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Novice paddlers showing superb close wash-hanging style at the Inter-Club Regatta, Holme Pierrepont, during K1 10,000m event.

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Dave Mitchell at Tryweryn Slalom-

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CanoeSport Comment mike clark

Our super down river girls strike GOLD at World W'W Championships In front of all the news and comment this month must go congratulations to our super trio of rough water girls – Pauline Goodwin, Peggy Mitchell, and Hilary Peacock – who brought back Britain's first ever Down River Gold Medals from the World Slalom and Wild Water Championships in Yogoslavia. The girls took first place in the Womens K1 Down River Team Event with a time of 12min 27.41 sec. and well clear of the Belgian Team in second place.

In the individual event, the girls did almost as well, Pauline taking the Silver Medal a fraction down on Grothauz of West Germany, Hilary in third place with the Bronze Medal, Peggy gaining 5th place and Jill Clarke in 6th place — a superb effort with all four girls in the first six... For sure our Down River girls have really hit World Class. A report on the World Slalom Championships from Team Manager Albert Woods appears elsewhere in this issue, as does a report from Ken Langford on our rough water teams performance at Muotathal where we also hit top form and came away with a number of medals...



And congratulations to Martin

While all the congratulations go to our Gold Medal girls, it maybe well to reflect on the efforts of others who have contributed in no little way to getting our team to the top of World Class. I am of course referring to our Womens Team Coach, Martin Bosher.

Since the controversial New Zealand trip, Martin can hardly be said to have been held in high esteem in all quarters of the Union, yet more than anything else it is Martin's efforts that have produced the World Cahampionship Gold Medals in Yugoslavia – at least our team members are the first to realsie this.

Crystal Palace issue resolved

Following the meeting between the British Canoe Union Exhibitions Committee and the British Canoe Manufacturers Association in London on May 3rd, differences between the two parties have been resolved. (Cheers all round!) This is the full go-ahead for a really super-big Crystal Palace National Canoe Exhibition this coming February with total representations from the canoe trade. For sure, it will truely be 'bigger and better than ever before'. Make a date to be there.



Postage, sub, advert price increase

In the last issue of our magazine, I was noting the clobber of canoesport by the imposition of a 25% rate of VAT on our craft. This month we are being clobbered again, not by VAT on our boats, but by a massive increase in postal charges — the second this year. New rates are to come in from September.

The increase in postal rates affects all manufacturers in some way from the direct mail service of equipment such as spraydecks, anoraks, life jackets, and other small items, to the sending out of catalogues and information. In the past many manufacturers have regarded the sending out of catalogues as part of their advertising and the cost has been accounted for in their budget. But now with this second increase, many will be asking for stamped-addressed-envelopes for catalogue replies.

The increased postage will of course hit Canoeing Magazine just like any other specialist publication that goes out on a postal subscription basis, and once again it is the customer who

will have to bear the increased costs. And not only the magazine, but also the increases will affect the cost of the book list service and our T-shirt sales. During the past year, inflation has pushed up printing costs by some 25% and prices still continue to rise, thus from the next issue of the magazine, both subscription and advertising costs will be increased.

The new cover price of the magazine will be 30p, while the subscription rate for 12 issues will go up from £3.60 to £4.80. If the rate of inflation continues to increase over the coming months it may also be necessary to adjust subscription running of subscribers who came in on the previous rate, this being the loss of an issue – supply of only eleven copies instead of twelve. The basic full-page advertisement will also be increased by 20% with a proportional increase in the rates of all other sizes.

Overseas rates for the magazine will go up to £5.00 sterling or equivalent overseas currency. Subscription rate for British Forces serving overseas will be at the new U.K rate.

VAT Amendment defeated

An amendment to the Finance Act for the deletion of the 25% VAT rate on boats and reversal to the 8% rate, was put before Parliament during the Finance Act Debate on 17th July. Regretably the amendment was defeated by some 17-votes and thus the 25% rate at present stands.

New address for magazine

Well I am back from a great honeymoon and once again getting down to the office desk and even managed to get to Holme Pierrepont for the Inter-Club Regatta on July 12th/13th (report elsewhere in this issue).

At present I am still at my old familiar desk in London, but as from the beginning of September, the magazine will be run from a new address some 10-miles south-west of Holme Pierrepont. Moving into the centre of the country will have the advantage of easy access to the rough water courses of North Wales and those of Yorkshire, while sitting almost on top of the National Watersports Centre will have obvious advantages.

The new address will be: Canoeing Magazine, The Chapel, 19 Main Street, Hemington, Derby DE7 2RB. However, for the present time and well into the winter months, mail sent to the London address will reach the magazine at regular intervals. Urgent mail such as copy, articles, or adverts should be sent to the Hemington address.



Inter-Club regatta-Holme Pierrepont.



SLALOM & W'W

Muotathal

reported by Ken Langford

The organisation for the 1975 International Rough Water Season has been more complicated than ever before. This was largely the result of the World Championships being held at Skopje in Yugoslavia – some 2000-miles drive from Calais – and for the first time the Slalom Team were flying to the World Championship in an effort to conserve energy. Also, in an attempt to prevent staleness setting in and bearing in mind the expected heat in Skopje, the Team were to be there for only a period of ten days, June 20th to 30th with the World Slalom events being held on June 28th/29th.

In our build-up programme to the Championships, a two week training session in Landeck, Austria, was arranged, followed by entry of the International Muotathal Slalom.

The British Slalom Team assembled at the Welsh Open Slalom on the River Tryweryn, May 24th/25th, and by courtesy of Chester hospitality spent a comfortable Sunday night before driving nonstop to Landeck and arriving at around 2am on the Wednesday morning.

Someone should have mentioned that an 1800 Transit with 10-persons and towing a 1¾-ton trailer loaded with 20 kayaks and canoes, will only go at 38–42mph flat out in a head wind! Nevertheless, the only mishap on the whole route was a puncture on the trailer and soon mended.

Landeck is on the River Inn at its confluence with the River Sanna, and our campsite, hot showers and all mod-cons—was well placed just some 100-yards upstream of our chosen slalom practice site.

It took a day or so to adjust to the speed of the river and some change in technique, but by the weekend the river was 'tamed' and we set off for Muotathal. Alas, unfortunately we met an 'alp'— the Arlberg Pass to be precise— and our noble steed was incapable of getting to the top on its own. With Albert Woods at the wheel (isn't he always!) and every-one out pushing, we crossed the pass and descended into Switzerland.

We lost John Shackleton at Zurich (he had arranged his exams to clash with

canoeing!), but the rest of us went up to Muotathal where the Swiss had laid out a practice course that we were able to make good use of (there was little else to do at this time as it rained for the first three days we were there). Bringing the sun and the boats for the river-racers, Carl Owen and Glen arrived with the second Transit piled as high as ours on June 6th, and were off to Zurich Airport to collect the racing team. Thus with the complete team assembled, the weather improved, the sun came out melting the snow to fill the river even more to make a superb slalom and fairly good river race course.

Without exaggeration, the results were excellent. Of the twelve nations competing, Britain came 3rd overall. The Slalom Team collected 2 Silver Medals (and a share in a third Silver), and two Bronze Medals from a team of nine paddlers. The Racing Team did even better, collecting 2 Gold Medals, 3 Silver Medals, and 1 Bronze Medal. It is also worth noting that this was probably the smallest combined Slalom/Racing Team that has been sent abroad in the last few years, indicating clearly that if the man-power on the bank is not stretched too far, the paddlers have more chance to achieve their potential.

After Muotathal, things looked very promising for the World Championships, particularly in the Womens River Race (both Individual and Team), with Pauline, Hilary, and Peggy taking 2nd, 3rd, and 4th at Muotathal and reflecting the work put in by Martin Bosher as River Race Coach.

Jon Goodwin missed an individual Gold by 3/10sec, and Ray Calverley, who gave Peters such a close fight, must surely feature high at Skopje. SLALOM EVENTS

Mens K1 - 1st Ulrich Peters, West Germany, 165.3pts: 2nd Raymond Calverley, Great Britain, 169.1: 3rd Dieter Forstl, West Germany, 176.5: Womans K1 - 1st Maria Cwiertniewicz, Poland, 220.3: 2nd Elisabeth Kaser, Switzerland, 221.6: 3rd Peggy Mitchell, Great Britain, 230.8: Mens C1 - 1st Dietmar Moos, West Germany, 247.4: 2nd Herve Madore, France, 266.7: 3rd Michel Trenchant, France, 267.8: 9th Max Smith-Hilliard, Great Britain, 295.1: Mens K1 Team -1st West Germany, 215.8: 2nd Great Britain, 221.2: 3rd West Germany, 225.7: Womens K1 Team - 1st Switzerland. 335.7: 2nd Scratch Poland/Yugoslavia/Great 432.4: 3rd West Germany, 457.8: Mens C1 Team - 1st West Germany, 322.2: 2nd France, 361.1: 3rd Great Britain, 395.6:

RIVER RACE EVENTS

Mens K1 - 1st Eduard Joss, West Germany, 20.05.7: 2nd Michel Magdinier. France, 20.19.7: 3rd Bernard Fletcher, New Zealand, 20.20.9: 8th Dave Mitchell, Great Britain, 20.35.1. Womens K1 - 1st Elisabeth Kaser, Switzerland, 21,45,6; 2nd Pauline Goodwin, Great Britain, 22.07.5: 3rd Peggy Mitchell, Great Britain, 22.26.7: 4th Hilary Peacock, Great Britain, 22.44.0: Mens C1 - 1st Tone Hocevar, Yugoslavia. 23.40.8: 2nd Jon Goodwin, Great Britain, 23.41.1: 3rd Ernst Libuda, Switzerland, 23.49.8: Mens K1 Team - 1st West Germany, 20.41.7; 2nd Great Britain, 21.13.0; 3rd Italy, 21.15.8: Womens K1 Team - 1st Great Britain, 23.17.4: Mens C1 Team -1st Great Britain, 24.09.4: 2nd Switzerland, 24.23.5: 3rd Italy, 25.21.9.

Ken concluded his article with a medal tally from the 1959 World unampionship when Paul Farrant won the Gold Medal for Britain to present date, and noted that in no World Championship had we won more than one medal and the total was five medals from the last eight World Championship events. The tally:

1959 - Geneva - **1 GOLD** - Paul Farrant, Mens K1 1961 - Dresden -

1963 - Spittal - 1 Bronze - Dave Mitchell/Martin Rohleder/Geoff Dinsdale, Mens K1 Team Event

1965 - Spittal

1967 - Lipno - 1 Silver - Dave Mitchell, Mens K1.

1969 - Bourg - 1 Silver - Raymond Calverley/John MaCleod/Ken Langford, Mens K1 Team

Event

1971 - Merano - 1 Bronze - Mens C2

Team Event (River Race)

1973 - Muotathal-

To this can now be added:

1975 - Skopje - 1 GOLD - Pauline Goodwin/Peggy Mitchell/Hilary Peacock, Womens K1 Team Event (River Race).

> 1 Silver – Pauline Goodwin, Womens K1 (River Race).

1 Bronze – Hilary Peacock, Womens K1 (River Race).



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World Champs

reported by Albert Woods

There is little need to say that we are all very proud of the superb performances put in by our ladies of the World Championship River Race Team - a GOLD MEDAL for Pauline Goodwin, Peggy Mitchell, and Hilary Peacock, while in the Individual K1 River Race, Pauline took the Silver Medal and Hilary gained the Bronze Medal. Even more, it must be noted here that all four of our girls finished in the top six places. For the paddlers, congratulations on an outstanding performance, but for Martin Bosher all credit in coaching these girls to World Champions.

A great deal of work had been put in by the Team Management Group in the organisation of six training weekends over the winter period, and also training periods abroad in preparation for the

World Championships.

Of the mens results, Dave Mitchell had a good result in finishing 9th overall in the Individual K1 River Race, but Norman Jackson had bad luck in beaking his paddles and having to retire from the race. In the C1 event, Jon Goddwin, who promised to be able to produce a first class result, unfortunately damaged his shoulder in training, but still managed to finish in a higher position than has been achieved by our paddlers previously in this class. However, the results of Chris Avery in the K1 and Sibley/Hewitt in the C2 were slightly disappointing.

The River Race Team were very fortunate in having six super girls with them to do all their catering. There are no words that can adequately express the thanks which not only I, but Stan Cooper and the

Team, owe to these ladies.

The Slalom Team had quite pleasing results, but failed to produce medals as could have been hoped for. However, at this point I must compliment Ken Langford for his devoted enthusiasm to the Team, which gave them a feeling of being professional in their attitude to the sport. Also without Ken's help, I could not have coped so well with all the work I had to do for both Teams.

Nicky Wain and Alan Edge, taking 7th and 8th positions in the Individual K1 were

obviously delighted with their efforts. But alas Raymond Calverley did not quite pull the result out of the bag that we were all hoping for, nevertheless he worked very hard. John Shakleton managed to produce a creditable result.

In the Mens K1 Team event we came nearest to gaining a World Championship medal. Our Team of Nicky Wain/Alan Edge/Ray Calverley were laying second after the first runs, but unfortunately due to a slight mis-judgement on the second, we had to be content with a 5th placing at the completion.

Martin Hedges, our only C1 slalomist, produced an outstanding result for his experience in gaining 13th place - it may not sound too good, but it must be remembered that this was his first ever International event!

As for the Slalom Organisation, there was little to fault with the actual competition, but regretably a good deal lacking in respect of travel and accommodation. The tourist firm in charge of the latter were the most annoying band of 'twisters' I have ever come across still. I will save further comments for my official report.

In the summary, the results taken overall were extremely pleasing and certainly the best we have ever attained. It means we can now plan ahead for the next World Championships - Spittal 1977 - with the knowledge that we are world beaters.

SLALOM EVENTS

Mens K1 - 1st S. Horn, East Germany, 211.18pts: 2nd U. Peters, West Germany, 214,08: 3rd H. Gimpel, East Germany, 217.18: 7th M. Wain, Great Britain, 223.64: C1 - 1st P. Sodonka, Czechoslovakia, 283.39: 2nd J. Radil, Czechoslovakia, 291.03: 3rd H. Heimrch, East Germany, 293.00:

Mens C2 - 1st Kretzeachmer/Trummer, East Germany, 264.45: 2nd Kuduk/Jez, Poland, 265.57: 3rd Kadamka/Brabec, Czechoslovakia, 276.71:

Mixed C2 - 1st Lyda/Gilman, U.S.A., 392.71: 2nd Lhota/Dentremont, U.S.A., 644.44: 3rd Draper/Piras, 651.01:

Womens K1 - 1st M. Cwiertneiwicz, Poland, 269.83: 2nd U. Deppe, West Germany, 290.67: 3rd A. Bahmann, East Germany, 293.45:

Mens K1 Team - 1st Peters/Dichtl/ Foensti, West Germany, 247.62: 2nd Majerczak/Stanuch/Gawponski, Poland, 291.79: 3rd Horn/Gimpel/Doering, East Germany, 297.62:

Mens C1 Team - 1st Sodomka/ Radil/Tresmak, Czechoslovakia, 403.27: 2nd Eiben/Massalski/Heinrich, East Germany, 409.46: 3rd Horn/Moos/Remminger, West Germany, 471.65:

Womens K1 Team - 1st Kaeser/Kamber/Bachofner, Switzerland, 423.47: 2nd Behmann/Krol/Baumann, East Germany,

Polsesna/Kapplova/ 430.35: 3rd Kubocakova, Czechoslovakia, 463.29: Mens C2 Team - 1st Hofmann/Amend, Kretzschmer/Trummer, Henz/Fischer, East Germany, 329.51: 2nd Czechoslovakia, 473.43: 3rd Poland, 493.28:

RIVER RACE EVENTS

Mens K1 - 1st J. Burny, Belgium, 27.13.13: B. Kast, West Germany, 27.14.45: 3rd H. Schlecht, Austria, 27.35.50: 9th D. Mitchell, Great Britain, 27.57.56:

Mens C1 - 1st L. Verger, France, 33.03,48: 2nd J. Schumacher, West Germany, 3rd A.

Dutton, U.S.A. 33.45.25:

Mens C2 - 1st Schindler/Pioch, West Germany, 30.33.06: 2nd Lefaucommier/Lefaucommer, France, 30.44.48: 3rd Bost/Meynard, France, 31.37.43:

Womens K1 - 1st G. Grothauz, West Germany, 11.56.31: 2nd P. Goodwin, Great Britain, 12.02.80: 3rd H. Peacock, Great Britain, 12.04.64: 5th P. Mitchell, Great Britain, 12.11.86: 6th J. Clarke, Great Britain, 12.20.97:

Mixed C2 - 1st Rose/Rose, West Germany, 12,40,23: 2nd Billet/Billet, France, 12.41.97: 3rd Feulette/Parisy, France,

12.53.16:

Mens K1 Team - 1st Schlecht/Peinhaupt, Austria, 28.13.76: 2nd Belgium, 28.26.83: 3rd West Germany, 28.47.90:

Mens C1 Team Fiedler/Schumacher/Heinemann, Germany, 34.40.18: 2nd France, 34.41.45: 3rd Czechoslovakia, 35.23.40:

Mens C2 Team - 1st Bost/Menard, Lefauconmier/Lefau-Durand/Silotto, conmier, France, 32.19.40: 2nd West Germany, 33.26.51: 3rd Switzerland, 33.27.49: Mixed C2 Team - 1st France, 13.08.04: 2nd West Germany, 13.30.32: 3rd U.S.A., 14.00.42:

Womens K1 Team - 1st Goodwin/Mitchell/Peacock, Great Britain, 12.27.41: 2nd Belgium, 12.50.33: 3rd Switzerland, 12.55.17:

The complete World Championship Team

SLALOM TEAM

Manager: Albert Woods Coach: Ken Langford Womens K1: Peggy Mitchell Mens K1: Raymond Calverley Nicky Wain Alan Edge John Shakleton Mens C1: Martin Hedges

RIVER RACE TEAM

Manager: Stan Cooper Coach: Martin Bosher Womens K1: Pauline Goodwin Peggy Mitchell Hilary Peacock Jill Clarke

Mens K1: David Mitchell Norman Jackson Melvin Swallow Chris Avery

Mens C1: Jon Goodwin

Bill White Ken Dyer

Gay Goldsmith Mens C2: Sibley/Hewitt

Tryweryn

reported by Mike Clark

Way back before the World Wild Water and Slalom Championships, an excellent event was held on the top site of the Tryweryn River in North Wales. Under the title 'The Welsh Open Home International' and organised by the Chester Canoe Club, the event attracted a first class entry and was held over the weekend May 24th/26th — the Spring Bank Holiday.

The weather conditions were reasonable, but just a little overcast at times, while the water was top class and more than suitable for a full 'international'.

Among the results was a first place win in the Mens Team Event by the G.B. first team – Calverley/Wain/Edge – with Mitchell/Shackleton/MaCleod in second place. In the Mens K1, the win went to Nicky Wain of the Chester Canoe Club from Alan Edge in second and Ray Calverley in third. Peggy Mitchell won the Womens event, while in the C1 and C2 wins went to paddlers from the Viking Canoe Club – P. Keane in C1 and Brown/Curle in C2.

However, apart from the competition, comment has to be made about the actual site. The Tryweryn will undoubtedly be the most important slalom site in Great Britain for the next ten years or so. And there is not just one slalom site but a number on this five mile stretch of river, plus of course the best down river course in the country.

Over weeks before the above slalom event, a good deal of improvement work had been done on the river bed – this work being at the instigation of Martin Bosher (Martin seems to feature in almost all articles this issue!).

With the 'river' turn-off, a number of spots had been bulldozed. At the start, a barrage of boulders has been placed to funnel the water to one side of the river, an arch of the footbridge has been blocked off, but the major work has been on the island. Here the left side has been blocked, again with boulders, and all the water is now forced round the tight left hand turn. Certainly we have a course to be proud of - however, care must be taken by the BCU Slalom Committee to see that the total site area is not overused. I hear there are some five major events planned for the Tryweryn next season, and when other sites are being neglected, this is far too much use...





SLALOM & W/Ш

David Mitchell

Apart from our World Championship Gold Medal winning girls, other rough water paddlers in the news this month are Dave and Peggy Mitchell, and Raymond Calverley.

David Mitchell, one of the greatest rough water paddlers Britain has ever produced and a paddler who has been at the top of our sport for the last ten years, has regretably left our shores for new pastures in America. Having married American paddler Margaret Nutt, it was obvious that at some time the pair would settle in the States.

Certainly Peggy still has a number of years of top competition paddling left, while Dave, who may be considered by some to be past his best, still has a great deal to offer the sport - the Americans

have gained two superb rough water paddlers with tremendous experience that can be drawn on.

Apart from his paddling ability that has dominated British sport, Dave had been building up a high reputation for top quality slalom paddles retailed under the name 'Mitchwood'. The loss of such a quality manufacturer at this time when supplies of good wooden blades from Europe has almost completely dried up, will be a severe loss to the sport and cause no little difficulty during the coming year. (I understand that the manufacturing of the Mitchwood blade is to continue under the Bedford Outdoor Centre, however, the man behind the firm was really Dave and without him there is bound to be some effect.)

A reception was held for Dave and Peggy at Chester where certain presentations were made. From the Chester Canoe Club came a silver salver, from fellow British Slalom Team members came a fondue set, and, presented by Jon Goodwin on behalf of the B.C.U. - one empty sweet tin... The presentations were made in the presence of the Mayor of Chester, Commadore, President and Vice Presidents of Chester Canoe Club, and members of the British National Slalom and Wild Water Team.

Raymond Calverley

Raymond Calverley, another of our top rough water paddlers and a brilliant slalomist over the past few years, is now to retire from competitive canoeing - at least that's what the news over the grapevine would indicate.

Raymond has been at the top of British rough water sport and has of course represented Great Britain at numerous international events. Like Dave, he has also become involved in the manufacturing side of canoeing - the Harishok Buoyancy Aid produced by the family firm is renowned throughout the canoeing world and worn by national team paddlers from many countries.

With paddlers like Dave Mitchell and Raymond Calverley disappearing from the competitive field, one would think there is cause for concern in rough water circles as to who is going to replace these men at International events . . . It is pleasing to be able to look to such fine young paddlers as Nicky Wain and Alan Edge, ready and skilled enough to step into the limelight. I am not sure if it is wise to print a quote from Dave, however, of Nicky Wain, Dave said. 'I am pleased that at the time I am leaving England there is a paddler who can take my place. One day Nicky will be World Champion.





Photos from Tryweryn Slalom.



North Sea Crossing

During the early part of August, Derek Hutchinson from South Shields will lead an expedition from Harwich to Ostend in an attempt at the first-ever crossing of the North Sea in eskimo-type kayaks. Of the six canoeists in the expedition team, four will be using kayaks designed by Mr Hutchinson.

The crossing is expected to take about 22-hours on what could be one of the roughest seas and on one of the busiest shipping lanes in the world. Under leader Derek Hutchinson, the team is John Ramwell, Tom Caskey, Robin Catchlove, Keith Maskell, and Gordon Henderson – all paddlers of great experience.

Mr Hutchinson has some 12 years of canoeing behind him and has just completed his first book. Entitled 'Sea Canoeing', it is to be published by A. & C. Black and expected to be available in early 1976.

Tyne Canoes change

More changes are taking place within the firm of Tyne Canoes Ltd. After the departure of Mr Feary a little while back, Mr Peacock was due to leave the firm at the end of July. Also production and manufacture of canoes, kayaks, and accessories has moved from Amyard Park Road and is now transferred to Macwester Marine Limited, River Road, Littlehampton. However all administration and sales will continue from the firms new showrooms at 117 St. Margarets Road, St. Margarets, Twickenham.

Urchins win

Members of the Urchins Kayak Club won the National Association of Boy's Clubs fifty years anniversary jubilee national canoe polo championships. The event was held at the National Sports Centre at Crystal Palace on 22nd June.

Linton Slalom course

A real rough water slalom course in mid-summer ... where the hell can that be? A guess at Holme Pierrepont would be about ten years too soon, but the general idea is pretty near the mark — the site, Linton Locks.

The York Canoe Club ran their first 3rd Division Slalom at Linton Locks over the weekend July 12th/13th. This must have been one of the most exciting third div. events ever held. The nine step fish ladder plus an open sluice, provided plenty of

thrills and spills for the paddlers, while the standard of organisation and course design was extremely good. However, the very small entry in the open event, seems to demonstrate that there are a good many persons in 1st and 2nd Divisions that think they can do without rough water gatework. . .

There has been a great deal of work done at Linton to make it easier to erect a course and now York Canoe Club feel it is time to tune the fish ladder and find the best rapids formed by altering the specially made barriers. Britain's only adjustable slalom course — not far off Holme Pierrepont. . One thing you can be sure of is that you won't be presented with the same rapid year after year at Linton!

In the 3rd Division event, competition was extremely fierce as usual, and a large number of the paddlers would have seen off most of 2nd Div. – so beware you guys who think you're a cut above. .! A clear run could guarantee a place in the top 20.

If you missed out this year, remember Linton for next year. Don't miss an experience, as Staffs and Stone Newsletter puts it, 'Wanna blow your mind, go to Linton...'

BCU Director

At the Inter-Club Regatta at Holme Pierrepont, I had a chance to meet the new Director of the British Canoe Union (a new position created under the Development Project Group). Taking on the job is Mr J. Gordon Richards, aged 48-years, a former manager of the British Pentathlon Team, founder and first commandant of the BAOR Outward Bound School, also previous warden of the Outward Bound School Moray and the Outward Bound School Aberdovey. He also just happens to be an enthusiastic canoeist – for sure he sounds an ideal man for the job.

However, I hope that one of the first jobs will be to see that details such as the above — gleaned from the Union's official magazine 'Canoeing in Britain' — and other news items are sent out to all possible sources of publicity, rather than having to wait for them to appear in 'C in B' first.

First impressions of Mr Richard's is that at least there seems a man who could well get things done – for sure if he continues to make such first-hand contact with the paddlers as at Holme Pierrepont, he will get unconditional support. (I can also vouch that he is an excellent first-aid man. .! The finger has healed a treat, thanks.)

Long Distance

On the Long Distance scene, the Chelmer Canoe Race, held on June 15th, produced a record entry and with the Nottingham Kayak Club walking off with half of the trophies.

The race started at Kings Head Meadows to finish some 14-miles down stream at the Wave Bridge, Heybridge. The Senior 'A' K2 was won by Williams/Fowler of Royal with the Senior K2 going to Harding/Nutting of Nottingham. Speight of Nottingham was out in front of the Senior 'A' K1, with Haynes of Riverside taking the Senior K1. The Nottingham girls of Nadel/Burnett won the Womens K2, while Miss Money also of Nottingham won the Womens K1.

Kayak advertising

The ICF Board once more wish to make it clear that the size of any advertising on boats may not exceed $20 \times 5 \text{cm}$ and that on paddles not more than $10 \times 3 \text{cm}$. Any club names which are similar to the names of firms are also restricted to the above dimensions.



EVENTS & COURSES

National L-D Champs

The National Long Distance Championships will once again be held on the Worcester course over the August holiday weekend August 23rd/25th. The Championships include the British Open and National Championships, The Scout Association National Championships, and the British Schools Canoe Association Championships.

On the Saturday, competition will be for Senior K1, Junior, Women, and Under 16-years K2 events. On the Sunday a 500m Sprint Regatta will be held during the afternoon, while on the Monday competition will be for Senior K2, Junior, Women, and Espada K1 events.

Exe Descent

Paddlers please note a change of address for all information, entries, etc., regarding the Exe Descent Long Distance Race, also for information relating to BCU River Adviser for the River Exe. Colin Leach has moved and all correspondence should now be addressed to: Colin Leach, 110 Mount Pleasant Road, Exeter, Devon.

Just a reminder that the Exe Descent will be held November 16th.

Liffey Descent

After the British Long Distance Championships, the following weekend, August 30th, will see the classic Liffey Descent Long Distance Race in Dublin, Ireland. Details and entry forms are obtainable from: Claire Lee, 2 Royal Terrace West, Dunlaoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland.

Dutch Sprint Regatta

The Twentse Watersport Canoe Club of Nederland has given an open invitation to any British clubs or individual paddlers to compete in their Sprint Regatta being held over the weekend September 20th/21st.

The regatta covers all distances from 10,000m to 300m, for International K1, K2, K4, Senior, Junior, Women, and also Dutch SK Class in which the British Espada will be allowed to start. It is expected a large club entry from Germany will be competing, also a number of clubs from Belgium. British clubs or individual paddlers would receive a warm welcome and information can be obtained from: *T. v.d. Velde jr., Hulsmaatatraat 90, Enschede, Nederland.* (The venue is in the east of country.)

Tryweryn International

The top British Slalom event of the season (normally under the banner of the 'Llangollen International'), will this year be held on the Tryweryn River near Bala and becomes the 'Tryweryn International'.

Held over the weekend October 4th/5th, competition will include down river events (missing from the Llangollen event over the past few seasons, but reinstatement has nothing to do with our womens recent Gold Medal wins!). The venue for the Slalom will be the 'upper site' on the Tryweryn, and, as this is a little more spread out than the Llangollen Town Slalom Course, there is a need for as much volunteer help as possible. Anyone in-

terested in helping out should contact: Mark Markham, 22 Wrenbury Crescent, Leeds LS16 7EG.

Indus Expedition

Mike Fennessy, who was to have led the kayak expedition to the Upper Indus River next summer, has regretably developed diabetes and has decided to withdraw from the trip completely. However, taking over as leader is Steve Nash, a highly experienced paddler who was involved with the expedition to the Blue Nile and a very capable replacement for Mike. Tough luck Mike, I trust it will not be too long before you are completely well again.

AUGUST EVENTS -

2nd

Richmond K2 Marathon - 21 m.

3rd

Lee & Stort Long Distance - 12m.

10th

National Sprint Championships, Holme Pierrepont.

Clywedog Down River.

7th

Wolverhampton Long Distance –12m. Trent Marathon.

24th

Grandtully Slalom – Home International. National Long Distance Championships.

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Trywern Slalom – Home International. Marple Slalom – Novice Div.



SOUTH AFRICAN EXTRA

In the issue of Canoeing Magazine dated April, we featured an article by Mr Van Riet of South Africa and included a number of fine photographs from the camera of A. T. Kotze. The photographs printed were to give an overall view of South African canoesport, but among some 20 odd prints supplied to the magazine with the article, we considered this superb sequence of shots worth a separate feature. The paddler is Stephen Hugo and the pictures certainly need no captions. . .











SPRINT & L-D

International Regatta

While away on honeymoon, I hear that the International Regatta at Holme Pierrepont proved to be a great success with a larger entry and greater number of paddlers from overseas than ever before. Regretably I also hear a similar increase in the number of medals went overseas...

Inter-Club Regatta

The Inter-Club Sprint Regatta held at the National Watersports Centre, Holme Pierrepont, over the weekend July 12th/13th and organised by the Wey Kayak Club, proved a well run and well supported regatta with paddlers from some 26 clubs competing.

The weather was bright, but as almost as usual, it seems at Holme Pierrepont, there was quite a strong wind causing some little rough water — the wind blowing up the course and producing rather slow times.

In the Senior K1 events, competition was dominated by Doug Parnham of the Richmond Canoe Club with wins in the 500m, 1000m, and the 10,000m. Richenstein of Scotland made a similar domination in the C1 events, again winning all classes. In the K2, Tilford/Fieldus of the Royal Canoe Club won the 1000m event. but were pushed down into 4th place in the 500m with Oliver/Alan-Williams taking the win. In both the K2 1000 and 500, top crew Lawrence/Farrell of the Royal Canoe Club could only make 5th in the former and 3rd in the latter. This poor showing is due to Lawrence having been out of training for some weeks with an illness and the pair are only just getting back to their previous form. (For the World Championship selection - the major part of the mens team already chosen - a special race off between the two K2 crews of Oliver/Alan-Williams and Lawrence/ Farrell was to be held at Holme Pierrepont on July 26th to decide the issue.)

However, the main interest of the weekend was in the Womens Events – the results were to be used as a basis for the selection of the Womens Team to compete at the World Championships being held in Yugoslavia in early August. The Mens Team had already been selected after the International in June, while the Womens selection was held over as a number of prospective members – the

Wild Water Racers – were already away in Yugoslavia competing in the World Slalom and Wild Water Championships (it seems our rough water girls are doing a touch of the Burny's...).

The K2 event was taken by Pauline Goodwin/Hilary Peacock of the Wild Water Racers, well clear of the Nottingham crew of Kath Nadal/Sue Burnett, and with the Richmond girls of Francis Wetherall/Christine Haynes taking third place. The Wild Water girls made quite a clobber with a time of 2min 13.51 sec., and some six seconds in the lead. However, in the K1 event. Pauline and Hilary did not have it all their own way by any means. On the start were nine paddlers from three heats and a total of 18 entries, and from the start Sue Burnett in lane 9 and Hilary in lane 3 were out in front and racing stroke for stroke. Towards the half way mark, Hilary maybe just had the edge, but a good finishing effort by Sue gave the Nottingham girl the win with a time of 2min 31.77sec. (the slow time an indication of the wind), and Hilary in second place just over a second down but six seconds clear of Francis Wetherall in third place. Pauline Goodwin could only make fifth place, but there, she is just a little on the lightweight side for paddling into such a head wind and the result did not really reflect her ability. From Sue Burnett came the comment as to how much her win was due to her ability and how much to the slightly sheltered lane 9... (the slight off-centre headwind did seem to produce a number of good results from paddlers in the higher lane numbers despite assurances from the designers that all lanes give equal conditions. . .)

The Womens Team for the World Sprint Championships was announced before the end of the weekend, giving the K1 place to Sue Burnett of Nottingham, the K2 placing to Pauline Goodwin/Hilary Peacock of Wild Water Racers, and the reserve place to Francis Wetherall of the Richmond Canoe Club. The four will also make up a K4 crew although they have not previously raced together as such.

The last events of the weekend were the National Championship 10,000m races for K1. On the start of the Senior event were 22 paddlers to produce an exciting and interesting race, while in the Novice event there were over 30 paddlers and despite the classification showed some

extremely good and close wash-hanging tactics. Throughout the Senior event, Doug Parnham of Richmond and Norman Mason of Nottingham were in close contention for the lead, but over the finish it was Parnham who took the win. His antics over the last few metres when he seemed almost to be out on a 'Sunday-afternoon-doodle' and paddling just fast enough to keep ahead, left an impression that he had not been too overworked to hold on to the win, while poor Norman seemed to be flogging himself to the last ounce of energy.

SENIOR MENS EVENTS

K1 500m. 1st D. Parnham, Richmond, 2. 07.39: 2nd R. Avery, Richmond, 2. 09.06: 3rd T. Wetherall, Richmond, 2. 11.26. K1 1000m. 1st D. Parnham, Richmond, 4. 24.56: 2nd N. Mason, Nottingham, 4. 25.21: 3rd T. Fieldus, Royal, 4. 29.43. K1 10,000m. 1st D. Parnham, Richmond, 47. 58: 2nd N. Mason, Nottingham, 47. 59: 3rd R. Avery, Richmond, 48. 35.

K2 500m. 1st Oliver/Alan-Williams, Lincoln, 1. 50.92: 2nd Parnham/Avery, Richmond, 1. 53.46: 3rd Lawrence/Farrell, Royal, 1. 55.06: **K2 1000m.** 1st Tilford/Fieldus, Royal, 4. 00.22: 2nd Oliver/Alan-Williams, Lincoln, 4. 00.50: 3rd Parnham/Avery, Richmond, 4. 01.23.

C1 500m. 1st W. Richenstein, Independent, 2. 37.38: 2nd B. Edom, Royal, 2. 40.27: 3rd K. Pereira, Richmond, 2. 43.67: C1 1000m. 1st W. Richenstein, Independent, 5. 33.78: 2nd B. Edom, Royal, 5. 35.48: 3rd K. Pereira, Richmond, 5. 48.14: C1 10,000 1st W. Richenstein, Independent, 57.21: 2nd B. Edom, Royal, 59.48: 3rd K. Pereira, Richmond, 64.08:

WOMENS EVENTS

K1 500m. 1st S. Burnett, Nottingham, 2. 31.77: 2nd H. Peacock, Wild Water Racers, 2. 33.67: 3rd F. Wetherall, Richmond, 2. 39.27. K2 500m. 1st Goodwin/Peacock, Wild Water Racers, 2. 13.51: 2nd Nadal/Burnett, Nottingham, 2. 19.23: 3rd Wetherall/Haynes, Royal, 2. 19.47. K2 6000m. 1st Nadal/Money, Nottingham, 33.45: 2nd Clapham/Harris, Richmond, 34.12: 3rd Perrett/Lovall, Leighton Park, 35.42.



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Year of Women

The year 1975 has been declared 'The Year of Women' and at the Olympic Congress of 1973 in Varna, the question of women representatives on the International Olympic Committee and the International Sports Associations was raised. Our own federation has already admitted women competitors in all the various disciplines, and we are happy to report that every year the number of women participants has risen.

This of course is bound to lead to the appointment of women to the Boards of the national federations, and as advisers and trainers.

We would therefore like all our member associations to let us know what their position is in this matter, and to present us with a list of women who are already in positions of responsibility in their associations. Each name should be supported by a biography and photograph. The replies should be sent to the General Secretary of the I.C.F.

Charles de Coquereaumont, President, I.C.F.

Europa Cup approved

The ICF Board has approved the holding of another Europa Cup Competition in 1976 as a trial event, but the rules will be somewhat amended as against those of 1974. These will be published in good time.

The ICF Board has also agreed to the proposal of the Austrian Canoe Association that the Slalom and Wild Water World Championships of 1977 be transferred from the Inn at Landeck to the Lieser at Spittal, used in 1963 and 1965.

Olympic Regatta

Preparations for the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal are going ahead well. The Olympic Regatta Course for Rowing and Canoeing is on 'Notre-Dame' Island and its direction is almost exactly due north. Total length is 2200m, with a width of 110m and a water depth of 2.30m. The Finishing Tower and Stands are at the end of the course on the left, lanes will be marked with buoys 25m apart. The nine canoeing lanes will be of 9m width.

Lying diagonally to the first half of the Rowing Course there will be a 1000m course on an adjoining lake, also with buoyed lanes for training use. The prevailing wind over the Olympic Course is from the south-west, but is expected to be quite light during the time of the Games. The Olympic Village is about 7km from the course.

Training possibilities have not yet been clearly defined and the proposals from the Rowing authorities only leave the Olympic Course free for canoeists from 11.00-14.00 and 17.30-20.00 for training, and during the Rowing Regatta, only after 17.50hrs.

The ICF has authorised its President, M.de Coquereaumont, to meet the President of FISA, Mr Thomas Kellor in order to settle the question, otherwise the Canadian Organising Committee will be asked to issue a ruling. The supplementary training course can only be used for K1 and K2 training, it being too narrow for K4 kayaks.

Olympic Slalom

In accordance with the directions given by the Congress of the ICF in 1974, efforts are still being made to get Canoe Slalom re-instated in the Olympic Games programme in 1980. These efforts are being carried on both in Moscow with the Organising Committee, and with the International Olympic Committee. Unfortunately, these efforts by the ICF President, Charles de Coquereaumont have not, up to date, been successful and the responsible Soviet officials have issued a clear 'No' giving the following reasons:

- 1. The IOC did not specifically ask for this competition.
- 2. The high expenditure which would be incurred in building a slalom course.
- 3. Up to now Canoe Slalom has now proved popular in the USSR.

During a conversation in Paris between the ICF President and Lord Killanin, the President of the International Olympic Committee, the latter said that the IOC could not do anything if the Soviet Organising Committee refused to stage the Olympic Canoe Slalom, and this would prevent any further mention of the matter for Moscow.

On the other hand, the DKV President Maassen, who in a circular at the beginning of April 1975 sought the support of all national associations for a campaign to get Canoe Slalom into the Olympic Games in 1980, has received very positive replies

from a number of associations, some of which have already raised the matter with the IOC members in their own countries.

Pan-American Games

The VII Pan-American Games which should have been held at Santiago de Chile and later in San Paulo, Brazil, will now take place from October 12th-26th 1975 in Mexico City.

In spite of all the efforts of the national canoe federations on the American Continent, it has not proved possible to get a canoe regatta included in the programme since at least eight national associations in North, Central, and South America must be in existence.

The efforts to found further national associations in Central and South America are being pressed by the ICF and it is hoped that this will lead to canoeing being included in the VIII Pan-American Games planned for 1979 in Puerto Rico.

European Junior Champs

The Federation Francaise de Canoe-Kayak has informed us that the European Championships for Juniors 1977 in Vichy, are not yet confirmed. They want to see how the International Regatta this June turns out. Immediately after the event, the FFCK will report to the Executive Committee of the ICF.

At the same time the FFCK has indicated that France is a candidate for the organisation of the 1979 World Championships in Canoe Slalom and Wild Water Racing in Bourg St. Maurice.

Avery Brundage

On May 8th, the American Avery Brundage, former President of the International Olympic Committee, died in hospital in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in the Federal Republic of Germany.

In 1912 he was himself a member of the USA Olympic Team and later President of the Athletic Association and the Olympic Committee. In 1936 he became the 172nd member of the International Olympic Committee and from 1952 to 1972 served as the fifth President of the IOC.

It was during his time in office, in 1972, that Canoe Slalom was added to the programme of the Olympic Games. In Augsburg he presented the prizes to the Olympic Medal Winners, in the presence of his successor Lord Killanin.

TRADE PAGE

REVIEW OF NEW KAYAKS, CANOES, AND EQUIPMENT.

New rough water boats from Gaybo

Shortly to be available from Gaybo Limited are three of the new rough water designs that competed at the World Championships in Skopje, taking both the Slalom and Down River world by storm.

The Lettmann Perfekt, a revolutionary new slalom kayak that took no less than two Gold and two Silver Medals at the Championships. From Prijon comes the new Sahne slalom kayak, a Gold Medal winner in the Womens Team Slalom. And the Interceptor Sprint 75, on Team release since June, and proving to be the most successful of wild water racing kayak for a number of years, winning three Gold, two Silver, and three Bronze Medals at the Championships.

All three designs will be manufactured by Gaybo to their usual high standard, and will surely be in demand from the top competitive rough water canoeists. Full details are available from: Gaybo Limited, 4 Rose Hill, Brighton BN2 3FA.

Surf kayak from Johnson

News from California is that Mike Johnson has designed a new surf kayak – Mike was responsible for the design of the original Surf Shoe and the consequent growth of surf kayak sport. This new design – The Porpoise – has been done in conjunction with Merv Larson, another real way out surf expert, so no doubt the design will be eagerly awaited in Britain. (A mould is to be brought back in late August when the Canyon group return, and the craft produced under licence by Valley Canoe Products – if Frank's arm can be twisted, he might be able to get a finished boat off for the National Surf Championships at Bude. . .).



While on the surf kick, enthusiasts and newcomers to the sport may like to make a note that a new 'Surf Special' is to be produced by Canoeing Press. The success of the last surf issue was such that it completely sold out within a short time and we have since had a number of requests for bulk orders of the issue.

The new issue (not as part of subscription this time) should be

off the press by the early Autumn. It will include Frank Goodman's original technique article, plus a new one on technique for the slalom type kayak, ideas on a judging system for competition surfing, a round up of surfing from different parts of the world, another great article from the Broadhurst stable on a revisit to Easky, and great photographs of Mike Johnson and others... Under the title *'Kayak Surfer'* full details of the publication will shortly be published in Canoeing Magazine.



Kiowa canoe, Rapier kayak

A couple of new boats appear on the market this month no details from manufacturers, but both very much worth noting. First is a touring Canadian Canoe from the Canoe Centre at Twickenham. This is the Kiowa, a canoe on traditional lines but with enclosed deck and slalom type cockpit openings, space for two paddlers, and a larger opening mid-ships for easy stowage of gear.

The second craft is the Rapier K1 sprint racing kayak. This has been designed by Martin Bosher and manufactured in glassfibre by Baron Canoes Ltd at Boscombe. Both performance and manufacture are of top class and the kayak will certainly prove a worthy challenge to the Struer and Pyranha K1s.

BDH waterproof containers

For many years, canoeists have been using large blue plastic screw-top containers for carrying gear such as cameras that needed to be kept absolutely dry. These containers were never available new, but were obtainable from various sources such as hospitals, if you knew the right person there and paid the returnable deposit of about 75p. Sea-canoeists in particular

have pestered Valley Canoe Products for these containers, and, after a long series of phone-calls, letters, meetings and general running around, V.C.P. have managed to buy these containers new, and can offer them to the canoeing public at £1.00 each. The proper name for these containers is BDH Safepak, but if you write to V.C.P. and ask for a blue plastic container, they'll know what you mean!

Apart from the new range of Super Limpet Spraydecks with vest tops (mentioned in our last issue) and which are selling well, not to mention the wet-suit trousers, Valley Canoe are also selling 2mm thickness expanded neoprene swimming trunks. These trunks are very pleasant for swimming, either intentionally or not! But they are also very comfortable for general paddling as they give just that small amount of upholstery that saves soreness on a long trip. The trunks are double lined and sell at £3.90 plus 8% VAT... very smart in blue and red stripes.

The Treble-S Repair Kit, just released by Valley Canoe, is proving so reliable in tests that the Nordkapp Expedition that set out at the end of June and the Summer '75 Grand Canyon Kayak Expedition will both be using the Treble-S tape exclusively for repairs. With twenty-four hours of daylight for much of the journey on the former expedition and the super bright conditions of Grand Canyon on the latter, there should certainly be no difficulty in finding U.V. light to set any repair that may have to be made. .!

Full details of the above items can be obtained from: Valley Canoe Products, Private Road 4, Colwick, Nottingham.



New boats from Avoncraft.

Avoncraft-new factory, new boats

Avoncraft have opened a new factory in Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada. The range of kayaks will be similar to those available in the U.K., with the addition of further makes being produced and sold under licence.

In parallel to the kayak production, a range of Canadian Canoes for the Canadian and American markets will be shipped to the U.K later in the Autumn in readiness for production here early in 1976.

All Canadian and American enquiries should go to: Avoncraft, J. Fox Ltd., Middle Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada.



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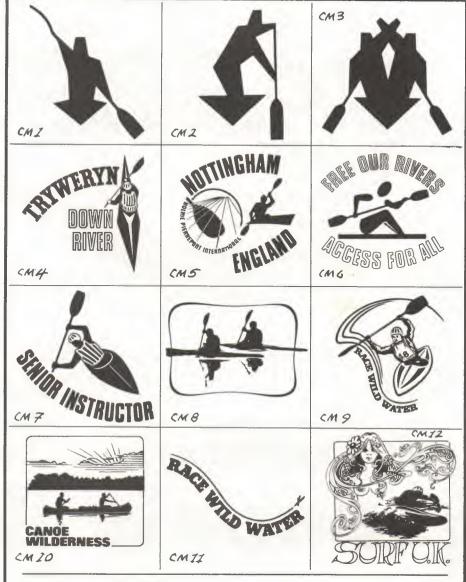
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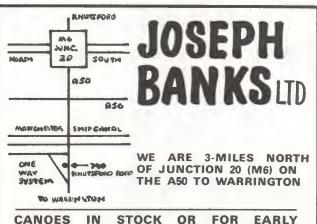
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