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# Editorial

## Too Much Water

Congratulations to Leeds C.C. on a splendid effort at Appletreewick—the programme for the Slalom was informative and imaginative—24 pages for a small fee, others please copy. This should have been a great day's sport on the Sunday had not the water level been so high, but even as a non-event, the scene was impressive with tents, boats, cars and mobile restaurants covering a vast creage.

Had I known how muddy the conditions were to be near the river, I would not have been so annoyed when my party was spattered with brown-coloured water by a turquoise mini which left as we arrived, and for which we stood aside on the narrow track. Nevertheless, such thoughtlessness can hardly endear the canoeist, if such he was, to the general public.

## Secretary's Notes

### Membership

Included with the last issue of Canoeing in Britain was a renewal form coloured blue. These are now being returned in a very satisfactory manner for which our thanks to all those members who have complied. To those who have not, please complete the form and send it to Headquarters before it gets lost. We wish to reduce the "reminder" postage bill as far as possible.

Final individual membership for the year showed a decrease on the previous year of 2.7%, a figure much less than was earlier anticipated and this decrease was entirely accounted for in the Youth membership.

Affiliation to the Union by Clubs shows a satisfactory and steady increase.

Judging by the volume of correspondence received at Headquarters canoeing is attracting more and more interest. Will members please ensure that they put their membership number at the top of their letters when writing to H.Q. It is unfortunate to have to admit it but at times pressure is so great that delays in replying are inevitable and some system of preference has to be adopted. We consider it right that current members should get preference and we certainly haven't got time to check to see if a correspondent is a member or not, unless this information is there.

## N.B.

Events for the 1967 Calendar, published next March, must be with us by 10th February, 1968. Please fix your events early, and LET US KNOW. We publish DATE, CLUB and ORGANISER'S NAME AND ADDRESS and we like to include the LD classification or slalom divisions. Please state if event has RANKING STATUS.

Don't delay—

Do it now!

## Come and Join Us

Chris Hare and I look forward to meeting correspondents old and new at the A.G.M. in January. Until then,

Happy Christmas, and good canoeing in 1968.

JACK LEVISON

## B.C.U. Supplies

The Long Distance Racing Handbook is expected from the printers at any time and by the time these notes are read all outstanding orders should have been met.

Canoeing No. 2 Handling and Management has proved so popular that a reprint without alteration has been effected.

## 1968 A.G.M. and Conference

Don't forget the date Saturday, 27th January, 1968. We hope to include a programme of events with this issue of Canoeing in Britain. Accommodation is still available at the Palace at a cost of £3—per person for the whole weekend, but we are getting a steady application for places so get in quickly if you don't want to be disappointed.

## Canoeing Courses

Full details from C.C.P.R. (L & S.E.) 26 Park Crescent, London, W.1.

## Potential Instructors

SE/2230 5—7 April, 1968, Bisham Abbey.  
SE/2200 19—20 April, 1968, Thames Young Mariners, Ham, Richmond.

## Potential Coaches—Senior Instructors

SE-2232 22—24 March, 1968, Bisham Abbey.

Dear Sir,

Judging from the general tenor of 'Canoeing in Britain' the B.C.U. seems worried about its membership. May I as a strictly weekend, solo, car canoeist offer a few comments. The vicarious thrill of slalom and the heady pleasures of racing are not for me, I just want to potter down quiet rivers and enjoy the local flora and fauna.

The two local clubs I have talked to seemed obsessed by slalom and racing and I felt totally out of place in their company, so did not join. Likewise, 'C. in B.' seems to give little space to the affairs of the mere tourist. Might I therefore suggest more attention to the non-club members. A few suggestions are attached.

(1) Articles in 'C. in B.' on selected rivers including details of rights of access and car access points. Also suggestions for short one or two day tours.

(2) How about a hire service for redundant moulds from clubs? To make a mould for one off is ridiculous and the hire would be worth a few pounds to both the hirer and club secretaries.

(3) How about negotiating an area restricted licence system for B.C.U. members with British Waterways? I'd like to run the Oxford or Avon and Kennet but I'm not paying £5 for the privilege. I'd cheerfully pay 5s. to 10s. a year for a licence specifically for these canals only.

I feel that there are probably plenty more such ideas amongst us lone canoeists, but the B.C.U. has to find a way to contact us and make us feel wanted.

R. C. WATKINS.

*(The touring side of canoeing does not occupy as much space as it ought in C. in B.—this is only because we receive few really interesting touring articles—we will gladly print any good ones, if those who have a favourite waterway will describe it for others to enjoy.)*

*It is not our wish to neglect the individual member—we try to include articles of general interest as well as specialist items. The editor's difficulty is that, while he can (and does) write to the organisers of group activities (club and committee secretaries, etc.) each quarter to remind them to send details of their activities, he cannot remind individuals, even if he knew who was active and who not!*

Dear Jack,

I was glad to read Pa Cousins's letter in your September issue, and his correction that I bought only No. 4 Canoe from David Hirschfield in 1935.

It is quite true that David taught me to roll. I remember that he offered me an Eskimo Kayak, but I refused to buy it until I could roll. Unfortunately it is not very easy to check exactly when I learnt to roll, as I have no diary of those days—only the log book of my car. This shows that I made a lot of journeys to Richmond in June and July of 1938, and I can only guess that this was when I was learning to roll.

At a matter of fact there is some more about rolling later on in my history, which throws yet further light on all this.

OLIVER COCK.

Dear Jack,

A query has been made as to what Film Loops are, together with the suggestion that a description be published in 'Canoeing in Britain'.

Film loops are short lengths of film covering a single action and when the two ends are spliced together the loop can be run through the projector repetitively whilst the action is studied. The reel arms on the projector are not of course used, the surplus part of the loop being allowed to hang down from the table and, if necessary, on to the floor.

Most of the B.C.U. 16 mm ones are 4 or 5 ft long but one is only 29 ins. and a few as much as 12 ft. The 8 mm ones are half these lengths.

MAURICE ROTHWELL,  
B.C.U. Film Officer.

Dear Sir,

I have over the past year formed a school canoe club. I have at present 30 active members and this is increasing each week. The founder members are now becoming fairly advanced canoeists so I decided to take 10 of them to watch the International Slalom on October 1st, G.B. v France at Shepperton, so they could see the experts at work. The day was marred for me in three ways.

(1) Throughout my coaching, I have placed safety first, and the boys have accepted certain aspects of canoeing as both

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common practice and common sense. I was alarmed and disgusted to see the organisers allowing both practice and competition by many of the competitors without life jackets and crash helmets. The lack of wild water below Shepperton Weir is not an excuse to ignore safety precautions.

Officials at club slaloms and wild water races are now insisting upon life jackets and crash helmets. Canoeists failing to wear them are disqualified. How can we expect and demand that young canoeists wear life jackets and take safety precautions when we see many of our best slalomists allowed to compete in an international competition by the organisers without life jackets and crash helmets?

(2) In both September and October editions of 'Canoeing' and also in 'Canoeing in Britain' (Sept.) the international was scheduled for October 1st (no time was given). The B.C.U. though decided to hold the slalom on Saturday, September 30th and Sunday, October 1st. Did the B.C.U. suddenly change its mind? Many of the boys I brought to watch had expected the competition to last all day with one run in the morning and one in the afternoon.

(3) At an International one expects the best not only of performers but of organisation. Directions to the venue by the customary 'S' signs were not visible. Stencilled programmes were available but the canoeist wore no numeral identification, this would have helped greatly. Added interest could have easily been given over a Tannoy system giving details of each canoeist, name, age, occupation, family canoeing experience, etc. This would add more interest for the spectators. Such an idea would be possible at a confined weir like Shepperton.

If then the B.C.U. is to put on an international meeting it must aim to put on an event that is well publicised to encourage spectators so that they are kept fully interested, a high standard of safety is demanded and that the event is worthy of the title, an international slalom.

I do hope that this letter, or part of it, or the general context can be brought to the attention of those responsible for organising the event.

ROBERT CASTLE,

B.C.U. Instructor,

Head of P.E. Dept.,

Beckenham & Penge Boys' G.S.

Dear Jack,

Certain comments appear under "Slalom Round-up" in the September issue. Fortunately the writer does make it clear that he gives only his own opinion, but . . . a full statement of the facts should be made.

At a full Slalom Committee meeting held prior to the opening of the season it was decided that only those C.2 events held with Division 1 and 2 events should have ranking status.

At the Lune and Grandtully events early in the year there were only 2 and 1 entries respectively and under standing orders these did not qualify as ranking events. As the season progressed interest gained momentum and later events attracted reasonable entries.

During a non-ranking event held on July 30th at which a meeting of the Executive had not been called a proposal was made to certain members of the Executive who happened to be present that the C.2 events at two 3rd and 4th Division events on September 17th and October 8th should be made Ranking to replace the two "lost" in the spring.

I was not myself present but received a report a day or two later and understand that the proposal met with some approval but nevertheless there were some doubts as to whether circumstances had changed to such an extent as to warrant reversing the decision of a full committee meeting.

This introduced the very important principle as to whether officials can make decisions without authority of a committee. In my view if they do so they must decide with their consciences not only whether they themselves think their decision is right but also whether any member of their committee would be likely to object. My own usual procedure is to take a sort of Gallup poll and if the people I consult all agree I assume all others would do likewise. Here there was some doubt and therefore the decision was deferred until a meeting to be held on August Bank Holiday as the matter did not appear of sufficient urgency to justify putting members of the committee to the time and expense of travelling to a special meeting to be called earlier.

MAURICE ROTHWELL,

Chairman, B.C.U. Slalom Committee.

# ANNUAL REPORT

of the Council 1967

## Retires

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

Hon. Treasurer: E. J. Owen. This year

## Elected Members of Council

Retire this year Retire next year

C. M. Rothwell	J. Bright
P. C. A. Rogers	R. Emes
J. Spuhler	R. M. O'Keefe
R. F. Tyas	A. L. Williams
C. B. Manton.	One Vacancy (Miss E. E. McLellan)

## Nominated Members of Council

Coaching Committee: G. Sanders, J. Travers.

L.D.R. Committee: M. Bosher, A. Tullett.

Sailing Committee: P. Wells, A. Emus.

Slalom Committee: Miss Bellord, J. Shaw.

Sprint Racing Committee: R. Sowman, J. D. Thomas.

Touring Committee: C. E. McAllister, C. Mortlock.

Scottish Division: Mrs. C. Stevenson.

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

Co-opted: J. Levison.

**General Secretary:** Major G. E. Tomlinson.

## Council Committee Chairmen

General Purposes: R. Tyas.

Competitive: J. Spuhler.

Access: J. W. Dudderidge.

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

Coaching: G. Sanders.

Publicity: A. Lindsay Williams.

## Divisional Presidents

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

Scottish Canoe Assoc.: Mrs. C. Stevenson.

## Membership

	1965	1966	1967
Individuals	3,272	3,532	3,442
Clubs	256	291	300
Associates	12	24	32

Individual membership fell by 2½% on the year and this was entirely accounted for by a fall in the youth membership. Both Full membership and Family membership showed increases of 11 members and 46 members respectively. Youth membership

declined by 147 members and is probably due to the increase in subscription.

Club Affiliations and Associates showed satisfactory increases.

A cause of some concern is the large turnover in membership. During the year some 1,300 members failed to renew their membership whilst just over 1,200 new members were recruited. Council hopes that all current members will continue to support the Union.

## National Affairs

Canoeing is undoubtedly a growing and popular sport and there are many encouraging signs that Local Authorities, Schools, Colleges and Youth Organisations are showing more and more enthusiasm in assisting their canoeists.

Activities during the year have increased considerably. Regional Representatives, Area Coaching Organisers and all connected with the Coaching Scheme have given their time and knowledge without stint.

The Council is most appreciative of the good work done by all concerned.

The Sports Council through the Department of Education and Science gave increased assistance during the year towards administration, coaching, international competitions and the purchase of equipment for various sections of the sport.

Through its representatives on the committees of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, British Olympic Association, Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, and the Canoe Life Guard Corps, the Union has continued to make its contribution to the wider promotion of sport and recreation.

## International Affairs

Your officers have continued to render service to the International Canoe Federation through membership of the I.C.F. Board (The President); Sailing Committee (Mr. Wells); Slalom Committee (Mr. Spuhler); Propaganda Committee (Mr. Thelen), and Mr. Thelen has edited the I.C.F. International Bulletin. An Organising Committee for the 3rd World Championships in Canoe Sailing, to be held in England in 1969, has been set up and has laid down the general plan.

The Union is taking a leading part in the international promotion of Long Distance Racing and is assisting a newly formed committee to prepare the ground for an approach to the I.C.F. for full recognition of this popular branch of canoe racing.

During the year, the I.C.F. Sailing Committee held a weekend Conference in England, part of the time at Headquarters and part at the Royal Canoe Club.



L.D. Singles Champion Charles Evans, partnered by Ladies Champion Adrienne Huskisson, training down the Sella.

Photo: Dave Lewis

## **Divisional Reports:** **Scottish Canoe Association** **General**

While the interest of Education Authorities and Youth Organisations in Canoeing has increased the active canoeists in the clubs seem to have decreased. There is speculation as to whether there is some link in this 'reversal' situation.

Another problem facing the Association is the lack of Administrators, the time is right for a break through in various aspects but it is proving difficult to recruit the necessary honorary officers to make this possible.

When the B.C.U. decided to abandon the National Open Youth Championships the Association had already set a date for its event and it was decided to carry on. While the entry was not as good as was hoped for, it certainly justified holding the "Scottish Open Youth Championships". This year the Championships were held at Hogganfield Loch, Glasgow, for the first time, and taking various items into consideration, next year should see an increase in entries.

### **S.C.A. Council**

This has been a busy year for the Council with the Ministry of Defence setting up two dockyard ports in a popular touring area which also affected the course for the annual 3 Lochs Doubles Race.

Representatives of the Council met the Sports Council for Scotland and there is a representative on the Study Group set up to examine the possibilities of setting up a Scottish Water Sports Centre.

Contact has been established with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and it appears that the Association has much to offer to the scheme.

### **Paddling Racing**

When Marianne Tucker moved to Scotland she took on the job of S.C.A. Paddling Racing Secretary. This was quite a job as Marianne had to contend with a new home, new employment, etc., as well as being plunged into an unfamiliar set of canoeing conditions, rules and organisation. However, Marianne has proved to be a very good P.R. Sec., and big changes are under way with regard to sprint training, K.I. racing, etc.

### **Long Distance Racing**

For the first time the S.C.A. had a team entered in the Open British Championship Interational and the Liffey Descent International in Eire. This, we hope, is only the start of bigger things to come.

On the home front there have been the usual L.D.R.'s on the sea with tendency to class racing instead of handicap. Also the first Scottish L.D.R. to be held on a river was the Scottish L.D.R. Championship held on the Tay over a 16½ mile course.

### **Slalom**

This year the Slalom fraternity have been concentrating on running mini-Slalom to try to introduce more canoeists and beginners to Slalom. The Association was pleased to note that Brian Palmer of Forth C.C. was picked as reserve to the British Team at the World Championships this year.

## Coaching

A number of Scottish Instructors attended the B.C.U. Coaching Weekend at Loughborough and there was a lot of valuable discussion. At the B.C.U. National Coaching Committee Meeting at the end of the weekend the Association put proposals for a Coaching Agreement to the Committee. These proposals were altered slightly by the Committee and subsequently ratified by the S.C.A. Council. As a result of this agreement the S.C.A. Coaching Scheme will get an injection of Award Holders from those resident in Scotland holding B.C.U. Awards.

Two one week, courses for Instructors were run at 'Inverclyde' National Recreation Centre together with various week-end courses and testing sessions.

## Touring

Sea touring continues to be very popular with various groups visiting the Western Isles and the mainland sea lochs. One pair visited Norway and canoed up the coast from Bergen for nearly 300 miles. They reported the Norwegian Coast to be perfect for sea touring, for the experienced sea canoeist.

## Safety

There have been two fatal accidents full reports of which are pending action by the fiscal. In both cases youths of organisations other than canoe clubs were involved and the Association is concerned about the standards of safety, training and equipment of some organisations in which canoeing is not the major activity.

## Canoe Association of Northern Ireland

Canoeing in Northern Ireland this year has made quiet, but steady progress and the main feature of the year has been the launching of a Ministry-recognised coaching scheme based on the British Canoe Union scheme and reaching through schools, youth groups and adult clubs.

This coaching scheme is based on outdoor and indoor training and instruction sessions and has already been launched fairly successfully.

The increasing development of indoor facilities has given a huge boost to the sport through the winter months and is linking up with increasing interest in canoe building, which has now been included in our scheme.

Competitions continue to prove highly successful through the sponsorship of our local industries and firms and, while only Neil Alexander of the Belfast Canoe Club brought an Irish Championship north this

year, our other competitors continue to be well represented.

All of our events have this year been noted for the huge increase in the number of entries which is a most encouraging feature, from the point of view of the organisers.

The other encouraging and interesting feature of canoeing in Northern Ireland is the fact that two of our strongest clubs are now in the far west of the province: Strabane and Enniskillen.

It is felt, in the Association, that we have now reached a point where, having become established, and increased sufficiently in numbers to make events and schemes viable, that we need a period of intense concentration and development of standards, and this is our main objective in the immediate future.

## Headquarters

After two and a half years of sterling work for the Union Capt. Alec Kennedy, the General Secretary, resigned at the end of June due to ill health and the strain of travelling daily from Gillingham to Park Crescent. During his period of office the expansion of the Union was phenomenal. The increasing popularity of canoeing both as a sport and pastime meant and means that the Headquarters Office has to work at very high pressure.

The new General Secretary is Major Gilbert Tomlinson who took over from Capt. Kennedy at the end of June.

Miss Maureen Mulroy was appointed Assistant Secretary after serving since March as Secretary/Typist.

Headquarters took over the administration of the Coaching Scheme early in the year.

## Coaching Scheme

The Coaching scheme has made rapid progress during the year and the number of persons applying to take the various B.C.U. Tests from Novice to Coach is ever increasing.

Area Coaching Organisers, those extremely hard working Officers, have been very active during the year and their efforts are very greatly appreciated together with that vast array of Instructors, Senior Instructors and Coaches who so ably assist them in their work.

Our thanks must also go to our National Coach Mr. Oliver Cock who has worked so energetically and tirelessly throughout the year to further the technical ability of all concerned.

The new Coaching Handbook is expected to be available for distribution in December.



### National Coach

The National Coach has again visited all parts of the United Kingdom and the Channel Islands. More and more Education Authorities, Schools and various organisations appreciate the importance of proper instruction on their canoeing activities and Mr. Cock's services are much sought after. He does in fact have great difficulty in rationing out his services in order to obtain the best possible result.

### Touring at Home and Abroad

The Union's advice about touring in this country and on the Continent has continued to be sought, but it too often happens that enquirers ask for information that has been set out in the Guide to the Waterways much more fully than is possible in reply to a letter. The Guide was produced to provide information about waterways in a form that would enable members to plan their own trips. The Council regrets that it cannot undertake to plan trips in detail for individuals and school or youth parties. With camp sites in particular the position changes from year to year and even from month to month with the willingness or otherwise of farmers and other owners to have tents on their land. Much as the Union would like to issue prepared lists of camp sites on rivers, it cannot do so with any prospect of reliability. For parties it is normally essential for a reconnaissance visit to be paid beforehand and sites fixed up by personal negotiation with farmers.

No organised holiday tour on the Continent has been arranged this year, but the trailer has been reconstructed, and is now sound and reliable, and is available for hire by clubs at a moderate daily charge.

### Access to Waterways

The Access Committee has given much attention to this subject during the past year. Increasing opposition to canoeing has developed during the past year on the Ribble and other Lancashire rivers, and it has unfortunately, not yet been possible to resolve this. Counsel's opinion has been sought on access generally to waterways and on the Ribble in particular. Representatives of the Union, usually River Advisers, have attended meetings in different parts of the country of bodies interested in water-sports called by Regional Sports Councils, to study the local water recreation possibilities and the potential and actual conflicts of interest involved. It is their object to identify, and if possible resolve these difficulties so as to foster multiple use of scarce facilities to the benefit of several sports. Prior to the appearance of the White Paper on the use of British Waterways canals for recreation and amenity, the Union took part in a discus-

sion on the subject of "cruising waterways" with the C.C.P.R., representatives of British Waterways, the Ministry of Transport and angling interests. It is clear from the White Paper that British Waterways is anxious to encourage canoeists to use canals that are no longer being maintained for commercial use. A discussion has also taken place with representatives of the Country Landowners Association about the possibilities of use of private waterways by canoes. It is the Committee's intention to follow up this discussion whenever the opportunity offers.

### B.C.U. Sailing Committee

At the European Championships this year Sweden for the first time took the first three places. This reflects the ever increasing standards in canoe sailing as in other international sport and the great amount of effort which the Swedes have put into encouraging and promoting the IC class.

The Sailing Committee is looking into ways to promote canoe sailing in the country so that we may regain our leading place at the World Championships in 1969 to be held at Grafham Water. This year four week-end open events were held at various centres and attracted good entries. Next year it is proposed to increase the number of these events which will have the two fold purpose of providing top flight competition throughout the summer and of giving extra support and promotion for local fleets.

The Sailing Committee is also looking at ways of reducing the cost to newcomers to the sport. One approach is the 'Quest' hard chine design which is intended as an easy to build trainer. With the help of Jack Holt, the well-known dinghy and small boat designer the Committee is looking into other approaches to easily built high performance sailing canoes.

Every opportunity is taken to exhibit sailing canoes at Dinghy & Canoe Exhibitions. The London Dinghy Conference at the Crystal Palace was a notable success and the IC stand attracted favourable comment in the yachting press.

### Corps of Canoe Lifeguards

After several years of very slow growth the Corps of Canoe Lifeguards appears to be moving, and during the next few years considerable development can be anticipated.

A Northumberland group has now come under the wing of the Corps, and as this group is working closely with the Royal Life Saving Society, and other branches of the Beach Rescue services, the possibilities of the canoe as a life saving instrument will be brought before all life saving groups in the country.

We again acknowledge our indebtedness to the Headmaster and Staff of Atlantic College for their enthusiasm and willingness to pass on to other groups and individuals the knowledge and skill they have acquired in the field of beach rescue.

A manual in instruction is almost ready for publication and should fill a great need. The illustrated brochure of the life guards prepared by the authorities of Atlantic College has now appeared, and should be of great value in spreading knowledge of and interest in, the work of the Canoe Life Guards, and stimulate the establishment of new groups around our coasts, and inland.

Finance is still a problem, and we must continue to stress the importance of units seeking local support, particularly from the authorities on whose beaches they operate beach patrols.

### Slalom

The 1967 Slalom season will be remembered as the year in which Great Britain won the Silver medal in the main event at the World Championships in Czechoslovakia. This achievement by Dave Mitchell, five times British National Champion, is a fitting reward for the effort which went behind it.

On the home scene the most notable feature has been the introduction of Canadian canoeing which although still in its infancy, promises to become a significant section of the sport.

The improvement of communications and dissemination of information is always of vital importance if standards are to be raised, and the slalom committee is now offering a service which includes an annual Diary with 48 pages of Fixtures, Rules and General Information and also a quarterly magazine "White Water" which provides a ready platform for constructive criticism as well as official recommendations.

### Long Distance Racing

For those interested in our branch of the sport 1967 could be called "the profit and loss" year.

The resignation of Hugh Bruce as Chairman is a great loss to L.D.R., he has served our sport and canoeing generally for many years, to the good of all and it is going to be difficult to replace him.

Then there is the loss of goodwill between competitors and race organisers over the non-return of race trophies. This has become a serious habitual matter which if allowed to continue could lead to a re-appraisal of the presentation of trophies.

For the credit side of the year's balance sheet we can underline the first joint Sprint/Long Distance Racing weekend of canoe

racing, the first full International Championship and the first L.D.R. Dance. In the International L.D. Competitions we have much of credit to report. The five major Spanish Races, the Sella, the Nalon, the Relevos, the Villaviciosa and the Leon were attended by some 450 canoeists from 12 countries. A strong British Team attended and gained the following:—

Open Senior Singles	1sts	—	1
	2nds	—	3
	3rds	—	1
Open Senior Doubles	1sts	—	0
	2nds	—	2
	3rds	—	1
Open Ladies Doubles	1sts	—	3
	Team Prizes	1sts	—
	2nds	—	1

At the Irish International some five countries entered and the British Team gained 1st and 2nd place in the Open Senior Doubles, 1st place in the Open Senior Singles and 2nd place in the Ladies Singles.

We now look to the future and to the establishment of an I.C.F. Committee to deal with Long Distance Racing rules to govern and promote the international growth of the sport.

### Sprint Racing

Another successful draw was held this year showing a good profit, the proceeds of which along with those from previous efforts, now give us a K.4., an outboard motor for our proposed training launch and a transistorized loud hailer.

We were honoured with a visit from a team of South Africans who spent a month here learning about canoeing. Indeed they showed some of our own paddlers the way across the line, and it was a very enjoyable visit from our point of view.

Also racing here this year were teams from Denmark, Holland, Spain and Eire, these taking part in the regatta following the National Long Distance Championships at Bedford. This event in itself was something of a milestone in that it was the first event to be organised jointly by the Sprint and L.D. branches of the sport, and the first major event to be sponsored in sprint since the News of the World dropped the Serpentine Regatta.

Abroad we must offer our congratulations to Lesley Oliver of Southampton, winning a Silver Medal at the Junior European Championships at Karlstad, Sweden, in the Ladies 500 m. K.1. Our competitors at Duisberg in Germany in the Senior Championships were not so successful. The best performance was shown by Sylvia Jackson and Alistair Wilson in their singles events.

One loss to sprint racing this year was "Abdul" Sowman who felt unable to continue as secretary to the Sprint Racing Committee due to other commitments.

There has been a noticeable decline in sportsmanship, both on and off the water. The kind of small-mindedness that has been experienced this year does a tremendous amount of harm to the sport, and does nothing to enlarge it. Such incidents are aggravating enough when they happen at home but disastrous when they happen at international events and a disciplinary committee has been formed to deal with such incidents.

### **Publicity Committee**

Press publicity has shown much improvement over the twelve months, mainly on the slalom and white water side. L.D., sprint and touring publicity may well improve as a result of increased awareness of its need with the setting up of the Publicity Committee in April. Television has also been a serious gap and it is hoped the competitive committee will consider how best to increase the coverage of their branch in this medium. With the help of the trade, the B.C.U. has taken a stand at the 1968 International Boat Show in the "Youth Afloat" special feature.

Locally, some clubs have strenuously utilised all channels of publicity, but many are still unaware of the importance of active publicity. Internal publicity has been excellently served by the staff of Canoeing in Britain.

### **B.C.U. Supplies**

Sales increased considerably during the year and the Supplies Department has proved popular with canoeists as well as proving a useful source of revenue to the Union funds.

### **B.C.U. Publications**

The new revised edition of the Long Distance Racing Handbook which has suffered many setbacks in production is at long last available at 3/- per copy from Headquarters.

The new booklets on Canoe Construction are in the course of preparation and it is hoped will be available shortly.

### **Canoeing in Britain**

'Canoeing in Britain' appeared four times during the year, and incorporated Tide Tables and a poster calendar in March, and a fibreglass canoe mould plan in September. Advertisement growth rate was in the region of 6% over the year. A continuous effort has been made to develop the magazine, whilst keeping expenditure down.

### **B.C.U. Insurances**

Interest in the canoe insurance scheme has continued to increase during the year. Last year's increase in premiums does not seem to have had very much effect on the number of new policies taken out, although a number of insurances have not been renewed. It is not known, however, how many of these non-renewals referred to canoes which had been sold, and insurance therefore no longer required. It is to be hoped that the fact that over 100 claims have been made this year, many for new canoes after irreparable damage, will not lead to a further increase in premiums in the near future.

Clubs and Individuals are reminded that quotations can be obtained for virtually any form of insurance. In this respect, business has been very quiet to date, but an increase in these other forms of insurance could bring a useful sum in commission to swell the B.C.U.'s funds.

### **Films**

Following the introduction of the new film, "The Basic Skills", to the library last year, a new set of loops under the same title has been added to the list of those available for purchase. Further additions to the library are under consideration.

The British Film Institute report of their management of the library is not yet to hand but on the first six months October to March there has been a decline of hirings to 225 as compared with 329 over a similar period the previous year. Sale of loops on the other hand shows an increase to 401 over the full year as compared with 293 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 Department 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 for Coaching and Administration, support of International Teams and Capital Equipment for Sprint and Slalom.

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

**J. W. Dudderidge**  
President.

## Britain's Cruiseways

Over 1,400 miles of inland waterways in Britain—virtually the whole of the network now open for pleasure cruising—are to be retained and developed for recreational purposes with the help of a Government grant-in-aid, according to the White Paper, *British Waterways: Recreation and Amenity* published in September.

The decision means that the Government will be paying an initial subsidy of £340,000 a year to maintain the waterways at a standard suitable for pleasure cruising, over and above the £600,000 a year which the non-commercial waterways cost anyway—whatever is done with them. The interests of anglers, canoeists and naturalists will be taken into account.

### New Club

For a long time now, one of the greatest problems of the person who was looking for really advanced sea canoeing, has been getting a suitable group to go along with with. It is therefore opportune that the formation of a new club can now be announced, not named as yet, but for advanced sea canoeists.

The basic idea is that there are four meets a year, of which it is compulsory to attend two. These meets will be to attempt advanced sea crossings such as Bardsey Island, Stockholm and innumerable others anywhere around the British Coasts.

Obviously potential members must consider themselves capable of such crossings, but the main thing is that you are keen to have a go. If you are interested, write to the Hon. Sec., Ken Rudram, Bodlondeb, Mill Street, Betws-y-Coed.



### Progress on the Guide

Chris McAllister

Chris McAllister hopes to hold a get-together at the A.G.M. for all interested in helping with the new Waterways Guide. Contact him for details at 11a Springfield Mount, Leeds 2. (Phone 0532-26701).

All itineraries must be brought up to date by next October, and he asks anyone familiar with rivers, canals or coast in the shaded portions of the map to contact him. All information relating to Scotland should be sent direct to D. R. Winning, 1 Ashburn Gardens, Gourrock, Renfrewshire.

The Liffey Descent is now firmly established as an International kayak race of stature. With a record entry of over 80 crews, and sixteen and a half varied miles of water (Grade III turbulent rapids, flat stretches, tidal water), it is a first-class spectacle and a real test of the competitors' skill.

Doubles winners this year were for the second time Jupp and Gregory (Gt. Britain), in a record time of 1.34 with Bosher and Lawler (pictured right) second, and Steve Kitson (Harlow) took first place in the singles class, after Alexander (Ireland) who was in the lead for half of the race, was holed by a K2 at Wren's Nest Weir. Larroya (Spain) came second, with Miller (Gt. Britain) third.

The Ladies' class was won by the Irish paddler Miss V. O'Connell, Miss A. Huskisson coming second for Gt. Britain. B. Maher of Enniskillen came first in the White Water kayak section, closely followed by T. Snell of Exeter.

Next year an increased entry is forecast—I expect a greater number of foreign competitors. This race, sponsored by Coca-Cola, is bound to go from strength to strength.

Photo: Dave Lewis

*Little is known in Britain of canoeing conditions in Finnmark. John Douglas, lead of the 1967 Lapland Expedition, which was sponsored by the Royal Geographical Society, has written us a brief description of this remote area, from the canoeist's point of view.*

## kayak in finnmark

Included in the equipment taken to Finnmark this summer by the 1967 Lapland Expedition was a Kayel-Otter Touring Double canoe. The original intention had been to use the canoe as personnel transport during expedition work to supplement the party's seaplane and car. However, this turned out to be impracticable and canoeing became a way of recreation when work was done.

Driving to the arctic through Sweden, we quickly realised the immense possibilities for this sport in Scandinavia. For novices—and we were just that—the best opportunities were afforded by the thousands of lakes, large and small, which go to make up so much of the surface of central and

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northern Sweden. There are virtually no restrictions and access is usually easy. Care was needed on some of the larger lakes when, in a strong wind, conditions were similar to sea canoeing. Particularly noticeable on lakes such as Storuman was the difference in wave height on a change in wind direction and consequent difference in "fetch". Rivers tended to be rapid but, for those skilled in white water conditions, the torrential streams must offer an undeniable challenge.

Both on the northward and the return journey we always camped by a lake or river. It became our practice to tour the lake or river course when the camp had been set up and our only regret was that work restricted the time we could spend in this way. Incidentally, is there anywhere else in Europe where camping is so unrestricted and sites so beautiful?

In Norway the canoe, carried on top of my Austin 1800, attracted considerable attention. Seemingly the whole population of any village in which we stopped would turn out to inspect the craft, not being content until the hull had been tapped and the finish admired.

Our base camp at 70° North was by the side of a lake too small to be of canoeing interest. None the less, we soon found another use for "Lenuich I". The lake, which we nick-named "the aquarium", was teeming with trout and it made a pleasant and profitable change from spinning to trawl from the canoe. The rivers, even through the Finnmark plateau, were very fast and canoe-fishing for the giant salmon of the Alta river wouldn't be recommended!

During the eight-week expedition we canoed in Norway, Sweden and Finland, thoroughly enjoying what for us was a new experience. The sport proved to be an excellent way for the expedition members to relax and to see even more of some of the remotest parts of Europe than would have been possible by land or even by air.

- The B.C.U. Access Committee is at the moment active in supporting the Countryside Bill at present in the committee stage. Under this bill, County Councils can make access agreements. Also it is at present drawing up a model agreement for a basis of discussion with riparian owners where no right of way exists.

**MY COLUMN****Oliver Cock**

When I buy my Sporting Calendars and Nautical Diaries each year before Christmas I always turn the pages over quickly, hoping to find Canoeing among the list of sports mentioned. Always, so far, I have been disappointed, and always I wonder why. It would be nice, wouldn't it? to see our sport listed among all the other worth-while sports which plan ahead and can tell the world what is in store for them in the Great New Year.

Your committees, in their deliberations, have ruled against the idea of getting fixtures arranged until the New Year is well on its way. It seems an awful pity! I do not mean that every little fixture in the year should be arranged so far in advance; but I would not have thought it beyond the bounds of possibility to decide upon the major events: the National Sprint Championships, the National L.D. Championships, the Division I. Slalom events and the major sailing events. Most of these are more or less fixtures in each year's calendar anyway. Does it need so much extra planning to say so out loud a little earlier?

Well, I'm going to stick my neck out. I only organise one competition in the course of the year. This is at Bude in September. It has to be arranged according to the tides as it must be high tide in the afternoon of competition day, otherwise nobody will be able to see anything. It has to be in September, near the equinox, to ensure rough seas and when the sea is at its warmest.

Tide Tables do not get published very early either; but I have learnt how I can discover the tides I want about a year and a half in advance. So I can now fix the date of the Bude Canoe Surfing Gala for 1968. The "week" will run from Wednesday night the 4th September to Sunday afternoon the 15th September, and the Gala will be on Saturday and Sunday the 7th and 8th. And please, there is no copyright on this, so anybody and everybody can lift it and advertise it as much as they like. And I do hope the composers of our own B.C.U. Calendar will manage to put it in this time. Full details as to eligibility etc. will be published in the Spring issue of "Canoeing in Britain".

Oh, by the way, I think I will call the Gala the National Canoe Surfing Championships. It certainly deserves the title.

To break away to another, entirely different subject, I do want to sympathise with what John Woolley said in the September issue of "Canoeing in Britain". I have heard from many of the organisers of our competitions what little help they can

get from other people. And it is not only the organisers of competitions who lack help. It seems that nearly every section of the sport has difficulty in this respect. It almost seems that there is a national apathy to do anything. All people want is to let everybody else do it for them. Sometimes they go one better and take advantage of our great British heritage by grumbling, "Why isn't the B.C.U. doing this, or that?", when in fact they are the B.C.U. and they aren't doing anything. I am getting a bit of a reputation, when someone tells me that something "ought to be done", of replying: "You thought of it. You can do it." It's sad to reflect that people do not seem to think of things that ought to be done so often when I am about—or rather they do not seem to tell me about them so often. I wonder why?

**Supplies Limited!**

There are still a few bound volumes of "Canoeing in Britain 1967" available for ordering—they will be despatched early in January. Send 12/- plus 1/6d. p. & p. to reserve your copy.

There may be a few copies remaining for sale at the A.G.M./Canoe Conference at the Crystal Palace in January, but these are quickly snapped up—play safe and order in advance!

Canoeing in Britain, 11 Martindale Grove, Eggescliffe, Eggescliffe, Stockton-on-Tees, Co. Durham.

**Foot and Mouth Outbreak**

**The Council asks all members not to use any river in an area that has an outbreak of foot and mouth disease.**

**CANOE CONFERENCE IS SOON!**

**Join the paddle people on 27th January 1968 at the Crystal Palace.**

**Suspension**

On the return of the Sprint Racing Team from the European Championships in Duisburg, one of the members, P. Lawler, was reported to the B.C.U. Council Competitive Committee for indiscipline and unseemly conduct bringing discredit to this country, embarrassment to the other members of the team and damage to team morale. A Disciplinary Committee appointed by the Council under the Chairmanship of the President, after carrying out an enquiry into the incidents, has directed that for 1968 the competitive canoeing activities of P. Lawler shall be restricted to events in the United Kingdom.

# coaching news

## Coaching Handbook

It is hoped to execute all outstanding orders in December.

## Examination successes

Since the last issue of Canoeing in Britain 10 canoeists have attained the Advanced Inland Kayak and four have obtained the Advanced Sea Kayak. Our wholehearted congratulations.

## Coaching Awards

Between the 22nd August, 1967 and the 8th November, 1967, 59 names were added to the list of Instructors in the Coaching Register, nine Senior Instructors and three Coaches namely Messrs. S. J. Baker, D. A. Courtman and R. L. Miller.

In the last issue we announced that a Mr. Audred had passed the Advanced Canadian examination. This should have read Mr. Alldred, and we apologise for this error.

## National Coaching Committee Meeting

### November 18-19

Hothorpe Hall, near Rugby, was once again the venue for the annual meeting of the National Coaching Committee. In the past this meeting has been noted for its marathon sittings and this was no exception, 14½ hours of talk, talk and some radical changes as a result. Representatives attended from all over the United Kingdom and it is obvious from their reports that the coaching scheme is growing by leaps and bounds. One appeal for help however comes from Scotland where Hughie Stevenson would like to hear from anyone on the east coast interested in coaching, contact him through the Scottish Canoe Association secretary.

## General Items

In comes the Log Book and it is hoped to have it ready for the A.G.M. at Crystal Palace in January. It should be noted that in future all candidates for testing and examinations will be required to produce a Log Book.

A sub-committee has been set up to inquire into the need for a second National Coach.

It was felt that Senior Instructors and Coaches should have some knowledge of first aid and to ascertain exactly what was needed in this field a sub-committee was appointed.

Proposed was the change of name from Instructor to Assistant Instructor, to be effective in 1971. The committee felt it would like your comments on this before taking it further, so comments please to Geoff Sanders.

The Coaching Handbook will be ready by December 25th. Ken Rudram and Joan Baker deserve a special vote of thanks for the enormous and onerous task.

General consensus of opinion on the Leadership Certificate has rejected it. The feeling throughout the country is that our present awards are sufficient.

Concern is felt by a number of examiners in the country that the standard of candidates presenting themselves for testing is too low and it is hoped that candidates will ensure that they can do everything required in the test and have the equipment asked for by the rules.

The British Standards Institute has issued a statement concerning lifelines on life-jackets, saying they are dangerous and should be removed. The N.C.C. recommends that members follow this advice.

## Tests

Perhaps the most important move of all is that from January 1, 1968, to December 13, 1971, there will be no change in the tests and awards. It was felt by everyone that the time has come for a period of stabilisation.

In all Proficiency tests, the candidate will now be required to swim 25 yards with his lifejacket fully inflated and 100 yards without a lifejacket. The candidate will no longer be required to swim under the kayak.

Knots have been reduced to a more workable number. The candidate will be required to demonstrate and know the function of the following: Reef knot, Round Turn and Two Half Hitches, Sheet Bend, Figure of Eight Knot, Bowline.

To the Inland Proficiency have been added oral questions on safety, and the candidate will have knowledge of the B.C.U. River Advisory Service and access problems in his own locality.

The Sea Proficiency. The name is now changed to Sea and Open Water Proficiency Test, and it can now be taken on any body of water on which it is possible to be one mile or more from the nearest land. It is strongly recommended that the kayak be provided with steering gear.

There are more minor points, but they are in the Coaching Newsletter.

# THE LD SCENE



## David Green

So the L.D. year went out like the lion at Cambridge when the C.U.C.C. held their third annual L.D. race. Three clubs almost had the Hasler Trophy in their grasp and crowded the start list in their final attempt to win this year's honours.

What a grand finale to a very full year. The weather was kind, and the tranquil Cam, the meeting place of punts and poets, took a new guise as racing canoeists took command. The character of this race lies in its narrow twisting water course, for the leaders on their return leg, meet the slower classes head on and these calm waters take on a new aspect. I viewed the race from the back of a K2 and for my part, these hectic moments as Kayak skimmed Kayak too close for comfort will be the lasting impression of "Cambridge 67", which even survived the aches and pains, and the cold and wet.

"L.D. 67" has been a year of progress. The new classes have come and been accepted. The larger numbers on the start line make for keener competition and with time, faster paddlers should evolve.

Our Open Championship was for the first time a truly International affair. The picture above shows the senior start at Bedford. There is now talk of definite action to form an I.C.F. committee for L.D. A successful year! and as a paddler I would like to thank all the club organisers and B.C.U. officials whose work has led to these accomplishments.

There has been considerable discussion amongst the paddlers concerning the possibility of introducing a divisional system for L.D.

There have been many proposals and counter-proposals and I have attempted to piece them together into a workable outline scheme for comment. The purposes of the proposal are:

1. To group paddlers of like ability together and so produce better racing within each division. This should stimulate competition in the top section and

encourage beginners in the bottom section.

2. To prevent top paddlers "pot hunting" and in particular Hasler Trophy "points hunting".

Classes 3 and 4 are intended for people entering the sport.

3. To bias the Hasler points so that a win in Division 1 is worth more than a win in Division 3: i.e. a top paddler should represent more points for his Club in recognition of the higher degree of his performance.

I tabulate below a suggested 3 division system into which the present Senior and Junior male competitors would be merged. In the first instance Senior Class 1 and Class 2 paddlers would be in division 1, the fastest of the Senior Class 3 and 4 together with the Junior Class 1 and 2 would be in division 2, whilst the rest of the paddlers would fall into division 3.

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3
			Class 3
Singles	Class 1 & 2	Class 1 & 3	boats only
			Class 4
Doubles	Class 2 & 4	Class 2 & 4	boats only

At the end of each season promotion would occur on the basis of total aggregate points whilst during the season a paddler would automatically be promoted to the next division after winning 3 ranking events. Division 1 would consist of a limited number of paddlers, say 30-35, and at the end of each season the aggregate scores of each paddler in this division would be totalled up and the first 30 retained in division 1 whilst the balance would be relegated (excepting those who had been promoted during the season). Relegation from division 2 would be reserved for special cases where paddlers consistently come at the bottom of the rating list. The scoring for Hasler Trophy and ranking list would need to reflect more clearly the paddlers' performance. By the present system only 1st, 2nd and 3rd get more than one point which does not differentiate between a paddler who has



consistently come 6th over a paddler who has consistently come 9th. I would therefore suggest that points are awarded on the following basis :

- (a) Division 1: the number of points awarded to the winner is equal to the number of paddlers on the start list.

Each succeeding place is awarded one less point, e.g. 30 paddlers in one race: 1st, 30 points, 2nd 29 points; 3rd 28

points, etc. Any paddler with a time greater than 120% of the winner's time gets nil points.

- (b) Division 2: awarded on the same basis as division 1 but all scores halved.  
 (c) Division 3: awarded on the same basis as division 1 but all scores divided by three.

These proposals attempt to meet the conditions set down at the beginning of this discussion — let the Editor have your ideas.

## Whither ladies' canoeing?

by Rachel Greaves who first stunned the canoeing world five years ago by standing up in a kayak in the middle of the Menai Straits to "stretch my legs" and had the doubtful distinction of being the first casualty at Bude Surfing Week 1967.

"Where have all the birds gone?"

This may sound like a question from an enthusiastic ornithologist, but, in fact, it referred to a canoe slalom. Quite right. Where are all the lady canoeists? I cannot believe that there are no women in your clubs, after all, canoeing must sport some of the most handsome, athletic men in the business, and the girls are not blind. Then why do they not compete in the ladies events?

Gentlemen — do you chain your henchwoman (women) to the Primus stove? Are you guilty of assisting the stagnation at women's slalom? I can almost hear your indignant replies, but, perhaps you do so unthinkingly; how many clubs can truthfully say that they give regular instruction and help to beginners of either sex? This omission is, in itself, a slow stagnation.

Ladies — this is 1967, are you going to stand by and let the men push you out? Go to it! There are parts of a slalom course that you can execute even better than the men. Don't be a slave to the washing up. Let him do the cooking and the baby minding for a change!

What is needed is a resurgence of the competitive element in ladies' events. How can we get this? Ought not the lady novices to have their own order of merit in novices' events, with perhaps a small prize? Further, it seems to me that there are too many ladies' slaloms for the number of lady canoeists; surely it would help to reduce the number of ladies' slaloms and so concentrate the competitors on a few events.

Why does not some enterprising club institute an inter-club ladies' team event at their slalom? (I will provide the prizes for such a competition).

Lastly, I feel that serious thought should be given to introducing some form of handicapping system for lady canoeists. There are obviously not enough ladies competing for a division system such as the men have, but it should not be impossible to devise, and at least try out, a handicap based on previous record (e.g. a time handicap based on ex-novices starting at scratch and the expert at say +30 secs.). The women could then work their way up the handicap as the men work their way up the divisions and, on such a basis, experienced canoeists could compete with ex-novices and this must surely be to the benefit of expert and rabbit alike.

The New Year is almost here. Why not make 1968 Ladies Canoe Year — or am I fighting an already lost cause?

### L.D. Racing

#### Senior Singles

- D. Clarke—Cambridge Univ. C.C.—8 wins  
 P. Lawler—Richmond C.C.— 6 wins  
 C. Leach—Exeter C.C.— 5 wins

#### Rhodes-White Trophy

- D. Clarke—Cambridge Univ. C.C.

The 1967 Hasler Trophy was won on the results of the last race of the season. After the Lee and Stort race, Royal were leading by two points followed by Exeter, Lincoln and Bradford.

This year 768 paddlers from 102 clubs in 19 ranking races scored 2,131 points. One club, Harlow, entered 18 of the races and Royal and Bradford entered 15. A further 9 clubs entered more than 10 races.

#### Hasler Trophy

	Points
1. Lincoln C.C. ... ..	134
2. Bradford on Avon C.C. ... ..	130
3. Exeter C.C. ... ..	129
4. Royal C.C. ... ..	127
5. Richmond C.C. ... ..	86
6. Nottingham City K.C. ... ..	84
7. Cambridge Univ. C.C. ... ..	76
8. Harlow C.C. ... ..	66

# Canoeing in Great Britain

a brief history

by Oliver Cock

(Continued from the June 1967 issue of "Canoeing in Britain").

In the 1938 World Championships we entered a team for the K.1., K.2., F.1., and F.2., and C.1. classes, but we did not do so very well that year.

Then there was a gap until the 1948 Olympic Games, the canoeing events of which were held at Henley-on-Thames. A new generation began to emerge but, except for a few K.1.'s made by Messrs. Jicwood of Croydon for these Games, we were not to see pure, sprint racing canoes being made in this island until quite recently, in 1964.

In 1933 the Camping Club of Great Britain and Ireland gave birth to a canoeing section, and the Canoe-Camping Club came into being. In the same year the British Canoe Association was formed as the governing body of the Sport. These two bodies (the C.C.C. and the B.C.A.) decided to amalgamate but to remain as a section of the Camping Club. However, this was a mistake, since a national governing body needs to be entirely independent, to be able to affiliate other clubs to itself. After much argument a new national body, under the leadership of Hans Renold and with John Dudderidge as secretary, was formed and called the British Canoe Union. Its inaugural meeting was on the 28th March, 1936, so that the British Team to the Olympic Games of that year went under the aegis of the B.C.U.

John Dudderidge remained honorary secretary until January, 1960, when he relinquished the post to Rodney Baker, and became President. In the New Year's Honours Lists, 1963 he was awarded the O.B.E. in recognition of his wonderful service to our sport.

To complete this brief picture of the British Canoe Union, the Coaching Scheme was started by John Dudderidge in September, 1961, and I was appointed National Coach in January, 1962. The work of secretary became too vast for an honorary officer, and Captain Alec Kennedy, C.B.E., R.N. took on the job professionally, with offices at 26 Park Crescent, London, in September, 1964.

The first international body of the sport was created in January, 1924, with Austria, Germany, Denmark and Sweden founding

the International Representation of Canoe Sport (I.R.K.). Czechoslovakia joined it in 1925, followed by Finland, Luxembourg and Yugoslavia in 1932, Holland and Hungary in 1933, and Great Britain, America, Belgium and Switzerland in 1934. By 1935 there were seventeen federations.

The I.R.K. had its headquarters in Munich. After the war a new federation had to be built on the ruins of the old one. The work was started in 1946, when, among others, John Dudderidge represented Great Britain—he had been on the board of the old I.R.K. since 1938 — and Charles de Coqueureaumont represented France. The new body was called the International Canoe Federation (I.C.F.). M. de Coqueureaumont is now the President of the I.C.F., and John Dudderidge is on the Board. The only other man still in the I.C.F. from that first meeting is Olav Verner of Sweden, who has been its secretary for the whole of that time. The present number of federations is 33.

Back to 1936 again! That year one Ferdinand Winkel invited a party of students from London University and their friends for a holiday on some Bavarian rivers. Canoe Slalom was already in existence in Germany but had not yet arrived over here. In this Bavarian party were Ralph Tyas and Betty McLellan. Mr. Tyas is our present touring secretary and Miss McLellan dealt with our foreign touring section until her death earlier this year. Also in the party was Maurice Rothwell, now chairman of the Slalom (and White Water) Committee. For this tour the British contingent received the following commendation from the D.K.V. (the governing body in Germany): "Rightly are the representatives of the Manchester Canoe Club styled England's Pioneers; they stand but little below the finest performers of Europe". (The Manchester Canoe Club was founded in 1933).

In 1937 Franz Schulhof came to England as manager of the London branch of an Austrian Company. He brought with him a genuine Eskimo kayak and a copy of it made by Grazer, together with a reputation of being among the first Europeans to do the Eskimo Roll (he invented the "Schulhof" or Put Across method), and with seven first descents of Alpine Rapid Rivers to his credit. He joined the Royal Canoe Club in 1937, and took parties from that club to rivers in the French Alps. He also made films which were the foundation of the British Canoe Union film library. This library was set up by myself in 1948, together with one or two films which I had already made myself. It became too big a job to be run by an amateur in 1958, and it was handed over to the British Film Institute to handle for us.

Franz Schulhof (now Frank Sutton) also bears the distinction of being the first person to teach rolling over here. He taught members of the Royal Canoe Club, and in 1938 the first B.C.U. Rolling Circus was launched, with exhibitions in London and Stockport.

In 1939 the first British Slalom was held at Trefor Rocks on the Welsh Dee, organised by Franz Schulhof and Maurice Rothwell among others. A second one was held on the Teme at Ludlow in 1940 but the war put paid to further activities until 1948, when the next was held at Tyemaen Island, on the Dee again. Geoff Sanders, now the chairman of the Coaching Committee, was there, as well as the old di-hards and some new blood—me for instance.

Sticking to Slalom for the moment, the first World Championships were held in Geneva in 1949. The best British entrant was "Dobby" Dobson, who had also competed in the 1948 Olympic Games at Henley-on-Thames. He is now a lecturer in Outdoor Activities at the National College for the Training of Youth Leaders at Leicester. The next World Championships were held in Steyr in Austria, in 1951, where we first saw the "Steyr" roll performed. In 1959, after the World Championships again at Geneva, the first World Championships in Rapid River Racing were held on the Vézère in France. These two world events now usually go hand in hand, in the same host country, with about a week in between them.

But perhaps we had better have a longer look at Rapid River Racing. It began in November, 1953, when Eric Totty of the Lakeland Canoe Club organised the first Wild Water Test on the River Leven. Although it was never intended to be a race regardless of skill (if you can have such a thing!) it was nevertheless the forerunner of rapid river racing, and it provided a valuable training ground. The "Dipper Badge" is a well-known emblem of ability, and a gold badge is given each year to the person who does the fastest run.

In 1955 the B.C.U. Slalom Committee organised a race from Buihth Wells to Boughrood Bridge on the Upper Wye, and in 1956 the Tay Canoe Club ran a race from Kinclaven to Fishponds on the Tay. Now, the most regular events are on the Welsh Dee and on the Usk, both rivers which, in winter, give conditions comparable to the World Championships courses on the continent.

There is an interesting appendix in the slalom world, known as the "Wiggle/WRiggle Test". (The "R" in the latter name refers to the four Rolls which have to be executed, additional to the Wiggle Test). This was invented by Bill Horsman in 1960. He was so enthusiastic about it

that he felt sure everybody else would wax enthusiastic also; but, dear reader, you may be beginning to realise that things take time to catch on however brilliant they are in conception. Bill bought cups and fore-saw Championships, but nobody else at the time had much use for it. Nowadays it is being used more and more as a training medium, and private championships are held all over the place. Its possibilities as a postal competition still do not seem to attract the attention they deserve, but we hope that the picture of this small and easy to arrange test will eventually attract people to it in a way which it deserves.

(to be continued)

### Canoe Plans Needs More Designs

The scheme is being run at a small profit which in the last half year amounted to 8% of the capital invested by the B.C.U., all expenses being first deducted.

Dick Gays points out that he needs plans for the following types of canoe:

- Canadian Slalom Double
- Sea Touring Double
- Sea Touring Single.

Make yourself some money — write to Dick Gays, 55 Conaglen Road, Aylestone, Leicester LE2 8LE.

### ● B.C.U. at Boat Show Jan. 3—13, 1968.

You will be able to find the B.C.U. at Stand WH 10 in the Warwick Hall at Earls Court. Current production models will be on view, plus a revolutionary all-plastic boat. There will be rolling demonstrations 4 times daily in the pool.

- The Plas y Brenin Centre has recently acquired some "Sea Sarongs". These are lengths of neoprane with loops at the ends, which are wound round the body, to act something like wet suits. The students who used them said that they were of definite benefit. They are to be recommended anywhere where courses in canoeing are run, since the size of the individual does not matter. They can be used for children.

### ● Alberta to Expo '67

#### 3,283 Mile Canoe Race

This gruelling race, jointly sponsored by the Centennial Commission, local governments and Expo, was won by Manitoba province. Each member of the winning team received \$2,500 after completing 104 days of "laps" (races of up to 75 miles) and sprints (1-5 miles).

Opinions varied as to which part of the journey was the most difficult, but one obstacle was the Lachine Rapids on the St. Lawrence. "You wouldn't normally run them in a standard canoe," commented Peter Whitehead of Saskatchewan, "but with six men in a 25-footer, we were able to take them."

# race results

## KENNET RIVER RACE

22 Oct

## Class 1a

1. J. Glavin, R.M.C.C.	2.35.50
2. P. Brett, Exeter	2.45.32
3. B. Hughes, Nomads	2.56.00

## Class 1b

1. P. Webster, Bradford	2.00.42
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## Class 2a

1. Johnson/Omach, 4 Admirals	2.16.51
2. Harding/Lunder, N.L.L.S.	2.19.06
3. Newett/Lee, R.M.C.C.	2.24.21

## Class 2b

1. Hill/Tricker, Bourne Youth	1.45.40
2. Bulley/Martin, "	1.46.31
3. Jones/Cripps, Waterside Y.C.	1.52.56

## Class 3a

1. Purchase, Bradford/A.R.C.	2.23.06
2. C. Lench, Exeter	2.30.50
3. N. Weston, K.V.C.C.	2.42.31

## Class 3b

1. G. Harris, 4th New Forest	2.00.52
2. K. Jury, Nomads	2.06.39
3. B. Taylor, 4th New Forest	2.15.40

## Class 4a

1. Dalrymple/Whitlock, Southampton	2.24.02
2. Brown/Fisher, K.V.C.C.	2.27.53
3. Hamblin/Hobbs, Bradford/A	2.28.50

## Class 4b

1. Nicholson/Oliphant, Southampton	2.13.45
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## OPEN BRITISH L.D. CHAMPIONSHIP BEDFORD TO ST. NEOTS.

2 Sept

## Open Senior Doubles

1. Lopez/Cuesta, Spain	1.57.22
2. Sowman/Miller, R. Leamington	1.59.40
3. Sanderhoff/Jorgensen, Denmark	2.01.40

## Open Senior Singles

1. C. Evans, Royal	1.59.41
2. S. Mollier, Hatfield Y.C.	1.59.43
3. A. Stoneley, Cambridge U	2.02.09

## Open Junior Doubles

1. Bulley/Martin, Bourne Youth	2.27.15
2. Kennedy/Lee, Irish Canoe U.	2.29.23
3. Oakenfold/Thurston, Eagle	2.30.26

## Open Junior Singles

1. Burgoe, Spain	2.17.05
2. G. Mackereith, Warrington Senior Scouts	2.21.29
3. C. Skellern, Worcester	2.24.41

## Open Ladies Singles

1. A. Huskisson, Royal	2.25.57
2. H. Goodman, Chalfont Park	2.38.20
3. V. O'Connell, Ireland	2.38.27

## Open Ladies Doubles

1. C. Baker/R. Page, Nottingham	2.49.13
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## LEA &amp; STORT RACE

17 Sept

## Class 1a

1. P. Lawler, Richmond	1.37.05
2. L. Oliver, Lincoln	1.37.25
3. A. Miller, Harlow	1.39.50

## Class 2a

1. Mean/Bolan, Harlow	1.30.08
2. Ash/Day, Harlow	1.30.50
3. Boshier/Baker, Royal	1.35.10

## Class 3a

1. S.W. Smith, Worcester	1.48.50
2. M. Purchase, Bradford	1.50.20
3. P. A. Tyler, C.U.C.C.	1.57.00

## Class 4a

1. Lilley/Freeman, Lincoln	1.41.14
2. Tullett/Young, Royal	1.42.20
3. Lancefield/Brinkworth, Bradford	1.45.20

## Class 1c

1. L. Oliver, Southampton	1.28.52
2. B. Mean, Harlow	1.29.20
3. A. Huskisson, Royal	1.30.00

## Class 2c

1. P. Squires, Leamington	1.33.05
2. S. Thomas, C.T.C.	1.46.45
3. M. Turner, Southampton	2.04.00

## Class 1b

1. C. Hillman, Worcester	1.22.31
2. S. Weaver, Lincoln	1.25.00
3. R. Nicholson, Southampton	1.35.45

## Class 2b

1. Lockwood/Summers, N.C.K.C.	1.16.55
2. Greenaway/Parnham, Richmond	1.18.30
3. Hope/Lawrence, Royal	1.19.20

## Class 3b

1. J.R. Last, Eagle	1.24.30
2. G. Jackson, Independent	1.26.50
3. D. Williams, Waveney Valley	1.31.45

## Class 4b

1. Oakenfold/Thurston, Eagle	1.25.15
2. Stubbs/Baington, Bradford	1.31.00
3. Ross/Wilkinson, Bradford	1.52.38

## EXE ESTUARY RACE

27 Aug

## Class 1a

1. C. Evans, Royal	1.21.30
2. L. Spence, Royal	1.25.30
3. A. Miller, Harlow	1.26.32

## Class 1b

1. J. Radford, Exeter	1.37.22
2. P. Hopkins, Royal	1.41.05
3. A. Worth, Exeter	1.44.40

## Class 2a

1. Doshier/Giddings, Royal	1.20.00
2. Young/Tullett, Royal	1.20.30
3. Ash/Day, Harlow	1.23.15

## Class 2b

1. Lang/Mulland, Westland	1.34.00
2. Bulley/Martin, Bourne Youth	1.35.24
3. Rogers/Lavis, Southampton	1.39.30

## Class 3a

1. C. Leach, Exeter	1.37.02
2. B. Smith, Riverside	1.38.00
3. R. Beavis, Southampton	1.39.45

## Class 3b

1. M. Carpenter, Exeter	1.40.00
2. G. Harris, Hythe Venture Scouts	1.47.53
3. R. Towill, Episcopal School	1.52.48

## Class 3c

1. L. Oliver, Southampton	1.46.47
2. A. Huskisson, Royal	1.49.00
3. A. Poore, Exeter	1.54.50

## Class 4a

1. Davis/Wink, R. Sig. Germany	1.32.05
2. Hamblin/Purchas, Bradford	1.37.24
3. Dalrymple/Davis, Southampton	1.39.10

## Class 4b

1. King/Stubbs, Bradford/Avon	1.42.02
2. Harris/August, Westland	1.42.05
3. Gould/Tarrant, Kennet Valley	1.58.02

## LUNE SLALOM

10 Sept

## Div. 3

1. C. Green, Leeds	81.3
2. J. Leggott, Halifax	81.3
3. M. Thomas, Manchester	87.7

## Div. 4

1. R. Reid, Soar Valley	68.7
2. M.L. Jones, Keighley	73.1
3. J. Chamberlain, Midland	76.7

## Ladies

1. H. Goodman, Lkeland	65.0
2. A. Keerie, Sunderland	66.5
3. L. Calverley, Manchester	76.7

## Novices

1. J. Icton, Midland	102
2. K. Rudram	130
3. M. Campbell, Manchester	134

## CANADIAN SLALOM SHEPPERTON

5 Nov

1. Witter/Witter, Chester	158
2. Ramsey/Hillyard, Chalfont	144
3. Sibley/Lloyd, Windsor	184

## PATTON CUP

8 Oct

## K.4 10,000 metres

1. Lawler/Avery/Whitby/Lawler, Richmond A	
2. Gardner/Gregory/Jupp/Bosher, Royal	
3. Dawson/Dawson/Blackmore/Leach, Richmond B	

## WORCESTER REGATTA

24 June

## Senior Men K.1. 1000 m

1. L. Oliver, Lincoln	3.55.00
2. M. Mean, Harlow	-
3. T. Sowman, Leamington	-

## Junior Men K.1. 1000 m

1. M. Whitby, Richmond	4.09.00
2. J. Unstead, "	-
3. C. Hillman, Worcester	-

## Senior Men K.2. 1000 m

1. Edwards/Oliver, Worcester & Lincoln	3.37.00
2. Mean/Bolan, Harlow & Leamington	-
3. Miller/Sowman, " Junior Men K.2. 1000 m	-

## Ladies K.1. 500 m

1. Lawler/Unstead, Richmond	3.54.00
2. Whitby/Hillman, Richmond & Worcester	-
3. Dawson/Blackmore, Richmond	-

## Senior Men K.4. 1000 m

1. Edwards/Oliver/Bolan/Mean, O.T.S.	3.00.00
2. Lawler/Hollier/Miller/Sowman Combined	-

## Novice K.1. 500 m

1. C. Gray, Nottingham	1.56.00
2. D. Blackmore, Richmond	1.56.00
3. B. Hughes, Nomads	-

## Ladies K.1. 500 m

1. L. Oliver, Southampton	1.57.00
2. S. Jackson, Richmond	-
3. K. Emerson, "	-

## Ladies K.2. 500 m

1. Jackson/Emerson, Richmond	1.45.00
2. Mean/Oliver, Harlow & S/ton	-
3. Lawler/Milligan, Richmond	-

## Novice K.2. 500 m

1. Gray/Lockwood, Nottingham	1.45.00
2. Tandy/Davis, Bradford/Avon	-
250 m Dash Open	-

## Ladies K.2. 500 m

1. P. Lawler, Richmond	52.04
2. L. Oliver, Lincoln	-
3. T. Sowman, Leamington	-

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

25 June

## Senior Men K.2. 10,000 m

1. Edwards/Oliver, Worcester & Lincoln	44.00
2. Gardener/Roberts, O.R.A.C.C.	44.05
3. Mean/Bolan, Leamington & Harlow	45.32

## Junior Men K.2. 10,000 m

1. Hillman/Whitby, Worcester & Richmond	46.31
2. Dyer/Unstead, O.R.A.C.C./Richmond	46.31
3. Ash/Day, Harlow	46.31

## Women Open 3000 m

1. Jackson/Emerson, Richmond	12.32
2. Mean/Oliver, Harlow/S/ton	12.33
3. Lawler/McCoy, Richmond/Ind.	-

## BOSTON CIRCUIT RACE

10 Sept

## Class 1a

1. A. Stoneley, Cambridge U.	2.07.09
2. F. Royle, Boston	2.09.13
3. R. Lawler, Richmond	2.09.35

## Class 2a

1. Blackmore/Leach, Richmond	2.04.00
2. Royle/Lakeman, Boston	2.06.16
3. Lancefield/Brinkworth, Bradford on Avon	2.10.30

## Class 3a

1. G. Chester, Boston	2.23.36
2. M. Foulger, Waveney Valley	2.31.54

## Class 3b

1. Jackson/Emerson, Royal/Richmond	1.13.15
2. Thurston/Oakenfold, Eagle	1.18.40
3. Wesley/Baker, Nottingham	1.20.20

## Class 3c

1. J. R. Last, Eagle	1.24.31
2. W. Frazer, Gaily	1.28.40
3. J. Tillson, Boston	1.32.18

WEST TANFIELD SLALOM	2/5 Sept	S.I. SM	22 Oct	DECEASE TO BUNGAY L.D. RACE	20 Aug
<u>Div. 3</u>	4	1. S. Holtorp, Independent	4,00.50	<u>Class 1a</u>	
1. D. Wilson, Leeds	77.9	2. H. Smith, Shepperton	4,45.20	1. A. Miller, Harlow	1,17.40
2. G. Aoley, Leeds	84.7	3. D. Capps, Windsor	4,45.35	2. A. Stoneley, Cambridge	1,24.40
3. B. Gilliver, Soar Valley	86.8	R.I. M/B		3. F. Royle, Boston	1,24.50
<u>Ladies</u>		1. H. Greenaway, Richmond	3,16.50	<u>Class 2a</u>	
1. L. Calverley, Manchester	72.5	2. L.H. Fish, Canoe Touring	3,24.18	1. M. Foulger, Waveney	1,25.20
2. A. Evans, Lakeland	86.4	3. H. Johnston, Independent	3,37.00	2. P. Royle, Boston	1,27.00
3. W. Horne, Leeds	114.7	K.I. SM		3. G. Lukeman, Boston	1,29.30
<u>Div. 4</u>		1. C. Evans, Royal	2,29.50	<u>Class 4</u>	
1. M. Thomas, Manchester	66.3	2. D. Clarke, Cambridge U	2,38.40	1. Smith/Deakins, Lincoln	1,25.50
2. J. Leggott, Halifax	66.3	3. M. Whitby, Richmond	2,39.35	2. Cundy/Chatten, Waveney	1,26.10
3. P. Marshall, Bradford U.	74.0	R.2. SM		3. Sidney/Sidney	1,30.10
<u>Novices</u>		1. Lilley/Smith, Lincoln	2,47.40	<u>Class 3b</u>	
1. S. Donaldson, Wolsingham	172	2. Parnham/Taylor, Richmond	3,17.35	1. J. Last, Eagle	1,14.00
2. R. Havorth, Manchester	187	K.2. SM & SV		2. C. Duck, Castle	1,17.30
3. M. Jones, Keighley School.	198	1. Oliver/Edwards, Lincoln	2,53.10	3. D. Williams, Waveney	1,17.40
<u>Teams</u>		2. Lawlor/Leach, Richmond	2,44.40	<u>Novice Cup</u>	
1. Soar Valley	364	3. J. & R. Dawson, Richmond	2,45.10	1. T. Epps	
2. Birmingham	411	LLANGOLLEN TOWN SLALOM	21/22 Oct	2. M. Epps	
3. Leeds	518		4		
LLANGOLLEN SLALOM	24 Sept	<u>Div. 1</u>		INTERNATIONAL REGATTA, BEDFORD	3 Sept
<u>Div. 1</u>		1. D. Mitchell, Chester	61.6	<u>Senior Men K.1 500 m</u>	
1. D. Mitchell, Chester	72.4	2. K. Langford, Manchester	63.7	1. M. Sunderhoff, Denmark	2,03.04
2. K. Langford, Manchester	75.9	3. H. Calverley, Manchester	70.4	2. P. Lawler, Richmond	2,04.09
3. R. Calverley, Manchester	76.9	<u>Div. 2</u>		3. B. Prinsen, Holland	2,05.06
<u>Indian Doubles</u>		1. J. Parker, Worcester	62.0	<u>Senior K.2 500 m</u>	
1. Witter/Witter, Chester	77.3	2. C. Whiteside, Lakeland	70.3	1. Admiral/Prinsen, Holland	1,51.02
2. Goodwin/Court, Newcastle	94.5	3. J. Leggott, Halifax	71.5	2. Gregory/Dupp, 65 Para RCT	1,52.06
3. Ramsey/Hillyard, Chalfont Park	97.0	<u>Ladies</u>		3. Deers/Inneman, Holland	1,57.08
<u>Ladies</u>		1. H. Goodman, Lakeland	85.6	<u>Junior Men K.1 500 m</u>	
1. P. Squires, Coventry	85.3	2. A. Keerie, Sunderland	96.1	1. T. Burgos, Spain	2,10.01
2. H. Goodman, Lakeland	86.9	3. P. Squires, Coventry	108.1	2. C. Hillman, Worcester	2,15.05
3. A. Keerie, Sunderland	86.9	C.2		3. G. Mackereth, Warrington	2,17.04
<u>Div. 2</u>		1. Witter/Witter, Chester	75.2	<u>Junior Men K.2 500 m</u>	
1. G. Dawson, Sunderland	75.2	2. Goodwin/Court, Newcastle	88.7	1. Whitby/Hillman, Richmond	
2. R. Williamson, Worcester	77.2	3. Parker/Powell, Worcester	100.9	2. Brooks/Bennett, Viking	
3. F. Parker, Worcester	80.1	<u>Team Event</u>		3. Mackereth/Baker, Warrington	
<u>Team Event</u>		1. Manchester A	464	<u>Ladies K.1 500 m</u>	
1. Manchester A	269	2. Leeds X	599	1. S. Jackson, Royal	2,22.01
2. Chester A	297	3. Chester A	680	2. K. Emerson, Richmond	2,24.06
3. Worcester A	409	TRAVON ROCKS SLALOM		3. A. Huskinson, Royal	2,32.04
GREAT BRITAIN v FRANCE	1 Oct	<u>Div. 4</u>		<u>Ladies K.2 500 m</u>	
<u>Juniors K.1</u>		1. D. Crolla, St. Bedes	50.1	1. Jackson/Emerson, Royal/	
1. R. Calverley	117	2. S. Cottle, Chester	53.5	Richmond	2,14.05
2. C. Skellern	130	3. S. Brown, Independent	55.2	2. Boshier/Huskinson, Royal	2,27.04
3. M. Magdinier	131	<u>Novice</u>		3. Lawler/O'Connell, Richmond/	
<u>Seniors K.1</u>		1. K. Rudram, North Wales	134	Ireland	2,46.02
1. D. Mitchell	125	2. A. Hughes, North Wales	135	<u>4 x 500 m Senior K.1 Relay</u>	
2. C. Peshier	127	3. D. Jones, North Wales	136	1. Spain	7,15.02
3. K. Langford	131	<u>Ladies</u>		2. Royal	7,25.02
<u>C.2</u>		1. L. Calverley, Manchester	333	3. Holland	7,26.05
1. Ramsey/Hillyard	196	C.2		SYNDICATE SLALOM, GLANDTULLY	27 Aug
2. Witter/Witter	198	1. Mitchell/Woodhouse, Chester	149	<u>Div. 1</u>	
3. Court/Goodwin	201	2. Witter/Witter, Chester	169	1. K. Langford, Manchester	75.4
<u>Teams senior K.1</u>		3. Doncaester/Lampit, Worcester	188	2. D. Mitchell, Chester	76.6
1. Langford/Mitchell/Woodhouse GB	158	<u>Team Event</u>		3. R. Calverley, Manchester	80.6
2. Lutz/Olry/Peshier, France	309	1. Rudram/Hughes/Jones, N.Wales	527	<u>Team Event</u>	
<u>Teams junior K.1</u>		2. Ellesmere	811	1. Manchester	211
1. Colombe/Olry/Magdinier, France	173	3. Jackson/Crolla/Hopkinson, St. Bede's	922	2. Chester	270
2. Skellern/Calverley/Pleischhock, Gt. Britain	184	MARSH LOCK SLALOM	19/20 Aug	3. Windsor	293
<u>Teams C.2</u>		<u>Div. 3</u>		<u>Div. 2</u>	
1. Great Britain	295	1. R. Smith	58.7	1. T. Young, Leeds	75.3
2. France	517	2. D. Green	64.0	2. D. Fawcett, Manchester	77.1
LONDON RIVER RACE	30 Sept	3. N. Leeming	74.9	3. C. Whiteside, Lakeland	77.5
R.1. JM		<u>Div. 4</u>		<u>C.2</u>	
1. W. Taylor, Richmond	37.00	1. A. Alldred	47.7	1. Hillyard/Sedvec, Chalfont	381
2. R. Hillen, "	38.00	2. K. Horseman	54.5	2. Witter/Witter	382
3. D. Parnham, "	38.30	3. - Chapman	54.9	3. Mitchell/Woodhouse	395
R.2. JM		<u>Novice</u>		<u>Ladies</u>	
1. Billen/Read, Richmond	48.50	1. J. Hooker	128	1. P. Squires, Coventry	74.0
2. Parnham/Taylor, Richmond	52.00	2. G. Hunter	165	2. H. Goodman, Lakeland	80.2
3. Stacey/Whalley, Richmond	1,11.00	3. A. Gibsons	175	3. A. Keerie, Sunderland	83.0
K.1. JM		<u>Ladies</u>		CHELMER YOUTH RACE	22 Oct
1. B. Greenaway, Richmond	19.15	1. P. Squires	56.6	<u>Class 1</u>	
2. R. Hillen, Richmond	20.00	2. H. Goodman	59.9	1. Sefton/Johnson, Essex Home	
3. G. Kearns, J.L. Regt. Dover	20.05	3. S. Duckett	119.1	School	1,46.02
K.2. JM		C.2		2. Franz/Roots, " "	1,49.44
1. Greenaway/Parnham, Richmond	17.00	1. Hillyard/Dinsdale	248	3. Hedges/Williams, " "	2,15.11
2. Billen/Read, Richmond	18.00	2. Court/Goodwin	263	<u>Class 2</u>	
3. Bunce/Salmon, J.L. Regt.	18.10	3. Witter/Kindp	287	1. Oakenfold/Thurston, Eagle/	
		<u>Team Event</u>		Norwich	1,16.40
		1. Leamington	547	2. Tatham/Rodd, Newham	1,22.27
		2. Ichen Valley	557	3. Boughen/Pegg, Carlton Sch.	
		3. Southampton	606	Bedford	1,26.26

<b>Class 5</b>	
1. Phelps, Newham	1.26.25
2. Hammett, Eagle	1.29.25
3. Johnson, Essex Home School	1.33.15
<b>Class 6</b>	
1. East, Eagle	1.25.09
2. Bulbot, Carlton Sch. Bedford	31.58
3. Ryder, "	1.29.22
<b>Class 7</b>	
1. Miss Geraghty, Eagle	2.10.25
<b>Class 8</b>	
1. Miss Dysdale, Newham	1.40.37

<b>APPLETONS WICK SLALOM &amp; WILD WATER RACE</b>		7 Oct
1. D. Mitchell, Chester	17.56	
2. C. Skellern, Worcester	18.15	
3. N. Jackson, Manchester	18.17	
<b>C.2</b>		
1. Hillyard/Ramsey, Chalfont	21.04	
2. Witter/Witter, Leeds/Chester	21.05	
3. Chaplin/Aldred, Leeds/Baxton	21.11	
<b>C.2 Slalom</b>		
1. Hillyard/Ramsey, Chalfont	395	
2. Witter/Witter, Leeds/Chester	427	
3. Chaplin/Wigmore, Cambridge U	504	

<b>Open Event</b>		
1. R. Colverley		218
2. H. Moore		272
3. T. Young		279
<b>DURHAM SANDS TO FINCHALE ABBEY 50 Sept</b>		
<b>Handicap</b>		
1. Hodgson/Clarke, Wingate		46.07
2. Cloze/Bradley, Wingate		46.19
3. J. Barrett, Consett		46.29

## Around the clubs



One of the few clubs in the country that successfully combines rowing with canoeing, is due to celebrate its centenary in 1973. **BRADFORD-ON-AVON ROWING CLUB** are going ahead with big plans for their clubhouse — an old Georgian house in the centre of the town which they took over a few years ago. The scheme includes considerable internal alterations to the scheduled building which overlooks the River Avon plus a spacious gymnasium which will be erected alongside. When completed the club may well become the centre of all sporting activities for the urban area.



The **CHELMSFORD BOATING CLUB** is pleased to announce that the first stage of building the new permanent Club headquarters is now complete, giving accommodation for 40 canoes.

The second stage of the building work comprises the completion of the new Clubhouse, the shell of which has been built. This Clubhouse will include a social hall plus changing accommodation and bar. It is expected that this will be completed by the end of the winter. An entry fee on all new members after March 1968 will finance the latest project — an extension of the boat-house to increase canoe storage to 80.

Monday saw 42 canoes and 78 canoeists on St. Margaret's Bay shore ready, tense and slightly afraid for the little "D" Day Channel Crossing organised by the **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOYS' CLUBS**. The thickening fog caused a postponement and this released bitter disappointment.

At 7 a.m. on Tuesday at St. Margaret's again, but with much better visibility. Order to start was given at 7.30 a.m. — enthusiasm well to the fore, an eager dash to get afloat in the calmer waters of the bay. When they left the shelter of the headlands there were bigger waves and stronger winds. This pro-

gression continued throughout the trip; starting at Dover with force 4 winds which increased until at three-quarters distance, the wind was up to force 6 and getting a little too close to near gale conditions.

On this last stretch, there were waves of over 8 feet, the wind pushing the top 18 inches off the waves caused tons of water to surge, swish and roar down the steepening wave fronts to "attack" the canoes. This was a manzied adventure.

The pace setter, Elwyn Rees of Shaftesbury Boys' Club, set a good pace which suited the majority very well. The Group Leaders, in single canoes, found great difficulty in steering an accurate course in the quartering seas. The doubles had a little less trouble from these conditions, but certainly there was nothing easy about this trip. Having covered a considerable mileage before the weather became difficult, tired crews were called to exercise greater skill and strength when both commodities were at a low ebb.

Considerable praise is due to the 24 canoes which completed the crossing and landed in Calais harbour. For the three doubles and their leader, who were violently thrown from their canoes after completion but prior to landing, there was much sympathy from the whole expedition. Many of the failures were borderline cases, and for all who took part the effort and courage requirements were very high.



**BIRMINGHAM C.C.**'s decision to canoe the Awe in August proved interesting — the salmon fishermen were exchanging tall stories over their bowls of porridge whilst the Hydro Electric Board had opened up a sluice gate to flush the river. "The ensuing trip was most rewarding", writes John Brown. "Initially a few minutes warming up at the sluice gate, cut short regrettably by the Hydro Board shooing us away. (We learned later that it was for our own good — the three sluice gates were remotely controlled by the Grid centre and at any moment the 23 miles of Loch Awe might have been unchained!) The next half-mile was a steady torrent, with large boulders steaming upstream at an impressive speed. Then, the pace quickened with

a series of heavy rapids interspaced with stretches of 'Downton Gorge' diet. The haystacks were big, bouncy and breathless and the tail races offered every inducement for practising capsizing drill. However, none of us did capsize although most gave the river every opportunity by playing around in the difficult parts. In the event, the river probably won as all were thoroughly soaked by spray and stopper slosh. This is probably the best canoe run in Argyllshire; I should like to do it gain in the late winter!"



This has undoubtedly been the ELLESMERE COLLEGE CANOE CLUB'S most successful year. With

more than twenty boats and membership risen to close on 40, the club is flourishing, in spite of school timetable limiting them to two major outings a term, usually slaloms. Eight members, most of them experienced, spent an enjoyable 5 day half-term in November on the Usk and Teifi in flood conditions, despite the loss of one boat and severe damage to two others. Mill House Weir was the most memorable rapid on the second day, surprisingly toppling no one. On the fourth day John Liddell and Ian Collins successfully shot the Cenarth Falls to the delight of a wandering bunch of onlookers who hastily retraced their steps when they heard canoeists were coming down.

The Club's annual 12-gate Wiggle Test for members of all types of experience is to be held shortly.

A small keen nucleus who may be seen practising on all sorts of hairy water and are hoping to tackle some grade IV-V rivers this coming summer (1968) would very much like to contact a similar party from any other Club which has like plans in mind and would be prepared to allow them (that is, a group of three or four providing their own transport) to join up with them.

There were more than 1,200 competitors at the NATIONAL SEA SCOUT regatta, held at the beginning of October at Kingston-on-Thames. It was the biggest-ever entry and marked the Diamond Jubilee Year of Scouting.

14-year-old Gerald Martin became the first recipient of a new, silver trophy, donated by the Ship and Boat Builders' National Federation, when he won the under 16 canoe race, to become a national



Gerald Martin receives his trophy from Mr. H. F. Brooker.

champion for the second time in 4 weeks. Only the previous month, Gerald and a partner took first place in the junior doubles at the British Championship at Bedford—paddling the 21 foot canoe which he built in his spare time.

His latest victory is another step towards his great ambition—to compete in the Olympics.

The NORTH-EAST AREA COACHING PANEL ran its first ever weekend conference at Stubb House on Sept. 30th-Oct. 1st, and it went like a bomb. The river Tees excelled itself and rose 14 ft. above normal. The courses included in the weekend were: preparation for Senior Instructors and Instructors, boat building in fibre glass and a demonstration testing session designed to help standardise testing in the area. So popular was this weekend that the Area A.C.O. Chris Hare, has booked Derwent Hill Centre, Keswick, May 3-4-5th, 1968 and Stubb House, River Tees, Oct. 4-5-6th, 1968 for similar weekends.



The OXFORD UNIVERSITY CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB has recently moved headquarters from an old college barge which was in danger of sinking beneath their feet, into the upper storey of the Hertford College Boathouse. This together with a reduced (subsidized) subscription, and the almost complete renewal of the club's canoes within the last year has resulted in an unprecedented rise in membership.

"Some promising new members have joined the club this term", writes secretary Ian Moore, "so Cambridge had better watch out—their time as top dogs in the University canoeing world is coming to an unlamented end!"

The back end of the season has, as always, livened up on the competitive side, after the quiet of the summer when most people were abroad acquiring new skills. August Bank Holiday Grandtully provided the start of the 'semi season' and commenced the 'rout' of the traditionally run slalom: an extremely well designed course put the emphasis on watermanship rather than the ability to clear a gate after practising it three dozen times. Consequently only one practice run was permitted for each competitor. No restriction was put on the amount of paddling anyone could do, since the gates were drawn into the side after certain, pre-advertised, periods when the course was in position for inspection. Although was meant to be a slalom run by a syndicate, it seemed as if John McLeod was doing the major portion of the worrying over the weekend—altogether a creditable effort.

The Pont Alt-y-Cafan slalom unfortunately had to be cancelled for reasons which are somewhat uncertain: in my guess it was due to lack of manpower in the organising club, Colne C.C. However, whatever the reason, there can be no excuse for not warning people beforehand that the slalom was off. A number of people made the journey to South Wales only to find no competition being held. In my view it is the responsibility of the person whose name appears in the year book as accepting entries to circularise all club slalom secretaries if a slalom is cancelled. The failure of Colne C.C. to do this, was the height of discourtesy and brings great discredit on a club, which has been well regarded in the past.

The Serpent's Tail slalom on the Dee was well looked forward to, but failed to come up to expectations completely. Manchester Canoe Club were working under extreme difficulties, both from the equipment and the manpower points of view; indeed Maurice Rothwell spent the best part of a week trying to sort out the telephone equipment, which had been dumped on him by the organisers of the previous slalom, to the detriment of the clerical work which he usually performs so thanklessly. On the actual day, some judges simply packed up and went home for the simple reason that it had started to rain! This sort of thing does not make the organisers' job any easier.

The International match against the French at Shepperton on the 1st October proved very popular, although the French appeared to have underestimated the strength of our team and were soundly beaten. It is hoped that this will be an annual event and the British team will have

a more difficult job if they are to win again next year on foreign water.

Appletreewick was, as always, superbly organised. However, Leeds could do nothing about the weather, and the level of the river prohibited all competition except Saturday's white water race. In this event a mass start was used for the C.2's taking part and was generally acclaimed to be a successful experiment. On Saturday night the river rose about six feet and next morning half a dozen canoes were found to have been washed away. Whilst one can hardly blame the owners for not having considered the possibility, it is difficult to see how the B.C.U. Insurance can meet this form of loss—the premium is already high and we do not want a further increase.

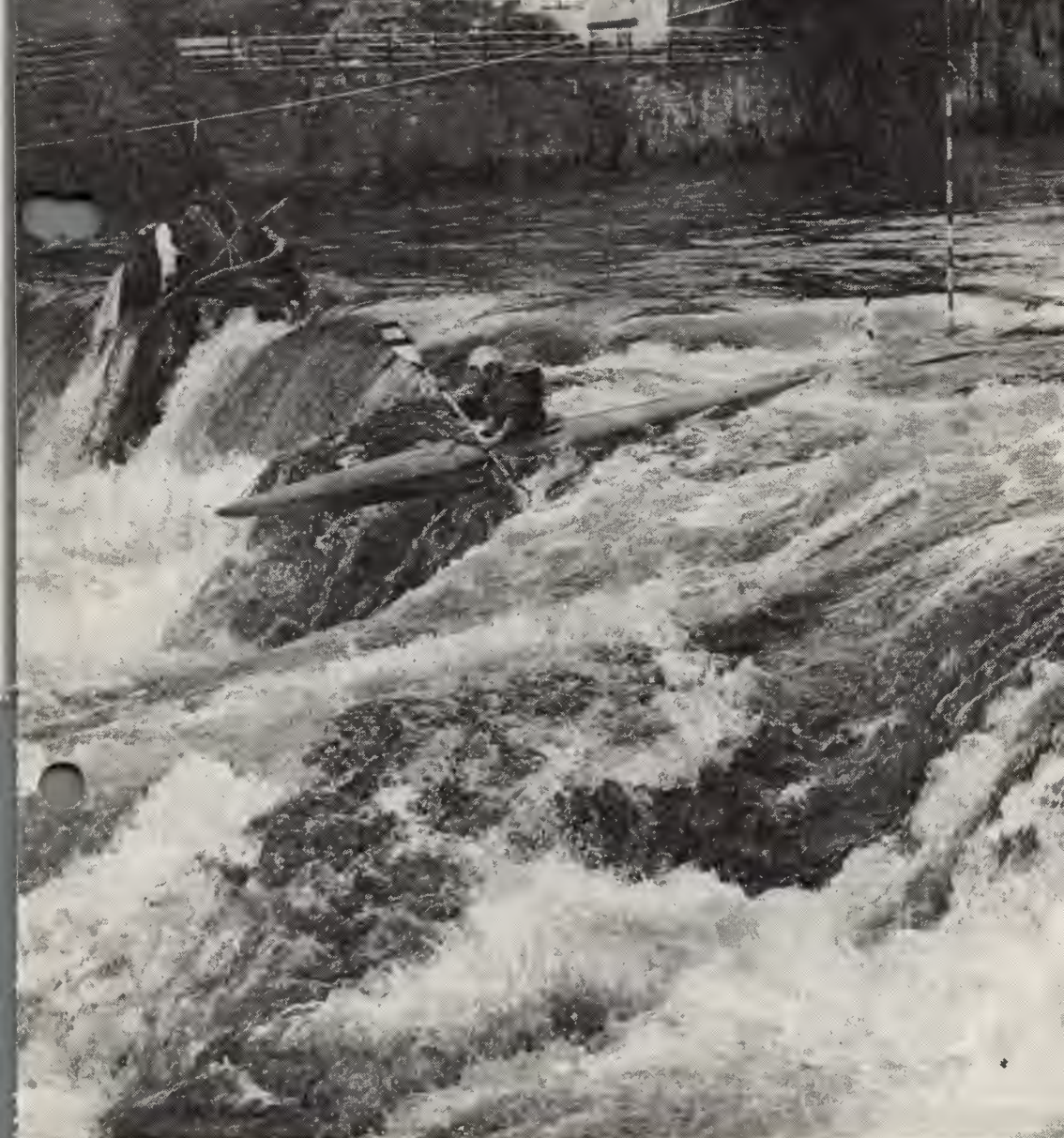
After some of the organisational fiascos earlier in the year, it was refreshing to witness the Llangollen Town Slalom, organised by Chester Canoe Club. This was the first slalom that Chester have ever run and they had obviously taken the attitude, from the beginning, that they were organising a serious competition and not just a weekend's entertainment for the paddlers taking part. Late entries were not being accepted and indeed Chester say that they should have liked a closing date for entries about a fortnight before the event so that a proper programme could have been prepared. They were faced with large expenditures, due to the somewhat ambitious nature of the slalom, and had therefore invited sponsorship from Players No. 6. The Royal Signals Regiment were asked to take charge of all telecommunications to judges, etc., and also to erect a radio net over which the timing was performed and the results flashed back to central control. This would no doubt have been splendid, but even the army has troubles and none of the judges' telephones were working on the Sunday! Chester had problems due to the position of the site in the middle of the town and on Friday night the local vandals cut the course down!

This caused some delay on Saturday and an all-night guard had to be mounted the next night to prevent a repeat of the trouble. A very valuable set of trophies, distributed at a well organised prize giving, completed a most satisfactory weekend. Incidentally Dave Mitchell, in winning this event, ensured his position as National Champion for the sixth year running—our congratulations to Dave on his most successful year so far, we all look to his going for the Gold in 1969 on the Isère.

As we close for press, the Annual Slalom Organisational Meeting draws near, it is hoped that many clubs will be encouraged by Chester's success to apply for dates in 1968 when they will run more slaloms on such enlightened lines.



# slalom round-up



Mike Hillyard takes the bottom fall at the Llangollen Town Slalom.

Photo: John Albert

## autumn sailing news

We were pleased to welcome the new European Champion Lars Nicklasson and Kjell Jacobsson (who won the Murphy-Howard Cup at the Centenary Regatta last year) from Sweden at the Royal Canoe Club Summer Meet and National Championship. This year we went to Hayling Island again and although the week chosen—10th to 15th September—brought little encouragement for the spectators a fair range of winds from force 2 to a good force 4/5 gave good racing and the keenest competition that has been seen for a good many years. John Biddle is the new British Champion and won the Quincey Cup, World Champion Alan Emus gained the Sailing Challenge Cup and on the final day

### Collected Comments 1967 Chris Hare

As we pass by the canoeing public, we hear some amazing observations and here are some of the choice morsels I have heard lately. If you have any true stories, please send them to the editor.

A group of canoeists attempting the night impossible fall below Miners Bridge, Betws-y-Coed, in the gathering dusk of a summers evening attracted a lot of attention. The group were all wearing white crash hats. One capsized and a white football used for buoyancy floated by. Comment by small boy: "Look, mam! One of their heads has come off!"

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Grandtully slalom. A group standing on bridge watching the first run when old lady approached. "Have they started yet?" "Oh yes!" chorus of replies. Shocked look on old lady's face, "I thought you would be waiting for the water to go down."

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Bude *Advanced* Surfing Week. Canoeist heading determinedly in the direction of America. "Don't you think it's time you turned round, old son?" enquired a rescuer. "I'd love to, but I don't know how to turn!!!"

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Sea canoeing course. Coach had been searching all day for a bit of rough water and at last found some tiny 3 ft. surf to work in. After a couple of hours he was confronted by coastguard. Coastguard: "I have had the inshore rescue craft standing by all afternoon—don't you realise that that surf is 3 ft. high!!!" Coach too flabbergasted to answer.

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Classified Advertisement in Scottish Newspaper: "Retired Pensioner required to supervise Canoe Club at Craigarloch, by Dullatur: must be active and capable of managing young people. 'Phone—".

Lars Nicklasson took the Murphy-Howard Cup.

Unfortunately Alan Emus was only able to take part in three races so the encounter between the two champions was inconclusive. There is no doubt at all that Swedes have put a great deal of hard work into learning to sail their canoes and that Nicklasson, although only a lightweight can drive his boat very fast under all conditions. We are promised a challenge from Sweden for the New York Canoe Club Cup in 1969 and there is no doubt that we shall have to work hard and raise our own standards if we are to keep the cup in Britain.

1969 means the World Championship in Canoe Sailing. Great Britain is the host country and Grafham Water the chosen venue. A trial run at Grafham on 14/15 October brought a representative IC fleet to compete for the first time for the Centenary Trophy. On this same week-end Olympic trials were taking place for the Flying Dutchman and Finn classes in the expectation that conditions at Grafham would simulate the light weather anticipated in Mexico next year. With the perversity of British weather a full scale gale blew across the flat fields of Huntingdonshire on both days. Giles Biddle (John's younger brother) survived these testing conditions to win both races and take the trophy.

### IC Results:

#### Sailing Challenge Cup:

Shrike III—A. H. Emus.  
Runner-up: Dicey—J. A. Biddle.

#### Quincey Cup:

1. Dicey—J. A. Biddle—5½ pts.
2. Gatan—L. Nicklasson—8¼ pts.
3. Still—K. Jacobsson—12 pts.
4. Warpaint—R. Marks—13¼ pts.

#### Murphy-Howard Cup:

1. Gatan—L. Nicklasson.
2. Dicey—J. A. Biddle.
3. Pizpireta—P. G. Biddle.
4. Warpaint—R. Marks.

#### Centenary Trophy:

1. Pizpireta—P. G. Biddle.
2. Shrimp II—K. C. Davis.
3. Impala—A. F. Hassell.

### Canoe Sailing Makes Progress

At the meeting of the Board of Management in Spindleruv Mlyn (Czechoslovakia), Sailing Committee Chairman Arthur Neveling could report satisfactory progress in this part of the sport during the last four years. Since 1963 the number of nations actively engaged in canoe sailing has gone up from four to eight with another four having indicated that they are now making a start. The number of registered IC class sailing canoes has gone up by more than 150 and numbers now over 300.

## Swinging Bude

The host and vocalist of the Atlantic Coast Combo, playing a season at the Bude Caravan Park Club, approached a group of people and asked "Where are you from?" Back came the reply — "Wales, Manchester, London, North-East — you name it, we are from it! We are canoeists down for the B.C.U. Surfing Week." Dumbfounded, he instructed his group to play 'Zambezi' — a seemingly appropriate number.

Bude was experiencing its annual invasion of paddle people, the first wave arriving during Friday and Saturday, 8th and 9th September, and "Olivers Kingdom" under the black and yellow B.C.U. flag soon numbered 100 boats with attendant paddlers and families, and Bude opened its doors and welcomed this influx which injects new life into the town at the end of a busy season.

Everywhere you went there were cars bearing canoes, and the newly founded one-way street system added to the fun as old hands from last year missed the 'No Entry' sign and amid cheers and jeers had to back out and start again.

Each day brought cries of surprise as friends met again, and one had only to walk on to the beach to be greeted with a wave of the hand, and groups of wives and children sat talking and playing in the sand while father surfed, later to change places or to embark on the less hectic sport of surfboarding.

The car park at Crooklets Beach was free to canoeists for the week, the attendant giving a cheery wave to each canoe-laden vehicle, and from dawn to dusk the sea was full of canoes at the two Bude beaches of Crooklets and Summerleaze, all under the watchful, but friendly, eye of the Surf Lifeguards who made sure swimmers and surfers didn't get mixed up with disastrous results. Others who found the tiny bay at Crooklets becoming rather congested 'emigrated' to nearby Widemouth. The open-air

pool at Bude was available at any time for rolling practice, and demonstrations of technique.

Unfortunately the week was not without its casualties, some caused in collisions with other canoes. When there are so many participants all anxious to get on the water at once it is essential to be able to roll efficiently in rough water, as this is the best way to avoid another canoe which when carried landwards by a wave has little steerage way. It is no good being afraid to roll in case you have to bale out — you must be a 'first-timer'. There was talk around the site, and it seems a good idea, of having time set aside so that the less experienced might be able to learn from the experts. After all many competent 'inland' canoeists cannot become proficient in surf by virtue of the fact that they have no surfing beaches near their homes and holiday time such as at Bude is the only chance they get.

The week was rounded off with a gala which unfortunately we had to miss, having to start the 400 mile return journey North the previous day. However, from reports of last years' from canoeists and locals alike, we missed a treat from both canoe and surfboard experts who raced, looped and performed various stunts in front of hundreds of spectators lining the beach and cliffs of Crooklets beach.

The winners of the various events were:

**Canoe Riding (Handling)** — 1. C. K. Woodbridge; 2. Reber; 3. Crooks (all Atlantic College).

**Sprint Race**—1. Lindsay Williams, Cambridge University C.C.; 2. Crooks, Atlantic Coll.; 3. Slaytor, Atlantic Coll.

**Canoe Rescue Race**—Lindsay Williams, C.U.C.C.; 2. Crooks, At. C.; 3. Slaytor, At. C.

**The Maxwell Cup for the Best Canoeist** (a perpetual trophy) Crooks, At. C.

So don't forget, for a jolly good holiday for all the family, Bude 1968 — see you there!

## Christmas Competition

Yes, it's Alan Bye, the well-known B.C.U. Senior Coach, pictured in his garden at Albrighton, Wolverhampton.

Readers are invited to supply their own caption, and send it with their name, address and B.C.U. number to the Editor. A copy of one of each of "Byde's Books" for the most amusing caption received by 5th January, 1968.



## BCU Expeditions Advisory Service

# EXPAD

Chris Hare

It all started in 1965 when my companions and I were planning the 1966 West Greenland expedition. It became increasingly obvious that despite a number of people having the information we wanted (such as advice on contracts, possible sources of finance, local conditions, costings, photographic problems, previous research, etc., in fact the thousand and one things that go to make up an expedition's problems) it was a major task trying to trace them. So Dr. Drever and I decided to approach the B.C.U. Council on our return with an outline plan to set up an expeditions committee, to gather the existing information on canoe expeditions, reports, etc., under one roof.

The Council decided as a first step they would appoint a one man expeditions adviser, and see how things develop from there. Needless to say, I am he. "Hoist with your own petard" I believe it is called!

During 1967 there have been two expeditions working with kayaks:

1967 Lapland Expedition, intended using a double kayak for transport in following the nomadic Lapps in the Finnmark Area. A report of their activities appears elsewhere in the magazine.

1967 Geological Expedition to Ubekend Eiland. Led by Dr. Drever this expedition carried on the work already started in 1966 of introducing the Greenlander to the wet suit. Also a Long Distance race proposed in 1966, to encourage the Greenlander to return to long distance paddling, from Umanaq to Igdlorsuit, 80 kilometres, was run and won in a time of 12 hours.

What of 1968? At the moment there are two expeditions under way:

1968 Expedition, Angmasslik to Julianehalb, Greenland. Led by Lindsay Williams, this group of six intend to paddle the 600 miles from Angmasslik to Julianehalb, down the east coast round the tip of Greenland and up the west coast, following a route taken by Gino Watkins. One or two snags have been run into with the Ministry for Greenland but there are great hopes that this project will get under way.

Loughborough College K.C. Norwegian Expedition 1968. This group, led by G. Dugdale, numbers ten, intend spending August 1968 in the Lofoten Islands area,

Northern Norway, studying the recreation and life in remote settlements.

Both these groups have entered in the *Guardian* expedition competition and we wish them well and hope they scoop the pool of £2,000.

Looking ahead to 1969, there are plans for a schoolboys' expedition to Greenland.

Now I need help. There have been in the past a number of canoe expeditions, notably to East Greenland under Chris Sutton, an expedition to Iceland, and another to the rivers of Northern Norway. Unfortunately I cannot contact any of the people involved because I do not know their addresses, so if you read this will you contact me, please? What I want is details of your expeditions for the records, so I can pass on information to enquirers.

Finally, if you are thinking of running an expedition and I can help, please drop me a line—Chris Hare, 9 Tynebrooke Avenue, Hartlepool—or come to the Adventures in Canoeing panel at the B.C.U. A.G.M.

CHRIS HARE.

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## Bookshelf

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### Happy the Man—Peter Scott (Sphere 15/-).

This is a paperback anthology of Peter Scott's writings, which reveals much of the character of this renowned painter and broadcaster. The gift set includes a small "decorative screen" with a specially commissioned picture by Peter Scott; the book itself has 16 colour plates of his paintings. Most of the book is concerned with wild life, there are some pieces on sailing and gliding, canoes get a passing mention. If your interests go further than mere paddling, you will enjoy this.

Rating: \*\*\*\*

### Advanced Paddling Course—Alan W. Bye (The Author, 2/6d.)

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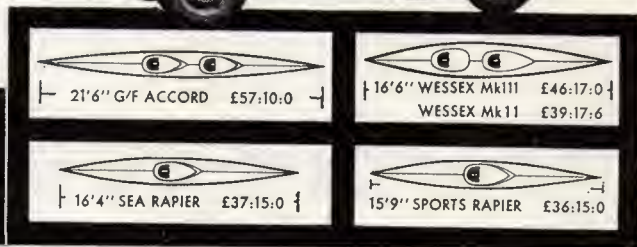
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