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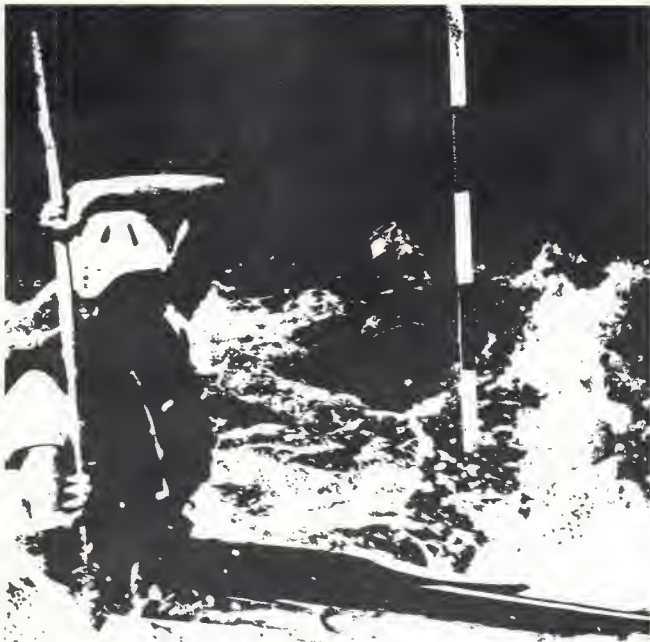
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COMMENT mike clark

This year's International Canoe Exhibition — to be held at the Crystal Palace in South London over the weekend of February 24th/25th — is again heading heading to break records. All the stand space was sold out well before Christmas and trade stands will feature canoes and kayaks from every major manufacturer in the country, along with a massive range of accessories. The Exhibition will feature twenty-five canoe and kayak manufacturers and nine accessory manufacturers, plus a growing number of allied organisations, groups and club. Certainly the International Canoe Exhibition will be the biggest and most comprehensive range of canoeing equipment to be seen under one roof anywhere in the world.

The theme this year is 'Canoeing Holidays', from gentle paddles through our canal system to more adventurous exploits around the UK coast and abroad. Several recent expedition teams will also be present, including the Jersey Canoe Club Circumnavigation of Ireland, the Caribbean Kayak Expedition, and to come — The International Nile Canoe Expedition.

A full programme of films and lectures will again be offered. Films include 'Paddlers Must Wear Life Jackets', 'Orinoco, and 'Dudh Kosi — Relentless River of Everest'. A variety of lectures will be given, the emphasis on the availability and selection of canoeing holidays. In tribute to Dr. Jones and on behalf of the Mike Jones Memorial Fund, a special lecture and film show will feature twice on each day.

Of the pool events, competitions will be the main feature of this year's programme with Youth and Senior Bat Polo Championships and, as a special highlight, an international match of Holland v Great Britain. In addition the top 20 slalomists from the UK will be competing for an individual prize in a still water slalom.

The Exhibition will be open from 10.30am to 6.00pm on Saturday and Sunday February 24th/25th. Admission price is 80p for adults, 40p for children (under 14-years) and a 25% discount for a party advance booking (minimum 10-persons). Details and tickets from: The Sports Council (London and South East Region) 160 Great Portland Street, London W1N 5TB.



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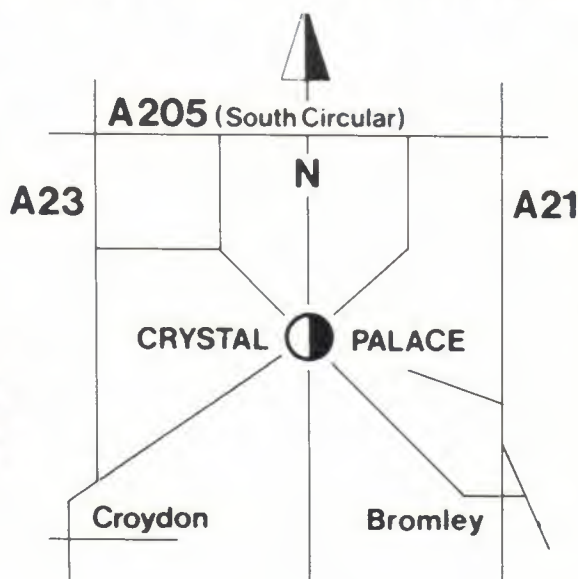
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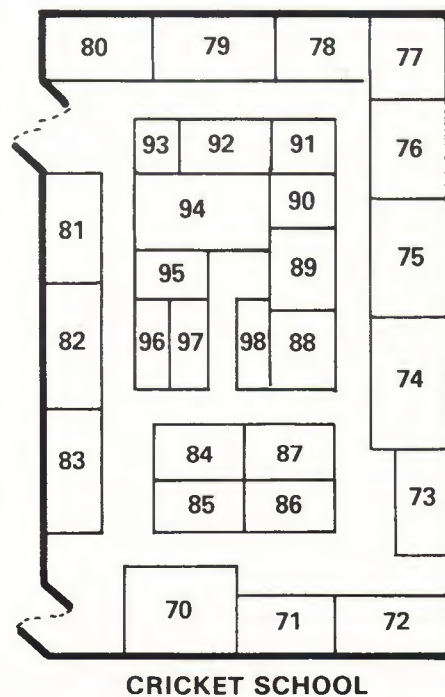
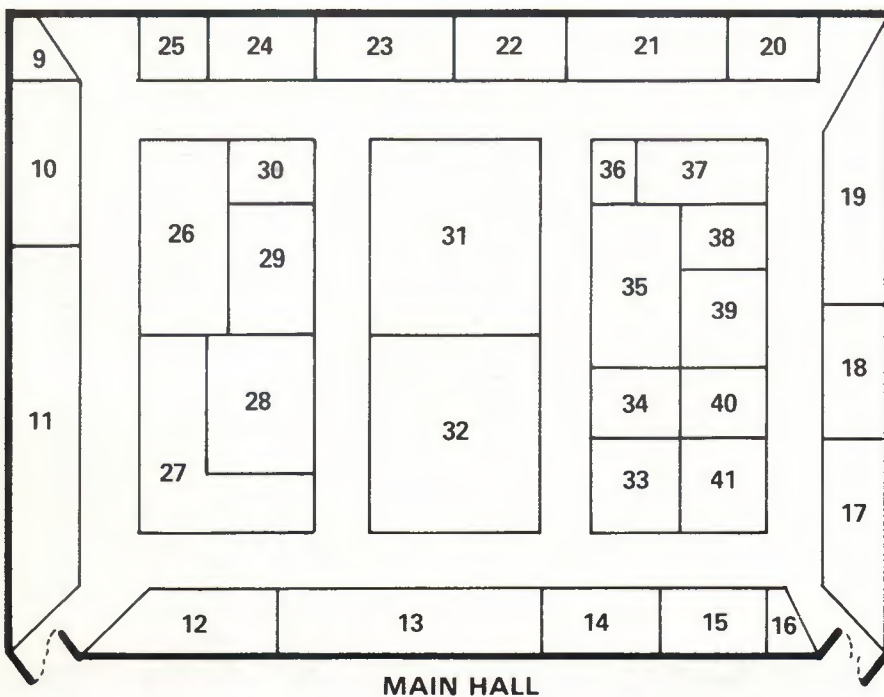
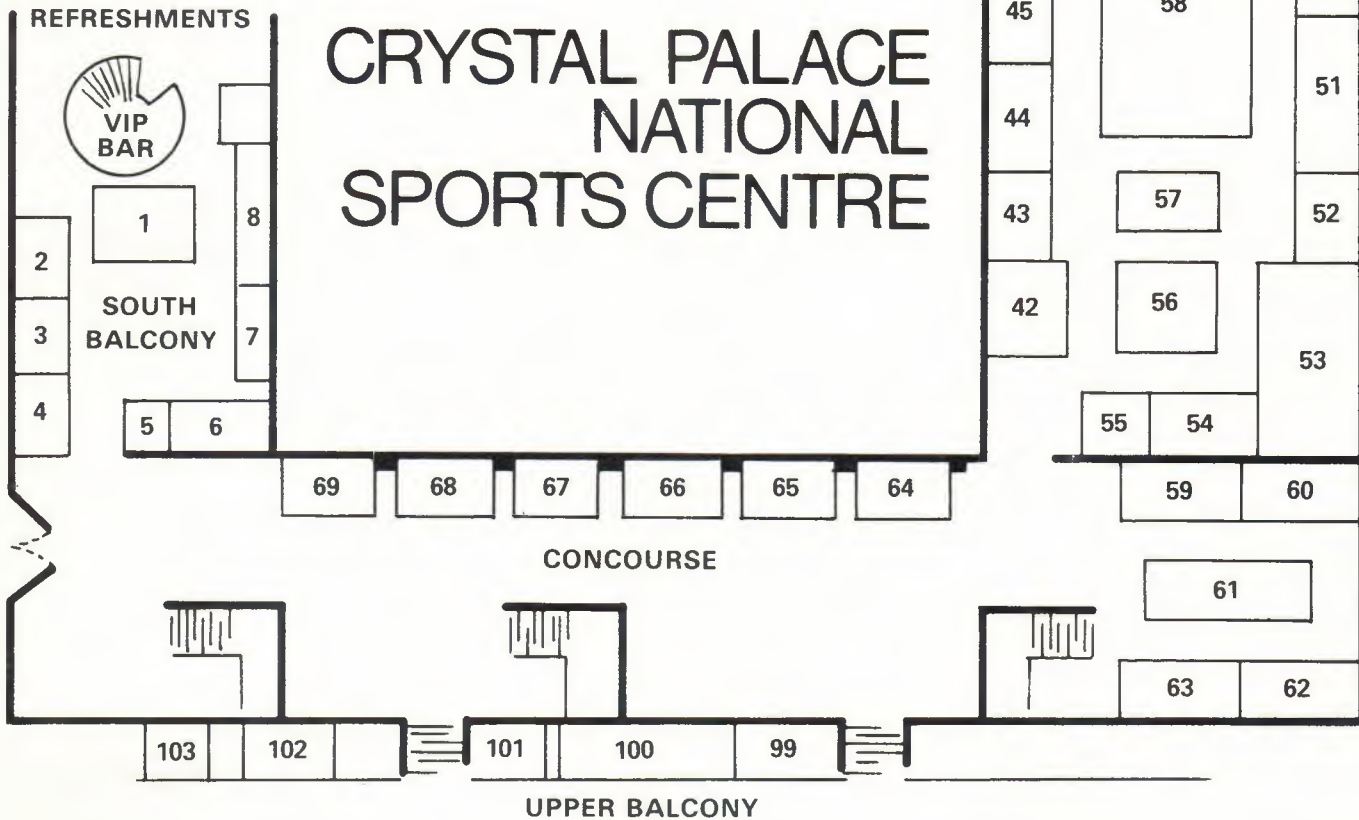
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**STAND No. 12
TRYLON LIMITED**

Trylon Limited of Wollaston, Northants, are pleased to announce the introduction of a double touring kayak to their extensive range of kayak designs. Named the Ardeche, it is a well proven design giving ample space for camping gear for two, yet retaining a sporty performance as well as being safe and stable for family use. Several other designs are currently being developed and their aim is to continue to improve the service to canoesport in general with an emphasis on the home builder.

Trylon offer kayak moulds for sale or hire, the best materials available, protective equipment, tools and a comprehensive range of top quality accessories.

Finished kayaks manufactured to BCMA standards are also available. Free technical advice backed by many years of practical experience and complimented by kayak building demonstrations, ensures that Trylon Canoe Service remains the most comprehensive available anywhere. At Crystal Palace, the Ardeche should prove of great interest to the amateur builder touring enthusiast.

**STAND No. 19
WHITEWATER SPORTS**

In addition to their successful range of economy kayaks, Whitewater Sports will be showing their recently acquired boats from the renowned Jaycee Glassfibre Products range of designs, giving quality canoes and kayaks at a very reasonable price.

The Lawrence range of boats are also being imported from Ireland and of particular interest will be the Sprint and Marathon racing craft, available in glass, diolen, kevlar, and sandwich constructions. (See details on Trade Page).

A selection of their large range of accessories will be on show, and here interest will be on a new design of strap for securing boats, skis, paddles, to roof racks or trailers. They are quick and simple to use, but safe and immensely strong. At only £2.45 per pair they are a real snip and probably end the use of luggage elastics and odd bits of cord. . .

**STAND No. 100
OTTERSPTS LIMITED**

For the first time the major British canoe/kayak firm of Ottersports Limited have taken space at the International Canoe Exhibition (Ottersports are the only British canoe/kayak manufacturer that regularly takes stand space at the International Boat Show, Earls Court). No slalom kayak will feature of their stand, no wild water craft, no sea touring craft, no racing craft . . . but a superb range of touring canoes and kayaks that are second to none in quality and value for money.

The Ottersports range features a Canadian canoe designed on the lines of the traditional trapper canoes of Canada

with a capacity for up to 400kgs loading; single and double kayaks that have proved themselves over a decade to be the ideal shape for both beginner and the experienced canoeist, and have been brought up to date with modern styling and features few other craft can match. The newest single kayak from Ottersports is the SEA Kayak, designed specially for the canoe camping enthusiast — longer, sleeker and easier in choppy water, the kayak is ideal for fjord, large lake and estuary canoeing.

The very latest addition to the range is the 'Indian' canoe. The hull shape offers maximum stability, while the inverted keel gives first-rate directional stability. The hull features aluminium pressings moulded into glassfibre, while the gunwales are specially designed aluminium extrusions, capped with a PVC moulding.

In the way accessories, Ottersports have a full range from their famous ABS paddles to their slimline lifejacket. One of the newest is a canoe/kayak trolley capable of carrying 100kgs (but I hear it was tested to over twice that weight! Ed)

**STAND No. 70
SEVERN SEAS SURF SKIS**

Severn Seas offer a rather unique range of craft designed almost in the shadow of Atlantic College, South Wales. The skis are all fitted with the patented 'tree' cockpit, making the craft unswampable when capsized or when the paddler fails to roll. This type of cockpit makes the craft extremely safe for offshore work, and of course is easy to get on (or off) without the need for straps or spraydecks.

This will be the first time Severn Seas have exhibited at Crystal Palace — last year they had booked space, but were snowed in! (If the weather of January keeps up, there might be a good chance of the firm being snowed in again. . .!)

**STAND No. 56
McNULTY SEAGLASS**

Always looking to create the very best in kayaks McNulty Seaglass on Stand No. 56 have the latest addition to their range — The Horizon, a touring double of 17ft. The Horizon comes in two deck forms, with a single large cockpit or with two cockpits. This super craft has bulkheads fore and aft to produce watertight compartments, plus hatches in the deck for easy stowage.

Also on show will be their new sea kayak, designed by Chris Hare and intended for day and weekend trips. So new is this craft that at the time of going to press it had not been given a name! The best thing to do is to go and have a look at it on Stand 56. Also new is a surf kayak — again unnamed — but claimed by the designer to be the latest thing in a long line of successful designs.

The Huron, the only cold moulded Canadian open tourer in mahogany veneer to be built in this country for more than 50 years will be worth seeing — as one man said, 'it's just beautiful'.

For the local people, McNulty's are now offering mould hire and material sales of a general purpose kayak. Full details of hire costs and materials from McNulty Seaglass, Victoria Road, South Shields.

**STAND No. 95
CAPEL CANOES LIMITED**

Capel Canoes Limited are for the first time exhibiting at the Crystal Palace Canoe Exhibition. All their models — including the new Capel Canadian — will be on display. The Capel Canadian — 16ft 10ins overall — is a three seater, ideally suited for family use, fishing, camping, touring, and will be the main feature on their stand.

**STAND No. 54
KRAKATOA MOULDINGS**

Krakatoa Mouldings announce their new 'Atomic' 79 general purpose/expedition kayak. Basically the same as their well proven Atomic kayak that has been so popular over the past three years with Education Authorities, Youth Centres, and Groups, the new Atomic '79 has a slightly modified hull to produce more stability. The main difference, however, lies in the seat unit — this has been completely re-designed for more comfort and really superb thigh grips that greatly increase the paddlers control over boat and aid rolling.

Making its debut at Crystal is Krakatoa's new Canoe Polo kayak, the 'Krababat'. This boat will be used by several teams in the pool at Crystal Palace, despite the fact that it has only been on the market for a few weeks! The Krakabat features the same seat unit as the Atomic '79, and has a really efficient hull shape and a flat rear deck. This feature enables the paddler to spin the boat very quickly in tight situations — a very useful and unique feature in present day Canoe Polo.

Krakatoa's very successful range of Cosmic Pro Slalom kayaks will be continued unchanged this year, except for the colours! All Cosmics are now available in the 1979 colours schemes. See them on Stand 54. . .

**STAND No. 48
HARISHOK LIMITED**

Harishok will be showing their new neoprene rim spraydeck at the Crystal Palace International Canoe Exhibition. The spraydeck features an effective neoprene edge seal, permanent sewn-in elastication, sewn and welded waterproof seams, adjustable shoulder strap and a combined retaining release bar for extreme rough water conditions on rivers or surf. The bar rests upon the cockpit rim and supports the spraydeck. Its two fold action prevents sagging and grips the spray cover edge onto the rim. The bar also serves as a release toggle. Retail prices are generally less than £10.00 including VAT.

On the buoyancy aid side, Harishok lifevests now have a contrasting yellow lining to highlight a number of detailed

changes to foam distribution and fit. These Paddling Action products are all featured in the new colour brochure available on Stand 48 at the International Canoe Exhibition, or by writing: *Harishok Limited, 12a Jackson Street, Hyde, Cheshire.*

**STAND No. 32
PYRANHA MOULDINGS LIMITED**
Pyranha always introduce something new for the National Canoe Exhibition and this year is no exception. Last year the new Pyranha Elite C2 Mk.II was introduced, and this year the Elite C2 Mk.II will be on show — still with a close cockpit, but introducing a new dimension to the C2 world.

Pyranha also have their new Open Canadian for the show, along with the new Everest and Orinoco II kayaks, adding up to a great deal of interest for the whitewater and general purpose sides of our sport.

Another new item will be the introduction of their new Paddle Vest — manufactured in Nylon/Cloth — designed with the competitor in mind, but that can be used by anyone.

**STANDS 19, 39 and 74
LAWRENCE CANOES & KAYAKS**
The news out of Ireland is that Lawrence Canoes and Kayaks are introducing a new range of canoes and kayaks into the UK.

The range covers most areas of canoeing and not only offers the canoeist a choice of model, but also of construction and fittings. Over 10 different models from the Lawrence range will be exhibited at the International Canoe Exhibition on three stands — those of Whitwater Sports Stand 19, Brookbank Canoes Stand 39, and Southern Canoeing Supplies Stand 74.

Of particular interest are the new K1 and K2 models which have won international acceptance in Scandinavia and are available in standard glassfibre, or in special constructions for Sprint or Marathon racing. Also featured will be the two new Canadian Tourers and the specialist rough water kayak — the Lawrence Easky SKI.

The range will be available from a selected network of British canoeing specialists, through which Lawrence are aiming to provide a full service and quick delivery to the British Canoeist. A list of agents, together with details of models and prices is available from: *Lawrence Canoes and Kayaks Limited, Maynooth Road, Celbridge, Co. Kildare, Ireland. Telephone: Dublin 288493.*

**STAND No. 11
VALLEY CANOE PRODUCTS**
The new competition surf-ski from Valley Canoe Products offers the competitor a high performance ski with a seat well of great comfort, plus a seat-strap with Velcro fastening for instant release if required. The foot-wells have been re-designed and the toe-straps re-

positioned. After consultation with some of the top surfers, the design will be making its mark in competitions throughout the country, as their suggestions for the ultimate in surf-ski have been skillfully moulded into this already highly successful boat.

The Viper SL has had a new deck added to the well-proven hull design. This gives lower buoyancy overall that will give the lighter-weight paddler a distinct advantage and its lively turning ability seems to have been enhanced too.

Valley Canoe Products will be showing their full range again this year, and among the exhibits will be one of the four Nordkapps that rounded Cape Horn — but arrived back in England too late for last year's Crystal Palace Exhibition. Surfer, Sea canoeist, Slalomist, or Tourist — drop in at Stand 11 and have a chat with one of those Colwick brothers — Frank and Dick.

**STAND No. 21
CHRIS HAWKESWORTH LIMITED**
Chris Hawkesworth Limited, The Wild Water Centre, have interesting new developments for the 1979 season. Among these: a Canadian canoe called the 'Wilwa', superb finish with glassfibre hull and wood superstructure, seats and decking; and a double kayak called the 'Duetto', ideal for all touring on lakes, rivers, and canals.

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The above items, as well as the popular Wild Water Centre range of buoyancy aids, paddles, canoes and clothing, will be on show Stand 21.

**STAND No. 10
WATER RAT CANOES**

Water Rat, the East Anglian brothers of the canoeing world, have been busy developing the Quest. This is their new tourer which has raised bow and stern to cope with rougher estuary and coastal work. Deck paniers are fitted to increase the already large carrying capacity. The firm are keeping to a large cockpit (although redesigned) layout which has proved so popular in the past with their customers, and have also made provisions for a rudder to be fitted, as an optional extra.

Along with a new colour choice Water Rat have done their best to keep prices as low as possible and anticipate approx. 8% price rise since the last increase in May 1978.

All that remains to be seen now is the canoe, and that will be possible at the forth coming International Canoe Exhibition.



SHOW PREVIEW

BCU-AGM

report by mike haslam

Those from the Midlands and the South who managed to battle their way through the snow-bound devastation of an M6 ungritted through yet more industrial action by the emancipated working man, heard little to cheer them up at the Annual General Meeting of the British Canoe Union.

Before the meeting could even get to grips with the motions on this year's agenda, much time was taken up by a young man at the back of the auditorium insisting on the correctness of last year's minutes; especially regarding a defeated motion which had sought to gain appointment to the BCU Council of the various fledgling Regional Chairmen. The admission that the Chairman in question had been incorrectly shown as co-opted members of the front piece of the Unions' Annual Report finally subdued the baying hounds, but the scene had been set for yet another boring 'us versus them' AGM. . .

Members and Access — or rather the lack of them — occupied another half-an-hour or so of time as 'Minutes Arising' from the Minutes and evolved into yet another attack on the way that Council have dealt with these concerns over the past year. It would appear that BCU Council support President, David Wains' sentiment that the most effective way of tackling the problem is with money and support gained from the top of the countries bureaucracy, aided by well behaved and organised canoeists on the rivers — slow but sure. Those not satisfied with this tact were advocating sending gun-boat canoes downstream with law suits blazing and paddles flaying at any anglers or landowners who dare get in their way! A one-sided emotive debate this, that spilled over into the adoption of the Annual Report where it was brought to a head by the suggestion of an Access Fund floated and maintained by an annual £2.00 per head levy. (No doubt a silent chuckle went through the competitive ranks at this because of their knowledge of Council turning down last year's suggestion of a 10p levy per member towards raising a small administrative fund for the triple World Championships of 1981!) What price an Access Fund levy today?

The presentation of the Annual Report by Geoff Saunders, Chairman of Council, was the highlight of the meeting. He deftly extracted from the written report the Unions hopes for the future arranged within the flowers of each Sections work during the year. He paid tribute to those who work tirelessly on the Unions' Committees for the good of our sport, and he extended the Unions' thanks to Oliver Cock on his pending retirement from being the first full-time Director of Coaching. When the Access issue rudely interrupted the flow of the meeting once again, Ron

Emes, with all the eloquence of a professional commentator, put the matter out of court with the observation that for an organisation supposedly unconcerned by the issue, Oliver Cock's appointment as part-time Access Officer was presumably a statement of non-intent?? or a mistake! Perhaps we should appoint a part-time Competitions Officer instead!

The Treasurers Report was, as is usual on these occasions, put to the sword and the news that the BCU is nearly £8,000 in the red did nothing to help the situation, nor did the naming of 'Federalisation' and 'Focus' as the main culprits, ease the pain. Despite the present situation, Treasurer Ted Owen was convinced that the measures approved by Council would rectify the situation in the next two years and even build up a surplus into the bargain.

Finally, after a long wait, the result of the poll for the President was declared with David Wain being re-elected by 230 votes to 228 over John Turcan. The lucky five returned as elected members were: Geoff Saunders, Ralph Tyas, Carle Quaife, George Parr, and Geoff Good. Top of the poll was Geoff Saunders with 261, so once again the number of votes cast illustrated just how interested the majority of BCU Members are in who governs the sport on their behalf!

Thus it was that after nearly three hours the motions on the agenda were finally reached. John Liddell made a very sincere plea for support to the Mike Jones Memorial Fund, after which the meeting agreed a donation of £200 from Central BCU Funds. Motion 2 on Federalisation was withdrawn by its SCA sponsors after the news was given to the meeting that the BCU Council and

the Scottish Canoe Association had renegotiated the 1972 agreement as the basis on which the eventual move towards a Federal system could be made.

The big vote of the day was on the proposal to incorporate Regions into the BCU structure and this was passed by 63 to 7 against by those present, with a poll of proxy voters bringing the final totals to 222, with 33 against. The 285 proxy votes held by John Turcan on behalf of our Scottish members were not used by him as he felt it was primarily an English matter and not one of importance to the Scots. Some would see this as a narrow view in the present British situation and a pure political none-use of proxy votes rather than a vote on the merits of the motion and the benefits may or may not have for the Union as a whole.

Finally, after over four hours, the meeting dragged itself to the presentation of awards. With eyes on the clock as train times drew near, and with very few recipients actually there, the awards became an anti-climatic rush completed by the President, David Wain, closing the meeting amid bodies putting on coats and rushing for the doors.

So with thick Manchester fog adding the final layer to a dismal day, the 1979 BCU Annual General Meeting ended. Serious thought must surely be given to the future format of this occasion which should be one of the highlights of the year in the BCU calendar. Even the beautiful and exciting model of the proposed rough water course on the Trent, on display in the main hall, was marred for me by the total lack of recognition by the BCU Water Development Committee that Canoe Racing takes place at Holme Pierrepont. A 'Rowing Course' with little oarsmen was clearly shown, but not a mention of 'Canoe Racing' or a model of a K4 to be seen! Just another example of the way the BCU operates in water-tight compartments, or a genuine oversight? Frank Goodman — any comments?

access-river dart

The access arrangements at Holme Park on the River Dart (one of the few rivers in the south west offering white water canoeing) are being endangered by the canoeists for whose benefit they were made.

The complaints are:

- 1) Bank erosion, parking congestion, and annoyance of other landowners at Holme Park. Please do not use the bridge are for launching and landing. The correct launching point is near the weir inside the Country Park grounds.
- 2) Avoiding payment of parking and camping fees within the Country Park grounds.
- 3) Unauthorised use of other Country Park facilities.

The Country Park's purpose is to provide the public with recreational facilities that would not otherwise be available. Please respect them.

(The Dart access arrangements apply from October to the end of January and involve getting a permit from the River Dart Country Park office. Please use the correct launching point and pay up cheerfully. The parking and camping fees are not unreasonable when spread over a party. Bilking is nothing to be proud of. It is also thoughtless, and gives canoeists a bad name, to cause inconvenience and annoyance at the bridge).

Report from Ralph Tyas
BCU Access Committee

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Notes & News

CANOE WORLD RECORD EXPEDITION 1979

The idea of a canoe long distance world record attempt was conceived in August 1978 by Ken Roberts and Eddie Leaf. Since then with the invaluable assistance of Steve Parker, Sue Lander and Dave Vickers this all-British Expedition has been put into reality. Ken Roberts and Eddie Leaf, led by Steve Parker, have been involved in a heavy training programme which includes canoeing, swimming, running and exercises specially designed to build up stamina and endurance. This has been complimented by an equally intensive public relations exercises to raise the necessary sponsorship for the expedition.

The aim of the expedition is for the two canoeists to beat the world long distance canoe record. The record presently stands at 7,516 miles which was set by 2 Americans in 1976 in 23 months on the inland waterways of North America. CWRE '79 intends to travel 9,200 miles in 12 months.

The plan of the expedition is for the two canoeists, Ken Roberts and Eddie Leaf, in their specially built single kayaks to canoe across the Channel from Dover to Calais. From then on, they will follow, as near as possible, the coasts of France, Spain, Portugal and Western Italy. They will circle Sicily and follow the same route back to England. They will be supported by a Land Support Team. The team will consist of Sue Lander and Dave Vickers with whom the canoeists will meet up with at 252 pre-arranged points along the coasts to provide food and replace any damaged equipment.

Ken Roberts: 32, was born at Colwyn Bay in Wales and now lives in Long Eaton. His past activities are indicative of his adventurous qualities and they include motor racing, rock climbing and parachuting.

Eddie Leaf: 22, was born in Nottingham, and despite having lived abroad for some years, has returned to Derbyshire and now lives in Long Eaton, where he works as an Administration Officer for Jones Stroud Textiles.

COMMODORE AND SON . . .

We hear that Mark Greville-Giddings (who has some little hand in the production of the very fine Mark Gees paddles!) was elected Commodore of The Royal Canoe Club at their Autumn Meeting. His wife also produced a son for him — Duncan James — in October. Congratulations on both counts.

YOUTH AWARD

The Pyranha Youth Award for 1978 — an Equipe 79 Slalom Kayak presented to the highest placed Youth/Junior in

Division 1 who had gained promotion to Division 1 during the season — was won by Peter Brownbill of the Manchester Canoe Club.

Pete was promoted at Appletreewick and then turned in some exciting slalom results to finish 5th overall in Division 1. The award was presented by Graham Mackereth, Managing Director of Pyranha Mouldings, at a social evening being given by the North West Training Squad of which Pete is a member. The kayak will be on show on the BCU Slalom Stand at the Crystal Palace International Canoe Exhibition.

TIGER OWNERS CANOE CLUB

Probably the most popular do-it-yourself fibreglass kayak on the UK market is the Trylon Tiger, which, from the number of moulds in circulation, might well suggest a conservative estimate of between 4,000/6,000 Tiger kayaks produced by home builders.

Now in an effort to bring all these owners together, a new club has been established — the Tiger Owners Canoe Club. Although having the support of Trylon Limited, it is totally independent. The object of the Club is to provide all types of canoeing activities for Tiger Owners, from Regattas, Rallies, Competitions, Expeditions, Socials, etc.

The Tiger Owners Canoe Club represents a new dimension on the canoeing scene, and if you own a Tiger or know of anyone who does, then please contact: *The Tiger Owners Canoe Club, 87 Dorchester Road, Garstang, Near Preston, Lancashire.* Enclose a stamped addressed envelope and full details will be sent in return.

IRISH ADDRESS CHANGE

The Irish Canoe Union has a change of address as of 1st January 1979. The new address is: Irish Canoe Union, c/o Cospoir — National Sports Council, Floor 11, Hawkins House, Hawkins Street, Dublin 2, Republic of Ireland.

CANOE POLO LEAGUE

The first tournament in the Canoe Polo National League takes place at the Bath Road Pool Luton, on Saturday March 10th, starting at 6pm (spectator 20p).

Whatever happens between the top teams of Bere Forest and Luton during the National Finals, to be held at Crystal Palace over the International Canoe Exhibition weekend, this tournament at Luton should see the best concentration of skilful play ever with two teams from Bere Forest, two from Luton, and one each from Northampton and Guildford competing.

AWARD FOR SPRINT PAIR

The BCU Racing Committee are pleased to announce an Otis Olympic Sports Sponsorship Award to Eric Farrell and Trevor Hunter. The award, amounting to £750.00, will purchase a racing K2 for Eric and Trevor in preparation for their quest for success at the Moscow Olympic Games.

The K2 will remain the property of the British Canoe Union. Ron Emes, Director of the National Olympic Training Squad, said on receiving the cheque, *'I believe that Otis have made a wise investment in two extremely talented young sportsmen, who, with adequate preparation and support, should become finalists at the Moscow Olympic Games in 1980'.*

MILLION FOR MOSCOW

A campaign to help raise a million pounds for Britain's Olympic competitors was launched by Watneys in January.

Plans for a sustained 18-month long fund raising campaign in aid of the



Otis Award for Eric and Trevor.

British Olympic Association were announced at a Press Conference at The International Press Centre in London on January 17th. To start the fund, a cheque for £10,000 was presented to Sir Denis Follows, cbe, Chairman of the British Olympic Association, by Mr. Robin Soames, Chairman of Watneys London Limited. There to see the cheque handed over were a number of top British sportsmen and Women — but alas no canoeists.

The British Olympic Association have given the Watney group of companies exclusive rights to raise money in the on-licensed trade under the BOA banner.

Three separate brewing companies, Watneys London Limited, Watneys Southern Limited, and Watney Mann (West) Limited are combining forces to raise the money, which will be used to help train, equip and send competitors to the Olympic Games in Moscow in June 1980.

No overall target has been set for the Watneys Olympic Appeal Fund. But Watneys recognise that the BOA need an initial £1,000,000 just to assist competitor in their preparations for the Games, and the aim of the Appeal is to raise as much as possible towards that figure.

WINDSURFER ASSESSMENT COURSE

Sixteen Windsurfer Instructors who have attended Instructor Courses within the past eighteen months were put through their paces in November at Kirtona Farm Waterski and Windsurfing Club, near Reading, at the first assessment figure course to be run in this country.

The course was run by German born, Dago Benz, senior Instructor for Europe who devised the International Windsurfer Schools system. He was assisted on the course by Barry James and Sarah Sutherland, the UK supervising Instructors.

The Instructors attending the course were examined on their demonstration techniques on the water and on a dry land simulator and were marked on their personal sailing style as well as their ability to teach and communicate ably with the pupils. Two novice pupils without previous experience of Windsurfing were used and each Instructor in turn conducted part of a full simulator course. This was followed by a written theoretical examination and is part of a plan by Windsurfer International Schools to raise the standard of instruction to cater for the development of the sport in the UK.

Further courses will be run before the next season when it is intended to hold Instructor re-assessment courses annually or bi-annually, particular attention is paid to all aspects of safety and courtesy to other water users, together with a constant update of the already well-proven teaching method. In the rest of Europe, potential Instructors are only accepted for a course when they have obtained a sailing license which includes both life-saving and first aid certificates. This is likely to be a requirement for the future in the UK.

BCMA



PRE-CHRISTMAS MEETING

A general meeting of the British Canoe Manufacturers Association was held at Redbourn on December 11th, preceded by a Christmas lunch. The amount of wine consumed during the meal was surprisingly small and all members appeared to be quite sober when the meeting was called to order. (It is not clear whether this was an indication of the general sobriety of members, or an indication of the level of profitability in the trade!)

The three new members, Arrowcraft Marine, Kama Canoes, and McNulty Seaglass, were welcomed to their first meeting.

The representatives who serve on the International Canoe Exhibition Committee reported that stand space at Crystal Palace was fully booked and all looked set for another record-breaking show. The BCMA was donating prizes for the three best 'amateur' stands. The Association had also offered a perpetual cup and an individual tankard to the winner of the indoor slalom, but arrangements had not yet been finalised with the BCU Slalom Executive.

There was further news on the BCMA Spector (*not 'Spectre' as previously reported*). Four moulds had now been scheduled for production and should be in the hands of the WWR Committee before the end of January.

The BCMA had been invited to appoint a member to serve on the BCU Safety Committee — Frank Goodman was nominated. The welcomed this further opportunity of close co-operation and liaison.

Members were very worried by the appearance on the market of kayaks produced under various employment schemes, funded by the Government's Management Services Commission. Many of these craft were of extremely poor quality and were even sold without toggles, footrests, or any form of buoyancy. Because 'grant aid' covered the costs of overheads, labour and materials, these kayaks were extremely cheap, but many were considered to be very dangerous if used without modifications. The Association would contact the MSC in an attempt to ensure that these boats were of an acceptable standard as regards construction and safety.

FRUITLESS JAN MEETING

This should have been an enthusiastic report following a special meeting arranged by the Director of the British Canoe Union and members of the British Canoe Manufacturers Association to discuss trade co-operation and involvement at the forthcoming World Championships. Alas, this cannot be and I am beginning to wonder if something is seriously amiss.

This Association has always thought that 'grass roots' involvement in the sport was essential for the healthy growth of the sport in general and the ancillary trade in particular. Previous reports have shown how, by co-operation with the Wildwater Racing Committee, we now have a 'class' down river racer which will give the younger paddler an equal chance in competition. The BCMA also sponsored the 'still water' slalom event at Crystal Palace and, this year, is presenting the Slalom Committee with a perpetual cup and replica for this event. The amount of involvement by individual members, at all levels of the sport, is enormous and would not be possible to detail here.

In an attempt to get even closer co-operation with the BCU at top level, the Director, Mr Gordon Richards, was invited to attend one of our meetings in October 1978. He failed to turn up and it was not until the next day that he telephoned our Secretary to apologise. We then arranged a special meeting with him and Ron Emes, for January 29th this year, but again, neither turned up and the members, who had travelled from all over the country, were faced with a completely wasted day. . .

What on earth is wrong with the BCU executives? Is the BCU not interested in co-operating with the trade? Is there to be no trade involvement in the forthcoming World Championships, or has this already been sorted out behind the scenes? What is happening to the BCU's house magazine 'Canoe Focus'? Letters regarding serious errors in advertisements are completely ignored. Rates are drastically increased without the advertisers knowledge, while payments for advertising by cheque are sometimes not banked for months. How can one co-operate with such disorganisation? Most of the individuals of the member firms of the BCMA are also members of the BCU! How much longer can they put up with such a ridiculous situation? What do the 'rank and file' members of the BCU think? Please ask for their opinions because we are fast running out of ideas as well as patience.

Report from R.H. Goodman,
Chairman, BCMA.



UMNAK LECTURE

Derek Hutchinson is a senior coach in the British Canoe Union and author of the book, 'Sea Canoeing' — the definitive work on the aspect of the sport to which he has devoted so much time and energy. He has led several kayak expeditions, gaining a mention in the Guinness Book of Records for the kayak crossing of the North Sea in 1976, when he and two other men paddled non-stop for 31 hours and over 100 miles Felixstowe, England to Ostend in Belgium. Derek has been a schoolteacher for the last sixteen years, but has had a variety of occupations including ship's plumber, silversmith, water company inspector, and professional life-guard. He is well known as an authority in the Canoeing World and as the designer of several popular kayaks (six designs to date, these being — North Sea Kayak, Baidarka, Explorer Dawn Trader, Shooting Star, and the Umnak). He travels extensively, coaching and lecturing at Sports and Outdoor Activity Centres throughout England, Scotland and Wales.

In June 1978, Derek led a team of five sea-canoeists on a kayak expedition round 250 miles of coastline in the Aleutian Islands, from Dutch Harbour on Unalaska to the tiny Aleut village of Nikolski on Umnak. (article 'Canoeing Magazine issue 20'). In spite of being two years in the planning, the expedition had its tone set when food and equipment was destroyed and tents were blown down even before it got under way! This tone was sustained throughout the adventure, since June and July of 1978 turned out to be one of the worst Aleutian summers in living memory . . .

Following on the success of his account of the North Sea Crossing, another fascinating illustrated lecture has been prepared on the expedition to the Aleutian Islands.

A camera crew from Harlech Television followed the team in an attempt to film the expedition. The resulting film of the venture will, however, show only a limited version since the camera crew's contact with the kayakists was necessarily

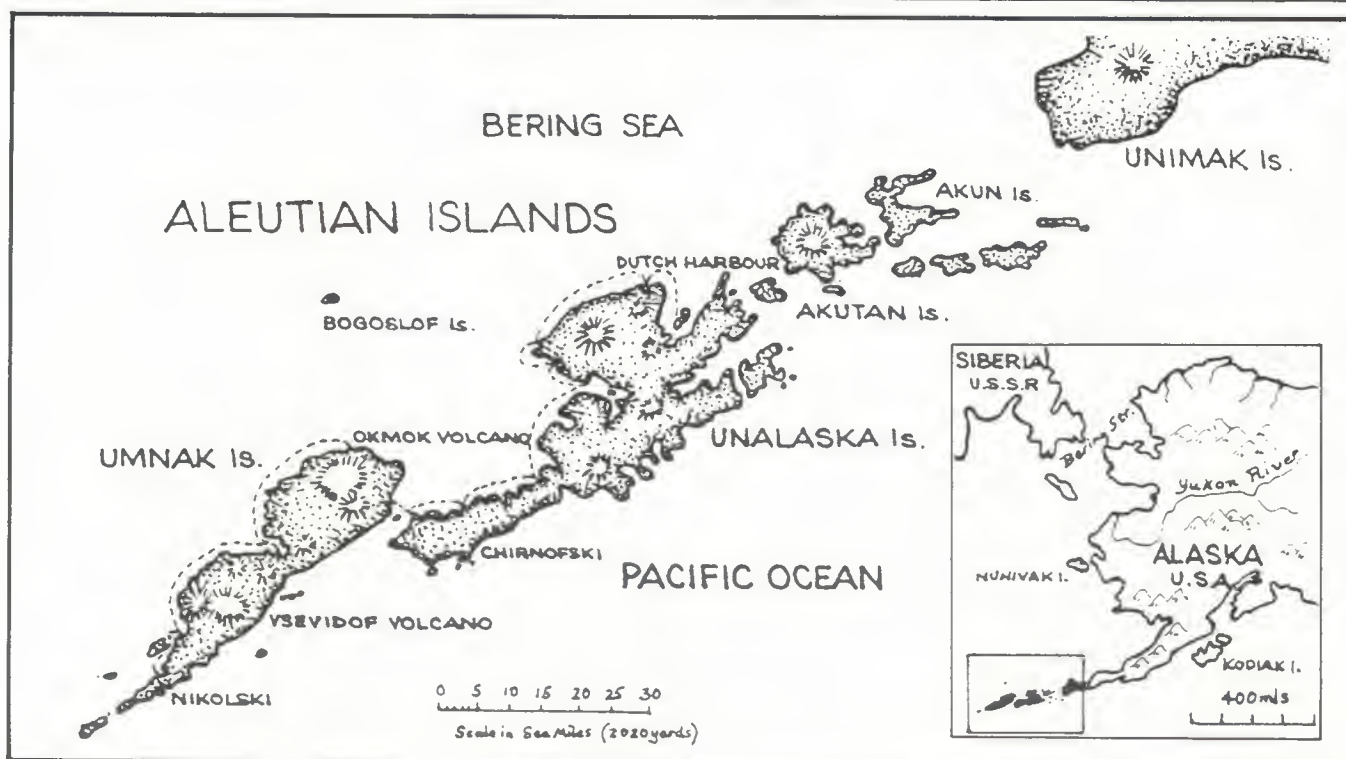
intermittent for reasons which can be best fully explained with the aid of slides and maps, by those involved in the events of this expedition.

The appeal of this new lecture is very wide. It tells of the unpredictable and tempestuous weather of those volcanic islands and of the friendly hospitality of the Aleut people, of the wet misery of paddling narrow, single-seat kayaks in dangerously fast tidal streams through icy winds and amazingly fast-moving fog. Of risks involved when breaking all canoeing rules in a region with no Coastguard system, no possibility of radio link with the mainland and hence, no weather forecasts. Derek Hutchinson also describes the problems of being self-sufficient for the duration of the expedition, all food, equipment and medical supplies having to be carried inside the kayaks.

The group discovered ancient Aleut burial caves and were storm-bound in 'ghost' villages. They had the satisfaction of bringing back many rare and some hitherto unknown specimens of molluscs and lichens, and of proving to the Aleuts themselves that the kayak is still a most seaworthy craft and that the skill of kayaking is an art well worth reviving.

If you rate the interest of any adventure by the degree of misery endured by the participants, then you will certainly enjoy the account of the British Alaskan Kayak Expedition.

For details of Derek Hutchinson's lecture and tour dates, contact him: Derek Hutchinson, 18 Marina Drive, South Shields, Tyne & Wear NE33 2NH. Telephone: 0632 566155.



THE UMNAK KAYAK

Derek has come back from the Aleutian Expedition not only with a good lecture, but a reappraisal of the sea kayak that has now led to the new design — the Umnak. Derek explains a little of the background to his design that carries the motif of a fire-breathing bald eagle on its bow . . .

'I suppose I was motivated to design a new sea kayak for a number of reasons. Over the last three or four years various groups and individuals have asked me to design a kayak that was a little less specialised than my usual type of boat. I'd always found an excuse for not putting pencil to drawing board, mainly due to laziness but also being rather disinclined anyway because most of my own sea paddling was done well off shore and I always used a slalom kayak for surfing and rock dodging.

However, my recent expedition to the Aleutian Islands taught me many lessons. There were many times during our paddle along the Bering Sea Coast when a little more manoeuvrable and more stable kayak would have been welcome. The boats we used were undoubtedly fast (my own 'Explorer' design of course), but kayaks built purely with speed in mind can be a little traumatic when it comes to handling expensive cameras, close in shore, in rough windswept seas!

Captain Cook, the explorer and navigator, described the original 'baidarkas' (Russian skinboats) thus: 'They are built in the same manner as those used by the Greenlanders and Eskimaux, the framing being of slender laths and a covering of seal skin. They are about 12-feet long'.

Veniamonoa, the most famous of all the Alaskan Russian Orthodox priests and a noted historian of the Aleuts described the one hatch 'baidarka' as being from 14 to 15-feet long. It would seem that the kayak which is displayed in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington was longer than most. It is almost 17½-feet long and may have been used mainly as a supply carrier.

When I designed my 'Explorer', although basing it on Aleut designs, I gave it a length of almost 17 feet and a perfectly straight keel, confident that thereby I was producing a much superior boat. After my experiences in their own waters, I am now obliged to admit that the ancient Aleuts knew best. Hence the work on designing this new sea kayak.

Designer Derek Hutchinson with his Umnak Kayak.

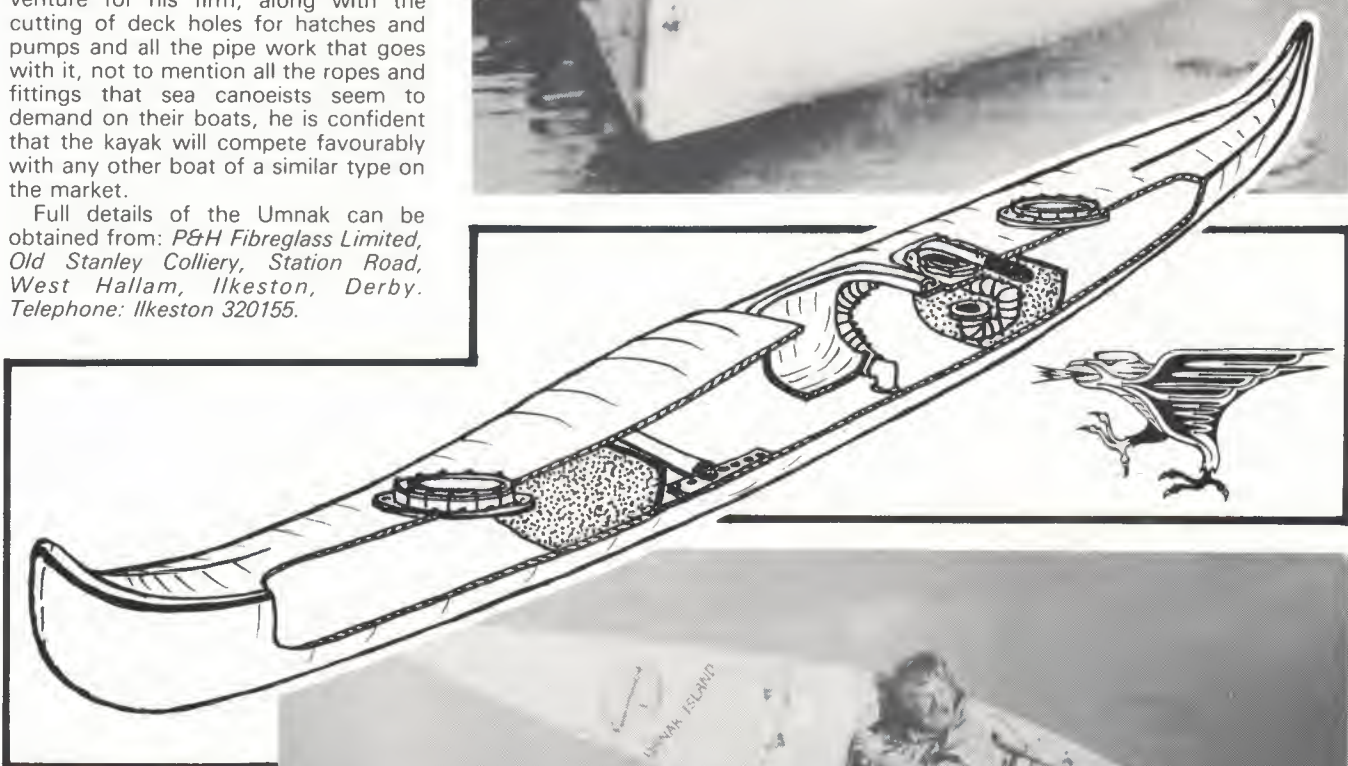


Umnak Kayak

I decided on a length of approximately 15½-feet long for the 'Umnak' — named after the Bering Sea Island. Safety and comfort in rough waters were made the top priorities, although naturally it still had to be suitable for serious distance coastal reconnaissance work by the expert. It had to give a feeling of security to those people who were venturing onto the sea for the first time, as well as be acceptable to the advanced sea-canoeist. I also felt a more versatile kayak should be available to coaches and instructors who lead groups on the sea or large lakes. Looking much farther into the future, it would be nice to design a kayak suitable to be paddled by the Aleuts themselves, as the absolutely straight running characteristics of my previous designs would be quite unsuitable for their particular needs'.

The Umnak is now in full production with P&H Fibreglass of West Hallam and, as Dave Patrick explained, while this sea kayak is a completely new venture for his firm, along with the cutting of deck holes for hatches and pumps and all the pipe work that goes with it, not to mention all the ropes and fittings that sea canoeists seem to demand on their boats, he is confident that the kayak will compete favourably with any other boat of a similar type on the market.

Full details of the Umnak can be obtained from: P&H Fibreglass Limited, Old Stanley Colliery, Station Road, West Hallam, Ilkeston, Derby. Telephone: Ilkeston 320155.



Cut away drawing of the Umnak Kayak.



EVENTS & COURSES

ZAANREGATTA

This year's 21st International Zaanregatta will be held in Holland over the weekend June 9th/10th. Classes cover K1, K2 and K4 for events over 500, 1000 and 10,000 metres for men; 500 and 3,000 metres for women.

No official British Team will be competing at the regatta this year, so entries are open to any canoe club members. Entries and details: *H.J. Brand, Secretary 'Zaanregatta', Sekr. Geuzenpad 2, Zaandam, Holland.*

NEW SURF EVENT

This year there will be a new competition in the surfing calendar — The Penwith Surf Canoeing Championships. These championships will be held at Godrevy near Hayle over the weekend June 9th/10th.

The organisation will be trying out a few new ideas in an effort to improve

the judging of surf competitions. Thus, if anyone would like to forward their ideas, they will be considered for inclusions. It is hoped for a large surf-ski entry while women should note that they can compete in slalom, surf kayak, or ski in their event. A number of competitors are expected from France.

Later in the year the Cornish Surf Canoeing Championships will be held at Sennen Cove over the weekend October 13th/14th. Details of both competitions from: *Mrs. P. Meardon, 9 Spennen Close, Carbis Bay, St. Ives, Cornwall.*

CANOE TOURIST TRIAL

Westels' second Canoe Tourist Trial on the Basingstoke Canal will be held on April 29th. Closing date for entries is April 16th.

The Aldershot end of the canal will have been dredged by the Spring, which should make the going considerably

easier. The starts for the less crowded groups will be closed up so there will be less delay at the launch point and, as dredging from Odiham has now reached the 'Barley Mow', the club is adding a 30 mile section for the really keen long distance paddlers!

Hopefully there will be more drinks, particularly at the Aldershot turn. Entry fee is provisionally 75p. Details from Jeff Simmons, Secretary Westel Canoe Club. (Alas no address with press release, and the club does not appear on BCU Club List for 1978 . . .!)

EASTER MARATHON

Devizes to Westminster — the toughest canoe race in the world. 125 miles non-stop: 54 miles on the Kennet and Avon Canal from Devizes to Reading, then 71 miles down the River Thames to Westminster with the last 17 miles over tidal waters. Along the route some 76 locks to be portaged.

The race is open to double crews between 16 and 19 years in the Junior Class, and to those over 18 years — of either sex — in the Senior Class. The entry fee is £12.00 per crew. Closing date is Friday March 23rd. Entries and details: *D.W. Keane, 12 Swakeleys Drive, Ickenham, Uxbridge, Middlesex UB10 8QB.*

BUYING GUIDE

A buying guide to canoes and kayaks from the major manufacturers in Britain. Featuring canoes and kayaks in glassfibre reinforced plastic (grp), diolen (dio), kevlar (kev), sandwich (san), high density polyethylene Sclair (scl), and aluminium (alu). All prices quoted are as of 1st January 1979, ex-works, and do not include VAT.

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Cresta	grp	105.50	Canoe Centre
Cygnnet	grp	105.50	Canoe Centre
Saga	grp	106.50	Canoe Centre

Effendi	grp	136.44	Canoe Centre
Zephyr	grp	132.00	Canoe Sport
Capel Tourer	grp	75.00	Capel Canoes
Olympia	grp	75.00	Cymru Canoes
Wanderer	grp	44.00	Granta Boats
Warrior	grp	88.00	Granta Boats
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Swift	grp	80.00	P & H Fibreglass
Viva	grp	88.00	P & H Fibreglass
Tiger	grp	83.00	Tylon Ltd
Vagabond	grp	94.00	Valley Canoe Products
Quest	grp	75.00	Water Rat Canoes
Telstar	grp	85.00	Whitewater Sports
Calypto	grp	67.00	Whitewater Sports
Python	grp	89.00	Wild Water Centre

TOURING DOUBLES		PRICE	MANUFACTURER
Adventurer II	grp	137.00	Avoncraft
Trekka	grp	135.25	Baron Canoes
Searcher II	grp	125.00	Brookbank Canoes
Ventura LoLine	grp	142.00	Canoe Centre
Ventura HiLine	grp	145.38	Canoe Centre
Bentura Bline	grp	151.42	Canoe Centre
Enterprise	grp	90.00	Capel Canoes
Wayfarer	grp	105.00	Granta Canoes
Classic	grp	98.00	Granta Boats
Kama Two	grp	110.00	Kama Canoes
Searcher	grp	125.00	Lawrence Canoes
Horizon	grp	115.00	McNulty Seaglass
TD2Double	grp	150.00	Ottersports
Trapper	grp	130.00	P & H Fibreglass
Tourer II	grp	115.00	P & H Fibreglass
Seven 77	grp	174.00	Severn Seas
Ardeche	grp	130.00	Tylon Ltd
Tourer Double	grp	95.00	Water Rat Canoes

			Kaitu	grp	140.00	Granta Boats
			Sprinter o/s	grp	165.00	Lawrence Canoes
			Sprinter u/s	grp	170.00	Lawrence Canoes
			Sprinter Marathon	dio	204.00	Lawrence Canoes
			Sprinter Sprint	san	221.00	Lawrence Canoes
SLALOM C2 CANOES		PRICE	MANUFACTURER			
Profile	grp	153.78	Canoe Centre			
Slalom C2	dio	187.00	Gaybo Ltd			
Slalom C2	grp	120.00	P&H Fibreglass			
Elite C2	dio	160.00	Pyranha			
DOWN RIVER KAYAKS		PRICE	MANUFACTURER			
Tornado	grp	108.00	Avoncraft			
Sprimton 3	grp	95.00	Tyne Canoes			
Sabre	grp	129.00	Baron Canoes			
Sabre	kev	167.00	Baron Canoes			
Machette	grp	129.14	Baron Canoes			
Machette	kev	167.00	Baron Canoes			
Shark	grp	117.13	Canoe Centre			
Zenith 2/3	grp	110.00	Fi-Bo			
Zenith 2/3	kev	140.00	Fi-Bo			
Renegade	grp	100.00	Fi-Bo			
Renegade	dio	105.00	Fi-Bo			
Interceptor Sprint 3/4	grp	120.50	Gaybo Ltd			
Thor	grp	115.00	P&H Fibreglass			
Shaft II	dio	120.00	Pyranha			
Carrera	dio	120.00	Pyranha			
Roughrider	grp	100.00	Whitewater Sports			
DOWN RIVER CANOES		PRICE	MANUFACTURER			
Superstar C1	grp	127.00	Gaybo Ltd			
WW C2	dio	198.00	Gaybo Ltd			
WW C1	grp	120.00	P&H Fibreglass			
WW C2	grp	150.00	P&H Fibreglass			
RACING K1		PRICE	MANUFACTURER			
Espada	grp	113.50	Avoncraft			
Stephen K1	dio	125.00	Avoncraft			
Espada o/s	grp	113.57	Canoe Centre			
Espada u/s	grp	117.96	Canoe Centre			
Ranger o/s	grp	142.49	Canoe Centre			
Ranger u/s	grp	149.07	Canoe Centre			
Lancer o/s	grp	142.49	Canoe Centre			
Lancer u/s	grp	149.07	Canoe Centre			
Lazer o/s	grp	129.85	Canoe Centre			
Lazer u/s	grp	136.44	Canoe Centre			
Rapier Sprint	san	180.00	CanoeSport			
Rapier LD	san	155.00	CanoeSport			
Javelin Sprint	san	180.00	CanoeSport			
Javelin LD	san	155.00	CanoeSport			
Renner 2	grp	127.00	Gaybo Ltd			
Stinger o/s	grp	125.00	Lawrence Canoes			
Stinger u/s	grp	129.00	Lawrence Canoes			
Striker o/s	grp	138.00	Lawrence Canoes			
Striker u/s	grp	142.00	Lawrence Canoes			
Striker Marathon	dio	170.00	Lawrence Canoes			
Striker Sprint	san	185.00	Lawrence Canoes			
Espada	grp	125.00	Valley Canoe Products			
RACING K2		PRICE	MANUFACTURER			
Stephen K2	grp	144.00	Avoncraft			
Sprinter o/s	grp	165.00	Brookbank Canoes			
Sprinter u/s	grp	172.50	Brookbank Canoes			
Makker o/s	grp	192.38	Canoe Centre			
Makker u/s	grp	198.96	Canoe Centre			
Makker Hi-line o/s	grp	195.53	Canoe Centre			
Makker Hi-line u/s	grp	202.11	Canoe Centre			
Glider o/s	grp	188.20	Canoe Centre			
Glider u/s	grp	194.78	Canoe Centre			
Mirage o/s	grp	173.15	Canoe Centre			
Mirage u/s	grp	179.73	Canoe Centre			
Stiletto LD	san	200.00	CanoeSport			
Stiletto Sprint	san	235.00	CanoeSport			
			OTHER RACING		PRICE	MANUFACTURER
			Sprint K4 Winner	grp	434.85	Canoe Centre
			Sprint C1 Delta	grp	146.46	Canoe Centre
			Sprint C2 Cheeta	grp	195.50	Canoe Centre
			CLASS RACING		PRICE	MANUFACTURER
			Barracuda Cl.4	grp	173.15	Canoe Centre
			Tasman Cl.4	grp	173.15	Canoe Centre
			SURF KAYAKS		PRICE	MANUFACTURER
			Vega	grp	99.74	Canoe Centre
			Weever	grp	70.00	Capel Canoes
			Trophy Surf	grp	108.00	Granta Boats
			Tally Ho Surf	grp	110.00	Granta Boats
			Striker	grp	120.00	Grants Boats
			Surfer Mk.II	grp	93.00	P&H Fibreglass
			Surfer 79	grp	93.00	P&H Fibreglass
			Stripper	grp	93.00	P&H Fibreglass
			Ripper	grp	93.00	P&H Fibreglass
			Spider	grp	95.00	Severn Seas
			Wave Bob One	grp	95.00	Severn Seas
			Wave Bob Two	grp	115.00	Severn Seas
			Weever	grp	73.00	Trylon Ltd
			Surf Shoe 73	grp	95.00	Valley Canoe Products
			Moccasin	grp	99.00	Valley Canoe Products
			Skeet	grp	99.00	Valley Canoe Products
			Com Skeet	grp	99.00	Valley Canoe Products
			SEA KAYAKS		PRICE	MANUFACTURER
			Meridian	grp	n/a	Canoe Centre
			See Adler	grp	100.00	Granta Boats
			See Schwann	grp	120.00	Granta Boats
			See Jay	grp	140.00	Granta Boats
			See Vogel	grp	180.00	Granta Boats
			Atlantic	grp	120.50	Gaybo Ltd
			Esky	grp	120.50	Gaybo Ltd
			Vyneck	grp	145.00	Kama Canoes
			Easky	grp	99.00	Lawrence Canoes
			Baidarka Explorer	grp	115.56	McNulty Seaglass
			Baidarka Expedition	grp	169.78	McNulty Seaglass
			Umnak	grp	120.00	P&H Fibreglass
			Eskimo	dio	110.22	Pyranha
			Aleut	grp	165.00	Severn Seas
			Swift Ski	grp	106.00	Severn Seas
			Seahawk	grp	95.00	Trylon Ltd
			Anas Acuta	grp	125.00	Valley Canoe Products
			Nordkapp (12 models)	grp	129.00	Valley Canoe Products
			BATH TRAINERS		PRICE	MANUFACTURER
			Supa Bat	grp	58.50	Avoncraft
			Wombat	grp	58.50	Avoncraft
			Papoose	grp	40.00	Capel Canoes
			Wombat	grp	59.00	Granta Boats
			Tiddler	grp	66.00	Granta Boats
			Bat MkV	grp	57.50	Kama Canoes
			Krakabat	grp	53.34	Krakatoa
			Pool Trainer	grp	74.00	Lawrence Canoes
			Hornet	grp	55.00	McNulty Seaglass
			Bat	grp	53.00	P&H Fibreglass
			Phighter	grp	60.00	P&H Fibreglass
			Bat Nine	grp	98.00	Severn Seas
			Bat MkV	grp	50.00	Trylon Ltd
			Wombat	grp	58.00	Trylon Ltd
			Vampire	grp	59.50	Tyne Canoes
			Bath Mat	grp	67.00	Valley Canoe Products
			Bat MkV	grp	58.00	Wild Water Centre

THE LONG RIVER CANOEIST CLUB

THE LONG RIVER CANOEIST CLUB A UNIQUE CANOEING CLUB

Have you ever wanted to canoe a particular river or sea-way and found that even when you contacted the varied official bodies, you still found the information you desired was not forthcoming? — or it was second-hand? It is an important item on any expedition's list, to try and ascertain as much information of the area to be explored or canoed as possible. Due to the present financial climate, the amount of 'know how' prior to the departure of a team can mean the difference between a viable expedition or one deep in the red and all because of some fact that was not discovered beforehand! Now read on.

It was in 1975 that I found that I was spending a great deal of time and energy in chasing around after vague references and bum information from certain quarters — that I tumbled to the idea of starting up a 'pool' of canoeists who had actually canoed the various rivers of the world, and who would be willing to pass expertise on to anyone interested. The Club was to be unique — a pool of international canoeists — held together by their interest in canoeing, with no bars on Nationality, and most important, it would be free and without the usual AGMs, Committee or Sub-Committees! (I expect that readers are wondering how I manage to run the Club, without fees to pay for stationery, membership cards, stamps etc — well I have a full time job, and don't mind putting a few pounds a year towards my sport!). The reason I did away with fees, AGMs etc., is that it was long ago that I found that a high percentage of canoeists disliked being members of clubs which were too formalised . . .

I began to write to canoeists who had been known to have information on certain rivers, and they were willing to join the 'pool'. This has gone on, until now and we have members all around the world who have canoed rivers from the Amazon to the Zaire (would you know where to get information on these rivers if you wanted to mount an expedition? — no? — that's why the Long River Canoeist Club was started). Each member gets a membership list which contains all details of members — names, address, telephone numbers, plus

details of rivers or sea-ways canoed — this list allows any member to contact another who will, for the cost of a SAE or International Reply Coupon, tell all! Also at intervals each member gets a newsletter giving details (and addresses) of coming expeditions/journeys or the latest information on the position of an expedition that is going on. It also acts as a platform for expeditions that wish to advertise their Expedition Reports/Books, or ask's for members for canoeing ventures etc, etc. On

joining, each member is issued with a membership card, this serves as an introduction to other members and in time we hope to get preferential rates from canoe and kayak manufacturers, dehydrated food firms, equipment firms. In exchange the member would be willing to advertise on his canoe/kayak the food/equipment he is using. The Club is world wide, and thus the manufacturer would get a wide reading!

Each year the Long River Canoeist Club has a stand at the Canoe Exhibition at Crystal Palace — why not pop along to see what it is all about? Also if you ever want to know if the Cape Horn Canoe Expedition or the Caribbean Kayak, or the River Nile or the North Wales Expedition to North West Greenland, etc. etc. have any expedition reports for sale, drop me a line, and I will forward your letter on to the people involved. Better — join the Club and have a host of information at your fingertips. All you have to do is pass on the information YOU may have if another member asks for it. Below is a list of the club 'Notes' which will give you more idea of its purpose, for any questions/membership application forms, please contact: *Mr. Peter Salisbury, Chairman LRCC, 238 Birmingham Road, Redditch, Worcestershire B97 6EL.*

1. The Club is primary for canoeists with experience of rivers/sea-ways canoeing of one hundred miles (160Km) and upwards to any distance.
2. It is an informal International Postal association of canoeists who have an interest in long distance travel in canoes or kayaks.
3. It is a means whereby information of particular rivers/sea-ways, can be passed between members who have canoed or who have information on the rivers/sea-ways in question.
4. It will be able to give advice on equipment needed for extended periods away from habitation or civilisation.
5. The Club will have no political, religious or ethnical bias and is open to any nationality of any country.
6. A regular list of addresses will be sent to each member, giving details of the waters that each member has canoed, this will allow for free flow of ideas between members. Any other query to the Chairman.
7. A 'Newsletter' will be sent to each member regularly, containing outline details of forthcoming expeditions. A more complete information sheet on an expedition will also be sent out when all information has been collated.
8. All forms of inquiry to other members or Chairman to be by post, plus a SAE or International Reply Coupon to be enclosed.
9. Membership will be free, as if each member uses SAE/International Reply Coupon cost will be nil.
10. All members are asked to forward from time to time to the Chairman a record of his/her travels/voyages/expeditions etc, for the Club Library.
11. Any information, maps charts, publications or advice which any member wishes to pass on to the Club will be held in the postal library and will be despatched on a 'return when read' basis to any other member.
12. All members are asked to complete an application form, and provide two photographs of approx size 30mm x 30mm (1¼ x 1¼ inch) for attachment to membership card and to club index card (Photo Booth type of photo acceptable).
13. On receiving completed membership application form, a membership card plus an updated member list will be returned to member-gratis.
14. Any member who wishes to nominate another person for membership, is to ask the Chairman for application form, and the proposer's name to be entered on bottom of new members form.
15. A Club badge has been designed, also club sweaters are available (machine knitted) enquiries to Chairman.



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*Canoeist at play on the River Severn near Bewdley.
Photos: D. Croft.*

COMPETITION

PULL OUT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPRINT RACING

APRIL

15 or 16

EASTER REGATTA, Thorpe Water Park. Opening Regatta — restricted programme. Details: Di Lawler, 93 Chertsey Lane, Staines, Middx.

28/29th

SPRING REGATTA, Holme Pierrepont. Full programme — Selection events Jnrs & Snrs — Dutch Match). Details: Regatta Committee c/o NWSC Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham.

MAY

6/7th

MAY REGATTA, Thorpe Water Park. Restricted programme, International Match and Olympic Day. Details: Regatta Committee c/o NWSC. Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham.

26/27th

COMMITTEE REGATTA, Holme Pierrepont. Full programme, K4, 10,000 Nat Champs. Details: Regatta Committee c/o NWSC, Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham.

JUNE

2nd

SHOREHAM REGATTA, Shoreham Sx. Open Regatta, restricted programme, 500m events. Details: A. Scott, 6 Sandown Road, Southwick, West Sussex.

9th

WEY REGATTA, Thorpe Water Park. Open Regatta, restricted programme K2 10,000M Nat Champs. Details: P. Finch, 4 Warwick Lane, St Johns, Woking, Surrey.

16th

WOKING REGATTA, Woking. Open Regatta, restricted programme — 500M Course. Details: A. Tullet, c/o D. Lawler, 4 Warwick Lane, St Johns, Woking, Surrey.

22/24th

INTERNATIONAL, Holme Pierrepont. Int. Snr. & Jnr. events. Restricted Club entries. Snr. Selection events. Details: Regatta Committee c/o NWSC, Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham.

30th

STRATH CLYDE, Strath Clyde Park. Full programme, K1, 10,000M Nat Champs. Details: A. Samuel, Auchenberg, Hse, Auchengillen Blanford, Glasgow.

30th

MARLOW REGATTA, Marlow Bucks. Open Regatta, restricted programme. Details: P. Lee, 66 Newton Rd, Marlow, Bucks.

JULY

7th

ROYAL REGATTA, Thorpe Water Park. Open Regatta, restricted programme. Details: Paddle Committee, Royal CC Trowlock Island, Teddington, Middx.

8th

ROYAL K1 10,000M, Trowlock Island. Paddling Challenge Cup. Details: Paddle Committee, Royal CC Trowlock Island, Teddington, Middx.

14/15th

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, Holme Pierrepont. Full programme 500 & 1000M Nat Champs. Snr. & Jnr. Selection events). Details: Paddle Committee, Royal CC Trowlock Island, Teddington, Middx.

AUGUST

4th

ROYAL THAMES REGATTA, Trowlock Island. Open Regatta, restricted programme. Details: Paddle Committee, Royal CC Trowlock Island, Teddington, Middx.

11/12th

YOUTH REGATTA, Holme Pierrepont. BCU Youth Championships and Regional Championships. Details: Regatta Committee, c/o NWSC, Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham.

SEPT.

1st

RICHMOND REGATTA, Thorpe Water Park. Open Regatta, restricted programme. Details: Di Lawler, 93 Chertsey Lane, Staines, Middx.

8/9th

INTER CLUBS REGATTA, Holme Pierrepont. Full programme, Inter Clubs Championships. Section AGM. Details: Regatta Committee, c/o NWSC, Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham.

22nd

?????, Thorpe Water Park. Provisional Regatta — offers open.

MARATHON

TIER 4

FEBRUARY

11th

WINDSOR, Details: D.F. Capps, 9 Mill Ride, Ascot, Berks SL5 8LE.

18th

WATERSIDE A, Details: K. Donkin, 47 Wendan Road, Newbury, Berks.

TIER 3

MARCH

4th

GAILEY, Details: B.D. Lucas, 139 Rodbaston Drive, Penkridge, Stafford.

TIER 4

4th

WATERSIDE B, Details: K. Donkin, 47 Wendan Road, Newbury, Berks.

11th

DRIFFIELD NAVIGATION, Details: Mrs. Colbeck, 21 Bellfield Drive, Well Lane, Willerby, Hull.

TIER 3

17th

OXFORD, R. Haynes, Riverside Centre, Donnington Bridge, Oxford.

TIER 4

18th

WATERSIDE C, Details: K. Donkin, 47 Wendan Road, Newbury, Berks.

TIER 3

25th

NOTTINGHAM, Details: G. Oliver, Nottingham K C, Trentside, Nottingham.

TIER 4

APRIL

1st

WATERSIDE D, Details: K. Donkin, 47 Wendan Road, Newbury, Berks.

TIER 3

1st

READING, Details: K. Lovell, 74 Reeds Ave., Earley, Reading, Berks.

TIER 4

1st

DRIFFIELD NAVIGATION, Details: Mrs. Colbeck, 21 Bellfield Drive, Well Lane, Willerby, Hull.

TIER 3

8th

LINCOLN, Details: L. Oliver, Cotswold, High St. Reepham, Lincoln.

TIER 4

13/16th

DEVIZES-WESTMINSTER, Details: F.C. Bartlett, 19 The Chantry, Hillingdon, Middlesex, UB8 3RA.

TIER 3

22nd

CHELMER, Details: J.E. Marriage, Budds Farmhouse, Highwood, Chelmsford, Essex.

22nd

HULL & DISTRICT, Details: G.M. Edwards, 137 Carr Lane, Willerby, Hull HU10 6JT.

TIER 4

MAY

5th

BUNGAY YOUTH RACE, Details: J. Day, 31 Wherry Road, Bungay, Suffolk.

TIER 3

6th

ROTHER, Details: Mrs. D. Novis, 21 Osborne Close, Hastings, Sussex TN34 2HU.

6th

BEDFORD-ST NEOTS, Details: D. Saxby, 82 Highfield Rd., Leighton Buzzard, Beds.

TIER 4

6th

WYE, Details: A.C. Spencer, 63 Three Crosses Road, Ross-on-Wye, Hereford.

TIER 3

13th

LEE & STORT, Details: B. Russell, Outdoor Pursuits Centre, Burnt Mill Lane, Harlow, Essex.

13th

FLADBURY, Details: D.W. Train, Glen Villa, Fladbury, Nr Pershore, Worcs.

20th

MAIDSTONE, Details: I. Bourn, 10 Sunnymead Ave., Gillingham, Kent.

20th

LEAMINGTON, Details: R.A. Sowman, 23 Stanton Walk, Woodloes Park, Warwick, CV34 5UY.

TIER 4

20th

LYNHER RIVER, Details: B. Smart, 24 Beresford St., Stoke, Plymouth PL2 3AJ

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AUGUST

4/5th
WASHBURN, (2) W. Yorks C.C. Details: K. Cooke, 15 Cypress Ave., Wakefield, W. Yorks.

18/19th
FAIRNILEE, (4/N) (Scot. Can.) Selkirk H.S.C.C. Details: J. McPherson, The High School, Selkirk, Roxburghshire.

SEPTEMBER

1/2nd
MARPLE, (4) Manchester C.C. Details: M. Scott, 27 Tatton Drive, Sandbach Ches.
HOWSHAM, (4/N) York C.C. Details: P. Stephenson, 74 Newland Park Drive, Hull Rd., York.
IRONBRIDGE, (N) Shrewsbury C.C. Details: P.J. Jarrett, The Barracks, Cardington, Church Stretton, Salop.

8/9th
WHORLTON, (3/4) Tees K.C. Details: L. Smith, 6 Earlsdon Ave., Brookfield, Middlesbrough.

TEVIOT BRIDGE, (4/N) Roxburgh C.C. Details: K. Fraser, 2 Mansfield Sq., Hawick, Roxburghshire.

GLASSHOUSES, (N) Leeds C.C. Details: N. Small, 3 Manor Close, Bramhope LS16 9HQ.

DUCK MILL, (N), Viking C.C. Details: M.J. Carter, 5 Clarendon St., Bedford.

15/16th
MATLOCK, (4) Sheffield C.C. Details: K. Stubble, 42 Barncliffe Cresc., Sheffield S10 4DA.

HAMBLEDON, (N) Chalfont Park C.C. Details: N. Underwood, 202 Kings Rd., Harrow, Middx.

WINCHESTER, (N/O) Winchester C.C. Details: F. Constable, 1 Kingsley Place, Stanmore, Winchester.

(14/15: Grandtully: Combined Services Championships)
(16th: Grandtully: Scottish Confined Championship: I. Ross, Belrorie, Dinnet, Aboyne, Aberdeenshire).

22/23rd
CASTLEFIELDS BINGLEY, (4/N) Bradford & Airedale C.C. Details: G. Wade, 126 Broadstone Way, Bradford 4.

COMRIE, (4/N) Glasgow Univ. C.C. Details: The Competition Secretary, G.U.C.C. Stephenson Building, 77 Oakfield Ave., Glasgow.

29/30th
SERPENTS TAIL, (1) Manchester C.C. Details: A.F. Hardisty 8 Muirfield Close, Prestwich, Manchester.

WEST TANFIELD, (4/N) W. Yorks C.C. Details: S.D. Nash, 151 Penistone Rd., Waterloo, Huddersfield HD5 8RP.

OCTOBER

6/7th
ROYAL DESSIDE, (2/3) (Scot. Can.) Aberdeen K.C. Details: G. Hatfield, 2 Straik Rd., Skene, Aberdeen.

SHEPPERTON, (4) Shepperton S.C.C. Details: C. Young, 17 Kingsley Rd., Hounslow Middx.

CARLISLE, (4/N) Carlisle C.C. Details: W.A. McPhee, 20a Broadwath, Heads Nook Carlisle.

PONTRILAS, (N/O) Wyedean C.C. Details: R. Gardner, The Bungalow, The Square, Prosper Lane, Coalway, Coleford, Glos.

13/14th
LLANGOLLEN TOWN, (1) Staffs & Stone C.C. Details: E.P. Baskerville, 26 Hartlands Rd., Eccleshall, Stafford ST21 6DW.

POTARCH, (3/4) (Scot. Can.) Aberdeen Univ. C.C. Details: R. Duncan, A.U.C.C. Butchart Recreation Centre, University Rd., Aberdeen.

BURNGATE MILL, (N/O) W.S.S.C. Details: The Secretary WSCC Canoe Section, 42 Springvale Rd., Kingsworthy, Winchester.

20/21st
LLANDYSUL, (2) Bristol C.C./Bristol Univ. C.C. Details: P. Delaney, 6 Milton Park Rd., Weston-Super-Mare, Avon.

MIDDLESTON IN TEESDALE, (3) Tees K.C. Details: M. Hansell, Lingmall, Parsons Lane, Swainby, Cleveland.

DARLEY ABBEY, (4) Midland C.C. Details: J.A. Nelson, 30 Weirfield Rd., Darley Abbey, Derby.

27/28th
TRAINING COURSE, Llangollen B.C.U. Details: from K. Langford.
SEATON PARK, (N) Details: Mrs. A. Spinks, 57 Craigend Rd., Elton Aberdeenshire.

NOVEMBER

3/4th
BUILTH WELLS, (2) Worcester C.C. Details: Hylton Rd., Worcester.
LUDLOW, (3) Birmingham C.C. Details: D. Teague, 4/58 Greenhill Rd., Mosely Birmingham.
MAPLEDURHAM WEIR, (4) Whitmore C.C. Details: P.A. Talbot, 73 The Drive, North Harrow Middx.

IRISH EVENTS

MARCH

10/11th SL. 1/2 SL. Comm. Aughrim
17/18th SL. 1/2 CYC Dog's Leap

APRIL

31/1st SL. 1/2 GTCC Sluice — Lucan
7/8th SL. 2/3 BCC Shaw's Bridge
8th LD. (R)* ECC Barrow
14/15th SL. 3 BRCC Gorey
22nd SL. 3 LVCC Liffey-Chapelizod
21st SP SP.Comm. Kilcullen
21/22nd LD Inter. Holland
29th SL. 3 SKC Liffey-Newbridge
29th LD. (R)* OMCC Boyne

MAY

6th LD. (R)* GTCC Nore
12/13th SL. 2/3 SL.Comm. Leixlip
19/20th SP. (Schools) SP.Comm. —
20th LD. (R)* BWCC Blackwater
26/27th SP — Enniskillen
26/27th SL. 3 HCC Grand Canal

JUNE

2nd SL. 3 ACK Lee
3rd LD. (R)* ACK Lee
2nd SP — Cork
7/8th Europa Cup Inter Norway
17th LD. (R)* SLCC Clane-Leixlip
30th SP SLCC Leixlip
30th LD. (R)* ICU Liffey-Descant

JULY

15th LD. (R)* — Blessington Lakes
28th LD. (R)* CYC Bann

AUGUST

4/5th LD Inter. Sella
12th SL. 3 BCBC Barrow
19th LD. (R)* LCC Limerick
26th SL. 3 WWKC Palmerstown

SEPTEMBER

1st LD. Inter. LD.Comm. Carrick
8/9th LD. Marathon IPM Liffey
15/16th SL. 2/3 GTCC Sluice-Lucan
15/16th LD Inter. Gudena
30th LD. (R)* AKC Fermoy

OCTOBER

13th SL. 3 BWCC Blackwater
13th SL. 3 CKC Cork
20/21st SL. 1/2 ECC Laragh

NOVEMBER

3/4th SL. 1/2 BCC Tullylish
18th WW AKC Sullane-Cork
24/25th SL. 1/2 WWKC Palmerstown

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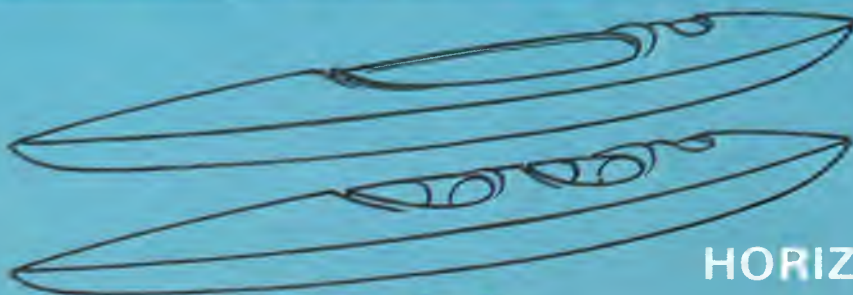
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26/27th

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JUNE

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SE SCOTTISH, Details: John Mould, The Mould, The Shed, Milnefield, Ave., Elgin, Moreyshire.

25/26th

SCOTTISH NATIONALS, Details: John Mould, The Mould, The Shed, Milnefield, Ave., Elgin, Moreyshire.

SEPTEMBER

1/2

WELSH NATIONALS, Porthewll, Wales. Details: Dye Cox, Victoria House, Corwers Road, Freuddyn Mold, Clwyd.

8/9th

ENGLISH NATIONALS, Details: Jim Rule, 11 Hazel Ave., Adand Park, Braunton, N. Devon.

OCTOBER

6/7th

NE ENGLISH, Details: Not available.

6/7th

CORNISH, Senner Bay, Cornwall. Details: Penzance Canoe Club.

13/14th

RAF OPEN, Croyde Bay, N. Devon. Details: Jim Rule, 11 Hazel Ave., Adand Park, Braunton, N. Devon.

NOVEMBER

11/12th

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SLALOM

MARCH

3/4th

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10/11th

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17/18th

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24/25th

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31st

APRIL

1st

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7/8th

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SHEPPERTON, (3) Shopperton S.C.C. Details: G. Thomas, 35 Ashurst Drive, Shepperton Middx.

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14/15th

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21/22nd

HAMBLEDON, (2) Chalfont Park C.C. Details: N. Underwood, 202 Kings Road, Harrow, Middx.

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KILKEWYDD, (4) Shrewsbury C.C. Details: P.J. Jarret, The Barracks, Cardington, Church Stretton, Salop.

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28/29th

BALA MILL, (1) Midland C.C. Details: J.A. Nelson, 30 Weirfield Rd., Darley Abbey, Derby.

LLANDYSUL, (3) Bristol C.C./Bristol Univ. C.C. Details: P. Delaney, 6 Milton Park Rd., Westch-Super-Mare, Avon.

MAY

5/6th

TEITH, (4/N) Heriot-Watt Univ. C.C. Details: McIntosh, Sports Centre, Heriot Watt University, Riccarton, Currie, Midlothian.

CANFORD WEIR, (4) W.S.S.C. Details: The Secretary, WSSC Canoe Section, 42 Springvale Rd., Kingsworthy, Winchester.

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12/13th

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EASBY ABBEY, (3/4) Manchester C.C. Details: D. Wilbraham, 16 Alt Ave., Maghull, Liverpool.

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19/20th

TRYWERWYN INTERNATIONAL

26/27th

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JUNE

2/3rd

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IRONBRIDGE, (4/N) Telford C.C. Details: D. Chesney, 44 Woodhouse Rd., Wolverhampton.

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9/10th

TRYWERWYN, (1) (Welsh Open) Chester C.C. Details: L. Briggs, 106 Becketts Lane, Chester.

ABINGDON WEIR, (N/ /OT) Kingfisher C.C. Details: Dr. B.M.R. Green, 1 Pond Cottages, Newbury Rd., Chilton, Didcot, Oxon.

16/17th

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23/24th

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30th

JULY

1st

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7/8th

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14/15th

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COOKHAM, (N/ /OT) Warren C.C. Details: D.J. Looker, 24 Thames Ave., Pangbourne, Reading.

**TIER 3
JUNE**

2nd
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3rd
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3rd
LOCH LUBNAIG, Details: D. Samuel, Auchengillan, Blanefield, Glasgow, G63 9AU.

10th
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10th
YORK, Details: R. Dubber, 39 Thorndale, Hull.

17th
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17th
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JULY

1st
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TIER 4

1st
MARLOW, Details: S. Taylor, Easter Lodge, Kingswood Road, Penn, High Wycombe, Bucks.

TIER 3

8th
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TIER 4

8th
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TIER 3

21st
K2 MARATHON, Details: Mrs. D. Lawler, 93 Chertsey Lane, Staines, Middlesex.

22nd
EXE CIRCUIT, Details: D.G. Walls, 3 Endfield Close, Exeter, Devon.

28th
K1 MARATHON, Details: B. Greenaway, 214a Battersea Park Road, London.

**TIER 4
AUGUST**

5th
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TIER 3

5th
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19th
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25th/27th
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SEPTEMBER

1/2nd
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2nd
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16th
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16th
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23rd
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30th
WEY, Details: P. Finch, 4 Warwick Lane, St. Johns, Woking, Surrey GU21 1RP

OCTOBER

6th
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7th
LONGRIDGE, Details: Longridge Canoe Club, Quarry Wood Road, Marlow, Bucks.

7th
GARSTANG GUARDIAN, Details: D. Bagot, 87 Dorchester Rd., Garstang, Preston, Lancs. PR3 1EE.

14th
WOLFRETON MARATHON, Details: Mrs. Colbeck, 21 Bellfield Drive, Well Lane, Willerby, Hull.

14th
YARE, Details: Mrs. Cooke, Old Farm House, Rockland St Mary, Norwich.

14th
TONBRIDGE, Details: K. Coleman, 20 Edward St., Southborough, Nr. Tunbridge Wells.

21st
AVON DESCENT, Details: F. Littlehales, 31 Cranwell Close, Chippenham, Wilts.

28th
KENNET, Details: M. Brown, 13 The Pentlands, Kintbury, Newbury, Berks.

NOVEMBER

4th
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11th
CAMBRIDGE, Details: C. Roberts, Downing College, Cambridge CB2 1DQ

18th
EXE DESCENT, Details: M. Carpenter, 27 Lincoln Rd., Exeter, Devon.

FEBRUARY

10th
WATERSIDE A, Details: K. Donkin, 47 Wendan Road, Newbury, Berks.

24th
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MARCH

9th
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23rd
WATERSIDE D, Details: K. Donkin, 47 Wendan Road, Newbury, Berks.

INTERNATIONAL MARATHON

MARCH

31st

APRIL

1st

OPEN MARATHON, Inverness, Florida, USA. Details: Sperry Redemaker, Rt. 1, Box 415 Floral City, Florida 32636, USA

13/14th
DEVIZES TO WESTMINSTER RACE, England. Details: F.C. Bartlett, 19 The Chantry, Hillingdon, Middx., England.

22nd
INTERNATIONAL MARATHON, AMsterdam-Nour. Details: J. Helper, Voorvit Sraat 44, Purmerend, Holland.

MAY

6th

MIDWEST MARATHON, St. Charles, Illinois, USA. Details: American Canoe Association, 260 East Evans Avenue, Denver, Col. USA.

JULY

8th

NOTTEROY RUNDT, Norway. 1st Race for 'Long Distance Grand Prix'. Details: Tor Gervin, Lahelle, 3140 Borgheim, Norway.

INTERNATIONAL MARATHON

England. River Thames, Richmond. Details: D. Lawler, 93 Chertsey Lane, Staines, Middx. England.

AUGUST

4th

DESCENT OF THE RIVER SELLA, Spain. 2nd race for 'Long Distance Grand Prix'. Details: Espanola de Piraguismo, Miguel Angel 18, Madrid 1, Spain.

SEPTEMBER

4th

RIVER SHANNON MARATHON, Ireland. 3rd race for 'Long Distance Grand Prix'. Details: Ian Maclean, c/c C.A.F., Mullingar, Eire.

15/16

XI TOUR DE GUDENAA, 4th Race for 'Long Distance Grand Prix'. Details: 'Tour de Gudenaas', DK-8660 Skanderberg, Denmark.

SURF

APRIL

14/15th

MIDLAND, Porthcawl, Wales. Details: R.W. Twitty, 110 Draycott Road, Draycott, Derby.

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NE SCOTTISH, Details: John Mould, The Shed, Milnefield Ave., Elgin, Moreyshire.

MAY

12/13th

SERVICES OPEN, Croyde Bay, N. Devon. Details: Dave Young, 28 Meldrocn Court, Temple Hardwylee, Leamington Spa, Warwicks.

FLARE-UP

Report by L. Fairweather RYA/BCU Senior Instructor
Photographs by M. Mills BCU Senior Instructor



Para Red launching



Para Red burning



Hand Smoke

For some time I have felt the need for some first hand experience of distress signals carried on various trips undertaken by kayak, dinghy and cruiser and of the flares carried during mountaineering activities. The chance to assess their ease of operation and effectiveness was made possible when Pains Wessex/Shermuly sent me a variety of their products, and the local coastguard and police enthusiastically backed the idea of a demonstration.

A number of flares approaching their expiry date and some well beyond it, were added to the selection to make the investigation more realistic. Having publicised the event to minimise undue '999 calls' and to encourage people to attend, we proceeded with the display on August 28th between 1900 and 2100-hours at Walney Island, Cumbria. The visibility was good and the wind WNW 4-5. Some flares were ignited on the beach and others from kayaks just beyond the surf line. The expected and actual burning times are noted opposite, together with a comment regarding effectiveness and any difficulties experienced in handling.

Type of Flare	Expected burning time	Actual burning time	Ease of Operation	Effectiveness	Comment	
Pinpoint Red 170mm x 55mm 155g	55s	66s	Easy	Excellent	Tube remained cool enough for an un-gloved hand	
Pinpoint Red	55s	66s	Easy	Excellent	As above	
Pinpoint Red 2 years old	55s	57s	Easy	Excellent	Tube became too hot for an un-gloved hand	
Pinpoint Red 2 years old	55s	63s	Easy	Excellent	As above	
Hand Smoke 155mm x 40mm 170g	30s	48s	Poor	Poor	String snapped on igniting, smoke was low density	
Hand Smoke	30s	240s	Poor	Very Poor	Extremely low density throughout	
Para Red Mk 1 266mm x 46mm 260g	40s	45s	Easy	Good	Ascent — 9s. Burned for 36s in the air and 9s on ground. Failed to reach maximum height	
Para Red Mk 1	40s	45s	Easy	Very good	Ascent 6s. Reached maximum height	
Para Red Mk 1 3 years old	40s	0s	Failure due to defective ignition		Ignitor failed due to XS corrosion	
Day and night Distress Signal 139mm x 42mm 228g	Day 18s	26s	Very easy	Good	Tube remained cool enough for an un-gloved hand	
	Waterproof to 30 metres Night 20s	20s	Very easy	Good		
Life Smoke 160mm x 85mm 459g	180s	210s	Very easy	Poor	Very low density (thin) smoke. Rode 5ft waves without difficulty	
Life Smoke 3 years old	180s	90s	Very easy	Fair	3 second delay. Reasonable density	
Mini Flares 4 years old 150mm x 19mm x 54mm 216g	A	5s	6s	Easy	Fair	A and D operative
	B	5s	0s			
	C	5s	0s			
	D	5s	6s	Easy	Fair	B C E F inoperative
	E	5s	0s			
	F	5s	0s			
		5s	0s			
2 Star Red 5 years old 143mm x 26mm 86g	10s	17s	Very easy	Good	Second star still burning when it hit the ground	
Para Illuminating 266mm x 46mm 360g	30s	33s	Easy	Poor	Flare curved well to windward Ascent — 5 seconds. Parachute failed. Burned for 12 seconds in air and 21 seconds on ground.	

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FLARE-UP

The data is the type of information available from Schermuly concerning their products.

PARA RED MK 1

Description: The Para Red Mk 1 differs in several respects to the Lifechute Mk 7 rocket which it replaces, in that:

1. The trigger lever ignition is simple to use and more positive in operation than the pull-ring ignition of the Lifechute.
2. The 2-second ignition delay has been eliminated to give greater safety in use. Ignition on the Para Red is instantaneous.

Each unit consists of a hand-held launch tube containing the rocket assembly which ejects a parachute-suspended red flare at the apex of its flight.

Applications: Long Range distress signalling. May be carried on the ship's bridge, lifeboat or lifecrafts. Also suitable for pleasure craft operation.

The unit has been designed for maximum ease of operation.

1. Remove tape around top end cap.
2. Remove tape and bottom end cap, allowing trigger lever to swing free.
3. Hold signal firmly and press trigger lever against body of signal.

Specification

Performance: Flare ejected at 300m burns for 40 seconds at 30,000 candela. Flare extinguished by 60m.

Dimensions; 266mm x 46mm diameter.

Weight: 260g.

Explosive content: 143g.

They also provide numerous ancillary products including emergency rations, recommend kits for commercial and pleasure craft and provide a guide to the regulations of the 1960 Solas convention and the Department of Trade.

GENERAL REMARKS

a. All the flares which ignited burned for a longer period than their performance specification, except for the Lifesmoke which was approaching its expiry date.

b. Although firm conclusions should not be reached from a 'one off' demonstration like this, we felt the Pinpoint and Para Reds were generally superior, the Life and Hand Smokes inferior, the others somewhere inbetween.

c. The Miniflares and Para Red No. 9 had been subjected to heat, cold and immersion in fresh and salt water on numerous occasions over a period of 3-4 years. The other 'older' flares which did work (2 Star and Pinpoint Reds) had also been on various trips and expeditions, but had been protected using 2" plumbing pipe with a rodding eye for access or sealed in transparent



Selection of flares tested



Para Red showing casing



Pinpoint casings

fablon. Obviously protecting the flares and inspecting and maintaining them regularly increased their life span.

d. Although the Pinpoint Reds rated highly, the fact that the striker had to be removed and could easily be lost overboard before ignition was achieved, filled me with horror. It was a difficult process igniting this from the kayak as both hands were needed, and when large waves hit the boat one half could easily have been dropped.

e. It was generally thought that there was room for development and improvement, and that although more sophisticated signals would cost more, the public would accept paying for a device which increased their chances of survival.

f. One might assume that the ease of operation and possibly the performance could deteriorate during a real emergency, when the conditions are likely to be much worse than on the night of the demonstration.

g. Contrary to numerous reports, none of the flares had any recoil.

THE IDEAL FLARE

Our ideal flare would be modified Para and Pinpoints, incorporating these features:

1. Be waterproof.
 2. Have as few operating instructions as possible, and instructions to be waterproof.
 3. Be marked for handling in the dark.
 4. Include integral ignition and be easy to operate. (One handed operation would be wonderful!)
 5. Produce as high an elevation as is possible, with maximum illuminating power, for as long a period as possible — even if this means a slight increase in size and weight — Para Reds.
 6. A longer body to the flare (Pinpoint) allowing ignition without getting a burnt hand.
 7. Must be able to float.
 8. Must be luminous or day-glo marked.
- N.B. The Mars Red and recently advertised Pinpoint Red Mk 6 appear to go a long way towards meeting the above requirements but were not available for test.

standing success. Best Irish performance came again from Ian Maclean who was beaten into second place by N. Robson (England) in the Senior K1. Howard Watkins (Salmon Leap CC) maintained good form to finish third. Dutch paddlers K. Brandjes and R. Heyselaar finishing 4th and 6th respectively. In the Senior K2 M. Maclean/S. Missen (England) beat I. Maclean/M. Keating and P. Rowley/A. Higgins in a tight finish. The Junior K1 was won by N. Kemp (England) who had 4 seconds to spare over top Junior paddler S. Cassidy (Liffey Valley CC). The Ladies K1 proved a tough race with Eileen O'Sullivan (Argonauts CC) leading the sprint for the line from John Murphy (Grade Ten CC). The Liffey Descent was eventually run in October and proved an exciting race for paddler and spectator alike. Ian Maclean once again showed a clean pair of heels to the opposition to win the Senior K1 class. Frank Lee (Espoir CC) proved that he is hard to beat over the longer course with a fine 2nd place to go off J. Blake (Richmond CC) for 3rd spot. The K2 event provided much excitement when off the start Maclean/-

Keating broke a paddle and lost 5 minutes getting a replacement. Leading from the start were Junior crew of O'Malley/Skelly who fought off the field until Wren's Nest Weir when they were caught and passed by Maclean/Keating. The ESB provided the necessary flood conditions and Straffen Weir and Wren's Nest Weir took their usual toll of capsizes.

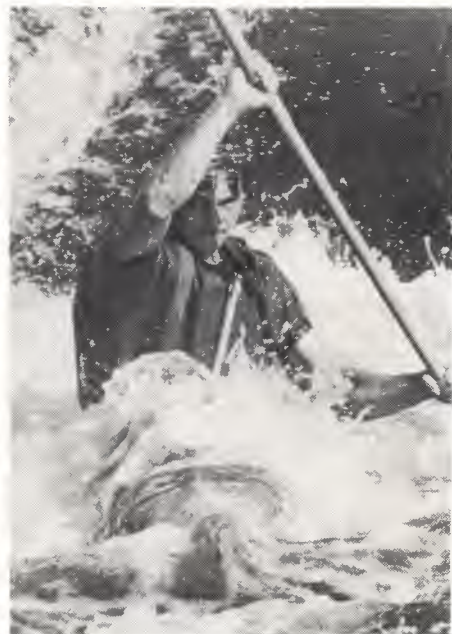
In the Ranking Championship Ian Pringle proved a clear winner with maximum points to take the K1. During the year he was unbeatable on home waters and capped the year with a fine 9th place in the 10,000m at the World Sprint Championships. Howard Watkins had to be content with 2nd place with the very consistent Robin Love 3rd. In the K2 class the Junior crew of O'Malley/Skelly finished a very successful year to take 1st place with Maclean/Keating 2nd and Rowley/Higgins 3rd. The Ladies Class K1 went to Breda Ryan (Grade Ten CC) with Eileen O'Sullivan (Argonauts CC) second and Carmel Vekins (Limerick CC) third. The Club Championship went once again to the Salmon Leap Club. This year saw the emergence of a new

club, Argonauts CC from Cork who had many good paddlers and who should prove a threat to many of the established clubs in the coming season.

During the year a limited number of paddlers were sent to the Thames Marathon and the Gudena Marathon in Denmark. Participation in foreign events was curtailed due to lack of finance, however a large number of paddlers went to the Spanish series of races with considerable success.

The Irish Canoe Union has been given Europa Cup status for the Irish Open Marathon to be held on the River Shannon at Carrick-On-Shannon on 1st September, 1979. This will provide a welcome opportunity for Irish paddlers to compete against top continental opposition. It is hoped that many nations will send teams to what should prove to be the biggest and best canoeing event to be held in Ireland. The ICU has arranged for sponsorship and plans are well advanced for this event which should attract added importance now that Marathon Racing has gained official approval by the ICF.

*Report from Mike Feeney
ICU Marathon Racing Committee*



Top: K2 crews shooting a weir on Liffey Marathon.
Above: Keating/Maclean leading Rowley/Higgins on Liffey Marathon.
Top right: Shay Cassidy shooting a weir on the River Barrow.
Right: Open Class over Straffen Weir during the Descent event.

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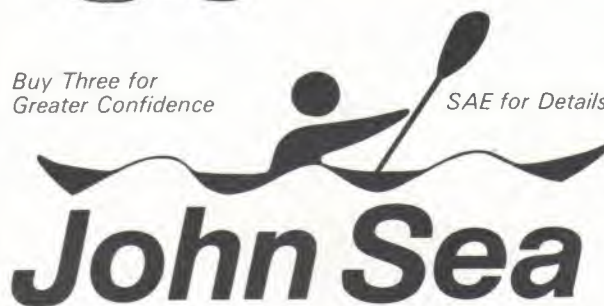
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WILDWATER RACING

Under-14 and Under-16 Wild Water Races 1979

This series has been introduced to provide a more reasonable level of competition for young paddlers who wish to try Wild Water Racing. It is a completely separate series from the Division A, B, C events and in NO way is compulsory for all under-16 and under-14 paddlers.

Prizes will be awarded for class winners in each group and points awarded for positions. At the end of the series a ranking list will be compiled using a competitor's best three results. In the event of a tie the next best result will be used. It is hoped that competitors will use racing boats although they are NOT compulsory.

To help this scheme develop a mould hire scheme has been introduced by the BCMA — 'The Spector Scheme' — and this would be a suitable method for individuals or groups to obtain a reasonable, cheap racing boat. Details of this scheme are included in this column.

The Calendar for the Under-14 and Under-16 races in 1979 is as follows:—

25th February:

River Goyt, Open event, Div. C Event. Details: Manchester Canoe Club, N. Godfrey, 3 Far Ridings, Romiley, Cheshire SK6 4NN.

3rd March

River Trent, Open Event Div. C Event. Details: Staffs and Stone Canoe Club,

A.J. Willet, 7 St. Vincent Road, Walton, Stone.

3rd March

River Washburn, Open Event, R. Wharfe, Open Event, Div. C Event. Details: Leeds Canoe Club, N. Small, Stonehaven, 3 Manor Close, Bramhope, Leeds 16.

11th March

River Nene, Open Event, Div C Event. Details: Ian Freestone, 1268 Watling Street, Towcester, Northamptonshire.

6th/7th April

River Tryweryn, Open Event, Div. A Event. Details: Chester Canoe Club.

5th/6th May

River Tryweryn, Open Event, Div. A Event. Details: Chester Canoe Club, J. Hubbard, 29 Rosslyn Road, Vicars Cross, Chester.

THE SPECTOR SCHEME

A chance to build your own Wild Water K1. This scheme has been devised by the Wild Water Committee, with moulds produced by the BCMA, to encourage more canoeists to Wild Water Racing. This boat can also be used for touring and Class 3 marathon racing.

The kayak is called 'Spector' and is a one-class design, with a junior WWR scheme built-up around it (rather like the Espada Scheme in Sprint) Registration fee to be £5.00 (This will include registration plate).

Mould hire will cost £1.00 per day. A deposit of £30.00 to be paid on mould on

collection and be refunded on return if no damage has been caused. If there are any scratches, chips or shatter marks a set fee will be deducted from the deposit paid. Mould to be returned in polished condition.

A central Registrar (held by Mr. T. Haynes) will have control of moulds and all information on them, regarding cost, hire, availability, and location. The moulds will be situated at:—

T. Haynes, 6 Armour Road, Tilshurst, READING, Berks.

H. Evans, 16 Brookfield, Parbold, WIGAN.

M. Spencer, Old Stanley Colliery, Station Road, West Hallam, ILKESTON, Derby.

D. Taylor, 22 Oakfield, Lobley Hill, GATESHEAD, N11 0AB.

MIKE JONES MEMORIAL FUND

Too late for details to be published

was a Canoe Rally to raise money for the Mike Jones Memorial Fund held on the River Dee (Corwen to Llangollen) in North Wales on February 10th/11th. However, details of a raffle in aid of the fund — the draw to be made at the Crystal Palace Canoe Exhibition — were not too late.

The raffle has been organised by Peter Midwood. 1st prize is a 'Everest' kayak donated by Cymru Canoes Limited; 2nd prize a 'Orinoco' kayak donated by Pyranha Mouldings Limited; and 3rd prize is a one-week multi-activity holiday donated by PGL Young Adventure Limited. Other prizes will include Prijon Paddles, Lendal Paddles, Everest and Orinoco T-shirts, a set of Expedition Posters, and a copy of Mike Jones' book 'Canoeing Down Everest'.

Draw tickets at 25p each are available from: *Peter Midwood, Willows Farm, Barrington, Ludlow, Salop. SY8 2HS.*



DEE ESTUARY

George Langton is 42 years old and came late to canoeing after some 20 years of climbing and walking. It was in 1972, after watching the International Canoe Slalom at Llangollen, that he decided to have a go. Some of his climbing friends were in the Manchester Canoe Club and George soon followed suit, took to slalom competition and reached Division 3 before declaring himself a veteran. He then turned to sea canoeing in frustration at the BCU's attitude over river access, strongly supporting the mass trespass theory (it worked for climbers in the 1930's) and believes this to be the only way the rivers will ever be truly opened up.

DEE ESTUARY Sea Grading 5 – An account by George Langton

Our arrival at Talacre coincided with the end of the rain. The persistent mist was still with us – the chart and compass would obviously be necessary!

The expedition – six assorted sea kayaks and a lone slalom kayak – was to paddle from the 'Point of Ayr' to the Hilbre Islands, and return, across four miles of the mouth of the Dee Estuary. All involved could roll well and were fully equipped with chart, compass, flares, etc. One member even had a marine radio – to pass on our last words!

Never during the trip was visibility to exceed 1½ miles, and the wind, which was WSW light at the start, changed dramatically to WNW Force 5 on leaving for our return.

As we left our steadily widening lagoon an hour before high tide, we were sadly reminded by the sight of a dead seal and her pup, of the current outcry over the Orkney seal cull. Grouping up by a sandspit we set on a bearing of 75°M across an empty sea. After a few minutes of steady paddling the SE Ayr Buoy appeared in the mist – we were on course. The only outward incident was the crossing of some small overfalls about a mile from the islands. Our arrival caused uproar as thousands of sea birds took flight and wheeled raucously overhead.

Lunch was spent in a sheltered nook, watching both men and seals fishing – the latter probably getting the better of the contest. Steadily the shift in the wind was making itself obvious. It was rising and the sky was darkening in the NW – it was time to go.

A quick prayer meeting decided us to return via the smallest island some ¾ mile south and steer a 'dog leg' round a

buoy – aptly named 'Seldom Seen' – and back to Talacre Lighthouse.

Spring tides in the Dee are peculiar, as, whilst covering the flat sands very quickly, they do not produce strong currents. However, in 'wind over tide' conditions, they do produce overfalls on the Welsh side. The area is marked on the chart as the 'Wild Road'!

Paddling in the lee of the reef between the islands, watching the surf on its seaward side, each paddler was lost in private thought. The wind had picked up considerably and would be almost head on for the return. In the lee of the island we regrouped, set compasses to 245°M, and breasted the reef surf to find our turn point buoy.

'Seldom Seen' nearly wasn't! The wind in the ¾ mile paddle had pushed us 200 yards south of track. Now, crossing 'Salisbury Middle Bank' on a dropping tide, the rough water began in earnest! A new course of 270°M to take us back to Talacre was now necessary – but we had problems – a now very heavily confused sea of 6 foot breaking waves . . . We still had 2 miles to go.

Two of the Nordkapps refused to be turned into the wind for the new course, Eddy's radio hatch proved later to be full of water, whereas the slalom kayak preferred to meet the larger waves head-on. I watched in amazement once as all 13 foot of the kayak climbed the same wave – we did not need many of them!

The party drifted apart – 4 sea boats on 245°M and the remaining 3 of us on 270°M.

Of the three in our party, John in his Anas Acuta was 150 yards ahead of my

Nordkapp, with the other John in his slalom kayak about 20 yards from me. Conditions were obviously ripe for an epic! It was eventually to take us nearly 2 hours to do the remaining 2 miles.

John and I, now apparently alone, slogged on, and there was to be no respite. Talacre Lighthouse, now in sight, seemed never to get any closer. With the increase in wind strength our communications were reduced to whistles. My Nordkapp, loping alongside John's slower slalom boat, gave me no problems – I even found time to enjoy the elemental battle. I can only describe 'Wild Road' as big to huge, but as the lighthouse suddenly got nearer, the conditions eased and we became a party of three again.

We came ashore exactly where we had left nearly 5 hours before, to find it deserted. Elated, but concerned for the others, we scanned the beach – no sign of life! They had in fact come ashore 1½ miles south of us and were to take another half hour to reach us along the waters edge. Only the long carry over a mile of sand back to the cars remained. As a Nordkapp weighs about 70lbs, I decided I would rather paddle one than carry it!

Postscript: The expedition had been a success, no one had capsized, but it had come close to being out of control in the later stages. I seriously doubted the possibility, in the prevailing conditions, of any conventional deep water rescue being successful. The alternatives were a self-rescue by Eskimo Roll, or a long canoeist-swimmer tow to shore. It just shows what can be done when 'committed' . . .!

SPRINT RACING

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL REGATTA SUPPORT

(Copy of a letter sent from Mike Halsam, Chairman of the BCU Racing Committee to Mr. H. Taylor, Assistant Director Leisure Services, Nottinghamshire County Council)

Dear Mr. Taylor

GRANT AID TO BCU RACING COMMITTEE

Receipt of a Nottinghamshire County Council cheque for £3,750.00 in respect of Grant Aid towards the International Regatta (£3,000) and the Regatta Officials Courses (£750) is acknowledged.

Please express the deepest thanks of the BCU Racing Committee to your Councils Leisure Committee for this very generous support of our Sport.

Without such support we would be unable to ensure that our International Regatta remains as the 'premier' regatta in the International calendar or to provide an adequate training scheme for the many officials who journey to the National Water Sports Centre to operate the highly sophisticated equipment installed there.

Our appreciation of the aid afforded will be publically acknowledged through Canoeing publications and the local press whilst future information leaflets to overseas Federations will mention the Councils support.

Once again our thanks.

Yours most sincerely,

M.J. Haslam,

Chairman, BCU Racing Committee.

Nottinghamshire County Council SUPPORT FOR RACING CANOEING — 1979

The British Canoe Union Racing Committee is pleased to announce that Nottinghamshire County Council have endorsed their continuing support for Racing Canoeing by approving a Cash Grant for 1979 of up to a global maximum of £11,500.

This cash will be directed by the Racing Committee towards five main areas, namely:

1. Providing for new equipment for British National Racing Teams.
2. Sponsorship towards the Nottinghamshire International Canoeing Regatta, held annually in June.
3. Grant Aid towards the running of Regatta Officials Courses and the Officials Secretariat at the National Water Sports Centre.
4. Financial assistance for the East Midlands Regional Training Squad and Centre for Excellence.
5. The major part of the salary of a full-time Racing Canoeing Coach to be employed by the Racing Committee at the Holme Pierrepont, National Water Sports Centre.

Commenting on this most generous support the Chairman of the BCU Racing Committee, Mr. Mike Haslam

said that he was delighted with the total sponsorship package which was the outcome of over two years negotiation with County Council Officers.

He was especially pleased with the proposal for a full-time Racing Coach at Holme Pierrepont, as this appointment



Pictured from left to right: John Evans, managing director, Siebrand. Dusty Miller, Vice-chairman, Siebrand, Lucy Perrett, Gordon Richards, Mike Mumford.

would not only greatly assist in the development of Racing Canoeing at a National level but would provide locally a very real service to Schools and Youth Organisation within the Nottinghamshire area.

The Racing Committee will now formally approach the BCU Council to approve the appointment of a Racing Coach at Holme Pierrepont, after which the position will be advertised with a view to effecting the post on or about 1st April 1979. Full details will appear in the National and Canoeing press as soon as they are available.

As regards the kayaks which would be purchased with the equipment grant he concluded by saying that the BCU Racing Committee undertook to release these boats to Nottingham Kayak Club, as their suitability for use at International level diminishes. This will guarantee that local Racing Canoeists will have the use of the very best in Racing equipment available in Britain today.

SPONSORSHIP FOR OLYMPICS

Siebrand-Interwine (UK) Limited presented Gordon Richards, MBE with two cheques worth £500.00 each to be used exclusively by Mike Mumford, a pentathlete, and Lucy Perrett, a promising young canoeist. Both are possible candidates for the 1980 Moscow Olympics and the money is to go towards training costs during the period up until then.

Siebrand market wines, spirits and liquors to the grocery trade and are particularly noted for their Advocaat, a warming and nutritious drink.

John Evans, managing director of Siebrand, presented the cheques and commented:

'We realise that costs for training at Olympic level are almost prohibitive which is why we felt we would like to donate some money to give these youngsters the financial support that they deserve. We wish them all success in the future and hope that in the long term our donation will help them to bring back some medals for Great Britain.'

letters

Letters of comment, praise, abuse, or disgust, always welcomed. Address to:- Editor, Canoeing Magazine, The Chapel, 19 main Street, Hemington, Derby DE7 2RB.

CITIZENS BAND RADIO

With reference to the article calling for support for the campaign to establish a Citizens Band wavelength in this country (*Canoeing Magazine* issue 19). It was mentioned that the Post Office seemed to oppose this because of some desire to protect their own monopoly on telecommunications. This does seem a somewhat short sighted view of the situation that now exists in this country with regard to the allocation of radio frequencies for other than the large radio and TV networks.

In America the CB Band operates at around 27MHz and it is equipment designed for this market that is often found for sale in this country. This is not licensable in this country (all adverts carry on obligatory 'not licensable in UK' note) as this frequency has been allocated for the radio control of models, this being a pursuit for which licenses are available. As modellers tend to pay somewhere around £200 for their basic radio equipment they are rather loathed to be shifted to another frequency so that CB can be legalised in the UK. Their point of view can easily be understood when one considers that there is already available licensable equipment which would suit the purpose of the outdoor pursuits organiser, race organiser and

general canoeist, and costs about the same as the equipment the radio control enthusiast has to purchase.

No mention is made of the limited range of most CB equipment, which would make it of little use to any of the people mentioned above unless it was being used as a rather expensive alternative to the use of a communication system using wires such as is used for slaloms. This is not the case with the Home Office approved equipment which tends to have a useful range and gives clear and easy communication. Its only drawback would appear to be its cost, but when one compares this with the price of general canoeing equipment it cannot be viewed as excessively expensive.

As a final note, I hope you will point out to readers that the operation of 27MHz 'radio telephones' is illegal in this country and could in fact cause considerable injury or damage, as such transmissions can cause model aircraft, boats etc. to go out of control with the possibility of causing a fatality or at the least the destruction of £200 plus of equipment.

Yours sincerely
P.J. Lewin

P.S. I suspect that the article you printed was written by a CB campaigner

who saw the canoeing angle as a good lever with which to recruit supporters for CB. Hence I would like to point out that I am a canoeist who takes part in most branches of the sport from sea touring through to white water racing...

'GONE AWAY'

I note an article in *Canoeing* No.22 (February 1979) with some surprise. When the Union left the Brompton Road offices in late May, we contacted the Post Office to re-direct all mail to our new Addlestone address. They said that it was impossible for them to sort out our mail from that of The Sports Council. The Sports Council, therefore, undertook to re-direct all our Brompton Road mail and about twice a week we receive a batch that has been sent on. Did Mr Wood's letter go to Brompton Road, or Park Crescent (which we left in 1972) or even one of our pre/post war Radlett addresses from which some letters are still received. Please note that the Union's new address has been published in *Canoe Focus* several times since the move.

Yours faithfully

B. James

BCU Administrator (Somewhere in Surrey)

PS: I have today received the Union's copy of *Canoeing* Magazine No. 22 re-directed from Brompton Road. (Love all! Ed.)

THAMES WATERS

THAMES REPORT

Concern about the effects of various leisure activities on the River Thames environment and the need for a comprehensive assessment and review of policies for recreation and conservation, resulted in the setting up of a Working Party to 'consider the ways in which leisure and conservation policies of the freshwater River Thames riparian Planning Authorities and the Thames Water Authority may be co-ordinated in respect of proposals affecting the River Thames and to prepare a joint report for consideration by the constituent authorities and other interested parties'.

The report, amounting to some 65 pages of interesting information, was published towards the end of last year. Under the heading 'Canoeing', the Report says:

'Canoeing is a major activity of youth organisations and some school boat clubs. About 20 Scout, Cadet, or youth centres are known to canoe regularly on the river, but it is likely that

many more do so on a less regular basis and there may be an equal number of school and Services boat clubs who use canoes. There are about ten other canoe clubs along the Thames, the major centres being in Teddington Reach which has the Royal Canoe Club and the Thames Canoe Club; Hambleden Reach and Reading, where two of the main clubs have recently combined in order to improve facilities and opportunities for members, and Oxford, where the Riverside Canoe Club has 300 members. Canoeists tend to live fairly near to their club centre although a notable exception to this is the membership of Chalfont Park Canoe Club, whose whitewater canoeing at Hambleden Weir attracts a large proportion of members from over 20 miles distant.

Necessary facilities for canoe clubs are a changing area, boat and equipment storage and slipway or landing stage. In the survey several canoe clubs referred to the difficulty of avoiding clashes with anglers'.

Further details of the Report from: Thames Water Authority, New River Head, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1R 4TP.

THAMES DRIFTWOOD

The Fisheries and Recreation Committee of Thames Water Authority has recommended that the Authority contribute £25,000 in 1979 towards the cost of collecting driftwood from the tidal Thames. The Finance Sub-Committee has endorsed that recommendation.

The recommendation is in response to the Port of London Authority request for a contribution towards this year's driftwood clearance costs budgetted at £150,000. Similar requests for financial assistance have also been made to both the Greater London Council and the London Boroughs Association.

Thames Water itself removes driftwood at its 44 weirs and locks on the freshwater river. Although it is the pollution control body throughout the whole length of the Thames, from source to North Sea, it is not responsible for removing driftwood from the tidal part of the river. Driftwood is a navigation hazard, particularly for small vessels, and is therefore a matter to be dealt with by the PLA, the navigation authority for the tidal reaches.

LAWRENCE RANGE

Whitewater Sports of Woking are now acting as agents in the south of England for the Lawrence range of canoe and kayaks from Ireland. Currently available are the Spectre 200 competition slalom kayak, and for the sprint and marathon paddler there is the Striker, Stinger, and Sprinter K1 and K2 kayaks. The craft are available in glass, diolen and kevlar materials. In addition the sprint and marathon boats are available in sandwich construction.

Manufactured in Ireland, the Lawrence range are currently being very successful in Europe. Their arrival in England will make a welcome addition, particularly to the sprint and marathon racing scene, which is currently dominated by a small number of manufacturers. Further details from: *Whitewater Sports, 22 Guildford Road, Woking, Surrey. Telephone: 04863 73426.*

LUCKY FOR SOME!

On December 13th three High Court Judges unanimously upheld Mechanical Services' appeal against a previous High Court ruling which forced the company to charge the higher rate of VAT on various components it supplies.

The legal battle between Mechanical Services — who manufacture Indespension Units — and the Customs and Excise began in 1976 when the company appealed to a VAT Tribunal about the apparent injustice of charging the luxury rate of VAT on such common components as couplings and winches, simply because a small proportion of them were used on boat trailers.

The decision by the Appeal Court in December means that Mechanical Services have now won a major victory for the trailer industry and, as soon as price lists and catalogues can be

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adjusted, they will charge the 8% rate of VAT on all their couplings and winches.

However, the Customs and Excise officials have asked for leave to appeal to the House of Lords and it could well be that some time next year this small Bolton firm, who by writing to complain to the VAT Tribunal about the rating on its products, has precipitated a battle which finally will be fought out in the grandeur of the House of Lords.

SWISS ARMY KNIVES

Swiss Cutlery (London) Limited, sole UK Distributors of the world famous Victorinox Swiss Army Knives, which have been invaluable to the conquerors of Annapurna and Everest, announce the introduction of their Safari Series for the British camper and sportsman.

The range comprises six large pocket knives, varying in scope from the single-bladed 'Adventurer' to the multi-purpose 'Hunter' which has eight different blades and functions. Retail prices start from £2.80, exclusive of VAT.

Versatile and robust, the Safari Series fulfills a specific requirement for a strong and practical knife for the expanding leisure market for campers, sportsmen and all outdoor activities. Some 350,000 of the 'Trooper' model have been supplied as standard equipment to the NATO Defence Forces for use on manoeuvres and outdoors. Available from Department Stores, Sports and Camping shops.

CARANOE

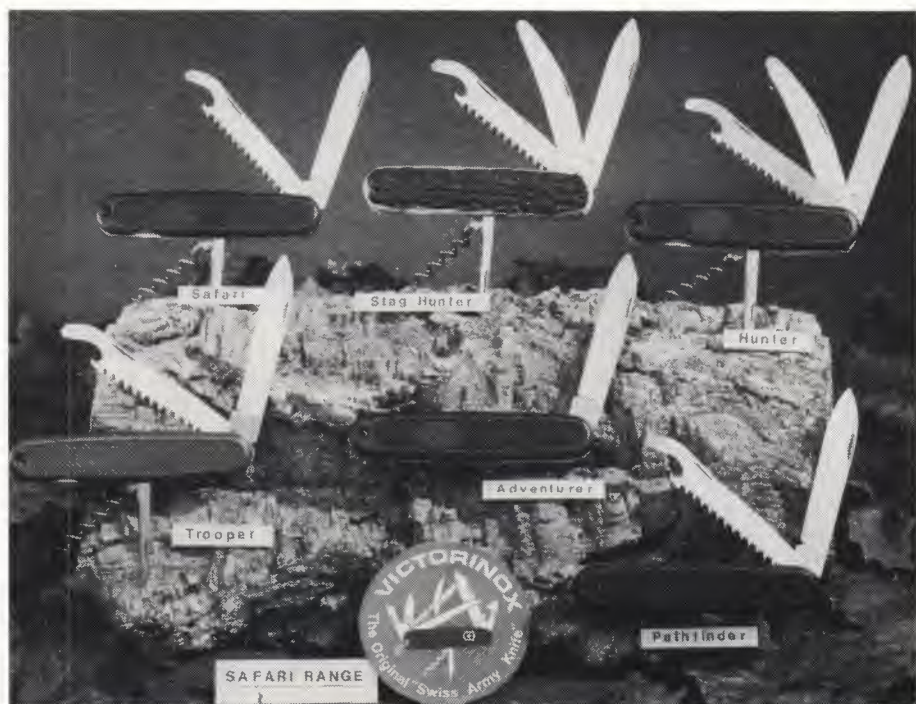
The growing interest in canoeing for the handicapped in Great Britain has spread to other countries, and Hong Kong canoeists have been asking about Valley Canoe Product's 'Caranoe' which has proved such a successful design in this field.

We understand that Oliver Cock had a Caranoe tucked away in his luggage somewhere when he visited Hong Kong recently to talk canoeing. Whether Hong Kong will live up to its reputation and flood the British market with cheap copies remains to be seen.

ON THE BALL

Public reaction to the latest 'W-Four' accessory from G & P Leisure Products is predictable. From any caravanner, small boat sailor, or motorist who has gone red in the face as he struggled to remove a PVC towball cover against the suction within, it will be: 'Why did nobody think of this before?'

The W-Four Cover-up overcomes the suction problem in the simplest way imaginable, by having a built-in air channel so that the cover can be fitted or removed without fuss. In addition, the soft grease-resistant PVC is moulded with a grease reservoir on top of the ball, which gives a shot of lubricant every time it is pressed. Recommended price is 60p including VAT.



New range of knives from Swiss Cutlery



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JAYCEE RANGE

Subsequent to the closure of Jaycee Glassfibre Products of West Norwood, a major portion of the range had been acquired by Whitewater Sports and Northern Kayaks.

Between them, these two firms will now be producing the following Jaycee designs: lowline slalom kayaks — Streaker, Tarn and Rapido; general purpose slalom kayaks — Merano and 400 Super; the Telstar touring kayak and the Voyageur Canadian touring canoe.

In addition, the boats previously produced by both companies will now be available from either source. These include: the Lindisfarne sea kayaks, Corps of Canoe Lifeguard Rescue Kayak, Wombat, Weever, Snipe, Norseman and Ranger kayaks, plus several new models currently under development.

The merging of interests will make available one of the largest and most competitively priced ranges of canoes and kayaks in the country. For details contact either: *Whitewater Sports, 22 Guildford Road, Woking, Surrey. Telephone: Woking 72426. Or: Northern Kayaks, No. 2 Rothbury Industrial Estate, Northbury, Northumberland. Telephone: Rothbury 20837.*

BE WARM AND SMART

Fibre Pile jackets are great — they keep you warm and look smart . . . but only look smart when new. After a short while the material seems to puck. Now Javlin International have introduced the Javlin Super-S — a material which combines lightness of fibre pile with an outer covering of exceptional hard properties, it retains a smart appearance and minimal pilling after substantial wear proven under severe testing to

have greater warmth through a balanced windproofing while retaining a condensation free breathing quality.

Originally made in Jacket style only, a Salopette has now been introduced to the range and this combination is rapidly becoming the first choice of the worlds leading mountaineers and sailors. Details of this and the full Javlin range can be obtained from: *Javlin International Limited, Javlin House, Edgedale Road, Sheffield S7 2BQ.*

THIEF-PROOF SKI RACK

Skis can be carried on the roof of a car or van without risk of theft, using a new lockable rack introduced by a Brighton firm — it seems the rack might also be used for paddles.

The French-made rack consists of a pair of strong, square-section tubular crossbars, with rubber-faced clamps pivoted like a pair of mediaeval stocks to take any type of snow or water ski. At each end of

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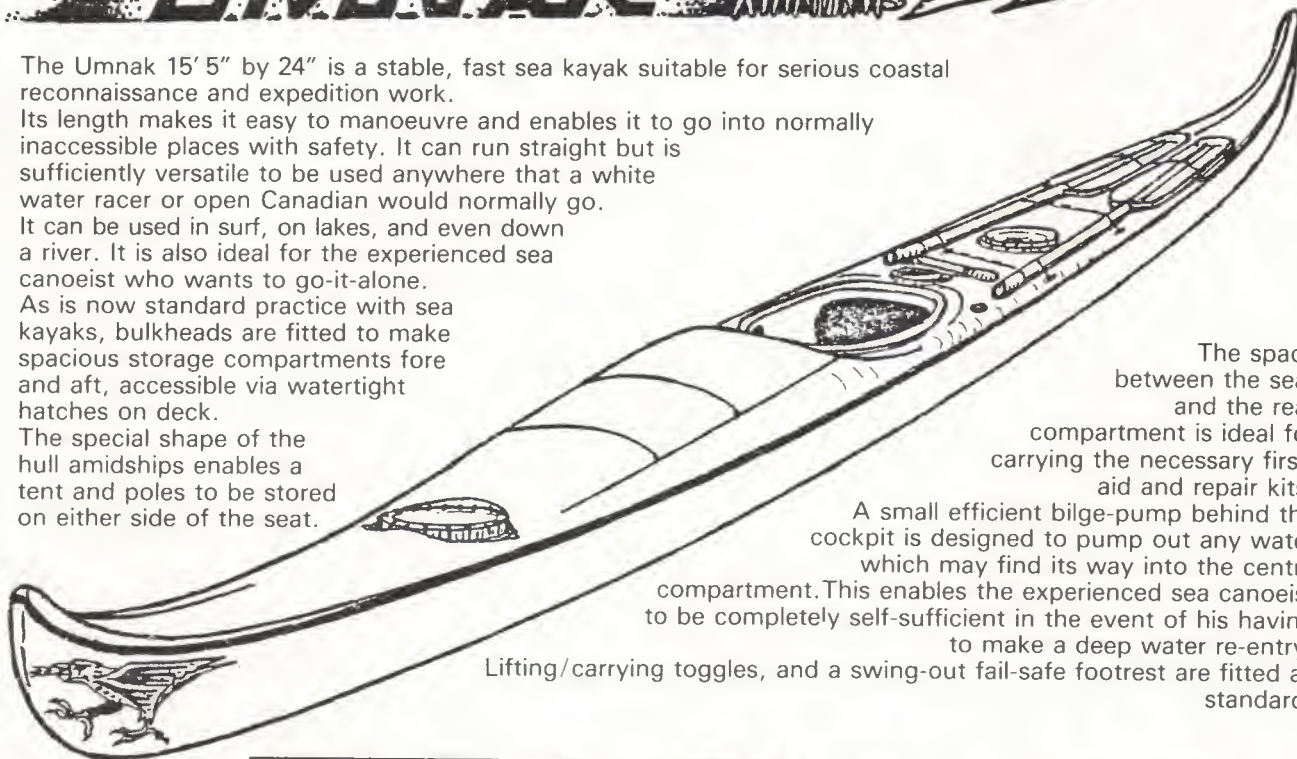
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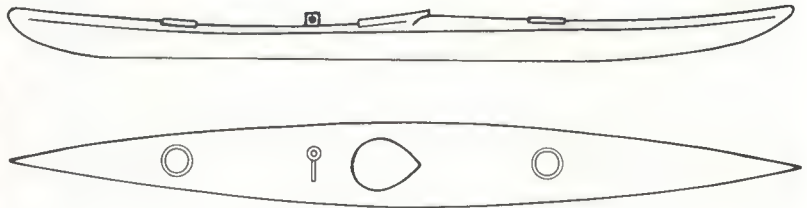
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