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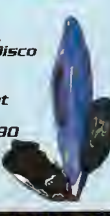
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COMMENT

Paul Owen
Chief Executive

Annual General Meeting

The 23rd Annual General Meeting of the BCU will be held at Westminster Boating Base, Dinorvic Wharf, 136 Grosvenor Road, London, SW1V 3JY at 2.30pm. Full details are enclosed with this edition of *Canoe Focus*. The main motions for the meeting concern changes to the BCU's Memorandum and Articles of Association. This is in order to allow the BCU board of directors to be freshly constituted in a manner that truly reflects the federal nature of the organisation.

The plan is to introduce from May 1st a BCU board of ten persons. This will comprise of five representatives from England, two each from Scotland and Wales and one from Northern Ireland. Underpinning the board will be four main management committees looking after coaching, competition and our commitments to the World Class Programme, together with a council looking after the affairs of the BCU's English division (Canoe England).

The motions set out in the enclosed papers detail the changes to the BCU's constituting documents in order to allow these changes to happen.

If you are not able to attend the AGM in person, then please consider using the proxy form also enclosed to make your views known.

International Canoe Exhibition

The Right Honourable Alun Michael MP, Minister of State for Rural Affairs and Urban Quality of Life will open the International Canoe Exhibition in March.

Positioned alongside the Outdoors Show it is anticipated that over 30,000 visitors will make the trip to the NEC in Birmingham during the three days of the shows from March 14 to March 16.

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World Canoeing Day

The International Canoe Federation have announced that World Canoeing Day will take place on June 5th 2003.

Access

Alun Michael's acceptance of an invitation to open the International Canoe exhibition illustrates just how far the access debate has developed during the past 12 months.

The BCU led campaign has reached many of the key decision makers, both politically and in the many agencies that affect our every day life.

The BCU's strategy is still to lobby for new legislation, a change in the law to enable greater access for canoeists. Clearly, there is still a long way to go but the efforts of the past year prove that the campaign is worthwhile and good progress can be made. On behalf of the BCU board and canoeists everywhere thank you all for your continuing efforts.

Operational plan

During the next 12 months it is anticipated that the BCU will move into a new National Canoeing Development Centre at Holme Pierrepont. The move, which will house all BCU staff based in Nottingham into one place, combined with the new BCU development plan and the introduction of a more federal structure provides the BCU with an opportunity to introduce some significant changes to its staff/volunteer structures and respective responsibilities.

Strategy Unit Report

Shortly before Christmas the government unveiled the joint DCMS / Strategy Unit report into delivering the Governments sport and physical activity objectives.

The strategy probably represents the most detailed review of British sport that has ever taken place. It presents a number of serious challenges to sports organisations including governing bodies. The report adopts the twin track objectives of promoting participation in sport and becoming one of the world's top five sporting nations by 2012.

The suggestions emanating from the report were welcomed by a recent BCU board meeting, whose members were able to note that the BCU's work on the organisations new operational plan compare favourably with the reports recommendations.

NOW -

National Outdoor Week

The BCU has signed up to National Outdoor Week 3 – 11th May 2003. Co-ordinated by "Go Outdoors" (Outdoor Industries Association), National Outdoor Week gives an opportunity for BCU, centre and club events. It won't cost a penny! So if your event falls between 3 – 11 May and you want to be involved call Richard Ward at the BCU Office for more details on: 0115 982 1100 ext 219 or email:

rward@bcu.org.uk

Freestyle site

The official BCU Freestyle site has finally got an address that people should be able to remember. The new address is www.ukfreestyle.com

Greenlandic champion in UK

During the Anglesey Sea Symposium, Maligiaq J. Padilla, the four times and current Greenland Kayak Champion will be running training sessions and leading trips 'Greenland style.'



What is Greenland style paddling? The word kayak (or Qajaq) translates roughly to 'hunters boat' and that is the tradition that Greenland style paddling keeps alive. The rolling manoeuvres are derived from hunting scenarios where you may have to deal with a harpoon line freezing water and an irate walrus. The paddling style is designed for long distance travel with maximum efficiency and minimal noise, the rope gymnastics develop balance and strength and the harpoon throwing speaks for itself.

Maligiaq lives in Sisimiut, West Greenland, on the Arctic Circle. He was taught to kayak by his Grandfather, who passed on the tradition skills of the kayak hunter. His healthy respect for tradition, coupled with the dedication to training of a professional athlete has allowed Maligiaq to make a great contribution to Greenland style paddling at home and abroad. He not only delivers training to his local club but has also been invited to contribute to symposiums in the USA and Japan.

Here are the opportunities you have to take advantage of his skills and knowledge during the symposium:

Sat 3rd May: Lecture: "Greenland Open Kayak Games" Ray and Jilly O'Brien were sponsored by the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust to compete in the 2002 games. See both the local and the visitors' perspectives. (Time: TBA, Location: TBA, Price: TBA)

Sun 4th May: Rolling Demonstration (1800-1930) Maligiaq is one of the few people able to complete all 30 rolls required. Find out where the front deck/rodeo roll actually started! Paddle behind your back, one hand roll, throwing stick roll and no handed roll are a few examples. Pool sessions will never be the same again.

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A rising young star

Dave Jaggs, a rising young star of the England surf kayak squad and a member of Poole Harbour Canoe Club, has just been awarded a grant by the Poole Borough Sports Council to help with the high cost of participating in this high speed and exciting discipline.

David recently triumphed in the national championship and is now the English Junior International class champion. He was also a member of the triumphant England squad at September's home international, winning his class in the process. He is a regular paddler with his home club, always willing to pass on his skills to younger members, and has enlisted in a level 1 coaching course. He would like to thank all his sponsors this season especially his mum and dad.

Persistence pays off

A £3,220 grant from the National Lottery's "Awards For All" programme, has enabled the Stour Valley Canoe Club to expand canoeing activities at their base on the River Stour, Blandford, Dorset. The grant from "Awards For All", together with £1,000 from North Dorset District Council will help provide a substantial storage unit for equipment at their base at Milldown School. A club development weekend to plan the club's future and six extra coaches will also be funded by the grant.

Treasurer Mandy Strycharczuk is delighted that the award will enable the club to offer a wider variety of canoeing activities to more people for longer. And, best of

all she says, "we'll have somewhere to change other than the car park!" The unit will store up to 30 craft on land leased from Dorset County Council.

"It's taken years of saving, two lottery applications and too many phone calls to count to get to this point. But it was worth it" says chairman Peter Carter. "It should be ready for use by the end of February 2003, so we will be ready to take new members from next spring". Find out more about canoeing with the **Stour Valley Canoe Club**, at www.thesharpend.co.uk or call **01202 265372**.

New club night

As from November last year, the Holme Pierrepont Canoe Club has in addition to the existing Thursday evenings also have Wednesday evenings as a club night on the Holme Pierrepont Slalom Course. HPPCC club paddlers on the club evenings will pay the club concessionary rate of £2.00 for seniors, £1.00 for juniors. Both evening sessions will run year round, starting from 6pm, until course closure time which is currently 9pm on both days.

The new Wednesday evening sessions have been arranged to relieve some of the congestion on the course. During some of the Thursday evenings this year the course has attracted in excess of 60 paddlers. This is greater than some of the numbers attracted to the Saturday or Sunday daytime sessions when the course is open to the general public. The club is BCU affiliated and is open to all.

The 2003 season will see an expansion of the clubs' activities with more sessions catering for absolute beginners, moving water novices, slalom and freestyle training groups. There will also be a varied programme of events away from the NWSC site for both the advanced paddler and novices. For more details contact: **George Oliver** at george.oliver@nottsc.gov.uk

Russian expedition

Two women, Justine Curgenvin and Hadas Feldman, are challenging themselves to seakayak 300 miles along the exposed Pacific coastline of Kamchatka in the Russian far east. Big surf, unpredictable weather, the world's largest population of brown bears and a complete lack of infrastructure mean this will be a formidable undertaking.

But the plans don't stop there. They are offering local people work and conservation opportunities and intend to transport six kayaks and kayaking equipment from the UK to Kamchatka. Over two years, they have collaborated with a local eco-tourism company www.explorekamchatka.com and recruited six young Russians who we will train to become kayaking guides. Kamchatka is a poor country struggling to create a viable economy after years of communist rule.

This project will be a major boost, providing work and income for local people in a way which preserves the natural environment.

Kamchatka is a land shaped from fire and ice. A remote, spectacular part of the world with 30 active volcanoes and vast tracts of unexplored wilderness.

Justine, from Wales, and Hadas, from Israel, will spend three weeks in Kamchatka this May, training the guides so they can safely take tourists on short kayaking trips on a crater lake. One of the guides will then accompany them on their three week expedition up the Kamchatka coast. The idea is that at the end of their trip they will leave

Kamchatka with a new eco-tourism business that local people can run by themselves. A non-profit fund will manage the finances and all profits will be used for maintenance, repair and future training. Groups of experienced paddlers on their own expeditions will be able to hire the kayaks.

They are looking for a major sponsor (or sponsors) to fund the venture and have the name printed on the kayaks. Justine is an adventure film maker and is making a TV documentary about the project for the National Geographic Channel. Any sponsors will not only be bringing a fantastic opportunity to a developing country - they will benefit from positive coverage on international television, in newspapers and magazines, and on a regularly updated website.

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Justine says sea kayaking allows her to explore amazingly beautiful places, and to land on the doorsteps of some of the world's most interesting people. She explained "On every expedition I have been on, strangers have always invited me into their homes and treated me like family. Their generosity is incredibly touching but it makes me sad that I leave the next day without repaying the kindness.

On this expedition, I passionately want to leave give something back to the community that gives me so much pleasure. I hope this project can help Kamchatka to drag itself up from poverty, and bring smiles to many faces, without ripping up any trees, laying down any concrete, or giving out any fumes."



'Hands on adventure training'



To meet the ever-increasing demand for well qualified and experienced adventurous activity instructors around the world, students from Duchy College, Stoke Climsland, spend considerable time gaining a wide range of canoeing qualifications including and up to, BCU 5 Star.

The students have the unenviable opportunity to go surfing around the Cornish coast at locations like Bude or Polzeath and take part in sea journeys and canoe expeditions. Run the white water on local rivers nearby such as the River Dart, Lynher or Tamar and they can take part in the famous Exe Descent which attracts over 100 canoeists annually.

Students explore new horizons by electing to join the study tours to Spain and Sweden. Canoeing in Sweden offers not just new scenery but heightened experiences, not least the extreme temperatures of the Swedish winters. Applicants can join the Adventurous Activity programmes at 16 years on the Foundation course for one year leading onto the Adventurous Activity Instructor's (AAI) and offers progression through to the Foundation Degree in Adventurous Activity Management (subject to validation).

The popular Professional Instructor's Programme nicknamed PIPs is designed specifically to meet the needs of the leisure industry. It is a full time course run over the winter months from November to March and enables students to update their skills and increase their qualifications benefiting the individual as well as employers.

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Boats on Show expands

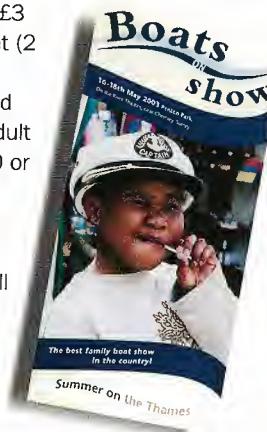
Boats on Show returns to Penton Park and Penton Hook Marina, Chertsey, on the River Thames on May 16-18th. Boat builders and craftsmen, chandlery and craft stalls and the ever-popular Try-A-Boat scheme are being expanded across the site, on both the lakes and the river. New for 2003 are the boat jumble, a boat rally on the river, free trips on a Thames passenger boat, a fairground and other family attractions. The RYA/Honda Youth RIB Challenge regional finals will take place on the lake during the show. For those interested in buying a boat, this year the show offers free starter sessions in boat handling and boat safety.

Once you have paid your entry fee, you can try anything from a dinghy or canoe on the lake to a narrow boat or motor cruiser on the river and receive starter sessions in boat handling and safety. We are also pleased that the RYA will use the show for the regional finals for the RYA/Honda Youth RIB Challenge.

The Environment Agency, as navigation authority for the River Thames, is sponsoring the Show. In addition to Try-A-Boat (free of charge to all those who have paid their

entrance fee), the Honda/RYA RIB Challenge, the narrow boat rally (organised by the National Association of Boat Owners), the boat jumble on Saturday and Sunday and fairground, there will be trips on an Agency patrol boat, chandlery stalls, arts and crafts stalls, family entertainment and events, family canoeing, a food court, a beer tent and jazz band.

Ticket prices are £6 adult, £3 child and £15 for a family ticket (2 adults and up to 3 children). Advance tickets are £4, £2, and £12. Group rates are £3 per adult or £2 per child in a group of 10 or more, booked in advance. For more information on tickets or on display space, email info@boatsonshow.co.uk or call 0870 241 1010. Special ticket deals are available for club members and other groups. Please contact Mike Shefras on the above number.



Lead by the best

Gene17kayaking kayak teacher lineup for 2003

Recently confirmed for 2003, Gene17kayaking can announce that both Deb Pinniger, Dave Carroll & Ed Cornfield will be assisting global adventurer, Simon Westgarth on a number of whitewater kayaking trips to different locations across Europe.

Deb Pinniger, ladie's world rodeo number one will lead the playboating trip in Norway while Dave Carroll, global boater and comedian will lead the advanced whitewater trip in Italy & Ed Cornfield, the James Bond of kayaking will oversee the spring beginners trip in Slovenia. These top kayak teachers and guides, will be rocketed around during the trip in Gene17kayaking's new turbo minibus to ensure the best in luxury and service.

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Canadian canoes from Canada

From the new year, canoeists in Britain will have the chance to buy Canadian Canoes from the major Canadian manufacturer, Novacraft, of London, Ontario.

Seven traditional designs, including the Chestnut Canoes 'Bob Special' and the Prospector 16 of Bill Mason fame, are to be available, in Royalex and in vacuum formed composite materials. The 'Bob Special' in Superlite: S-glass, Kevlar and Spectra is a 15 foot tandem or solo canoe weighing an amazing 35 pounds. Boats will be available from late January and on view at the International Canoe Exhibition on March 14-16th at the NEC, Birmingham. Check out the range on www.novacraft.com

Extreme Film Fest continues with Nurpu

Tuesday 25 th February at 19:00

Extreme Sports Channel continues the Extreme Film Fest with the premier of the awesome Arden Oksanen and Trask McFarland kayaking movie, Nurpu.

Join the list of paddlers including Adam Olson, Seth Warren, Andre Benoit as they take viewers to the max with one of the most extreme sports films ever made. The guys (and Becky Bristow!) show the audience what it is like to drop hundreds of feet into raging rivers as well as fantastic rodeo and free paddling footage make this film a kayaking classic.

Extreme takes you on the trip that encapsulates the

spirit of the team along with the many cultures and countries they come across. Watch out for the cast putting a new twist on back packing and the new concept of 'canyaking', an insane but truly amazing concept where the paddlers abseil into canyons with their boats and blast down some of the fastest flows in the world.

Nurpu takes you through a host of locations including Nepal, Chile, Baja, Argentina, Europe, Canada, Bali and the U.S. Explore the rivers and the people with this supreme movie only on Extreme Sports Channel.

2003 tide table booklets

Four tide table booklets for 2003 are now fully available:

- Harwich and East Coast
- London Bridge and Thames Estuary
- Portsmouth and South Coast
- Dover - with national differences

These tide tables feature high and low water with height of tide. The shading over each section indicates spring and neap tides at-a-glance. Despite the advance of electronics these tide tables, costing £1.00 each and showing tides for the whole calendar year, appear to become more popular each year. They are available from many trade outlets in the areas covered - chandlers, fishing tackle shops, dive centres, bookshops and local pubs.

Individual copies can be purchased direct from the publishers at £1.20 each including postage and trade enquiries are welcome.

Published by and available from: **Tidal Press, 20 The Strand, Steeple Ashton, Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 6EP. Tel/fax 01380 871354 Email: opus@dmac.co.uk**

North Water products now available in Europe



North Water Rescue and Paddling equipment products are now available in Europe with Pyranha Kayaks acting as their distributor.

North Water are the largest paddlesports company in Canada and are known around

the globe as a dedicated independent company, with well thought out and innovative products. With 15 years of experience, they now produce ranges of rafting, canoe, sea kayak, river boarding and rescue equipment.

Of particular interest is their modern approach to sea kayaking equipment. The Peaked Deck Bag, for example, has a shape that conforms to the lines of your kayak, giving great fit and less wind resistance. A functional bag with lots of room for deck-side essentials that looks great too.

North Water Rescue products will also appeal to water rescue professionals and other emergency response teams.

For more information on North Water products, please visit www.northwater.com.

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There will be two models available: a G:3 full whitewater spec and a G:3 'Sport' recreation/group spec. At 275cm overall length this kayak has great speed either on the flat or on the river, making it an ideal 'river cruiser'. The hull is modified from an h:3 which is very stable and easily controllable. The ends of this kayak are tapered with the volume being centralised around the cockpit allowing manoeuvrability over a greater paddler weight range. Both models will also be fitted with a full plate footrest unit for greater adjustability and superior strength and safety. The



Sport G3 will have an optional extra feature of an integral drop down skeg, fitted later in the year, to assist with directional stability on longer stretches of flat water or in instructional situations.

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Paddleworks

Importers of Double Dutch and Galasport products in the UK, Nomad Paddleworks opened their new shop in Bala on 18th January.

Nomad have been operating their business from Bala Mill next to the Tryweryn for the past three and a half years and will move to their brand new home on Bala High street where they will have extra room to retail loads of lovely kayaking gear from all the top brands as well as their range of paddles and competition boats.

Paddleworks will be open seven days a week throughout the year and for those paddlers who want to spend as much time as possible on the river and still want the retail therapy, Paddleworks plan to stay open late on Friday and Saturday nights from the Spring. A brand new website will follow in early spring. **You can contact Paddleworks on 01678 520808** or email nomad@paddleworks.co.uk.

Kayak clinics

A unique opportunity to improve your kayaking skills is being offered this year by Adventure Whitewater. They are now offering two new kayak clinics in Nepal and Morocco. In Nepal you can relax and enjoy the delights of the Chitwan Wildlife park before the exhilarating and adrenalin pumping descent of the Bhate Kosi, overall a grade 4 river but with a few challenging rapids that warrant a grade 4+ or 5. A weeklong Kayak school awaits you in mysterious Morocco. Here you will find exhilarating rapids, crystal clear waters and the magnificent Atlas Mountains. As with all trips the package's include flights, transfers, accommodation, permits and all river and safety equipment.

Contact Adventure Whitewater. E-mail info@adventure-whitewater.com visit their web site www.adventure-whitewater.com or see them at the Canoe Show.

Kanukarnival 2003

May Bank Holiday Weekend 3rd, 4th & 5th

The National Water Sports Centre in association with Desperate Measures, Peak UK White Water Challenge and major UK suppliers and manufacturers presents Kanukarnival 2003

The event is centered around the White Water Course at Holme Pierrepoint. Events and Exhibits will include:

- 3 day Peak White Water Challenge
 - Novice Slalom and Wild Water races
 - Steve Whetman (extreme kayaker and World wide explorer) evening presentation
 - Kanu Village which includes 3 paddle sport 'come and try it' arenas
 - British Canoe Union coach update courses
 - Wakeboarding Challenge
 - Discounted White Water Rafting
 - British Canoe Union members paddle for a £1
- Plus many other activities and attractions.

For more information visit:

www.nationalwatersportsevents.co.uk

Building on the ethos of the highly successful Open Day events and the British Canoe Union Paddlefest hosted at Holme Pierrepoint, we aim to provide a high profile showcase for UK Paddle Sport. The event is aimed at a wide audience from those who have never been in a boat to high performance athletes.

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Ludford Bridge Weir re-opens



This medieval weir has now been rebuilt. The completion was marked by a ribbon cutting ceremony conducted by Alan Poulton, Chair of the Teme Weirs Trust. A Coracle helped Alan to the centre of the weir, he then cut a ribbon stretched across the river and pulled out a board at the head of the fish pass to allow

water to facilitate the passage of migratory fish.

At the same time, in front of the "Midlands Today" cameras, the canoe shoot was run by paddlers from the nearby college.

When approaching the weir, immediately after Ludford Bridge, the canoe shoot is located just to the right of the big rock and fish pass. The river in the photographs is at record low levels.

Chris Hawkesworth, the BCU's Planning and Facilities Manager said "Though coming from behind and at the last minute, the BCU was able to help design the canoe shoot and help with its implementation".

Paddlers are asked not to "Shoot" the fish pass, it has been built exactly 60cm wide, exactly the same width of a kayak! and yes, paddlers have been stuck in it already. Chris added, "The BCU's access team in the area was a bit thin on

the ground and did not become aware of weir rebuilding until the fish pass was already designed and it was too late".

In addition to BCU officer time, the BCU also made a donation to the Teme Weirs trust from access funds of £3,600. The trust has acknowledged canoeing as a legitimate activity on the Teme and the local access scene has been revitalised.

Boulter's Weir on the Thames

The experimental canoe flume at Boulter's is now at the end of its second season and has hosted yet another freestyle competition. The canoe flume is a joint effort between the Environment Agency and the BCU and cost over £20,000.



Boulter's Weir

Questioning the minister

At Parliamentary Waterways Group, Tuesday 3rd December 2002, questions from canoeing were put to Richard Cabourn MP, Minister for Sport.

From the British Canoe Union

An increasing cost for sport and recreation organisations is insurance, particularly for third party liability. There are instances where BCU approved canoeing activity centres have incurred up to 300% annual increase in premium and this without a claim on the policy. There are concerns that some activity centres and organisations might be unable to gain insurance cover for all or some of their activities if this rate of increase continues to directly impact on the range of activities that can be offered. Costs to participate in sport and recreation are increasing and insurance is ever more important to retain voluntary club coaches who are the backbone of sport when litigation is prevalent.

Can the minister please comment.

The minister replied:

He acknowledged the problem and the valuable and important contribution the voluntary coach provided in sport and recreation. It needed to continue and be encouraged, but he recognised people were turning away from the role with the change in society and the blame culture. Sensational headlines did not help when reporting an outdoors pursuit incident, especially when young people and voluntary leaders are involved. On these occasions the media and general public lose sight of the fact that many more young people are at greater risk from drugs etc. He went on to say he was due to see the major insurance companies and the Financial Services Authority as the matter of high annual increases in insurance premiums for sport is an issue for him. Increases of 300% and more are not uncommon.

From the Canoe Camping Club - Roger Green, Chairman

On the matter of access to water.

The University of Brighton report - "*Water Based Sport and Recreation: the facts*" commissioned by DEFRA identified the opening of more inland waters for public navigation as an issue to be addressed. The report found only 815km of access agreements to inland water from a total of some 55,000km of major and minor rivers in England and Wales where there is no public access for linear access by unpowered craft such as canoes. DEFRA have recognised this situation and have directed the Countryside Agency to arrange demonstration schemes for access. Is the Department for Culture, Media & Sport also responding to the findings of the University of Brighton report to enable more inland water to be opened to public navigation, essentially for unpowered craft.

The minister replied:

His department has been involved with the Brighton report as Sport England had been on the steering committee. He will continue to be involved as he is maintaining contact with Alun Michael MP, Rural Affairs Minister, on this matter and was aware of the proposed access demonstration schemes. "Watch this space" were his words. Roger Green followed up with some further comment that re-affirmed to the meeting the basis of the case for more access.

Shepperton B Weir



Various parties came together to provide the funding, these included the Environment Agency, the BCU National Access fund, BCU Southern Region, the BCU National Freestyle committee, Windsor CC, and the Castle Hill Centre.

Chris Hawkesworth the BCU's Planning and Facilities Manager said "The weir sill has been drilled with holes. The holes allow tubes to be inserted to hold the boards that funnel the water. The flume was originally designed for summer river levels, to run at 4/5 cubic metres of water per second, this to give paddlers somewhere to go when nothing else on the Thames was running. The boards or "Flags" as they've become known as were due to be taken out in the autumn and replaced in the spring of each year. However, the Environment Agency have given permission for the flume to be used all year round but be warned, the flume can be meaty at times and many an expert paddler has been trashed."

The head of the Ray Mill Island has been extensively re-worked as a flood prevention measure. Whilst under construction, the contractor and the Environment Agency worked with the BCU to provide an ingress/egress platform, portage path and steps that double as seats for spectators.

Further developments at Boulters are planned, the canoe flume is to be altered to make it less meaty and more attractive, a second one is planned and moves are afoot to enable surfing to take place under the new sluice gates. The BCU is working with the Environment Agency in other areas of the London and the South, new facilities are planned for paddlers on the island at Hurley, Marsh and Shepperton B Weirs are the latest to be modelled and scheduled for refurbishment. Chelsea Creek at Lot's road power station is being appraised as a site for a possible regional white water course.

Hedsor Water

The Environment Agency announced in late December it had won a High Court ruling that Hedsor Water is in fact a public right of navigation with open access to all boaters. The ruling marks the end of a dispute which

started in 1870 and continued by successive riparian owners who claimed it as private water to deny public access to a most attractive 3/4 mile backwater. Formerly part of the main navigation before being bypassed by Cookham Lock Cut, Hedsor Water can only be accessed from where it re-joins the Thames just below the lock.

The present owner (and claimant), Josie Rowland has indicated that she wishes to pursue an appeal. Until the appeal position has been clarified the agency will not remove the signs or obstructions in Hedsor Water.

Although the backwater is now open to all, the agency advises extreme caution due to underwater obstructions. During the next few months the agency will be carrying out a survey and risk assessment of Hedsor Water and the findings will be made public. The BCU has on record that the hydraulic characteristics of the weir at the head of the backwater are reported as highly dangerous and unsuitable for white water training and playing.

In the interest of fostering good relations on the river and bearing in mind the claimant is likely to appeal on the High Court decision; paddlers are requested not to land in the backwater or portage about the weir as it is understood all the banks and lands in Hedsor Water are private property.

If further information becomes available it will be issued via *Canoe Focus* and the local access team. ●

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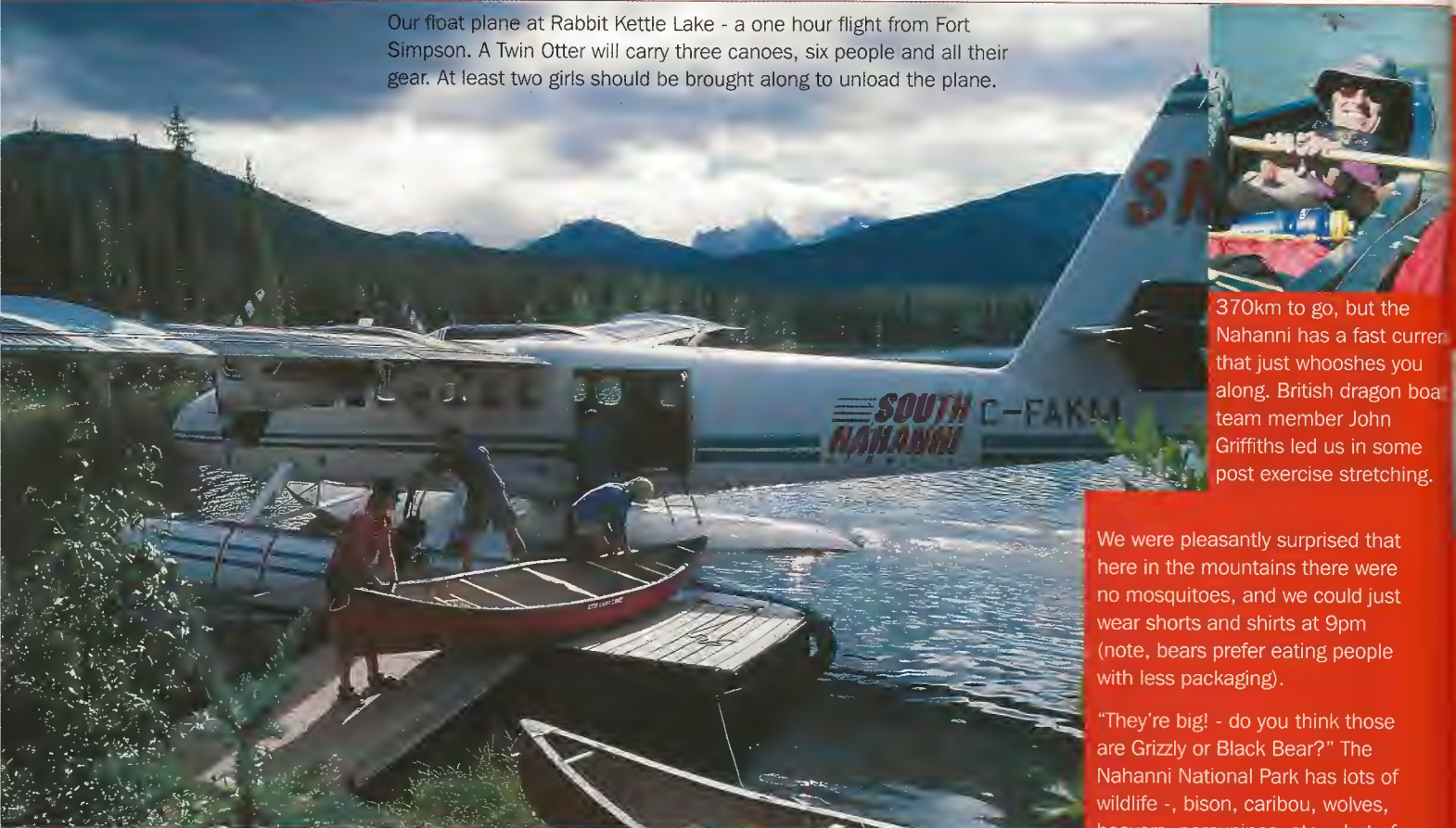


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Canada's Grand Canyon, a National Park, World Heritage Site, and a world classic river trip

Our float plane at Rabbit Kettle Lake - a one hour flight from Fort Simpson. A Twin Otter will carry three canoes, six people and all their gear. At least two girls should be brought along to unload the plane.



370km to go, but the Nahanni has a fast current that just whooshes you along. British dragon boat team member John Griffiths led us in some post exercise stretching.

We were pleasantly surprised that here in the mountains there were no mosquitoes, and we could just wear shorts and shirts at 9pm (note, bears prefer eating people with less packaging).

"They're big! - do you think those are Grizzly or Black Bear?" The Nahanni National Park has lots of wildlife - bison, caribou, wolves, beavers, porcupines, etc. - but of course our big worry was bears.

Every night we carefully bagged all the food and hung it up in the trees as an initiative test for the bears - luckily they couldn't undo our knots - we couldn't either.



After two days of travel from London - by jet, self drive van, and float plane - It was great to finally be afloat in the heart of the Nahanni National Park with distant views of the 'Cirque of the Unclimbables' (famous with international climbers).



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We kept a good lookout for the approach to Virginia Falls - three times the height of Niagara. We didn't want to spoil Shaun Baker's record by shooting these.



Fresh Grayling made a welcome addition to our diet.



"Here Yogi, nice blueberries!"



"We're never going to eat all that lot!" - but of course we did.

Slime trying to pretend he is a fit young canoeist. The portage around the falls is less than a mile long, but quite tough and most parties need three or four carries (some beers would help too).

We got a great view from the top of the falls of the river downstream - the infamous 'Fourth Canyon' that looked quite flat and boring from this height.



Mark and Lisa had just passed their 2 star test before this trip!

Overnight the river rose three feet, and putting on at the base of the falls looked quite daunting. Two other groups were putting on at the same time and kindly suggested that we could go first!

Rapids in the canyons below proved to be big and bouncy, and we could see why spray decks are considered essential.





The Nahanni cuts through several mountain ridges, with four dramatic canyons up to 3000ft deep - "just like the Ardeche, except everything is ten times bigger".

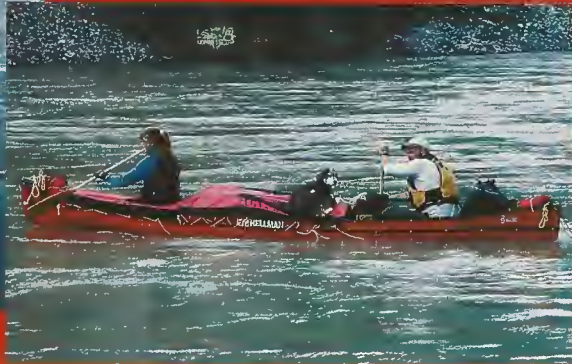


"These things are just great for sieving the coffee grounds". 2002 was apparently a really good year with relatively few mosquitoes so we only used our head nets twice near the end of the river where it comes out onto the flat tundra.



Kraus hot springs was a lovely wallow. We tried to avoid washing our feet as these are one of the best bear deterrents.

We met a few other groups on the river - all interesting, fun people. These are a couple of axe murderers from Whitehorse with their Doberman dog.



Everyone we had talked to had said what a good trip the Nahanni would be - and it really did exceed all our expectations ! (except for Whit who thought he'd find more gold).



Near the end of our trip. The Nahanni joins the Liard river, and then flows into the mighty Mackenzie River and north to the Arctic Ocean (which of course made the iceberg that sank the Titanic).

Our costs (total of 21 days including 16 days on the river)

Spent in UK	£ p.p.
Air flight London to Edmonton	660
Food for the river (mostly bought in UK)	75
Travel insurance	70
Spent in Canada	\$ Canadian p.p.
Float plane	720
Canoe Hire	300
National Park Fee	100
Share of Minibus rental for 3 weeks	210
Motel, b&b, + food for 4 days	225
Taxi shuttle plus gas for the hire van	150
Misc	25
Sub total \$1730 @ 2.2	= £785
Total	£1590

More Info:

www.nahanni.com is the website for Nahanni River Adventures, with loads of useful information, great photos and useful links to the National Park Website and others. Best river guide book is 'Nahanni - the River Guide' by Peter Jowett (www.cordee.co.uk).

Edmonton car hire: www.thedrivingforce.com. Tel: 790 980 2672.

Top Tips

1. Consider building in a couple of hours on arrival at Edmonton to visit Mountain Equipment Coop or other canoe retailer to buy paddles. Grey Owl paddles are less than half the UK price!
2. On the last two days the Nahanni flows out onto the flat tundra - welcome to mosquito country. We recommend that you try to avoid camping in Fort Simpson for this reason.
3. We thoroughly enjoyed our last night staying B & B with the Lindbergs and highly recommend this. A cheaper alternative for the last night is to stay at Blackstone Territorial Park and to pre-book their bug proof group kitchen/dining hut.
4. Our eating tarp/flysheet was as invaluable as always. Also very useful were three cheap plastic buckets we bought for carrying water, washing, and bailing out canoes (our buckets and portable shower were the envy of some other groups).

The Team

A talented and experienced team of old friends who have kayaked on different trips all over the world - but none of us have ever done a long, wilderness, open canoe trip before. Sue, John and Slime's last long wilderness trip together was the 800 mile Fraser River Kayak Expedition in 1980! Sue Hornby 'Suzy', John Griffiths (Sue's Husband), Lisa Nichols, Mark Nichols. Whit Deschner, Pete Knowles 'Slime'.

Nahanni Legends

The Nahanni is infamous for myths and mysterious legends, stories of missing fur trappers, hidden gold deposits, and especially for the two headless corpses found in Deadman's Valley. For centuries before it was discovered by the white men it was a rich hunting area for local Indian tribes who used to sledge into the area in the winter with their dogs, and then build boats out of animal skins and wood to return down the river. See R.M. Patterson, 'the Dangerous River'.

London Lecture

Mark and Lisa Nichols will be giving a talk on the Nahanni at London River Rats, Cotswold Camping, Shepherds Bush, on Tuesday 25th Feb - see www.riverrats.org.uk.

Nahanni National Park - Grizzly Bear Notice:

In light of the rising frequency of human/grizzly bear conflicts, all park visitors are advised to take extra precautions and keep alert for bears while in the field. We advise that canoeists and hikers wear noisy little bells on their clothing so as not to startle the bears that aren't expecting them. We also advise park users to carry pepper spray with them in case of an encounter with a bear.

It is also a good idea to watch out for fresh signs of bear activity. Park users should look out for bear scrapings and recognise the difference between black bear and grizzly bear poop. Black bear poop is smaller and contains a lot of berry seeds and squirrel fur. Grizzly bear poop has little bells in it and smells like pepper spray. ●

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Cwm Pennant Sea Kayaking Festival

6-8th September 2002

At 7pm on Sunday evening the last of 70 sea kayakers had left Cwm Pennant to make their way home. They had come from all corners of the country, with one even flying in from Frankfurt for the event. This was the fifth consecutive annual sea kayaking festival to be held at the centre, and as in previous years it was fully booked several weeks before the event.

Saturday's weather forecast was for force five to six south westerly winds and occasional showers. The rain held off until the evening, but the wind was as strong as predicted. Saturday morning was scheduled as a try a kayak session, and P&H, Nigel Dennis Sea kayaks, Outdoor Active, and Kirton Kayaks all provided demo fleets. There were a number of informal coaching sessions scheduled at the same time, with all abilities from novice to expert catered for. The strong winds led to some interesting paddling conditions in the afternoon and the

proposed coastal trip had to be curtailed. Everyone got the chance to confront the elements, and the conditions were interesting enough to test even the most experienced paddlers

Two guest speakers provided the evening entertainment, with Arthur Watts showing slides from Belize, and Avril Banks recounting her recent circumnavigation of both St Helena and Assencion island. Neither island had been paddled around before and the trip around Ascension was completed single-handed.

Sunday promised to be a calmer day, and we set off from Caernarfon in bright sunshine and a light southerly breeze. Everyone paddled towards the southern end of the Menai Straits with the strengthening spring tide and out past Aber Menai point. The three strongest groups carried on to Llanddwyn island, the most southerly tip of Anglesey, for lunch. The novice group stopped on the shore, to be regaled with heroic tales by Derek Hutchinson, the grand master of sea kayaking. The strong ebb tide and the opposing breeze led to an interesting paddle back across the deep water channel, and two of the novices decided to go for an unscheduled swim. They were both successfully put back into their kayaks with no ill effects, and the rest of the return trip was uneventful. Over the next hour the other groups duly arrived at Dinas Dinttle, our scheduled finish point, in time to be treated to a spectacular acrobatic display by a solo Second World War fighter aircraft.

We ferried the drivers back to our start point in Caernarfon and after the customary goodbyes, and "see you next year" the multitude dispersed.

Next years dates for those who came this year, and for those who missed it, are 5th to 7th September 2003. Fuller details of all our sea kayaking courses and expeditions are available on our web site www.cwmpennant.com or by ringing 01766 530682.

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Nov 23-25th, Bhote Kosi, Nepal

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For the past three years PeakUK have organised a series of whitewater challenges across Britain but this year the decision was made to go international. Supported by Equator Expeditions, the Nepal Association of Raft Agents, Destination Nepal, the Nepal Tourist board and the Nepal Ministry of Tourism, the competition proved to be one of the biggest international sporting events of this kind ever held in Nepal. With 45 members of the media present the event made several of Nepal's national daily papers, was reported on national radio and was broadcast not only on Nepal television but also featured on the worldwide program Transworld Sport.

The PeakUK whitewater challenges are unique as competitors must complete a downriver race, an extreme slalom and a freestyle in the same kayak and a champion is found by combining all three results. Categories in the Himalayan Challenge included International Men, International Ladies, Nepali Men and Nepali Juniors.

The first day saw around 100 competitors, from 15 countries pitted themselves against the extreme slalom. The course was set on the last rapid of the Upper Bhote Kosi. A super steep grade 4+ rapid which challenged the paddler to make upstream and downstream gates, touchboards and some freestyle moves including a spin and a cartwheel. Many competitors struggled with the very tough course and only one, Ed Cornfield, from the UK completed the course with no penalties giving him an early victory. In the International Ladies Lynsey Evans took 1st place. The Nepali's gave it their all, in an impressive show, considering most of them had not seen a slalom before. After a good fast run Tara 'Ram' Bhandari took 1st in the men's with Shyam Shrestha winning the juniors. Tired but content competitors returned to Equator Expedition's Paradise

Resort, Sukute Beach for Dhal Bat (traditional Nepal meal) and an evening of traditional Nepali entertainment.

Next morning came soon for many people who had enjoyed the culture of the night before but there was no rest as buses were loaded and the short journey to the start of the downriver race at Kohte Beach commenced. A 7.30am breakfast next morning saw many a bleary eyed paddler fuelling up for the downriver and freestyle

heats. The downriver race was a gut busting, 3km stretch of grade 3-4 water on the Bhote Kosi from Kohte Beach to the confluence of the Balephi Khola. To spice things up a little, the start was 'le Mans' style. Boats were placed on the rivers edge while paddlers formed a diagonal line. Those whose boats were at the upstream end of the line had least distance to run, being virtually stood next to their boats, while others had to sprint up to 50 metres. The flag fell and it was go, go, go. For the next 60 seconds chaos ensued. The downstream end of the line seemed to be the preferred end, with a good sprint and a slick entry giving some competitors an early lead, while a sprint and a fumbled fitting of ones spraydeck saw some lose valuable seconds. The finale was a 10 metre scramble, to ring the sacred Balephi temple's bell at the confluence. Once again chaos reigned as boats and bodies charged out of the water fighting for that extra place. PeakUK boss Pete Astles had a tough time fighting off the competition but succeeded to win the International mens with team mate Lynsey Evans taking first in the International Ladies. Shyam Shrestha won the Nepali Juniors with Madan Gurung taking first in the Nepali Mens.



Ed Cornfield

Nim Magar

Peter As

Whitewater Challenge



Main pic: Lynsey Evans
Left: dinner, Thai style

After a break for lunch (more Dahl Bat) it was time for the freestyle event, for many competitors this is their favourite part of the event. A super fast and not overly retentive wave just upstream of Sukette Beach was chosen as the venue. Gerry Moffatt and a team of Nepali raft guides had worked hard all the previous day using some bamboo and broken kayaks to create an eddy which allowed easier access to the wave. Everyone had three rides to strut their stuff with the best two results counting towards the next round. To score highly, paddlers must perform a variety of different moves with points being given for verticality and the number of direction changes made. As the heats went on it became clear that to qualify for the next round, smooth flat spins, blunts and vertical moves were needed, however the majority of paddlers found the wave too flushy. Only a handful of top paddlers thrilled the large crowd of spectators with some fine performances.

That evening after more Dahl Bat and beer, a live band entertained the crowds until unfortunately some of the not to tuneful French team decided they could do better. They tried and couldn't. After much merriment everybody fell asleep under the stars ready for the final day of competition.

Day three of the competition began at 12ish allowing competitors and organisers a rare and much welcome lie

in. The relaxed atmosphere soon changed as the freestyle semis and finals began. A crowd several hundred strong gathered, the music was pumping and compere Mark Lowe was doing his 'Smashey and Nicey' impression on the mic.

The International Men's semi-finals kicked off proceedings followed by the Nepali Men's semis. In both categories the top ten men had three rides with the best two counting. The top five then went through to the sudden death knockout finals. Each paddler took one ride with the lowest scorer being knocked out until eventually there is one winner. The men's international was won by Norwegian Kia Engbert with PeakUK's Lynsey Evans taking the ladies victory. Tara 'Ram' Bhandari was first in the Nepali Men's with Sano Babu Sunawar taking the junior victory.

At the end of the whole competition all three results were combined to give Mark (Snowy) Robertson of the UK victory, closely followed by team mate Pete Astles. Lynsey Evans won the international ladie's event with a hat trick of victories. Tara 'Ram' Bhandari after an excellent victory in the extreme slalom took 1st place with Shyam Shrestha placing first in the juniors. The Nepali winners both took home a brand new kayak kindly donated by Riot and Perception kayaks. ●

per Sato



Mark Robertson



Tara Bhandari

Getting my body

Exe Descent 2002

Jackie and I decided to enter the 2002 race at the end of last spring. Jackie was keen to get more involved in paddling again after a break of a couple of years and I was six months pregnant and looking forward to getting my body back.

Training for the Exe Descent seemed like an ideal way of killing two birds with one stone and so we planned regular trips of sea kayaking and surfing with the odd bit of doubles paddling thrown in. We began like regular keenys for a little while until work commitments got in the way, and my body bloated so as to make too much hard work rather uncomfortable (damn!). Anyway, like the best laid plans of mice and men, by the time November the 17th rolled up we hadn't done anything like the training that we'd planned to and shuttle and baby care arrangements became far more last minute than is good for the stress levels.

Never mind. We managed to scrounge a nice yellow double tourer off Liam of Cornwall Canoe and Kayak, which we christened 'The Good Ship Rainbow' after its make. News reports of massive flooding, on the Exe did nothing to quell the trepidation in our tummys, not helped by Steve's query on the whereabouts of my will but by that time there was no backing out.

Sunday morning dawned loud and clear as we loaded the car, dropped the kids off at grandparents along with oodles of milk and nappies and headed off into the sun, literally, as Devon was free of the cloud that was covering up Cornwall. En route we failed to spot any other kayaks until we got to Exeter, and then the beboated car in question was going the wrong way. Obviously we began to question ourselves as to whether we had got dates and times and venue right, but eventually as we approached Tiverton it became apparent that the race was on. Then came the convoy of cars driving around the town as no-one knew where the college was and everyone thought that perhaps the car in front knew where they were going. No matter. One of the things that I really like about canoeing events is catching up with old friends and making new ones, and at a gathering as huge as this one we could be in our social element - although pre race butterflies can get in the way.

Fortunately, following a couple of dry days the water level had dropped to something approaching sensible and to be honest I was glad that we'd be a bit more water assisted than we were when I did the Exe with Steve three years ago. Soon enough it was our turn to get ready for the start. As we sat there half in half out of the river, struggling with trying to get our spray decks on and rogue nettles stinging our fingers a capsized canadian plus paddlers ploughed into us. Was this an omen?

The start of the race was a melee of vessels all aiming for the middle which coincidentally was the line that Jackie and I



were planning on taking too. However not possessing masses of testosterone and being a tad tentative anyway (read that as scared). we opted for slightly river left and promptly hit a rock. Not good. Nevertheless we were upright and did manage to stay that way throughout the initial crowding, rapids and weirs of the first mile or so. As the river began to wind its way along banks shaded by trees we congratulated ourselves on not being fazed by the start and got down to the business of hard slog that was to come. Somewhere in front of us, only spotted during straight stretches was a couple of double tourers (just like us but with different types of boats) to aim for and behind us but close enough to focus the mind was another couple of doubles.

Actually, the good ship Rainbow proved to be very responsive to power as applied by us and we fairly flew. However I almost regretted not fitting a rudder to help us steer the meandering river until we overtook people who had lost theirs and were having trouble because of it. So on we continued, with the sun tanning our faces (honest) blinding us to some of the branches overhanging the water which clattered on our helmets as we ducked under them.

After many more weirs and holding our position we were informed by a marshal that we only had four more miles to go. This sounds like a lot but when you have already done 15 this bit of info was inspirational and we put on a bit more of a spurt. We were still in self-congratulatory mood when we arrived at Four Pynes and faithfully following instructions aimed hard left to avoid the viscous centre stopper. Blasting over the top and scraping down the slope we hit the viscous left hand stopper and were going nowhere. I yelled at Jackie to paddle hard which was unnecessary as she was already doing it. My paddles were collecting as much air as water and then the boat began to broach. Instinct told us to lean downstream until the hopelessness of the situation told us that we were going over. Capsize we did. We had planned that in such an event and since we both favour rolling on opposite sides, that Jackie would lie forward on the front of the boat and I would attempt a roll, but in this situation it seemed pointless and both of us bailed. Out we came into the chilly river and emerged somehow clutching the same paddle to be rescued by the very busy safety crew on the bank. Our boat milled in the eddy beside the stopper which was itself retrieved and we went about emptying it with exhausted bodies. Meanwhile many other boats joined us on the bank which made us feel a little better!

back!

The number of doubles that passed us indicated how well we had been doing and fired up a new determination to finish the race so onwards we went rejuvenated by that brief rest. The enforced portage around Cowley felt hard and the 200m or so of humping the boat could have been miles. Nevertheless once back on the water we knew that we had broken the back of the slog and we worked very hard to try to make up some of the time we had lost. Following our swim I had not been sorry that we'd had to miss Cowley and was now dreading Flowerpots, remembering from three years ago that it seems huge from the top. It approached and if there had not been so many people watching I would seriously have considered another portage. All too soon we were peering over the top with trepidation when I heard a voice yell out "Yo Joanie" or something similar,

Catching a fleeting glimpse of another St Austell paddler we were gone into the jaws of the final weir... and blasting out the other side. Euphoria! Only the home straight to go! That in itself was a relief and our pains nearly sank away as we gave the final stretch everything that we had left. It was with great relief that the finish was spotted and we could have a break. Steve met us and helped us drag the boat up the bank whilst busily polishing the halo he had received for providing the shuttle. He regaled us with tales of k-boats arriving at the end sunk and half sunk so we felt quite lucky

really! Bless plastic kayaks.

It felt so good to be home and dry and the private promises made during the race of "I'm never putting myself through this again" were forgotten amidst post race adrenaline and elation. In the end we finished tenth out of about twenty which in itself is not bad considering that we were competing with all male teams as well since there are no separate categories in the touring doubles section. What could we have done if we hadn't taken that swim!? Maybe we'll find out next year. In the meantime, many thanks to Liam for the loan of the Rainbow, Steve for giving up your Sunday to provide the shuttle and Steve's mum for babysitting! ●

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Welcome back...thanks

Tyne Tour 2002

Report from a newbie organiser!

After the last few months of planning the tour weekend was upon us! Fingers crossed it would all come together. As Friday progressed the marquee went up, the trade stands arrived, teams of helpers put signs up on roads, car parks & rivers. One team even swept the North Tyne to check it over. Before preparations were complete people started to arrive – an encouraging sign.

As the happy, eager, and brave paddlers came, so did the rain. And boy did it rain! All night it lashed down, (OK own up who did a rain dance earlier in the week?), our merry band of meeters and greeters, from Hexham and KECO clubs, were soaked, but still in high enough spirits to make you all welcome and sell you tickets on the gate. As midnight approached our security guards turned up to take over, time for me to take a nightcap to keep out the cold and head for a cozy night in the tent. I was awakened two hours later by the guards who had a police report of someone paddling in the river! After a frantic search of the site and river in our PJ's and wellies the guard discovered a weary but sober reveller had been cooling his feet in the river after a night of dancing before calmly heading off to bed!

Seven o'clock Saturday morning, oh boy high water! It had stopped raining; the sun was even beginning to shine. I could see a good day ahead. A lot of paddlers were still arriving because of roadwork and weather delays further a-field, all looking for tickets and information. A bit later, as the helpers and co-organiser Alan stepped in to cater for the rush, I took a demo boat, kindly provided by Pyranha, and a group of helpers that I was to leave halfway down the river as part of the negotiated access agreement with the landowners. Barrasford car park was quiet but well managed by a team of helpers from Durham Kayak Club, one of our local clubs new to the tour.



Once on the water Barrasford rapid was looking a bit lively so I took the group around it and we paddled down stream catching a few waves and enjoying ourselves. Once we arrived at the top of Warden Gorge it was time to concentrate a little as it was a mass of standing waves and boat eating stoppers, we paddled the left hand line dodging the bigger stoppers, once in the eddy a quick head count proved that the "haystack" had accounted for David. The safety team swung into action and fished out their first of many that day, thanks guys, glad you made the long trip down from Scotland. Once David was on dry land I went off for a play on the gorge wave and found new delights with the demo boat. That is when I should have quit, while I was ahead, but no, I had to keep testing it! One too many capsizes later and I was tugging on my deck release. Oh how the watching lads laughed and scrambled to pick up the camera I had left on the bank with them for safe keeping! Once restored in my boat I headed off downstream thinking of the excuses to tell that night.

Back at Tyne Green, our HQ, word of my swimming was hot news, damned mobile phones! Lots more organisational things to do. The junior Wave Hopper race (a first for the tour) had finished and the prize giving had to go ahead in the main marquee. A brief hand over and Alan took off to run the sweep of the South Tyne. The rest of the day ran well with the rain staying away until the evening, as the river sweeps reported in organisational focus moved over to the Wentworth centre for the Iran lecture from Dave Mamby and the big evening event the Ceilidh, this year provided by Bedlam band. I don't know how you lot can paddle all-day and then dance all night, but at least I gave it a try before my age caught up with me! During the interval prizes went to the hardy racers; well done guys, even I got a prize for my swimming exploits.

Sunday seven o'clock, oh my god! Look at the river height, it looks like it's come up two feet over night, for those who don't know, we get a water release from Keilder and there is no turning it off, so if it's a dry weekend the North Tyne water is average, but if it rains, the river level is high and if it rains a lot the Warden Gorge becomes unmanageable. Alan and the safety team set off to inspect the gorge, they



for coming

found river wide stoppers and no position for the throw line gang. The decision had to be taken to close the Barrasford to Hexham section of the river. Alan arranged marshals to prevent further access and went upstream to brief the car park teams, but I needed a disposable probe or two to sweep the river. Who better than the previous organiser, my younger brother, and his cronies! Well-done KOV.

The rest of the tour paddlers were able to paddle Wark to Barassford, sections of the South Tyne, The Allen and Devil's Water, which helped keep the disappointment to a minimum. I did the South Tyne Sweep, which ended the weekends paddling. When I arrived back on the green, the marquee, trade stands and most tents had gone and that was it another Tyne Tour over. All that remained was the prospect of evenings catching up with the remaining paperwork, reviewing lessons learned and being reminded of my swim in the gorge every time I went for a beer with the boys!

Sorry the list of people who gave help over the weekend is far too extensive to mention but thanks to every one of you, from Anne Coe, keeping us going with sarnies in the café, to the man who delivered the bottled water. A big thank you has to go to the landowners and Tynedale Council for their permission and support to stage the event.

Finally I'd like to say thanks to those who came to paddle, race, demo and whatever, you helped achieve another successful and major incident-free tour.

Should we run it again...you tell me?

I hope to see you next year. ●

Graeme Cranston,
Tyne Tour 2002 Co-organiser

Tyne Descent race results 2002

Bib no.	Club	Age	Sex	Time
OPEN CANOE CLASS				
1 21	Dave Evans, Jenny Mageean	Yahoo	56/46	M/F 1.51.08 OC Course record
2 22	Martin Meling, Steve Watson	Beaver	57/35	M/M 1.54.48
3 23	Barry Howell, Matt Ellis	Beaver	51/36	M/M 2.05.15

Bib no.	Club	Age	Sex	Time
PLASTIC CLASS				
1 15	Chris Brown	Coquet	47	M 1.49.52
2 13	David Mills	Ind.	62	M 1.56.43
3 11	Andrew Lambert	Hungerhill	18	M 2.09.48
4 12	Phil Milman	Hungerhill	24	M 2.10.02
5 14	Dave Halliwell	Teesdale	39	M 2.28.23

Bib no.	Club	Age	Sex	Time
TOPO DUO CLASS				
1 30	David Burne, Julie Bright	Hungerhill	15/15	M/F 1.59.10

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The PeakUK Whitewater Challenge series for 2022 ended on a high with a festive Nottingham Xmas Freestyle and party. It should all have been wrapped up at the end of October but unfortunately the planned event in Llangollen was called off due to an overwhelming onslaught from the Welsh weather.

As an excuse to have a party Peak UK and BCU Freestyle put on a Christmas event at Holme Pierrepont on the 21st December. For a change and not wanting to be

beaten again by the elements it was decided that the competition would be held on the inlet gate. A feature which is rarely affected by the winter high waters. This wave is also really consistent and is also the most sheltered spot on the course making it ideal for the time of year. An afternoon start meant that light soon started to fade and the contest ran under floodlights into the evening. The cold didn't seem to deter the sixty or so paddlers that turned up and some great rides were displayed. Tom Debruslais and Richard Chrimes demonstrated some local dominance to win the men's and junior kayak events respectively. Paula Floyd was top woman with

Lowri Davies top junior woman whilst Stu Morris styled his way to C1 glory.

After the chilly event, paddlers headed over to the Peak shop for mulled wine, mince pies and pizza, then headed over to the rugby club for further festivities. The evening kicked off with prize givings for the Peak Challenge Series and the UK National Ranking Freestyle Championships. Awesome prizes were awarded including a Riot and Pyranha kayak for the Peak Challenge non sponsored juniors Bill Anderson and Catherine Coleman. As Catherine was not there, Burdock's Ian took the prize instead. Engraved glass trophies were awarded to the national freestyle champions which were kindly donated by Peak UK, Palm, Dagger, Pyranha, Riot and Liquid Logic.

Once the prizes were all given out it was time to Party. Peak boyz Clutchin' @ Straws rocked some, Burdock rocked festively some more, then DJ Cheesey mixed. What a cool ending to 2002... roll on 2003. ●



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OC1:	Jamie Burbeck

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K1 Ladies Expert:	Paula Floyd
K1 Junior Ladies Expert:	Lowri Davies
K1 Masters Men:	Stephen Weir
C1:	Jamie Burbeck
K1 Masters Ladies:	Louise Weir
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All the paddlers with Emma & her sister

The members of Arun Canoe Club braved the cold December morning to complete a sponsored event to raise funds to send 10 year old Emma O'Hagan on her dream trip to Disney World Florida.

info

Arun Canoe Club is a locally based organisation with a current membership of approximately 75 members who paddle kayaks and canoes all year round. They have a comprehensive program of events including paddling local rivers, white water rivers etc, along with a full training program run by their own coaches, which is free to all members. The membership consists of people of all ages along with many family members. Any one interested in finding out more about the club is welcome to come along to the weekly pool session which takes place at Lancing College Pool at 8pm every Sunday evening, alternatively you can access the club web site on www.aruncanooclub.org or contact the club secretary Mick Orpin on 01903 525181.

Emma who has a terminal condition known as Ewens Sarcoma. This condition is a highly malignant bone tumour in children, which leads to secondary tumours on the surrounding tissues. In Emma's case this is in her lung and on the ribs and diaphragm. She has received a series of chemotherapy treatments and had major surgery on the 31st November 2002 to remove the tumour from her lung and ribs. Following the surgery further chemotherapy and radiotherapy is planned.

Emma is a bright and bubbly girl and although she has spent most of the last nine months in hospital, she continues to smile and take the treatment in her stride showing great courage. She lives in Essex with her parents and sister Katie and we, Arun Canoe Club, first found out about her through one of our club member, Steve Fenner, who is a close friend of the family. In an attempt to raise some of the £3000 to £4000 needed, 25 paddlers set off from the Black Rabbit Pub in Arundel dressed as Disney and other fictional characters to paddle one mile backwards down the River Arun.

The recent purchase of eight kayaks from a grant received from the lottery fund helped the club to run this event, and is also allowing us to enhance & develop the training for new and existing members.

Prizes which were donated by local suppliers Mega Kayaks, Southwater Watersports and Peglars were presented for the best adult and best junior fancy dress. A further presentation for the junior member who raises the most money will be made early next year when the final cheque is presented to Emma and her family. ●



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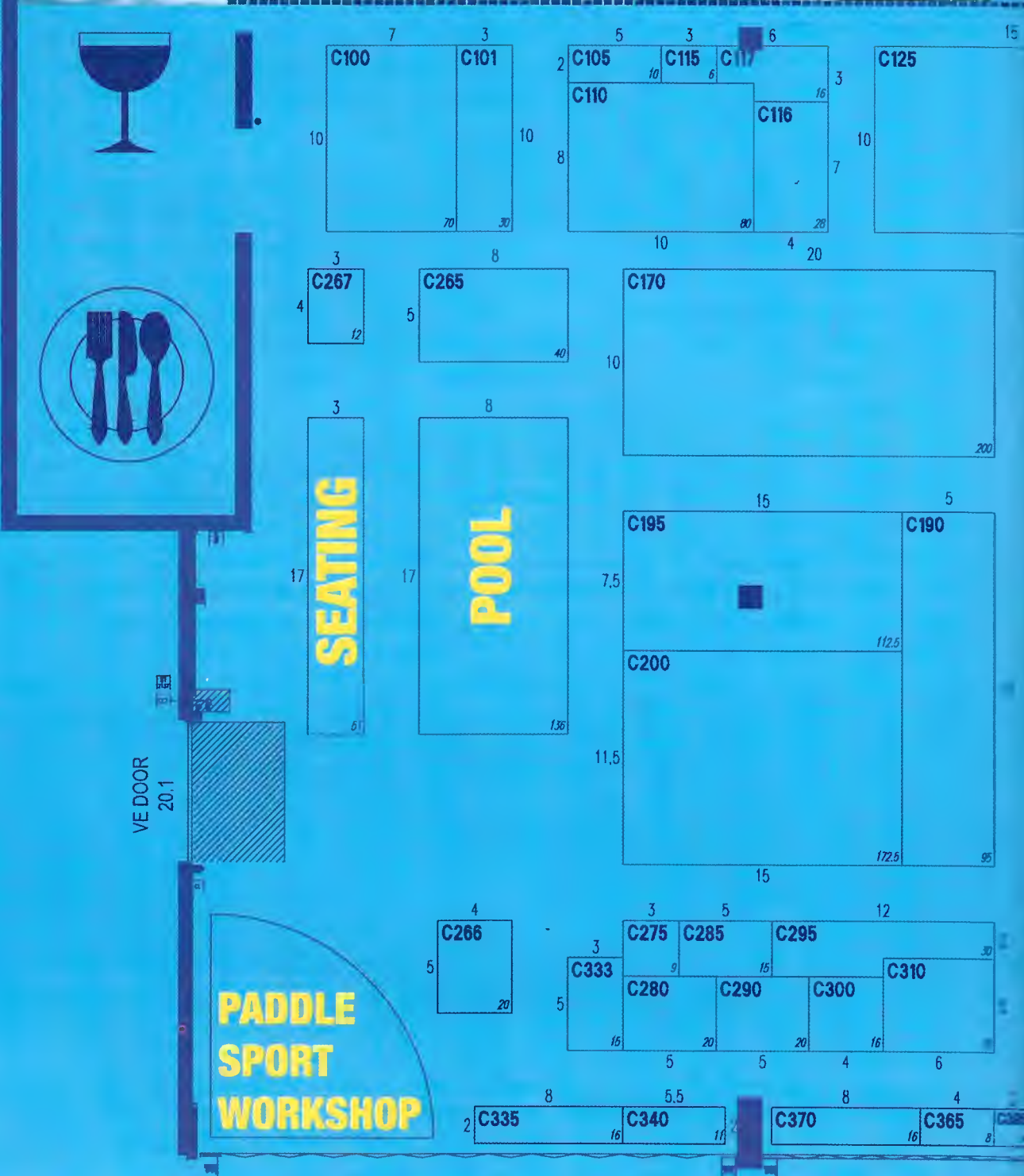
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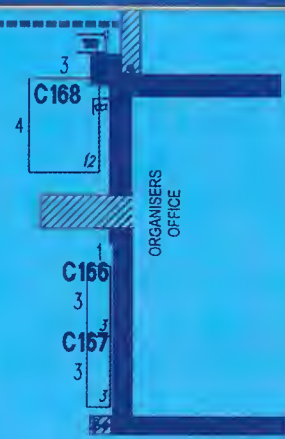
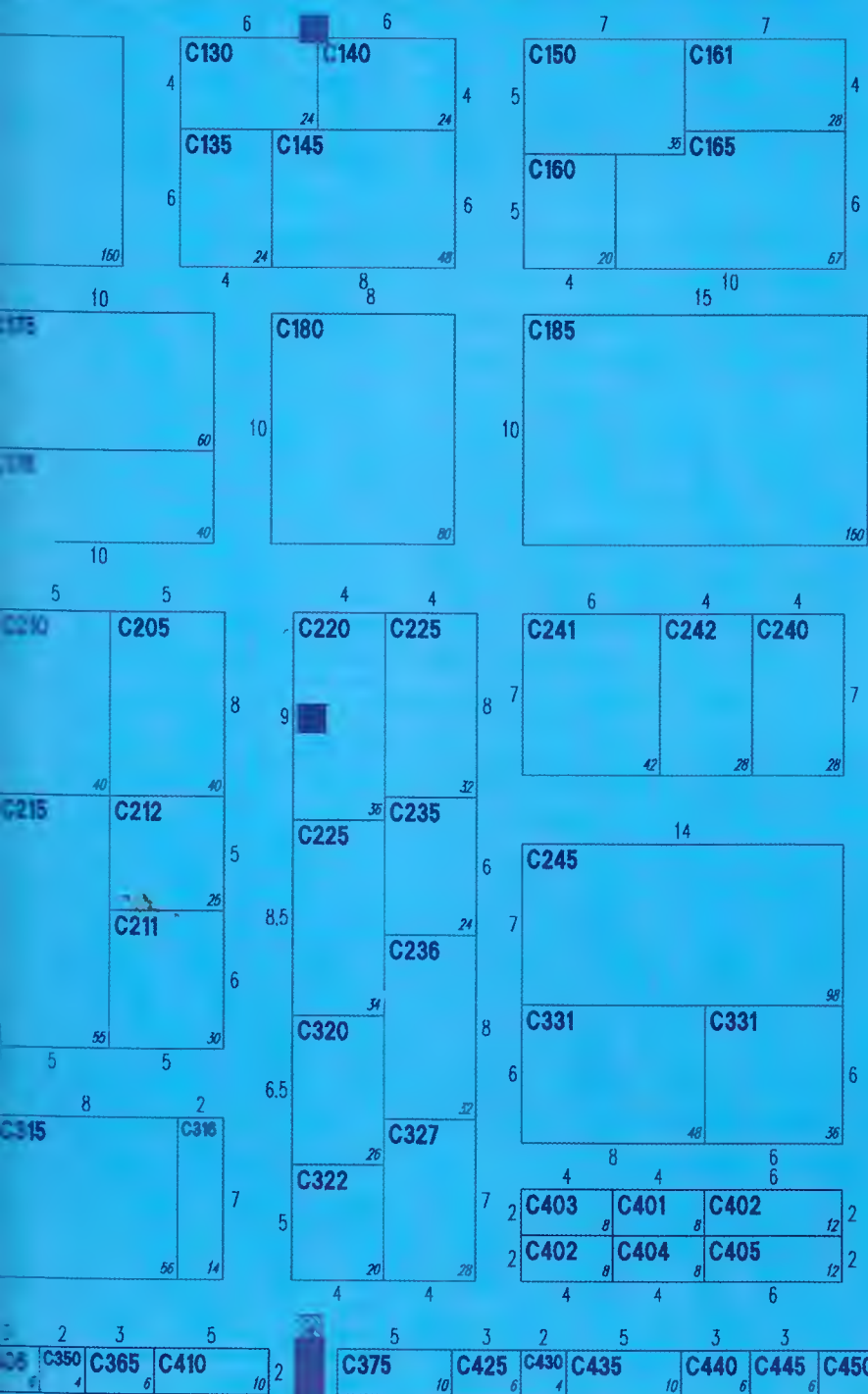
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Calls are charged at the National call rate. NEC have a £6 car parking charge.



Paddle Sport Workshop

Time	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9:15 – 10:15	N/A	Peter Bray, The Atlantic Challenge	Jack Russell "Put Buzz in Your Life and Bee inspired"
10:30 – 11:30	Simon Osbourne Paddling on a Promise	Franco Ferrero & Loel Collins White Water Rescue	Dave Mamby Dudh Kosi The Relentless River of Everest
11:45 – 12:45	Peter Bray The Atlantic Challenge	Dave Mamby Dudh Kosi The Relentless River of Everest	Nike present - Anna Hemmings
13:00 – 14:00	Jack Russell "Put Buzz in Your Life and Bee inspired"	Jack Russell "Put Buzz in Your Life and Bee inspired"	Peter Hutchinson The waters of Death a South American Dream
14:15 – 15:15	Franco Ferrero & Loel Collins White Water Rescue	Allan Ellard Into the Tsangpo – The Expedition	Simon Osbourne Paddling on a Promise
15:30 – 16:30	Nike present - Anna Hemmings	Simon Osbourne Paddling on a Promise	Peter Bray The Atlantic Challenge
16:30 – 17:30		N/A	N/A



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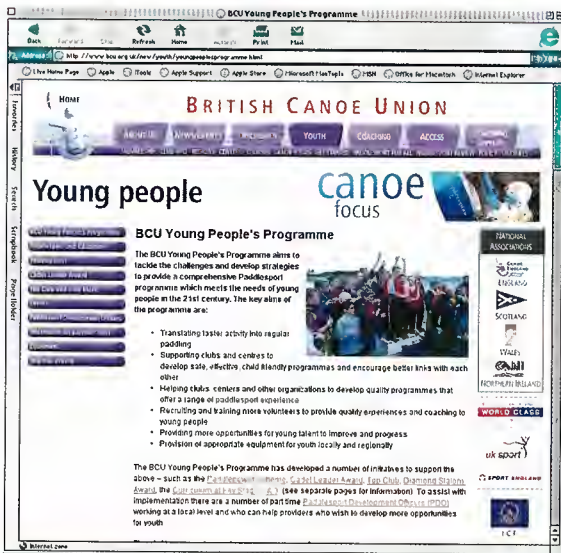
From March 1st 2003, the BCU website will have a new look and feel. The site has been comprehensively overhauled with a magazine like homepage, regular news updates, a search facility, access to a huge range of BCU documents and re-designed colour coded sections. You will continue to be able to join the BCU online or try the new e-commerce shopping facility in Coaching Supplies. The top bar will feature buttons that connect to the main areas of the site such as:

- About the BCU
- News/events
- Disciplines
- Youth
- Coaching
- Access
- Coaching Supplies

Looking in the 'About the BCU' section you will find sub-areas on the left such as Membership, Clubs, Regions,

Policy etc and this design feature is found throughout the rest of the main areas of the site. Large BCU documents, mainly found in Coaching, Youth and Access, are in the form of standard Adobe PDF files. If the user does not have Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is needed to access these files, there are direct links to the Adobe site to download the free software.

Altogether there are around 250 pages on the site which constitutes a considerable investment by the BCU in bringing the latest information to its members. If you come across any problems on the new site, please email the BCU at webmaster@bcu.org.uk



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A man of designs

Bet you wish you had had a woodwork teacher who taught you how to make kayaks and then started a school canoeing club so you could show off the results of your classroom efforts?

Back in the 1960s, one school in Kent had just such an enlightened teacher - Dennis Davis. Faced with a class of teenage lads (this was back in the time before sex equality!) most of whom had little interest in the conventional woodwork syllabus, Dennis drew on his personal interest in canoeing to design a plywood craft which used a minimum of materials, needed no bulky, space-consuming moulds and could be



Dennis Davis with three of his plywood kayak designs

completed within a school term. After those early experimental days, Dennis perfected his design criteria over a range of round bilge, compounded ply kayaks, and went on to extend his portfolio with conventional stitch and tape canoes, a chined sea kayak and several dinghies.

In more recent times, conscious of advancing years and the needs of less able bodied sailors, he returned to the compounded ply method (also known as 'tortured' ply construction) to design a mini solo trimaran, which is car-toppable and suited to the less athletic among

us. Affordability, economy of materials (most of his canoe and kayak designs need only two sheets of plywood) and simplicity of construction are the hallmarks of Dennis's designs. These criteria, combined with the elegance of their lines and their relative light weight (it is perfectly possible to carry single-handed a kayak made of 3mm ply and even the canoes using 4mm are much lighter than their plastics equivalents) have made Dennis's designs appreciated far and wide.

Plans are regularly sold on the north American market; quite a compliment when one looks at the vast range of designs available over there. His greatest success on the American front was back in the mid 1980s when the U.S. magazine *WoodenBoat* featured the DK13 kayak and followed up with an invitation to teach his compounded ply construction method at their summer school in Maine.

When the first class of students launched their kayaks, the school's director expressed his amazement, admitting that he had not really thought the method would actually work! Dennis's most recent canoe

The DD23 canoe, 4140 mm long x 864 mm beam x 330 mm mid depth. Can be paddled solo or double



A young student at Woodenboat school, Maine, USA, in his DK14 kayak



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An illustrated leaflet describing Dennis Davis's canoe and kayak designs may be obtained by telephoning him on 01237 475165

design, the DD23 'Bliss' (named after the between wars exponent of open canoeing, William Bliss) became the subject of *Build Your Own Canoe*, published by Crowood Press after a commissioning editor had seen an article by Dennis in a wood working magazine.

Dennis also has two earlier canoeing books to his name: *The Book of Canoeing* (published in 1969) which has full building instructions for a compounded ply kayak; and *Canoeing* (1981, in the Teach Yourself series). His interest in writing and publishing have long gone hand-in-hand with his design career and in 1993 he pushed the boat out a bit further by editing and publishing a bi-monthly, subscription magazine aimed at all enthusiasts who enjoy engineless small boats. Alas, the economics of small scale publishing defeated 'AFLOAT!' which folded after fourteen issues.

In 1999 Dennis returned, after a forty year break, to his other great love - flying. Since regaining his private pilot's license he has built, from a kit, a two seat microlight aircraft; a task he found rather more complex than making plywood canoes! From a boy in post-war London scrounging orange boxes and canvas to make his first canoe, to a 'senior citizen' doodling ideas to recycle the plywood crates his microlight kit came in, Dennis Davis has never long been without a boat design simmering in his imagination. That so many of those imaginings have translated to craft giving pleasure to so many paddlers is a very satisfying achievement. ●

Carol Davis



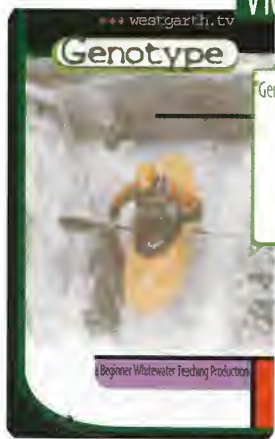
A class at Woodenboat school, Maine, USA, making DK14 kayaks designed by Dennis Davis

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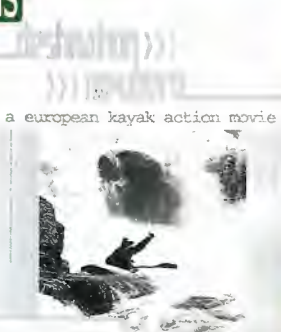
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BCU Lifeguards Convention

5th/6th April 2003 - Sea Cadet Centre, Weymouth

Once again, the annual BCU Lifeguards Convention will be held at the Sea Cadet Centre, in the Dorset coastal town of Weymouth, over Saturday 5th - Sunday 6th April 2003.

The BCU Lifeguards convention offers individuals and clubs from all backgrounds, not just lifeguarding, an ideal opportunity to tap into the wide range of expertise and experience available from the BCU Lifeguards. Whether you are:

- new to paddlesports and looking for tuition on basic safety,
- involved in coaching and needing to keep your safety and first aid qualifications up-to-date,
- responsible for your club pool sessions, or
- an experienced paddler looking for further specialist safety and rescue tuition, there will be something of interest to you.



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Total cost of the weekend will be £30, which covers your accommodation, training and assessment of most awards (some courses require additional fees), certificates, lunches on Saturday and Sunday and Saturday night's entertainment - not bad hey!

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Canoe Safety Test, Pool Endorsements and Aquatic First Aid courses to Swiftwater Rescue Technician awards are available for any recreational paddler. Also, training and assessment of the full range of BCU Lifeguard awards will be available to anyone interested in, or already active in, canoe lifeguarding. BCU Lifeguards cover a wide range of environments from sheltered south coast beaches to the fast moving waters of the Dee Tour or Hurley Weir, and our convention brings together a whole wealth of experience in these areas. There is no better place for current or future canoe lifeguards, to train, or be assessed, for Assistant Lifeguard, Canoe Lifeguard and Senior Canoe Lifeguard awards. As usual, the BCU Lifeguards Convention also tries to offer

people training or information from other sources that are of interest to recreational paddlers and canoe lifeguards alike. As usual, we will be arranging courses and training sessions

from other organisations which will be of interest to all attendees. Also, it is hoped that a variety of equipment suppliers will be displaying and selling essential equipment throughout the weekend, including BCU Lifeguards Supplies.

Weymouth is an ideal venue for the BCU Lifeguards Convention, having a wide range of different locations for training including Weymouth and Portland harbours, the main tourist beach, rocky coves and moving water, all in close proximity. Weymouth also offers evening entertainment suitable for all ages and tastes, and this year we have arranged a hot buffet and a few hours of bowling for Saturday evening, where no doubt, inter-club rivalries will be displayed in friendly competition! ●



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What is Dreamflight?



It all started in May 2002, when an e-mail arrived asking for a volunteer to act as an escort on the Dreamflight trip 12-22 October. First question was who or what is Dreamflight?

Dreamflight is a National charity which was started by two British Airways crew members that decided it would be a good idea to take 192 seriously ill kids to Florida for the holiday of a lifetime. It has now been running for about 16 years, and each year a specially prepared BA747 flies across the pond for the ten day trip, loaded with 192 kids, a full crew and around 100 adult escorts.

So the application was filled in, I was short-listed, the interview took place and I was chosen to represent my company (First National Group, who sponsor the charity). "By the way you need to raise at least £1,000."

This comment prompted some thought, "as a canoeist you could do something" I cannot remember who made this remark. Well three peaks is a challenge, so are three lakes, "how about two", I chose Windermere & Bala with the target of 24 hours door to door, was this wise considering it was up and down the M6?

Saturday 21st September was approaching fast, having contacted the BCU initially and now relying on local information the trip was organised. We left Birmingham with a team of four, two to Kayak, two to drive/support. On arrival at Windermere at 4.15am, I was

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Further Information on Dreamflight is available from: Dreamflight, 3 Saxeway, Chartridge, Bucks. HP5 2SH. 01494 792991.

disappointed not to find a crowd cheering, never mind, bearing in mind the longest personal paddle undertaken before was about 12 miles, and we did not undertake any real training programme, we started the challenge. The lake was perfectly flat so it was straight down the middle and equipped with lights just in case there was

anyone else on the water we paddle on.

The end came at around 7.45, with a brief stop over at Bowness for refreshment and to apologise to the local police for the poor road sense of our support crew. Only two other encounters were made on the lake. One was an owl just after we started, the other was a deer down to the water for its morning drink. Oh, there were some people water skiing at around 7.05am and both groups couldn't work out who was the craziest. By 8.10 though we were loaded and on the road again for Bala, traffic was kind to us and four and a half hours later we started our final leg. Again we found Bala was like Windermere, mirror like and very few craft availing themselves of this lovely day. We decided to have lunch first at Glanlynn campsite and then paddle the four miles down four back again, overtaking a couple of sailing boats in the process as they had no wind to assist them.

We had a great day paddling these two lakes and have raised approximately £2,000 in the process. My thanks go to the BCU & access officers, Snowdonia National Park, Glanlynn campsite, Royal Sutton Canoe club for the loan of the two-man explorer and a special thank you to Evans Halshaw Aston for the loan of the car (MGR ZT-T, tdc). A great vehicle for canoeists, and of course my team... fellow paddler Samuel (son aged 13) Wife Nicola, and sister-in-law Anne who both shared the driving. ●

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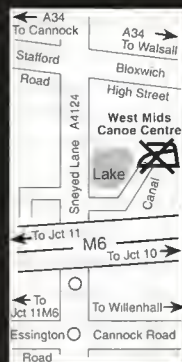


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Fort William to

Deeping Canoe Club Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition July 2002

We arrived in Fort William in the early hours of Thursday morning after traveling the 450 miles up from Deeping, Lincolnshire, over the Wednesday night. We pitched our tents at Locky Campsite and then slept for several hours after getting something to eat and viewing the attractions of Fort William at 7:30 in the morning. In the afternoon we went and had a look at Neptune's staircase to find and appropriate getting in point. After agreeing on the getting in point – a large pontoon, we returned to the campsite to meet our assessor.

Before leaving home we obtained the five day weather forecast from the BBC website and a weather insight from the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecast. This showed us that the wind speed was going to be low for the five days, however, if the weather did ever become too severe we were all prepared to sit it out.

After setting off at 10:00 from Neptune's Staircase we made good time and arrived at Gairloch at noon. We had a bite to eat before setting off up Loch Lochy just before the weather closed in around us. This provoked large waves, which we had been trained in. (To experience the similar weather conditions, we had a number of training sessions on Rutland Water, paddling 3-4 ft. waves.) We continued up Loch Lochy past Clunes car park where we were meant to have lunch, but due to the weather conditions we missed this point but continued and found another nice beach where we had our lunch. Our assessor had been following us for about an hour before we heard her whistle and signal to stop. She had only wanted to check our proficiency, but did not realise how fast we were paddling. The waves had risen slightly at this point to make the journey more interesting.

Our first campsite was at Glas Dhoire a ruin about half of the way up Loch Lochy. This is opposite the Corriegour lodge (a hotel, which is a large white building on the other side of the Loch). The ruin is not visible from the water although a large stream runs into the loch, which can be used for drinking water. We found a small grassy area on the northeast side of the headland with a sandy beach to pull the boats up onto and a forestry track and cycle way on the other side of some trees.

We left the campsite at 9:10 the following morning and proceeded on up Loch Lochy to Laggan locks. This was the first set of what seemed to be thousands of portages we had to make this day although by the end of the day we had certainly become quicker. We proceeded on Loch Oich keeping the green and red buoys on our left, close to the shore out of the way of the shipping channel. We went on the right hand side of a small island, which separated us from the shipping



The team at the start

channel. We would not recommend this as the water became very shallow. We continued towards Fort Augustus passing Bridge of Oich, Cullochly lock and Kytra lock. Kytra Loch allows camping behind a small wooded area, an excellent site for future reference.

Once again, on Saturday the weather started off calm as we finished the last stretch of Loch Lochy. The weather remained calm as we continued to paddle the Caledonian Canal and the whole of Loch Oich. The wind picked up in the early evening as we left Fort Augustus to paddle the first quarter of Loch Ness. Fortunately at this point the wind was behind us, which made paddling much easier and faster.

We arrived in Fort Augustus at 4:15 and after carrying our boats down the locks, had a snack to prepare us for the first part of our journey up Loch Ness that evening. Local fishermen confirmed that the boathouse, at grid reference 438, 145 would be a suitable campsite. We arrived at the boathouse at 7:15.

At 9:00 on Sunday we set off from the boathouse with the wind still behind us, at times the rain did come down hard.

There were several other places that could be used for campsites between the boathouse and Foyers such as the grassy area at grid reference 454,166 that is sited between two streams and a large area of flat grass suitable for camping on. Our last campsite was near the picnic spot at grid reference 550,284. After arriving at 1:15 and having lunch we set off over to Urquhart castle with our supervisor to do some sight seeing. We returned to the campsite and found a nice spot about 100 yards down from the actual site, which was screened from the

m Inverness



road by a hedge. Although surrounded by trees and bushes the flies were a problem.

Low mist over Loch Ness

Surrounded by hills and mountains, we notice low cloud formation which often affected our visibility preventing us from seeing the other side of the Loch. We also found that the clouds rose and fell extremely quickly and was unpredictable. This cloud formation remained the same throughout the rest of our journey. However, staying close to the land did not affect our navigation too much.

On Sunday afternoon Loch Ness was like a millpond. There was absolutely no wind. This was probably due to the change in wind direction we were going to experience the next day. This change took several hours, but fortunately we had reached our destination that morning so we made use of this time by paddling over to Urquhart Castle. As wind picked up in the evening from the north, it was obvious that Monday's paddling would mean paddling into the wind.

This being the case on Monday, we were not bothered as we enjoyed paddling a different class of water. Although the winds were strong we still managed to keep to a constant speed of 3 km/h over the 2-3 foot waves, which was very exciting.

The rough bit on Loch Ness

We arrived at Dochgarroch at 12:30 after starting at 08:30. The proposed campsite is no longer at Dochgarroch so an alternative place

to stay would have to be found if the trip was to continue although we could have continued on and possibly completed the trip into Inverness the same day.

Physically and mentally exhausted we decided to empty the kayaks and load the trailer ready to return home straight away. A twelve hour journey wouldn't seem so long if we slept most of the way, which we did.

Over the trip we made good time and always arrived at our destination within our specified time. This was helped by having the wind behind us for all of the way except for the last day but even this did not dramatically reduce our speed as we completed the last section of Loch Ness and canal in four hours, a distance of 14.5 Km so our speed still works out to be been around 3km/h. ●

t h a n k s

A lot of the equipment was borrowed and we would especially like to thank Howard Blackman, our Paddle Sport Development Coach who arranged the loan of the sea kayaks.

John Fleming
Deepling Canoe Club



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Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Paddlesport

Many people don't realise that you can do all sections of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Paddlesport – so if you coach or work with young people and think they would like a challenge with a difference read on...

About the Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a voluntary, non-competitive, flexible programme of practical, cultural and adventurous activities designed to support the personal and social development of any young person between the ages of 14 and 25. It offers opportunities for individual challenge as young people design their own programme around activities which interest them, whilst allowing for personal time, commitment, opportunities, budget and any travel implications.

Each individual's programme is worked out with the aid of a mentor/leader with knowledge of The Award and its requirements, which is then given national accreditation for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award upon completion. The young person receives a certificate, badge and local recognition and a presentation by HRH the Duke of Edinburgh at the Palace for those who complete Gold.

Entry to the Award can be at one of three levels depending on age:

Bronze for young people aged between 14 and 25

Silver for young people aged between 15 and 25

Gold for young people aged between 16 and 25

The Programmes are designed around four sections. These are Skills, Physical Recreation, Service and Expedition/Exploration with an additional Residential section at Gold level. The participants choose an activity from each of these sections which has to be undertaken over a minimum time period set for each level of the Award. (One of the aspects of the Award is "stickability"!) Individuals set their own goals, with monitoring and evaluation aided by a qualified person in that activity.

So what does each section involve?

For each of the following section participants must spend a minimum of one hour a week engaged on their chosen activity for the set time period for the Award they're completing.

Physical Recreation: any discipline of Paddlesport counts - recreational or competitive. Goals need to be set relevant to the discipline and the candidates should demonstrate an improvement by the end of the time period.

Skills: this can include boat building, outdoor equipment maintenance and making equipment/clothing. It also includes umpiring/refereeing, planning and running events, committee skills and judging. Again, goals need to be set with an experienced person, progress reviewed and the experience evaluated.

Service: in this section, young people are encouraged to give some voluntary service to their community. They may or may not need to attend a training course depending on which service they choose to opt for. Suitable activities include the BCU Cadet Leader Award, coaching (unpaid), life saving/safety duties (unpaid).

Expedition/Exploration: you may be surprised to find out that this section can be done on the water – by Open Canoe, Kayak, Sea Kayak, White Water Racers, Open Cockpit Tourers, Rafted Canoes or Bellboat! Participants need to be trained in expedition skills and reach a certain skill standard for the craft they have selected. The latter may be used for their Physical Recreation section. The duration of the venture is set in days and nights camping depending on the level of Award and the distance is measured in hours journeying (see box).



How long will it take?

The following chart shows the timescales involved at each level of the award.

	Service	Skills	Physical Recreation	Expedition/Exploration	Residential
Bronze	3 months Plus a further 3 months in any one section	3 months	3 months	2 days, 1 night	N/A
Silver	6 months	3 months Plus a further 3 months in either section	3 months	3 days, 2 nights	N/A
Gold	12 months	6 months Plus a further 6 months in either section	6 months	4 days, 3 nights	5 days, 4 nights

Participants who start directly at Silver or Gold must complete an extra 6 months in either of the longer sections.

How to get involved

To get started on the Award a paddler will need to register with their local Operating Authority (contact Head Office for details or see website for Regional office details). Entry to the scheme can also be made through an Access Organisation. These Organisations are licensed to deliver just one or two sections of The Award to young people not already engaged on the programme. Canoe clubs and Centres make ideal Access Organisations as they allow their members to gain a range of relevant experiences – eg learn water-based skills, improve performance, help out or go on an expedition. If the young person then becomes involved with The Award sections completed with an Access Organisation are accredited to their record book.

First Perception Wavehopper Challenge

The Tyne Tour was the venue for the first Perception Wavehopper Challenge series for 2002/3 season in the North East. The plan was to run coaching and the challenge race on the Saturday with coached runs of the gorge on the Sunday for the more experienced paddlers. Those of you who went will know the water was high – here is one of the paddlers account of the event.

On Saturday 2nd of November on the first day of the Tyne Tour 2002 we went down to Tyne Green ready in our Canoe kit for an exciting day in a Wavehopper - a white water racing boat. Almost immediately, we were on the water and getting used to them. Our group consisted of nine 'pupils' and one coach - Nigel - with a few more advanced paddlers acting as safety cover. There were seven boys, three of which were from Hexham Canoe Club, and three girls, including my sister- Sandra and I, also from Hexham Canoe Club.

After an hour or so of practising we put the Wavehopper's on their trailer and went up to Warden to do a timed run down to Hexham. The other girl decided that she was not going to do the run, but everybody else had a shot at it. Sandra went first with me following ten seconds later. There was then a one minute gap before the next person went then a ten second gap and so on. This was so that if someone went in, they could be rescued easily, and just to

let us know there was somebody around if you needed them. Everybody came down quickly – all times were below twenty minutes and there was only one capsized. The HCC (Hexham Canoe Club) boy even managed to get back in his boat without help!

After medals were awarded those who did not need to go decided to come down as a group from Haydon Bridge. We even had a few parents that tagged along! We came down quickly, and enjoyed it thoroughly, although I was very tired by the end of it!

On Sunday, five of us met up hoping to go down Warden Gorge in the Wavehoppers. Unfortunately since the river was still running high 'Rescue rock' had been submerged and the Gorge was 'officially closed'. One of the group then decided he was going to do his own thing and so there was just my sister and me with two coaches - Nigel and Lloyd! We decided to go down from Alston to Featherstone Castle. It was a great run although surprisingly the water was running fairly low. We all had a couple of hairy moments especially me, when we were going under the viaduct. I did not get my line right, so ended up nearly hitting one of its stanchions, and nearly capsized. Luckily, I managed to right myself and continue but it did get my heart going fast! The river had barely a flat stretch on it just miles of rapids of all shapes and sizes! It was an amusing run and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. I would do it any time given the chance!

Jennifer Hyslop



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Can't be bothered

As I was lying in hospital after a recent car crash, my mother brought in the latest copy of *Canoe Focus* for me to read. I thought 'this will kill some of the boredom reading about the success of the GB team (of which I was a member) at the World Canoe Polo Championships, which took place in September but were too late to get a report in the previous edition before going to press. What I saw was what I had expected, absolutely nothing. To me this about sums up the recognition, interest and support that the federation gives us. Canoe polo being one of the biggest competitive disciplines in canoeing in this country and the GB canoe polo teams the most successful over the last ten years at European and World levels.

I have been a member of the GB 'A' team since 1987 and obviously have enjoyed competing all around the World. This has its pros (meeting the challenges of competing successfully against the world's best players and seeing other countries) and cons (the great financial implications and juggling the serious training commitments with work). Through this time my team mates and I feel that we have never had any recognition, we don't expect articles in the national papers, to be on television but what we do expect is our own federation that we have to join, to put something in their magazine. I see Andrew Linton had asked for more polo news in the letters page. Yes individuals/clubs/national teams could write more articles to you about their trips and achievements but when it comes to winning the worlds, you should want an article in your magazine, to be proud of what your members are doing, to want to promote how good canoeing is etc. Instead you lot can't be bothered.

So now why sitting in my house waiting to get fit again I ponder what I should do, shall I try and regain my fitness to compete again, move to a committee role and bang my head against a brick wall like most of the past and present committee members do by lack of progress with the BCU or shall I walk away. Probably not the latter as I would like to but something back into a sport I have had so much enjoyment from.

One last thought maybe you should rename the magazine 'lack of focus'!

Alan Vessey

Canoe Focus reflects what BCU members take the time and effort to contribute to the magazine. Disciplines such as slalom, freestyle, sprint, marathon, wild water etc always feature in the magazine due to the efforts of those individuals willing to put the time and effort into publicising their sport. When we receive articles, they are published, such as the last world championships from Brazil two years ago. Ed

"The first"

May I respond to your correspondent Michael Rhodes, who credits Gino Watkins with being the first European "to muster the Greenland kayak and learn to roll and even to hunt from it". Having a long-standing interest in the history of canoeing and in particular sea kayaking, I have learned that many claims for something to be "the first" do not stand up to investigation. Albeit that such claims are often made in good faith.

There can be no doubt that Gino was a remarkable character. He died a comparatively young man at 25 yet had been the recipient of medals from the Geographic Societies of three nations. By any standard that is an outstanding achievement. I am sure that he would be the last to claim "a first" had he knowledge of a previous occurrence.

A party led by the Norwegian explorer Fridtjof Nansen crossed the Greenland Icecap on foot in 1888. They arrived at the west coast too late in the year to catch the last ship back

to Europe that season and had to over-winter in the Godthaab area. While there, apart from one Lapp, the group all obtained kayaks and became sufficiently competent in their use to travel about the area and engage in hunting from them. All this 19 years before Gino was born.

It may seem churlish to make the point but, for the benefit of those who lay great store by such records, not to do so would unjustly deprive the real holder of the honour. Personally, I have no idea which European first became proficient in the Greenland kayak. Considering the hundreds of years of commercial contact I think it would have occurred a long time ago. Perhaps it predates Nansen's activities but I am sure it was some years before the renowned Greenlander, Manesse Mathaeussen introduced Gino to the wonders of the kayak and the narrow bladed paddle.

Duncan R Winning OBE, SCA Honorary President

Thanks for all your contributions on this subject but we must now bring it to a close before the Vikings stake a claim! Ed

Where are the canoes?

In the December issue of *Canoe Focus* as usual there is nothing about canoes, only dozens of photos and articles about kayaks. There is one stamp-sized photo of a canoe. Is it not about time the magazine was re-titled *Kayak Focus*? In fact the BCU ought to be called the BKU.

The excuse that 'canoe' is merely a generic term is often put forward, but it's a flimsy argument when faced with the fact that a canoe is a canoe, i.e. an open, non-decked boat, not a kayak. Why does the fallacy still exist whereby the whole world is nuts about kayaks, and that all we want to see is endless pictures (they might just as well be the same shot) of helmeted kayakers getting as wet as possible? Why don't the powers that be realise that the union and its publications would have a far wider appeal if canoes were featured equally with kayaks. Many of us prefer quietly exploring rivers and lakes in a beautiful open canoe, not churning around and under weirs while stuck in the middle of an over-sized plastic shoe...

Ian Cruickshank

Obviously not a fan of freestyle. However, I do take your point and would like to see more contributions from 'canoeists' such as the article in this issue from Peter Knowles. Ed

Full of enthusiasm - needing advice

Being pretty new to kayaking, not yet a club member, but full of enthusiasm, I would like to do a canoe marathon to raise money for a charity that I work quite closely with. I was thinking of canoeing from Manchester to London on the inland waterways this summer and would like some advice on everything - from what would be the best type of kayak to use to a good training schedule. I have looked at the waterways to take but wondered if anyone had completed this route before and had any specific advice. I would like to know how long it is likely to take and how many miles you can realistically cover in a day. I intend to have a back up team and sleep in B&B's along the way therefore I will not need to carry a lot with me.

Any advice would be gratefully received.

Jeremy

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I have been testing the The Suunto X6 for the past two months and have slowly come to admire the watch for its capabilities. Looks though are another subject. If you like your watches big and orange, shockproof but capable of causing a shock - like a jaffa sitting on your wrist, then this is a must have.

However, this is not a watch for lounge lizards, it is for outdoor people who take off for days on end and need something reliable to give them the information they need.

The X6 and X6HR feature a graphical display; accessing an altimeter, barometer, compass, clinometer (for measuring slope angles) and multi-faceted log book, as well as watch and chronometer. After a few days of fiddling with the buttons, attempting to evade the manual, I gave in and with the aid of the excellent instruction manual started to make sense of all those numbers and graphics.

A button on the left side of the watch allows you to scroll up and down the menu, finding illustrated modes with names like 'Weather', 'Hiking', 'Compass', 'Time' and 'Chrono'.

I particularly liked the Position mode, which includes a scrolling compass (which uniquely

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All in all, this is a very comprehensive item to have on your wrist and definitely deserves a more worthy athlete than me and on the few occasions I have ventured out during this winter, it has proved itself to be shock proof and water resistant. All-in-all, the true outdoor enthusiast would find this watch invaluable and the bright orange colour means it's easily spotted; therefore becoming a good talking point down the pub afterwards!

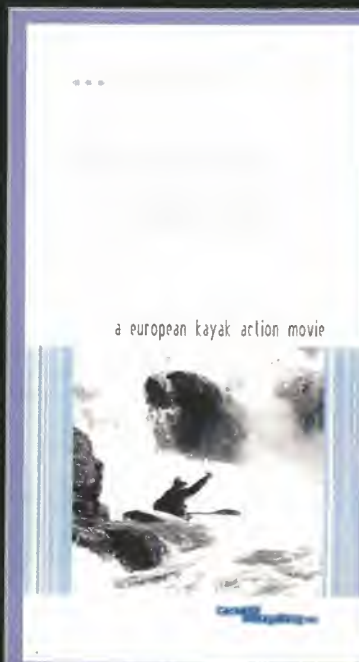
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Southern Region are holding a Disability awareness course on Saturday 1 March 2003 and Sunday 2 March 2003

European Canoe Polo Championships

Details of the 5th European Canoe Polo Championships which will take place in Ireland between August 9th - 17th are available on www.canoe polo.ie/europeans2003 Further details can be obtained by contacting european2003@ireland.com

Canoe Pioneer: MacGregor's adventures in the 'Rob Roy'

21st December 2002 – 16th March 2003
River & Rowing Museum, Mill Meadows, Henley-on-Thames

December at the River & Rowing Museum sees the opening of an exciting exhibition celebrating John MacGregor, canoe pioneer, and the founder of the Royal Canoe Club at Teddington.

MacGregor's adventures in the 'Rob Roy' brings to life the intrepid adventures and explorations undertaken by John MacGregor and his canoes, all christened 'Rob Roy', the nickname given to him by his parents.

His first adventure with 'Rob Roy' was in 1865 when he launched off from the banks of the River Thames setting out on a 1,000 mile journey through Europe. His travels along the rivers, canals and lakes of Belgium, France, Germany and Switzerland, resulted in his publication titled 'A Thousand Miles in the Rob Roy Canoe'. Further books followed detailing his epic adventures in the Baltic and through Syria, Jordan and Egypt. MacGregor's sketches and notebooks will be on display at the River & Rowing Museum and can be viewed alongside one of the earliest Rob Roy canoes.

The exhibition also introduces the visitor to the famous Royal Canoe Club (RCC) at Teddington, established in 1866 to improve canoes, promote canoeing and unite canoeists. Founded by John MacGregor and his friends, it boasted HRH the Prince of Wales, who was later to become King Edward VII, as its first commodore and for being the first canoe club in the world.

While at the museum, visitors can take a break at the Riverside Café, which offers a wide selection of hearty hot meals and refreshments throughout the winter, including a tempting children's menu all served in a pirate ship!

For further information on the exhibition or general enquiries call the **River & Rowing Museum on 01491 415 600** or visit www.rrm.co.uk

BCU "Silly Hat" Medway Tour

Yalding-Teston-Yalding-Sluice Weir-Yalding
Sunday 27th April 2003

Celebrate spring once again with a casual paddle on the Medway in countryside of outstanding natural beauty. Just to get the event into the right mood we would like all participants to wear a hat... **the sillier the better!**

Arrangements:

Travel to Yalding (Grid Ref 690498) where you can either park on the road just to the North of the bridge or pay for parking in the field just to the South of the bridge.

We will meet at Yalding automatic sluices (by The Anchor pub) at 10.15am for a 10.30am start. The aim is to paddle a figure of eight course in four stages.

All grades of paddler are welcome

The tour format has been chosen to provide you with options on distance (with the idea that it will allow juniors to join in) and to avoid shuffling cars (with the exception of the Stage 1 only option).

There will be an entry charge (on the day) of £2.00 per BCU member on production of a current BCU membership card and £3.50 for all other paddlers which provides Third Party Liability Insurance up to £2m for the duration of the event.

At the time of writing, it is assumed that the BCU/NRA Medway Licence arrangement will still be in place. Non BCU members can obtain NRA licences prior to the event from

Guildbourne Ho, Chatsworth Rd, Worthing, Sussex BN11 1LD.
For further information please contact **Norman Brooks on Tel. No. 01634 241350**
e-mail: norman.brooks@dds.delphiauto.com

Wild water racing

'Come and Try It' weekend 16 - 17th
February 2003

- Ever wanted to try a sport that's fast, furious and fun?
- Have you ever tried canoeing but not found a discipline that suits you?
- Do you like the outdoors and get a buzz from participating in something slightly different and extreme?

If you've answered yes to any of the above then it sounds like Wild water racing is a sport you have to try!

The weekend is structured so that you can get the most out of it - with flat sections of water for you to gain skills and confidence on and a grade 1-2 river with a couple of safe yet surpassingly tricky moves so that you can get that adrenaline rush we know you are looking for. To finish your weekend off we are holding a race on the course so that you can learn the true essence of wild water racing and show off your new skills that you have picked up over the weekend. With Great Britain team paddlers and coaches there to help you there's no better place for you to come and try wild water racing.

Scottish Open Canoe Symposium

5 - 7th September 2003

Following on from the success of the English Open Canoe Symposium, held at YMCA Lakeside on Lake Windermere, in early November, plans for the third Scottish Open Canoe Symposium are well underway. Taking place over the weekend of 5 - 7 September 2003, the Scottish Symposium will once again be based at Glenmore lodge, with a wide variety of workshops for all abilities, evening programmes and the chance to simply find out what else is going on in the world of open boating. The Symposium website www.canoesymposium.co.uk, will be regularly updated with all the information you need. To reserve a place please contact Ginny Welford at Glenmore Lodge direct tel 01479 861256, email enquiries@glenmorelodge.org.uk

Riverdart Adventures

The Anvil-Pro Freestyle challenge
1-2nd March 2003

River Dart, Devon England

A celebration of the art and science of freestyle! Join the best competitors from around the UK in a weekend of fun and competition at this unique event

Saturday night party, river trips, high adrenalin rope challenges, indoor climbing and much more to ensure this is the event of the year for both competitors and spectators.

Call **01364 652511** or mail to enquiries@riverdart.co.uk
Check out www.riverdart.co.uk

Falcon bike-kayak-run adventure challenge

Sunday 25th May 2003

Taking place at the Ancholme Leisure Centre, Brigg, North Lincs. Entry forms from:- Ken Collier, 95 Shipton Road, scunthorpe, N.Lincs DN16 3HJ (s.a.e. please) Tel 01724 337958. This is an Individual or team event and has limited entry. 36K Cycle - 10K Kayak - 10K Run



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