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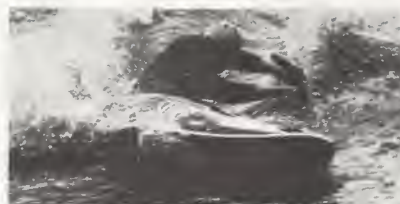
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# CANOE SPORT COMMENT

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## FIRST, THE BAD NEWS

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The last price increase was in April 1973, but since then inflation has sent printing costs soaring, the shortage of wood-pulp has vastly increased the price of paper with more predicted increases later this year, while once again there is a big increase in postage rates. Subscribers will note that the 12-issue rate now accounts for a 5p post, but a proposed increase in the number of pages of the magazine later this year will bring the magazine over the 5p rate and into the 7p rate—this will be accounted from the basic 25p per copy and it is hoped that we shall be able to hold this new price until the latter end of 1975.

As with past price increases, the new rates only take effect with the completion of your present subscription, except where subscribers have more than 12 issues to run—those on two or three year subscriptions. In such cases, the second and third year subscriptions will run short to account for the new increases.

## GRAND CANYON CONCLUDED

With this issue, the mammoth article on last year's Grand Canyon Trip is concluded—do I hear cheers from the Sprint Racing and Long Distance paddlers. . . ? Only modesty prevents me from publishing the many letters I have had praising the article and the photographs (I like it! I like it!).

Art Vitarelli and myself had proposed yet another Grand Canyon Trip for this summer, but due to new U.S. Park Service regulations, our permit was not granted. As a private party we are only going to be allowed to run the Canyon every other year. Any paddler (no passengers) in-



terested in joining the trip for '75 should apply to the editor at the soonest date for details. Even so, at this early stage, the trip for next summer is almost full with just two places remaining, after these interested persons will go on a waiting list in the event of one of the present members backing out.

## OFF TO THE SUN

**Readers are reminded that during August your Editor will be away in Southern France covering a number of canoeing events. Thus orders for T-Shirts and publications will be held over until my return and will no doubt take a couple of weeks to clear from the beginning of September.**

An issue of Canoeing Magazine—featuring surf canoeing—will go to the printers just before I leave for France and should be published and despatched during the middle of August. The following issue will be prepared as soon as possible in September.

## SLALOM COMMITTEE PROBLEMS

**Once again the B.C.U. Slalom Committee seems to be in the process of tearing itself apart.** After the cancellation of the Llangollen slalom last year, there followed the confusion over dates of this year's event appearing in both KanuSport and the I.C.F. Bulletin, that, had it not been so damaging to our international image, was almost worthy of a Brian Rix farce. However, organisation came to the Wild Water Team with Martin Boshier taking over as manager, followed by some successful events on the Tryweryn in North Wales and a highly successful trip of both Slalom and Wild Water Teams to New Zealand—but alas few results or reports appeared or were available to the specialised press and, it seems, even to the Slalom Committee. Thus, with a proclamation of 'harassment', Mr. Boshier resigned to leave the Wild Water Team committed to international events without a Team Manager (Stan Cooper has now filled the position). However, with the resignation of Mr. Boshier went the possibility of the Open British Slalom Championship on the Tryweryn planned for the end of August—Mr. Boshier had all the access agreements to the river gained, it can be added, after no mean amount of work on his behalf.

But even with the resignation, there was still the question of inadequate accounts for the New Zealand trip. As Sports Council grant aid money was involved, full accounts had to be presented. At a meeting of the B.C.U. Slalom Committee at Stone in June, accounts were presented by Mr. Boshier and also a proposal for him (Mr. Boshier) to re-commence organisation of the Tryweryn Open Championship. Although at the time of writing no minutes of the meeting have appeared, it seems both were accepted by the majority but at the cost of the resignations of three Executive Members—Miss Maragaret Bellord, Mr. Ian Pendleton (Slalom Secretary), and Mr. Jack Spulher (B.C.U. representative to I.C.F.)—and the co-opted member Mr. Mick Colgan.

From the remaining members of the Executive there is the feeling of a new progressive approach to slalom

sport, but the work load represented by the above resignations is tremendous, and it remains to be seen if suitable replacements can be found. All three Executive members are elected to B.C.U. Council in their own right, and whether their resignation from the Slalom Committee is to the general advantage of the sport or not, it must be a very concerning situation now facing the B.C.U. Council and the Competitive Committee that three members who have been involved with slalom sport for very many years should find themselves at odds with the majority of their fellow Committee Members.

## COMPETITIVE COACH COURSES

**The B.C.U. Coaching Scheme took a big step forward last year when it launched training courses to help those who are interested in coaching in the competitive branches of the sport.** Two such courses have now been run at the National Water Sports Centre, Nottingham and the list of Assistant Competition Coaches now number twenty-six.

The format of the courses is still evolving, but a number of features are obviously highly successful and will be retained for future courses. The value of bringing in speakers from other sporting and scientific backgrounds was established from the beginning. An important development from the first course, when the students wrote articles based on their own experience, was the research done on topics of their own choice, by students on the second course. This added a good deal to the interest in the course and the subjects investigated raised some very pertinent questions.

The students on the second course each presented a 'paper' on their investigations, and these ranged from a film on portage techniques—made on video and 16mm—to a physical fitness test. Other papers included such things as transfer of training in flat water gates, the effects of warm up on a paddler's performance, and the relationship between stroke frequency and acceleration from the start.

The Slalom group was fortunate in being able to work with members of the National Junior Training Group, an experience from which all sides benefited (the squad has never been blessed with so much willing bank-side manpower before!).

The next training course will include the visit of the D.K.V. National Coach, Karl Knapp. There will therefore be an increased emphasis on Canadian technique during part of the course, and this feature should help again to improve the quality of the work done during the course.

The last course was a very enjoyable affair and the contact established between people who are just starting to think of coaching in competitive canoeing circles and a number of well established figures in the sphere of national team coaching and administration seems to be particularly valuable.

The next training course will be held at the National Water Sports Centre, 21st/27th October, 1974. Full details and application forms are available from: *J. A. Fazey, 28 Richmondfield Lane, Barwick in Elmet, Leeds LS15 4EZ.*

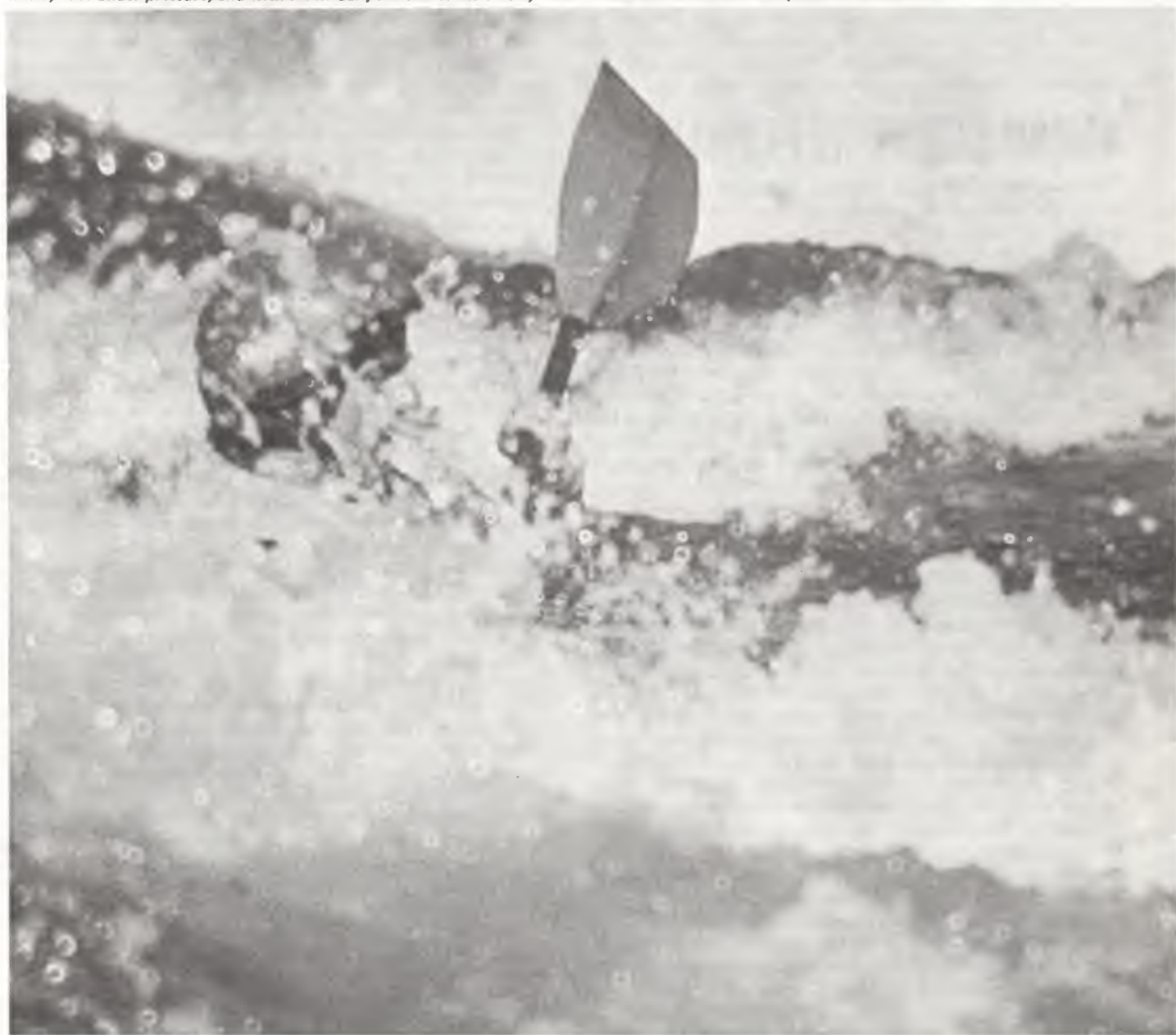


# GRAND CANYON

## SUMMER OF '73

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*Art Vitarelli, Grand Canyon Water Leader—exceptional ability on really big water, cool under pressure, and with seven Canyon runs to his credit, a man to instill confidence in Expedition Members.*





## ***Tapeats Creek***

Back in camp there had been yet another accident. Caroline Emerson had managed to get a rock dropped on her hand over the final descent of the hike. She was badly grazed and the wrist very swollen. Tapeats just did not seem to be a good place for us...

The evening brought another group from the river, breaking the un-written Canyon law and camping right on our site. These were 'free-thinking' Americans getting an all over tan. With discretion Carol Johnson moved her sleeping place back in to our main group.

## ***Deer Creek & Matkat***

*7th July. 134-mile to 152 mile.* Almost twenty miles to be covered today, but with only Upset Rapid during the afternoon to present any difficulty. The loading of the rafts was hard and long, with all the gear having to be carried some quarter mile over the rocky beach. Thus it was quite a late start from Tapeats.

By mid-morning we were two miles down stream and pulling in to the right bank for a stop at Deer Creek. Here a stream drops some hundred feet from the canyon wall and is a cool and refreshing place. All our group dashed under the cascading water for a really powerful wash.

Alas, too soon we had to move on. Three miles below we ran Fishtail Rapid but was of no great problem. With the afternoon wearing on, we made a very late lunch stop at Kanab Creek. Here there were cool groups of trees and we took time out for a doze in the shade.

With still another eight miles to go before our proposed camp and Upset Rapid still to be run, we could not stay too long at this place. Now eleven days in the Canyon and almost a hundred miles to run before the pull-out at Diamond Creek. At our past rate it did not seem we would be able to make the

pull-out on the 12th.

Four miles below Kanab Creek, Leon pulled the raft toward the left bank and slowed for a landing at Matkatamiba Canyon. Art was on the J-rig in front of us and would show us how to make the landing... Just a few yards below this side canyon is the head of Matkatamiba Rapid and the water was rising fast.

Art nosed his raft in to the wall, gently taking it nearer the entrance that was hidden by an outcrop of rock. Just a few more yards and he will have made it – alas the current caught the stern and he swung down the rapid below! Not quite the way to do it Art! (I'll get a ducking for this for sure!)

For the kayakists it was an easy approach and, with Mike Fennessy standing by on that outcrop of rock to catch a line, Leon headed in. Art had failed to make it, but there he had seen this place before and others in the party above had not. I saw no reason why we should follow him down the rapid if we could make the landing.

Both 10-mans and the second J-rig managed to make the landing and the side canyon proved very rewarding. From the entrance, small 'tea-cups' led up a series of levels to open out into one of the most beautiful side canyons. Smooth rock basins with a twinkling stream provided superb pools that one could slide down into, while around great rock walls of deep red rose to the sky. Again time seemed to fly and I judged Art would be getting impatient if we stayed much longer.

## ***Upset Rapid***

The thunder of Upset Rapid burst upon the ear as we rounded a bend in the river just over a mile below Matkatamiba. Art had made a landing on the right side and, following up in the 10-man we thought all were to scout before the run. It was now high water and the rapid looked and sounded good.

We headed over to the right and I

looked to my cameras – here on the last I got a great print of 'fly navy' looping end over end in a tremendous stopper. Alas, it was not to be. Art waved us on and we were to take the rapid blind. Much swearing from Leon now as we were in the wrong position and almost at the head of the rapid. Pulling like mad, Leon soon had us back on the right line and we rushed through the wild water. The high level had washed out most of the great holes and the current swept us well below making it impossible to stop for photographs or watch the others come through.

Just two miles below Upset, we pulled in to the right bank to beach for the nights camp on a small sandbar. Above in the canyon wall a whole series of water basins stretched back up the wall – it was a fine place for our party.

## ***Sun-less Havasu***

*8th July. 152-mile to 166.5-mile.* This morning we planned for an early start, most of the day was to be spent at the beautiful Havasu Creek. But alas, for me there is disappointment – for the only time during our days in the Canyon, the sky is overcast and thunder echoed around the cliffs.

Havasu Creek was just five miles down stream from our camp site, the miles soon passed, and within a short time our rafts were pulled well up into the entrance of the side canyon.

On the 1971 trip this wonderful place had a great effect on me and I could hardly believe its beauty. At times tears of emotion welled in my eyes as I worked with camera, knowing that my skill could only capture a fraction of the wonder of this canyon. And now, two years later I had returned – only to find a dark sky hiding the sun and casting a gloom on those superb twinkling waters I remembered so well.

Maybe as the day wore on the sun would come from behind the clouds.

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# GRAND CANYON

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Thus I grabbed a lunch pack and water bag and began to hike up the creek, leaving all the other members to play in the warm blue waters at the mouth. Only Bob joined me on the hike.

As we explored further in to the canyon, the sand trail slowly narrowed, the evidence of visitors was left behind and the only prints in the sand was that of countless lizards. It was a beautiful paradise with only the sun missing. The blue stream gurgled and jumped over pink rocks, at times great pools were formed and rocks covered with a wide variety of mosses and weeds. The noise of birds blended with that of the stream and echoed along the canyon; black crows glided low over the river and every so often the rumble of thunder resounded off the great walls.

All the morning we walked further on, I was hoping to reach the first of the splendid waterfalls but as time neared mid-day I knew I was not to see them on this trip. Above Beaver Falls we stopped for lunch. Thus refreshed, I decided it was time to head back.

Just a mile down the sun burst through the black clouds. My spirits lifted as I loaded colour in the camera and dashed off a few exposures. But it was short lived. More clouds rolled over the canyon and the twinkling waters faded. Oh how sad I was as I rejoined the main party and prepared to take to the Colorado once again.

Before us now lay a hard paddle and row of almost ten miles to the National or Gateway Canyon that was to be our nights campsite. The water was flat with only a few ripples but the stream running quite hard. An afternoon wind blew in our faces slowing progress of the J-rigs, while the 10-mans had to be constantly on the watch to keep in the main current. It is amazing that on a river with a run of 15,000 to 20,000 cusecs how the eddies can pull you from the current and find your craft going back upstream!

The canyon walls were now quite sheer and almost without break. Greg was in front in his 10-man. With Leon, we were some quarter mile behind and

far behind us were the two J-rigs and paddlers. A couple of small side canyons were passed on the left, I judged we had another five miles to travel. Tuckup Canyon slipped by on the right and Leon shouted to Greg that we were almost on National Canyon. Another two miles and National Canyon came into sight on the right, but the beach was clear – Greg had gone straight past it... It seemed impossible that he could miss it, the canyon is the only one on the left since Havasu.

The sun had already dropped below the Canyon wall and both the passengers and myself felt cold. 'You can't be cold in a desert!' was one of Leon's favourite remarks. But don't you believe it, I know how I felt.

The raft was pulled well up on the beach at National and, even though Greg had gone on, Art had said the campsite was here, so here we stayed until he arrived. I now thought that if I was cold, even more so must be our paddlers, and thus set about to build a fire. As on most of the sites we used, it was not difficult to find piles of driftwood and I soon had a great fire going. Certainly it was welcomed by our members.

Art at last pulled in on the J-rig. At times he was on the water in kayak, but where there was long flat runs he helped on the J-rigs. Pulling these along was hard work, particularly if there was any head wind. Immediately he wanted to know where the hell Greg was. Poor Greg, he is beached some three-quarters of a mile below and just sitting there on his raft waiting to know what was to be done.

'He comes back here,' proclaims Art, 'we're not going down to get him, he should know where we are stopping...'

A couple of the guys go down to help him bring the raft back up along the shallows and pull the raft up on the lower beach of our site. Within an hour the job is done but still Greg has to face a dressing down from Art.

'Where the hell do you think you were going?' shouts Art.

'Get down off that rock when you talk to that man!' comes the voice of Jim 'Streaker'. Laughter all round and the air is a little lighter.

The warmth of the fire and yet another good meal soon brought the life back to our group and the harsh words of the re-dress are soon forgotten. On the beach Mary found a most superb rock washed down by floods from National Canyon. It is covered with fossils and highly interesting, but proves impossible to move. Maybe at some future date a trip up National would be of interest.

### On to Lava Falls

14th August, 1869

*'About eleven o'clock we hear a great roar ahead, and approach it very cautiously. The sound grows louder and louder as we run, and at last we find ourselves above a long, broken fall, with ledges and pinnacles of rock obstructing the river. There is a descent of perhaps 75 or 80 feet in a third of a mile, and the rushing waters break into great waves on the rocks, and lash themselves into a mad, white foam.'*

John Wesley Powell

9th July, 166.5-mile to 185-mile. Our 14th day in the Canyon dawns bright, the sun chasing away the clouds of the previous day. So here it was, the day we tackle the mighty Lava Falls, top grade rapid of the Colorado.

Breakfast is soon over, the work of packing the rafts completed before the sun rose above the walls to burn down on our campsite. On the water and the miles slip by, Lava draws ever closer. Fern Glen Canyon, Stairway Canyon, Mohawk Canyon... All the paddlers were in good spirits with no trace of the anxiety and tension that had prevailed over these miles on the '71 trip.

The past few days had been fun and relaxing, but now they were all ready to take on the big water once again.

The sun rose high over the Canyon, the rock now sported great lava flows and at last we came to the Vulcan's Anvil. This is a great block of lava towering from the centre of the river



and just a mile above Lava Falls. There was no need to tell our paddlers what lay just ahead.

The thunder of Lava Falls came up over the river towards us and all headed for the left bank to land above and make the scouting. The water was not quite so high as I had remembered from the first trip, but with a fall of 39-foot in just a hundred yards there was little doubt that this was the greatest rapid of the trip and just as awesome as when we hit in 1971.

The 'chicken shoot' on the left side was dotted with more rocks making for an almost impossible run, while on the right side four great waves burst skywards at intervals with great holes below each. At the bottom that massive rock jutted out in the river, a tremendous wave rolling up on its side. Yes, it was still the same – but our paddlers were different. I had all confidence in them, and if I was going to run the right side in the 'Mary B' so could they.

Greg's 10-man headed down toward the right tongue, that beautiful smooth running water that led to those terrifying exploding waves and holes. Within seconds the raft was covered in boiling water, Greg knocked completely off his rowing seat, oars flying in different directions. With a bound he was back on the seat and grabbing the oars to regain control – just in time to be swept off again by the second of the waves! Again he clambered back and again he was almost washed overboard by the force of the third and forth waves. The 10-man burst through the last of the great waves and Greg regained control to safely slip down the side of the rock at the bottom. He had made a top rate run and was now safe in the eddy below.

The first of the J-rigs took the rapid in fine style, at times almost covered in spray, but gained the bottom without mishap. In any of our rafts this rapid was of the uttermost excitement to run.

Now came the first of the kayaks. The lads had had a good look at the rapid from both sides and I was quite

*continued overleaf*



*The beauty of Havasu Creek.*





# GRAND CANYON

## SUMMER OF '73



*Robbie and Dave scout Lava Falls from the big side.*



*Chris Rawlings on the first wave of Lava.*



*Pete Knowles down the tongue... and out the bottom.*



*Rob Hastings down on Lava...*

confident that they were up to the standard for the right hand run or would have enough sense to take the easier route or portage without having to be told.

As with the past really big rapids, our kayakers ran in pairs. First to take the water was Chris Rawlings and Richard Knight. On the river above, the pair lined down for the right hand tongue, Chris in the lead. Even though I had all confidence in them, my pulse raced as I watched them head down into the great boiling, seething, mass, and thoughts of how Mike Goodwin on the 1971 trip had disappeared from sight for what seemed an eternity, flashed across my mind.

Chris raced down into the first of the great waves, his kayak almost smothered by the water but breaking on the lower side to tackle the next. Hell, those kayakers looked so small against the water... Now through the third wave, a dive into a tremendous hole and then a capsizel! My heart almost missed a beat but within seconds he had rolled up, was clear and racing down through the tail of the rapid. We had our first paddler safely through to the bottom. Richard had been right behind Chris all the way but his run did not include the capsizel — two down... Over the next minutes others took to the water — Bob Smith, Peter Knowles, Robbie Stewart, John Emes, Dave Green, Rob Hasting, Mike Fennessy... In all, 11 of our 17 paddlers attempted the right side of Lava of which 10 came through safely, one having to bail out. The mighty Lava Falls had certainly fallen to the kayakers on this trip!

Just why had we been so successful? Well, although this group was by far better balanced with regard to ability, I would not have said they were way above the standard of the '71 group. However, on this second trip, there did not seem to be the competitive spirit between the paddlers, all were pulling together. But above all, there was no great tension as we approached Lava, of course pulses were



racing like mad (one of the boys was rating at around 170 before the run!), but we were all far more relaxed and greatly more confident on the water after 12 days. I believe the first trip ran too fast, cramming the run into just 10 days.

### **Lava Falls in a 10-man**

All too soon I was back above the rapid, cameras now safely packed in their cans, and preparing for our run in the 10-man. Having seen Greg go through, I was more than a little worried that we could get a second 10-man through without a flip. However, I had great confidence in Leon as a boatman, and to date he had proved well capable of these big rapids — even when we missed the best route down! On all the rapids he headed for the biggest water and for days before had said he intended to take the right side of Lava, no matter what the water looked like.

'All set? Okay, let's go.' The only words we spoke until we gained the eddies below.

The raft slowly headed out in to the main stream, Leon pulling high above the rapid to make sure we would gain the right side tongue and not be swept down the centre where one tremendous hole below a great rock would surely have swallowed us up forever.

The nose of the 'Mary B' was at last swung slightly downstream with the angle toward the right bank. All the time with Leon pulling back against the stream, we were slowly drawn relentlessly toward the raging boiling mass. Just a few more yards and we were committed, the smooth racing water of the tongue caught the raft and we gathered speed. My hands grip tightly on the safety lines. Ahead the first great waves seemed to tower right over us as we rushed down the tongue and hit it nose on. For seconds there was nothing but blinding water, the noise of the rapid deafening the ear. I felt the raft buck at the first wave, the

stern lifted and threw me forward, my hands torn loose from the safety ropes and I was dashed against the pile of duffle in front of me. My face hit the corner of an amo-can, but was only bruised and not cut. Water was everywhere, the raft entirely filled by the first wave. With such a weight of water we were almost totally uncontrollable (although Leon would have you think different!). White foaming water seemed to continually cover the raft and it was impossible to know whether we were still on the first wave, or in the second or third. All that was certain was that we were still in the raging water and still the right way up!

Leon wrestled with the oars, doing his best to gain at least a little control on the direction and keep the nose pointing downstream or hitting the waves bow on. To turn broadside would have meant a certain flip. For a few moments water cleared from my eyes and before us I could see that great wall of rock right in front. It seemed almost certain we were going to run up the side of it, but at the last second the nose turned slightly left and we raced past it. The 'Mary B' wallowed through smaller chop now — we had made a successful run.

Within a few minutes we were pulled up on the right shore beside Greg, laughing with relief at having got through and busy bailing out the water from our swamped craft. Time now for a quick drink of 'coke' or 'soda-pop' handed round by Caroline, one of our passengers. Now after Lava Falls, surely all other rapids were going to be nothing but routine...

After another six miles on the water, we pulled in to a great sand bar on the right shore for our nights camp. For both Art and myself there was relief that we had got the group through the worst of the rapids and before us now was but a few small rapids on which to have fun rather than a racing pulse. Contented, I lay on my sleeping bag gazing up at the host of stars until sleep blotted out even these.

### **Water battles and fun**

*10th July. 185-mile to 208.5-mile.* Although there were few rapids to run this day, we had many miles to cover. Our aim was for Granite Park, well over twenty miles downstream. The Canyon was now opening out and offered little shade from the early morning sun. However, at Granite Park a great tree provided an area of shade.

The morning was taken up with hard rowing and numerous water fights. At times when there was little to interest us in the way of rapids and wild water, we took to making our own wild water. The 10-mans would raid the J-rigs, the kayaks would raid the rafts. Balers, oars, paddles, and even cups were used to throw water at all who came within range. In temperatures of 115° it was refreshing fun, but hard work to keep up such an activity for long. Thus the battles developed into short running engagements, after each soaking the crews retiring a distance to gain breath and dry out a little before the next round.

During the afternoon, Kay Emerson took one of the kayaks and, as a sprint canoeist, did well in running a number of the small rapids without too many capsize. John Toder, from whom she borrowed the boat, came on to Leon's raft and had a go at taking it through the wild water ... The group was winding down.

Granite Park proved to be a good site, but of sand. I chose a sleeping place right on the beach, the high water of the following morning coming within inches of my feet — I had judged the high water well!

*11th July. 208.5-mile to 225.5-mile.* Our last day on the river and another long paddle and row. Now there was only 16½-miles to go before reaching Diamond Creek. We hoped to get there late in the afternoon so as to be able to de-rig the rafts, pack the gear, and get a message out to our man who was due to bring the trucks in on the mid-morning of the following day.



# GRAND CANYON

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Numerous cans of fruit remained from our supplies and there was as much as one could eat for breakfast. Thus, with a good meal, we were well prepared for the long day ahead.

The miles slowly passed. Once again it was a morning of water fights and much frivolity. Not content with water fights among ourselves, I hit upon a plan to raid the next commercial trip that came down. Instructions were shouted for the rafts and paddlers to fall to each side of the river if another group appeared, then wait until they were running through us before we struck with all the water power we had.

However, this new game rather backfired as the first group to appear did not seem to want to join in and we got a dressing-down from their boatman. He was going to report us to the Park Ranger for splashing his group! Hell, we were bad boys splashing this poor innocent group of travellers, didn't we know that no one is supposed to get wet on a commercial trip!

By mid-afternoon the great conical mound of Diamond Peak rose above the river. Just another mile and we pulled in to Diamond Creek—our journey on the superb Colorado River was over.

After an hour of rest and finishing up a few more of those spare cans of fruit, we all set about to de-rig the rafts. As the sun dropped below the Canyon our rafts were all rolled, the boat boxes emptied, and all our gear and equipment neatly stacked ready for collection by the trucks in the morning.

By good fortune a commercial company truck came down to the river. Yes, he was going out again during the evening and would drop off a message to our contact to bring the trucks down early. Just before midnight the trucks had arrived and thus we would have an early start in the morning. (Great clouds were again over the Canyon during the afternoon and evening, and our drivers thought it best come down as soon as possible in case Diamond Creek became impassable.)

Our friends from Arta who wanted to buy the kayaks were already waiting for us when we arrived at Diamond Creek and, once all the work had been done, the boys got down to selling their craft. By evening all boats were sold for hard cash, even the smashed Olympia and one of the 'borrowed' Dick Held kayaks. Most got more than the buying price in England and thus we were all well pleased with the deal. The Americans got first-class kayaks and other equipment at a fraction of the price such boats would have cost from licenced U.S.A. manufacturers.

### Drive out

12th July. 225.5-mile. Even before 5 a.m. I was up and around this morning. Also for the first time Art was up (during the Canyon trip and like many of the work crew, he camped a little away off from the main party, and on most occasions I did not bother to wake him until most of the group were finished with their toilet and ready for breakfast).

This morning we had the job of packing trucks, the drive out to Grand Canyon Cavern Motel, a re-pack of Art's truck, and then the long drive back across the desert to Los Angeles. We wanted to get the heavy work finished before the sun came up over the canyon walls and sent the temperature soaring. All members set to, and we were soon ready to leave. I took one last look at the Colorado...

*'Okay, let's go!'*

All clambered aboard, the engines burst into life and we headed up out of Diamond Creek, the trucks bouncing over the rough dry river bed. For twenty miles the engines toiled up the creek in a steady climb and only midway did I look back, the red rock now turning into a haze of blue and purple... like that last drive out on the 1971 trip I resolved that this would not be the end of my association with Grand Canyon. Yes, again I would return to this beautiful and wild place.

*'The glories and the beauties of form, colour, and sound unite in the Grand Canyon—forms unrivaled even by the mountains, colours that vie with sunsets, and sounds that span the diapason from tempest to tinkling raindrop, from cataract to bubbling fountain. But more: it is a vast district of country. Were it a valley plain it would make a state. It can be seen only in parts from hour to hour and from day to day and from week to week and from month to month. A year scarcely suffices to see it all. It has infinite variety, and no part is ever duplicated. Its colors, though many and complex at any instant, change with the ascending and declining sun; lights and shadows appear and vanish with the passing clouds, and the changing season mark their passage in changing colours. You cannot see Grand Canyon in one view, as if it were a changeless spectacle from which a curtain might be lifted, but to see it you have to toil from month to month through its labyrinths. It is a region more difficult to traverse than the Alps or the Himalayas, but if strength and courage are sufficient for the task, by a year's toil a concept of sublimity can be obtained never again to be equaled on the higher side of Paradise.'*

John Wesley Powell

### Conclusion

**After the desert drive, the group spent** some five days relaxing on the surf beaches of California and making the tourist sights—a trip to Marineland and Disneyland.

From all the members I have had nothing but congratulations and praise on organising a highly successful and enjoyable trip, with most wanting to come again. But such praise is misplaced. It must go to the fine American crew led by Art, who put in all the work of organising the support rafts and undertaking the chores at each campsite; to the cooks who produced such superb meals in the wilderness; to the swampers who took on the dirty jobs; and most of all it must go to the paddlers themselves who came together as individuals at London but who reacted and worked as a team with one purpose in the Canyon...



# NOTES NEWS

## BCU Test and Award review

After three years of a five year term, the B.C.U. National Coaching Committee has set up a 'Test and Award Review Committee' to look into the present framework of tests and awards to consider what changes are needed to meet current and future requirements—such changes to take place as from January 1976.

The Test and Award Review Committee consists of John Fazey, Colin Gray, Peter Jones and Carel Quaife, the latter acting as co-ordinator. The Committee think it important that persons or organisations interested in the teaching of canoeing should have an opportunity to contribute ideas at this discussion stage. A questionnaire has been sent to members of the coaching scheme, but the Committee is particularly keen that others should also fill this in. Copies of questionnaire available from: *C. E. Quaife, 70 Coopers Road, Birmingham B20 2JX. (S.A.E. please)*

## Congratulations

**The Worcester Canoe Club** celebrates its 21st season this year . . . The Paddling Challenge Cup, 10,000m race for K1, is 100-years old this season, certainly making it the oldest canoeing race in the world. . .

## Secretary resigns

During the middle of June, the General Secretary of the British Canoe Union, Mr. D.P.H. Tudor-Williams, resigned his office. Thus at the present time the B.C.U. is without a secretary. However, the Director of Coaching, Oliver Cock, is taking over secretarial responsibilities for the time present.

## Liffey Descent

This year's International Liffey Descent is moved forward from its usual date of the first weekend in September and will now be held on Saturday 31st August. The course is as previous years, starting from Straffan to finish at Islandbridge.

This year, I hear the event will be sponsored jointly by Peter Storm (Ireland) Ltd., and Venture Sports (Dublin) Ltd. Full details and entry forms can be obtained from: *Frank Lee, Liffey Descent Organiser, 18 Cypress Road, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin, Ireland.*

## Chris in colour

A coloured photograph of a highly worried looking Chris Rawlings appears in the new 'Scottish Sports Holidays' brochure out in May. The brochure lists centres and holidays available north of the border including Canoeing, Hillwalking, Sailing, Trekking and Riding. Copies available: *Scottish Tourist Board, 23 Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh EH4 3EU.*

## Sweden enters slalom

Sweden at last seems to be entering the slalom scene. Over the weekend 23rd June, Robin Witter high-tailed it out to the river Arealven in the south-west of Sweden to look at a slalom event organised by the Jarpen Canoe Club. From his observations, it seems the Swedes have a very keen and enthusiastic group of slalomists but at the present time their standard only compares with the lower divisions in Britain.

## Espada Award Scheme

The BCU Espada Scheme is continuing to gain momentum at the last count 302 kayaks were registered for racing and nine of the licenced manufacturers were taking part. The licenced manufacturers still have the option to build kayaks and may well be doing so, but the other count the Committee have is through the racing registration. It is supposed that an owner will be less likely to want to register his/her Espada until they feel ready to race it.

In the building league Trylon Ltd. are top with 114 kayaks, followed by The Canoe Centre - 96: Nottingham Kayak Club - 32: Wild Water Centre - 25: Strand Glass - 16: Valley Canoe Products - 7: Ottersports - 6: Topcraft - 4: Pyranha Mouldings - 2.

Now in operation is an Espada Award Scheme. The first award is gained by merely paddling the Espada for a distance of 10,000m without stopping. Other awards are made for racing results and full details can be obtained from the Award Secretary: The Reverend Raymond Ball, 6 Station Road, Tadcaster, York.

Other addresses and address changes are: *Espada Class Director, David R. Cook, Bryntysilo Outdoor Education Centre, Llangollen, Clwyd, LL20 8BS. Tel: 0978 860454. Registration Secretary, Mike Nadal, Flat 5, 22/24 William Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.*

## Canoeing Exhibition

Under the title 'The National Canoeing Exhibition', the British Canoe Manufacturers Association is sponsoring the first of what is to be an annual event. The venue is the Granby Halls, Leicester, the dates 15th/16th February, 1975.

The Association is now a well established body which was formed to set much needed industry standards of safety and construction.

As the sport of canoeing continues to grow in size and importance, a need has been felt to hold this exhibition at which manufacturers of canoes, kayaks and ancillary equipment can show the latest in design development to as many individuals and clubs as possible.

Being a national sport with active canoeists not limited to any particular area, it was decided to hold the event as near to the middle of the country as possible. Also, it had to be accessible for almost all means of transport—we hear that some visitors will, weather permitting, be coming by canoe to Leicester!

Clubs and Associations will also be exhibiting, there will be a film show running on both days, all of which adds up to a complete representation of the sport for visitors.

## Interesting statistics

The Hungarian Canoe Racing calendar lists some 80 flatwater regattas for 1974. The country has 41 canoe clubs, just over 100 senior paddlers, and almost 200 junior paddlers.



# SPRINT RACING

## Joint Services Regatta

The British Sprint Racing season opened with the Joint Services Regatta at Holme Pierrepont over the weekend 11th/12th May. However, as the later International Regatta at Holme Pierrepont is fully reported elsewhere in this issue, a report on the event is curtailed other than to say that the regatta was a fine success and that the most exciting race of the weekend proved to be the Mens K1 10,000m on the Sunday afternoon.

Twenty-one paddlers were on the start line, but from the word go it developed virtually into a two-paddler race between Doug Parnham of Richmond and Dave Lawrence of Royal Canoe Club. These two played a superb tactical race with little more than clear water between them for the whole race. At the last 1000m and the break for individual lanes, the pair were almost dead level. A last frantic sprint gave Parnham the win by just one tenth of a second with a time of 48min 05sec.

## 100th Paddling Challenge

The 30th June saw another momentous 10,000m K1 race. This time it was on the River Thames at the Royal Canoe Club and the occasion of the 100th Paddling Challenge Cup, certainly the oldest canoeing race in the world.

The Paddling Challenge Cup was first raced in 1874, although at that time not over the 10,000m course. The impressive silver challenge cup lists the previous winners—names of men famous and outstanding in the history of paddle racing.

For this 100th race, just over 80 starters were on the water (even female crews—such a thought could never have been entertained until recent years!). Throughout the race the lead was constantly changing among a leading bunch of four paddlers and everything depended on the final sprint for the finish. Over the line first was Doug Parnham of RichmondCanoe Club closely followed by Royal Canoe Club paddlers John Fowler, Eric Farrel and Dave Lawrence. A pity that for such a notable race no time was kept . . .

All finishers received a centenary memento and all present could take a sip of champagne from the Paddling Challenge Cup to mark the occasion.



Parnham and Lawrence battling round the 10,000m at Joint Services Regatta.



The Rumanian girls with their trainer.



Third place medal for Reichenstein in the C1 1000m.





report and photographs  
Mike Clark



# HOLME PIERREPONT INTERNATIONAL

*Rough conditions but record entry  
and top class racing*

*Womens K2 500m off the start.*

With well over 850 entries from some 360 paddlers and teams from Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Rumania and Great Britain, the Holme Pierrepont International Canoe Regatta held at the National Watersports Centre, Nottingham, over 22nd/23rd June, proved to be one tremendous success and all credit to the organising BCU Sprint Racing Committee. Without doubt it was by far the largest sprint regatta we have ever held in the country, and with the strong German and Rumanian teams competing, the Holme Pierrepont International is really set to become a popular and established international canoeing event. Its very success goes a long way to showing that we are now capable of entertaining a World Championship within the next decade.

## **International Teams**

The International was, as last year, combined with the British Schools' Canoeing Association Championships, and for this a superb entry was received, being well up on last year. In the International, once again we welcomed the fine team from Rumania—despite the fact that last year they took most of the medals and no doubt intended to do the same this year! For the first time a strong team of paddlers came from Germany, although not the national team as was hoped, while the most sur-

prising and pleasing entry was the quite large team of paddlers from Canada—although here their strength was in Canadian Class Canoes and not their kayak team. In fact the entry for the Canadian class was just a little embarrassing—for the long distance events there was an entry of 18 paddlers, the only problem being that in the whole of the country we only have eight C1 Class canoes . . . !

With a first class entry and capable organisation, the other ingredient for a successful regatta was the weather. For the whole week prior, Holme Pierrepont could not have been better—bright sun and little wind, making almost ideal racing conditions. However, for the weekend we were not so lucky. The weather broke on the Friday afternoon and during some parts on the regatta water conditions were just a little rough. Still, such conditions are not entirely unknown on other European regatta courses, and we are fast learning to race the conditions as we find them.

## **Saturday heats**

As last year, the Olympic class events were competed on the Saturday, leaving the Sunday for the 500-metre events in the morning and the long distance during the middle and late afternoon.

During the first heats of the Saturday morning, the paddlers from overseas all gained their top crews

through into the finals. However, the British paddlers were showing just as capable of winning through and in all the semi-finals and finals we were well represented. Even in the Canadian class we managed to get Edom and Reichenstein through to the C1 final.

## **Mens K1 1000m**

The first final of the Saturday afternoon was the Mens K1 1000m. Here we had Gorman, Lawrence, Hambrey and Oliver through. From the start the race was dominated by Macaranco of Rumania, taking out the lead and holding it almost until the finish. From 500 out he looked to be an easy winner, but with less than 100-metres to go, the Danish paddler Sorensen put in a tremendous spurt to come through and take the win just two seconds clear of the Rumanian. Although our paddlers were not out-classed, they were hard pushed to keep contact and the best placing came with Gorman racing into fourth behind Hoekstra of Canoe Club Gent.

## **Mens C1**

In the C1 1000m that followed, there was little doubt of the winner. Patzaichen, that superb Rumanian canoeist, went straight into the lead and by the finish had built up a lead of over five seconds from Wood of Canada in second place. However, for

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Britain there was a tremendous boost to the class with Willy Reichenstein taking the bronze medal in front of three Canadian paddlers (country), and a German. This was truly a superb effort from Willy in a class that was only introduced in Britain last season and one where we have no real expert to guide us. Here in a class where we were likely to be totally out-matched, Willy put up a very respectable performance. It should be pointed out that really Patzaichen was in a class by himself and he went on to win all the C1 events of the weekend.

### **Womens K1 500m**

The Womens K1 500m produced a really fine race. Just two British girls had won through—Helen Woodhouse and Francis Wetherall—and had to work hard to put in a reasonable time. The race was dominated by the German and Rumanian girls, Nichiforov having a great battle with the German Peperinghe. Over the finish Peperinghe was just two seconds clear to take the win, with Nichiforov being closely followed by team mate Dumitru. Francis Wetherall took sixth place behind the German girls Esser and Mauer.

### **K2 events**

The Mens K2 1000m was next on the programme and this produced one of the most exciting events of the afternoon—less than three seconds separated the first four placings. Although the Rumanian crew of Voroviov/Terente lead almost from the start, three others were within striking distance, one of these being Fowler/Williams of Royal Canoe Club. From a hundred metres out it was still anyone's race and, although the Royal crew could not catch the Rumanians, they did hold off two German crews and one Danish to take second place. The Germans Timmers/Tepe just clipped the Danes for third place.

In the Womens K2 500m there was once again a tussle between the Rumanians and the Germans. The Rumanian girls, Nichiforov/Dumitru (Olympic bronze medalists) took the win a little over two seconds clear of the Germans Esser/Peperinghe. For Britain Haynes/Wetherall gained fifth place behind another German and Canadian crews.



*Winning smiles from Fowler/Williams in the Mens K2 500m*



*The two Danish paddlers out in front of the 10,000m event.*

### **Mens K4 1000m —highlight of Saturday**

The real highlight of the Saturday racing was the Mens K4 1000m. Eight crews off the start line and out in front the superb Rumanian crew—yet again! Really there was no matching the Rumanian brilliance, even the evening before when they had just been out training on the water, they looked perfection. Their paddling precision is so perfect I am sure they must have their paddles attached together with wire! However, from the very start they were forging ahead and there was no catching them. Thus the race was for second place. Here a great battle developed between the German crew and the British crew of Lawrence/Greenaway/Tilford/Fowler. The British boys could not just find that last ounce of effort to take second place, and had to be content with a third just under a second down.

### **Sunday events —rough conditions again**

Overcast skies, strong winds, and rough water conditions prevailed for the whole of the racing on the Sunday, but even this could not detract from some really top class racing. Over the short distances during the morning, Diba of Rumania took the K1 500m with Essanu, also Rumania, dropping into second place. For Britain, Doug Parnham made a fine effort to take third place less than a few tenths of a second down and in front of Hoekstra of Gent and Sorensen of Denmark. Patzaichen won the C1 as expected, followed by Wood and Smith of Canada. Reichenstein of Britain could not hold the pace here and trailed into fifth place behind the German Wuster. In the Womens K4 500m there was quite a surprise to find a Rumanian/Canadian combination on the start line and the crew even went on to win in front of the





German womens K2.

C1 1000m off the start.

The superb Rumanian K4 crew.



German—certainly a good performance from a scratch crew.

### K2 win for Britain

The last international event before the long distance of the afternoon, was the Mens K2 500m. With nine crews on the start line and only Canada not represented there was all the ingredients for an exciting event. Well to the front was the Rumanian crew of Coznita/Sciotnic but holding them even after the start was the British crew of Fowler/Williams, not only holding them, but over the finish taking the lead—it was the first and only gold medal for Britain of the weekend. Just a few tenths of a second separated the two crews, but for sure we had managed to show we have paddlers capable of taking on world class paddlers. Even better, third and fourth placings also went to Britain with Farrell/Lawrence and Parnham/Dyer respectively out in front of another Rumanian crew.

### Long Distance events —3rd for Britain in K1

The first of the long distance events of the afternoon was the Mens K1 10,000m. Here the race was totally dominated by two Danish paddlers, Andersen and Sorensen, who took first and second respectively. Parnham for Britain took third place in front of Macarenco with two German paddlers following. In the C1 Patzaichen walked over everyone to gain yet another easy win, with Wood of Canada holding off the Dane Boysen. Unfortunately the rough water conditions forced Reichenstein of Britain to withdraw with a swamped canoe. The Womens K1 5,000m gave a win to Mauer of Germany just clear of Holloway of Canada and producing a fine effort from Hillary Peacock of Britain who really pushed the Canadian girl. The Mens K2 10,000m went to Rumania, as did the K4 event, the last event of the day.

## RESULTS

**Mens K1 10,000m** 1st: Anderson, Denmark, 47min 53sec. 2nd: Sorsensen, Denmark, 48min 00sec. 3rd: Parnham, Great Britain 49min 40sec.

**Mens K1 1000m** 1st: Sorensen, Denmark, 3min 56.38sec. 2nd: Macarenco, Rumania, 3min 58.16sec. 3rd: Hoekstra, Belgium, 3min 59.39sec.

**Mens K1 500m** 1st: Diba, Rumania, 1min 50.33sec. 2nd: Esanu, Rumania, 1min 51.81sec. 3rd: Parnham, Great Britain, 1min 51.98sec.

**Mens K2 10,000m** 1st: Terente/Voliovov, Rumania, 43min 32sec. 2nd: Pape/Brix, Denmark, 43min 39sec. 3rd: Hansen/Anderson, Denmark, 44min 30sec.

**Mens K2 1000m** 1st Voroviov/Terente, Rumania, 3min 37.69sec. 2nd: Fowler/Williams, Royal Canoe Club, 3min 38.57sec. 3rd: Timmers/Tepe, Germany, 3min 39.40sec.

**Mens K2 500m** 1st: Fowler/Williams, Great Britain, 1min 43.53sec. 2nd: Cosnita/Sciotnic, Rumania, 1min 43.92sec. 3rd: Farrel/Lawrence, Great Britain, 1min 45.01sec.

**Mens K4, 10,000m** 1st: Rumania, N/T. 2nd: Germany, N/T. 3rd: Lichfield, N/T.

**Mens K4 1000m** 1st: Sciotic/Essanu/Diba/Cosnita, Rumania, 3min 11.50sec. 2nd: Timmers/Vialon/Tepe/Reichenberg, Germany, 3min 16.58sec. 3rd: Lawrence/Greenaway/Tilford/Fowler, Great Britain, 3min 17.34sec.

**Mens C1 10,000m** 1st: Patzaichen, Rumania, 53min 42sec. 2nd: Wood, Canada, 55min 50sec. 3rd: Boysen, Denmark, 57.15 15 sec.

**Mens C1 1000m** 1st: Patzaichen, Rumania, 4min 14.02sec. 2nd: Wood, Canada, 4min 19.36sec. 3rd: Reichenstein, Great Britain, 4min 23.89sec.

**Mens C1 500m** 1st: Patzaichen, Rumania, 2min 03.35sec. 2nd: Wood, Canada, 2min 04.54sec. 3rd: Smith, Canada, 2min 06.65sec.

**Womens K1 5000m** 1st: Mauer, Germany, 26min 30sec. 2nd: Holloway, Canada, 26min 58sec. 3rd: Peacock, Great Britain, 26min 59sec.

**Womens K1 500m** 1st: Peperinghe, Germany, 2min 04.61sec. 2nd: Nichiforov, Rumania, 2min 06.8 0 sec. 3rd: Dumitru, Rumania, 2min 09.45sec.

**Womens K2 500m** 1st: Dumitru/Nichiforov, Rumania, 1min 51.88sec. 2nd: Esser/Peperinghe, Germany, 1min 53.77sec. 3rd: Mauer/Lewe-Pohlmann, Germany, 1min 57.22sec.

**Womens K4 500m** 1st: Dumitru/Nichiforov/Holloway/Tippet, Rumania/Canada, 1min 43.75sec. 2nd: Esser/Piperighe/Mauer/Lewe-Pohlmann, Germany, 1min 47.11sec. 3rd: Wetherall/Haynes/Harris/Foulds, Great Britain 1min 53.26sec.





# ICF NEWS - INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION NEWS

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## Motions for Congress

**The Board of Management of the ICF** met on 11th/12th May 1974 in Madrid. In the main, the meeting discussed the reports of the Board and of the Chairmen of the various committees for the period 1972-1974, as well as the motions which will be submitted to the 1974 Congress that will be held on 18th October in Mexico City.

Some of the motions received from France, Italy, the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. dealt with the ICF Competition Rules. All these were passed on to the respective committees for examination and re-submission to the next following Congress in Montreal. Of particular interest is a motion from Poland to hold, in future, annual Slalom and Wild Water Racing World Championships. This has the support of the ICF Slalom Committee, with the amendment that no World Championship be held in the Olympic year. A proposal of the Austrian Federation to re-admit into ordinary membership of the ICF the South African Federation did not receive the Board's approval because the decision of the International Olympic Committee is still awaited.

The proposal of the Canoe Association of the Federal Republic of Germany (DKV) to fix the dates of international events as early as possible was whole-heartedly supported by the Board. As from this year, the dates and venues of all international competitions which are to be held the following year must be received by the General Secretary and the Editor of the ICF Bulletin not later than the 15th October and shall be notified to the national associations through the ICF Bulletin, not later than 30th October, so that these can start their forward planning at an early date.

*(The ICF Bulletin followed the above by reprinting in total the article by Gilles Fortin, Vice-President of the*

*Federation Quebecoise de Canot-Kayak, that dealt with 'Slalom and the Montreal Games' and first published in Canoeing Magazine, December 1973.)*

## Olympic Slalom

**It appears from this article (as above),** that the ICF, as far as Montreal is concerned, had hardly any chances to retain slalom in the Olympic programme. However, this could be different in 1980. Mr. Willy Daume, Vice-President of the International Olympic Committee, has officially informed the Canoe Association of the Federal Republic of Germany, that the city of Moscow in an application for the 1980 Olympic Games has specifically undertaken to provide all the necessary technical installations for all events on the programme. Slalom would be one of these events if an application to this effect is accepted by the International Olympic Committee.

## World Sprint Programme

**The XIV World Championships of Sprint Racing** takes place in Mexico from 16th/20th October. The provisional timetable of events is as follows:

- October
- 13th—Ceremonial opening in the Chapultepec Park.
- 14th—Weighing and measuring of boats, Meeting of the ICF Board of Management.
- 15th—Weighing and measuring of boats, Meeting of Team leaders.
- 16th—Heats and Repechages in the Olympic Events.
- 17th—Heats and Repechages in the non-Olympic Events.
- 18th—ICF Congress.
- 19th—Semi-finals and Finals of Olympic Events.
- 20th—Semi-finals and Finals of non-Olympic Events, Finals for all 10,000m Events.
- 21st—Meeting of the ICF Board of Management.

## Junior Sprint Venue '75

**The Spanish Canoe Association** has informed the ICF that they will not be able to organise the 1975 European Championships for Juniors. In response to the circular from the ICF General Secretary dated April, both Finland, with Tampere as the venue, and Italy, with Lake Albano as the venue, have applied for the championships. The final decision can only be made by Congress in October this year, but the Board of Management favours Italy since Finland organised the 1973 World Championships for Seniors.

## World Championships '75

**As already announced, the 1975 World Championships in Racing** will be held in Belgrade in Yugoslavia. Since also the Slalom and Wild Water Racing World Championships will be held in Yugoslavia (in Skopje), the following timetable has been fixed:

- 26th/27th June—Canoe Slalom World Championships in Skopje.
- 28th/29th June—Wild Water Racing World Championships in Skopje.
- 3rd/6th June—World Championships in Racing in Belgrade.

## Canoe Touring

**The ICF Touring Committee** has given its approval to an 'International Seminar on the Problems of Water Tourism', which will be organised by the Czechoslovak Association for Water Tourism, in Czechoslovakia from 4th/8th September. Interested participants are requested to send their entries as soon as possible to the Czechoslovak Association for Water Tourism, Na Porici 12, Prague 1, together with an indication whether they will bring their own boat, or want to borrow a K1 or C1.

In addition to lectures and discussions, there will be cruises on various rivers. Participants must arrive in Prague by 4th September and will be transported to the place where the seminar is to be held, and taken back to Prague on 8th September.

## Photographic Competition

**The ICF Committee for Propaganda and Information** at its meeting on 30th March in Prague to organise a photographic competition on the occasion of the ICF 50th Anniversary.



Entries for the competition are restricted to members of national associations affiliated to the ICF. Black and white prints, as well as colour prints (not slides), are admissible—minimum size 18 x 24 cm, glossy, without border. Each participant is limited to the submission of not more than three photographs. Photographs can depict any branch of canoeing. Final date for entries is 15th February, 1975.

All photographs must bear on the back name of the competitor, his/her address and a description of the subject portrayed. The prizes will be announced later. Competitors must declare their willingness for their photographs to be published without payment of any honorarium.

The selection and presentation of prizes will be made by a jury of experts under the chairmanship of Mr. L. Spitz. Their decisions will be final and no appeal against any decision will be allowed.

## Canoesport Journalists

The International Association of Sport Journalists (Association Internationale de la Presse Sport), is

prepared to form a special sub-committee for canoeing. All national associations are requested to supply names of professional journalists (to ICF) who are known as experts on our sport so that they can be given to the Secretary General of the International Association of Sport Journalists.

## Sports Medicine

The ICF Committee for Sports Medicine at its meeting in Budapest over 25th/26th April dealt in detail with the problem of delaying the menstruation process through ovulation checks and has issued the following recommendation:

*'The taking of ovulation stoppers cannot be regarded as doping. If a woman canoeist wishes, for the sake of a better performance on the day of a competition to delay the menstruation process, this should be arranged only under medical supervision. The taking of such ovulation stoppers is not recommended for girls under 16-years of age.'*

## New Member Nations

The Board of Management has granted provisional membership in

the ICF to Hong Kong, Cyprus, and the Peoples Republic of China, so that they can participate in the 1974 World Championships. According to the statutes this decision has still to be ratified by the 1974 Congress.

From Guatemala and Venezuela, the required documentation has not been received in time so that their acceptance into membership had to be postponed.

## Address Change

Attention is drawn once again to the address change of the Editor of the ICF Bulletin and Chairman of the ICF Committee for Propaganda and Information.

The new address is: *H. E. Vesper, Trospardelle 2, D-41 Duisburg 29, Federal Republic of Germany.*

The new address of the Finish Association is: *Suomen Kanoottiliitto, Topeliuksenkatu 41a, 00250 Helsinki 25, Finland.*



## SCHOOLS SLALOM

The fourth British Schools Canoeing Association Slalom Championships was held over the weekend 18th/19th May. For the second successive year Ironbridge was chosen as the venue.

Ironbridge is well placed in relation to the whole of the country and provides water capable of extending both novice and international alike. The weekend was bright and sunny, and competition in some groups was severe. However, a big disappointment was that at very short notice the selection event for the Europa-Cup and Junior Slalom Team was arranged first for the Awe and then changed to Old Windsor. Some competitors did not get organised to compete in both the BSCA and the selection event.

Also disappointing was the low entry from the girls. Development in this area seems to be almost non-existent. Only three took part—Miss Wain, Miss Newby, Miss Carver—but all of a high standard. Similarly the C1

event was poorly represented, but the structure of Canadian paddling is improving and there is little need for concern. The C2 saw two crews from Suffolk competing with Oswald/Smith taking the win from Meades/Bond.

Eleven school teams competed the Team Event, ten teams in the Association Team Event. In the latter only three Associations were responsible for the ten teams—Chester Y.C.A./Huntingdon & Peterborough/and Suffolk W.S.A. Chester took the win. In the School Team Event Christleton School won from Chester despite a strong challenge from Haberdashers and Ellesmere College. It was encouraging to see schools with limited slalom experience taking part and benefitting from the competition.

Twenty boys contested the Under-14 Kayak, S. Biggs winning from J. Hibble, while in the Under-16 Kayak forty-one boys took part. Here the first three placings went to Chester Y.C.A., J. Brown winning by one point from C. Stallworthy with A.

Sutherland taking third. Twenty-six boys contested the Under-18 with M. Attenburrow winning, despite a devastating second run by S. Nutley and B. Springthorpe. Attenburrow had travelled up from Windsor having just gained selection to the National Junior Team—thus it was rather a fitting end to a very successful weekend for him.

In the Midgley Trophy (for the school gaining the greatest number of points), Christleton School won from Langley Park who were holders in 1973, with Ellesmere College being this year's runners-up.

## DEVIZES CORRECTION

*In the Devizes-Westminster report I have stated that the civilian crew of Cornish/Bennett did not pass Reading. This however, I learnt later was incorrect. The crew, although dropping time on the Marine crew, did make Blakes Lock portage and even managed to continue right down to East Molesey Lock before eventually retiring from the race.*



# canoe tour

**Looking back over the last few** years of Canoeing Magazine issues, the general coverage of copy and photographs over the different sides of our sport is pretty well evenly spread. Coverage of Sprint Racing, Long Distance, Slalom and Wild Water all seems to get a fair coverage—although of course each side of the sport will still say there is not enough coverage of their side, but it's impossible to please all at all times. The only side that seems hard done by is touring (I do not really class the mammoth series on the Colorado as touring!), thus I hope this column will become the first of regular articles and news points of the touring scene. Contributions of touring articles and news would be very welcome—supply some of the news and I will try and keep the touring page going . . .

## French Wild Water Tour

**The Quinzaine Internationale des** Torrents Alpestres is a big friendly canoeing rally held each year in the French Alps and, as those who have been before, it is certainly one of the best international events of its kind in the canoeing calendar.

By the time this copy appears it will be too late to make entries into this event, but I hear members of Manchester Canoe Club are once again attending, as well as a small group from the South of England lead by Peter Knowles.

Having already planned to be in Southern France at the time of this event, you editor has decided to give full coverage of the two weeks of events and a full report with photographs will appear after my return.

## Superb guide to Verdon

**Part of the above international** event takes place on the Verdon River and includes a run through the famous Grand Canyon of the Verdon.

By coincidence this month sees the publication of what promises to be a very extensive and superb guide to the Verdon.

## Irish off to France

**Off to Southern France during the** first weeks of July is an Irish group of paddlers. Rivers to be run include Tarn, Ardeche, Verdon, Durance, and others in the area. I hope a report on the trip will be submitted on their return.

## Tour Czechoslovakia

**With British paddlers touring fur-**ther abroad each year in search of new and interesting waters, some may like to consider Czechoslovakia. During the last month an interesting brochure came through the post giving details of the mountain rivers of Slovakia—rivers such as Bela, Vah, Hron, Orava and others. All these seem to be rough water rivers running through some very spectacular country. I will see if I can get a supply of this leaflet if anyone is interested in running some of these Czech rivers.

## Lidgett Easter tour

**During the Easter vacation Scott** Lidgett School Canoe Club ventured forth on an expedition to the River Wye, and in all some 100-miles were covered in six days canoeing from Glasbury to Tintern Abbey.

The party consisted of ten boys and three staff. The cost of the trip to the boys was £7.00 each subsidised by the P.E. Department and the Duke of Edinburgh Department. The school supplied all the transport, kayaks, and all the required camping gear.

The canoeing started at Glasbury Pool and the party covered just eleven miles the first day before making camp at Whitney. Some fourteen miles were covered the second day, with paddling down to Bridge Sollars, followed by another sixteen miles on the third day to reach Mordiford. The fourth day of paddling, which took the group through splendid countryside, covered another fifteen miles and the running of a number of rapids. Reaching the 'Hole-in-the-Wall', the best section of the river was still to come. For the fifth day some twenty miles were covered, a lunch-break at Goodrich Castle and fast water down to Symonds Yat. The rapid here was taken on the sixth day, the party continuing to pull out at Tintern Abbey for the finish of the trip. Just on a hundred miles of paddling and a splendid school canoe club effort . . .



*Part of the 300 strong armada of young canoeists from the Association of British Boys' Clubs arriving at Tintern Abbey after their annual 100-mile test on the River Wye. Photo: Central Press.*



## Europa-Cup Wild Water -Britain 3rd overall

British Wild Water paddlers can be well pleased with the taking of third place overall at the completion of the first Europa-Cup Series.

The Europa-Cup, instigated this season, is competed over three events, these being held in Belgium on 21st April, Italy on 9th June and Germany on 13th June. At the first our paddlers did well on almost flat water conditions and below is a report from Team Manager Stan Cooper on the events in Italy and Germany.

'The Team arrived in Merano on 2nd May, and, after a couple of days relaxing, started practice on the Monday morning in brilliant sunshine. The water was around grade IV, but, due to heavy rain of the previous evening, by Wednesday it had risen to grade V on the mens section of the river. A number of our members were finding the water somewhat difficult to master, with more than one coming to grief on this difficult section of the river.

With the actual event not until the Sunday, the river had dropped a little and our first man home in the K1 was Jackson in 19th place, followed by Frazer and Hunter in 24th and 25th respectively. Our women produced medal winning times in practice, but the highest placed in competition was Peggy Mitchell in 5th and Pauline Goodwin in 7th.

In the Canadian classes, Hewett/Sibley can be well pleased with their 8th placing, as can Stanwyck/Gough who are only of limited experience on such water. In the C1, Jon Goodwin put in a great run to gain the bronze medal—a superb result in competition against the best in Europe.

After Merano, the Team travelled to Garmish in Germany for the competition on the Loisach River. The race was not until the Thursday afternoon, allowing two days for constant practice.

The Loisach is technically very hard, in places it is just wide enough to allow a C2 through between rocks, and really needed far more than the two days to memorise the course. Everyone in the Team found this race difficult, the river being in flood at about grade IV on a narrow and



twisting course. Congratulations go to Pauline Goodwin on gaining a bronze medal here. The highest placing in the mens K1 came from Jackson in 20th.'

*The overall Europa-Cup Wild Water Series gave West Germany 1st with 48.81pts. Switzerland 2nd with 875.18pts. Great Britain 3rd with 1151.71pts. In the Individual events J. Burny of Belgium took the K1; B. Heinemann of West Germany the C1; Rook/Schmidt of West Germany the C2; Ritter/Ritter of West Germany the Mixed C2; and G. Grothaus of West Germany won the Womens K1.*

### Tryweryn goes ahead

After the resignation of Martin Boshier as Team Manager of the Down River Team, there seemed that the planned Open British Championship Slalom to be held on the Tryweryn River in North Wales, would not go ahead—Mr. Boshier of course has done all the work on the access rights to this river. However, I am pleased to say that Mr. Boshier is to go on with the organisation of this event.

Under the heading Open British Slalom Championship, the event will be held over the weekend 31st August/1st September. Competition will be for Mens K1, C1, C2 and Team, Womens K1 and Team, and entries are open to both 1st and 2nd division paddlers. Closing date for entries is 19th August, full details available from: *The Organiser, 21 Tring Court, Waldegrave Park, Twickenham, Middx.*

### Walsham Slalom

There was quite a moderate turn out of paddlers for the Novice Div Slalom held at Walsham over the weekend 4th/5th May, and organised by Kemp Town Canoe Club. T. Russell of North Kent won the Novice with a best 111pts. and 14pts. clear of J. Askell also North Kent in second place.

### Selection at Old Windsor

Through lack of available water, the slalom selection event on the River Awe had to be cancelled and the venue changed to the Old Windsor Slalom on the Thames. (After a few seasons now without 1st Div events being held on weir courses, it seems a little unfair on the northern paddlers to ask them to compete on a weir course that those in the south could have trained on all the previous week.)

However, the exceptionally low rainfall since March—in fact the fourth driest spring of this century—is causing national concern about water conservation. On the British Waterways, many canal locks are being controlled with movement of boats only allowed at certain times of the day. One place that seems to be getting its fair share of water is Linton. The 2nd Division event there over 6th/7th July was again plagued by severe water rise, with the course twice having to be re-designed . . . ! Just 70-odd miles away at Matlock there was little more than a trickle for the 3rd Division event.

### Abingdon Novice

For the Abingdon Novice slalom held over the weekend 1st/2nd June, there was a tremendous entry in all classes: 115 in Novice K1, 7 in Novice C1, 14 crews in Novice C2, 29 Novice K1 Teams, and just on 50 paddlers in the judges event . . . !

Superb weather prevailed for the weekend, with the Thames producing enough water to make competition interesting. Novice Div was won by A. Pollit of Gloucester Canoe Club and the first 23 places were promoted to 4th Div.

### Llangollen—help required

The International Slalom at Llangollen is to go ahead as planned over the weekend 19th/20th October. However, from the Slalom Committee comes a desperate plea for help. Help is needed in the form of willing hands to assist with course erection, judging, time keeping, and the host of jobs that go to make a successful event. Those willing to give up a little time over this weekend should write to: *Mark Markham, 22 Wrenbury Crescent, Leeds LS16 7RG. or telephone: 0532 675235.*



# LONG DISTANCE

## Going Dutch

A strong British team of Long Distance paddlers competed the Dutch International event in Amsterdam held over the 20th/21st April.

This year, the Dutch programmed the event over two days, running Senior K1 and Junior K2 on the Saturday and Senior K2 and Junior K1 on the Sunday. Apart from the British and Dutch, a fine German and token Belgium teams also competed.

The Senior course of 26km, was mainly of deep and wide canal, with two portages. In the K1 event, 40 paddlers were on the start and the race dominated by Forster of Germany, with only Bloom of Holland and Fowler of Great Britain being able to stay the pace. After 6km, Bloom and Forster pulled steadily away from the field for the remainder of the race. On the two portages, all the British paddlers managed to improve their placings considerably, and after the second, Fowler and Story, with Broekz of Belgium, formed the second group. In the final sprint, Fowler pulled clear to gain 3rd place from Broekz.

Knowing a little more about each others ability, it was fairly certain that the K2 event of the following day was going to be an interesting battle between the German and British crews. After considerable difficulty in getting the race away, due to the Germans pushing forward, the very fast pace over the first 2000m saw three British and three German crews in the leading bunch.

At the first turning off into a narrow canal, the Germans paddled two British crews into a bridge arch. There then followed a spell of bumping and turning, with one German crew obviously acting as a 'spoiler'. They managed to paddle Farrell/Hunter into the bank no less than four times, before finally being passed by the British Juniors who had been

promoted into the Senior Team. With a magnificent effort, Farrell/Hunter regained the leading bunch after being 200m down, but alas the effort proved too much, and first them, and then Brown/Tilford, were dropped after another series of sprints by the leading German crew.

At the first portage, Story/Clark lead for Great Britain with two German crews following and the latter had to make up a lot of ground after the portage, the Royal Signals putting on the pressure. On reaching the second portage, Story/Clark carried out a pre-arranged plan and took a 300m run to cut out a very narrow section of canal. This run forced one German crew to drop their kayak, which broke in two, and the other trailed 150m behind. Brown/Tilford closed to 100m on the Germans, with Farrell/Hunter a further 100m down.

The Germans could not make any impression on the British lead, and in the closing stages they dropped further behind to give Story/Clark a great victory.

In the Junior events over a 16km course without portages, the racing was dominated by Dutch and German paddlers, with only a Belgium crew in the K2 event giving any competition.

*report from  
Jim Rossiter,  
Team Manager, Long Distance.*

## Wey Long Distance

**The Wey Long Distance Race**, held on 26th May, attracted over 200 canoeists representing 30 clubs from all over the south of England. On the Senior course of 12-miles, Story/Gorman of Royal Canoe Club took the 'A' Class K2 win with 1hr 32min, while in the 'A' Class K1 Greenham of Hove Canoe Club was out in front with 1hr 44min. Miss Burnett of Longridge won the Womens K1 with 1hr 20min over an 8-mile course.

## Record entry at Southdown

**The Southdown Long Distance** race, organised by the 1st Burgess Hill Scout Group, was held on Sunday 2nd June on the River Arun.

This 3rd Tier, National Ranking event of 11½-miles from Pulborough to the Duke of Norfolk's Estate, Arundel, attracted a tremendous entry of 314 paddlers—263 actually finished, 10 retired, and 41 scratched. Despite an

unhelpful headwind, four course class records were broken, including the overall course record when P. Gorman/R. Story of the Royal Canoe Club won the Senior AK2 with a time of 1hr 19min 30sec. The other records to be broken were the Womens K2 with Miss B. Lovell/Miss L. Perrett of the Leighton Park School paddling in the Junior Mens K2, racing ahead of all the crews save their team-mates of B. Kinch/M. Davis—the girls time was 1hr 39min 29sec. The Espada A Class produced a very promising young paddler in P. Etherton of Hove Canoe Club, who not only won the class with a new record of 1hr 41min 35sec, but also qualified to win the Scout Under-16 Shield. The other record to be broken was the Junior Touring Doubles, M. Smith/A. Smith of the Southdown Canoe Club taking the win with 1hr 38min 40sec.

British Team paddler B. Greenham of the Hove Canoe Club won the Senior AK1 with 1hr 28min 06sec, holding off a challenge of A. Haskey of the Royal Engineers, being just 45sec clear. The Royal Engineers did gain a win in the Senior K2 with C. Norton/K. Collins; D. Powell of Wey Kayak Club won the Senior K1; and A. Fieldus, also of Wey, won the Junior K1.

*report from  
R. A. Atkins*



*Portage at Stoke Lock on the Wey Long Distance Race.*



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



**I have read with great interest the article written by Tim Rule in the issue of your magazine dated April/May 1974.**

I am sure it would interest your readers that the Council of the British Canoe Union have already authorised the setting up of a specialist committee on Surf Canoeing. Another is to be set up on Sea Touring.

In special respect of the Surf Canoeing Committee, a steering committee is already assembled under Mr. J. P. Hermes, of The Cottage, Tregrehan, St. Austell, Cornwall, who is the convening secretary. Anybody who is interested in surf canoeing and would like to assist in the organisation of it should write direct to Mr. Hermes. I am sure he will be glad of all the help that he can get.

*Yours faithfully,*  
O. J. Cock,  
Director of Coaching.

*As was to be expected, the editorial comment beneath that old reproduction of Canoe Polo in the March/April issue of the magazine, drew a response from friend Alan Byde and Oliver Cock. Both are printed below (letters that is!) . . .*

**I protest. On page fourteen of the March/April issue, 1974 (or should that be December 73-January 75?), you have an excellent picture of my new kayak, and of it you make no mention. The reason why I was not at that time in the habit of writing was the pressure of work designing new kayaks, not any tendency toward youth which I find deplorable.**

Entering the picture from left to right is my new underwater kayak which unhappily never caught on. We had been cruising at some speed when we espied over our port bow what we took to be a meeting of the

paddle racing committee. (Canoe polo is said to look much the same, and there were rather more of them in those days.)

My partner, the top of whose hat can just be seen, picture, lower right, had just raised two fingers of one hand in order to ascertain if it had stopped raining. He unfortunately caught his hand in the rudder gear of the Rob Roy of the gentleman wearing the straw boater. This dragged the end of his kayak underwater. The perceptive reader will realise that the paddler is about his business backside foremost. In his case this is quite usual, as he invented the bow rudder and his name is McClark.

My head, up until that moment a mass of golden curls, was dead in line with the rudder blade of the descending stern with unfortunate and permanent results. I tried to fend it off with my paddle, the feathered blade of which is to be seen obscuring Oliver's knee-caps. Oliver Cock, for he it was, and this our first meeting, was naturally startled by the sudden glow under water, emanating from the brilliance of my head, and he states he thought it was the light of pure reason come to shine upon the proceedings of the Union, but alas, it was me.

In raising his shaft to defend himself from this untoward interruption of the (then) even tenor of his way, now so long ago, he was restrained by Pwblaig O'Pinion the Celtic giant. Had he not done so, this might have ended the career of one so bound to round off canoeing.

Finally I hope you will find it possible to publish this defence of truth, and veracity. I owe a great deal to Oliver, and I hope it might be agreed that he owes something to

me, even if I have not been all to Cock.

*Yours faithfully,*  
The Guardian Of Designs.

**Since he mentions my name in his letter to you of 11th May, my good friend Alan Byde has generously let me have a copy of it to peruse. May I say immediately that I agree implicitly with everything that he says. Whenever I receive a letter from Alan I am struck with AW, and I marvel at his sagacity, wit, knowledge and longevity.**

However, Sir, I feel that there is one item of information which Mr. Byde has omitted from his letter which, from what you have written underneath that excellent picture on page fourteen of Number two of Volume fourteen (interesting: those coincidental numbers!) you must be unaware of also. I do not think you can have read the latest booklet published by the British Canoe Union, called 'A Short History of Canoeing in Britain', which was available at the National Canoe Exhibition. I saw you at this exhibition, talking with a member of the trade; but perhaps you did not visit all the stands there.

In this booklet, at Plate 12 and on page 31, you will see that 'The Graphic' illustrated a game of Water Polo at Hunter's Quay, Scotland on 18th September, 1880. This game was being played by the Clyde Canoe Club at that time. Being a Cornishman, I was not present then, but I picked up the idea, and you can read more about it on page 27 of the booklet. I do advise you to get it some time.

*I am, Dear Sir,*  
*Yours, etc.,*  
O. J. Cock.



### THE EXPLORER FROM SEDA

From America this month comes very interesting news of a new touring canoe from the firm of Seda Products in California. This canoe, the Explorer, is a true wilderness expedition boat. The canoe design is of really sleek and pleasing lines, highly manoeuvrable yet stable, and provides the owner with a multi-use canoe for all types of water from the mountain stream to the ocean.

One of the most interesting among the features of the Explorer is the spraydeck. On most open deck touring Canadians, the event of a capsize inevitably means a canoe full of water with any spraydeck use being ripped off. However, on this Seda canoe, the heavy-duty spraydeck is secured with stainless steel cable and a special device to form an integral part of the boat. Two large cones with elasticated tops are sewn in to allow entry of paddlers. Should the boat capsize in heavy water, paddlers may exit from the craft, leaving the spraydeck in place. Thus little water is allowed into the hull and the canoe floats high to avoid damage.

Other features in the Explorer include moulded seats suitable for either sitting or kneeling, foam knee pads, webbed knee braces, and hooks to secure camping gear. Full details of the Explorer Canoe can be obtained from: *Seda Products, P.O. Box 5509, Fullerton, Calif. 92635, U.S.A.* (American continent enquiries only), enquiries from U.K. and Europe: *Canoeing Magazine, 25 Featherbed Lane, Croydon, CR0 9AE.*

The 'Explorer' canoe from Seda Products.



### PYRANHA INTRODUCES VEDEL

The Ultra VEDEL is the name of the new competition slalom kayak now in production with the firm of Pyranha Mouldings. The kayak is capable of a fast turn, quick acceleration, yet having a degree of stability. The very low profile at bow and stern gives the ability of making the most of the small gap between water level and the bottom of the gate.

This combination by its very nature is almost self defeating, but by use of a 'knife edge' design, the firm have a model that comes further than most others in this aspect. At present paddling technique makes little use of the potential of being able to sink bow or stern beneath gates, thus saving vital seconds on a course, but is going to have to learn to use this. To an extent the Vedel and other low-lying kayaks are now setting the paddling style.

Demonstration kayaks are available when the Pyranha van is at a slalom site, but full details of the Vedel can be obtained from: *Pyranha Mouldings Ltd., 23 Poachers Lane, Latchford, Warrington, Cheshire WA4 1TP.*

### THE GREAT T-SHIRT OFFER

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Over the last few months I have been around a number of events and could not but help noticing some very fine club T-Shirts that sported designs 'knocked-off' from



photographs published in Canoeing Magazine. While I am always flattered that my photographs should be used as a basis for designs—and of course there is no way I could stop this anyway!—I decided if you can't beat 'em, join 'em . . . and thus last issue a full page advert showed seven canoesport designs available to order on T-Shirts, Sweater Shirts, or Hooded Sweater Shirts. The initial response has been tremendous, not only for the designs available, but also to design and supply shirts for individual clubs.

The T-Shirts are of top quality cotton and available in four colours and various sizes. The Sweater Shirts and Hooded Shirts are of fleecy backed top quality cotton and available in twelve colours.

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## FLOTHERCHOC LIFE VESTS

**Here in Britain, but even more so on the Continent,** the name of Flotherchoc is synonymous with quality life vests for the canoeist. The U.K. agent for this French buoyancy jacket is the Welsh Harp Boat Centre, 270 West Hendon Broadway, N.W.9 and the firm keeps a fairly large stock of the Flotherchoc jacket styles—Competition, I.C.F. and I.C.F. with sleeves—that are suitable for both beginner and expert.

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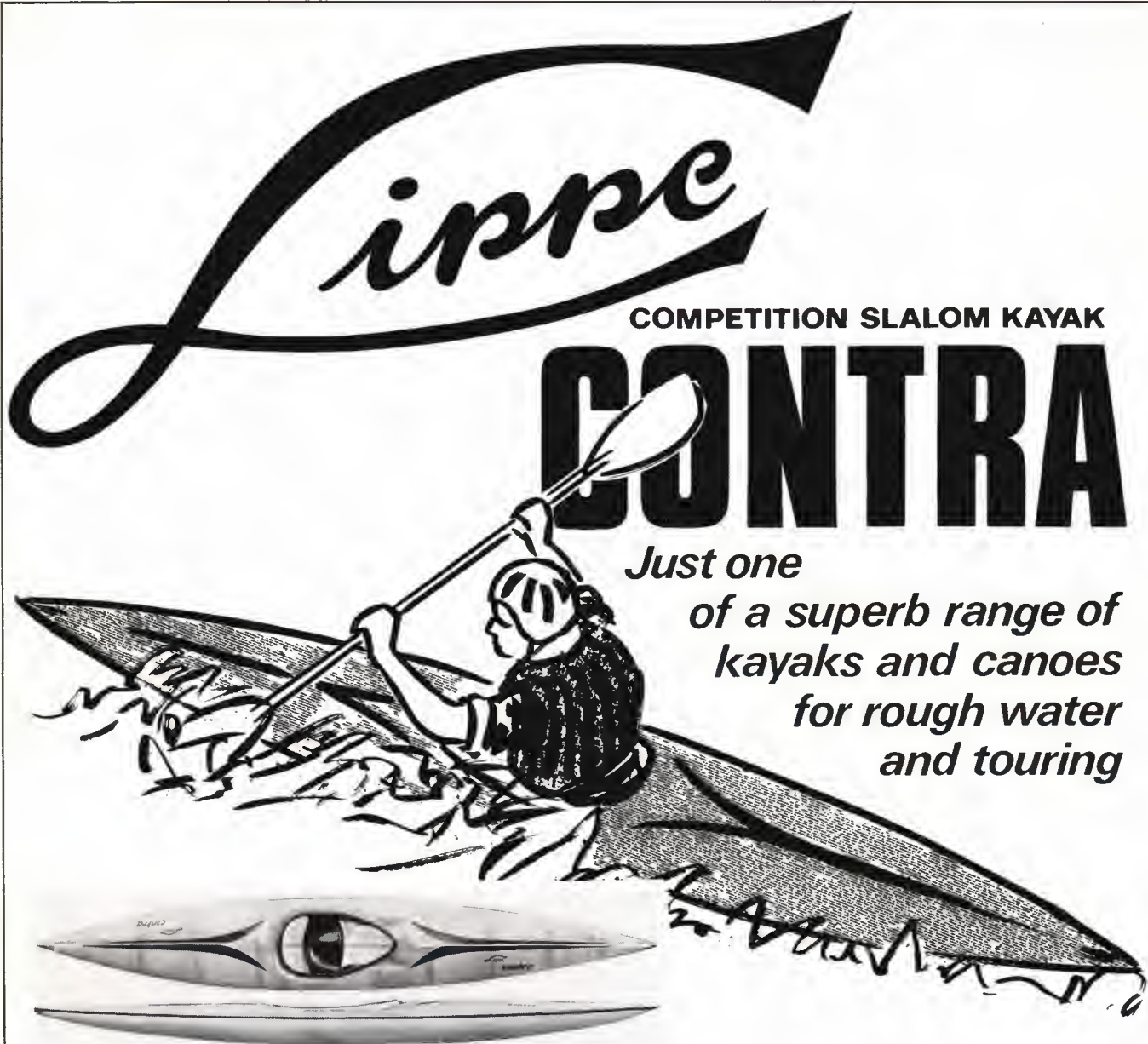
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