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Key of the Door

21 years old and one month late due to the Postal dispute, not to mention costing a great deal more to post now, but here it is! Next issue should be on time. Contributions to me by 10th May, please.

What it costs

At the B.C.U. Annual General Meeting, a request was made for further details of the cost of production of "Canoeing in Britain".

Approximate figures for 1969-70 were:—

	£	Average cost per magazine	
Printing	2,075		
less Income	1,715		
	370	370	1.2p
Expenses			
Advert. dept.	60		
Editorial dept.	60		
Envelopes and postage	456		
	594	594	2.4p
final nett cost		965	3.6p

This was an exceptionally low figure (some £400 below budget) and Council has allowed for a 20% increase on the 1969/70 budget figure in the current year. The nett cost in 1970/71 should nevertheless still be £100 less than it was in 1968. In these times of galloping inflation, we reckon this is pretty good.

Jack Levison.

Enquiries regarding a 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 on the B.C.U. Calendar.

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DEMOCRACY & DISCIPLINE

*Council voices disquiet
over lack of concern*

by John Woolley

At the last Council meeting on the 26 February 1971 certain matters of discipline were discussed and I was asked once again, to produce a short screed. If there is one sort of article I like writing less than another this is it. I am fed up to the teeth preaching about discipline in canoeing, for, as I see it, discipline is an inbred instinct and, in my opinion, should not have to be continually imposed by others.

There are other matters as well that I would like to briefly mention, and the first concerns the Annual General Meetings and election of Officers.

The British Canoe Union numbers something over 6,000 members and I am too embarrassed to announce publicly how few bothered to vote at the Annual General Meeting. The rights of voting for the provincial member were established some years ago, after a long and bitter fight, and the principles behind the fight for the postal ballot are as good today as they were then. Already I hear murmurs that we should go back to the old system of those who attend the meeting voting for the members of Council. If you are agreeable to a minority voting your administrators into office then let us go back to the old system. If, however, you value your democratic rights, for

goodness sake use your postal vote and let us have a representative vote from our 6,000 members.

After the voting comes the presentation of trophies, or it should do. The trophies, however, are not always present and the Council have again asked me to remind those concerned that they are in jeopardy if they do not return them before the next Annual General Meeting. The penalty for the failure to return trophies is an automatic 6 months suspension from the British Canoe Union.

The next item concerns television. By the time you read this I hope we will have secured television coverage over a fairly lengthy summer period and we are hoping that the coverage will be representative of all our sports. Should we have succeeded, I would ask you to look out for the news circulars concerning these events and ask you to make every effort to support them. By doing so, you will increase our chances of better television coverage for the future.

As many of you know, some difficulties over river usage occurred at the River Lune slalom last year. The Slalom Executive Committee fully investigated the matter. As usual with canoeing enquiries, it is very difficult to resolve an investigation some time after the event and whilst it was not possible to convict or acquit anyone, it was possible to arrive at the conclusion that the actions had led to an unfortunate infringement of the organisers wishes.

Now we have in the future to protect and preserve the organisers of our competitive events and of all those who work with them behind the scenes. Organisers of competitive events have good reason to take umbrage when a competitor is rude and abusive, or disregards instructions. The organiser has had to seek out the permission to use the site, to make promises to the local landowners, to the local fishing clubs and to everyone else who feels they have the right to be asked. He can spend hours, sometimes days, making sure that things should go smoothly and when the day arrives he prays nothing will happen to upset the arrangements or the people with whom he made the arrangements.

There are, in our sport, hundreds and thousands who conform to the organisers' wishes and these people get very little from the sport except the enjoyment they get from the competition and the company they keep. But there are others who consider themselves above any restrictions, any rules, any instructions, and these few we can well do without. It is up to you

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Tickets for the Olympic Games

Munich 26 Aug — 10 Sept 1972

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 - c. The minimum period of accommodation (in hotels, private homes, caravan sites and camping sites etc.) has been established by Munich, namely the nights of 25th August — 11th September, 1972 inclusive, i.e. 18 nights.

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Democracy & Discipline—cont.

and to me to ensure that when we see such people upsetting Organisers, River Advisers, or riparian owners that we take prompt action to prevent them damaging our mutual interests in competitive sport.

On one point I can reassure you. The British Canoe Union Council is determined that each of you shall realise there is only one law, one discipline, one code of behaviour and it applies to all our members equally regardless of whether you wear a school blazer or a British team blazer, and it must be obeyed.

I hope I have said enough to set you thinking and I trust that together we will all have the good sense to wage war on bad behaviour and thereby safeguard our sporting interests.

● Canoeing has long been a form of recreation in this country. In recent years it has been increasingly used as part of the education of the adolescent. This modern development as far as teaching is concerned, brings attendant problems: suitable environment to suit all levels of ability despite weather and time of year, suitable equipment, sufficient time to do the job properly, a staff-student ratio that allows proper teaching and if working in a Centre or School, a suitably experienced Warden or organiser (and a Local Authority which allows an experienced instructor to do his job professionally!). Also there is the difficulty of deciding on a type of teaching method.

Such problems, whether in canoeing or any other Outdoor Activity, are the concern of the Association of Outdoor Education, formed in December, 1969. If you are interested in this Association, contact Miss S. Marshall, Lecturer, Coventry College of Education, Kirby Corner Road, Canley, Coventry.

● Sponsorship. In order that our competition branches shall be enabled to stage major international events, we need sponsors. Any members making contacts which are likely to lead to offers of sponsorship of a particular event, are asked to communicate immediately with the General Secretary of the Union, as we are anxious that no offer shall be lost through lack of adequate liaison.



LONG DISTANCE RACING

Sue Pluthero

The winter months are the time of Committee meetings and the L.D.R. Committee has met twice. Twenty-eight ranking races are on the calendar this year, including four recently-approved events — the County of Huntingdon L.D. Pangbourne, Caterham (River Wey), and Reading Circuit races. With the loss of the Wye race, this is a gain of three events, and there are also a number of other non-ranking events being held. With the Espada Youth K1 project now well under way there is likely to be increasing demand for non-ranking regional events which the youngsters can compete in without having to travel too far.

The National Championships this year are being held at Worcester, and are being organised by the Worcester Canoe Club. The event, over the three days of the August Bank Holiday, is being organised in conjunction with the city of Worcester's three hundredth anniversary celebrations. The course has been chosen for both interesting paddling and for maximum

Bath to Bradford LD Race. Photo: Dave Lewis

spectator appeal, as the start and finish will be near the city centre. As with last year's Nationals there will be separate races for singles and doubles on the Saturday and Monday, with a sprint regatta on the Sunday. We are very honoured to have Mr. Peter Walker, Secretary for the Environment, to present the prizes on this occasion.

The question of possible amalgamation of the sprint and Long Distance Racing Committees came under discussion at the Leamington meeting and was almost unanimously rejected by those present.

Also under discussion was the question of B.C.U. membership of competitors in L.D. events. As it is suspected that many paddlers are not in fact B.C.U. members, random checks will be made this year after each event and defaulters will be disqualified from entering further events until such time as he or she becomes a member.

It has also been suggested that some competitors in the junior classes are in fact of senior age. If this has in fact been so it may well have been caused through a misunderstanding of the rule concerning junior age, which is as follows — "Juniors shall not be over 18 years of age. The operative date for the assessment of ages shall be January 1st. annually."

May I also take this opportunity to remind Clubs affiliated to the B.C.U. that they are entitled to send two representatives to any full Committee meeting, one of whom may vote. The attendance at recent meetings has been very disappointing. The items discussed at the meetings are your affair, and it is in the interest of the sport that as many Club representatives as possible should be present.

As I write this report the first of the 1971 events is now over, and there is only one weekend with no ranking race being held until the middle of June. The Oxford race was regrettably cancelled at the last minute as the organisers did not feel that their organisation could cope with taking entries on the day, which would have been necessitated by the postal strike.

Tickets for the Olympic Games—cont.

d. If anyone plans to stay with their own personal German friends in Munich or with serving members of H.M. Forces in Germany, their German or British hosts must try to obtain tickets from the German allocation. They can NOT buy tickets from the U.K. issue.

e. Hotels in and near Munich retained 50% of their accommodation for their own use. If British Travel Agents have booked some of this accommodation the German Hoteliers must apply direct to the Munich Organising Committee on behalf of their customers for tickets from a special allocation set aside by Munich for that purpose.

3. It is anticipated that T.H. Hamer (Passenger Agents) Ltd may receive full details of tickets and accommodation and of the programme of Sports in the Games some time in March 1971.

A PRIORITY PERIOD will be established for the sale of tickets and accommodation to Governing Bodies of Olympic Sports and their Club Members. A percentage of the total U.K. ticket allocation will be set aside solely for priority Members, which, it is hoped, will be sufficient.

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Period of stay asked for.

Sports for which tickets are required.

Name of your Sport and Club.

5. About April or May 1971 T. H. Hamer Ltd will post to you a priority ticket and accommodation application form in your stamped and addressed envelope. You must then decide what tickets and accommodation you are asking for and make out a cheque for the full amount. If you are employing a Travel Agent, either for individual travel or for an inclusive tour, send the form with your cheque to your Travel Agent who must post it quickly and within the priority period to T. H. Hamer. If you are not employing a Travel Agent you should post the form with cheque and without delay to T.H. Hamer.

6. (a) Subject to sufficient details being received from Munich, the ticket and accommodation form will include a detailed programme of the Games, and prices of tickets and accommodation. It will also set out the dates of the priority period during which priority application forms to be valid MUST be received by T. H. Hamer Ltd.

(b) The British Olympic Association knows of some Travel Agents organising or planning to organise inclusive tours to the Games. A list of well known Travel Agents will be sent to Club Secretaries on request, but the B.O.A. cannot accept any responsibility for arrangements made by Travel Agents.

7. It must be understood that the Priority privilege applies only to the Member and his wife and children, and not to friends or other relatives.

8. A copy of the provisional programme is shown below:—

Opening Ceremony Aug. 26th.

Athletics Aug. 31-Sept. 9.

Rowing Aug. 27, 29, 31, Sept. 1 and 2.

Basketball Aug. 27, 28, 29, 30, Sept. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8.

Boxing Aug. 27 to Sept. 9. excluding Sept. 8.

Canoeing Slalom Aug. 28, 29. Racing Sept. 5, 6, 7, 8.

Cycling Aug. 29, 31. Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6.

Fencing Aug. 29 to Sept. 8.

Football Aug. 27 to 31. and Sept. 1, 3, 5, 7, 8.

Gymnastics Aug. 27 to Sept. 1.

Weightlifting Aug. 27 to 31 and Sept. 2 to 5.

Handball Aug. 30. Sept. 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8.

Hockey Aug. 27 to Sept. 9 excluding Sept. 8.

Judo Aug. 31 Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4, 8.

Wrestling Aug. 27 to 31 then Sept. 5 to 9.

Swimming Aug. 27 to Sept. 4.

Modern Pentathlon Aug. 27 to 31.

Equestrian Sports Aug. 29 to 31 then Sept. 1, 3, 5, 6, 8.

Shooting Aug. 27 to Sept. 2.

Archery Sept. 6 to 9.

Volleyball Aug. 27 to Sept. 8 excluding Sept. 4.

Sailing Aug. 29, 30, 31, Sept. 1, 4, 5, 6.

Closing Ceremony Sept. 10.

N.B. Team Members living in the Olympic Village are allowed admittance into the Competitors' Stand of their own Sport and into the Competitors' Stand at the Main Stadium. Special arrangements will be made for them to purchase in advance tickets for other venues. Individual Members of the Union who are not members of an affiliated club should quote their B.C.U. Membership when seeking priority privileges, quoting Membership Number.

J.W.D.

L.D.R. Coach's Award

1. Qualifications.

- The candidate must have competed in at least 10 British ranking L.D. races on at least 5 different courses, including one National Championship race and at least one 'difficult' course (e.g. Bedford, Bath, Tay, Exe Estuary & River, Poole, Orwell, Liffey, Sella).
- The Candidate must have gained at least 20 Hasler points, 10 of which must have been gained in 'K' classes.
- The candidate must be at least 18 years old.
- The candidate must have organised a course on L.D. training over a weekend, at which one or all of the sub-committee is able to assess the candidate's ability in teaching.
- The candidate must show himself able to teach L.D. racing and to organise training for it. His knowledge of the sport should be extensive and should include training methods, boat design, equipment, tactics, organisation of races, technique, history of L.D.R.
- The candidate must be a Senior Instructor.

The candidate may be appointed a L.D.R. Coach for one year's duration by the L.D.R. Executive Committee upon a report by the sub-committee consisting of the L.D.R. Coach and others appointed by the L.D.R. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee has power to waive some of these qualifications in special cases, or to refuse to appoint a candidate without giving its reasons.

2. Maintenance of the Award.

- The L.D.R. Coach should attend at least 3 British ranking L.D. races every year.
- The Coach should submit a short report to the L.D.R. Coach every year, giving details of the work he has done. The sub-committee may then reappoint him for a further year. The L.D.R. Coach will keep a register of all L.D.R. Coaches.

Further information may be obtained from the National L.D.R. Coach: Robin Lees, 13 Hazel Way, St. Ives, Huntingdon.

● An interesting article by S. J. Baker and P. J. Aldwinckle in the March issue of the British Journal of P.E., on the development of a canoe rolling simulator, suggests that a considerable reduction can be obtained in the time necessary to teach a novice to roll. The simulator, developed by the Loughborough College of Education in 1966 for £5, consisted of a pivoted and counterbalanced cockpit. Ten minutes in this gave students a definite advantage over students who were taught by the normal method only.

● The ICF Sailing Committee has confirmed the decision to introduce the one-design hull from 1.1.71. It has not proved possible, at the present time, to proceed with the production of a plug and grp hull in Germany, as originally agreed. With international support the plug is being manufactured in England and a prototype will be ready for the beginning of the 1971 season. The grp structure has been designed by an aircraft designer and there is every reason to believe that a high quality all grp I.C. will be readily available at a competitive price.

● Chris Hawkesworth of Northern W.W. Centre fame, is running a Raffle at 5p per ticket, (prizes include 2 return tickets to New York and many canoeing accessories) to help raise money for the 1st British Grand Canyon Expedition. Draw at Grandtully, during the Easter Div. I slalom, by John Dudderidge.

● Oliver Cock, B.C.U. National Coach, reports that certain useful training aids were demonstrated at the Annual Conference of National Coaches. Available on loan from the Crystal Palace is a portable Videotape apparatus, with battery powered camera. This could be valuable at, say, Holme Pierrepont regatta course, for a canoeist to see his own performance, within minutes of completing a trial. There is also a Research laboratory, fitted with treadmill, bicycle ergometer etc. Anyone can go to the lab. and have any measurements taken, without fee.



The December and January general meetings of the Slalom Committee passed some fairly important business, in spite of being unable to complete the agenda in the time available. The new officers and committees were all elected with certain exceptions. The most important election was that of Alan Harber as Chairman of the Slalom Committee, who was installed with a sizeable majority. The committee expressed its gratitude to Maurice Rothwell for filling the post for so many years by making a presentation to him and electing him to the committee for life. A further resignation this year was that of Tony Cox after many years as our Records Officer. Tony is owed a great debt of gratitude by all for the unseen work he has done. It is an unfortunate reflection on the attitude of most people to our sport that no one was prepared to take over the job in his place.

The question of regionalisation is being kicked back and forth and various people are making studies of its feasibility. As I see it, regionalisation is an inescapable solution to the problems of our sport as we grow at an ever increasing rate. Quite simply there are too many paddlers chasing too few events/sites. Many people object to regionalisation in that they will not be able to enter distant events; for instance the Midland area meeting decided that in principle it was against regionalisation for this reason. However it is quite clear that some form of restriction must be put on entries at Junior events (e.g. Chester 1970 where 500 entered and 200 had to be turned down). The present system of first come first served is far from satisfactory, and a regional system of limiting entries seems to me far more suitable at Junior levels. It has been suggested that Third/Novices divisions be regionalised, leaving only 1st/2nd Divs as national divisions. This I think would be wrong as it would stultify the development of the 3rd Div. paddlers. A far better solution in my opinion is the latest proposal that 1st, 2nd and 3rd divisions should remain national but Novices/Open events should be run on a regional basis. The entries at the national events will then be controlled by limiting the division sizes to about 100, 200 and 300 as at present. Regional organisers would be free to run as many Novice/open slaloms as they are able. Admittedly promotion from Novices would have to be left to the end of the year so that an equality of standard could be maintained between those coming from different regions, and the size of the 3rd Division could be effectively controlled.

Following the introduction for 1971 of two divisions for the Canadian classes, together with a points system and compilation of the ranking lists from an individual's best three slaloms, the 1st Division lists are to be compiled this year in similar fashion. That is points will be awarded from 50 for the winner down to zero for 51st and subsequent placings. The ranking lists will take into account only the best three slaloms of an individual. Women's 1st Div. events will use the same system as the Canadians i.e. 10 for 1st down to zero for 11th etc.

These changes together with the new slalom rules will make a vast difference to slalom and

Take a length of polythene tube, seal up one end (leaving a small hole for the neck) and climb in - Presto! The slalom judges dream garment - the score sheets can be marked on the knees and remain covered throughout. Cheap, versatile, ugly, what more can the complete canoeist ask for? Modelled here at Potarch by Lieutenant 'Berny' Harrison from HMS EAGLE.

simplify it both for the paddler (when competing and when calculating his ranking figure) and for the spectator.

Talking of spectators, it is hoped to make the Llangollen International even more of a spectacle this year by having a bigger and better event. ITV have said that they wish to televise the Saturday afternoon live again (16th October) on World of Sport. As yet no sponsor has been found for the event so efforts are being made to raise cash ourselves as last year. A raffle will be run to help the finances and should yield a useful profit. A further suggestion from Leeds C.C. is that each club should be asked to make a cash donation towards the International. This seems a sound idea and if any club committees wish to make such donations they will be gratefully received by the slalom committee.

The lack of people prepared to come forward and help run the international is a distressing feature of our sport. That the two or three organisers should have to run around a couple of weeks before the event and browbeat people into taking jobs, is just not good enough. I would like all those prepared to help out to come and see me during the season so that jobs can be allocated.

The calendar for the season is in a very healthy state with more events than ever both at home and abroad: For the first time we are to sponsor a Junior team at Internationals - the team manager being Mick Colgan of St. Bede's, Bradford. The junior team will be a breeding ground for the full team which now has much wider scope with the Olympics to aim for. This year is World Championship year however, so we hope for medals from Merano where the events are being held in June.

● **COACHING APPOINTMENTS LOCAL COACHING ORGANISERS:**
NORTHANTS: John Adams, 37 Northampton Rd., Roade, Northampton NN7 2PF.
LINCS: John Shelston, 473 Laceby Rd., Grimsby, Lincs.

CORRECTIONS to Revised Test and Awards Details. 1. Awards: (C) GENERAL NOTES Item 3 should read "WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS for Senior Instructor and Coach Awards will normally take place before examination sessions."

Item 5: Delete "and Coaches". (The 'Extension of Scope of an Award' refers only to Senior Instructors).

2. Tests: **ADVANCED SEA TEST**... Kayak only.

Intro.: Six and not eight (as stated) advanced sea trips are required.

CANOE SAILING



*Photographs
and article
by
Peter Wells*



1. INGEMAR SANDBERG of Sweden aboard GIGANT. The canoe is sailing "close hauled" that is as far into the wind as possible and makes good a course directly against the wind by sailing a number of zig-zag legs. Note that the sails are pulled hard in, the foresail is held by a rope known as the foresheet which is locked in a special cleat. The main sheet similarly controls the main sail and may be seen gripped in the helmsman's right hand, but the load it taken by a special ratchet block which can be freed off at will. The helmsman is using his weight to balance the force of wind on the sails by sitting at the end of the sliding seat which is 5 feet from the gunwale. His feet are braced in special footholds. Note also the long double tiller extensions.

2. KEN DAVIS taking SHRIMP II on a close hauled course. Notice that the canoe is plumb upright with the mast vertical and the relaxed attitude of the expert helmsman which makes it look easy. Sailing close hauled like this requires great skill and fine judgement if you are to be first at the turning mark and many races are lost and won on this point of sailing. The curved aerofoil shape of the sail may be seen. It works on the principle of an aeroplane wing.

3. ALAN HASSELL steering IMPALA which is surfing on the face of the wave. The canoe is running with the wind from directly astern. The helmsman is in the middle of the canoe here because the force of the wind on the sail acts along the longitudinal axis. It is the Canoe's slowest point of sailing and there is a tendency for the canoe to roll which can easily lead to a capsize if not firmly checked by careful movement of the tiller. Breaking crests astern are alarming, but not significant and it is better for morale to look ahead.

4. NICKY SPENCER-CHAPMAN at the helm of SKAT. Breaking spray as in the photograph, or even green water over the bows will simply wash across the fully decked hull. Note that the rudder is carried inboard underneath the hull. The extension of the boom beyond the foot of the sail is a nuisance, but is necessary to bring the sheet (i.e. rope) controlling it clear of the rudder.

Slalom Committee launches Youth Programme

There has been no shortage of keen young newcomers to the twin sports of slalom and wild water racing in recent years. It would be sad to think that much of this talent would be wasted and lost through lack of suitable training facilities.

Eighteen months ago one of us conceived the idea of setting up youth training squads. The "top boys" (and girls too) in First Division Slalom were beginning to benefit from membership of the National Training Squad, and it seemed that the benefits of squad training might be shared to great advantage if they were offered to young paddlers throughout the country. When John Fazey and Alan Harber took on the job of training the 1972 Olympic Slalom Team, the time seemed just right to start looking out for the young paddlers who would form the backbone of the 1976 Olympic Slalom Team.

However, the sophisticated thinking behind the idea of youth training squads took a long time to catch on, and to date only three of these squads have been approved by the slalom committee as efficient and eligible for grant aid. These are the Hampshire Squad, the Weald Squad, and the Bradford Squad. Each squad should be open to selected young paddlers who live within easy reach of the squad's base. The Squad should be run by a committee of competent and responsible adults, one of whom will handle the squad's finances and the other, responsible for the squad's training programme, should hold the BCU Award of Slalom Coach. Each squad should have the means of providing transport for squad members and should be in touch with local authorities as a source of grant aid.

In the autumn of 1970 the Slalom Committee took the next step, in announcing that a youth team would be sent to at least one International abroad in 1971. Mick Colgan was invited to become manager of a national junior team. (A Junior paddler is one who is 15 or over and has not yet reached the end of the year in which his eighteenth birthday falls.) It was recommended that at First Division Slaloms and ranking River Races, a prize be made available for the top junior, in each class, and paddlers who were juniors should be noted on entry cards and results sheets. It would now be readily obvious who the up-and-coming juniors were; the Selection Committee and the Youth Team Manager could watch and assess their progress.

It has now been decided that the event to which the junior team will be sent will be the Vir Slalom in Czechoslovakia on July 3rd. and 4th. Any boy or girl interested in being selected should write to the Team Manager, M. H. Colgan, 252 Leeds Road, Fagley, Bradford BD2 3JU (Tel. 639253).

A Youth Training Camp is being held in Derbyshire between July 18th. and 25th., under the supervision of John Fazey, and the National Youth Slalom Championship will be held at Grandtully on August 30th. Entrants must belong to First or Second Division. The Slalom Committee hopes that the response to the Youth Programme will be enthusiastic.

Chris McAllister

● In 1963 the Institution of Water Engineers' Report stated that canoeing on reservoirs should not be permitted "because of the specialised training requirements". One fear was believed to be that repeated capsizing and resultant number of swimmers might cause some pollution of the water.

However, Mr. H. Littlewood, Principal Technical Officer of the C.C.P.R. has prepared a paper for the I.W.E. in the course of which he points out that sprint racing canoeists' requirements are no different from those of oarsmen, and that further consideration might be given to their case for a share of water already used for rowing.

Home Regattas

The programme of regattas and sprint events appear in the 'Canoeing Calendar' for 1971 but more fixtures are needed to provide a full racing season. Clubs wishing to hold an open regatta under BCU Rules should apply to the SRC Secretary.

Results and Fees

Within 14 days of the close of a regatta, a completed programme with results and signed by the Regatta Secretary should be sent to the Records Officer of the SRC (Mr. H. C. Martin, 15 Manor Road, Southbourne, Nr. Emsworth, Hants.) together with a Regatta Fee of £5.00

sprint racing



Flashback to 1966 – the start of the 10,000m K2 event at the World Canoe Racing Championships, East Berlin.

Espada Events

Regatta Organisers have been requested to hold events for the Espada Class, the distances being for Boys – Espada A 250 metres, Espada B and C 500 metres with long distance events of 3,000, 5,000 and 10,000 metres respectively. For Girls the distances should be – Espada A and B 250 metres and Espada C 500 metres, the long distance events being 3,000 metres in each case. The age groups for each class appear in the previous edition of 'Canoeing in Britain.'

Amendments to Racing Rules

Certain amendments have been made to the racing rules, and these are available from the Sprint Racing Secretary whose address may be found in the BCU calendar.

Awards for 1970

The SRC is eager to encourage the formation of racing groups in all parts of the country and it

is interesting to note that last season the Royal Canoe Club were awarded the MacGregor Paddle with no senior status paddlers amongst their members, which shows that any club with an enthusiastic following of young paddlers can win this coveted trophy. Other Awards were, Dexter Trophy – John Phelps; Unwin Bowl – J. L. Oliver; Farnham Cup – J. L. Oliver; Richards Cup – D. Lawrence; Femina Trophy – Mrs D. Lawler; Lightcraft Trophy – Richmond Canoe Club.

G.B. Team Successes at Llangollen

It was unfortunate that our report on the Llangollen International Slalom arrived too late for inclusion in the last issue, but readers may be interested in a brief run-down of the event.

Hans Schlecht of Austria beat Norman Jackson by 10 seconds in the Men's K.1 class, but our ladies team of Keerie, Squires and Goodman beat the G.D.R. team into second place, proving their win at Zwickau in May had been no fluke.

The six British paddlers in the Men's K.1 team event could not have hoped for a better result. The 'A' team's time of 286.8, with no penalties, was 4.1 seconds slower than the 'B' team – but the 'B' collected two tens en route to take second place behind G.B. 'A'.

The whole event was definitely a great success, but lack of water on two consecutive years has caused concern – a repetition of this next year could spell the end of strong international competition at this site.

Reorganisation of Coaching Areas

It has been decided to reorganise the 3 northern areas to conform to the Sports Council Areas, instead of the C.C.P.R. Regions as up to now.

1. Cumberland and Westmorland will no longer be in the North-Western Area. They will now be in the North-Eastern Area.
 2. The County Authority of Lindsey will no longer be in the North Midlands Area, but will now be in the Yorkshire and Humberside Area. (Note that the North Riding of Yorkshire remains in the North-Eastern Area).
- These changes do not affect the tours of the National Coach, which, being administered by the C.C.P.R., will remain as heretofore; but the National Coach will ensure that he informs Area Organisers of what he does in their areas.

Access Committee Notes

In previous issues of Canoeing in Britain we have informed members of our negotiations with the representatives of anglers, riparian owners and river authorities aiming at the use of private waters by canoeists, according to an agreed programme or timetable.

By the time these notes appear the regional conferences between canoeists, anglers and riparians should have begun under the auspices of the Regional Sports Councils, and we hope that in our next issue we shall be able to report

NCW A £5 EXCESS ON CANOE INSURANCE

It was in December 1969 that I last wrote to all members, via the magazine, warning of increased premiums. Those premiums have now been in effect for 15 months, but regrettably do not appear to have had any effect in reducing the loss which Underwriters suffer each year. The scheme has been running with these particular Underwriters for 7 years, and they have never made any profit, in fact a yearly loss of well over £1000 is not uncommon. (This is not the amount of claims paid, but the actual loss sustained by them).

In an effort to reduce the amount of claims, an excess of £5 is to be included in place of the present 50/- franchise. This means that from 1st April 1971, the Assured will bear the first £5 of each and every claim, with the exception of total loss claims on canoes, where the existing depreciation clause will continue to apply.

There will be no further increase in premiums at present. Please LOOK AFTER YOUR CANOES etc., and try and help to keep claims down.
Joan Baker.

considerable progress.

Some canoeing activities are not compatible with fishing: for example, it would hardly be possible or practicable to fish a stretch of water on which a slalom or sprint regatta was in progress. For such concentrated use of a limited stretch of water special arrangements will always be necessary. Canoe Touring does not pose any problems: the touring canoeist passing quietly down a river, observing the Water Sports Code, showing courtesy and consideration for others, need give no offence. As evidence of the quietness of his passage we might refer to the frequency with which he is ignored by wild duck and herons sharing the same water.

Anglers, riparians and canoeists have a common concern for the preservation of the charm and peace of our rivers, for the protection of them from pollution. Can we hope that as a result of our initiative in bringing all parties around the table together we can reach a better understanding and work together to the common good.

Great Ouse River Board (Bedford Ouse)

We have been informed that small manually propelled craft, which includes canoes, are to be exempt from the registration scheme launched last year. The Byelaws are being suitably amended. This is a very encouraging decision and perhaps we may be able to persuade British Waterways to take a similar view if and when they obtain authority to impose registration of boats on navigations under their control.

Our friends in Worcester are much concerned at this threat to their freedom to use the River Severn below Stourport where it becomes a navigation. Large craft may need the facilities provided by the navigation authority, but canoeists do not use or even want these facilities, preferring a river in its natural state.

J. W. Dudderidge.

Watling Trailers are noteworthy because of their adjustability to fit all boats within each weight limit, and to tow low and level behind all cars. The 10

TRADE REVIEW

Canoe Framework can be attached to the 600 dinghy trailer, or to the upper deck of the 1200 Two-Decker trailer to enable a dinghy or rescue boat to be carried beneath the canoes. Their Hire Service is operated by the associated Self-Drive Caravans Ltd., and covers Touring Caravans, trailers for canoes and boats of all sizes, and Camping and Luggage trailers.



Shooting a scene for the W. D. & H. O. Wills film "Canoe to Win", now available on loan from the Wills film library. Top canoeist Pauline Squires takes the "camera canoe" through a slalom course in North Wales. The film won second prize in the 1971 International Sports Film Festival at Cortina, Italy.

Dolphin wetsuits, first launched in 1970 have unquestionably already claimed an appreciable share of the market. Two qualities of suits are available; the 'Standard' range which fills the need for a really cheap suit while retaining the basic requirements of comfort and hard wear, and the 'Super' range which is designed as a top quality suit but with a lower price tag than one would normally expect.



The Kayak "Sea Otter" Kit is the latest addition to the **Ottersports** range of do-it-yourself hard chine kayaks. Its long, lean lines, produce a fast boat with directional and lateral stability. Length 15' 10", Beam 22", Price £18.



● One of the difficulties the away-from-it-all canoe camper encounters is the constant search for drinking water. The 10oz. **Aquapac purifier** now provides the answer — it removes harmful bacteria, suspended matter and taste from any non-salt water source. Complete price £4.95, replacement cartridges (£2.90) give up to 20 gallons drinking water.



AGM #35

The Town Hall at Leamington Spa was the scene of the B.C.U. A.G.M. on 23rd January, where some 200 canoeists heard Vice President John Woolley paying tribute to the many members whose untiring energies had made 1970 such an active and vigorous year from the canoeing point of view. Unfortunately, a number of complaints about behaviour had been received, and every effort must be made to maintain good relations with other water users.

An improved financial position was reported by the Hon. Treasurer, E. J. Owen.

Mr. J. W. Dudderidge was re-elected as President, and Messrs. A. Harber, C. B. Manton, Rodney Witter, R. Castle and J. Bright were elected to Council. 192 voting papers were received. Mr. Dancer was re-appointed Hon. Auditor to the Union.

An Award of Honour was presented to R. A. (Abdul) Sowman in appreciation of his great services to the sport, locally, and nationally as Chairman of the Sprint Racing Committee and member of Council.

Awards of Merit were presented to Alan Bye, James C. Barbour, Leslie Gee, Kenneth Rudrum, Mrs. Marion Marriage and William L. Saunders as a mark of appreciation for all they have done over many years to promote the growth and development of the sport of canoeing.

The meeting ended at 7.30 p.m. and was followed by the presentation of trophies. Certain trophies were not returned; it was noted that this now involves automatic disqualification or a fine.

Following the meeting, at an Open Forum, there were discussions on the B.C.U. pennant, which, it was suggested was obscure and old-fashioned, on publicity — a poster with high visual impact was thought desirable, and on Canoeing in Britain, which a few people considered should be produced in black and white only. Some dissatisfaction was expressed concerning the Coaching Scheme, where it was felt that not everyone had enough say. It was pointed out that the N.C.C. newsletter gave ample opportunity for people to express opinions. It was also suggested that Council should announce the names of those people who did not return trophies at the end of the year.

Later in the evening, at a dinner, the President welcomed the Deputy Mayor, Coun. Birch and other civic dignitaries, and thanked them for their encouragement of canoeing in the Midlands.

"The IXth. World Kayak-Canoe Championships will be staged in Belgrade instead of Jajce as previously intended. The arrangements have been inspected and approved by the President of the I.C.F. and the Chairman of the P.R.C. and will suit most people for Belgrade is easy to reach from most cities in the world, and offers a variety of historical and cultural attractions. The new course is being constructed on the Sava lake located in the city. Participants will be housed in a hotel with modern conveniences. Further details will follow.

The Organisers give their assurance that they will do all in their power to carry out a successful organisation of the Championships and make the visit to Belgrade enjoyable.

● One of the most influential children's programmes on television is B.B.C.'s Blue Peter. It was, therefore, very pleasing to see Alan Bye refereeing a Bat Polo match on this programme on March 8th. Crystal Palace was the venue, and the final score a draw, 2 all, to Riverside and Spartans. Presentation was fully professional and imaginative — we can use a lot more of this sort of publicity.

● Extra copies of BCU Canoeing Calendar can be obtained from "Canoeing in Britain", 11 Martindale Grove, Egglecliffe, Stockton-on-Tees, Teesside TS16 9DL, price 10p each.

BRITISH WATERWAYS

CANAL & RIVER PERMITS

Reduced charges for BCU members

Applications to be made only by BCU Individual Members and the officers of BCU affiliated clubs and groups to:—

Mrs. F. C. Littledeyke,
15 Denewood Close,
Watford, Herts., WD1 3SZ

Ask for BCU Canal Licence application form, enclosing foolscap stamped addressed envelope. Part year permits at normal rates obtainable from the Pleasure Craft Licence Office, British Waterways, Willow Grange, Church Road, Watford, Herts.

Adults (BCU Individual members and BCU affiliated clubs) and Individual Youths
Concessionary 1 canoe ... £2.10.0) with
Rate 2 canoes each £2. 5.0) use of
3 or more canoes each £2. 0.0) locks.

For calendar year expiring 31st December:
no part year concessionary rates.

Sponsored Youth Organisations (Including schools)

Concessionary rate for BCU affiliated groups and BCU qualified members of Coaching Scheme whose canoes are used for instructional purposes:—
1 canoe £2. 0.0) with
2 canoes each £1.15.0) use of
3 or more canoes each £1.10.0) locks.

For calendar year expiring 31st December:
no part year concessionary rates.



The Edinburgh Schools' Canoe Expedition 1970 enjoys lunch on the Ardeche, France.

Photo: T. Nicholls

North Sea Eskimo Kayak.

Test Report by Chris Hare.



Specification: Length 16'6"; Beam 21½"; Weight 60lb.

Moulded in glass fibre, the kayak is an Eskimo type in as much as the deck has the traditional long low look and it sits relatively low in the water. Turn he: over and here the similarity ends as the hull has a distinct keel running from the bow and stern to practically amidships. In addition to this the hull is slightly "hogged" by 1in. The cockpit is roomy, with comfortable bucket seat and kneegrips.

During the time I paddled the craft I have been very impressed by its stability, even in extreme conditions. It was stable and allowed the paddler to relax and concentrate on the sea. It is easy to roll, as indeed are most narrow beamed kayaks, but with its relatively flat deck it "pauses" under water, and anybody who puts too much pressure into their roll is likely to roll up and round for a

second time without realising it!

Over a distance I found the craft has a slight stern drag, but this counteracts the high bow which is slightly wind prone. In mild conditions I found the craft ran smoothly and with very little effort on my part. In heavy seas with the wind on the beam the craft was hard to manoeuvre and the bow was catching the wind. In these conditions it would be unrealistic to expect the craft to perform otherwise. However, no matter how steep the seas became, and at one stage the whole 16'6" was stood on end, the craft did not lose its basic directional stability.

For sea touring, expedition work or pottering it is a very good craft, and it should be able to give pleasure to the novice and expert alike, rather heavy by modern standards, but very strongly built and reinforced in areas that are important, i.e., behind the cockpit, hull etc.

— Bookshelf —

A Lazy Man's Guide to Holidays Afloat 1971
(Boat Enquiries Ltd., 17½p)

If you feel the need for something larger than a canoe for your holidays, invest in this one. How and where to hire anything from a camping punt to a Bermudian Sloop. Details of waterways, sailing schools and overseas cruising are given, with loads of adverts.

Rating ****

The Lazy Way to book your Car Ferries 1971
(Car Ferry Enquiries Ltd., 17½p)

Another one from the above stable — all the details and prices, so that you can compare them. Also a free booking service. This is real value for money.

Rating *****

How to build a Glass Fibres Canoe — J. Crane & A. Byde (Trylon. 25p)

The second edition, considerably revised, of this useful booklet is essential reading for anyone contemplating building in glass and resin. Pictures help along the building instructions, and all terms are explained so that the tyro does not get bogged down in technicalities. Highly recommended.

Rating *****

MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED: companions for a canoeing holiday in South Wales, immediately after the 'A' level exams in June. Canoeists interested aged between 17 & 19 Male or Female should contact: John Hale, 2 Pagan Hill Lodge, Downfield, Stroud, Glos, GL5 4HJ.



Over the past three winters, in an attempt to provide competitive stimulation for our indoor canoeing sessions for beginners, we have evolved a form of indoor 'slalom' incorporating not only skills in manoeuvring a canoe, but also swimming and life saving skills and agilities appropriate to canoeing.

The 'slalom' originally developed from a need to encourage beginners to take action to avoid hitting the side of our rather narrow pool (25m x 9m).

(We find that, although technical instructions, cajoling and bullying succeed in part to achieve this aim, a 30 sec. penalty added to a slalom time achieves the desired effect much more quickly!) We were already using relay races as a form of competitive highlight to our sessions.

canoe in our rather confined space was enough for such activities to be performed at speed and therefore timing became essential. Thus the indoor 'slalom' was born.

Or competitions usually take the form of a three part course:-

Part I Getting into the canoe.

- (i) from side.
- (ii) from 3 ft of water.
- (iii) from a moderate depth of water (possibly 5 ft).
- (iv) from deep water (ours is 11ft 6ins).

Part II Paddling skills and manoeuvres.

Part III Swimming/Life Saving skills with a canoe.

- (i) Swimming with the boat on.
- (ii) Towing the boat, fig 6.
- (iii) Rescue techniques.

Each slalom contains at least one element from each of these parts.

PART I We have found that a "Le Mans" start offers the greatest challenge.

before being allowed to continue to Part II of the course. The timing of the run begins from the word 'Go', i.e. all Part I is timed, but no penalty points are scored during this section. Use of the side of the pool or rail incurs disqualification - the boat must be kept surrounded by water and the paddle must not be put on the side or rail. **Part II** The course of "gates" is marked out with buoys.



Figure 3. The "brick" must be on the bottom of the pool in a set place - we use the lane markings for guides and count the number of tiles.

If no "bath" bricks are available a bag can be attached to the end of the line and ordinary (clean) bricks be used.

As well as using buoys, we make extensive use of the side of the pool as an obstacle. 30 sec. penalties are added for touching a buoy or side of the pool at any point with boat, paddle or person.

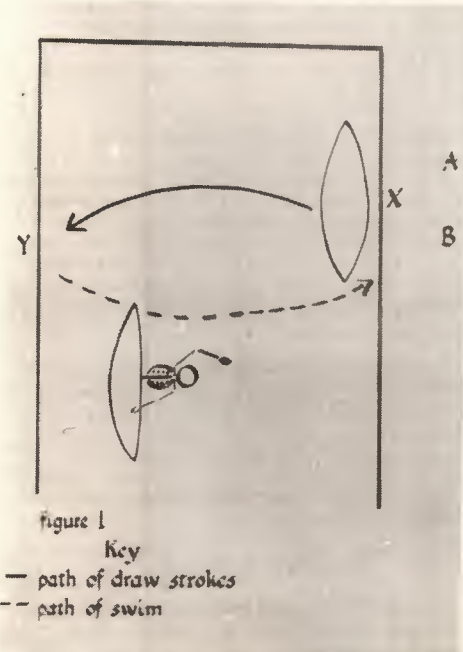


Figure 1

Key

- path of draw strokes
- path of swim



Figure 2. The competitor begins on the side of the pool holding the paddle and with the spray cover round his/her waist (if he wishes).

At the given signal he enters the water and then enters the canoe from the water without using the rail or side of the pool. For beginners we use shallow water, progressing to deeper water for more competent canoeists. Once in the canoe the competitor must fix the spray cover properly

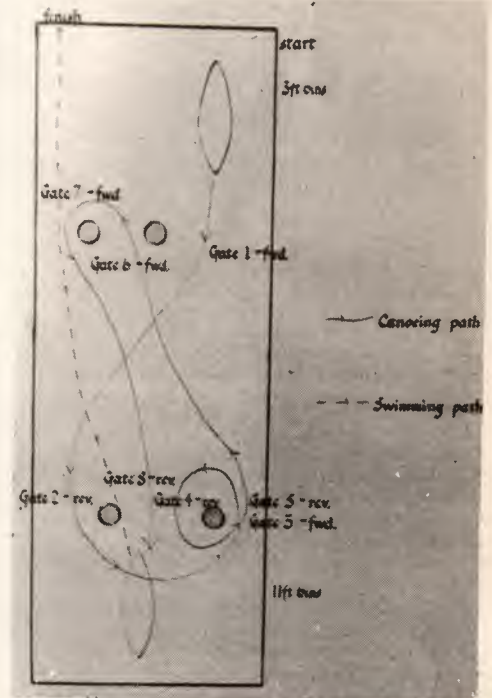


Figure 4. This is a beginners course, more difficult courses can involve successive gates down the same side of the pool - this may not at first sight, seem more difficult, but in fact one of the most difficult manoeuvres in the pool with a slalom boat is to canoe straight without touching it, and, since to touch the side at any point incurs a penalty, this can be a costly manoeuvre. For more advanced canoeists, Eskimo rolls could also be included.

Part II of the course usually finishes at the deep end.

PART III Because we usually finish paddling at one end of the pool, and because 25 meters is a long way to swim with the boat on Part III of our slalom tends to be a swim towing the empty canoe, i.e. the competitor either gets out or capsizes and then gets out and swims back to the finish towing the boat.

The run finishes only when he/she reaches the finish point complete with boat and paddle and timing stops when the paddle is placed on the side.

An advantage of this type of timed competition in consistent water is, of course, that it is possible to have a large number of competitors and spread the contest over a number of days while being sure that each competitor experiences the same conditions.

Figure 5. One method of towing an empty boat using one hand for boat and paddle and the other hand to assist the swimming.



ESPADA NEWS

How to start in this class

The Class Director, David Cook, is keeping three Espada K.1's and a roof rack at the Bryntysilio Outdoor Education Centre, Llangollen. This equipment may be borrowed for short periods by BCU affiliated groups.

It is suggested that the way to use this facility is to bring a small group of youngsters to Bryntysilio with camping gear, have a short introductory session with Mr. Cook on local water, and then take the equipment to Lake Bala, the Shropshire Union canal or the Dee near Chester, for the weekend.

Espada Class association

It is hoped to form an association on the same lines as a sailing class association. Interested adults, even without canoeing experience, who would enjoy being involved in the organisation of such an association, are especially welcomed.

Further details

David Cook is acting as a clearing house for information on racing kayaks at present. He is also willing to visit groups and give an illustrated talk on kayak racing, coupled with a session on the water with his Espadas. A charge will be made for this service.

● There will be a conference for all Area Coaching Organisers at Hothorpe Hall, Theddingworth, Leics., on the 20th/21st. November next. The Conference will dwell mainly on the improved running of the Coaching Scheme, but there will also be a session on technique in a local swimming baths.

OPEN FORUM

Dyer Self-Rescue

Dear Sir,

Critics of Peter Dyers self righting technique (C in B, Sept. 1970) should remember safety is one thing, skill another. Of course we must have firm safety rules to minimise risk in outdoor pursuits but they have to be pitched in simple terms intelligible to the inexperienced to whom the majority of accidents occur. The Victorian Dr. Smiles coined the adage - 'God helps those who help themselves' so please leave room for initiative.

I am sure Peter Dyer would be the first to agree not only that you must keep your life-jackets on but if you are paddling alone in a slalom kayak in all but the calmest of conditions you are breaking a rule at least as important as the one about life-jackets. If there is someone with you why bother to do it yourself? Surely he is aiming basically at saving time and energy during practice or when conditions are safe but, at the same time, conveying an idea which might, just might, be the only course left open in extremis. The wise man allots himself as many options as possible by practising devices to counter the unexpected.

John Greer.

Aberdovey.

Dear Editor,

If I were boating alone I would rather take the "heinous" risk of removing my lifejacket to get back into a swamped kayak - than try to swim back!

Safety is also the result of a flexible mind - even the good old "British Square" is rarely seen nowadays.

R. Baillie,
BCU Instructor etc.

Prescott, Arizona.

The Lunatic Fringe

Dear Sir,

The problem highlighted by Ian Pendleton in "Spoilsports" (p. 71 December 1970) is not new. Canoeists have been intruding on waters where special arrangements have been negotiated, for a number of years.

I met this problem in 1968 as organiser of the Oxford L.D. The infringements by other canoeists almost lost the use of the Thames for the Oxford L.D. At the time, I behaved in what I thought was a proper manner; I reported the matter to the B.C.U. Committee and did not commit myself to more than a minor comment on the situation.

What did I get? Nothing at all. No action was seen to be taken either to warn canoeists of the dangers of such practices or to discipline the offenders. If this complacency continues, then incidents of the nature reported by Ian Pendleton will continue. If canoeists want their interests protected, they must elect men who will not sit on their backsides but get up and do something - even if it does mean disciplining an Olympic prospect.

Representing canoeists means representing canoeists' interests both outside and to the lunatic fringe within. If anyone else has similarly suffered, I suggest they send their letters to "Canoeing in Britain". Perhaps this way some actions will be taken by our national representatives.

Incidentally, I write as a private person. I am no longer a member of the Oxford University Canoe & Kayak Club and do not claim to represent their views.

John R. Hudson.

Sheffield.

Now please read "Democracy and Discipline" in this issue by John Woolley - Ed.

Public Relations

Dear Sir,

It is to the mutual annoyance of farmers and canoeists when damage is done to property, so that slalom organisers take great care and

trouble to ensure that minimal damage is caused by an event. The problem at a recent slalom was that it was caused by spectators.

The slalom was held in the North of England, which is pertinent because riverside pastures are essential for winter grazing in upland farms, and damage was caused by litter (especially glass and tins) and to fences alongside the riverside.

From this I suggest two approaches; to discuss access to bordering fields with the farmers concerned, and if this is denied, to put up 'no trespassing' signs at obvious points.

This simple action might do much to reduce what could be a considerable cause of friction. This main aim of a canoeist must be to canoe, not put on a good show for the camera clicking public.

R. F. Broughton.
Urmston.

Canoe Polo

Dear Editor,

I would be grateful for an opportunity to express my views on the subject of Canoe Polo, particularly after the Championships at the Crystal Palace Exhibition, and would be interested to find out if others who play are in agreement. It may simplify to enumerate my points.

- 1 Canoe Polo is a game well worth developing, as it leads to greater confidence in the water, and a high degree of skill in manoeuvring.
- 2 Apart from team slalom, it is the only competitive side of canoeing which requires team ability in addition to individual skill, and this is worth fostering.
- 3 For a game to be enjoyable it must be played to a set of rules. It is a completely false premise that if a game is played to rules it ceases to be fun. In fact the reverse is true. Water Polo is a particularly good example of this.
- 4 The rules must (a) encourage a good game (b) be absolutely minimal (c) be enforceable (d) be aimed particularly at safety.
- 5 The rules put forward by Oliver Cock in earlier issues of this magazine do satisfy these conditions, but I would like to see one modification. If the ball is hit with a paddle whilst in the air they remain as suggested, i.e. the defaulter is out of the game until the next goal or on a second default, out for the rest of the game. If the ball is touched by a paddle whilst in the water, a free throw be given to the opposing side. The paddle must only be used for propulsion of the canoe.
- 6 It is quite possible to enforce these rules and leads to a good, clean, safe game, requiring both individual and team skill.
- 7 If these rules are not enforced it leads to a shambles, which may be amusing to spectators, but is only discouraging to the contestants.
- 8 We do not play games for the benefit of spectators - there is enough of that on television.

I may appear a little dogmatic on this, but I do feel that if we wish to see Canoe Polo develop into a worthwhile game, once the rules are finally codified they must be rigidly enforced, particularly in inter-club competitions.

Keith Clark,
Denstone College, W.W.C.C.

Uttoxeter.

Canoeing in Education

Dear Sir,

I intend shortly to write a thesis on the subject of 'Canoeing in Education'. This is, however, a subject on which relatively little original material is available, no doubt partly because the introduction of canoeing in outdoor pursuits centres etc. is a fairly recent phenomenon. I would appreciate any relevant material on the subject that your readers can provide, including book references, photographs, information leaflets etc.

R.A. Knight.
Culham College, Abingdon, Berks.

CANOE POLO RULES

(provisional)

(continued from last issue)

C. Canoe Polo played anywhere purely for the fun of it

1. Area of play. Any area of open still water, approximately oblong and not less than 50M by 30M, with any suitable goal in the middle of each end.
2. The best type of ball is a plastic football, size 5; but any similar ball may be used.
3. The number of players on each side is ideally 5; but there should not be less than 4 not more than 7.
4. There should be two referees, who should be one on each touch-line or one on each goal line, whichever is the more convenient.
5. The ideal canoe is the slalom type of Kayak. Doubles are NOT of use.
6. Double-bladed paddles should be used. They must be used only to propel the canoe.
7. Play should be for about seven minutes each way, and there need not be any interval at half time.
8. At the commencement of play the players should be lined up with the sterns of their canoes on their own goal lines, and the ball will be placed in the middles of the playing area. Play will begin with the blowing of a whistle.
9. When the ball is put out of play over a touch line or over a goal line anybody may go and collect it, and throw it back in again.

10. If a player allows the bow or stern of his canoe to strike directly onto the canoe of any other player, both players will be removed from playing. Both players may return to play either when a goal is scored or at half time. If a player offends this rule more than once, he will be held off the remainder of the match.

11. A player may stop the ball with his paddle, but he may not strike it. His offence or offences will be treated as in Rule 10 above.

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

13. Whatever a player may get hold of that does not belong to him, he must get rid of at once.

14. The referee may cheat.

NOTE: Rules 10, 11 and 12 are Rules of Safety and they must be complied with.

Correction: Slalom penalty points.

Apologies for misprint on page 76 of last issue in the article on I.C.F. Congress. Please amend Col. 3, 9th line from bottom, to read "without subsequent correct passage of the gate. b".

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Event	Date	Results
LANSDALE INT. JUVENILE SLALOM	17/18 Oct	<p>U15 Men</p> <p>1. G. Goldsmith, Gt. Britain 17.18 2. A. Woods, " 17.45 3. J. Sibley, " 17.49</p> <p>U17 Men</p> <p>1. P. Squires, Gt. Britain 13.58 2. C. Greeting, " 16.26 3. A. Keeble, " 16.39</p> <p>U19 Men</p> <p>1. H. Schlecht, Austria 15.34 2. M. Jackson, Gt. Britain 15.44 3. K. Frenschberger, Austria 15.55</p> <p>U21 Men</p> <p>1. M. Weidner, Austria 16.03 2. Williams/Allen, Gt. Britain 16.11 3. Chant/Keen, " 16.26</p> <p>Team results</p> <p>U15</p> <p>1. German Democratic Republic 306.3 2. Gt. Britain 'A' 450.2 3. France 479.3</p> <p>U17</p> <p>1. Gt. Britain 'A' 186.8 2. Gt. Britain 'B' 302.7 3. German Democratic Republic 330.7</p> <p>U19</p> <p>1. Gt. Britain 423.9 2. German Democratic Republic 429.1 3. International 407.4</p> <p>U21</p> <p>1. German Democratic Republic 399.9 2. Gt. Britain 'A' 482.7 3. Gt. Britain 'B' 474.5</p> <p>U23</p> <p>1. V. Sumpster, G.O.R. 308.1 2. A. Williams, G.O.R. 316.1 3. H. Goodman, G.O.R. 326.4</p> <p>U25</p> <p>1. W. Peters, G.O.R. 301.6 2. J. Pörster, G.O.R. 304.7 3. N. Kempa, G.O.R. 315.2</p> <p>U27</p> <p>1. C. Jöring, G.O.R. 358.2 2. J. Bremer, G.O.R. 360.1 3. D. Mitchell, G.O.R. 352.1</p> <p>U29</p> <p>1. Hoffman/Amend, G.O.R. 397.5 2. Opelt/Franz, G.O.R. 302.4 3. Kruschner/Trummer, G.O.R. 303.4</p>
POTAN SLALOM	10/11 Oct	<p>Team event</p> <p>1. A.U.C.C. 'A' 268 2. Carlisle 'A' 313 3. Lancaster Univ. 448</p> <p>Mixed C.C.</p> <p>1. Ross/Miller, B.U.C.C. 515 2. Anderson's B.U.C.C. 509 3. Macdonald/Davis, A.U.C.C. 1039</p> <p>Div III</p> <p>1. P. Parker, R.A.P. 66.7 2. V. Geddes, Edinburgh Teachers 65.5 3. R. K. Riddell, Perth 66.8</p> <p>Novice</p> <p>1. H. Baxter, Edinburgh Teachers 78.1 2. G. H. Florence, Boroughmir 79.2 3. G. Smith, Boroughmir 82.0</p> <p>Open event</p> <p>1. J. Wilson, A.U.C.C. 56.0 2. R. Hodgson, " 56.3</p>
YORKSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS	3/A Oct	<p>Junior K1</p> <p>1. R. Hutton 85 2. T. Kirk 76 3. T. Verchury 74</p> <p>Senior K1</p> <p>1. J. MacLeod 99 2. P. Young 95 3. D. Pocsett 95</p> <p>Ladies</p> <p>1. V. Horne 23 2. S. Hope 33 3. D. Swift 36</p> <p>C2</p> <p>1. D. Swift 25 2. Allen/Williams 46 3. Whipp/Steele 55 4. Brad/Proctor 44</p>
WALSLEY WILD WATER TEST	30 Jan	<p>U15 Racing K1 Men</p> <p>1. W. Mitchell, Chester 6.49 2. M. J. Thomas, Manchester 80.4 3. C. Mellors, Worcester 80.4</p> <p>Ladies</p> <p>1. P. Squires, Loughington 97.4 2. V. Brown, Cambridge Univ. 107.9 3. R. Houghton, " 115.7</p> <p>C2</p> <p>1. G. Goldsmith, Brighton 102.0 2. J. Sibley, Windsor 104.4 3. A. J. Woods, Midland 107.4</p> <p>C2 (S) Men</p> <p>1. Allen/Williams, Don Valley 98.0 2. Swift/Bradley, Leeds 98.3 3. Cooper/Hewitt, Army CU 107.3</p> <p>Team</p> <p>1. Worcester 842 2. Chester 'A' 830 3. Heading 'A' 824</p> <p>U17</p> <p>1. W. Mitchell, Chester 84.1 2. C. Mellors, Worcester 85.3 3. M. Swallow, Chester 85.6</p> <p>Ladies</p> <p>1. P. Squires, Loughington 93.2 2. V. Brown, Cambridge Univ. 106.4 3. J. Collier, Chester 103.1</p> <p>C2</p> <p>1. J. Sibley, Windsor 100.4 2. G. Goldsmith, Brighton 101.9 3. J. Wilde, Duxton 103.1</p> <p>C2 (S) Men</p> <p>1. Swift/Bradley, Leeds 99.9 2. Leary/Skield, Chester 99.4 3. Whilly/Woods, Texas 103.2</p>
SWIFT JON DIV III SLALOM	24/25 Oct	<p>K1</p> <p>1. R. Knight, Warwick 76.0 2. S. Nick, Loughington 78.5 3. C. Lovelock, Mid-Herts 78.5</p> <p>C2</p> <p>1. R. Willis, Don Valley 91.7 2. C. Burnett 106.3 3. H. Brighton, Cambridge U 104.3</p> <p>C2</p> <p>1. Whilly/Allen, Texas 86.0 2. Whipp/Steele, " 94.2 3. Sounless/Richard, Chalfont 119.8</p> <p>C2 (S) Men</p> <p>1. G. Goldsmith, Brighton 91.7 2. J. Sibley, Windsor 92.6 3. A. Woods 101.0</p>
LUNEN WILD WATER TEST	31 Jan	<p>U15 Racing K1 Men</p> <p>1. W. Mitchell, Chester 6.49 2. M. J. Thomas, Manchester 6.54 3. R. Marston, Lakeland 7.01</p> <p>Slalom K1 Men</p> <p>1. R. Ricketts, Shropshire 7.24 2. J. Wicks, Chester 7.33 3. J. Smith, Chester 7.33</p> <p>Slalom K1 Ladies</p> <p>1. G. Tom, Worcester 8.13 2. J. Collier, Chester 8.18</p> <p>C2 (S) Men</p> <p>1. Hodgson/Chaplin, Manchester 8.01 2. Hind/Kerr, Carlisle 8.25</p>
U17		<p>W.W. Racing K1</p> <p>1. R. Mitchell, Chester 6.33 2. R. Houghton, " 6.37 3. J. Woodhouse, " 6.43</p> <p>K1 Slalom</p> <p>1. M. Tomkins, Manchester 7.43 2. R. Houghton, Chester 7.48 3. R. Smith, Bradford U 7.56</p> <p>C2 (S)</p> <p>1. Bradley/Swift, Leeds 7.44</p> <p>E. Chaplin/Hodgson, Manchester 8.32 J. Hind/Kerr, Carlisle 8.43</p> <p>C2 (S) Men</p> <p>1. G. Brown, M.U.M.B. 10.37</p>
DOE WILD WATER RACE IV	15 Nov	<p>U15</p> <p>1. D. Mitchell, Chester 86.3 2. C. Mellors, Worcester 87.4 3. M. Jackson, Manchester 87.9</p> <p>Ladies</p> <p>1. P. Squires, Loughington 96.9 2. C. Greeting, Duxton 98.8 3. V. Brown, Cambridge U. 106.4</p>
TOMORROW SLALOM	7/8 Nov	<p>Div III Men</p> <p>1. P. Mitchell, West Yorks 62.9 2. M. Marshall, Belle Vue 66.5 3. B. Wilkinson, Halifax 66.9</p> <p>Ladies</p> <p>1. S. Hope, Leeds 84.3 2. L. Tipton, Birmingham 105.8 3. S. Beck, Bear Valley 124.7</p> <p>C2</p> <p>1. C. Proctor, Bradford 108.0</p> <p>C2</p> <p>1. Chaplin/Hodgson, Manchester 83.0 2. Bradley/Swift, Bradford U 84.5 3. Jamieson/Branchett, Don V 129.0</p> <p>Open event</p> <p>1. P. Robinson, Sheffield U 56.5 2. M. Jones, Birmingham U 64.9 3. A. Rodcliffe, Halifax 78.8</p> <p>Team event</p> <p>1. N.A.P. CA 2.26 2. Newcastle Univ. 2.85 3. Belle Vue A 394</p>
YOUNG RACE IV	13 Dec	<p>U15</p> <p>1. C. Mellors, Worcester 82.0 2. T. Young, Chester 82.0 3. K. Wickham, Shropshire 83.8</p> <p>C2</p> <p>1. A. Woods, Midland 106.9 2. G. Lyden, Leeds 116.5 3. M. Claxton, R.A.P. CA 121.9</p>
LUNEN WILD WATER TEST	15 Nov	<p>W.W. K1</p> <p>1. K. Wickham, Shropshire 6.24 2. I. White, " 6.26 3. G. Tom, " 6.44</p> <p>Slalom K1</p> <p>1. T. Westbury, Lakeland 7.19 2. P. Mitchell, West Yorks 7.20 3. G. Gooding, " 7.83</p> <p>C2</p> <p>1. Stuart Gillett, Halifax 8.13</p> <p>Ladies</p> <p>1. C. Burnett, Indep. 8.34</p>

Event	Date	Results
RIVER SWALE	8 Nov	<p>Under 17 years</p> <p>1. -- Hill 48.45.5 2. -- Bailey 48.51.3 3. -- Loutham 51.15.6</p> <p>Slalom</p> <p>1. Tewkesbury 49.44.5 2. Brighton 50.03.2 3. Collins 50.20.6</p> <p>White Water</p> <p>1. Hilley 43.06.3 2. Lynd 55.15.6</p> <p>1. S. Russell 65.34.7</p>
WILLMAD, GULLFORD SLALOM	27 Sept	<p>Novice</p> <p>1. R. Loary, Chester 118 2. P. Webb, Indep. 137 3. G. Atkins, Brighton 138</p> <p>Open</p> <p>1. R. Barnes, Gullford C 147 2. E. Penn, Mid-Herts 171 3. M. Pearey, Gullford C 176</p> <p>Team</p> <p>1. Gullford A 392 2. Lonside 'A' 399 3. Strick town 369</p>
LIME SLALOM	31 Oct/2 Nov	<p>K1 Men</p> <p>1. J. Wood, Manchester 71.5 2. M. Mitchell, Chester 71.8 3. M. Thomas, Manchester 74.2</p> <p>Ladies</p> <p>1. W. Goodman, Lakeland 91.9 2. P. Squires, R.L.V. 96.0 3. V. Brown, Camb. U. 143.3</p> <p>C2</p> <p>1. J. Sibley, Windsor 101.9 2. G. Davies, Chester 102.8 3. J. Albert, Chalfont, 105.4</p> <p>C2</p> <p>1. Vitter/Vitor, Chester 86.0 2. Allen/Williams 91.4 3. Dawson/Ellet, Texas 102.2</p> <p>Judges:</p> <p>1. -- Graham 350 2. -- Hall 370 3. -- Lull 872</p> <p>Team event</p> <p>1. Manchester 'A' 380 2. Worcester 'A' 406 3. Chester All Stars 430</p>
SEE DESCENT	15 Nov	<p>Senior K1</p> <p>1. R. M. Howler, Royal Signals 2:09.35 2. B. Slee, Exeter 2:10.17 3. A. Smees, " 2:16.40</p> <p>Junior K1</p> <p>1. C. V. Payne, Teddington Sch 2:05.20 2. R. Gwyn, Crawley Poly Club 2:09.07 3. T. Corish, Loughrigg 2:04.43</p> <p>Senior K2</p> <p>1. R. Howler, Royal Signals 2:05.00 2. Harty/Wick, Royal Signals 2:05.08 3. Mackereth/Mackworth Grappeshall 2:05.90</p> <p>Junior K2</p> <p>1. W. Rhaynesford, Loughrigg 2:14.40 2. J. Jones, Russell 2:02.45</p> <p>Class 3a</p> <p>1. R. Howler, Leoben Valley 2:21.35 2. A. Wainfar, Mid Herts 2:22.00 3. R. W. G. Williams, Leoben Valley 2:24.51</p> <p>Class 3b</p> <p>1. R. Jordan, Worcester 2:25.97 2. V. Clarke, Pangbourne 2:35.20 3. J.P. Fowler, 20th Rowley 2:36.50</p> <p>Class 4a</p> <p>1. M. Hilton, Sherbourne Sch 2:27.29 2. D. Looker, Pangbourne 2:32.43 3. R. Wainfar, Rowley Row 2:55.11</p> <p>Class 5a</p> <p>1. G. Kirby, Pangbourne 2:33.55 2. C. Lovelock, Mid Herts 2:40.18 3. G. Allan, " 2:40.30</p>

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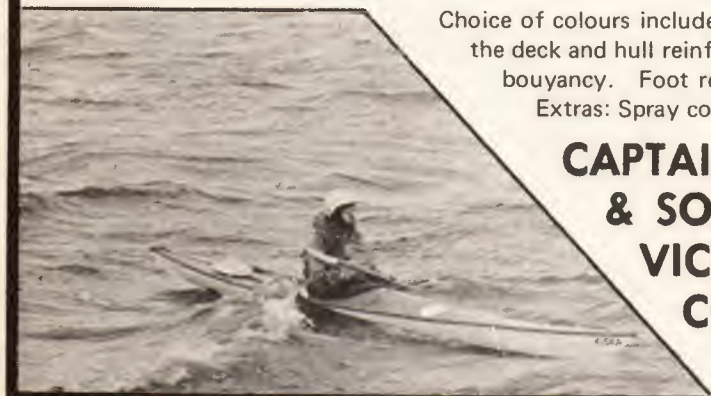


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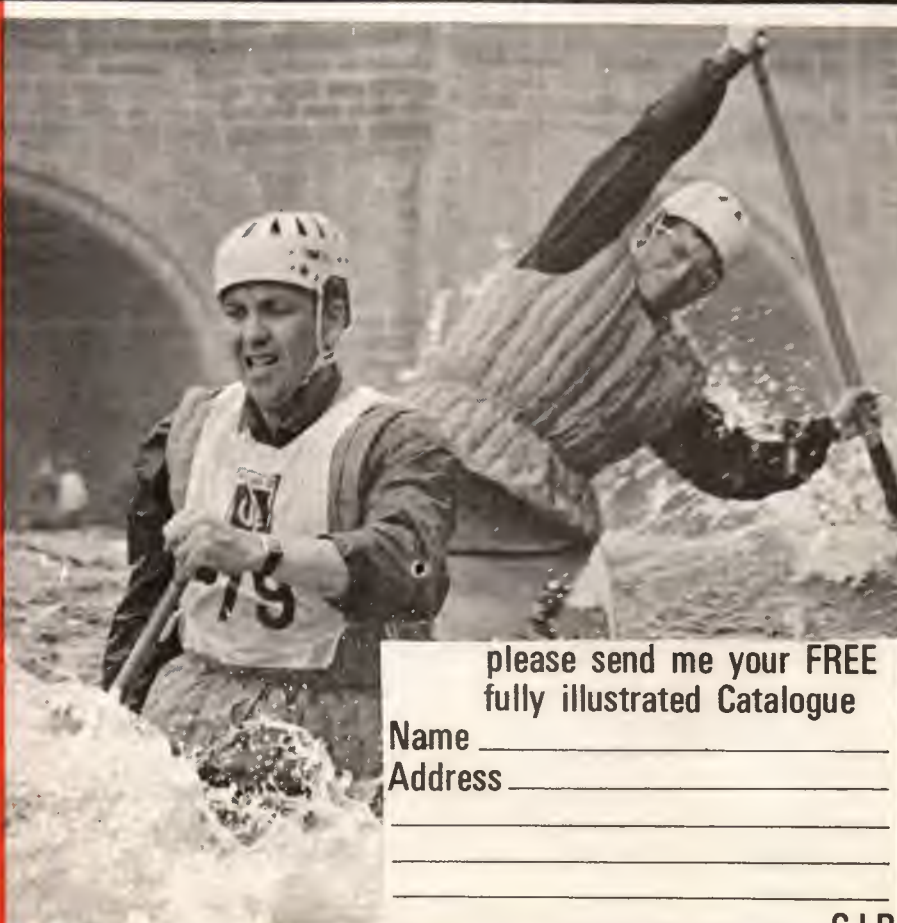
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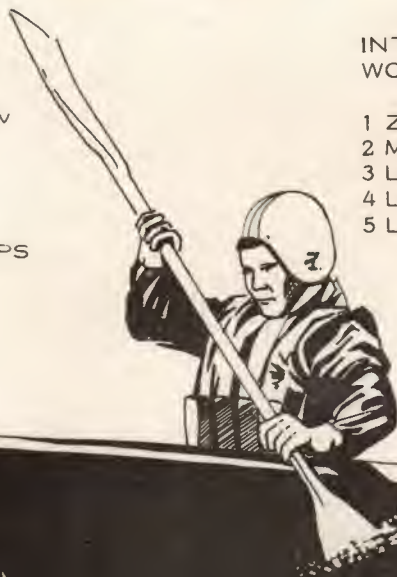
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