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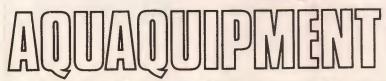


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EDITORIAL

Fishing and Canoeing.

I continue to receive letters from competition organisers asking me to print a warning in C in B that such-and-such an event has been jeopardised by unknown canoeists trespassing on river banks, disturbing fishing etc. May I once again stress to canoeists everywhere to observe courtesy and tact when dealing with other water users.

Women's Lib and the D-W.

Early this year Sheila Burnett and Colin Dickens wrote to the Devizes-Westminster Long Distance Race Committee asking for permission to race as a mixed crew. Permission was refused, so an entry was sent in using initials only, in the hope that a blind eye would be turned to this.

The entry now having been accepted, the mixed crew completed the course in 34 hrs. 50 mins, including an overnight stop at Marsh Lock.

Her ambition achieved, Sheila wrote to the Secretary of this 125 mile marathon, David Keane, appealing for women to have the right to enter the race. He replied to the effect that a meeting of the Committee had confirmed its earlier decision, that ladies may not enter, though no reasons were given, and their names do not appear on the results sheet.

Whereas provision of extra facilities for ladies at various points would obviously be an extra burden for the organisers, is there any other valid reason for excluding ladies from this male preserve? The D — W committee face a formidable force in this neo-suffragette movement, and Canute-like, they may have already got one foot in the water.

The B.C.U. Magazine.

The time has come at the end of eight years for a new team to take over "Canoeing in Britain". Producing a magazine in one's spare moments makes heavy inroads into holiday and leisure time, and Chris Hare and I have decided not to seek re-appointment in the new financial year, giving us more time to devote to other interests and commitments.

Copy date for this team's last issue then -10th August.

Jack Levison

Slalom committee tightens up on membership

The Slalom Committee has announced that henceforth all competitiors' numbers will be checked against photostat copies of BCU membership lists, and that any results obtained by competitiors quoting a number not belonging to them will be discounted for ranking purposes. Individuals who have not yet renewed their membership for 1971 have only until mid-June to regularise their position.

Paddlers who have a 'D' against their name in the Slalom Yearbook are warned that they must contact Chris McAllister before attempting to compete in the 1971 season, otherwise they face automatic disqualification for the entire season.

PROPOSALS FOR REGIONALISATION

The Statom Regionalisation Sub-Committee met at Barnard Castle on 24th April, and agreed that certain proposals should be put to the Slalom Committee at its next meeting. The essence of the system discussed was that National Divs I, II and III would consist of 100, 200 and 300 paddlers respectively.

Novices would be allowed to enter separate competitions organised in the area in which they normally reside. If paddlers from the National Divisions enter these competitions, they shall compete in separate, possibly restricted, events.

The Regions themselves would be as the map shown, with minor modifications, and elected Regional Slalom Officers would operate a registration system whereby the paddler sends his BCU card plus 25p fee to the RSO at the beginning of the season, in order to receive a Slalom Yearbook and regional calendar. A paddler may compete in qualifying events in one region only.

Promotion to Div III would be by accumulation of points, as, for example, Winner 10 pts., 2nd 9, etc.... 1 for 10th place. To qualify for transfer, a competitor must accumulate 20 points from not more than 3 events.

Members of the Regionalisation Sub-Committee are prepared to visit clubs to explain how the system will work in practice. Requests for such visits should be made to the BCU Slalom Secretary.

TEAMS EXCEL AT ZWICKAU

The reason for the trip to Zwickau, to find out the standard of this year's competition, has been realised. We should have done better, but to beat the DDR team anytime is a tremendous task, never forgetting the fact that they were competing on their own training water. Our haul was 6 bronze medals, won in both the Men's and Ladies' K1 Team event.

The course was very severe, there were no easy gates, any slight error of positioning or entry was magnified as the run proceeded. Points to note: the Russians now have paddlers in all classes, and have improved a lot since last year. They will be at Merano. Also the Poles and the Hungarians are putting a great effort into their canoeing. Within a couple of years they will be a force to be reckoned with. The Russians say they have plenty of slalom sites, and as soon as they have built the facilities . . we shall be invited.

"Proposed

Regional

Divisions"

IMPORTANT CALENDAR AMENDMENTS

Please mark on your Calendar the following corrections to Organisers' names and addresses: 27th June British Schools Canoeing Association slalom, Kings Mill, Castle Donnington: K. Potts, The Advisory Centre, County Hall, Glenfield, Leicester.

17/18 July Nottingham Regatta and L.D. Race: C. Gray, 26 The Poplars, Rectory Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.

/12 Sept National Sprint championships, Holme Pierrepont, C. Gray, 26 The Poplars, Rectory Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham. Nov Usk WW Race, Chalfont Park CC, M.

Hillyard, 26 The Drive, Potters Bar, Herts. The I.C.F. Bulletin, listing the many International Cruises and competitions, was received too late for these events to be included in the B.C.U. Calendar, nor is there space to print them in this issue. Members seeking details are advised to contact the appropriate Technical Committee secretary (see the B.C.U. Directory in the Calendar).

Names and addresses of the principal officers of the British Canoe Union can be found on the B.C.U. Calendar

The General Secretary. The British Canne Union, Major G. E. Tomlinson, 26/29 Park Crescent, London, WIN 4DT. Tel: 01-580-4710.

Tempers are running high over too-frequent reports of senior competitors endangering future events by ignoring undertakings given by organisers.

SPOIL-SPORTS

I refer to Mr. Hudson's letter in the April issue of Canoeing in Britain and to the leading Democracy and Discipline', by John Woolley. It would appear that Mr. Hudson will now be able to quote the Lune incident as just one more example of the B.C.U. doing nothing when confronted by complaints of anti-social behaviour by leading members of the sport.

Mr. Woolley's article contains certain statements which appear to be at variance with the well established facts. He states that the Slalom Executive Committee fully investigated the matter. This is not correct as I was one of the main witnesses and the River Adviser but I was never interviewed by the Executive Committee or their representative. Might my evidence have been a little too incriminating for their purpose?

Mr. Woolley also states that it is 'very difficult to resolve an investigation some time after the event". The incident took place on Saturday September 12th, 1971. The President of the Lakeland Canoe Club sent his letter of complaint to the President of the B.C.U. and the Chairman of the Slalom Committee on Tuesday the 15th September 1971. How quick on the draw do you have to be to get anything done?

Then Mr. Woolley says 'it was possible to arrive at the conclusion that the actions had led to an unfortunate infringement of the organisers wishes", 'but it was not possible to convict, or acquit, anyone"

Why not Mr. Woolley? The B.C.U. had the names of the people. Was it "not possible" because these names happened to figure in the Training Group list?

Here we have the strange situation where these people were too guilty to acquit but too innocent to convict. A novel legal situation.

The Slalom Executive Committee minutes were more precise. They said in effect that these peuple would be let off but nonetheless, severe disciplinary action would be taken against such offenders'. The inference was of course obvious that this last threat applied only to those not on the Training Group.

In fact there has never been a case of this kind where the evidence was clearer or more reliable and there probably never will be another so clear cut. I am therefore forced to the conclusion that the B.C.U. in spite of statements to the contrary intends to do nothing in such cases and the sentiments expressed in the paragraph last but one in Mr. Woolley's letter are so many empty words.

In conclusion I must ask how the B.C.U. can possibly imagine that in these circumstances it can sell the proposed Access Scheme to the

DAVID RUSHFIRTH, River Adviser for the Lune, Eden and Lake District, voices dissatisfaction concerning one recent incident. . . . and JOHN WOOLLEY, Chairman

of the Competitive Committee, explains Council's position.

"SOMETHING ROTTEN IN THE STATE OF DENMARK?"

I am concerned that a number of people are not satisfied regarding the "Lune Incident". The procedure following any complaint is that the matter is referred to the Technical Committee, in this instance the Slalom Committee. It is then up to that body to investigate the matter fully and to resolve the issue. If it cannot do this the group concerned can ask the Council of the BCU to start enquires.

This particular complaint was looked into by the Slalom Committee following the allegation was brought up in Council at their meeting on 27 February 1971 by an independent member. The Slalom Executive replied to the effect that they had conducted a full enquiry and had come to the decision that 'it was possible to arrive at the conclusion that the actions of the paddlers had led to an unfortunate infringement of the organisers wishes". I quote the statement made by the Slalom representative. Council accepted these deliberations and my statement that it was difficult to resolve an investigation some time after the event" referred to the circumstances and evidence available as at 27 February 1971 when the Council met and not as at 15 September 1970 when the complaint was made.

Let me reassure canoeists that disciplinary measures will be taken against anyone infringing the rules or bringing the sport into disrepute if sufficient evidence is available and the circumstances warrant such action. It is not true to say that nothing will be done and that these are empty words. In the past few years (and without mentioning names) a number of paddlers from different divisions and varying levels of competi-

Landowners and Anglers when it is quite obvious that the B.C.U. has no intention of controlling its own members. Come to that are the "Silent Majority" of ordinary B.C.U. "Silent Majority" Members going to be prepared to accept the restrictions of the Access Scheme if some 'Special' B.C.U. Members are going to be allowed to do just as they want?

tion have in fact, been suspended for periods up to 6 months, and a further number have received warning letters as to their behaviour. Disciplinary has also been taken against several competition organisers and events have, in fact, been struck off the Competition Calendar.

My personal instruction from Council was to write another warning letter in C in B concerning conduct etc.

Providing Technical Committees are not afraid to carry out full and impartial investigations into complaints and that their recommendations are accurate, the Council of the BCU will act, but I repeat, we rely on the Division Committee. In instance I am of the opinion that Mr Rushfirth was not fully aware of the facts or the advice that the Council had and acted upon.

As regards Mr Hudson's letter, he writes and I quote "I reported the matter to the BCU Committee and did not commit myself to more than a minor comment on the situation ". There are something like 200,000 canoeists in the UK and only 6,000 of these are BCU members, unless Mr Hudson or others like him are able to give specific details i.e. names of paddlers or names of clubs it is impossible for any Committee to seriously consider such complaints other than in general terms - and general warnings have been issued regularly over the years as can be seen if people look up back issues of the various canoeing magazines. Whilst on the subject of membership, many club officials mention the fact that the majority of their members are not BCU members. Let me point out that if they were we would have a better sport and better discipline as a result.

Now to the point which really worries me. In the last few weeks I have received a number of anonymous letters on competitive matters and even more comments from canoeists who ask to remain anonymous. The general trend is to say that if the group involved in the Lune incident had been outside the top group of Slalomists they would have been suspended and had they been outside the Slalom division they would have been expelled from our organisation.

What on earth in happening in our canoeing world, at what point in our history did we accept members who are afraid to speak their minds? Lively argument and squabbles between friends built the BCU, made it into a sport and gave us a standing which other sports envy. Personally I don't give a damn for anyone when it comes to an argument and a principle is involved. Things which are wrong need rooting out and bringing into the open.

Frightened members indeed, I am disgusted and not only disgusted with them but also with any section of the organisation which causes them to be afraid. So back to the Democratic part of my last message in C in B, you have the power, you the members, and if you bother to attend meetings, voice your opinions, elect representatives and above all VOTE at the AGM you have no need to be frightened of anyone.

Finally, I would suggest that anyone who is dissatisfied with the services or working of a Technical Committee should write to the General Secretary requesting that the matter be brought before the Council, and having available the necessary evidence to back his case.

For canoeists to learn to roll and be enthusiastic about the learning situation, they must achieve success from the very beginning. There is nothing more disheartening to a potential roller, than to have spent three hours attempting to roll with a paddle, and to have to return home cold, wet and unsuccessful. If they first learn to roll with a B.S. 3595 life jacket, 50 per cent can be guaranteed success within half an hour, and 90 per cent within one session.

My method of teaching is as follows:-1: Inflate the lifejacket, and hold it firmly onto

the spraydeck, in front of the body with both hands.

2: Capsize either side.

3: Move the lifejacket to one side of the cockpit

LEARNING TO ROLL B. S. Barfoot

or the other, and with straight arms and firm hips move the lifejacket slowly in an arc from one side of the canoe in front of the body, high above the head to the other side of the canoe to the rear of the body.

4: The canoeist is now lying in a horizontal position with the canoe at 90 degress to the water surface. A simple hip flick and push down on the lifejacket (as in slap support) will right the canoe and canoeist.

The advantages that this method has over other methods are as follows:-

1: It gives success during the initial stages of

learning which is so important to correct learning.

2: As the lifejacket is buoyant it will find the water surface, and give constant support.

3: The movement of the lifejacket and action of the body are similar to those in the pawlata roll. 4: It allows the canoeist to orientate his position under the water, which will help him with future rolling.

5: As greater level of skill is achieved the lifejacket can be deflated and substituted for a swimming support or paddle as required.

I myself have learnt the styr roll and hand roll through using the lifejacket in initial stages, which again almost ensures success as long as the correct movement is understood.

TALKS BEGIN ON VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION OF CANOFISTS SCHEME

The Regional Sports Councils have now begun the meetings with Representatives of Canoeists. Anglers, Riparian Owners, River Authorities, Education Authorities and other interested parties. May we express a hope that out of these discussions will come a greater understanding of the interests of each, and some real progress towards an agreed multiple use of our waterways.

In September we shall report any progress that has been made, and indicate how we anticipate the proposals for voluntary registration will be implemented. As we have stressed before, the registration will be conditional on the achievement of a worthwhile schedule of river use programmes.

Canceing Events and Anglers

We do not accept that the casual use of water by touring canoeists interferes with angling, but we would recommend the organisers of long distance races, small local regattas, orienteering exercises, coaching sessions and other events involving a number of canoeists, on water which is heavily fished, to inform the angling association most affected, in order that it can avoid organising a competition on the same day. Even where no competition is planned, the angling association may well see fit to inform its members of the canoeing event. Courteous actions of this kind can go a long way to removing causes of friction, and if they lead to a regular exchange of information, it will be to the advantage of all.

Great Ouse River Board - Byelaws for the Registration of Boats

On page 11 of the April 1971 issue we made reference to exemption of manually propelled boats from the registration requirement for the River Ouse. We have now received the following information which, we regret to say modifies our earlier statement:-

Canoes on the Great Ouse

The Authority was advised by the Government Department concerned that there is no statutory power which would enable the Authority to exempt one particular class of pleasure boats from registration. However; there is power to exempt from charges canoes belonging to youth organisations and this power is at present exercised by the Authority for the benefit of youth clubs, with the exception of those that are run under the auspices of the local education authority and are therefore considered to be able to afford the registration fee. The Authority is awaiting confirmation by the Minstry of a byelaw providing the Authority with power, upon the application of the organiser of any boat race, regatta, competition, trial or such other special event, to exempt from payment of charges any boat or boats taking part. It will be the intention of the Authority to use this power so as to exempt from charges manually propelled boats that are brought on to the River Ouse and its tributaries solely for the purpose of joining in a special event of this kind.

Note: It is reasonable to suppose that an expedition arranged for Duke of Edinburgh's Award assessment could be classed as a "Trial" in this context. We appreciate that the Authority has done what it can for canoeists, and I shall be glad to receive notes on how canoeing on the Ouse develops under the new registration.

shall be out of this country during the first three weeks of July and therefore not accessible to letters or telephone calls. Please note that my new phone number is Freeland 882142, or STD 0993 882142.

J. W. Dudderidge.



Canoeists try out the water during construction of the 2230m. Olympic regatta course 7½ km north of the Olympic Village at Munich. The course is now largely completed and the associated buildings, including a training hall, sauna bath, changing rooms and restaurant as well as boat houses, are expected to be completed early in 1972. Photo: Olympia Press.

AMATEUR STATUS AND SPONSORSHIP OF INDIVIDUALS

Several enquiries have been received from members wishing to join expeditions, of which the Grand Canyon Expedition is an example, and seeking guidance on their position if they accept assistance with expenses from commercial sources.

In the March 1970 issue of Canoeing in Britain 1 reviewed the Amateur Status situation quite fully, and members are referred to this article.

We do not wish to discourage individuals and firms from giving their support to canoeists. All that is necessary is that they send their donation to the B.C.U. saying what it is to be applied to, and the B.C.U. will administer it and make public acknowledgement of the assistance. BUT it must not carry strings implicating the recipient in advertising. I am quite prepared to act as the channel through which sponsors can give their assistance.

Members who ignore this advice and accept assistance with strings, violating the rule must realise that they are finishing their career as amateur sportsmen. It may be argued that an expedition is not a competition. It is not possible to separate the two, for it is all part of the sport of canoeing. I hope the public spirited sponsors will accept this advice and agree to go forward with their sponsorship even though the only return will be a public acknowledgement from the British Canoe Union.

J. W. Dudderidge.

NON-STOP RACING AT NOTTINGHAM -An event every three minutes promised.

Sprint racing and Rowing on an 8-lane course is expected to bring in more than 5,000 spectators at the Nottingham Festival Regatta and L.D. Race in July. Included in the events on this excellent course are Espada K.1 and Open K.2 for boys and girls under 18. Complete novices and senior paddlers are all catered for in the programme

Generous sponsorship by John Player & Sons has enabled the organisers to keep entry fees to a minimum. Details from Colin Gray, 26 The Poplars, Rectory Road, West Bridgford, Notts.

VALLEY CANOE PRODUCTS are now able to supply Espadas manufactured by the CANOE CENTRE. Registration forms are obtainable only from the manufacturers of

the moulds or boats, and the registration stickers circulated to those who register boats have to be glassed into the boat.

At the Boarding Schools P.E. Association Conference held at Uppingham School in April,



Riverside Club Oxford was beaten 5-4 at Canoe Polo by Denstone College. Both teams used BATS, designed by referee Alan Byde, and home-built for £7 each with TRYLON materials. Winners' prize was a new BAT, presented by TRYLON LTD.

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Chris Skellern takes Powick Sluice on the LD National Course.

With the competitive season in full swing again it is now only two months until the 1971 L.D. Nationals. This event seems to have been getting bigger and bigger recently, but this year's organisers, Worcester Canoe Club, seem determined not just to equal what has gone before but to make the event bigger and better than ever.

The competitive format remains the same, with L.D. Singles and Doubles and a sprint regatta over the three-day August "Bank Holiday", (August 28/29/30).

But added to this will be vast spectator and entertainment potential. Worcester will be in the final throes of its 'month-to-remember' Charter Festival, celebrating the 350th anniversary of the granting of its charter as a city. To help you enjoy a day out at the races, car parks are being provided and the river is such a shape that motorists will easily be able to keep up with the race and stop off at the vantage points if they

The combination of deep and shallow river conditions and three weirs to shoot make this quite a tough course and create considerable interest for spectators and competitors alike!

A full public address system is being provided as well as an information desk and special souvenir programme, so the public has no excuse for wondering what is going on! The event will also be receiving extensive pre-race publicity in all sections of the Press, radio and TV.

On Saturday, August 28th, after an official welcome with local V.I.P's and Peter Walker M.P. Secretary of State for the Environment, (who is to present the prizes), competitors are invited to join the Carnival parade. (It is hoped competitors will all really enter into the spirit of the weekend and join in the parade under their club banners, wearing club tracksuits if possible). The parade takes place well before the race and the Carnival organisers have put the canoe contingent near the front. Anyone who has been to a European event will know the sort of atmosphere.

The closing date for entries . . . forms for which can be obtained from S. R. Jenkinson, 33 Victoria Avenue, Droitwich . . . is SATURDAY, AUGUST 14.

This is the first time the Nationals have been organised on this scale, approaching the European type of event, fiesta and all! It is also the first time a senior government minister has agreed to be present and give the prizes. It is also the first time a really concerted attempt has been made to make this a large-scale spectator event. But in the final analysis, the responsibility for making the Nationals a success rests with canoeists. Let's hope they take up the challenge.



Canoeists being in the main do-it-yourself individualists, we thought that you would be interested in a go-anywhere fun car - just right for those muddy slalom sites! These super wide wheel canoe carriers have fantastic traction drive right on to the beach with your surf missile. Build-it-yourself instructions follow.

Take one old Volkswagen - it can be an insurance write-off, provided the chassis is reasonably sound. We found a '57 banger in reasonable running order, though post 1960 is better. The body is bolted to the chassis - the drill is to undo 34 bolts and lift off the body, and sell it or throw is away (two men can lift it, but it's easier with three), after disconnecting and labelling the electrics. Little drawings help here for re-connecting later. We painted the engine red with Hermetite engine lacquer.

You can in fact buy a rolling chassis ready stripped, engine extra, but you pay more for this and many parts of the original VW can be used on the buggy (speedo, tank, lights, seats etc.).

Wire-brush the chassis and treat it to some rust inhibitor and a coat of cosmetic silver paint. Any mechanical defects can now receive attention.

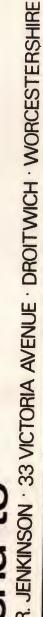
Various firms produce buggy bodies. We chose the G.P. Super Buggy in orange glass fibre, produced by G.P. Speed Shop Ltd., Hanworth Air Park, Feltham, Middx. which rode nicely up the M.1 on a Viva roofrack. The body shells cost

about £160 including windscreen, and come in many trendy colours. Wheels, hood, lights etc. are extra.

A few holes drilled, and the body is bolted to the chassis. Dashboard on - some filing needed here to get a good fit, then on with the steering column, electrics and instruments. Fit wide wheels and big boots, your monster is ready for road, beach and field. Being much lighter than the humble VW it started life as, the performance, even with a bog standard 1200 engine, is surprisingly brisk.

Hardly any mechanical knowledge is required to build a buggy — nor does it take long. Further reading — "All about Beach Buggies" — 30p from W. H. Smith's. Then load up your white water missile, and blast off!







BRITISH OPEN

LONG DISTANCE **CANOE EVENTS**

SATURDAY AUGUST 28th 1971 LONG DISTANCE-SINGLE KAYAK RACE START 3.30 pm

SUNDAY AUGUST 29th 1971 SPRINT REGATTA **ALL** AFTERNOON

MONDAY AUGUST 30th 1971 LONG DISTANCE DOUBLES PACE START 12 noon

Long distance starts by Worcester road bridge. Sprint starts at Canoe Club.

All Enquiries to :-Worcester Canoe Club, Hylton Road, Worcester, England.

SPRINT. SUNDAY, 29th AUGUST, 1971

WORCESTER

Class (Delete those not applicable)
SENIOR K.1 - K.2 - K.4 Relay
JUNIOR K.1 - K.2 - K.4
YOUTH K.1 - K.2 Under 18
LADIES K.1 - K.2 LADIES K.1 - K.2
L.D. Classes CLASS 3 and 4
SENIOR SINGLES - DOUBLES
YOUTH SINGLES - DOUBLES
LADIES SINGLES - DOUBLES The organisers cannot undertake to: 1. Provide craft or arrange their loan. Arrange heats to suit paddlers who enter several classes.

3. Accept late entries.
ENTRY FEE - 25p. per seat per event.

LONG DISTANCE RACE 28th and 30th AUGUST, 1971

CLASSES (Delete those not applicable)

SENIOR Singles — Doubles
JUNIOR Singles — Doubles
LADIES Singles — Doubles
ESPADA CLASSES.

'A' for Paddlers who are 12-14'B' for Paddlers who are 14-16

'C' for Paddlers who are 16 - 18

ENTRY FEE

50p per seat per event SENIORS
35p per seat per event LADIES/JUNIORS CAMPING. I shall/I shall not be camping for the weekend and include my camping fee of 60p. I shall/I shall not require space for a tent.

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HOME ADDRESS I would also like to book Tickets for the Dances on Saturday and Sunday nights at 35p. for Paddlers and 50p. for Guests and members of the Public.

I enter this race entirely at my own risk and enclose

£..... for entry fees etc.

Signed If you are entering a double or K.4 crew please state the other crew members' names on a separate sheet.

LAST DATE FOR ENTRIES

SATURDAY 14th AUGUST. 1971.



C.1. at Llandyssul.

Photo: G. J. Williams.

National Canoe Surf Championships 1971

The Championship Weekend is on Saturday and Sunday 4 & 5 September at Bude, Cornwall, and is being organised by the committee for the first time,

EVENTS.

The list of events has been extended to give wider scope to canoeists of differing ages and ability.

Canoe Handling Open. Canoe Surf Race (S)alom Canoes) Open. Canoe Surf Race (White Water Canoes) Open. Surf Board type Canoe Handling i.e. Surf Yak, Shoe etc. Junior Canoe Handling (under 18 on 1 January 1971.) Ladies Canoe Handling. Ladies Canoe Race. Relay.

Other events which are being held are Surf Single and Double Ski Races and an "incident" for teams of the C.o.C.L.G.

There are now two Canoe Surf Races which we hope will eliminate any unfairness of slalom and white water canoes competing against each other. Competitors may only enter one or other of these events: not both.

The Surf Board type Canoe Handling event has been introduced to give this class of canoe an opportunity of competing. Individual points gained in this event will not go forward for the Maddox Trophy.

A Junior Canoe Handling event has been introduced to encourage more youngsters to compete and try and also raise the standard of their surfing. Please encourage the under 18's to

enter. Entry fees are 40p per event including the

Relay. TROPHIES.

Maddox Trophy is awarded for the overall best cance surfer of the Championship. Competitors may gain points towards this Trophy from either the Slalom or White Water Cance Surf Race, and the Cance Handling.

The Team Trophy is awarded to the best team of four named canoeists who are all members of an affiliated B.C.U. club, unit, or association. Points may be gained by members of the team in individual events on the same scale as mentioned above, plus double points on the positions in the Relay.

Also this year there will be two other trophies, one to be presented for the Junior Canoe Handling and the other for the Ladies Canoe Handling.

Application forms, information regarding Safety Rules and Competition Rules may be obtained from D. E. Bland, 66 Hey Road, Huyton, Liverpool.

CANOE SAILING

Tony Marston and Peter Wells have conducted a successful Teach-in and with slides, films and photographs spread the news of the I C class among dinghy sailors in the North West. At least three I C's will be sailing on the Dee this year and it might well be the place for the National Championship around 1975.

Agreement for the use of Metropolitan Water

CANOE POLO

NOTICE OF INAUGURAL MEETING

At the last meeting of Council it was agreed that providing there was sufficient support, the BCU should recognise Canoe Polo as a Competitive sport and that the Competitive Council should call a meeting to gauge interest.

Consequently, an inaugural meeting will take place at the Royal Learnington Spa Canoe Club, Adelaide Road, Learnington Spa at 11.00 a.m. on Saturday 11 September 1971.

AGENDA

- I. Introduction
- 2. Election of Chairman
- 3. Election of Hon. Secretary
- 4. Election of Executive
- 5. To discuss and formulate rules of competition
- 6. Any other business
- I shall be pleased to accept correspondence and suggestions concerning this venture prior to this meeting. Would those interested please ensure they send representatives.
- J. M. WOOLLEY, Chairman Competitive Council.
- 35 Artington Avenue, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

Board Reservoirs for sailing has been agreed in principle. It will probably be a practical operation within two to three years. The first application for the use of this water for canoe sailing was made by the RCC in 1936! The Queen Mary reservoir provides a surface area of 1 mile by 1½ miles 40 feet above ground level, and you may be assured that the IC class is first in the queue!

Secretary's Notes

Membership

Unfortunately we have to report that at the time of going to Press membership shows a decline of just over 10%, which is largely due to the repercussions of the postal strike. Prior to the strike we were showing an increase of 8%.

Members who have not yet renewed their membership will not be receiving a copy of this issue of "Canoeing in Britain" but if you are in touch with any such members please use your influence to get them to send in their subscrip-

Current figures are as follows:-

Full Membership Youth Membership Family Membership	1970 3125 1055 420	1971 3031 763 323
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National Canoe Exhibition

The fourth National Canoe Exhibition to be held at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre took place on the 6th and 7th February, 1971, and in spite of the postal strike which severely curtailed last minute publicity, well over 5,000 people attended the event.

For the first time the Organisers decided to hold the Exhibition over a two day period and although the attendance on the Sunday was rather less than that on the Saturday the venture can only be described as "very successful". Attendance of "paying customers" increased by

over 11%.

Lifejackets

Arrangements have already been made with the Crystal Palace Authorities for the Exhibition to be held on Saturday and Sunday the 19th and 20th February, 1972, so make a note of the dates now. Judging from the interest and the booking of exhibition space by members of the Trade and the programme of bath events and films being arranged by the Organising Committee the event is likely to be better than ever.

Supplies Department

We have added to the Supplies List a B.C.U. Pennant Fixabadge at the modest price of 15p including postage for use behind glass. These proved very popular at the Exhibition. If you have not already got one send 15p to the Supplies Department at 26 Park Crescent, London W1N 4DT and display it on your windscreen or rear window or preferably both. Be recognised by other members and at the same time make the world aware of the B.C.U.

Regretably the manufacturers of Lifejackets have been forced to increase their prices which are now as follows:-

Messrs. Ottersports Ltd., 11-13 Brunswick Place, Northampton.

Adult B.S.I. approved Lifejacket

Normal retail price	£7.00
Concessionary price	£5.25
Childs Lifejacket	
Normal retail price	£5.75
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Concessionary price	
	Normal retail price. Concessionary price. Post and packing for one or two jackets Messrs. Beaufort (Air-Sea) Equipment Lifort Road, Birkenhead, Cheshire. Failsafe Sportsfoam Mk. 5 Lifejacket Normal retail price.

BOOKSHELF

Journeys of the Swan - John Liley (George Allen & Unwin Ltd., £3)

Post and Packing for one or two jackets 25p.

Once a canoeist, and now Editor of 'Motor Boat and Yachting', John Liley writes lovingly of Britain's waterways and his journeys in a restored narrow boat. Witty, fascinating (did you know that the closure of the Lower Stratford Canal in 1958 was only thwarted by the discovery of a sixpenny canoe ticket issued by British Waterways?) and very well illustrated, it is thoroughly recommended general reading.

Rating ****

Membership -

Since the formation of the Association in February 1970, the membership has been steadily increasing, and there are now 118 affiliated groups. This total is made up of 23 Local Associations, 34 Individual Groups and 61 Associate Members – details about membership can be obtained from, the Hon. General Secretary, John E. Saunders, Education Department, County Hall, Glenfield, Leicester LE3

Looking for an Idea - the Association is still without an emblem, but details of a National Competition, offering a handsome prize, can be found in the Advertisements section of this magazine, SO LOOK NOW.

Dates of National Events. The B.S.C.A. National Rally planned for Whit. Weekend, May 28-31, at Holme Pierrepont has unfortunately had to be postponed until September 10-12, and will be held at Quorn, Leicestershire. It promises to be an exciting and active residential weekend which will include various canoeing activities and competitions on the River Soar; canoeing films and lectures; being highlighted by a visit to the National Sprint Regatta at Holme Pierrepont, with an opportunity to either watch or paddle in the Espada K1 Youth Championships. On the Saturday evening the first A.G.M. of the Association will be held, and the Chairman will also present the Espada K1 prize to the winner of the National Emblem Design Competition.

A.B.S.C.A. Slalom is being planned for the early summer, the exact details of this event publicity secretary - do help to make the can be obtained from the organiser, Bob Castle,

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of the British Schools Canceing **Progress** Association, from their recontly appointed Publicity Secretary, Mrs. Ann Collins, 86 London Road, Oadby, Leicester, LE2 5DJ.

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68 Heathfield Road, Croydon, Surrey.

Regional Events. Several Regional Organisations have now been established, and details of their events can either be obtained from the Regional Secretary or from the Hon. General Secretary. The B.S.C.A. 'Cadet' Project - discussion, deliberations are now over, only details remain to be finalised. The National Council has now chosen the design, and full information will be made available as soon as possible.

Newsletter - the first Newsletter of the Association is to be released to members shortly, its future success depends on you; articles, photographs, comments, complaints, suggestions for inclusion are awaited by your

Newsletter live - write now.

4CING

The World and European Championships in Canoe Racing for 1971 will be held in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, from 26th to 30th August and further details, not given below, can be obtained from the Team Manager, Mr. R. W. Emes.

The European Championships for Juniors are being held in Snagov, Rumania, from 13th to 15th August, 1971. These Championships are held every two years, the upper age limit being the same as for the Espada Class 'C'. A pamphlet on their organisation and events has been published by the Sprint Racing Committee and can he obtained from the Secretary (please send s.a.e.). Requests for additional information should be addressed to Mr. R. Lawler, 41 Simplemarsh Road, Addlestone, Surrey, who is acting as Team Manager.

Selection of the Great Britain Teams to participate in either Championship

The final selection of the Great Britain Team. and reserves, to participate in the World Championships, will take place immediately following the K.4. 10,000 metre National Championships, to be held at the International Water Sports Centre, Holme Pierrepont, on Sunday, 25th July, and the final selection for the Great Britain Junior Team, will take place immediately after Nottingham Regatta. Selections will be based

 The fourth Annual "8-A-J" Canoe Race on the River Arun, organised by the 8th Worthing Sea Scouts, took place in brilliant Spring sunshine on Sunday, May 9. This race for Scouts under 14 and under 16 was open to all Scouts outside the county of Sussex for the first time and also included special classes for Guides and Rangers over 14. The result was that a staggering total of 127 entries were received for this short, testing race over six miles of tidal river (with the tide assisting all the way), but with an awkward portage over a bridge mid-way, this presented the organisers with some difficulty in the timekeeping owing to the large entry from all over the South of England but, was finally sorted out after accurate identification of canoe racenumbers which had been badly applied before the start. Please will competitors in ALL L.D. races use black P.V.C. tape to number their craft felt pen ink washes off after a mile or so!

upon the performances of individuals and crews during the 1971 Sprint Racing season, at the following competitions -

K.4. 10,000m (Royal C.C.) - 29 May (Sen. only) K.2. 10,000m (Richmond C.C.) - 30 May (Sen.

Brent Regatta (Welsh Harp) - 31 May Richmond Regatta - 5/6 June

National K.1. & K.2. 10,000m Champs. - 13 June (Sen. only)

International Regatta, Holland - 19/20 June International Regatta, Poland - 26/27 June (Sen. only)

Royal C.C. Regatta — 3 July Paddling Challenge Cup — 4 July (Sen. only) International Regatta, Belgium - 10/11 July Time Trials - 17 July

Nottingham Regatta - 18 July Boston Regatta -24 July (Sen. only)

National K.4. 10,000m Championships - 25 July (Sen. only)

and Selectors will expect individual paddlers and crews, to be capable of achieving the following standards of performance -

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Senior	Men	
K.1.	500m	1m, 56s.
K.1.	1000m	3m. 58s.
K.2.	500m	1m. 46s.
K.2.	1000m	3m. 38s.
K.4	1000m	3m. 18s.
Junior	Men	
K.1.	500m	1m. 59s.
K.2.	500m	1m, 49s,
K.4.	500m	1m. 39s.
Senior	Women	
K.1.	500m	2m. 11s.
K.2.	500m	1m. 59s.
K.4.	500m	1m. 47s.
Junior	Women	
K.1.	500m	2m. 15s.
K.2.	500m	2m. 05s.
K.4.	500m	1m, 55s.

Crews will be considered as Crews, though the Selectors reserve the right to recommend alterations in the composition of crews, should their performance not to be of a sufficiently high standard to merit selection.

Rowland J. Jones Hon, Secretary.



During the open forum following the last A.G.M. a member from Windsor Canoe Club suggested that the B.C.U. Insignia was out of date, was not understood, and that the Council should give the matter consideration. He further suggested a competition be held to find a new badge.

To nautical types familiar with the international code of signals the meaning of our pennant is quite clear. It is a composite flag made up of the signal flags for the letters B C and U, and for 35 years has been well known and recognised both in this country and abroad, even if its symbolism is obscure to some.

When we decided to produce a B.C.U. tie and blazer badges, we felt that a more pictorial emblem was desirable, something to make it immediately evident that the wearer was mixed up in canoeing, and so there appeared the man paddling a kayak.

I have the emblems of most of the federations in the I.C.F. and, quite frankly, I find our own holds its place with distinction. However, we would not wish to discourage our friends from Windsor, and we therefore invite members with ideas for a better emblem, to produce their designs for consideration by the Council.

I would emphasise that the Council does not bind itself to accept any of the designs submitted, and would imagine that a design would have to be a very distinct improvement on the present one to justify a change.

EDITOR AND ADVERTISEMENT MANAGER

Applications are invited from persons interested in taking over the positions of EDITOR and ADVERTISEMENT MANAGER of the British Canoe Union's quarterly magazine, to commence on 1st November, 1971. An honorarium will be payable for each post. Write in the first instance for further details to:

The General Secretary, British Canoe Union, 26/29 Park Crescent, London WIN 4DT

as soon as possible after the appearance of this advertisement.

LOOKING FOR AN IDEA

The

BRITISH SCHOOLS CANOEING ASSOCIATION

are faunching a

NATIONAL COMPETITION TO FIND AN EMBLEM

ENTER NOW — if YOU are the winning designer an ESPADA K.I. and a pair of paddles WILL BE YOURS.

Entries are invited from individuals; or groups of young people, who are members of an affiliated body of the association, i.e. Club, School, Education Authority, etc.: who have NOT reached their 18th birthday by the closing date for entry.

The design is required to represent YOUR ASSOCIATION in many media and the organisers therefore ask for entries to be submitted on paper in Black/White and in colour.

Entries should be sent to the Publicity Secretary: MRS. ANN COLLINS, 86, LONDON ROAD, OADBY, LEICESTER LE2 5DJ. NOT later than 31 JULY 1971. Entrants should include their name, address, date of birth, together with the name of their club or school, etc.

The winning design will be chosen by the National Council of the Association, in con-

sultation with G. B. Karo Esq., Head of the Department of Graphic Design at the Leicester Polytechnic College; all 'designs entered becoming the property of the Association.

THE PRIZE, AN ESPADA K.1. AND PAIR OF PADDLES will be presented to the winner, by the Chairman of the Association, at the B.S.C.A. Annual General Meeting, to be held at Quorn, Leicestershire, on Saturday, 11 September 1971.



Club Chat

From MANCHESTER C.C., Peter Mansell writes: "Now that we've had some experience of Bat Boat construction, it is worth making note of some of our initial mistakes, if only to prevent others fro n learning the hard way. For the first boats, it was decided to follow normal boat-building practice, and use one layer of 1½oz. chopped strand mat, with a layer of cloth, on the hull, and have a single layer of mat on the deck. This soon proved to be inadequate, as can be seen from the damage that the first club boats incurred. The deck needs to be as strong as the hull, since the deck moulding constitutes ¾ of the boat's cross section. Also the slab sides of the deck are a potential weakness.

I would recommend at least two layers of 1½0z. mat (or three layers of 1oz.) on both the deck and hull, producing a boat about 26-28lb. Such a boat would cost, at Strand Glass prices, about £8."

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After a period of stagnation the DENSTONE COLLEGE WHITE WATER CANOE CLUB is finding its way onto its feet again. Slalom results have been good, and two members of the club have reached 2nd Division with only a year's canoeing experience. Summer Camps were held on the West Coast of Scotland, and on the Brecon Canal and the Wye. A team was entered in the Bat Polo Championships at Crystal Palace. The Club Secretary, Robert Hignell, now claims the canoe rolling record of 341 rolls in 22 minutes 44 seconds. He also came equal first in the canoe orienteering on the Broads last September. Over twenty fibreglass canoes have been built in the last year, and they now own the U.K. copyright for production of the K.W. Strike C.2

Received recently was an account of a canoe trip down one of the remoter Malayan rivers from a group from 40 COMBINED WORKSHOP R.E.M.E. stationed in Singapore. Leeches were the main problem, combined with trigger happy Malay soldiers looking for Communist terrorists. Worth it, though, for savage, attractive scenery, and wild life.

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last **EDINBURGH** year saw schoolchildren canoeing some of the French rivers - Ardeche, Tarn, Garronne and Gave de Pau; and ending up surfing in Biarritz. On the Ardeche canoeing was straight forward with a few shingle rapids, beautiful deep pools and a magnificent gorge of towering limestone cliffs. "We canoed this in two days bivouacing in the gorge and cooled ourselves every few minutes by rolling in the deep pools and stopping for the occasional swim. The Ardeche is a popular river, especially among the Continentals, but I cannot help wondering if this is only because of the Nudist camps we encountered on the way down!" writes Terry Nicholls.

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Grade V liquid on the Saalach in Germany caused a bale-out for Neil Smith of the 42 SURVEY ENGINEER REGT. The exact spot was the Luftenstein Pass, and his kayak wedged above the 1m. fall. Leader S.Sgt. K. Robinson managed to rescue said boat and take the fall in it.

Expedition photographer Hank Stephens will be long remembered for putting Dry Suit Chalk, which was kept in the Marvel tin, in the coffee.

AN APOLOGY ...

Oxford University Canoe & Kayak Club expresses regret for the non-occurrence of the Oxford L.D. Race which should have taken place on March 7.

The organisers felt that, owing to the postal strike and a very small active membership during the winter months, chaos would result from any attempt to take entries on the day.

They wish to thank all those who helped to get notice of the cancellation to clubs and individuals.

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• SURVEY OF B.C.U. CLUBS

Work has recently begun on a two year Government grant-aided study of canoeing, water ski-ing and sub-aqua, to provide information which will be of use to the B.C.U. and to public authorities in considering the needs of canoeing.

Part of the study will involve sending a postal questionnaire during June to all B.C.U. clubs which are based in England and Wales. During the summer interviews will be held with canoeists on site and a further postal questionnaire will be sent to a sample of B.C.U. members in the autumn. Those organisations or individuals which are responsible for restricting the use of waters for canoeing will also be questioned.

The co-operation of readers in this project is invited and the research staff would like to receive any comments from readers on problems they have experienced in the sport and of their opinions on the present and future needs of canoeing.

Letters should be addressed to David Evison, B.A., M.Sc., Room 522, Department of Planning and Transportation, Greater London Council, London, S.E.1 and marked, 'Private and Confidential'.





I went to a Long Distance canoe race towards the end of 1970, something I do occasionly to see if the scene has altered very much. (It doesn't - only the faces of the competitors). The biggest change is the number of lady competitors, the number seems to increase every year. What all this is leading up to is that, whilst watching and taking pictures at one of the portages I was struck by the antics of the portaging paddlers. The manner of carrying boats were many and varied, the pictures show what I mean. As far as I know the 'Doubling double' didn't win, but the, 'Oh so casual' young lady carrying her canoe as easily as her shopping basket won her event with a comfortable margin. Which proves something I suppose,

PICTURES









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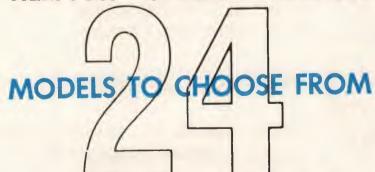
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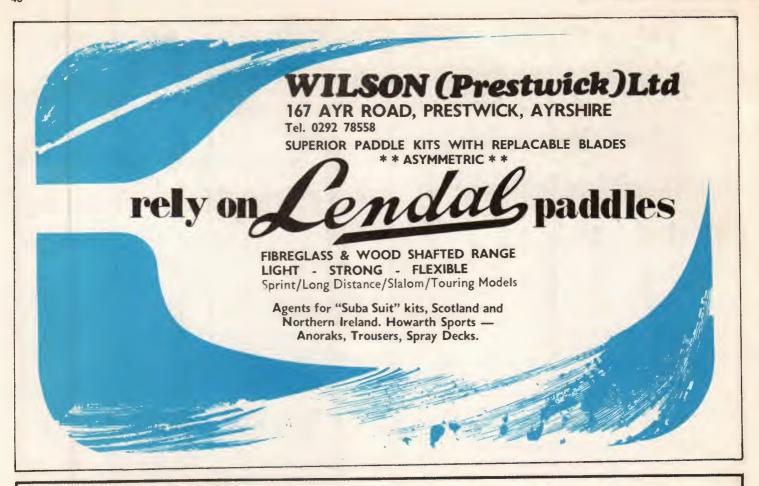
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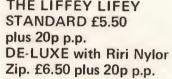
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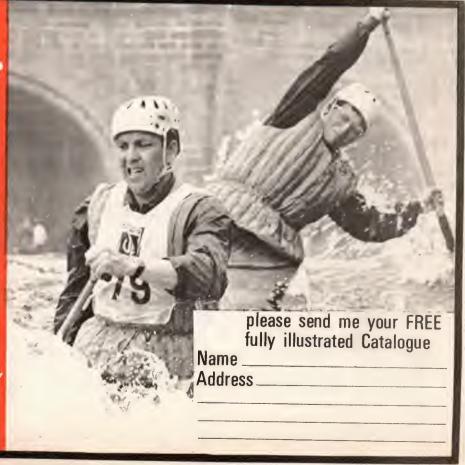
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