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THE NATIONAL CANOEING EXHIBITION

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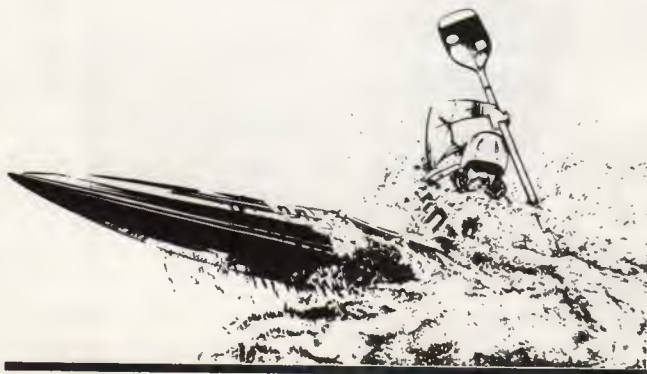
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NATIONAL CANOEING EXHIBITION- LEICESTER

The past year saw the back out of major kayak/canoe manufacturing firms from the B.C.U. sponsored Crystal Palace Exhibition, a back-out that is extended further this year, our seemingly deteriorating economic position as a trading nation, and of course the petrol shortage and tremendous increase in its cost. Despite the set-backs, all the price increases and the inflation, the majority of British canoesport manufacturers have been working at full capacity and hardly keep up with the demand for top quality kayaks and canoes both for touring and competition.

The shortage and vast increase in the price of quality resin (a petrol by-product), the canoesport manufacturers have held the market while other manufacturing firms have had to cut back. Thus we go into the new year with a still booming canoesport market and the prospect of a first class National Canoeing Exhibition at Leicester.

Sponsored by the British Canoe Manufacturers Association, and organised by Mantra Promotions Ltd., the National Canoeing Exhibition will be held over the weekend 15/16th February at the Granby Halls in Leicester. Price of admission is 25p for adults and 15p for children.

Getting to the Granby Halls is of little problem. Leicester is almost in the centre of the country, and there is easy access by road or rail. By rail there is main line service from London, Manchester and Leeds, to Leicester. By road, Leicester is just a few minutes off the M1 Motorway by taking turn-off 46, and again easy access from North or South as well as from the west via the M5/M6/M1. Granby Halls itself is in the centre of the city and well sign posted on major roads. Ample car park space is available.

The Exhibition will be open to the public from 10am to 7pm on both days.

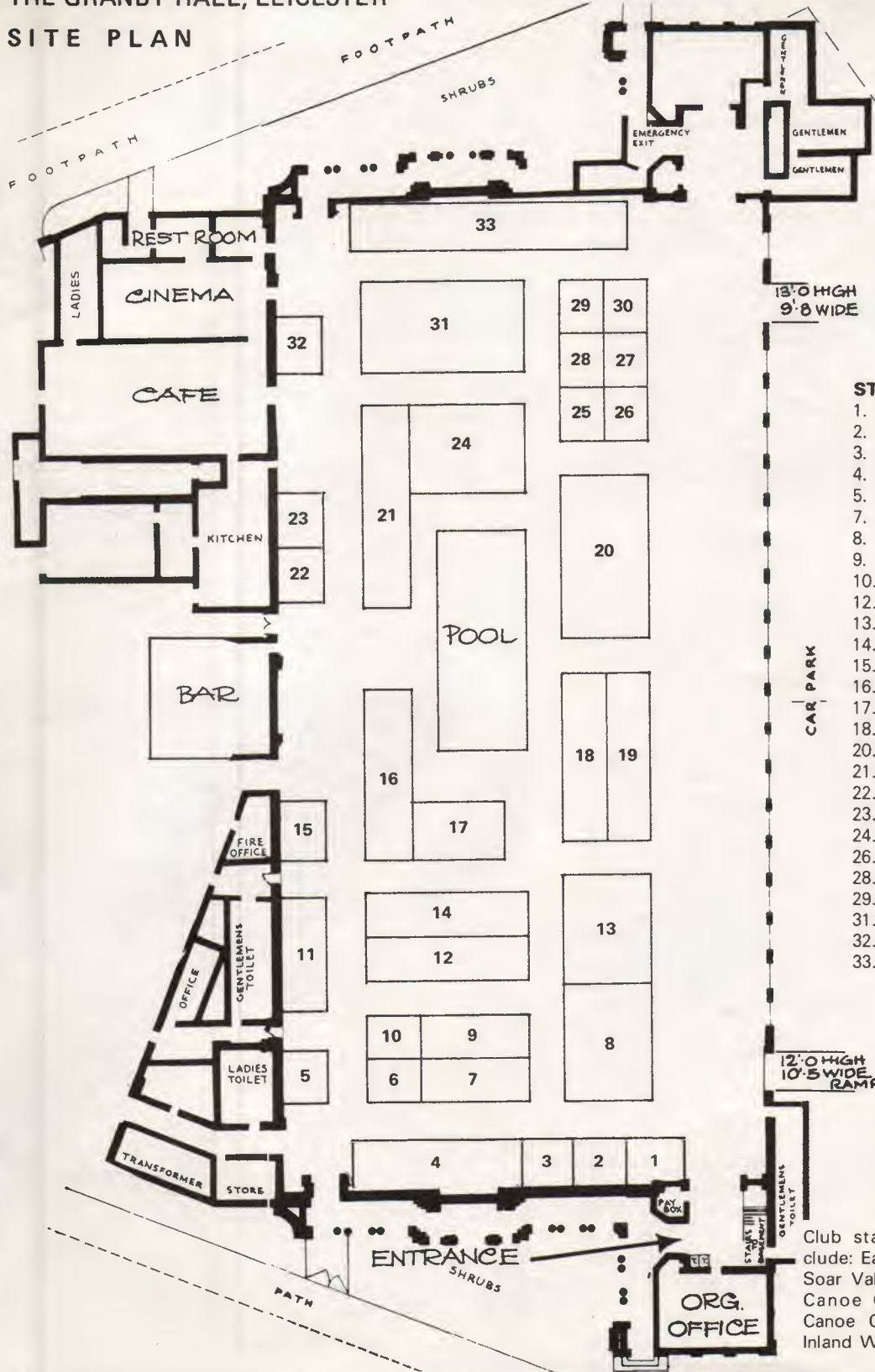
Exceptional support from Trade

Support for the Exhibition from the Trade has been exceptional with almost every major kayak/canoe manufacturer in the country exhibiting. Below is the layout of the Exhibition Hall and key of where particular firms can be found. On the following pages is a review of much of the new models and equipment to be seen on the individual stands. Apart from the Trade Stands, a number are taken by associations of interest, while elsewhere and throughout the two days, a number of popular canoesport films will have a regular showing in the lecture room, while on the pool in the main hall centre will feature the final of the 'National Wiggle Test Competition'.

NATIONAL CANOEING EXHIBITION

THE GRANBY HALL, LEICESTER

SITE PLAN



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Club stands and organisations include: East Midlands Sports Council, Soar Valley Canoe Club, Huntingdon Canoe Club, B.C.U., Nottingham Canoe Club, Leicester Canoe Club, Inland Waterways, Girl Guides.

STAND No. 1 BROOKBANK CANOES

Brookbanks Canoes is a firm based just South of Manchester that aims to give a really complete service to the canoeist. As agents for many of the leading manufacturers, they keep in stock a varied selection of kayaks and comprehensive range of accessories. In addition, instruction is provided on local canals and rivers with the opportunity of sampling different types of kayak and canoe. Holiday courses and tours are also organised for small informal groups, these principally for the newcomer to the sport, on the rivers Wye, Trent, Severn, and Yorkshire Derwent.

On their stand will be found a variety of accessories and novelties, including the full range of Lenda's Canoeing Jewellery — all at competitive prices. There will also be details of their 'Package Deals' of the Apache kayak and full equipment for £50.00, and the Sioux 2-seater kayak with full equipment for £85.00. All items on the stand are available for sale and booking taken for 1975 Holidays. The stand will feature photographs and continuous slide show illustrating the canoesport holidays.

STAND No. 4 AVONCRAFT

Avoncraft will be exhibiting a number of new craft for the first time at the Leicester Exhibition. These include the Apache Canadian, the Tern Mk2 Eskimo, the Alpha training single, and the Stilleto Slalom Kayak.

The Apache Canadian is 17ft with a 30ins beam and highly suited for the family holiday when touring. It has a unique construction for a Canadian offering very high strength-low weight ratio. Capacity 3-4 persons. The Tern Mk2 is 17ft 5ins with a 22ins beam and offers the very best in sea touring. It has fast touring performance in the roughest of conditions, yet retains the ability to turn quickly and efficiently. The Alpha is 13ft 3ins with a 24ins beam. It is a training kayak initially commissioned and developed for the Combined Armed Forces. Although somewhat dimensionally slalom biased, the Alpha is more buoyant and roomier than the average slalom craft, offering greater scope to a wider range of differently sized paddlers, plus equipment stowage. The Alpha is available at a very competitive price and ideal for Outdoor Pursuits Centres.

STAND No. 5 SEVERN TOURS

Severn Tours offer a range of kayaks for general purpose, beginners, touring, and fun. A 13ft single, 17ft 6ins double, and Bat training kayak are available, plus paddles, and accessories. The firm also offers a range of canoesport holidays on the River Severn or at their Safari Lodge in the ancient forest of Wyre.

STAND No. 7 WILD WATER CENTRE

The Wild Water Centre will be showing their full range of paddles — Alloy shaft/Glass blades, Wood shaft/Glass blades, and all Wood — for the first time in the U.K. Also on show will be two new lifejackets, the competition shortie (closed cell buoyancy) and the S.R. jacket (S.B.B.N.F. approved) with collar. Both these jackets have been selected by the Design Centre for the Design Index. A new combined Canoe Cag and Lifejacket will also be exhibited.

The highly successful Treska Slalom Kayak will be the focal point of the firm's range of craft on display, and others included will be the Python touring single and the Inn Minor junior kayak. A full range of Wild Water Centre accessories will also be on show.

STAND No. 8 TRYLON LIMITED

Trylon Limited will have on display a selection of the kayaks that can be made from their moulds, the latter which can be hired or purchased from the firm. Whatever your requirements, river touring, slalom, sprint racing, canoe polo, or sea expeditions — Trylon can help. On show for the first time will be a competition polo kayak, the Wombat, and modified versions of the Panther Slalom and Tiger Trouing kayaks. A wide range of canoe accessories will be on sale, all at competitive prices.



Trylon's technical representatives will be available to discuss any practical kayak building problems and will be able to advise you on material requirements and costings for building your own glassfibre kayaks.

STAND No. 12 A.C. CANOE PRODUCTS

A.C. Canoe Products Ltd. will be introducing two new paddle blades to add to their existing curved touring blade, which has proved so popular with schools and centres since its introduction 12-months ago. On show will be the eagerly awaited new spooned paddle blade suitable for slalom and competition use, and a new flat paddle blade for either kayak or Canadian canoeing. All three blades — which are designed to fit into standard aluminium tubes — are injection moulded in foamed glass coupled polypropylene; a material which is particularly suitable for paddles, having high resistance to wear and also good impact resistance, and which has proved trouble free in use. Two surface finishes — standard and gloss — will be available. Also to be shown for the first time will be a Canadian paddle handle in foamed polyurethane designed to fit either aluminium or wooden shafts.

The firm will also be exhibiting their popular Ace Crash Helmets, and both paddles and helmets will be available for purchase via the canoe trade in the Hall.



New Canadian Canoe from Avoncraft.

Ace Paddles from A.C. Products.

STAND No. 13 TOPCRAFT LIMITED

Topcraft will be exhibiting three entirely new competitive kayaks as well as their established range of canoes and kayaks.

New to Britain and produced under licence from Peter Van Stipdonk of Holland, is the fantastic Stip-Yak Slalom Kayak. This has exceptional turning properties and is ideal for the British slalom courses. For the down river enthusiast the new Salza kayak will have special appeal. Whilst having good stability, it has high speed and excellent buoyancy even in heavy water conditions. Canoe Polo fanatics will be especially interested in the new Wombat kayak.

Amongst the wide range of accessories on the stand will be the popular new Sportsman paddle as well as a large selection of Ottersports range of canoe and equipment. An attractive array of Canoe Wear marketed under the Fairway label will also be available.

STAND No. 14 EURO KAYAKS

Euro Kayaks have continued to expand during the 1974 season and in '75 will be able to offer the old favourites in the Europa range, plus the German Trisanna. Following up an obvious demand, the firm has now developed a new Low Profile Trisanna, while added to the range of craft is the newly designed Surfari for those interested in the acrobatics of surfing.

Also on display will be a twelve or fifteen place trailer as well as a range of waterproof clothing, anoraks, and trousers, all made by Euro Kayaks.

STAND No. 15 HARISHOK LIMITED

Harishok Limited introduce their new range of High Performance Marine Sportswear at the Leicester Exhibition.

In addition to the Buoyancy Vests, which Harishok manufacture, there are three new garments which fulfill all the basic conditions for marine use, and contain some interesting new innovations. The Anorak, Trousers, and Sailing Suit are now included in the London Design Council Index. These are produced in 5oz Dunloprufe coated nylon — in Red or Blue — and all seams are sewn and sealed. The Trousers have double thickness seats to prevent wear and ankle closure tabs are provided. Neoprene cuffs produce a weatherproof seal for wrist; patch pockets have an ingenious double fold and velcro closure with expanding side gusset. The Sailing Suit has 'single fold water baffle' as well as full length velcro, plastic zip, and inside draw cord.

The whole clothing range is also available in Brollibond foam composite fabric, and can be purchased nationally from Team Harishok dealers.

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STAND No. 16 GRANTA BOATS

Granta Boats will be showing a selection of their slalom kayak De Luxe models including the Trophy, Panther and Tytan, plus Wayfarer, Warrior, and Wippet touring models. In the rigid touring class there will be the Super K15, Kiwi, Kelo and new Kiski, and the Silver Airflow and Sprite folding kayaks.

The 1975 range will now include four sea kayaks and one training kayak, these being a prominent part of their stand display. The basic sea kayak is the See Alder, a kayak based on a Norwegian design. Further versions are the See Schwann, See Jay, and See Vogel. The trainer is the new Wombat, a modified and up-dated version of the firms previous successful bath trainer. New in the rigid range of craft is the Kiski, a durable, light and fast, canoe that is ideal for touring and general use.

As a very special offer, P & H are offering to ALL customers who buy or order a boat at the Canoe Exhibition, a refund of the cost of the train fare from London to Leicester (or equivalent).

STAND No. 18 GAYBO LIMITED

As at previous Shows, the Gaybo stand promises to be a Canoeists' Paradise - six new designs for 1975 complementing the ever-popular models already in production.

The newest designs to appear will be the Lettmann Olymp Six and the Prijon Sting Slalom Kayaks; the Prijon Interceptor Sprint white water racing kayak; the Lettmann Mistral C1 and Team C2 Canadian slalom canoes with the new low-profile look. These new competition models show promise of even faster performance in the coming season's events. Also on show will be an open Canadian canoe for touring, aptly named Long Nose.

Visitors to the stand cannot help but notice the high standard of quality and workmanship of this impressive fleet, which have become the trade mark of Gaybo Limited.

STAND No.20 TYNE CANOES LIMITED

Tyne Canoes Limited are manufacturers of folding and glassfibre kayaks and producers of kits for home construction of rigid kayaks. The first kayak/canoe manufacturer to be placed on the Design Centre Index, they have concentrated their production of glassfibre kayaks catering for all tastes from the young competitor and slalom enthusiast to the family man. Tyne Canoes now have a fairly extensive competition range under the Streamlyte label which has produced international and world class models. In addition to these they also produce a true-shape Canadian canoe.

The Treska Slalom from Wild Water Centre.

The Anas Acuta from Valley.



Two new craft will be on show at Leicester The Dipper is the latest design in slalom kayaks and was developed by the world class canoeist, Peter Van Stipdonk of Holland. The new characteristics of this craft allow the paddler to dip both bow and stern sections when passing gates, thus increasing the speed of the turn and accuracy: The new Whitewater Mk II has been specially designed for the canoeist who wants to paddle white water rivers and carry camping gear. Also the experienced paddler will find this kayak ideal for rapid river touring or for challenging coastal breakers.

STAND No.21 JAYCEE GLASSFIBRE PRODUCTS

Jaycee Glassfibre Products will have a number of their most outstanding models on display, including the Lippe Contra slalom kayak, the Wild Cat that has proved so adaptable for surfing, the Merano and Manta, and the ever popular 400 Super, while for the down river man there will be the the world supreme Mendesta Match 2. For the touring enthusiast there is a complete range of craft from the newest Jaycee Ribble touring single to the Telstar Corveter and Coursier, the Ardeche touring double and the Voyageur Canadian Canoe. For the home constructor, Jaycee introduce a new mould hire service and 'package deal' for glassfibre materials for this special slalom type purpose model.

Also on display will be the Jaycee Sentinel crash helmet and the Slipstreamer glassfibre paddles.



Certainly for the rough water man or the touring specialist, there will be something of interest on the Jaycee stand.

STAND No.23 CANOEING MAGAZINE

Our own Canoeing Magazine stand will of course feature the magazine as well as a wide range of the best canoesport publications, including classic and recent books, and a number of other canoesport magazines that are available from different countries. Copies of the Canoeing Magazine Canoesport Calender should still be available and of course there will be a good number of our popular canoesport T-Shirts and Sweater-Shirts with canoeing motifs.

STAND No.24 P & H FIBREGLASS PRODUCTS

P & H Fibreglass Products of Spondon, Derby, will be showing their full range of products at the Exhibition. As well as showing the kayaks and canoes, there will be a full range of Wet Suits, Neoprene Spraydecks, Neoprene Bootees, Dry Suits, and most canoeing accessories. A special display of surfing equipment will also be on show, including custom built surfboards from their associated company of Wavecraft Ltd.

It is hoped that the latest Hahn C1 and C2 Slalom Canoes will be ready for the show, but the latest slimline

C1, as well as the standard C1 and C2 will be there. Part of P & H's display stand will be two 'A' Frame Trailers. These trailers are the latest design from the firm and have proved very popular, especially when equipped with box for paddles and canoeing gear.

STAND No. 26 PYRANHA MOULDINGS

The Pyranha Stand at the Leicester Exhibition will feature the firms complete range of craft and accessories, with particular emphasis on the new items added for 1975.

Three new kayaks will be available: The Simba 75, an improved version of the popular Simba touring and general purpose kayak. The Vedel 65K, the result of three years development in slalom competition, now with low-profile lines for sneaking bow or stern under the gates. This model made its debut with a win at the Llangollen International and now used by members of four National Teams. The Bullet 2, a new British Wild Water Racer that combines an exceptionally fast top speed with good buoyancy that will keep the Bullet winning as it has done during the past months.

Among other new equipment on the Pyranha Stand will be the Multitrailer, a versatile trailer that converts unit by unit, and the new Savage range of paddles.

STAND No. 28 CYMRU CANOES

Cymru Canoes is a small enterprise producing kayaks for individuals, schools, and outdoor pursuits centres rather than the top-rank competitive canoeists.

As such, and as instructors and advisers at various schools and youth organisations in Wales, they will be showing the very successful general purpose Panther designed by Colin Green, and one of the most popular touring boats designed by Alan Bye, the Tiger.

The Panther is equally at home in rough seas, surf, or white water, being highly manoeuvrable, whilst the Tiger is a conventional touring kayak, easy to keep in a straight line and allowing ample stowage space for camping and other equipment.

Also on display will be a range of canoeing accessories, including paddles, spray decks, crash helmets, and lifejackets.

STAND No. 31 THE CANOE CENTRE

The Canoe Centre (Twickenham) Limited will once again live up to its proud claim of 'The largest choice of glassfibre kayaks in Europe'.

For the Sprint and Long Distance enthusiast, the Canoe Centre will be showing the full range of racing kayaks — a winning design for each racing class. For the Slalomist there will be the Plastic Nautic Connoisseur Slalom Kayak, exhibited for the first time, and the Kirton Profile Slalom C2, in addition to the

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already popular Klepper Loisach and Kirton Tempo. The white water matched pair of Zombie for heavy water and the Express for light fast going will be shown together with the trainer/tourer slalom boats — Munchen TS Mk5 and SL7. For the Touring enthusiast there is a design to suit every requirement with no less than three double and eight single kayaks. The Kirton Ventura — a sporty two-seater kayak — is already very popular and exhibited at Leicest for the first time.

In all there are 31 glassfibre canoes or kayaks, which, together with the Struer wood-veneer racing kayaks and the Klepper folding touring kayaks, add up to a formidable array of kayaks and canoes

STAND No. 32 LENDAL PRODUCTS

Lendal Products extend a cordial welcome to their stand at the National Canoeing Exhibition to all their old and valued customers, and look forward to making new friends. On show will be their famous fibreglass shafted racing paddles, which are now being exported to many countries, together with the original wooden shafted range incorporating a strong multi-laminated shaft.

A new paddle on show will be a racing paddle with carbon fibre reinforcement in the blade and a new concept in construction. The new model has the additional feature of a contoured back to the blade, thus keeping water pick-up to a minimum.

Lendal will of course, also be showing their complete range of wooden kit blades covering flat, curved, and assymetric shapes. These blades are easily replaceable and makes a cheaply priced paddle for all types of basic canoeing.

STAND No. 33 VALLEY CANOE PRODUCTS

Valley Canoe Products will be displaying their full range of kayaks, including the 'stackable' Baths Canoe. There are two new designs this year, the Viking Slimline — a superb 'low-profile' development of the best-selling Viking Slalom Kayak, and the Nordkapp — a sea-expedition kayak which has been especially designed for the British Kayak Expedition to the Nordkapp this coming summer. Among other designs will be the established favourites such as the World Record-holding Surf-Shoe and the Anas Acuta sea-going kayak which has put up so many 'first passages' this last season.

In the accessory field, V.C.P. can be proud of the number of their original designs which are now in common usage with many manufacturers. These include Limpet expanded neoprene spray decks; plastic floating toggles; Tailored Air-bag Buoyancy, and the Tie-beam Failsafe Footrest. The latest 'first' is the Chevron-duo, a buoyancy aid AND and lifejacket which can be worn together or separately as required. Among other accessories will be down-filled clothing and sleeping bags, paddles, spray decks, and crash helmets.

SURF NEWS

In the September/October issue of Canoeing Magazine you printed a letter from Neville Truran of South Africa. It appeared that he was making a challenge of the South Africans against England, Australia, and the U.S.A. in kayak surfing. We in California feel we are good enough to take them on and accept the challenge.

However, there is one big problem which is common to probably all - or nearly all - in this new sport, and that's the lack of money. However, if an International Contest could be arranged, it would give a chance to paddlers in all countries a chance to see what we're doing out here and vice versa, and also what equipment has been designed.

I would like to see a contest during the off season of Whitewater, Flatwater and L.D. Racing - I am a flatwater racer and a number of our kayak surfers compete in the above areas. Also California would seem to be an ideal venue for a contest as our surf is fairly constant throughout the whole of the year. Any interested kayak surfers could write to your magazine with any suggestions...

Merv Lasson and myself have been riding Surf Kayaks and Surf Skies for eight years now, as well as designing our own craft and equipment. I feel that we have nearly reached the limit of design and riding technique. We will shortly be sending some of our best surf photographs to Canoeing Magazine for publication and hope this will encourage other riders to do the same.
*Yours sincerely,
Mike Johnson,
California.*

(Certainly with the growing development of Surf Canoesport in Britain and the interesting reports I have been getting from other parts of the world regarding surf since our special Surf Issue, the time would seem right for an International get-together of Surf enthusiasts. If kayak surfers in South Africa and Australia would care to write to the magazine with ideas on an International event, I would be interested to collate such information and see if a International Kayak Surf meeting can be arranged. Mike Clark, editor).

NOTES NEWS

Himalayan Canoe Expedition

During the August and September of 1976, plans are being laid for a British Himalayan Canoeing Expedition to the Upper Indus River.

The purpose of the trip is for 12 kayakists to run a 300-mile section of the Upper Indus River in North East Pakistan - from near Skardu down to the newly completed Tarbela Dam. The river drops some 5000-feet in this distance and flows through some of the deepest valleys in the Himalayas. The river is geologically antecedent and has a reasonably smooth profile, but it is likely that some sections of the famous Haramosh Gorge may have a gradient of as much as 70-feet per mile. Portages in this section cannot be ruled out altogether, but the aim is to attempt to kayak the whole of the river.

The Expedition has been formally recognised by the B.C.U. Council who have agreed to act as Patrons. The cost of the whole trip should not exceed £600 per person, although it is hoped that this figure can be greatly reduced by sponsorship.

The Organising Committee - Mike Fennessy, Peter Knowles, and Richard Knight - are still involved with the planning stages and would welcome any help, especially in the form of first hand knowledge, or photographs of the river, particularly of the Haramosh Gorge. Anyone interested in joining the Expedition or offering assistance - financially or otherwise, should contact: *Mike Fennessy, Lundy, Bishopstone, Hereford HR4 7JE*

Devizes-Westminster Marathon

Once again many of our marathon paddlers are turning thoughts to the Easter Devizes to Westminster Canoe Marathon.

The race is open to Senior or Junior K2 crews only (any type of double kayak), with the Junior Class restricted to the first 100 applications. The entry fee is £6.00 per crew and closes on Friday March 7th 1975. Race details, application forms, and Rule Books (60p), are obtainable from: *D. W. Keane, 12 Swakeleys Drive, Ickenham, Uxbridge UB10 8QB*



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COMPARATIVE PRICE LIST

On the following pages for the first time we publish

a comparative price list of the majority of canoes and kayaks on the British market, covering over two hundred different models from all sides of canoe sport. These prices were current at the time of going to press but in the present inflationary situation, they are almost certain to increase over the coming months. All prices quoted exclude VAT and, as far as known, are for the standard versions of the canoes and kayaks. Prices for model built in Diolen are not included, but such extra cost is on average around six pounds. Also the prices are ex-works and do not include any carriage charge. The only models not included are those for the various mould hire services offered by a number of manufacturers — it proved impossible to give a clear comparison price as services and kits varied greatly between different manufacturers — and the kayaks and canoes available in Britain but produced abroad, such as the wood-veneer Struer Boats and the Klepper range of folding kayaks.

Choice of over two-hundred models

Over two hundred different models — certainly the British paddler has a truly fantastic range of canoes and kayaks to choose from, and most likely the greatest number anywhere in the world.

Having seen a number of canoes and kayaks from overseas manufacturers on my various trips abroad, I believe the British glass is the best anywhere and the finish second to none. Yet, even with the price increases of the past months, British canoes and kayaks are still well below average world prices — in Belgium a slalom craft is around £80, in Germany even greater, while in the U.S.A. the equivalent is almost twice that of the British product. For a number of years I have thought our canoe and kayak prices are too low and that a twenty or even thirty percent increase of the prices overleaf would still give top value for money

SLALOM KAYAKS	PRICE	MANUFACTURER			
Draaken	60.00	Avoncraft	Zombie	59.00	Canoe Centre
Stiletto	61.00	Avoncraft	Arkansas	62.00	Euro Kayaks
Connoisseur	56.50	Canoe Centre	Intersprint	62.85	Gaybo
Tempo	56.50	Canoe Centre	Interceptor	62.85	Gaybo
Loisach	56.50	Canoe Centre	Match	62.85	Gaybo
SL7	56.00	Canoe Centre	Professional	62.85	Gaybo
TSMk5	53.75	Canoe Centre	Match 2	66.00	Jaycee Glassfibre
Trisanna & LP	58.00	Euro Kayaks	Coursier	62.00	Jaycee Glassfibre
Condor	58.00	Euro Kayaks	Salza	58.00	Topcraft
Olymp IV, V & VI	57.90	Gaybo	Sprinter 3	67.00	Tyne Canoes
Olympia	57.90	Gaybo	Phantom Sprint	69.00	Wild Water Centre
The Sting	57.90	Gaybo	Dart	69.00	Wild Water Centre
Trophy	53.00	Granta Boats	Bullet	69.00	Pyranha Mouldings
Panther	53.00	Granta Boats			
Tytan	44.00	Granta Boats			
Contra	58.50	Jaycee Glassfibre			
Meteor	59.00	Jaycee Glassfibre			
Manta	57.50	Jaycee Glassfibre			
Merano	57.50	Jaycee Glassfibre			
Wild Cat	56.50	Jaycee Glassfibre			
400 Super	51.00	Jaycee Glassfibre			
Brigand	42.50	L.W. Boats			
Otter SW1	64.00	Ottersports			
Alpha	60.00	P & H Fibreglass			
Phazer	60.00	P & H Fibreglass			
Augsburg	60.00	P & H Fibreglass			
Vedel & K65	63.00	Pyranha Mouldings			
Trident 2S	59.80	Pyranha Mouldings			
Stip-Yak	56.00	Topcraft			
Panther	50.00	Trylon			
Dipper	66.50	Tyne Canoes			
Toledo	65.50	Tyne Canoes			
Scarab	65.50	Tyne Canoes			
Scorpion 3 & 4	64.50	Tyne Canoes			
K.W.7	63.50	Tyne Canoes			
Soar Valley Mkl	46.00	Valley Canoe Products			
Soar Valley MkIII	48.00	Valley Canoe Products			
Venom & Slimline	55.00	Valley Canoe Products			
Viking & Slimline	52.00	Valley Canoe Products			
Inn & Special	63.00	Wild Water Centre			
Olympia	63.00	Wild Water Centre			
Venus	63.00	Wild Water Centre			
Vulcan	63.00	Wild Water Centre			
Treska	69.00	Wild Water Centre			
SLALOM CANOES	PRICE	MANUFACTURER			
Profile C2	83.50	Canoe Centre			
Mistral C1	66.75	Gaybo			
Team C2	91.00	Gaybo			
Piranha C1	64.80	Jaycee Glassfibre			
Champ C2	82.00	Jaycee Glassfibre			
Hahn C1	70.00	P & H Fibreglass			
Hahn C2	88.00	P & H Fibreglass			
Variant C1	49.00	Topcraft			
Olymp C2	59.50	Topcraft			
DOWNRIVER KAYAKS	PRICE	MANUFACTURER			
Blizzard	66.00	Avoncraft			
Express	59.00	Canoe Centre			
DOWNRIVER CANOES	PRICE	MANUFACTURER			
Star C1	72.80	Gaybo			
White Water C2	100.30	Gaybo			
Hahn C1	75.00	P & H Fibreglass			
RACING KAYAKS	PRICE	MANUFACTURER			
Stephan PF K1	75.00	Avoncraft			
Stephan PF K2	90.00	Avoncraft			
Espada K1	74.00	Avoncraft			
Ranger K1	73.00	Canoe Centre			
Lancer K1	73.00	Canoe Centre			
Lazer K1	68.00	Canoe Centre			
Espada K1	63.25	Canoe Centre			
Glider K2	87.75	Canoe Centre			
Mirage K2	83.00	Canoe Centre			
Winner K4	257.00	Canoe Centre			
Barracuda C14	78.50	Canoe Centre			
Dart C13	58.00	Canoe Centre			
Delta C1	81.50	Canoe Centre			
Sabre K1	75.00	Pyranha Mouldings			
Espada K1	70.00	Pyranha Mouldings			
Espada K1	55.00	Topcraft			
Typhoon K2	95.00	Tyne Canoes			
Espada K1	60.00	Trylon			
Espada K1	70.00	Valley Canoe Products			
Espada K1	75.00	Wild Water Centre			
Electron K2	95.00	Wild Water Centre			
SURF KAYAKS	PRICE	MANUFACTURER			
Vega	48.15	Canoe Centre			
Safari	52.00	Euro Kayaks			
Wedge	52.40	Gaybo			
Surfer MkII	58.00	P & H Fibreglass			
Surfski	65.00	P & H Fibreglass			
Surf Shoe	51.00	Valley Canoe Products			
Surf Yak	60.00	Wild Water Centre			
JUNIOR KAYAKS	PRICE	MANUFACTURER			
Minnow	46.00	Avoncraft			
Minor	40.50	Canoe Centre			
Kadet	39.00	Canoe Centre			
Asia Minor	47.50	Euro Kayaks			
Junior Olymp	36.40	Gaybo			
Cub	46.00	Jaycee Glassfibre			
Junior	43.00	P & H Fibreglass			
Pup	45.00	Pyranha Mouldings			

Otter JT1	54.00	Ottersports	Corvette	58.00	Jaycee Glassfibre
Junior	29.50	Topcraft	Telstar	60.00	Jaycee Glassfibre
Imp	45.00	Tyne Canoes	Ribble	68.00	Jaycee Glassfibre
Inn Minor	39.00	Wild Water Centre	Otter TS1	62.00	Ottersports
SEA KAYAKS	PRICE	MANUFACTURER	Viva	58.00	P & H Fibreglass
Tern	68.00	Avoncraft	Junior	53.00	Tyne Canoes
Atlantic	62.85	Gaybo	Senior	66.50	Tyne Canoes
Eskey	69.00	Gaybo	Sportsman	69.50	Tyne Canoes
See Adler	65.00	Granta Boats	Whitewater MkII	68.50	Tyne Canoes
See Schwann	75.00	Granta Boats	Tiger	50.00	Trylon
See Jay	87.00	Granta Boats	Python	66.00	Wild Water Centre
See Vogel	99.00	Granta Boats	TOURING DOUBLES	PRICE	MANUFACTURER
Seahawk	55.00	Trylon	Adventurer	84.00	Avoncraft
Anas Acuta	68.50	Valley Canoe Products	Comrade S & W	69.75	Canoe Centre
Nordkapp	70.00	Valley Canoe Products	Ventura	69.75	Canoe Centre
Tern	66.00	Wild Water Centre	Wayfarer	70.00	Granta Boats
GENERAL PURPOSE	PRICE	MANUFACTURER	Ardeche	75.00	Jaycee Glassfibre
Gnat	58.00	Avoncraft	Otter TS2	80.00	Ottersports
Munchen	56.00	Canoe Centre	Tourer II	75.00	P & H Fibreglass
Panther	65.00	Cymru Canoes	Traveller	77.00	Tyne Canoes
Eden	38.00	Eden Canoes	Tourer	81.50	Tyne Canoes
Europa I	53.00	Euro Kayaks	Tourer OC	83.50	Tyne Canoes
Europa II	55.00	Euro Kayaks	TOURING CANOES	PRICE	MANUFACTURER
Funa	54.60	Gaybo	Apache	100.00	Avoncraft
Hartung	57.90	Gaybo	Long Nose	104.00	Gaybo
Slipper Combi	60.45	Gaybo	Traveller	85.00	Granta Boats
Soar Valley	45.00	P & H Fibreglass	Voyageur	94.00	Jaycee Glassfibre
Swift	46.00	P & H Fibreglass	Otter	90.00	Ottersports
Simba	56.00	Pyranha Mouldings	Beaver 14	84.00	Tyne Canoes
Cadet	43.00	Topcraft	Beaver 16	92.00	Tyne Canoes
Hartung	44.00	Topcraft	FOLDING KAYAKS	PRICE	MANUFACTURER
K.W.4	61.00	Tyne Canoes	Singles		
Cadet	52.00	Valley Canoe Products	Sprite	65.00	Granta Boats
Caranoe	44.00	Valley Canoe Products	Swift	60.00	Granta Boats
Cadet	60.00	Wild Water Centre	Prefect	90.00	Tyne Canoes
BATH TRAINERS	PRICE	MANUFACTURER	Doubles		
Supa Bat	37.00	Avoncraft	Silver Airflow	120.00	Granta Boats
Wombat	35.00	Granta Boats	Sports Tourer	95.00	Granta Boats
Bat MkV	35.00	P & H Fibreglass	Sports 2-Seater	144.50	Tyne Canoes
Phighter	37.00	P & H Fibreglass	Falcon	145.00	Granta Boats
Bat MkV	25.00	Trylon	Lightweight	90.00	Granta Boats
Wombat	38.00	Trylon	Clipper	175.00	Granta Boats
Vampire	45.00	Tyne Canoes	Club	75.00	Granta Boats
Bath Mat	38.00	Valley Canoe Products	KITS	PRICE	MANUFACTURER
Bat MkV	36.00	Wild Water Centre	Kingfisher	41.00	Granta Boats
TOURING SINGLES	PRICE	MANUFACTURER	Super K15	44.00	Granta Boats
Mistral	64.00	Avoncraft	Kestrel	48.00	Granta Boats
Cygnat	47.00	Canoe Centre	Kiwi	30.00	Granta Boats
Cresta	53.50	Canoe Centre	Otter Cub	25.00	Ottersports
Saga	53.50	Canoe Centre	Otter Single	27.50	Ottersports
Tramp	56.00	Canoe Centre	Otter Slalom	30.00	Ottersports
Tiger	65.00	Cymru Canoes	Sea Otter	34.00	Ottersports
Trailer	60.45	Gaybo	Otter Double	37.00	Ottersports
Wanderer	44.00	Granta Boats	Otter Canadian	44.00	Ottersports
Warrior	50.00	Granta Boats	RAK Single	37.75	Tyne Canoes
Wippet	52.00	Granta Boats	TSK Double	41.50	Tyne Canoes

canoe tour



One of our idyllic camp-sites

SWEDEN

A Paddlers' Paradise

Bob Lumsden
writes on a six day canoe tour
through lakes in Sweden

"Canoeing, Dad," he said, "come canoe-ing with me in Sweden, I'll bring my tent and we can camp in the woods."

Shock-waves paralysed my sixty-year-old body and I stared at my son in amazement. Fifty-seven reasons why such a proposal was sheer madness jostled for precedence in my mind. One just didn't do such things at my age.

However, my son, who was home on leave from his job in Stockholm, is a determined young man, and several months later I was air-borne heading for Gothenburg. Soon I was squeezing into his laden car and we were speeding northwards to the little province of Dalsland, an area as well endowed with lakes as any in Sweden. We spent the night at Friluftsgard, a large, well-run camp-site beside the lake which was to be the start of our 'six-day easy canoe-ing trip.'

Next morning, in less than an hour we assembled the two-seater collapsible kayak, an East German model, considerably cheaper than its West German equivalent.

We moored her by a jetty on which we quickly raised a mountain of plastic bags of all shapes and sizes. I doubted that so much could go in so little, but it did. Wearing windcheater and yellow life-jacket I stepped gingerly into the waiting *Blue Dolphin*.

So pre-occupied had we been with these activities we had not noticed ominous clouds gathering. We cast off and two hundred yards out, as I was getting the rhythm of paddling, the squall broke, and the placid lake became dark and threatening. Broad of beam and well-settled in the water, *Blue Dolphin* ploughed on doggedly, quite indifferent to the white horses which sometimes broke over her bows.

After battling with wind and water for four kilometres, we sheltered on the leeward side of a small island

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called Osan. Landing at a convenient spot, we discovered a well-used tent-pitch complete with stones for a fire-place, and we decided to spend the night there. Several old logs were used to improvise a wind-break to supplement the meagre shelter given by the trees and bushes. Meanwhile the gale was lashing the centre of the lake into a white-flecked inferno. A short exploration of the island warmed us up and a hot meal around an easily-made fire boosted our morale.

All night long the wind seethed through the slender pines and beeches all around us, and heavy rain in the morning hardly encouraged us to get up. What had happened to the sunny Sweden I had heard so much about?

Then, during breakfast in the tent, the sun broke through and by the time we were ready to embark, the surface of the lake presented merely an interesting choppiness.

Six kms of pleasant paddling took us to the end of the lake by the paper mill at Skapafors. Here we had to make a portage of about a half kilometre. Several trolleys were standing closeby, but we used our own and the operation entailed merely the loss of a little perspiration. We then launched on to Svardlang (*Long Sword*), and no marks for guessing its shape. Two hours later we ate our lunch of fried tomatoes and bacon, sitting on glacier-smoothed rocks. After a siesta on warm pine-needles, a quick dip in the not-so-cold water provided an opportunity for trying out life-jackets which proved quite re-assuring.

That evening we found the first of several idyllic camp-sites. No permission had to be obtained, no charge was made and we were generally alone or with a neighbour just in sight. We carried reserve water, but most of these lakes have not been polluted. Nature

continued overleaf



Lock gates opening — moments of keen anticipation

Shades on Kontiki in a peaceful inlet



thus provided almost all our needs — ample wood for fires, heather or dried pine needles for beds, logs or flat stones for tables and seats, moss for cushions and pan-scourers, trees for airing clothes, dried reeds for string, blue berries for dessert, a swimming pool, and pine-scented toilet facilities aided merely by a trowel.

We watched the sun go down behind the pines and turned in early to recoup sleep lost on the first night. My son said it would be light at 2 a.m., but I was sceptical. However, when Nature awoke me at 2.30, only the morning star remained between two lofty pines, and a distant cock hailed its setting as mists hovered over the water. Almost reluctantly I crawled back for several more hours sleep. Later, washing in the lake and feeling the warmth of the early sun, I knew without a shadow of doubt that this was *'the good life'*. And did I not enjoy the bowl of hot, raisin-laced *goo Junior* had prepared for breakfast!

By nine we were afloat, skimming confidently through placid waters, paddles flashing in unison, revelling in the never-ending pageant of pines and fir-clad hills on either side. Why wasn't everyone doing this, I wondered; but we appeared to have Long Sword to ourselves. Reaching the end of the lake, we unloaded, manhandled the kayak across a road and launched on *Vastra Silen*.

A few kilometres along we lunched on the shore. The sun had deserted us by now but we received a friendly salute from the occupants of two *'Canadians'* passing by. What congestion!

Eventually we came to *Kraksnaset (Crow Peninsula)* where we found yet another perfect site for the night. We had covered about fourteen kilometres that day.

Afloat by 9.30 the next morning, we turned up a peaceful inlet to examine two *Kontiki*-type rafts which we presumed to be the work of local scouts. At midday we had a little difficulty in finding the entrance to a long tree-lined canal, possibly that described by Roger Pilkington as one of the prettiest in the world.

Now came our first lock at *Gustavsfors*, which opened on to a long, broad lake (*Lelang*). This was the turning point in our *'circular tour'*.

A sunny, windy afternoon provided some exhilarating canoeing. What space, what sky-scapes, what solitude, what changing light, what silence! That evening we camped on a small un-named island near *Kessviken*. It was deserted and took us five minutes to walk around. This was *Crusoe* and *Man Friday* all over again! We named it *Gull Island* after several wheeling, shrieking gulls which seemed to resent our arrival.

After a refreshing swim and a hot meal, two avid photographers captured the glories of a spectacular sunset.

The next morning was calm and bright. Definitely, I thought, canoe-camping in Sweden is one of the best ways of *'getting away from it all'*. Out on the lake which was pleasantly choppy, the sun laid down a path of glittering diamonds and the breeze kept us from getting too hot.

We chose a headland for elevenses and visited two Viking graves. Within a jumbled pile of stones I could see the raised shelf for the body and the lower pit which doubtless held the warrior's weapons and food for his long journey. For ourselves, we paddled on to *Tjur Huvudet (The Bull's Head)* for lunch. This was not a pub but a peninsula with two horns.

That afternoon we crossed a wide stretch of water, my son getting stung by a wasp on the way. We

inspected *Karlekson (Love's Island)*, but despite its attractive name it had but one possible tent-site and that too exposed for comfort. We paddled on to *Graeon*, a larger island, and the site of more Viking graves. Three yellow *'Canadians'* drawn up on the shore told us we would not be alone, and that evening six young Swedish teachers invited us to share their camp-fire and sing-song, laying on tea, beer and sausages, which we held over glowing embers with birch skewers. As it was my son's birthday, this made a fitting close to a lovely day.

Saturday, July 27th began brightly but soon clouded over and there were showers as we passed through a string of locks, some in pairs. Back on *Osan* once again we were welcomed by another squall.

Next morning, again idyllic, we headed back to base with a stiff head wind as a final challenge. Reluctantly we pulled into the jetty, unloaded and dismantled the canoe. Soon the car was packed with our gear but not more so than our minds with pleasant memories of our six days in a *Paddlers' Paradise*.

(Literature may be obtained from the Swedish Embassy (Press and Information Dept.), 23 North Row, London W1R 2DN.)



Canadians were popular.

AUGUST

3rd/
LOFER, Austria. Slalom/WW.

9th/
RIBADESELLA, Spain. WW

10th/
AUGSBURG, West Germany.
Slalom/WW.

26th/
JONQUIRE, Canada. Slalom/WW.

31st/
NOWY SACZ, Poland. Slalom.

SEPTEMBER

2nd/
SAVAGE, U.S.A. Slalom.

7th/
CERVENY KLASTER, USSR. Slalom.

OCTOBER

5th/
TRYWERYN, Great Britain. Slalom/WW.

SPRINT RACING

MAY

4th/
NATIONAL REGATTA/BRITISH UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIP / NATIONAL 10,000 CHAMPS.
Holme Pierrepont. Details: c/o R. Emes, 147 Gravelly Hill, Erdington, Birmingham B23 7M2.

24th/
HOVE REGATTA. Details: Hove Canoe Club, 3 Namrik Mews, St. Aubyns, Hove BN3 2TF.

26th/
BRENT REGATTA. Details: The Entertainments Manager, Town Hall, Wembley, Middx.

JUNE

1st/
RICHMOND REGATTA. Details: Regatta Sec. Richmond Canoe Club, Lansdowne Boat House, Petersham Road, Richmond, Surrey.

22nd/
HOLME PIERREPONT INTERNATIONAL REGATTA. Details: c/o R. Jones, 35 Marion Way, Hall Green, Birmingham B28 OBJ.

29th/
ROYAL REGATTA. Details: The Paddling Mate, Royal Canoe Club, Trowlock Island, Teddington, Middx.

JULY

13th/
JOINT SERVICES/OPEN REGATTA/NATIONAL 10,000m K1 CHAMPS. Holme Pierrepont. Details: T. Shenton, Royal Marines, Poole, Dorset.

AUGUST

10th/
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. Holme Pierrepont. Details: c/o R. Emes, 147 Gravelly Hill, Erdington, Birmingham B23 7M2.

SEPTEMBER

14th/
INTER CLUB REGATTA/NATIONAL 10,000m K4 CHAMPS. Details: c/o R. Emes, 147 Gravelly Hill, Erdington, Birmingham B23 7M2.

21st/
SCOTTISH CANOE ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS.

INTERNATIONAL SPRINT RACING

MAY

11th/
AMSTERDAM, Holland (Invitation)
World/Prog.

18th/
MOSCOW, USSR. World/Prog.

25th/
GHENT, Belgium. World/Prog.

JUNE

1st/
PROVDIV, Belgium. Olympic/Prog.

8th/
VICHY, France. Olympic/Prog.
PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia. World/Prog.
COPENHAGEN, Denmark. Junior/Prog.

15th/
BOCHUM, West Germany (Invitation).
Junior/Prog.

22nd/
BRANDENBURG, East Germany (Invitation). Olympic/Prog.
NOTTINGHAM, Great Britain. World/Prog.
BUDAPEST, Hungary. Olympic/Prog.
COPENHAGEN, Denmark. World/Prog.

29th/
HANOVER, West Germany (Invitation).
World/Prog.
TAMPERE, Finland. World/Prog.

JULY

6th/
BYDGOSZCZ, Poland. World/Prog.

27th/
ROME, Italy. Junior/Prog.

AUGUST

3rd/
BELGRADE, Yugoslavia. World Championships.

10th/
TRASONA, Spain. 500/1000m.

17th
SANABRIA, Spain. World/Prog.

SEPTEMBER

1st/
MONTREAL, Canada. Olympic/Prog.



PULL-OUT CALENDAR

COMPETITIVE EVENTS



PULL-OUT CALENDAR

LONG DISTANCE

MARCH

2nd/
WATERSIDE WINTER SERIES/T3,
SJ/25m. Details: K. Donkin, 47 Wendan
Road, Newbury, Berks.

GAILEY/T4, S21m/J8m. Details: J.
Squire, 124 Gough Street, Willenhall,
Staffs.

9th/
HUNTINGDON/T3, S12mP5/J6mP3.
Details: R. Catchlove, 39 Westfield Road,
Ramsey, Huntingdon.

8th/
LEEDS MARATHON/T4, SJ/25m.
Details: N. Lilley, 50 Whinmore Court,
Leeds.

16th/
WATERSIDE WINTER SERIES/T3,
SJ/35m. Details: K. Donkin, 47 Wendan
Road, Newbury, Berks.

28th/
DEVIZES-WESTMINSTER/T4,
SJ/125m. Details: D. Keane, 12 Swakeleys
Drive, Ickenham, Middx.

APRIL

6th/
THAMES/T3, S12m/J8m. Details: Mrs.
S. Pluthero, 18 Clarendon Road, Ashford,
Middx.

ANGLIAN YOUTH SERIES/T4. Details:
B. Russell, Outdoor Pursuits Centre, Burnt
Mill Lane, Harlow, Essex.

20th/
BEDFORD-ST. NEOTS/T3.
S15mP4/J8mP1. Details: J. Mathers,
Sparton Folley, Pavenham, Bedfords.

27th/
27th/
BATH-BRADFORD/T3, s15mP7/J10P6.
Details: LD Organiser, Canoe Centre, St
Margarets House, 49 St Margarets Street,
Bradford on Avon, Wilts.

FOSSE-WITHAM/T3, S11m/J8m.
Details: J. L. Oliver, 35 Elm Avenue, Cherry
Willingham, Llincoln.

TAUNTON-BRIDGEWATER/T4,
S12m/J7m. Details: Millfield School,
Street, Somerset.

8-A-J RACE/T4, J7m/Y8m. Details: N.J.
Tricker, 59 Twitten Way, Worthing,
Sussex.

MAY

11th/
SOUTHDOWN/T4, S11m/J11m. Details:
R. Atkins, 49 St. Mary's Road, Burgess Hill,
Sussex.

18th/
PANGBOURNE/T3, S12mP2/J12mP2.
Details: D. Hooker, 24 Thames Avenue,
Pangbourne, Berks.

WORCESTER/T3, S15/J12m. Details: S.
Jenkinson, 1 Britannia Square, Worcester.
ANGLIAN YOUTH SERIES/T4. Details:
G. Lumbis, 20 Hickling Close, Bedfords.

24th/
LOCH LUBNAIG/T3, S7m/J6m. Details:
Miss M. McClure, 2 Ancaster Square,
Callendar, Perthshire, Scotland.
BRIDGORTH FESTIVAL RACE/T4.
Details: D. Speke, 12a Four Winds Caravan
Site, Cockshutt Lane, Broseley, Shrop-
shire.

25th/
HOVE/T3, S15m/J12m. Details: A. Dun-
can, 3 Namrik Mews, St. Aubyns, Hove,
Sussex.

AVON DESCENT/T4, S21mP5/J7mP2.
Details: K. Archard, 17 Moor Barton,
Neston, Corsham, Wilts.

JUNE

8th/
SOAR/T3, S12m/J10m. Details: C. Gray,
128 Greythorne Drive, West Bridgford,
Notts.

**ANGLIAN YOUTH SERIES BED-
FORD/T4**. Details: R. Clements, 3 Peterkin
Road, Ipswich Road, Norwich.

MEDWAY LOCK/T4. Details: K. Hicks,
38 Cromer Street, Tonbridge, Kent.

15th/
ROUND CUMBRAE/T4, S12m/J7m.
Details: D. Shaw, 24a Thornley Park
Avenue, Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland.

29th/
HASTINGS/T3. S13m/J9m. Details: Mrs.
Novis, 21 Osbourne Close, Hastings,
Sussex.

THREE HARBOURS/T3. S12m/J7m.
Details: Dr. Cameron, 11 Padwick Avenue,
Cosham, Hants.

JULY

6th/
TEWKESBURY/T3, S12mP6/9mP3.
Details: J. Grey, 61 Bloomfield Road,
Gloucester.

**ANGLIAN YOUTH SERIES
BUNGAY/T4**. Details: R. Hood, Ju-ua 11,
Church Road, Earsham, Bungay, Suffolk.

13th/
EXE CIRCUIT/T3, S11m/J9m. Details:
Mrs. M. Schnepf, 139 Monks Road, Exeter,
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AUGUST

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plemarsh Road, Addlestone, Surrey.

3rd/
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6th/

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INTERNATIONAL SLALOM AND WILD WATER

MAY

4th/

ZWICKAU, East Germany (Invitation). Slalom.

25th/

LIPNO, Czechoslovakia, Slalom/WW.

JUNE

1st/

TRACEN, Yugoslavia, Slalom.
GOUMOIS, France. Slalom.

8th/

MUOTATHAL, Switzerland.
Slalom/WW.

15th/

MERANO. Italy. Slalom/WW.

29th/

SKOPJE. Yugoslavia. World Championships.

JULY

11th

LERIDA. Spain. WW.

13th/

SPITTAL. Australia. Slalom/WW.

21st/

LANDECK, Austria. Slalom/WW.

27th/

BOURG ST. MAURICE, France. Slalom/WW.



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INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION NEWS

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The 1974 Congress of the ICF was held on October 18th in Mexico City. At first 28-nations were represented, but later, after the elections of new members, 31-nations were present.

Olympic Slalom

The reports of the Board and of the Chairman of the Standing Committee had already been sent to member associations, but the President, Charles de Coquereaumont gave a supplementary report. His main recommendations for the next two years ended with a request for an increase in publicity for canoeing, in the Press as well as through television. After the tabled reports some criticism on the absence of Canoe Slalom from the 1976 Olympic Games was voiced.

In reply, the President pointed to the various efforts of the Executive as detailed in the ICF Bulletin 2/74, but went on to table a resolution approved by the Board and asked Congress to show support by adopting it. The text was as follows:

The Congress of the International Canoe Federation 1974 in Mexico resolves unanimously to propose to the International Olympic Committee the restoration of Canoe Slalom to the programme of the 1980 Olympic Games.

The Congress directs the Board of the ICF to take all necessary steps with the International Olympic Committee, the Association of International Sports Associations, and the Organising Committee to support this proposal with all means at their disposal.

This Resolution was approved with the abstention of the Soviet Union.

New members

The Canoe Associations of the People's Republic of China, of Hongkong, and of Cyprus were formally elected, resulting in the ICF

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membership now standing at 39 associations.

South Africa

Among the Motions, the Austrian proposal that the members of the various committees should be elected by the whole Congress, was rejected after a short discussion. A second proposal from Austria that Full Membership rights should be restored to the South African Canoe Association, led to an intense discussion that ranged from the restoration of full membership to complete expulsion from the ICF. Board of the ICF recommended the maintenance of the status quo until such time as the International Olympic Committee changed its position on the matter. The Austrian motion was defeated by 19 votes to 11 with one voting paper spoilt.

A French proposal that World and Continental Championships be held during the summer holidays was accepted in principle and to be followed where practicable.

Subscriptions

In order that the ICF be able to finance the more important activities from its own funds, rather than rely on the uncertain income from the Olympic Games, the subscription from associations is to be raised from 75 dollars to 250 dollars. Fees from countries staging World or Continental Championships are abolished.

Junior Championships

The Congress resolved that Con-tinental Championships for Juniors shall be held every two years, i.e. in addition to the usual European Junior Championships there shall be in the same year, Junior Championships in the other continents, and these must be proposed in good time in order that the Congress can give its approval.

On the age classification for

Juniors, the Congress gave clarification of the ruling. For the European Championship 1975, competitors eligible to compete are those whose birthdays fall within the year 1975 to 1960 inclusive.

Slalom Championships

Since a proposal from the ICF Slalom Committee for the allocation of further World Championships and European Cup events can now be considered only at the ICF Congress in 1976, it was agreed that the World Championships in 1977 shall be arranged by the Austrian Federation in the first half of July, and the World Championships in 1981 by the British Canoe Union, in order to enable them to start the necessary preparations. In 1981 the Slalom will be on an artificial course fed from the River Trent and within the same venue as the World Championship Regatta Course at Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham. The Wild Water Race will be on a river in Wales about 150km to the west.

Other candidates for the World Championships are Canada, and Australia.

Award of Honour

At the close of the Congress, the President, Charles de Coquereaumont, proposed in the name of the Board, that the ICF Award of Honour be presented to fellow worker over many years and former Chairman of the Committee for Propaganda and Information. Mr. Henry Thelen of Great Britain. The Congress gave its approval by acclamation.

The next Congress of the ICF will take place on July 25th 1976 in Montreal.

CANOE

SPORT



CANOESPORT in Britain is growing, and growing fast... Membership of the British Canoe Union, the governing body of the sport in Britain, is continuing to increase; from only some 80 canoe clubs in 1960, we can now boast well over 600; and an ever increasing number of schools and colleges are introducing canoeing to students on equal terms to our national sports or as a popular extra-mural activity.

Many young people have had their first taste of canoesport at school or through such organisations as the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. With the completion of such schemes or the finish of school days, they have gone on to join canoe clubs and seek more experience and thus greater enjoyment from their new-found sport. But for each one who joins a club, there will be a hundred others who will continue the sport on their own, little knowing what a vast world of adventure and pleasure they are missing.

But canoeing is just not for the teenager or young adult. The not-so-young can also capture some of this adventure and enjoyment. In Britain, there are numerous rivers, lakes, and canals on which to spend summer days gliding over still waters, exploring creeks and islands. The same is true for almost any country in the world. Just how to you start canoeing? What do you have to know and where can you learn the basic principles?

Undoubtedly – as with most sports – the best way to start is by joining a club. Here you will always find someone to give help, someone to advise and show you the correct way to paddle and control your craft. The address of your nearest canoe club can be obtained from the General Secretary of the British Canoe Union.

Another way into the sport is by taking one of the many adventure holidays or canoeing courses offered by such bodies as the Sports Council or a number of the independent Outdoor Pursuits Centres. Here you will learn the rudiments of our sport under the guidance of qualified instructors, with all the equipment supplied on courses lasting for just a weekend or one or two weeks. However, the advanced technique can only be learnt by experience and practice under the guidance of top paddlers in the competitive fields of our sport, and for this it is in the canoe clubs that such experience can be gained.

The world of canoesport is wide and varied. Essentially it is a range of adventure or physical sports, but can also be a lazy pastime to be enjoyed on warm summer days. The world of canoeing offers appeal to persons of all ages, whether one is 6 or 76 years of age – the sport can be just what you want to make it. The young will seek ad-

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venture and competition, taking to the rivers that run wild, where the water boils and roars, or seeking to clip minutes and seconds off times for set distances on flat water. The not-so-young will take to the quiet waters, touring the lakes and smooth-flowing rivers where one is in a world far from the rush of modern living. Thus before you can start to think of buying a craft or even joining a club, you must have some idea of what side of our sport is going to appeal to you. There is little sense in taking a racing K1 to paddle down wild water rivers, or in joining a club that has a sole interest in long distance racing if you are interested in slalom sport. So to start, let's look at the different sides of canoesport.

CANOE TOURING

Touring and Canoe Camping is without doubt the largest side of canoeing anywhere in the world. It does not demand great exertion, with no need for months of training or great physical prowess. But, as with all sides of our sport, there is a need for a sound knowledge of basic skills and watermanship.

What could be better than to take off for a week, or maybe two, touring down a river, or exploring creeks and

islands on some quiet lake seemingly or literally hundreds of miles from our rat race of civilisation? It could be the peace of the River Wye in the West of Britain, or maybe a taste of wild water sport on the River Ardeche in Southern France.

The possibilities of canoe touring are unlimited and can cater to all tastes whether you seek adventure or peace and solitude. And, as you gain experience in canoeing, a new river will open up before you leading you forward to even greater enjoyment, pleasure, or thrills.

With canoe touring you can go at your own pace, both in the type of river and the miles covered per day. Rivers like the Wye offer peace and tranquility – rivers like the Ardeche offer canoeing through spectacular gorges, warm water and fun rapids all the way down.

Whether you tour the lakes and smooth rivers, or the wild water and rapids of mountain streams, such trips will give a new outlook on life, a fuller understanding of nature, and a greater understanding of the world about us.

To canoe tour anywhere in the world is to escape from the problems of every day life. But alas, in Britain at least,

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to canoe tour brings the problem of access.

Such for a few exceptions, all rivers in Britain are owned by the landowners on either bank – the riparian owners – and you must obtain permission from them before you can run the river. Some of the exceptions are the River Wye, River Severn, the Bedford Ouse, and the River Thames. These are rivers that have a right of navigation and open to all.

On rapid running rivers, fishing rights take precedence over the canoeist, and thus on waters such as the Dee in North Wales, you will find it almost impossible as an individual to run such rivers. Fishing interests have a vast amount of money behind them and it is hard for canoeists to talk against this. Thus to retain at least some little use of these rivers at specific times for wild water competition, the individual should never go on such water without permission – indeed he risks prosecution and the almost certainty that if an action was brought against him, he would lose in favour of the fisherman's rights.

The British Canoe Union has a number of 'river advisers' throughout the country. These persons will give information as to what rivers are canoeable in their area or from whom permission must be sought.

ROUGH WATER SPORT

This is the most spectacular side of canoeing – or so the slalomist would have us believe. However, there can be little doubt that the sight of an expert kayaker negotiating rough and difficult rapids makes the pulse as he shoots the biggest falls.

Slalom canoeing is held on the roughest of rivers, where the water is restricted and the gradient steep causing rapids, falls, and eddies. However, for a lesser degree of competition, this could be found only on broken water or below weirs of a flat river.

The basic principle of the sport has been 'stolen' from the snow-skier. 'Gates' are hung over the water – consisting of two coloured poles – and the idea is for the kayaker to race down the river through these gates in a set order. The course is usually of about a half-mile and the maximum number of gates is 30. The paddler is timed over the course and seconds counted as points. All gates have to be negotiated in their numbered order and the hitting of either pole or taking the gate incorrectly incurs penalty points that are added to the course time. Thus the paddler with the lowest score is the winner.



As the touring enthusiast progresses through his sport from novice to expert, he will tackle rivers from the placid to those that sport boiling rapids and falls, each river demanding a little more skill and a greater degree of watermanship. For many this is all that is required from our sport. But for others, the young and energetic, the demand is for the same progression, but with the added enjoyment of competition...

Competition in canoesport takes in all classes of water and can be broken down into three distinct sides: Slalom and Down River Racing; Sprint Racing; and Long Distance Racing.

Down River Racing or Wild Water Racing takes place on the same type of water as for Slalom, but the only hazards are natural ones and the bigger the water the better. It is a straight race from start to finish (figuratively) with the fastest man being the winner. The distance raced varies from three miles upwards.

For both Slalom and Down River, the novice will not be allowed to enter top events until he has gained experience on lesser water. In Britain this is done through a ranking division system, the new comer starting in novice division and gaining promotion to higher divisions by performance.

LONG DISTANCE

Long Distance is the steeplechase event of competitive canoesport. It is competed over a wide variety of water from the smooth to rough rivers. But, as the name implies, it is competed over long distances.

Courses for Long Distance events offer the widest choice to the novice or expert alike, and this seems to be one of the main attractions to this side of our sport. In Britain, Long Distance Racing is the largest side of competitive canoeing and in many ways is the nursery for paddlers who go on to the more specialised sides. This is not to say that Long Distance is not specialised in itself.

The racing distance is usually from 10-miles upwards.

are gained by promotion from performance with the new-comer starting in Novice class.

OTHER SIDES

Other sides of canoesport include Sea Touring and Expedition work, the Bat Polo competitions, and the newest side of competitive sport with Surf Canoeing. Each side demanding a certain skill and specialisation.

On canoesport, far more than these few paragraphs could be written on the various sides, but I hope these have given just a small idea of the different sides of canoeing and created an interest for you to explore further into the possibilities of our sport.



Classes cater for special LD boats or the International racing K1s and K2s. The season is the longest and most varied, with the first races of the year in late January and going through to October or the beginning of November.

SPRINT RACING

Sprint Racing is the real prestige side of competitive canoesport, being an Olympic Event. It demands the highest degree of physical fitness, extreme technical skill in paddling, and a true dedication to training if you want to reach the top. With Slalom, Down River, or Long Distance a minimum of training will bring fun and enjoyment in competition, but in Sprint there is no half measures. Either you race or you don't – and to race means training twice a week during the winter months and four times (if not every day) per week during the summer.

All major Sprint events are held on flat water with straight buoyed lanes. Races are held over distances of 500, 1000, and 10,000 metres in the International 'K' and 'C' classes of kayak and canoe. In Britain, events are classed as Senior, Junior, Novice, Youth Espada, and Womens. Youth and Espada are determined by age, but all others

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EVENTS & COURSES

Leeds Marathon

The Leeds Canoe Club, in conjunction with the promotions of the BCU Slalom and the Wild Water Racing Committee, are organising a sponsored marathon canoeing event on the Leeds/Liverpool Canal on March 8th.

The object is to raise a substantial sum of money to contribute to the fund to assist in the cost of sending a British Team to compete in the World Canoe Slalom and Wild Water Championships in Skopje, Yugoslavia, in June.

The marathon will start near Skipston in the Yorkshire Dales and finish at Kirstall, Leeds. Canoeing will be organised in two separate parts. One will be in the form of a cruise for single or double craft, while the

second will be in the form of a race held generally under LDR racing rules. Full details to the event can be obtained from: *N.J. Lilley, 50 Whinmoor Court, Leeds 14.*

Dutch Slalom

The Helmondse Watersport Club 'De Helmvaarders' of Holland, over the weekend March 22nd/23rd will be organising for the second time an International Slalom and Down River Race.

Competition will take place on the new Aa which contains two weirs and one rapid. The river race will be of about 4km. The Slalom will be at Helmond near Sluis, and take place on the Zuid-Willemsvaart. Full details of the events can be obtained from: *Miss*

M. de Moor, Kerkstraat 40, Mierlo, Holland, Nederland. (Entries close March 1st.)

Bulbfield Canoe

Another Dutch canoesport event that will prove of interest to touring paddlers is the annual 'Canoe-weekend to the Buldfields' organised by the Haarlemsche Kano Vereniging. This is planned for April 19th/20th and includes a 9-mile canoe tour to the old village of Spaarndam, short canoe tour through waterways in the old part of Haarlem, and canoe trip from Hillegom, as well as visits to the bulbfields. Cost, including camping is 3.50 guilder. Full details from: *W. Chr. Visser, Oranje Nassaulaan 52, Overveen, Holland, Nederland.*



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