experiment in the village, I found one kayak which I could wriggle into, so I was set to go with a group of hunters heading for the Kangigdleq Fiord, some 45 miles away to the North.

At the head of the Kangigdleq stands the great Rinks glacier, said to discharge the equivalent of the built up area of Glasgow in ice every three or four weeks. The skill, of course, comes in not being there when it happens, as the tidal wave is estimated at 40 ft. high and the width of the fiord, some three to four miles. Certainly as we rounded Karrat Island and entered the fiord the evidence of a discharge was everywhere. Great pastel green and white icebergs, some a 1,000 ft. in length and 300 ft. high, creaking and groaning as they gradually disintegrated and with a crack and sigh rolled over. The trick is to avoid being underneath in a kayak when they do! On our way into the fiord we had already shot two seal from the motor boat, one by the combined efforts of the village headman Otto Ottosen and myself, and the other by a massive barrage from our companions, but although this gave me a taste of things to come it was not to compare with when I paddled out with Otto in search of "puisse".

Stepping off that motor boat on a bright sunny morning I wriggled into my kayak, made a quick adjustment to the harpoon lashings and a trial shot to make sure the rifle sights were set right, and off we went.

The Greenland hunter is extremely observant and has a considerable knowledge of his quarry's habits. So it was not by chance that we turned into the wind with the tide to paddle up the fiord. After about five miles trailing Otto I heard the whisper "puisse" (seal) and there, about 40 yards away was the black head of a seal sniffing the wind. We crouch low to use the camouflage screen and move silently in but he dives. Otto moves to the left and we wait. Up pops the head, just out of range. For over three-quarters of an hour this game goes on until we anticipate it coming up by a huge iceberg. Sure enough, a black head comes out 30 ft. away, and we move silently in. Otto's 12 bore rifle booms once and the seal floats dead on the water, shot through the back of the head. One seal tied alongside, and we patrol another 3 miles before I spot a black head bobbing a quarter of a mile away on the left. Simultaneously Otto decides to move off in the opposite direction. After a hard burst of paddling I am within 50 yards before the seal dives. From then on the game of cat and mouse begins, the seal moving down the fiord against the sun and wind. After a number of dives we move closer to an

iceberg and I sprint forward anticipating the seal surfacing on the other side. Round the iceberg and up it comes, back towards me. Shorten range, 30-25-20 yards, slide out the .22 rifle, balance boat with knees, come up to aim, the seal turns, crack, it leaps out of the water shot through the jaw and goes deep. I search the area to the left for an interminable period, but no luck, so I set off in search of Otto. Two miles up the fiord we meet and talk. The seals should be moving up towards the glacier, so off we go. Two hours later the long, cold shadows are stretching over the water and an icy wind penetrates my anorak and wet suit. It is nine hours since we last ate, time to call it a day. One seal and a unique fishing story for our pains; I know now why the Greenlanders' eyes glow when the magic word "puisse" is mentioned.

Raw seal meat tasted beautiful that night in camp, although it was better fried with dried onions!

Salmon fishing, reindeer hunting, glacier climbing were all part of my Greenland summer, but nothing could compare with that trembling excitement when my first seal stalking was successful and the black head came up right between my sights.

What now? Well, having once got seal fever, I intend to go on hunting them off the coasts of Britain. There are thousands about, so if you fancy big game hunting from a kayak let me know. Already a few North East canoeists are starting preparing themselves with harpoon equipment for our trip to Scotland next year.



National Youth Championships 1967

Following what might be described as almost a disastrous year with the Youth Championships, it was decided that serious work must be done to see if we could improve the event in general. On the 10th October there was a Committee Meeting, at which the following six points were discussed:

1. **Aim.** That this race should be directed at purely novice paddlers, and a real attempt made to involve the uninitiated.
2. **Time of Event.** It was felt that the event was being run much too early in the year, and clashed with many big public examinations.
3. **Distance,** i.e. 500 metres. It was felt this was too great a distance for Class B, and Girls, and this should be reduced to 250 metres for these classes.
4. **Boat.** This has been in the past the cause of much argument, and David Green, the PRC and LDR National Coach, has now undertaken to evolve a one boat design. This will be a BCU Youth Boat, the design of which will be given to all manufacturers to produce in their own particular way.
5. **Areas.** It was felt that serious work must be done in the areas in conjunction with the timing of the event. In the future, it is intended to write to each Youth and Education Authority, and invite them to run their own event with a view to submitting the County or Local Champion. If this proves large enough, an Area Championship will then be run, and it has chiefly been accepted that the Finals should be offered to different places in different years. It is hoped that in the future organisation, the Local Authorities will be asked to complete their local event by the 31st July, and that the Finals will be held either in the last week or so of August or the first week of September.
6. **Sponsor.** The Committee are going to look into the idea of getting a regular sponsor for the event. Several suggestions have already been put forward.

These ideas have yet to be officially approved by the Paddle Racing Committee. It is hoped that in the new set-up, the Coaching Committee will be persuaded to take a greater part.

JEFF. LAW,
National Organiser,
National Youth Championships.

Leven Wild Water Test 1966

Out of a total of 168 runs this year, David Mitchell of Chester CC takes the Gold Dipper again, with the best corrected time of 5 mins. 45 secs. His best run was in October, but in May and November he put up the second, fourth and fifth best times of the year, with John Woodhouse taking 5 mins. 47 secs. to claim the third fastest run, and a silver dipper (1st class). It is noticeable that all the fast runs now are in Racing canoes, the fastest slalom canoe comes 24th in the list. So far, no one has beaten the 9 mins. 57 secs. in a C.1 set by Dick Gays.

Around the clubs

THE LAKELAND C.C. Slalom held on the upper Lune on 10th-11th September proved popular and entertaining despite continuous rain.

The site, on natural rapids below Broad Raine weir, was declared an excellent addition to the slalom calendar.

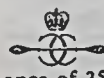
Canadian canoeing has truly arrived and there were six entries for Saturday's event, intermingled with the normal Team event, on a tricky but very interesting low water course of 17 gates.



From CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY C.C. October has been beset with the University Club's perennial problem, putting dozens of novices into boats and teaching them how not to drown themselves. Although this wastage of one-third of its members every year is a continual problem, it does have the advantage of introducing large numbers of people to competitive canoeing.

The first slalom organised by the club since Grandtully days was held at Trevor, and went off well despite a sudden rise in water level giving the inexperienced course erectors a week-end approximating closely to Hell. The inexperience of its members in organising such a slalom is another problem peculiar to University clubs.

Various pet projects — mainly in building unrestricted boats — have proved instructive if not world-shattering, a twenty-foot boat being only marginally faster than a K1. The result of tests on WW racing boats is to be published in White Water Magazine.




A special paddling race took place from Marlow to the ROYAL C.C. club house, a distance of 35 miles, on 17th September. Special


credit goes to Gordon Williams, a 10 sq. m. canoe sailor from Christchurch who had never been in a paddling canoe in his life before! He arrived at Teddington on the Friday evening and was given Charles Sutherland's text book to read before going to bed. He set forth next morning in a Canadian canoe with his equally inexperienced crew and both finished the course in fine style — by no means last in their class.

The Fifth National SEA SCOUT Regatta was held at Kingston on Thames early in October, when more than 1,200 Sea Scouts arrived from all over the country to compete. There were 90 competitors in both Under 15 and Senior Scout Canoe Paddling Races over a sprint 440 yd. course.

The highly successful event was sponsored by the Royal Canoe Club.



Now that the rivers are filling up again, the BIRMINGHAM C.C. canoeing season proper is getting under way. Carel Quaife writes, "We are just beginning to show a more serious interest in white water racing". The Hon. Secretary has just finished his Water Flea (a seven foot indoor canoe designed by Dick Gays) and used it for the first time ever at a recent rolling demonstration — he rather overdid the amount of water as ballast and the murphy (known outside Birmingham as a seal launch) turned into a vertical dive till all but six inches of the canoe had vanished! The club has also been water skiing and eight out of the nine novices learnt and became quite proficient during the week-end. The ninth was heard muttering something about being dragged round the pond by a loud smell!



SHEPPERTON CANOE CLUB was formed in April 1966 by a few frustrated canoeists who were finding it increasingly difficult to follow their sport of canoe slalom to its utmost in a multi-section club.

With practice in mind, their boat-house is situated on Shepperton Lock island and has direct access to the weir.

The club is new and small, but keen, and has already run three slaloms this year. Secretary Colin Horwood would be interested to hear from any club planning a trip to the World Championships in Czechoslovakia next year.

On Sunday, 30th September the RIVER STOUR ACTION COMMITTEE organised a 7 mile cruise of boats down the river from Langham to Brantham, the object being to exercise and draw public attention to the public right of navigation which exists on the river. In particular the Committee are campaigning for the re-opening



Senior Heats, National Sea Scout Regatta. photo: Ilford

of the locks on the river as far as Stratford St. Mary which, owing to superficial neglect, cannot be used.

The paddlers found much to interest them on the cruise and the warm sunny day made the trip most attractive. Nevertheless they were not pleased to see that the locks are still obstructed by stop boards. Apart from the illegality of this, at Dedham in particular this is dangerous for boat users, as the alternative portaging position is difficult and the Action Committee fear that unless the Essex River Authority take precautions there may well be a drowning accident here.

The committee of the LEICESTERSHIRE SCHOOLS CANOEING ASSOCIATION decided that apt prizes for their recent long distance races would be the year's subscription to BCU membership, and as a result the BCU Secretary found one morning a letter containing a list of names of boys and girls who qualified for prizes. We think this is an excellent idea, and hope that other organisations catering for youth will consider similar awards.



"We broke a bottle of champagne to welcome our National Junior K2 Champions home!" So reports EXETER C.C.'s Secretary. Their success has inspired the other juniors to acquire a decent racing boat and to enter races. It has been an awakening too late in the season to affect the Hasler Trophy but watch out next year — E.C.C. is on the war-path.

The winter programme will contain something for everyone — races for the very juniors as well as the "old men", and a steeplechase which sounds tough but should be good fun to watch! A challenge has been accepted from R.N. College Britannia, and they are open to any other challenges that anyone in the area cares to make.

Bookshelf

GUIDE TO THE WATERWAYS OF THE BRITISH ISLES (BCU, 16/- to members). The revised Guide now contains four pages of maps, where the relationships of the (numbered) rivers and canals can easily be seen. I would have preferred to see the occasional town marked, the absence of these useful points of reference is at times frustrating. Adverts have disappeared from the book, which is wonderful value for the price. No touring canoeist should be without it. **Rating ★★ ★★**

BUYING SECONDHAND (Consumers' Association, 8/-).

This interesting 144-page book contains a general section on buying secondhand, in pawnbrokers, street markets, auction rooms, etc., legal aspects are discussed and then details follow on what to look for or avoid in a wide variety of goods, including tortoisés, furniture, and used electric light bulbs (yes, really!). Canoes are included; the section is short and the advice mainly commonsense. **Rating ★★ ★★**

We have been asked to mention that David Sutcliffe was co-editor of "Canoeing Complete", reviewed last issue and attributed only to Brian Skilling.

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