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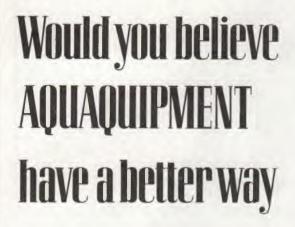
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### JUST FOR THE RECORD

And so, after all the discussion, all the confusion over sites, at last in 1972 CANOE SLALOM will become a new OLYMPIC sport, the site - Augsburg, the date 29th August. Next year sees the World Championships at Merano in Italy and at these two meets just what are the British chances of medal successes ?

Over the past season the British National Slalom Team and other top rough water paddlers have made numerous trips to the continent competing at the top regattas. Just for the record, in 11 international meets our paddlers brought home the following numbers of placings:

MENS EVENTS: 5 - Ists: 10 - 2nds: 11 - 3rds: 3 - 4ths: 2 - 5ths.

WOMENS EVENTS: 4 - 1sts: 2 - 2nds: 6 - 3rds: 4 - 4ths.

Certainly this is a highly creditable performance, and in particular from our women when you consider that we have only four competitors of international standing - Heather Goodman, Audrey Keerie, Pauline Squires, and Carol Gostling.

In the mens event our team now has great depth and medals are not only being gained in the kayak events, but at last in C1 and C2. Of course it is a great disappointment to the paddlers that the team event will not be included in the Olympics for here certainly is our greatest strength. During the year our team paddlers - both men and women - have gained 13 medals in the first three placings at internationals. However the team event is still in the Championships and I would think that future Olympics would also include this class.

Thus from the above placings it can be seen that Britain really has a canoesport medal capability at Munich and of course Merano next season. The team in no way complacent about their ability and training under the direction of Nigel Morley and his coaches is going ahead with a full winter programme and great enthusiasm.

Recent correspondence from Nigel states:

'Asapre-World Championship year, I feel that the results gained are very encouraging for the future. A very full training programme has been drawn up for the following seven months before the World Championships. We have to consolidate and improve the above results.

'We are very appreciative of the Government Grants, but this is not sufficient to meet the challenge from the Eastern countries. The British Team really needs a sponsor in order to supply proper training facilities, equipment, vehicles, and accomodation. The burden of Continental travel imposed on the Team members is intolerable. Why is Canoe Slalom treated differently from other International Teams? Whoeverheard of the Athletic Team or the Swimming Team considering camping....? If we want results we must provide better all round facilities. The time has come to win, not just to have taken part....

# AROUND & ABOUT AROUND & ABOUT

### NEW YORK RETURN £68.

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### CANOE ORIENTEERING

On 10th October twenty canoeists took part in the first Canoe Orienteering Event which is hoped will become an annual event in the Norfolk Broads.

The accent was on staying power in a possible course of 20 miles to be completed within four hours; no-one did the whole course; the winners (same scores from different itineraries) were R.G. Smith from the Haberdashers' Aske's School, Elstree, and A.R. Hignell from Denstone College, Uttoxeter, with 395 points out of a possible 545. The possible score should have been 600 but trouble with an outboard's plug on the morning of the event meant that a 55-point control was missing from a dried-out bank of dredgings accessible only by water.

All who took part enjoyed the perfect canoeing which is to be expected on the northern Broads at this time of the year; for many it was their first meeting with these waters, which led to surprises for those who glanced at a 1" scale map and expected the Broads to be a swamp laced with a vague network of channels. Except in a few places, of course, the vague network of swampy waters are part of the land-drainage system, with a water level some four feet below the Broads navigation levels.

For next year's event on 9th October, a course from Martham Ferry to the sea and back, including

a good deal of land orienteering, is being devised. Clubs and individuals wanting more information on this unique type of canoeing competition should write to: Canoe Orinteering, YHA, Martham, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk - enclosing a SAE of course.

### U.S. INVASION

During the latter part of the slalom season Britain had a visit from three American rough water canoeists - Jim Evans, Wick Walker and Eric Evans. The first two paddled Canadian canoes, while Eric Evans paddled kayak - with great success in the Llangollen Town Event.



Eric Evans was here for a six week period and trained with our National Teammembers. He seemed very pleased with his stay and below is a recent letter of his.

"Just a quick note to say how really grateful I am at the hospitality and genuine friendship extended to me by the members of the British Team and other individuals involved with canoeing. It was a fantastic five weeks for me, learned a lot technically and psychologically – they put their spraycover on one boat at a time, just like anybody else."

Best of wishes, Eric Evans.

### UNIV. DIRECTOR

Mr. Ian Ward, at present Principal Lecturer at Madeley College of Education, Crewe, is to be the University of Liverpool's new Director of Physical Education. Aged 41, Mr. Ward is a former international pole vault athlete appearing for England 21 times. While at the University of Birmingham he was responsible for the teaching of CANOEING and ski-ing. He takes up his new appointment on 1st January 1971.

### **ROYAL MARATHON**

The stillness of one misty morning on the Thames

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during September, was broken by the burst of a rocket that heralded the start of the third K1 marathon from Marlow to Teddington – a distance of 34 miles.

Organised by the Royal Canoe Club, the event was well attended with just under sixty crews, 39 who were to complete the course. With a flash of blades, spray flying, the initial sprint soon spread out the field and by Cookham three Richmond paddlers - P. Lawler, R. Averey and J. Handyside - were out from the main bunch but being closely followed by J. West of Royal and M. Bosher.

On down the course, Boulter's, Bray, Romney, Windsor, and on to Bell Weir. By this stage Lawler and Avery were well clear of the rest of the field, but with West, Bosher and N. Jackson still within striking distance - there was still a long way to go... By this time the number of boats on the water was beginning to get sorely depleted but the number of spectators increased as the race progressed. Still going were M. Perrin of Royal and B. Slee of Exeter who both managed to shoot Bell Weir, gaining precious seconds on those portaging and bringing the pair up with West and Bosher.

On down to Chertsey and the lead remained unchanged, but in the next group Jackson could not hold the wash to be closely followed by West, thus leaving only Bosher and Perrin by Shepperton. Jackson dropped out while lying sixth - I was just shattered! - while the larger following groups began to split up as paddlers tried to break away in an effort to gain clear water. Sunbury, Molesey, the last portage. "Nearly there, "was the cry from spectators as weary paddlers took their kayaks over the rollers.

Thirty odd miles and a 250m sprint secured the first place for Pete Lawler of Richmond with a time of 5hrs 4min 0sec - just a minute faster than Whitby's time of last year - with Robin Avery taking the second place less than a minute down. The minutes ticked by and then again a final sprint brought a third place for the host club with M. Perrin narrowly beating Bosher, while fifth place went to West - of Royal - who also took the prize for the first junior with B. Greenaway of Richmond taking sixth.

The youngest paddler to complete the course was a little lad from the Longridge Scout and Guide Club, G. Tusk, but unfortunately he failed to come within the specified time. The honour for the youngest competitor within the time allowance went to G. Tilford of the Caterham and Royal Canoe Clubs. All told, this marathon is attracting the very top paddlers and becoming something of a 'classic' race....

reported by David Lawrence

### **PORTAGE IN THE BROADS**

On 17th October a canoe and light craft portage was opened at Coltishall, Norfolk Broads.

Ever since a fire at the lock-side mill many years ago, there has been no practical portage between the head of the lock-free Broads waterway system, and the miles of the old Bure navigation from Coltishall lock to Aylsham. Now a ramped road made from

railway sleepers bypasses the old lock, for the use of canoes and light-powered craft.

Financed and carried through by private generousity and the drive of the Broads Society - the Amity Society for the area - the portage makes it possible to escape from the power-boat-dominated waters of the Broadland Bure onto a pastoral river which might at times be existing in the eighteenth century. In three hours paddling on the opening day, your correspondent saw five children, three jets, two sewage outfalls (one apparently either non-functioning or reserved for stormwater) a few distant motor vehicles . . and the rest was parkland, farmland, birds and cows, water rats and herons which might have belonged in any of the last two centuries.

Canoeists cannow, in consultation with the BCU Rivers Adviser for the area, make the long voyage from Aylsham to Lowestoft with no unreasonable portages.

First up the portage were a party of canoeists from St Andrew's School at Thorpe, followed by two Canadians from YHA Martham. The portage will open up some fine touring water; it is still a rare thing to see more than the odd (sometimes very odd) canoe on the Broads. A motorist can enter the Bure at the Rising Sun at Coltishall ... in his canoe of course ... and paddle upstream to the portage and so onto the upper Bure. The river has remains of the days when it powered many watermills, ranging from dried-out leats to mills still intact.

### **WORTHING CANDE CLUB**

Since moving into their new Clubhouse at Splash Point in July, the Worthing Canoe Club has grown in stature and members overnight. Following the highly successful Sprint Regatta on 8th August, frantic 'BAT' building is taking place with five of the initial ten completed and now, at last, the coveted use of the Worthing Aquarena Baths has been obtained for organised general training and practice by members every Friday evening. 'BAT' polo is next on the agenda with organisation of teams to enter the new league being formed. On the social side, a highly popular Disco evening in October was followed by a Halloween Dance with all the trimmings on the witching night and a car rally is planned in late November, following a 150 - Prize! Draw and Social at the beginning of the month.

Hard winter training is commencing shortly for the L-D enthusiasts with Circuit Training work-outs during the coming months in conjunction with the regular Club Meetings every Thursday evenings. Training for next Easter's D-W is also under way.



# touring part 3 the BARROW by T.F. O'Sullivan.

### CONTINUING FROM LAST MONTH....

The weather broke before we reached Borris. Great storm clouds marched up the valley, blotting out the Blackstairs mountain peaks and blowing rain in our faces. We donned our anoraks and battled southwards against the headwind and the driving rain. At Borris we passed through a dense dripping forest, the same forest in which Arthur MacMurrough Kavanaugh liked to 'stroll', felling trees with an axe. The scenery was grander now, the river banks steeper and more thickly wooded, but we were in no mood to appreciate this as we struggled on into the gale. We passed Clashganny, one of the renowned beauty spots of the Barrow, but all we were conscious of was the low granite sky, the rain pitting the leaden surface of the water, the wind like a hand pushing us in the chest.

At long last the bridge at Craig-na-Managh loomed ahead through the rain and the gathering dusk. Craig- na-Manaugh means the Village (or maybe the Granary) of the Monks, but to us it meant the Refuge (or maybe the Asylum) of the Perishing Paddlers! Here was no feudal castle guarding the bridge, but the much more welcome Anchor Inn, into which we burst, soaked and mud-spattered, in search of hot baths and dry beds. People who live beside a river are never surprised at what it brings down, and our hosts rose nobly to the occasion. The Anchor made no claim to be the Ritz, but the food was abunant, the bathwater hot, and the beds had crisp, clean sheets. Somebody, hearing our chattering teeth as we staggered in out of the storm, had provided hot water bottles. Bliss....!

Next morning the rainclouds had vanished and the pink and brown and yellow houses of the little town were all washed with sunlight like a water-colour drawing. Beyond the grass-grown quay the broad river slipped lazily by, enjoying the morning. It passed without hurry under the old bridge, with

its curious oriental niches, and slid over the sill of the weir. Down river on the west bank stood Mount Brandon, superb in its cloak of oak, ash and pine. The town of Craig is built among the ruins of a great monastery, once the largest Cistercian abbey in Ireland. Walking up the Pleasant main street from the river, one treads on holy ground, for it is all built within the abbey walls and fragments of the ancient buildings still stand in backyards and gardens on either hand. I peeped into the porch of the old church and was rewarded with a spendid figure of a Norman knight armed in banded mail legs crossed in Crusader fashion, lying in his last long sleep, dreaming of Byzantium.

Craigis a market town, situated in rich farming country, and that morning there was a pig sale at the Mart. The shops and pubs were all busy and all along the narrow street was a line of cars, Fords and Fiats and Renaults, sometimes, a farm tractor, all of them towing trailers with two or three pink, grunting animals. The life of the town seemed to focus on this slow procession, inching its way patiently towards the saleyard. Although we were anxious to be off in order to catch the tide at St. Mullins, I found myself caught up in the commense of the town, for the young man who had the keys to the warehouse where our kayak was stored had a couple of pigs to sell himself and had forgotten all about us in his merchandizing zeal. The queue of cars crept on up the street until at last the trailers were driven into the saleyard and backed up to the platform to unload their squealing, wriggling cargo. Inside the great shed all was heat. noise and smell; sweat and straw, pig stink and poster breath, saleman's litany and high-pitched, swinish chorus. The custodian of the keys had his name roared out by the auctioneer and came forward, red-faced, to surrender them.

As we were about to leave that hospitable little town I noticed near our hotel the sad remains of a

building that had been destroyed by fire the previous Christmas, or maybe the Christmas before that. It was once a building 'of considerable architectural pretensions! as Walter Bagenal would say. I learned later that it had been the courthouse, and was converted into a shop. We could tell it had been burned at Christmas because in the glass of the shop windows, which had survived the blaze. there was a pathetic paper Santa Claus, a lot of cotton wool snowflakes and the legend! Happy Christmas!. When we passed that way again months later, Father Christmas was still there, a little faded now but still proclaiming his Yuletide greeting, even in high summer. For all I know he may even now be at his strange station in the old courthouse window, waiting for another Christmas.

Between Craig and tidal waters at St. Mullins we passed four more weirs, two fish weirs and some exciting rapids. The Kayel behaved like a thoroughbred, and had every chance to show what she was made of when we crashed broadside on against a rock under the weir at Lower Tinnahinch. I leaped out of the after cockpit and managed to free her, only to see my paddle go waltz-

ing away down, the rapid. It was a good Kober paddle, and we had no spare. On such occasions one dosn't stop to study the situation.

"Let's go! "

I gave the kayak a frantic heave and landed sprawling in the rear cockpit as Brian paddled furiously down the centre of the rapid after the fleeing paddle. This was quite the heaviest rapid we met on the Barrow, more so even than that below the broken weir at Milford. We bounced and crashed through a succession of rearing haysack waves while I vainly struggled to replace my spraydeck. Suddenly there was the paddle, neatly lined up under my hand to starboard. Het go the spraydeck and grabbed, just as another haystack poured into my lap! Then we were suddenly through into smooth water, wet through but exhilerated. A moment later we were bearing down on a low 'V' shaped stone fish weir on which a grey heron was happily spearing his dinner. He almost choked on the fish in his craw when he spotted us, and flapped awarkly off his perch with an outraged 'Krawk'. We pointed the nose of the Kayel at the narrow passage between the left bank and the top of the 'V', and suddenly every-



The Bridge and Weir at Graiguenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny. Irish Tourist Board Photo.



River Barrow winding through the hills of Co. Kilkenny, Irish Tourist Board Photo.

thing was another pounding bouncing, spraydrenched switchback ride as we sped past moss-cov ered rocks, exploded through a stopper wave and shot again into smooth water.

St. Mullins, where the Barrow meets its tide, is apicturesque hamlet on a wooded bend of the river. Here we found the remains of churches and abbeys going back to the original hermitage of Saint Moling, who was buried here in 697 A.D. Beside them was a steep grassy mould where the Norman invaders had thrown up one of their earliest motte-and-bailey stockades. Here too were the graves of the Leinsterkings, including the great Art Oge MacMurrough Kavanagh, who made things so lively for Richard II during that gentleman's tour of Ireland. The Kavanaghs were still keeping things stirred up two centuries later in Elizabeth's time, and a fort was built here at St. Mullins in a vain attempt to control them. It was called the Bald Castle, and its stones were later used to build a mill which is still to be seen today.

Below the village the river entered a spectacular gorge, winding its way through ranges of wooded hills. On either side of us the banks rose steeply for hundreds of feet, densely clad in forest. We found a spot where a strip of pasture land made a break in the woods and a stream came tumbling down from Mount Brandon. We landed here for lunch and climbed as far as we could up the hill, to boil our billycan in the shelter of a ruined cottage. Below

us the river scribed a great, shining, horseshoe curve under towering cliffs. To the south, on the opposite arm of the bend, the lonely sentinal tower of Coolhill Castle was silhouetted on the clifftops in a gap between great stands of trees. This was the mediaeval fortress of the Dala Rupe family, feudal lords of the Rower, the wild country bounded by the Barrow, the Nore and Mount Brandon. Living in this secure fortress on the west bank of the Barrow, this Norman family became 'felons and robbers, as well Irish enemies as English rebels', and changed their name to Roche.

We sped south again on the falling tide, through more pine-clad gorges and past the mouth of the Pollmouty river, where the Kavanaghs had their first stronghold. Here it was that, one day in 1300 or was it 1400, or 1600? - a young bard called Carrol O'Daly strolled up with his harp to the castle and stole away the heart of the beautiful Eileen Kavanagh with his haunting lovesong 'Eileen' the air and words of which survive. Past more ranges of steep little hills we went, carried along by the ebb, around another great horseshoe bend at the junction of the Nore, and so to our journey's end at New Ross, a mediaeval English seaport town clinging to the hilly east bank where the tideway of the Barrow runs deep and wide and carries streamships up from the open sea.

Next morning while we awaited for the tamily to fetch us: with the car (Oh, the lovely tan they have)

we explored the ancient streets that clambered up and down the hillside, some of them so steep that they had steps. The Tholsel was a fine eighteenthcentury building, and we liked the furious little pikeman shaking his fist at it from across the street. He was the 1798 monument, commemorating the battle that raged in these hilly streets on that bloody fourth of June when Bagenal Harvey's rebel army lost 2,000 dead. We climbed through the rows of grey houses to the mediaeval abbey of St. Mary's, founded in 1210 by William the Marshal and his wife Israbella, Strongbow's daughter. From the terrace above the town we looked out on the Barrow, winding down from its wooded hills. We had spent six days on the river and had seen much of its beauty and of the life along its banks. In our eighty miles we had spanned a thousand years of history; we had met hermits and highwaymen, kings and rebels, Cahir the laughing horsethief, Arthur Kavanagh the limbless worder. poor mad Dr. Midleton in search of an asylum, and Walter Bagenal with his dream of Versailles.

But what is a thousand years in the life of a river? The Barrow was there before the Normans came, before the Celts, before the first man set foot in this land. And yet you couldn't say the Barrow was old, for it was asyoung as the last spring shower. What is time to a river? Like the silver salmon that leaps the weirs to spawn and die, that seeks its end and rebirth in the ocean. But unlike the salmon, the river knows no death, no age, no time. For it is constantly renewed.

Alas, for mere mortals time is of the essence, even in Ireland these days. We went back down the hill into the town, found our family and drove home. Our brief week on the Barrow was over, and now it was back to the familiar routine of school and office.

But the great riverflowed on, under the walls of New Ross and out into the broad reaches of the estuary, down to its timeless tryst with the sea.



River Barrow near Borris, Co. Carlow. Irish Tourist Board Photo.

# the month ahead



### WILD WATER

### TEES WILD WATER RACES

The Tees Wild Water Races will be held on the following dates: 13th December, 17th January, 7th February. Each event will start at 12 noon, and entries should be sent to: J. White, 6Ash Lea, Stanley, Wakefield, Yorks.

The events will be held under B.C.U. Rules and particular note should be made of the following:

All boats must be rendered unsinkable, and fitted with adequate grab loops at bow and stern. All competitors must wear crash helmets and bouyancy aids which give 6kg lift.

Competitors seeing another in apparent danger shall give him all assistance in his power. Failure to do so may result in his disqualification for life.



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### DEVIZES TO WESTMINSTER

Once again the entry list of the Devizes to Westminster Canoe Marathon is open. This race - the toughest in the world - takes place each Easter. Starting at Devizes in Wiltshire, the course follows 54 miles of the Kennet and Avon Canal to Reading, then onto the Thames for a further 71 miles down to Westminster. It includes 76 locks and 17 miles of tidal water.

The race is open to any two-man crews in kayak or canoe. Junior crews must be between the ages 16 to 19 years, seniors must be over 18 years of age.

Rule Books (containing a number of major amendments), which include lock portaging diagrams,  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch to one mile route plan, notices and entry forms are priced 25p (5/-). Large 1 inch to one mile route plan is also available at 25p (5/-). Both from: D. W. Keane 118 Glebe Avenue, 1ckenham, Middx.

Closing date for entries is Friday 19th March 1971.



### COURSES

SCOUT/VS and GUIDE CANOE COURSES at the LONGRIDGE CENTRE and covering all aspects of the sport. Full details available from: The Warden, NSBAC Longridge, Quarrywood Lane, Marlow, Bucks.

CANOE COURSES, both for beginners and advanced paddlers, organised by CCPR/BCU at Bisham Abbey Marlow, and Plas y Brenin, Snowdonia. Details: General Secretary, Dept. B, 26 Park Creseent, London, WIN 4AJ.



### **CANOE ROLLING**

Since the beginning of October 'Canoe Rolling' has become the in-thing. Sessions start once again throughout the country and if clubs will supply information, details will gladly be put in our pages.

### - LONDON

Canoe Rolling instruction will commence each Tuesday from the beginning of October 9pm - 10pm at Fulham Public Baths, North End Road, S. W. 6. 3/persession. Admission is by ticket only and details can be obtained from: S.F. Holtorp, 54 Claygate Lane, Esher, Surrey. Tel: 398 3118 (evenings).

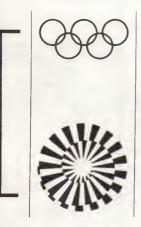
### - GUILDFORD

Guildford Canoeists are holding Canoe Rolling lessons and practice at the Castle Street Baths, Guildford on the 1st and 4th Wednesday in each month. The sessions are from 7.0 to 8.0 p.m. 3/6 per session.

### - LEÉDS

Leeds Canoe Club Rolling Sessions begin from November onwards. Friday evenings at the Kirkstall Road Baths - 8.0 p.m.





### TOWARDS MUNICH

ON THE OLYMPIC GROUNDS NATURE IS BEING CREATED

On the site of the Munich Olympics nature is being literally created. Hills and embankments are being piled up. Hundreds of large trees have already taken root and 210 acres of earth have been prepared for the sowing of grass.

On a monotonous flat area of gravel – formerly used as an aerodrome, for exhibitions, gardening and dumping rubbish – a co-ordinated Olympic landscape is being created. On the Oberweisenfeld building contractors and landscape gardeners are now paving the way for the "Olympic Games in the Open Air".

For the first time the possibilities of modern below grade construction are being utilized here in order to completely alter the landscape-character of a large area.

The five zones of vegetation: the embankments planted with grass, which lead from all sides into the Olympic Center, the banks of the artificial lake, the hill zone, the area of the Olympic village and the border area. One thousand 30 to 60-year-old lime trees, taken from Munich's boulevards and parks have been planted on the Olympic grounds. Professor Günther Grizmek (Munich), who is responsible for the artistic side of this landscape gardening, chose the linden as a tree for the pedestrian ways, because this kind of tree has lined avenues and streets of Munich since the baroque period. The foliage of these lime trees hanging over the pedestrian embankments on the Oberweisenfeld will form a continuation of the graceful curvature of the roofing of the stadia.

The 20 acres of the Olympic lake will be given a similar appearance to the banks of the Isar: reeds and willow trees will grow here. The southern bank of the lake will rise up to the Olympic hill. This observation hill was made from the rubble from Munich and was added to later with the material excavated from the underground railway. An ingenious way of planting it – the highest point is to remain bare – causes this little mountain to appear higher than its 213 feet. Wild shrubs such as the blackthorn and the hawthorn and wild roses, as well as approximately 8000 dwarf and mountain pines remind one of the vegetation of the Bavarian Alps. Ash, Norway Maple, Lombardy Poplar and chestnut were chosen for the streets and car-park areas. These trees are intend-

ed to absorb some of the exhaust fumes and the smell of the cartyres. Furthermore, they will drop hardly any dew and no fruit at all. Trees with small round crowns are to be planted in the Olympic village.

Approximately 3000 large trees, more than 100,000 bushes and shrubs and about 200 acres of lawns with flower beds will border the Olympic sports grounds in 1972. Many trees and shrubs are already growing in the middle of building sites. However, it will be in 1972 before some trees can be brought to their future location in containers. Last winter these trees were planted in enormous fermenting barrels which a number of Munich breweries had made available. Shortly before the games the trees—already bearing foliage—will then be planted on the central area between the stadium, indoor sports hall and swimming stadium.

Munich (Olympia Press).



### MIKE CLARK on competitive CANOEING

### LLANGOLLEN INTERNATIONAL

LLANGOLLEN, nestling in a valley between the wooded hills of Denbighshire, North Wales, and just a few miles off the Cambrian Mountains, was the scene of the second British International Canoe Slalom and Wild Water Race.

Organised by the British Canoe Union Slalom Committee and along with members of the Chester, Manchester, and Leeds Canoe Clubs, this event, held over the weekend 17th/18th October, proved for the second year to be a very successful meet. This year, although the water conditions were little better than last - when the river was at its lowest October level for some 25 years - twelve international teams competed. The countries represented were; Austria, Belgium, France, German Democratic Republic, German Federal Republic, Great Britain, Holland, Ireland, Jugoslavia, Poland, Switzerland, and the United States, an entry over double that of last year and which must now surely put Llangollen among the top international events. With six reigning World Champions, two ex-World Champions competing, the standard could be nothing but very high.

It was regretable that the event did not have a sponsor this year, but the Slalom Committee and paddlers raised some £900 to run the slalom, and apart from a little lacking in the quality and quantity of the prizes and cheaply produced programme, there was certainly no deficiency among the organisation or accommodation. Overseas teams, as last year, were paid a sum of money to help defray travelling expenses.

Harlech Television were covering the event on the Saturday afternoon, with a three quarter hour programme going out on the national network. From all reports I have heard, this came over very well indeed and was great publicity for the sport. The television people also thought the event very worth-





- 1. Heather Goodman of Britain on the lower fall.
- 2. Knuth Kempa, G.D.R., third in the C1 slalom event.
- 3. Dave Mitchell, stern-faced, on the lower fall.
- 4. Winner of the womens K1 slalom, Veronika Stampe of the G.D.R.
- 5. Marc Moens of Belgium racing the Serpent's Tail in down river.
- 6. Into the mist goes a down river racer....
- 7. F. Holdrinet of the Nederland a little worried on the lower fall.





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while for they were taping the competition for some two hours after the actual broadcast. On the Friday a few of our team and myself were in the mobile control studio watching the run-through for the programme and even with the water as low as it was, the picture through the T.V. cameras, particularly in colour, was exceptionally good to watch. (The G.D.R. paddlers did not know it, but our kayak boys were naving a real close-up view of their gate techniques through each down the course.)

The continental teams started arriving in Llangollen late on the Wednesday onwards, the French missing planes or held up by fog, just made it in time to get a team run in on the Saturday afternoon, but missed out on the practice run... Overseas teams were again accommodated at the Youth Hostel, while the British elected to stay at one of the hotels - it would seem as host nation they were obliged to do too much of the washing and drying up last year. Camping was in the Eisteddfod field and arriving there on the Thursday evening I found many of the Dutch already camped. Friday morning was spent talking with Dutch friends and looking over the pathetic water of the course - pathetic that is for an international, for as the photos show, it still looked quite good - while during the afternoon there were plenty of paddlers on the water to watch.

First event of the international was the Down River Race starting with the Canadian Singles at an almost unheard of time of 8.00... Although the morning promised to be bright, there was a very thick mist over the river at this time and the camera was of little use. Paddlers started from above the Chain Bridge Hotel, racing down the Serpent's Tail and on down through the Town to finish below the weir. Watching from the Serpent's Tail, the rush of water thundering in the ears, mist rolling down the river valley and cutting visibility to little more than 50 yds, itiwas:a.strong effect to watch paddlers suddenly appearing through the white haze, race down the rapids, and disappear into another white haze.... However the first two events brought forth gold medals for Britain - although it should be pointed out that neither the G.D.R. or the G.F.R. were competing - Gay Goldsmith winning the C1 with a time of 17min 18sec and Pauline Squires winning the Womens Kayak. The first sixplacings in the C1 went to British paddlers, and in the Womens K1 the first three, Carol Gostling taking the second place less than a minute down on Pauline and for the first time beating Audrey Keerie.

In the other two events of the Down River, the Mens K1 and Mens C2, the Austrians proved unbeatable. Hans Schiecht produced a very fast 13min 34 sec to win the K1, just ten seconds clear of our own Norman Jackson, with Jurt Pressimayr also of Austria in third place and Marc Meons of Belgium in fourth, less than 25sec separating them. Meons of course will be well known to many of our sprint paddlers, and it is interesting to note how these Belgium paddlers take to the rough water - no doubt under the influence of Jean Pierre Burny - for further down the finish list was also the name of yet another sprint paddler - Paul Hoekstra in 11th place.....

in the C2 event, the win again went to Steidi/-

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- 1. Christian Doring of G.D.R. the winner in the mens slalom.
- 2. Wick Walker of the U.S.A. in full cry....
- 3. Scheffer/Steinschulte of the G.F.R. fourth place winners in the C2 slalom.
- 4. The C2 crew from the Nederland taking the lower fall.
- 5. Steindl/Mulineritsch of Austria, winners in the down river and eigth in the slalom.
- 6. Siegbert Horn of the G.D.R. showing confidence through the lower fall.
- 7. Carol Gostling of Britain on the lower fall.

Mullneritsch - winners of the event last year - the pair showing fine form and a style and line exactly that of last season. Two negatives I now have are almost duplicates... Williams/Allen for Britain took the second place, some six seconds down, with Court/Goodwin making the third.

The canoe slalom on the Town Rapids commenced on the Saturday afternoon, the promised sun breaking through to give a beautiful bright afternoon, crowds lining the Llangollen Bridge. First off was the Womens Kayak Singles and here our girls - Heather Goodman, Audrey Keerie, Pauline Squires, - although making a fast first run, picked up 180 to be second to the G.D.R. girls - Stampe, Taudte, Bahmann. However on the second run, our British trio made only a few seconds slower than their first but reduced their penalties to 70 to take the win with a best score of 423.9 pts. The G.D.R. team could not improve their first score and finished just under six seconds down. In third place was a scratch international team of Carol Gostling, Ria van Stipdonk, and Rosine Roland.

The Canadian Doubles followed and here a very fine win went to the precision and superb technique of the G.D.R. crews (Kretschmer/Trummer, Opelt/Franz, Amend/Hoffman). Although the British boys of Witter/Witter, Court/Goodwin, and Williams/Allen, gained the second place from the French, we can still learn a very great deal from the G.D.R. our best score was almost 50pts behind....Again in the Canadian Singles, although our paddlers are greatly improved from last year, we had to be content with second and third placings, the win going to the time team of Forster, Kohler, and Kempa, who were almost 100 pts clear.

Now to the Mens Kayak Team Event.... Here we proberly had our great triumph of the year, taking both first and second placings. Our super 'A' team, that of John MacLeod, Raymond Calverley, and Ken Langford, made two fast and very consistent runs (287.9 and 286.8). However the second run showed the team at its very best, confident and victorious, making a totally clear run.... What better way to win aslalom? The 'B' was in just as good form, a little slow on the first, making the fastest of the teams on the second, but picking up 20 penalties on each. Mitchell. Swallow, Young, they were in great form. And behind these two teams....? Behind them was the best in the world. Third place went to the G.D.R. team of Bremer (ex-world champion), Doring and Horn, over 50 points down from the winner; while in fourth place was the World Champions, the French team of Peschier, Maccari, and Colombe.... On a course that in no way favoured the host country, a course that had low water and required pure gate technique, precision and team skill, we beat the world....

Sunday came and certainly the day of reckoning. The British paddlers, in great spirits after the wins of the Team Event, were supremely confident - perhaps just a little too confident, for during the days events we were not to gain a single first place....

In the Womens Kayak Singles, Veronika Stampe of the G.D.R. took the win with a very fine clear second run of 308.1pts. Wolfgang Peters - G.F.R.

- won the Canadian Singles; clear run of 301.6pts. Christian Doring of G.D.R. produced two great clear runs to win the Mens Kayak - best score 258.2pts., while in the Canadian Doubles, Hoffman/Amend pick up one 1101 on their first run to win with a best 297.5 pts. On the Sunday they smashed us....

The continental paddlers - particularly those of the G.D.R. - showed superb technique and as last year the Canadian paddlers were a real joy to watch. In the Mens Kayak, Bremer took the second place with Dave Mitchell, showing glimpses of all his old sparkle managed a fine clear second run but just not fast enough to take the win. Further down the field two clear runs from Langford and Calverley gained sixth and seventh places - again just not fast enough... and with four G.D.R. paddlers in the first five, there is no doubt who were out for revenge. In the Canadian Doubles the story was the same, first three to G.D.R. with the best British placings that of Williams/Allen down in sixth and over 30pts behind.

Looking over the results the U.S.A. paddlers were well down, probably the better placing being that of Eric Evans in K1 taking the 14th place in front of Edi Heiz of Switzerland, with World Champion Peschier in 18th place. Again in the Canadian Doubles, the French pair of Olry/Olry could only gain 5th place behind the German crews. The Polish paddlers were also well down, likewise the Jugoslavs. The Irish paddlers have failed to improve on last year by not appearing in the first 30 places... while the Dutch brought over quite a strong team that included for the first time a Canadian pair. These were in 15th place, with Peter van Stipdonk taking 25th in the Kayaks....

Thus we have run our second highly successful international meet. All credit must go to the hard working paddlers who made the event possible and let!shope that after the fine T.V. coverage we can look forward to sponsorship next year......



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# YOUTH CANOE SPORT

### **AVONCRAFT SERIES**

Young paddlers from some 50 Youth Clubs and Schools took part in the first series of Youth Long Distance Canoe Races which were sponsored by Avoncraft. The final of the championships, held at Bedford on 18th October and organised by the Viking Kayak Club, showed yet again a record entry, just as each one has done since the first of the series.

In ideal Autumn sunshine, the paddlers pressed on upstream from Bedford. The extremely dry summer had left the river very low and the crews were pleased when the turnround was reached and they could race down with the little stream. The distance of the event was six miles for all classes.

Mass starts of up to 40 kayaks in each of the age group classes were carried out with much expertise and reflected well on the series where large numbers of paddlers were as young as 12 years old. Obviously much has been learnt by all canoeists since the first few early races.

A number of crews excelled themselves during the series and in the final event. Very creditable performances were put up particularly by paddlers the Waveney Valley Canoe Club and two young girls from the Amersham Canoe Trekkers Club.

After the prize-giving the committee took stock of the highly successful series and plans have been prepared for the youth series of 1971. Offers from education departments and canoe clubs to hold further events in the series have been gratefully accepted. This will now increase the series to a total of nine long distance events.

The three age groups - 'A' 12-13, 'B' 14-15, and 'C' 16-17 will become statute. The present classes will also remain - Class 3, Class 4, K1, K2 and Open Slalom. It is felt by the organisers that a major contribution to the success of some many young persons competing was the fact of the lower age group classes.

A committee meeting will be held at the Viking Kayak Club, Bedford, in December, the date to be decided within the next few weeks. Canoe Clubs and School organisers interested in the Youth Series are welcome to attend.







### CANOEING CRECHE

by frank whitebrook

Many years ago, in the educational development within New South Wales, teachers volunteered to start work one half hour earlier each day if then one half day could be devoted to sport for the children. This was within the secondary schools. This worked very well when there were few schools and plenty of spaces for playing and school populations were reasonably small.

Now-a-days it has begun to develop certain draw-backs which needn't worry us here. One of its advantages, if it can be called that, is the tendency it has to foster the production of a nucleus of very good performers. It may explain, in part, why a country with relatively few numbers can establish what perhaps could be called an adequate reputation in international sport.

Naturally, any sport which is officially catered for in state schools or private schools, has certain advantages over sports which have to rely on out of school encouragement.

Since 1961 canoeing has been placing an emphasis on children. In racing championships, classifications have been made for under 11 years and it has been found that these children can handle quite effectively the 17 foot of racing kayak quite well.

Just recently however, due to the efforts of some enthusiastic teachers who are ardent canoeists, the sport has entered into school programmes. We now have at last, canoeing as a sport to be undertaken in the special afternoon activities.

Allan Mackey at Dapto High School has built up tremendous interest in building and paddling. From this school have come Steve Neil and Rod Walsh who have already paddled into white water fame in State and Australian Championships. Mackey is now establishing within the framework of the Illawarra Canoe Club, the first junior slalom in New South Wales. It will include 6 to 9 years, 9 to 12 years, 12 to 15 years, and 15 to 18 years classifications. It is to be held at Burrier on the Shoalhaven River during November. (It should be remembered that most of our youngsters swim quite adequately at an early age.)

Bob and Sue Lawton, both teachers and canoeists, have with the help of Lilli Pilli Canoe Club, initiated ventures in the Port Hacking area. Port Hacking, Kirrawee, Gymea, Caringbah, Endeavour, Woolooware, and Jannali High Schools have all participated in combined events in racing.

Jack Mumford, has for quite some time, been a tower of strength at Umina High School on the Central Coast.

In Victoria, a tremendous contribution has been made by Roy Farrance, teacher at Trinity Grammar School. This school has already established an out standing reputation in slalom. Mike Denny, winner of the under 19 slalom event in the last Australian Championships, is one of its products.

John Southwood, the first of our purist canoeists has recently made the final of the World Championships in Copenhagen in the K1. Peter Egger has made a name for himself in the Arkansas Slalom and the United States National Down River Race, in obtaining 7th and 6th places respectively against international competition. These represent the first of our youngsters who have broken through into the international scene. They started as boys in the sport and grew up with it. Now the sport has commenced its inclusion in school sport programmes, there will be added strength come from this canoeing creche . . . .



Photo: Allan Mackey.

Dapto High School goes for canoeing in a big way and now has a real nucleus of proficient young paddlers. Here one of their products practices on rapids at the junction of the Murrumbidgee and Cotter Rivers.



Steven Neil, from Dapto High School, concentrates before entering the stopper at Uriarra Crossing on the Murrumbidgee River. There were 80 parents and children at this camp held by the Illawarra Club last October.

Photo: Frank Whitebrook.



John Sumegi, Australian Junior Flatwater Racing Champion, but also an ardent white water enthusiast, is seen here hammering his way down the Macquarie River about 150 miles west of Sydney. John is a product of the interest which was developed in children in the early 1960s. and is now in the 3rd form at Canobalas High School. Photo: Frank Whitebrook.



Bob Neil, who learnt his stuff at Dapto High School, emerges from the drop behind the first weir on the Cotter River,

Photo: Allan Mackey.



NEW DIRECTOR

With Alan Tullett leaving the National Scout Boating Centre at Marlow and joining the staff of Strand Glass, the position of director of the new BCU Espada Youth K1 class became vacant. In the past month the BCU have asked David R. Cook of the Bryntysilio Outdoor Education Centre, Llangollen, to take up the position. This he has done.

### OCTOBER MEETING

A meeting of the BCU Espada Youth K1 Project Standing Liaison Committee was held at Leamington on 21st October and final negotiations with manufacturers were made. The meeting also reiterated conditions of the class:

The BCU Espada Youth K1 Project was initiated by the Standing Liaison Committee of the British Canoe Union. Approval and backing was given to the S.L.C. (which consists of representatives of the B.C.U. Competitive Committees, the National Coaching Committee and the British Schools' Canoeing As sociation) by the BCU Council; the Council of the BSCA also fully supports the project.

The B.C.U. has adopted the Espada K1 as a one design kayak in order to encourage youth kayak racing.

### THE KAYAK

Allkayaks will be in Glass Fibre; it is intended that moulds should be available for loan or sale, so that youth organisations, schools and clubs may produce kayaks at a reasonable cost. Professionally manufactured kayaks will also be available.

The copyright of the kayak has been purchased by the B.C.U. from Jorgen Samson, the designer. Three Espada kayaks have been traced in this country and have been purchased by the B.C.U. They have been prepared for use as plugs and may be borrowed only by approved manufacturers. When not on loan they will be carefully stored by the B.C.U.

### **PRODUCTION**

Letters were sent out to the trade; those interested were asked to attend a meeting with the Standing Liaison Committee. As a result these firms were invited to participate:

Ottersports Ltd., Brunswick Place, Northampton. Tel. 0604-39405 who would produce kayaks.

The Canoe Centre (Twickenham) Ltd., 19 Beau-champ Road, Twickenham and Marsh Lane, Crediton Devon. Tel: 01-892-8979 who would produce kayaks.

Trylon Ltd., Thrift Street, Wollaston, Northants. Tel: Wollaston 275 who would produce moulds for hire and sale.

The Northern White Water Centre, 4 Victoria Street, Wetherby, Yorks. Tel: Wetherby 3220 who would produce kayaks and also moulds for hire and sale.

All could provide accessories such as rudders, seats, foot bars, spray covers etc.

These manufacturers were awarded sole manufacturing rights for two years from September 1970, after which the situation would be reviewed by the Committee.

### STIPULATIONS

- (a) Espada is a one design kayak with regard to hull and deck. Slight variations are permitted in the rim only of the cockpit.
- (b) The hull should be moulded in one piece.
- (c) The minimum weight is 12 Kilograms. This includes buoyancy. Weighting according to B. C. U. racing rules.
- (d) The rudder must be of an overstern design.
- (e) Other fittings may be to the choice of the maker or owner.
- (f) The present design shall stand for at least 10 years.

### REGISTRATION

a 50p licence fee will be payable:

- (a) On each mould produced by a manufacturer.
- (b) On each kayak used in competition.

Kayak registration forms can only be obtained from the manufacturers, who will provide the necessary registered mould number and they should be returned completed, with the fee, to the Class Director.

The manufacturers will also distribute forms with moulds and kayaks.

Unregistered kayaks <u>cannot</u> be raced in class events.

### PROMOTION

Competitive events for the B.C.U. Espada Youth K1 will be arranged in 1971. Organisers of regattas and L.D. events will be asked to arrange races for the Espada Youth K1. It is planned to organise Area and National Youth Championships which will use the Espada.

Age groups for events will be:

Espada A. Competitors should have reached their 12th birthday and not have reached their 14th birthday by January 1st of the year in which the event is being held.

Espada B. Competitors should have reached their 14th birthday and not have reached their 16th birthday by January 1st of the year in which the event is being held.

Espada C. Competitors should have reached their 16th birthday and not have reached their 18th birthday by January 1st of the year in which the event is being held.

### MANAGEMENT

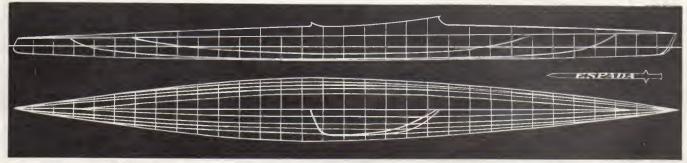
The Class Director is:
David R. Cook,
Bryntisilio Outdoor Education Centre,
Llangollen,

Denbighshire. Tel: Llangollen 2454.

He is responsible to the Standing Liaison Committee of the B.C.U.







Sometime ago I appealed for volunteers to stage competitive events. So far the response has not been very encouraging however, we are now planning the 1971 Competitive Season and this is a golden opportunity for Clubs and others interested to propose to hold events next year. Providing a competitive event is well organised and well administered it can be a money spinner and provide the Club with a focus of interest which will promote growth. If competitive support is to expand we desperately need more venues and I appeal to your sense of adventure and responsibility and hope that we will now see a number of new venues for 1971.

### GOUNGIL-COMPETITIVE

### report from J.M.WOOLLEY, chairman.

The Standing Liaison Committee (a joint body of the Competitive Council, the National Coaching Committee and the British Schools Canoeing Association) chose Trafalgar Day to launch the new British Canoe Union Espada Youth K1 Project and contracts for its production have now been agreed with the Trade. This kayak, designed by Jorgen Samson, should be a winner and we hope something like 2000 will be available for competition in the next 3 years. This exciting new adventure should produce a broad band of competitors and as a long term investment can be nothing but good for racing in this country.

Competitive canoeists need the right venue to participate in the sport and I hope we all appreciate that other people have the right to use rivers and enjoy the amenities of the countryside. Quite often other people have a greater right than we do, particularly if they live near a river. They are entitled to expect visitors and other users of the river to behave themselves and if we, as canoeists fail to behave there is every likelihood that we could be debarred from using a particular venue. Members of the British Canoe Union must learn to respect other peoples' rights and to behave in a proper and fitting manner when competing. I hope all sections of our sport will take the hint and that our Technical Committee will not have to be faced with unpleasant reports of bad behaviour in the future.

Now for the future. Those concerned with the 1972 Olympic Games at Munich will realise that time is starting to run out. We have the best chance we are ever likely to have to do well at Munich and it is up to all concerned to work to this objective. For those competitive supporters not concerned with Munich the future looks bright and providing we can maintain the remarkable growth rate achieved this year there is no reason to suppose that, given time, all competitive events should not receive Olympic status.

Anyone requiring further information on competitive canoeing should write either to the Technical Secretary concerned or to the General Secretary of the British Canoe Union who will pass on the letter to the right person.

So far 1970 has proved to be an excellent year for competition both at home and abroad. Paddlers are reaching higher standards and obtaining better results than ever before. I am sure they will find this advantageous both to themselves and to the sport in general. In the International field our teams have produced some really excellent results they, the team managers and the team coaches deserve congratulations on their efforts. I am sure you will all be interested to read full details of their achievements when the Technical Committees produce their Annual Reports. The 2 major international events staged in this country both deserve a special mention. The British Open Championships and Regatta at Exeter was well attended, well organised and a credit to those who participated in the administration. The International Slalom at Llangollen received ma gnificent support from all the important canoeing countries of the world and when we consider that a team from the United States took part it illustrates the importance of the event. The organisers deserve every encouragement and the thanks of all our members.

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### **BUKFLEX SUITS**

The CANOE CENTRE at Twickenham now have the Peter Storm Bukflex suits in stock. These suits, which a number of continental paddlers were using at the Llangollen International Slalom, seem highly suitable for canoesport and at the present time 'Canoeing Magazine' is preparing a test report on them for future publication.

### DOUBLE 'G' PADDLES

On the market in the last month have come the 'Double 'G'! slalom paddles. These paddles, produced by Mark Gees at Twickenham, are of a really superior quality and for the first time we have a British blade to compare with the continental Prijon. The craftsmanship on these all-wood paddles is of the top class, while the design is similar to the Prijon but with modifications suggested to top British slalomists.



The 'Double 'G'! slalom paddles are available in any length from stockists at present in the London area. First off the price may seem a little expensive but if you want the best you usually find it costs more.

### STRAND GLASS

StrandGlass Company Limited, Britain's largest stockist of glassfibre materials and products, have now opened another regional sales/showroom - one of a number planned throughout the country in the coming year. The new premises are: 72 London Road, Southampton. (Tel: 0703 31391.)

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### EXPORT ECONOMY



Tyne Canoes have found a rather novel way of exporting two craft for the price of one ... by sending one kayak inside one canoe! Our photo shows Tyne Canadian with kayak inside ready for packing to the U.S.A. The thwarts in the canoe are only screwed in and thus when removed the kayak can be lifted out ....

### OTTER-CUB

At the International Boat Show, Earls Court, in January, OTTERSPORTS LTD. will have on show for the first time a new addition to their kayak range – The OTTER-CUB. Not only is this kayak likely to prove very popular, but also, offered at just £15 0.0. there is strong reason to believe that it will be the cheapest boat at the Show.

The 'OTTER-CUB' has been specially designed to provide fun for the whole family.

It is fun to build, because the Kit has all wooden parts ready cut to shape and the cockpit coamings are pre-formed. The stage-by-stage building instructions are fully illustrated and written in straight forward non-technical language, so parents and children can share in the pride and satisfaction of building their own boat to a truly 'professional' finish.

It is fun to use, because it is small enough for any child old enough to go on the water to handle on

his own - but also fully capable of carrying an adult

Its the right SHAPE. The length/beam ratio and flattened 'v' shaped bottom are carefully chosen to give great stability and at the same time it is easy to manoeuvre while also cutting well through the water with good directional qualities.

Its the right SIZE - compact for winter storage and for carrying on the roof of the smallest family car.

Its the right WEIGHT - 25lbs which a child can lift and carry.

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The OTTER-CUB is just 12' (366cm) in length, 23" (58cm) beam, with a weight of 25lbs (11.34kgs). In short this kayak is just the boat for the family who want fun afloat, and gives quite exceptional value for money.



### THE LONDON SHOWS

### INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW

Once again the first week of the new year sees the opening of the International Boat Show in London at the Earls Court. The dates are from 5th-16th January. This year the show promises to be bigger than ever before and the central theme will be that of the Orient. Hong Kong harbour is being 'transplanted' in the centre of London.

The International Boat Show is the boating industry's biggest shop window, attracting not only hundreds of overseas visitors but also exhibitors. However for the canoeists, although there is always plenty of watersports gear to look over, only two stands will prove of the greatest interest - that of Ottersports Ltd., and Tyne Canoes Ltd., both regular exhibitors at the show for a number of years. On show from both these manufacturers will be a number of new craft and equipment.

Tyne Ltd., can be found on Stand A4. Otter-sports Ltd., can be found on Stand US6.

### NATIONAL CANOE EXHIBITION

The 6th/7th February sees the two day National Canoe Exhibition at the Crystal Palace in South London. With every major kayak/canoe manufacturer in Britain exhibiting there is little doubt that this is the place to select that new model for the coming season, a chance to compare the different makes side by side, an opportunity to meet the many other paddlers and sides of canoe sport other than your own.

This year there will be some twenty trade stands showing craft from the very latest slalom and white water models, to the Espada Youth KI, the top craft in Sprint racing, the newest in touring models, folding kayaks and canoes, plus moulds for the home builder. Paddles, wetsuits, and all accessories, Crystal Palace you just cannot miss out this year....

Apart from the trade stands there will be many of allied organisations and a number of canoe clubs. In the swimming pool there will be displays of canoeing skills as well as the National Canoe Polo Championships, while in another part of the exhibition there will be top international films on all sides of canoesport at hourly intervals.

Tickets for this exhibition are now available from: CCPR (L &SE) 160, Great Portland Street, London, W1N 5TB. Price 6/- for each day, party rate 3/- (min 8).

### COLEX '71

In London and at the Olympia over the same period as the Boat Show, is the Camping Outdoor Life & Travel Exhibition. Camping gear and all allied equipment, of interest to the canoe camper and many of the competitive paddlers who regularly camps. Certainly if you come in to London for the Boat Show, a visit also to this exhibition should not be overlooked.

### RESULT ROUND-UP



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