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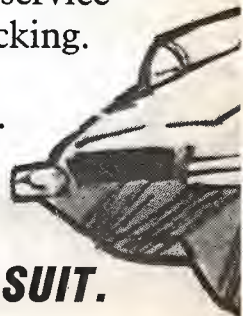
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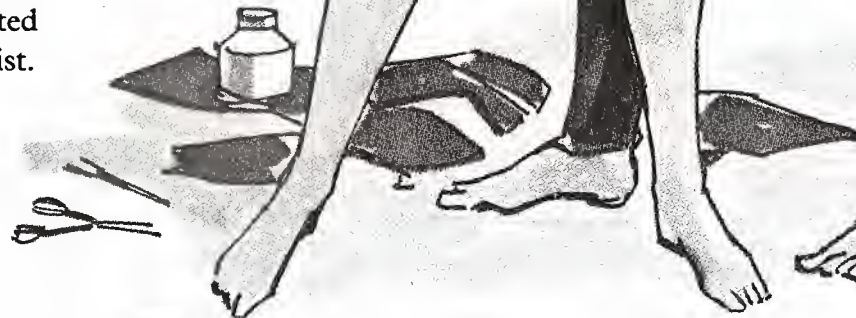


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EDITORIAL****Sprint Dilemma.**

The Sprint Racing Committee, having failed at its last two meetings to find anyone willing to take on the post of Sprint Secretary, is now considering how it can restructure its internal organisation so that the development of sprint racing is not retarded despite the lack of this key figure.

Proposals for a closed liaison with the L. D. fraternity and courses for volunteer regatta officials to be run by the Coaching Committee are under examination. Meantime, any offers of assistance could be sent to acting secretary, R. A. Sowman, Quorn House, 56 Warwick Place, Leamington Spa, Warks.

**Players bow out.**

The withdrawal by Players from the sponsorship of the 1970 International slalom at Llangollen, and the Long Distance Championships, is a severe blow to British canoeing. Prestige apart, the main value to us was the stimulus of foreign competition, made possible by the grants towards the expenses of top-class paddlers from overseas. It is to be hoped that the Ministry will look favourably on our application for a grant.

Jack Levison.

Enquiries regarding non-receipt of magazine, notification of changes of address and general enquiries should be sent, quoting your membership number, to the General Secretary.

Names and addresses of the principal officers of the British Canoe Union can be found in the B.C.U. Calendar and Directory, on pages 5 and 6.

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**Harbour dues — another threat  
to British canoeing**

In our advices to canoe tourists we have often quoted the words of our legal advisers regarding the existence of rights of way on tidal waters, and an increasing number of canoeists, weary of the continual bickering about access to rivers, have taken to the sea.

It has recently come to our notice that a few local authorities controlling natural harbours have acquired powers by Act of Parliament, to levy harbour dues, and they are now demanding them from everyone using a boat of any kind on the waters of their harbours, with exemptions for particular users such as commercial fishermen. The demand is extended to canoeists, even though they make no use of any of the specially provided harbour facilities, and simply use the natural ebb and flow of the tide.

The dues are claimed even when no landing is made, and quite recently the competitors in a race organised on Chichester Harbour from Sandy Point to Langstone were charged harbour dues by the Havant U.D.C. since they passed through the waters of Emsworth Harbour.

We have taken this up with the Havant U.D.C., for this daily charge of 4/- is a grave imposition on canoe tourists who may in the course of a cruise pass through many such natural harbours. Although we know of one harbour authority that has had these powers for many years, the recent increase has brought alarm and despondency to many individuals and organisations such as Activity Centres who will find the burden very heavy. We feel it is likely to drive canoeists, many of them youngsters, away from the sheltered safe natural harbours to the open coasts and greater dangers.

The daily charge bears no relation to the annual charge (£1 annual, 4/- daily) and yet to make it lower would presumably make it uneconomic to collect. Surely the remedy is obvious: to abolish the daily charge for casual visiting canoeists, especially as, unless they land, it will be difficult to collect the dues. Canoeists do not want to be driven to making a furtive passage through a harbour, afraid to land on the hard for lunch in case they are spotted by the Harbour Master and charged the dues.

We have just heard that the disease is spreading and Lord Montague of Beaulieu has now taken to demanding 5/- from every canoeist passing up Beaulieu River and landing at Bucklers Hard. This was discovered by a party of canoeists from the Outdoor Activity Centre at Calshot.

Where does it end? On the rivers we are told we are trespassers and are thrown off or kept off. Some migrate to the sea where they enjoy an inalienable right of way and then find that local

**Competitive report**  
by John Woolley

authorities and others demand a fee for the "privilege" of using that right of way. Shall we soon find landowners and councils making a charge for walking along a public footpath? or along the public road? Why not! The situation is the same.

Local authorities ceaselessly complain about youth and vandalism and quote the figures of young offenders. Surely they should be only too glad to do all in their power to encourage adventurous youngsters to make their canoes and get afloat, where they can find an outlet for their energies and daring, and develop into good citizens. These canoeists around our coasts are acquiring skills which will fit them for rendering voluntary service in canoe lifeguard units which can man the local holiday beaches and help reduce the accident figures.

The B.C.U. is taking up this matter with the various local authorities who are known to make these charges on canoeists, and will seek to persuade them to exempt manually propelled craft such as paddling canoes either completely or at least from the daily charge for visitors. We shall also urge the exemption of school and youth organisations, life guard units and outdoor activity and adventure centres.

We shall be glad if any member knowing of a harbour which makes charges on canoeists, will send us details of the authority and the charges. At present we have been told of Chichester, Langstone and Emsworth and Shoreham, but there may well be others. Send information to the President of the B.C.U. "Sunny Haven" East End, North Leigh, Whiney/Oxon.

## SELF RESCUE

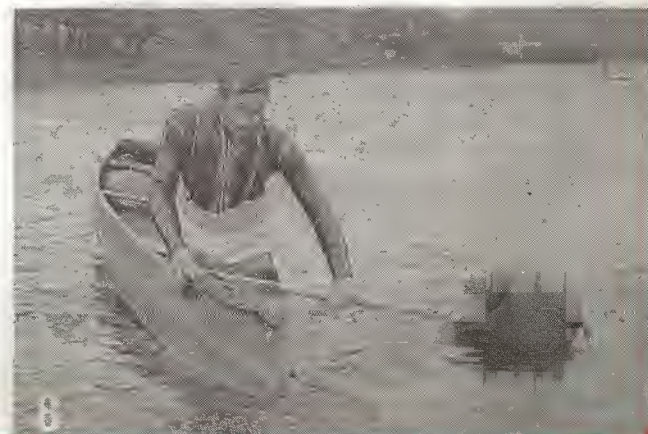
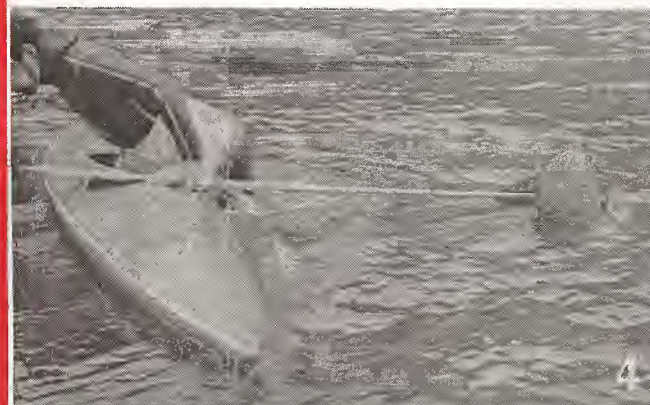
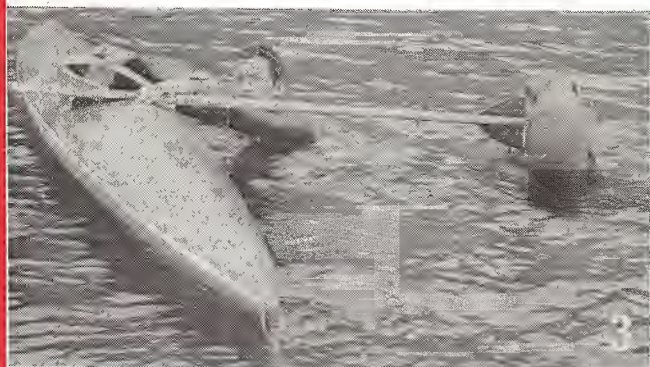
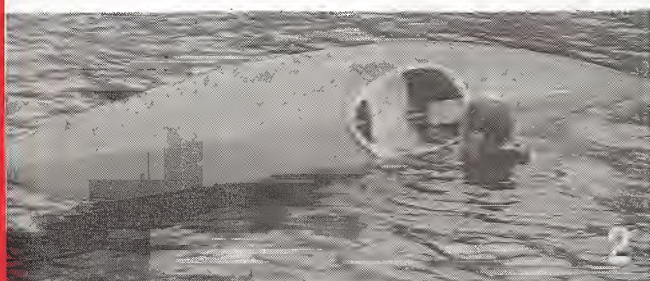
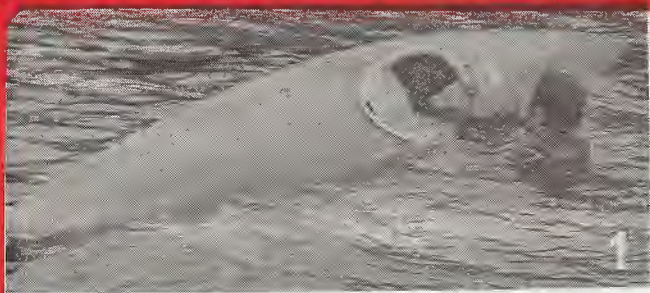
Peter Dyer, Chief Instructor at Benmore Adventure Centre, describes a method he has developed for re-entry after capsizing.

Although it is possible to enter a Kayak or canadian in deep water without assistance, few people could do it without considerable practice and most would fail completely if the conditions were anything but calm. The "Dyer Outrigger" method of self rescue gives an easy way for a canoeist to empty sufficient water from his canoe and with the aid of paddle and life jacket to re-enter confidently.

The "D.O." method is as follows:—

The life jacket is taken off and inflated. It is then placed under the gunwale (1) and the Kayak rolled slowly on to the life jacket (2) to allow the water to flow from the cockpit. The life jacket is now placed at the front of the cockpit as an outrigger. By holding the paddle and the cockpit together with one hand, and the back of the cockpit with the other (3) it is an easy matter to press up and turn to sit in the canoe. (4) Then with the help of the outrigger for balance it only requires a careful movement to get one's legs in again (5) and paddle on.

With the open canadian it is a simple matter to "rock" the water out in the conventional method but once again not easy to re-enter. The "D.O." method can be used as described above but it is best done at one end as illustrated. (6, 7 & 8).





## COUNCIL NEWS

Council held its second meeting of the year on Saturday the 11th July 1970 in 26 Park Crescent, London, W1N 4DT.

Reports were received from all Technical and other Committees and Council noted with appreciation that the work of the Union was proceeding with vigour.

Council also noted that, due to a very considerable increase in membership for the year and savings on both "Canoeing in Britain" and the launching of the Youth Class (Espada) Canoe, the previously estimated deficit in the budget forecast would be substantially reduced if not covered completely.

The next meeting of Council is due to take place on Saturday the 19th September 1970 at Leamington Spa.

● Motions for discussion at the B.C.U. A.G.M. next January at Leamington Spa should also be received by the General Secretary no later than 30th November, and signed by two full members.

## Expensive tour as Olympic slalomists write off 13 canoes

The new Olympic Slalom squad management consisting of manager Nig Morley with trainers John Fazey and Alan Harber is putting a tremendous amount of work into the job and so far is turning up with very good results. Certain members of the squad are not giving full co-operation, however, and indeed seem almost apathetic about membership of the Olympic team. More than one paddler failed, after selection, even to tell the manager that he would not be available for the trip to Merano/Muotathal. Such attitudes will of course be taken into account when the Selection Committee chooses teams in future, so no member need consider himself indispensable to the squad.

The most important event of the year has been the Merano slalom. Merano is where the World

*Encouraging results despite personality clashes*

by Rodney Witter

Championships are to be held next year, and the unusual month of June is chosen to ensure enough water in the river from the melting snows high on the mountains. Because of the very late spring this year, the river turned out to be in flood at a very interesting grade IV level. The character of the river was very fast unbroken rapid with no pools of slack water. Consequently anyone who came out of his boat and didn't hold onto it was sure to lose it, in fact the British team were unlucky enough to lose completely 13 boats during the period of the Alpine tour.

Practice went on all week with everyone gaining confidence on the extremely fast water. This was especially true of the C.2. crews who capsized regularly, but slowly got the hang of the difficult conditions. The course in use was not the World Championship one but somewhat downstream, to avoid a weir which could have been lethal to swimmers at such a water level. It is hoped that the weir can be modified before next year. The top section of the river race course took quite a toll during practice and it was fortunate that the river had gone down a bit for the white water race on the Saturday.

Our results in the race were rather disappointing as Dave Mitchell did not paddle and the boats of both Tony Young and Mike Thomas failed to hold together as far as the finish (clearly the philosophy of the ultra-light weight boats is not on for such conditions).

The slalom was all held on the Sunday, consisting of the individual runs plus two team event runs at the end of the day. And all this with no practice runs permitted on the course. This was the idea of the management which turned out to be just one person running the whole affair pretty well single handed. This chap obviously had the enthusiasm and resources to put on a good show but seemed rather out of touch with slalom thinking. One hopes that the I.C.F. will be able to step in and provide a little more guidance before the World Championship next year. At the slalom this year the continental managers' meeting dictated to the organisers the required changes, but by the time the managers got together it was often too late.

In the men's kayaks Peters and Baum of West Germany were first and second with Jurgen Bremer third. Dave Mitchell once again just failed to beat his old rival and was one second behind Jurgen in fourth place. Ray Calverley was 14th with Melvin Swallow (a relative newcomer to the team) a very creditable 15th (71 finishers).

In the women's K.1. 28 finished with Pauline Squires 15th, Heather Goodman 16th and Carol Gostling 19th. Our results in the C.2 event were equally unhappy, our highest crew being Williams/Allen at 18th (30 finishers). At least in this event the East German monopoly was broken for a change and the winners were Kadaka/Brabec of Czechoslovakia.

In the C.1.s the best we could do was Dinsdale at 22nd but it was encouraging to see the newcomer John Wilde only one place behind him (35 final places). The team events are best forgotten for after two individual runs no-one was very capable of pulling out their best on such

## SECRETARY'S NOTES

### Renewal of Membership

In this issue a renewal of membership form is enclosed. Please complete this form and return it to me together with your subscription whilst the matter is fresh in your mind. During the current year we have spent nearly £100. 0. 0. on postage alone reminding members that they had not paid their subscriptions and this money could have been better spent to the benefit of all canoeists.

Please also note that the new membership subscriptions as authorised by the Annual General Meeting held in London on the 24th January 1970 to take effect from the 1st November 1970 are:-

Individual Full Members .....	25/-
Individual Youth Members .....	15/-
(under 18 years)	
Family Members .....	5/-
Club Affiliation Fee .....	70/-

For those with **BANKERS' ORDERS** in operation please ensure that you have instructed your bank to make the necessary adjustment.

The **COACHING** tick required on the form is for holders of the Instructor or above Coaching Awards and is **NOT** for those who have passed a Proficiency Test. If this space is used correctly it does save time of a very hard pressed Headquarters staff.

Every year when we start sending out reminders that membership subscriptions have not been paid we get a certain number of irate replies stating that the membership was renewed on such-and-such a date and quoting the membership number. Frequently cryptic remarks on the inefficiency of Headquarters Office are added.

Invariably we find on investigation that the reason is due to two record cards, one in the current year and one in the year which has passed. Again invariably we find the reason for this is that the member in question had completed an "Application for Membership" form and had made no mention of the fact that the subscription was for a renewal of previous membership, hence a new record card had been made out and placed in the current year's records whilst the previous year's card remains in the previous year's records and consequently comes up for a renewal notice every time one is sent out.

We have already received well over 2000 applications for new membership this year so it

will therefore be appreciated that it is not feasible to check each new application in order to see if he or she might have been a member the previous year.

When sending in your membership subscription PLEASE at least indicate that it is a RENEWAL or preferably complete the correct renewal form a copy of which, as has already been stated, is included with this issue.

### Membership

Membership figures continue to be very satisfactory and we already show an increase over last year's final figures of 14%.

Figures as at the 10th July compared with the same date last year were as follows:-

	1969	1970	Increase	% Increase
Full	2614	3728	1114	42.6%
Youth	1057	1250	193	18.26%
Family	365	474	109	29.9%
	4036	5452	1416	35.1%

### Affiliated Clubs

As for Individual Membership, Clubs affiliated to the Union have increased in numbers. At the 10th July the increase was 40% compared to the same date in 1969. Percentage increase over the final 1969 figure was 8%.

### Club Colour Register

A new Register of Club Colours has been prepared by Mr. Ian MacLeod and will be kept at Headquarters. It is of course not possible to circulate the information contained therein but the Register is available for inspection and enquires from Club Secretaries, either by telephone or letter, who wish to register new colours will be answered as well as possible.

### Lif jackets

With regard to the special concessionary rates for Lif jackets announced in the June issue of "Canoeing in Britain", Messrs. Beaufort (Air-Sea) Equipment Ltd. have asked us to publicise the fact that postage at current G.P.O. rates for parcel post must be included when ordering. Unfortunately this was not mentioned in the original notice. The current rate for 1 or 2 jackets is 4/6d.

### Guide to the Waterways

Unfortunately we have completely sold out of the current edition of the Guide to the Waterways, but a reprint edition containing some amendments will be available by the end of September.

fast water. In the kayaks our men were fourth to East Germany, West Germany and Switzerland, whilst in the women's event a third was gained, beating Czechoslovakia and Switzerland. The C.1. team came 4th in their event whilst the C.2.s were unlucky in that Court/Goodwin broke a paddle on the first run, whilst on the second it was the turn of Witter/Witter to break a blade and capsized.

All in all Merano can be summed up as a good course, with organisation which will have to be improved for next year.

From Merano we moved on to the slalom and race at Muota the following weekend. Here again the river was particularly high and came up each afternoon as the sun melted the snows high on the mountains. A number of boats were lost by all nationalities in practice and even with the rescue facilities during the event, it was often difficult to get the boats out of the river. The week was spent by the C.2 crews being trained by Zdenek Valenta, the ex C.2 (bow) world champion, who has now left Czechoslovakia and is living in Zurich. The crew picked up a lot of good gen although we didn't learn as much as we could since Willams/Allen could only get to Merano and Brown of Woods/Brown had decided he had had enough and left for England. This rather precipitous action in the middle of the tour somewhat upset the management who have referred the matter to the Executive Committee.

Again the race was held on the Saturday and our results were not too good with Dave Mitchell 6th and Dave Fawcett 8th (53 finishers). In the women's event Heather Goodman got the bronze medal, which was splendid, with Pauline Squires only 1½ seconds behind her. Gay Goldsmith and Jim Sibley were 11th and 12th paddling the Boudehen C.1. racers, 1 minute behind the winner Walter Gehlen. In the C.2 class it was the Llangollen winners of last year, the Austrians Steindl/Mulneritsch who won very convincingly.

It is interesting that the East Germans no longer paddle W.W. racing nor do they enter mixed C.2 crews in slalom, since neither is to be included at the Munich Olympics. The policy seems to pay off since the D.D.R. slalom team is well high invincible and won every class entered at Muotathal.

Jurgen Bremer, of course, won the kayak event 4 seconds clear of Colombe of France. The big surprise for Britain, however, was the excellent performance of newcomer Melvin Swallow, who was 3rd, 8 seconds behind Bremer. Tony Young finished an excellent 5th, whilst Dave Mitchell was down at 15th this time. It is significant that our highest placed paddlers are all from Chester Club and train together, though one can only guess at the results had John Macleod and Ken Langford been available for the trip.

In the women's kayaks the first three places were filled by the D.D.R. whilst our highest result was Pauline Squires at 5th, more than 50 seconds behind the winner. As expected Jochen Forster won the C.1 but a D.D.R. newcomer, Reiner Eiben, was a close 2nd. This time Goldsmith and Sibley were 18th and 19th, 300 seconds behind.

In the C.2 event Trumner/Kretchmer were 1st as expected, with a time that was fantastically only 2 seconds slower than Bremer's kayak time! Witter/Witter and Court/Goodwin were 13th and 14th, 200 seconds behind. The new crew of



The most heartening news recently has been the definite decision of the IOC to accept Augsburg as the site for the Olympic slalom in 1972. Thus the uncertainty under which the Olympic squad has been working is now removed and it can train at full stretch for the next two years.

Already the squad has made its two important tours abroad this year and some very worthwhile results have been gained, possibly the most important being the 3rd place of Melvin Swallow to Bremer and Colombe at the Muota slalom in June. We shall have to wait and see whether the British team can consolidate its position at the most important event in the home calendar, the Llangollen international on the 17th-18th October. Many difficulties remain to be overcome following the withdrawal of Player's sponsorship from the international, but at least we are assured of the attendance of the German Democratic Republic team — surely the most brilliant slalom team ever.

The international is, of course, largely run by Chester Canoe Club since Llangollen is on their doorstep. It was interesting therefore to attend the first slalom Chester have run in the middle of their own town, to see if it was as smoothly organised as the Llangollen events. The Chester weir slalom pictured above, was held on 12th July, in a month when there are normally no events, since Chester thought they would attract the maximum entry in this way for the competition, which was also the first event in the annual Chester Sports Week. The slalom certainly attracted the entrants as there were 320 on the start list and a further 130 entries had to be sent back as there was just not enough time to fit everyone in. The river was particularly low but as the slalom was laid over a series of fish steps, this did not matter too much.

A very interesting and tight course had been laid out which certainly taxed the competitors. A

measure of the excellence of the course design can be gauged from the large number of capsizes which took place even on such placid conditions. It is very interesting to see today the seeming frequency with which the novice capsizes and then proceeds to show great skill by immediately rolling upright again. Surely the Eskimo roll is meant to be the ultimate recovery stroke, not the panacea for all slight wobbles. Perhaps this phenomenon is the product of increased access to swimming pools and decreased access to white water.

It is not too early to start considering the various proposals which will be thrashed out during the winter to improve the sport in future years. An interesting proposal from Carlisle Canoe Club is that the slalom control cards and entry cards could be combined in one form. There are two main arguments for this; one is that amount of pure hard work involved in transcribing say 300 competitors' details from entry card to control card and the other is the extra source of potential error that this introduces. A further Carlisle suggestion is that SAEs should be included with all entries, again to cut down the amount of work involved in the administration of a slalom.

The new ruling whereby all competitors must send their B.C.U. membership cards to the ranking list compiler (as detailed on page 5 of the year book) does not seem to be having much effect so far. It is an unpleasant rule to have to enforce, but it has been made necessary by the number of people who have dodged membership of the B.C.U. and have competed in previous years. The Slalom Committee is determined to stamp out this practice, so be warned: unless you send your membership card to your divisional ranking list compiler (enclose SAE for return), you will not appear on any ranking lists at the end of the year.

Jenkinson/Lydon put in quite a good run to come 18th, which must be encouraging for their first season.

The stability of the C.2 pairings does not seem too good at present with a number of crews thinking of splitting up; in particular it seems that Slater/Swift will not be paddling together again, whilst Woods/Brown would seem to be finished after Brown's walk out. Perhaps the strain of competition, together with the continual contact between partners leads to too much friction, clearly a difficult problem for individualists (which all canoeists seem to be) to overcome. However, something must be done about it if we are to field a worthwhile C.2 team at Munich.

Llangollen National Slalom Centre Project. Negotiations for the purchase of B.R. properties in Denbighshire by the County Council are still proceeding, and until they have been completed, no developments in our Slalom Centre Project will be likely. Members will be kept informed.

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# REGIONALISATION

## -the debate continues

The word is fashionable these days so I read with great interest the article in the last issue of C in B, and the companion one in White Water. Careful now. You may be in step but marching in the wrong direction.

The B.C.U. has to operate on two fronts. It has to deal with individual canoeists and it has to negotiate with national authority. A difficult problem but as I read it, regionalisation is not supposed to be an approach to the first front and it certainly is not the best way to the second.

I don't want to be long winded so can I just refer to the points raised by Rodney Baker:

1. The River Advisers are individuals, but are they alone? I thought that at least they would be consulting the local clubs and getting their co-operation. I remember years ago when the Tay Canoe Club committee was appointed en bloc as the Scottish Slalom Committee. This has its amusing aspect but if a River Adviser needs moral support surely, even at present, he is allowed the company of local representatives — without a permanent second befogging tier of administrators?

2. The Coaching Committee has a problem, and regionalisation may be the answer to it but you cannot carry over from the part to the whole. Not without good reason.

3. If the competition committee to which Rodney refers is the Slalom Committee he is misleading or misled. Prompted by (or prompting) the Council moves, our Secretary mentioned last winter that he was working out a scheme of regionalisation, and he detailed it in the July issue of White Water. This was done on his own initiative though it will no doubt be welcomed and discussed by the Slalom Committee in December. The problem is that if we regionalise, then for several years at least those regions lacking in natural resources will also lack for competition. Present answer is to allow regions to team up and to overlap — which makes one wonder, why bother! Truly though we have an interesting scheme which even if amended will be stimulating. But this is neither dependent on B.C.U. policy nor should it influence it unduly.

4. Being immersed myself in the lesser problem of 'White Water' I sympathise with Jack Levison and his distribution chore. But the only value of Regions to Jack would be that the Regions would be compelled to share his burden. Could he not get more voluntary help **without** making the B.C.U. top heavy?

5. As far as I know, Leamington, Manchester and Sheffield have been glad to act as hosts for the A.G.M. In the case of Manchester, we relied on the club committee and a 'man on the spot' to make arrangements, calling on members of that and nearby clubs for specified help. A considerable task, but a regional organisation could not have helped.

6. Ah, money comes into it. Let me put it simply. If we had to have Regional Committees I'd be glad that they could be subsidised by the Sports Councils. But to say that the Sports Council may subsidise (in part) so should we get in quick and have regional committees — that gets me by the short hairs. And by the pocket.

7. So Regional Committees should be set up by Council, not independently by B.C.U. members? Are we merely trying to legitimise or incorporate pirate growths? Shame. Most clubs have informed dealings with their neighbours. Do some have formal association? Good. Are they interested in access problems? Right, appoint their secretary as B.C.U. river adviser. Are they organising local competition? Excellent — but more to the point,

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London Schools' Kayak Expedition to Greenland.

This summer, from 24th July to 7th September, a party of 16 VI form boys from London schools, working under the guidance of four very experienced adults, are making journeys by kayak in the Angmagssalik area of E. Greenland.

The main purpose of the expedition, apart from the adventure, is for each boy to pursue a field-study project related to his VIth form or proposed university course. Each study will then form a chapter of the final expedition report.

David Penlington.



Brighton Regatta 1970. Photo: Bill Richmond



The Chelmsford Town Centre Canoe Dash, organised by the CHELMSFORD BOATING CLUB on June 13th attracted a record entry, and afternoon shoppers were able to see from various vantage points including the bridges, the largest number of canoes ever to race through the centre of the town, churning up the muddy waters as they went.

Nearly 40 canoes took part in the 2 mile race, thereby showing not only the growing interest in canoeing in the area but also the increasing importance in the canoeing calendar of the Dash.

A dash to Birmingham Accident Hospital was the fate of Arnold Edmundson after nearly severing a toe on glass embedded in the mud at Tintern after a trip down the Wye.

At Monmouth he and his party saw a Transit with two canoes on the roof and 48 on its trailer! Who could it have been?

The team which completed the 21 miles of the ASHBY CANAL ASSOCIATION Sprint Relay Canoe Race in May in the best time was unfortunately disqualified — for having three men in the team instead of four! This was due to a misunderstanding when the Team Captain handed the names in to the Starter's Marshall and he thought that there were two people with the same names taking part. . . .

It certainly seems that the new association has got off to a good start with two well organised and enjoyable slaloms. The committee is already making ambitious plans to form an area training squad for young paddlers with BCU first division potential. Bob Castle and Bob Gray have been appointed to run the squad and the first training weekend is the Spring Bank Holiday.



MANCHESTER C.C. is at present negotiating for, a club headquarters at Marple, on the River Goyt.

At last, CARLISLE CANOE CLUB have managed to obtain permission to hold a canoe slalom at Armathwaite on October 25th. This is a former site of the slalom championship event that used to be run before the present ranking system. They intend to run a K1, C1, C2 Ladies, Restricted team for second division; and also a restricted open event (depending on entries).

The course will include shooting the weir (which was considered too difficult in the old days).

John Page of PENZANCE CANOE CLUB has a K.W. Supreme which started off a hazardous life by falling off the roof rack of a moving car, and which has since then been used for surfing. Many times repaired, it now weighs 81lb. Is this a record for a slalom boat?



Miss Wendy Clapham partnered by Mr. Ken Pereira completed the Canadian pairs 10,000

metre race for senior men in 1 hr. 25 mins. 15 secs. on 4th July, 1970. In recognition of her support for the race and no mean achievement, it has been agreed that she be granted free full membership of the CANADIAN-CANOE ASSOCIATION of Gt. Britain until 30th September, 1971. The race was postponed from May and there were 6 crews entered. Richardson and Giddings of Royal C.C. won in 1 hr. 9 mins. with G. Smith and D. Williams (C.C.A.) second.



A large crowd of spectators gathered at Pulborough Public Hard to watch the start of the Chandy Challenge L.D. race. There were 87 starters, including 11 year old Ian Turk of 1ST BURGESS HILL SCOUTS and Steve Heath of 2nd

Darrington who completed the course in slalom kayaks.

The Chandy Shield was presented to the overall winners Trevor Suckling and Charles Brown of 8th Worthing Sea Scout Group.

The second event of the Weald Slalom Association was run by the WOKING ADVENTURE GROUP at Walsham Lock on the 9th and 10th May. The slalom attracted nearly 70 entries and it was encouraging to note how much the general standard of canoeing has improved in the area over recent months. With only two of the scheduled competitions run, Guildford Canoeists are already showing a clear lead followed by Langley Park and Woking. It was interesting to note in the team event, that the much fancied Guildford team which really distinguished itself in the individual events, was pushed into third place purely due to better team organisation by Woking and Langley Park.



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that's the concern of the competition committees, not of B.C.U. Council. They want representation on the Council? Well, that would be easy even under the present set-up.

8. Rodney has quoted various matters which would be affected by regionalisation. Please could we have a real report, on improvements which could only be effected by Regional Committees? All this sets me thinking dolefully. I'd hate to think that the massive increases in B.C.U. subscriptions (voted in last winter) were engineered solely to finance regionalisation. But I doubt if it would be enough and I'd hate to think of further increases next winter.

Ian D. Pendleton.

*Rodney Baker replies:*

*I have read with interest Ian Pendleton's comments and there is no doubt at all that in many of the things he says he is absolutely correct. May I make clear my position. I am not selling regionalisation. I am selling readiness. I am convinced that in the not too distant future the B.C.U. will be under pressure from outside to regionalise its administration, and I hope, by raising this matter now, that the B.C.U. can have thoroughly considered the matter and have produced a policy document on the subject. It will then be in a position to say what our attitude is following a full investigation. I personally believe that at this time the disadvantages outweigh an immense margin the advantages of a regional set-up, but, because I do not know all the answers, I am prepared to say I may be wrong.*

*The Council agrees with me in the one thing, that we ought to have a thorough check on this subject so that we know where we stand. I would like to thank all the people who have written to me on this subject and assure them that their comments will be placed before the Working Party. Further contributions will be really welcome, either on regionalisation as a scheme or on some specific point that the reader may think important.*

*Rodney Baker,  
62 Rupert Road,  
Sheffield S7 1RP.*

## SLALOM REGIONALISATION.

(Condensed from WHITE WATER) by Chris McAllister.

A well-known canoeist, who frequently lectures on canoeing, and a host of other outdoor topics as well, once pointed me out to her audience, "This is Chris. He is a slalomist. He and

his friends have meetings every few months and ask one another; "How can we make this sport more complicated?"

To outside eyes the way we do things in slalom may seem strange or unnecessarily complicated. We seem never to tire of thinking up new ways of organising the sport, new rulings to trap the unwary, new complications, and Regionalisation may turn out to be yet another. To what avail? Take the Ranking system we have developed over the years. Perhaps it could be slightly simpler, but it is certainly the best in the world. The hard-working officials who have worked on slalom in this country and nursed it from its small beginnings to its present state of rosy health, putting in hours of work on committees, calculating scores, repairing headsets, and typing stencils, have often received scant gratitude from the impatient crowds who stand around and moan; "To blazes with all this fiddly detail. What we want is more and better slaloms."

But BCU Membership figures are on the way up. It might not be too optimistic to suppose that there will be a record number of slalomists on the Ranking Lists at the end of the season.

Maybe 870 is too optimistic a forecast, but there does seem to be some kind of mathematical relationship between the number of slalomists and the number of slaloms. Even if we drop this figure to 800 in the interests of realism, keep the numbers in First and Second Divisions much as they are at present, and allow for large increases in the numbers of the Ladies and Canadian classes, we could end up with 400 paddlers in Division Three alone!

Clearly 400 is a massive number for which to have to compile a Ranking List. In 1971 it could be even larger. The answer is not to split it horizontally, thus going back to the old ideal of a Fourth Division which was abandoned three years ago, but to split Third Division vertically into geographical regions.

Briefly, under a regionalized slalom system, paddlers of Third Division level and lower would compete only at regional (local) level, and would then be promoted on merit to membership of the national ranking system which would consist only of First and Second Divisions, run more or less as they are at present. This is all that regionalization means, and recently the BCU Slalom Committee appointed a sub committee of three; John Freeman, Mark Markham and myself to study the case of regionalization, to examine schemes in detail and to report back to the Executive Committee in the Autumn.

## Do you know your rights?

Any Full Individual member of the B.C.U. may nominate a candidate for election to Council — such a nomination should be in the form of a motion, and seconded by another full member. Nominations should be sent to the General Secretary to arrive not later than 30th November, 1970. Nominations for retiring officers should be made in the same way, and it should be noted that officers and council members are eligible for re-election.

This year, the President, John Dudderidge, O.B.E., retires, as do Council members, W. Baker, R. M. O'Keefe, A. L. Williams, J. Bright and A. Tullett.

It was requested at the A.G.M. in 1969 that brief biographical details be supplied by candidates so that voters would have some guidance in making their selections. These details should be sent to the General Secretary with the nominations. If there are more candidates than places on Council, each member will receive a postal ballot form with the December C. in B.

● International negotiations are proceeding with a view to having a plug made for a Nethercott standard one-design sailing canoe hull. It is expected that a British manufacturer will obtain a mould to provide for the expected upsurge in this branch of canoeing in the next few years.



On the R. Leven. Photo: Jack Levison

### — Bookshelf —

**An Approach to Outdoor Activities** — Terry Parker (Ed.) (Pelham, 40/-d)

This book deals with mountaineering, orienteering, caving, ski-ing canoeing, etc. from the teacher/organiser's point of view. Practical suggestions abound, all of which have been tried out with young people. The canoeing section is by teacher John Cross, who is no doubt pleased that the British Schools Canoeing Association which he advocated has now come into being. There are a number of typographical errors which have not been picked up in the proof reading, but these can be forgiven, for this is a book for every potential leader to study to his advantage.

**Rating \*\*\*\***

**Paddling Kayaks and Canoes**— Istvan Granek, (United States Olympic Development Committee 7 dollars post paid, National Paddling Committee, P.O. Box 194 Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033.) This is a remarkable — dare I say it — classic book of its type. Dealing with sprint paddling in kayaks and canoes, it comprehensively covers every aspect of the coach's and competitors' schedule. Paddles and paddling techniques, age to start, circuit training, history of the craft, race tactics, training schedules in-season and out-of-season.

Although not easy reading for anyone without a background knowledge of sprint racing, it goes so thoroughly into every schedule in-season and

## 1972 Olympic Games Slalom in Augsburg

By a vote of 67 to 3 the General Assembly of the International Olympic Committee, at its meeting on May 13th 1970, rejected the recommendation of its Executive Committee that the Slalom should be held in Munich or abandoned, and approved the joint application of the Organising Committee and the I.C.F. that, since the City of Munich was not able to make a site available in Munich, the offer of Augsburg to stage the Slalom, be accepted.

out-of-season. for any sprint-L.D. competitor and should be compulsory reading for any type of B.C.U. Coach, whether he be general, slalom, or sprint. A major work whose influence on the competitive side of the sport could be — if widely read — of definitive benefit. — C. H. **Rating\*\*\*\*\***

**British & International Camping Sites Guide.** (Colex, 15/-d)

A good list of camp sites in this country, Europe and parts of Asia. The details, checked against sites visited, are in general pretty accurate, a contrast with other so-called guides I have recently used. One double entry noted with contradictory information about the same site (Manor Farm, Balk, Yorkshire, Thirsk). A system of star gradings for certain British sites, and

### Executive proposal to abandon slalom defeated

The slalom competition will not include team events, and all the events will be held on one day, probably Tuesday, August 29th.

With the inclusion of slalom in the Games, Canoeing has moved into 3rd place behind Athletics and Swimming, as far as expected number of competitors is concerned. In Augsburg we shall see the first proper slalom stadium in the world, with all technical facilities and stands for 30,000 spectators. We are informed that tests on a scale model 1:22 have demonstrated the feasibility of constructing an artificial slalom course in countries where, so far, slalom has been thought to be out of the question on account of a lack of natural fast water. It is expected that in 1971 an international slalom will be held on the new course.

1/2/3/4 gradings for French sites are not explained in the key, nor are the abbreviations in the French section translated. Nevertheless a useful buy. **Rating\*\*\***

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With last year's long, dry Summer causing a virtual absence of heavy water, the autumn rains saw most white-water enthusiasts jumping for joy. Although enthusiastic for WHITE, but not COLD, water, I was becoming a little apprehensive of the approaching winter months. The fact that my younger, fitter colleagues seemed happy to wallow up to their necks in icy-cold water, dressed only in Tee-shirts, did little to alleviate the misery.

I had found that a Wet-Suit was much too restricting and, needing all the help I could get, I was forced to cut out the sleeves. This made paddling somewhat easier, but much colder and it

seemed that some alternative method of keeping warm was essential if I was to enjoy any amount of cold-weather canoeing.

Having decided that a Dry-Suit might provide the answer, I saved up my half-pennies (now out of circulation) and, upon receipt of my £7-0-0 a Seal-Suit in kit form duly arrived from P. & H. Fibreglass Ltd.

The kit consists of latex-rubber sheeting, adhesive paper tape, rubber solution, patterns and instructions. The instructions, though not particularly clear, were adequate and the suit was completed inside two evenings. It was suggested that brown-paper templates should be made from suitably modified patterns provided, but I found it easier to cut out templates from the actual patterns supplied with the kit, after alteration to suit my own vital statistics.

As soon as rubber-solution touches the latex, it causes it to roll up at the edges and stick to itself and it is essential to back every seam with the paper tape before applying the adhesive. Incidentally, the tape provided is of the "lick and stick" variety and by the end of the evening my mouth was akin to the proverbial Greek Wrestlers Armpit! A better flavoured gum would have been much appreciated!

There was no particular difficulty in making good, waterproof seams, even round the sharp bends on the bootees. Once the adhesive had dried, it was possible to peel off the paper tape which enabled one to manoeuvre round the curves. Even after completion, it is possible to carefully peel apart a seam which means that any mistakes can be rectified fairly easily.

The completed two-piece suit consists of jacket, with seals at neck and wrists, and trousers with bootees attached. It is quite easy to put on when well powdered with chalk, but care is needed to ensure a good seal at the waist by rolling the bottom edge of the jacket up with the top edge of the trousers. Removal of the jacket is not quite so simple and can cause quite a struggle until one gets the hang of it.

# do-it-yourself

## DRY SUIT

For me, the easiest way is to cross my arms and grip the bottom of the jacket as far round to the back as I can reach. A quick jerk of the arms over the head usually has the desired effect and the head and wrists can then be carefully extricated. Taking advantage of my own mistakes, I would recommend would-be suit-makers to allow extra room in the feet and around the chest. There is more than sufficient material provided but I did run out of rubber-solution due to alterations. As this is obtainable at any garage, this did not present any problem.

The material has little insulation value and needs to be worn over light clothing such as a track-suit or woollen jumper and "long-johns". The suit is extremely comfortable to wear and, even my feeble movements are not restricted in any way. Personally, I can not bear anything really tight around the neck (despite suggestions to the contrary by my colleagues) and I therefore left this seal rather slacker than the ideal. After rolling, I sometimes find that a minute amount of water has seeped in past the neck joint but this has never been enough to cause any discomfort. Otherwise, the suit has proved to be completely watertight.

The greatest joy comes when changing back into normal clothing as one never need to present bare, wet flesh to the icy winds. The suit dries quickly after use and only requires a sprinkling of french-chalk, to stop the latex sticking to itself.

For longer trips during very cold weather, I completed the outfit by stretching and gluing a strip of the latex around the wrists of a pair of rubber gloves, to make a waterproof seal. Despite this being severely frowned upon by other club members, I find these very warm when worn over thin woollen gloves and they do not spoil the "feel" of the paddles to any great extent.

As a whole-hearted believer in all creature comforts, I have never subscribed to the peculiarly English belief that, whatever makes you feel cold, uncomfortable, miserable, exhausted or in pain... must be doing you a world of good! My Seal Dry Suit is proving to be a hard-wearing, inexpensive way of keeping dry and comfortable on, or in, the water and has allowed me to enjoy many more hours of cold weather canoeing than would otherwise have been possible.

## Anglers consider canoe registration scheme

The Registration Scheme referred to in the March issue of *Canoeing in Britain*, is now being studied by the Anglers and Riparian Owners, and further meetings with them are planned for the autumn.

To most people, including canoeists, any form of registration is a restriction of freedom, and to succeed it must attract by offering worthwhile benefits. A permitted day, now and then, during the year will not attract, for it offers no alternatives if the water levels or weather are unfavourable.

The B.C.U. considers that to get the scheme off the ground a series of river timetabling programmes for adjoining areas should, when taken together as a group, give prospects of canoeing on a choice of rivers at any one time, midweek (for schools etc.) and at weekends (for those with jobs), without challenge, argument or unpleasantness.

The Registration Scheme put forward by the Union envisages a nationally based scheme, not a series of river authority area registrations.

It is not anticipated that all private waters will be embraced by the scheme at first, but chiefly those on which serious problems have arisen and particularly the game fishing rivers.

Negotiations on the actual programming will take place at regional or even separate river level, for many interests are involved and must be satisfied. It must be borne in mind that both the National Anglers Council and the Country Landowners Association must work by persuasion, and negotiations may well take a considerable time to come to anything satisfactory. We hope and believe that if a pilot run proves successful in removing sources of friction, all parties will be willing to widen the scheme.

On rivers where no problems exist there will be no immediate attempt to organise programming. It is hoped that enough progress will have been made during 1971 to make it possible to bring the scheme into operation in January 1972.

### CALENDAR — further events

#### September

26 — 27 Rally, Cuckmere Haven, Sussex Canoeists Assn., (T. Perkins, 2 Windermere Court, East Drive, Brighton BN2 2BU).

#### October

2 - 4 Southern Counties Coaching Weekend, Ashburton, Devon, (A. Beale, 9 Dean Tce., Liskeard, Cornwall).

13 S.E. of England Schools L.D. Championships (provisional date), Canterbury. (R. N. Castle, Langley Park Boys' School, South Eden Park Rd., Beckenham).

25 Div II slalom, Armathwaite, Carlisle C.C., 20 Kirkstead Rd., Belle Vue, Carlisle.

### CHANGE OF DATE

#### November

7 — 8 Dee Four, Manchester C.C. (N. Timmins, 16 Branden Drive, Knutsford, Cheshire). (From 24/25 October).

### BIRTH

HARE. — On August 6, to Freda and Chris, a son, Timothy Howard, brother for Nicholas.





# MY COLUMN

I have been asked temporarily to break off my articles on the competitor and his training, and instead to draw up rules for playing Canoe Polo. The game has become a serious matter for some, and it even looks as though it may become an international event. The Council of the B.C.U. has set up a committee to regularize the whole competitive field of it.

Nevertheless, I believe that many will still want to play the game for the sheer fun of it. I have therefore drawn up three sets of rules hoping that thereby I shall have helped to meet all the main contingencies. The first set is reproduced in this issue, the others will follow in our next.

However, I must emphasize that these rules are only provisional, since they have not yet been approved by the Canoe Polo Committee. But it is hoped that they will not be drastically altered, and I therefore suggest that they can be used for the time being as the basis upon which the game can be played.



by OLIVER COCK  
B.C.U. National Coach

## CANOE POLO

There will be three sets of rules:—

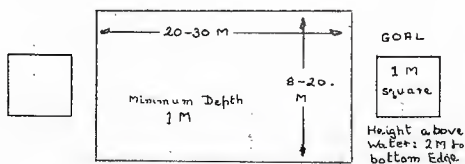
- The game played in a swimming bath.
- The game played on open water.
- The game played anywhere, purely for the fun of it.

### Intention of the Game.

The intention of the game is that two teams, in canoes of like type, rival each other on an area of water in scoring "goals", either onto or into an agreed area at opposite ends of the area of water.

### A. Canoe Polo in a Swimming Bath.

- Area of play.



- The ball will be of 27" to 28" in circumference, and weigh between 14 and 16oz.
- The number of players on each side shall be five (5).
- There will be two referees, who will be one on each touch-line.
- The kayak shall not be less than 2.25m long, nor 50cm wide. The ends of it shall be a convex curve in plan, of not less than 20cm radius.
- Double-bladed paddles shall be used, and shall be used only to propel the canoe.
- Play will be for seven minutes each way, and there will be an interval of one minute only at half time.
- At the commencement of play the players will be lined up with the sterns of their canoes on their own goal lines and the ball will be placed in the middle of the playing area. Play will begin with the blow of the whistle.
- At the commencement of play, after half time and after the scoring of a goal, the same positions will be taken up as at Rule 8.
- When the ball is put out of play over a touch line by a player, a referee will throw it in from the same point to a distance of not more than three metres and not less than two metres from the line, at right angles to it.
- When the ball is put out of play over a goal line by a defending player, an attacking player will throw it in from the same point. If an attacking player has put it out of play, a defending player will throw it in. In both cases they will remain in their canoes to make the throw.

- If a player allows the bow or stern of his canoe to strike directly onto the canoe of any other player, he shall be removed from playing. For his first offence he will be held off either until a goal is scored, or, in the first half, until half time. For his second offence he will be held off for the remainder of the match.

- If a player uses his paddle to strike or stop the ball, or uses his paddle other than to propel his canoe, he shall be removed from playing. This offence or offences will be treated as in Rule 12 above.

- If a player leaves his canoe, he will remain out of play until such a time as he is properly back in his canoe again.

- If a player goes out of the playing area, he will be out of play until he returns into the area again.

- A player may tackle the man with the ball in any way he likes — or his paddle or his canoe. When the player tackled has lost the ball, the tackle must cease. The penalty for failure to comply with this rule is a free throw for the opposing side.

- A player must dispose of the ball within three seconds of his receiving it. The penalty for not so doing is a free throw for the opposing side.

### British Canoe Union Coaching Scheme — Changes

**NORTH-WEST AREA** (Lanes, Cheshire, Cumberland, Westmorland)

**Area Coaching Organiser: KEITH WHITE 12 Forest Drive, Timperley, Cheshire.**

**(Local Coaching Organiser: Lake District: IAN MATHEWS, Roe Head Cottage, Pooley Bridge, Penrith, Cumberland.)**

### ARTHUR THWAITES'

Sincere thanks are expressed to Arthur Thwaites, who has just retired as Area Coaching organiser for the North-West, for all his work for the Coaching Scheme.

G. Sanders.

### British Schools Canoeing Association News

The BSCA is off the ground. The Council feels it important for members to get together and canoe as soon as possible. A rally in which anyone can take part has therefore been arranged as a first venture, at Quorn, 25—27 September.

Mr. R. N. Castle is organising a S.E. of England Schools Canoe Slalom and L.D. Championships, hoping this may create a stimulus towards regionalisation.

The date for the slalom was fixed for September 12/13 at Woking, and the L.D. provisional date being October 3 at Canterbury. Full details from: Mr. R. N. Castle, Langley Park School for Boys, South Eden Park Road, Beckenham.

# OPEN FORUM

## South Africa

Dear Sir,

It is with regret that I learn of the B.C.U. Council's decision to invite a South African Team to the Open British Championship. Your idea not to introduce politics to sport is very fine, but you are too late. South Africa has excluded from her sport any coloured players who might be seen to beat white South African players. While the majority of a country's population is repressed and you hold out an invitation to the select few, with the wool firmly over your eyes, I can only protest in the strongest possible terms.

J. Murray.

Cheltenham

*(The South African team has subsequently informed the BCU that it will not be coming to Britain this year — Ed.)*

## Surf Safety

Dear Sir,

I have just received the latest copy of C. in B. As an instructor I have always told my pupils that they must always wear a lifejacket and crash helmet when surfing. Yet when I turn to page 29, there's a picture of John MacLeod looping minus lifejacket and crash helmet. What makes this even more infuriating is that on the same page a list of must's for safe canoe surfing includes quite clearly that lifejacket and helmet must always be worn. Therefore, how can we insist on proper safety precautions when pictures like these are printed.

P. C. Munday.

London, E.5.

## Successful Slalom

Dear Sir,

I enclose a copy of the results of Abingdon slalom. We had a very good entry. Many applicants said 'as listed in C. and B. Calendar'. It pays to advertise.

Tony Wilkins.

Abingdon.

## Colour meets approval

Dear Sir,

I wish to take advantage of the new special price concessions for B.C.U. members requiring jackets as announced in you latest (June) issue of Canoeing in Britain.

May I add how much I appreciate your efforts in obtaining such concessions and also to thank you for a very much improved "Canoeing in Britain". The colour has made a big difference.

Alun Morgan.

Newcastle Emlyn.

Dear Sir,

My congratulations to Jack Levison and Chris Hare for the new colour format which is really excellent. I was overjoyed to see a picture of the Vaux Tankard Durham L.D. race on the cover which was organised by my old club, Bede College K.C. Perhaps it will entice a few more top paddlers next year.

Peter Thorn,

Nkhoma, Malawi.



## LONG DISTANCE RACING

made the course tiring as there was very little deep water indeed. The low water exposed a few more minor rapids, however, which added interest, as did a hostile swan, which at least one junior paddler will remember as the cause of a capsiz. Not content with tipping him out of the boat, the swan also refused to let him get in again until he had waded some way back along the course!

### Southampton

The water at Southampton was disappointingly tame, which resulted in some fast times being made. The K classes suffered from a lack of really top class competition, as many paddlers had opted to go to the Richmond 10,000 metre KI event being held on the same day. It was good to see Sid Orchard back with the Southampton organisation, looking very brown after his long stay in Australia.

Southampton were not the only club this season to come up against the frustrating problem of non-return of perpetual trophies. This is a growing problem in L.D. The responsibility rests with the individual to see that trophies are returned — it is an anti-climax for the paddler and an embarrassment to the organiser for someone to come up for a non-existent trophy.

## by Sue Pluthero

### Bradford-on Avon

This year was my first visit to Bradford-on-Avon and I must say that I was impressed with the very efficient organisation, most necessary with over two hundred paddlers competing. Water conditions were rather low — the infamous Limpley Stoke Bridge was just shootable, and many paddlers preferred to portage rather than risk getting stuck "on the shelf", with a good chance of a swim! It is certainly a course at which it pays to have competed before, so that you know the best line to take on the portages, some of which are quite awkward. Competition was good in all classes, the closest finish being in 1a, with John Phelps just beating Martin Boshier to the line by two seconds. Jane Rowse of Windsor C.C., making her first attempt at L.D., looks like being a lady paddler to watch. Paddling a white water boat, she put up a very creditable performance, with a time only two minutes down on the winner of 3b.

### Poole Harbour

The winners in the senior classes were those whose boats survived the race! Although not as rough as it might have been, the sea was coming straight at the boats in a short, steep chop, with the result that many were swamped before even reaching Brownsea Island, even though all had spray covers. The safety boats had their work cut out, with crews having to wait up to twenty minutes to be picked up — a case of more rescue craft being needed next time. In class 1a no fewer than half the starters retired, while in class 4a second and third places were taken by Klepper Aeriis boats! Senior times were consequently slow compared with other years. On the junior course there was only moderately choppy water, and times were fast with a favourable tide and deep water at the turn.

### Hereford

A change of course from last year was welcome to many senior paddlers! The Wye was several feet below its normal summer level, which

The organisers at Poole also had a bad case of this, so please, paddlers, look at your trophy shelves and return those cups and shields so that they can be sent on to the current holders. If anyone in the Windsor area has noticed two Poole Harbour cups in their local pawn shop, the police would be glad to know — these were stolen from Windsor Canoe Club after being taken there to be returned to Poole next day!

It has been heartening to see the increase in numbers of lady paddlers this season — keep it up, ladies. May I bring one point to your notice, however, and also to the notice of race organisers. Some of the L.D. Rules have been amended for this season, and the following rule concerns help at portages. I quote:

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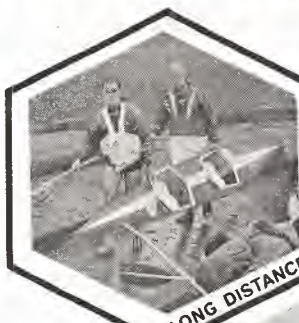
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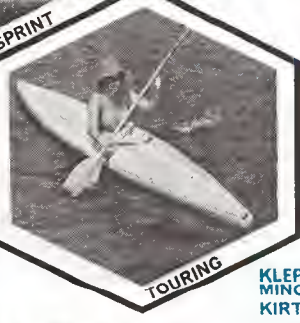
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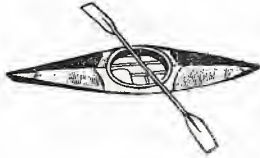
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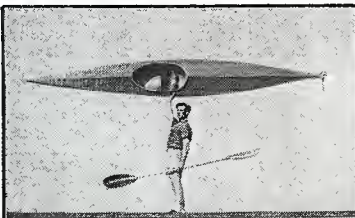
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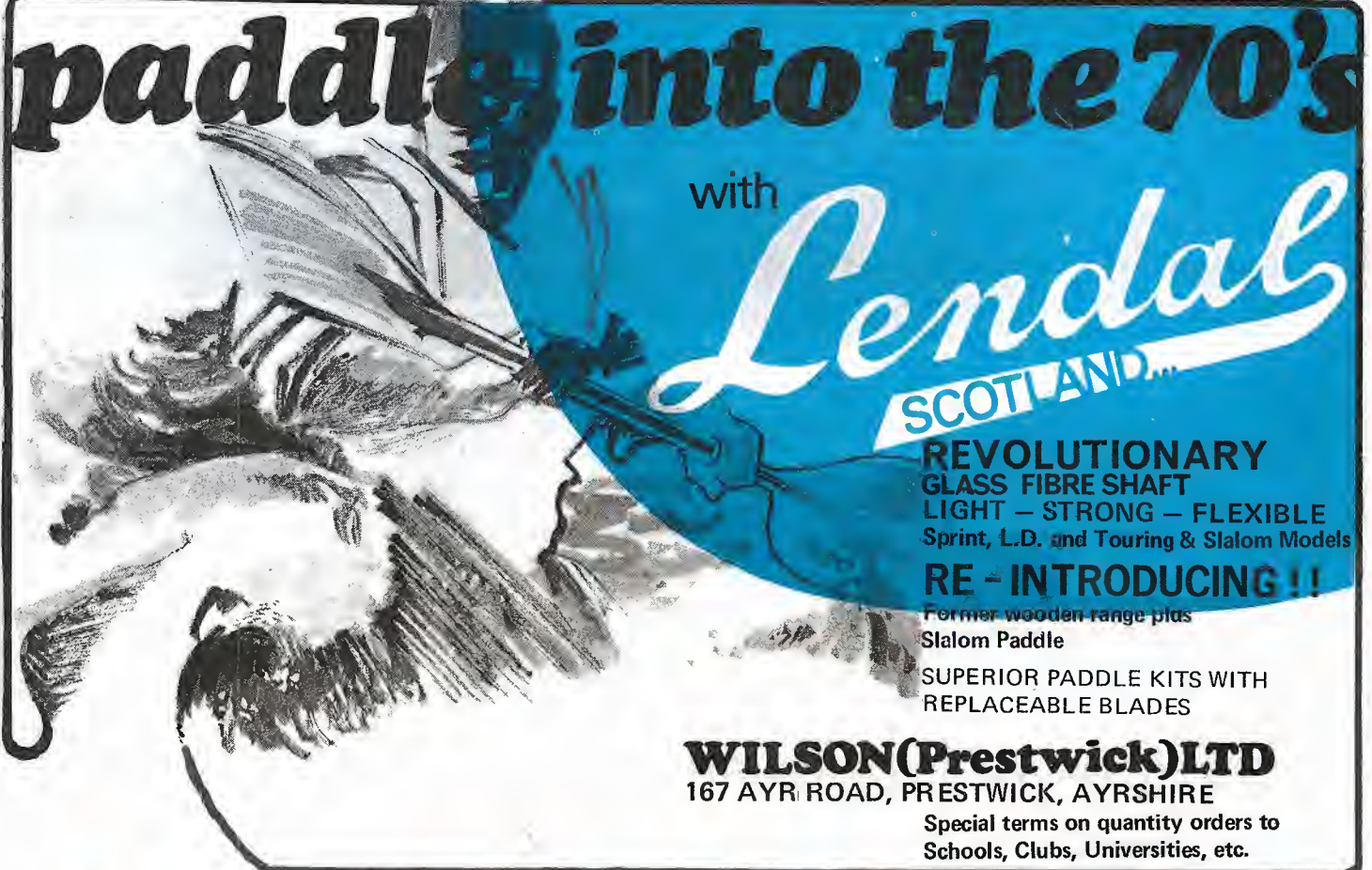
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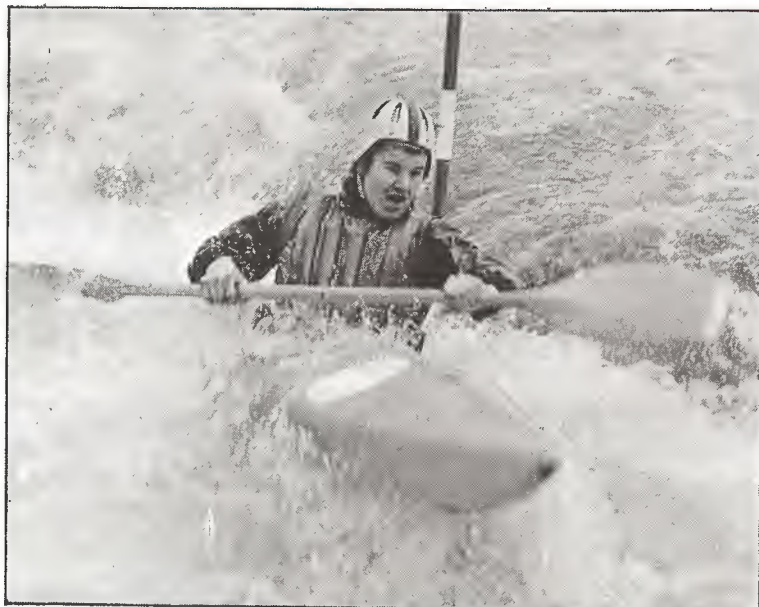
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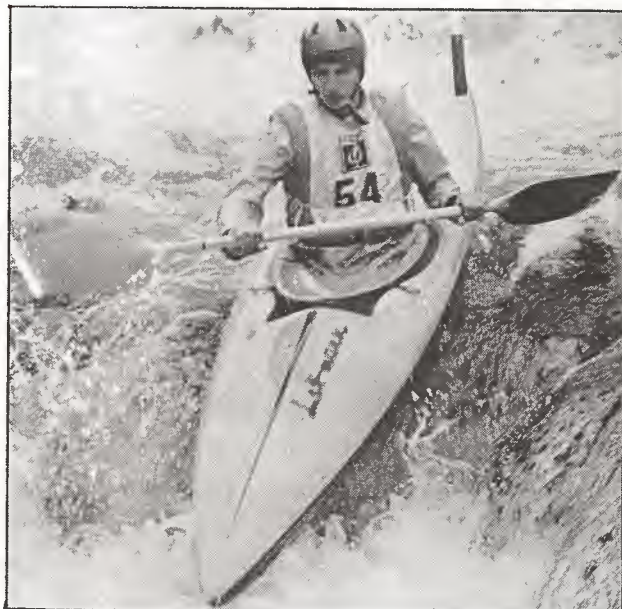
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