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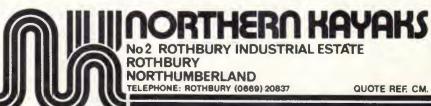


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COMMENT mike clark

During the past few months British paddlers have somewhat been covering themselves in glory. In all sides of competitive canoesport British teams have been gaining medals at a number of International events.

During the middle of May our rough water paddlers gained medals at the International Bourg St Maurice Wild Water event. Congratulations go to our team on an excellent set of results. J. Hibble took 3rd in the Mens K1 Wild Water Race, followed by R. Campbell in 4th. British paddlers again took 3rd and 4th in the Womens K1 Wild Water event, Jill Clark leading out Hilary Peacock, while in the Team Events both our men and women took the gold medal.



At the International Merano Slalom at the beginning of June Nicki Wain managed 5th in the Mens K1, our Mens K1 teams took 3rd and 4th, while in the Womens K1 Slalom Susan Small (just 17 years of age) came away with the gold medal and up against a full international field! At the same international the British Team won the Nations Cup for the best overall results — we also took first in the C1 event.

Of course such events were just a lead up to the World Slalom and Wild Water Championships held in Canada over the first weeks in July. From various press releases and reports, there was well-founded speculation that Britain would come back with medals — bronze, silver or gold. Well done to all members of our Slalom and Wild Water Team members — we can be well proud of you. (Mike Haslam has a report on the World Championship events in the centre pages of this issue, and it only remains for me to commend congratulations to our highly successful teams).

On the sprint scene, the Holme Pierrepont International Regatta held towards the end of July proved to be bigger and better than ever before, with eighteen countries competing. But bigger also meant stronger competition than ever before with outstanding teams from Russia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Rumania and West Germany. So much so that our paddlers were hard pushed to even make it through to the finals, let alone to gain through to a medal.

For once the weather and conditions were kind for Holme Pierrepont, despite some heavy rain on the Saturday afternoon just at the start of the 500 metre finals... But at least the water was flat and the racing fair for

everyone.

During the week prior to the Holme Pierrepont International, the BCU was host to Nicholas Navasart, the outstanding Rumanian canoeing coach and of course chairman of the ICF Racing Committee. During his stay he was able to talk with and give adivce to our National Sprint Training Squad who were resident at Holme Pierrepont. Of course, it would be almost impossible for our paddlers to carry out the training the Rumanians do, but at least Mr Navasart was able to give good advice on training techniques.

A strong British Sprint team goes to Germany over the middle weeks of August to compete the World Sprint Racing Championships in Duisburg, and it must be hoped that we can gain through to some of the finals.... It is interesting to note that after a short season in 'retirement' Doug Parnham of the Richmond Canoe Club is once again back in the National Team.

In Marathon Racing our paddlers have competed in Holland and Norway, gaining good results. Our own marathon racing season has been going well and the Richmond K2 Marathon held on the Thames in the middle of July produced a good entry—although not the international class it attracted as one of the Europa Cup Series—and a very exciting race, the win going to Williams/Harvey. With a number of leading crews coming into locks at the same time, the language at times got just a little heavy. . . .



Notes & News

BRITAIN'S FIRST ARTIFICIAL CANOE SLALOM COURSE PLANNED FOR **BEDFORD**

Britain's first man-made canoe slalom course is planned for Bedford. Costing about £105,000, it will be built as part of a land drainage project at Priory Meadows water park, a new recreational area under development alongside the River Great Ouse on the eastern outskirts of Bedford. Work is expected to begin early next spring

for completion in April 1981.

The setting up of the slalom course will give the sport a major boost as it will mean canoeists will no longer need to travel long distances to North Wales or even to Scotland to find suitable water on which to train. Members of the British Canoe Union national training squad will be among those using the facilities.

The project has been initiated by the Eastern Region of the Sports Council which has its regional headquarters at Bedford, and local canoeists working in close liaison with the Anglian Water Authority.

Its development has been made possible by the willingness of the AWA to incorporate the project in an alreadyscheduled land-drainage scheme involving the construction of a flood relief channel.

The AWA has agreed to modifications to the design of the flood relief channel to create a slalom course 120-metres long, eight metres wide with a fall of six feet. Control of the head waters will be by means of an adjustable weir gate, while turbulence will be created by the insertion of timber slats placed into the bed of the concrete

Because the flow of water can be closely controlled and a variety of courses devised by the different positioning of the slats, the course will be ideal for all canoeing skills. Thus novices will be able to participate in suitable quiet water conditions while the flow will be speeded up and more complex courses laid for experienced canoeists.

It is expected the facilities will be used by canoeists, including beginners from schools, from a wide area as well as members of the British canoe national training squad. Although the principle purpose of the course will be for training, competitions will be staged and a course of up to Division 3 standard will be created.

Some £75,000, the bulk of the cost of the project, is being met jointly by the Anglian Water Authority, from its land drainage and recreation budgets, and The Sports Council by way of a prototype grant. Bedfordshire County Council have agreed to provide £10,000 for the slalom course, and because of the nature of the project and its recreational value, it is hoped that many other local authorities, both in the Bedford area and further afield will also make a contribution towards the balance.

Miss M.R. Bradley, Principal Regional Officer of the Eastern Region of the Sports Council, said the project had been under consideration since the early 1970's. She said: 'The idea for such an ambitious slalom course was originally suggested by local canoeists. All along, the Anglian Water Authority has shown the most enthusiastic interest and given us a great deal of practical support and co-operation, and in fact suggested several other possible sites. such as Bromham and Kempston mills, before it was agreed that Priory Meadows would be the most suitable location. The success of canoeists from the Eastern Region in the recent world championships in Canada — five medals (1 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze) out of a total of six gained by British paddlers - demonstrates the strength of the sport in a Region which has little or no fast moving water for this aspect of the sport. The provision of the country's first artificial slalom course in Bedford will enable not only the established top level performers but also those wanting to learn the skills of slalom canoeing to raise their own standards of performance on their own 'doorstep'.

The designs for the course have been drawn up by the Great Ouse River Division of the AWA on the advice of the British Canoe Union.

NORTH WALES SURF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wales popular North Surf Championships again took place at Hell's Mouth over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend. The event was postponed on Saturday due to the absence of waves but it was considered large enough to hold the slalom handling and ski events on Sunday. A large contingent of slalom kayak paddlers who had travelled down from the North East contested this event very strongly, but in a very close result Dennis Ball of London won with 18 points, followed by Chris Blakey and Derek Rosenberg, both with 17. Rick Knight, 19 points, won the ski event from Dave Rowat and Les Reed, both 17 points, in another very close competition.

Monday dawned a different day altogether, the rain fell steadily all day, dawned a different making judging and scribing uncomfortable and difficult. However, the poor weather did not detract from the enjoyment of surfing 5-6ft., relatively clean waves, and some excellent surfing was seen in the semi-finals and finals. From the judging point it was obvious that reading the waves was not easy from the paddlers position and those paddlers who were able to find the best breaks scored well in their events. After a very interesting and enjoyable final the results were:-

1st Rick Knight 26; 2nd Gordon Henderson 22; 3rd Bill Sampson 20; 4th John Kent 20; 5th Les Reed 18; 6th Steve Waller 16. Junior - 1st Bob Gee 10; 2nd Paul Foster

10; 3rd Frank Kelly 7.
Thanks go to all those who assisted in the running of the event, particularly Peter Booth and Dave Hales who judged for long periods in very unpleasant conditions. Report from Vyv Cox.

BE WARNED -BOAT OWNER FINED ALMOST £100

Failure to register and licence a launch during 1978 has led to a successful prosecution at Richmond Magistrates Court by the Thames Water Authority.

Michael Copleston of East Molesey, owner of the launch 'Donors', was required to pay a total of £93.04 for contraventions under the Thames Conservancy Act 1966 and the Thames Launch Byelaws 1952.

The offences occured at Teddington lock last summer and details of the specific

charges and fines are as follows:

Charge 1 — Unlawfully using an unregistered launch (contrary to section 9(2) of the Thames Conservancy Act 1966). Fine £20.

Charge 2 - Navigating an unlicenced launch (contrary to byelaw 6(c) of the Thames Launch Byelaws 1952). The byelaws outline safety specifications as to construction and equipment of launches). Fine £10. Costs £20.

In addition, a compensation order of £53.04 relating to 1978 launch registration charges was awarded in favour of the Authority.

Commenting on the prosecution, J.R. Pearce, Chairman of Thames' Fisheries and Recreation Committee said, 'The Thames Conservancy Division of the Authority is responsible for river navigation and lock control along 136-miles of the freshwater Thames and provides high quality amenities to pleasure craft users. If these people avoid paying registration charges, it will inevitably mean that standards of service will drop, or costs will have to rise for those who do pay.

WESTEL RALLY

Westel Second Canoe Tourist Trial held at the end of April was once again well supported, the weather was dry but cold. This year it was international as we had an American crew and a German paddling. Claus Muller suggested next year's date so that he can arrange for a party of Germans.

The first paddlers on the water were in the 30-mile classes, starting at 9am. Unfortunately, the Island CC from the Isle of Wight missed the ferry and the Canvey Boys Club were late so the entries were lowered in the long distance classes. However, some of them paddled in the 20-mile class instead. The middle time class in 12-miles and the slowest time in 6-miles were again the most popular, particularly the 6-miles 21/4 hour group where most of the younger paddlers take part, there finally being 94 at the start.

There was, unfortunately, an unofficial marshal who appeared and turned some of the 6-milers 3/4 mile short causing a great deal of confusion and some very fast times but after initial disappointment most of the entrants affected took it very well.

The dredging of the Aldershot end of the course was much appreciated by the longer distance paddlers who found the easier run due to the deep water a great help in combatting the headwind over the last 4 miles. The Surrey and Hants Canal Society again made a grand job of the marshalling and parking problems, and also manned the refreshment tent, providing all paddlers with soup en route, and also at the finish.

Jeff Simmons would like to hear from entrants if they have any criticism good or bad, because once again the organisation was stretched to the limit but just about coped. However, if there is a greater entry in future it will require a slightly different system of checking. One of the biggest problems being changing of classes and names of paddlers on the day.

Thanks once again to the members of Wimbledon Young Mariners for their help

and support.

Report from Jeff Simmons.

NEW SPORTS TAKE OFF

Windsurfing, hang-gliding, land-surfing and grass skiing are among the new sports included in an exhibition to be mounted at The Design Centre, 28, Haymarket, London SW1 from 7th August to 8th September 1979.

The aim of the exhibition is to show how new technology is playing an important part in some sports which have recently become popular in Britain. Included in the display will be a sailboard used in windsurfing, a dirtboard for grass skiing and a carbon fibre kayak. New production techniques are also featured, one of the exhibits being a dinghy produced by an injection moulding process. New concepts in design may revolutionise some tradtional sports with equipment such as a scooped out cricket bat which provides more hitting power...

RADLEY HELPS THE CHILDREN

When I was invited to cover a combined 'Canoeing' and 'Sub-Aqua' event at Radley College (near Oxford) I was not quite sure what it was going to be all about.

I soon found out when I arrived at 9.30a.m. on a dull, but dry Sunday morning in June. There, in the large outdoor swimming pool, were a group of canoeist going round and round a set course whilst at the same time and in the same pool a diver was swimming underwater from one end to the other. The diver was of course roped off from the canoeists and every safety precaution had been taken for both groups. They were doing 24 hours of 'sponsored' canoeing and diving to raise money for 70 deprived children which the college had undertaken to provide for financially during the International Year of the Child.

On the Underwater side the Club President, David Harding (a Biology teacher) and his Diving Officer, Keith Bones were both diving alongside all of their younger pupils. There were 12 altogether. All of the organisation for the event had been done by the chaps themselves with the main organiser and diver being Rory (Cousteau) McNeile. The divers were doing half an hour each (4 times) and were really hoping to do 50 lengths each time (approx 3/4 mile) giving an anticipated total of 40 miles (they did 39)

One special vote of thanks from the club goes to the Oxford branch of the BSAC who turned out at all hours to fill the empty lungs when required.

For the Canoeing I spoke with Martin Wade (a Div 2 slalom). He had approx 25 Canoeists all doing ½ hour per person but in teams of 4 and of course more than orice. Martin had just finished his 1/2 hour and was a little tired as he had been in during the night and was to go in again later in the day plus organising all the canoeists. His club has about 25 members with 17 fairly new. They had all trained for up to 4 to 5 hours canoeing at a time in the pool for weeks before the event. They all (divers and canoeists) looked very fit. His two top men were Julian Capadont and Julian Carlisle. With those two and the others they hoped to do over 200 miles in the 24 hours (they did 280 miles).

Both groups put a lot of effort into the event and I am sure benefited out of it themselves by just doing it. The money raised (which was over £650) will go to

those needy children and I am sure every diver and canoeist will join me in saying 'Well done, Radley'.

report by Len Charlton

TOWN CENTRE CANOE DASH

There was a record entry of 80 kayaks taking part in the Chelmsford Boating Club's annual Town Centre Canoe Dash, held as the Club's contribution to the Chelmsford festival of sport on 7th June. This year's race was also held to coincide with the Rally of Boats organised by the Chelmsford branch of the Inland Waterways Association.

The race started at 3 o'clock next to the Victoria Road river bridge and the paddlers proceeded downstream along the River Chelmer to its junction with the River Can, where they turned and proceeded up that river passing through Central Park and the main shopping centre, to finish finally at

Waterhouse Lane river bridge.

There was a huge variety of canoes and competitors of all ages. In addition to the host Club, paddlers came from local clubs at Bishops Stortford, Southend, Harlow, Barking, Brentwood School, Stubbers Hornchurch, Newham and Weirwolves (Romford) and the race was viewed by hundreds of weekend shoppers who lined the banks as the colourful craft passed by, through the normally dull and drain-like water channel.

THEY TRIED IT

The Chelmsford Boating Club's first ever 'Come and Try it', held on 27th May, an open invitation for inter sted persons to try their hand at canoeing, was a runnaway success with well over a hundred local people trying their hand at paddling

Waterfront Director for YMCA National Centre, Fairthorne Manor, Enthusiastic BCU Coach/Senior Instructor with Christain commitment to take charge of canoe organisation at this all year-round activity centre. Salary £4,038-£4,422 currently under review. Details and application form from: The Director, YMCA National Centre, Cardridge, Southampton SO3 2GH. Closing date for application 5th September, 1979.

over the course of the day, with at least a similiar number watching from the river bank. Elated club officals feel that the day has considerably strengthened canoeing in the county town, dispite the rather unpromising weather conditions.

the original idea of the invitation came from the Sports Council, a representative of whom was present for part of the time. The Club had arranged for all persons venturing on to the water for the first time to be accompanied by qualified instructors, who were on hand to explain the fundaments of the sport, and to take groups of paddlers - who were both the young and the not so young on short cruises along the river in a variety of craft.

Inevitably, there were a number of spills and unexpected swims, but all the novices were wearing buoyancy aids and helpers were standing by. Dispite the rather cold water no-one seemed to have dampened their enthusiasm!

By the close of the day, a number of new members had been enrolled and many other visitors had taken away details of the club and canoeing in general for further thought.

Chelmsford reports from John Marriage



Steve Norton explains a point at the club's 'Come and try it' day.

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LEVEN Details: E Totty, Craigmuir, High Knott Rd., Arnside, Nr Carnforth. 13th

WASHBURN (C) Details: As Sept 15th. 27/28th

LEVEN Details: As Oct 7th.

NOVEMBER

3/4th

DEE 1 (O) Details: Mrs N Godrey, 3 Far Ridings, Romiley, Cheshire SK6 4N. 10th

WASHBURN (C/J) Details: B Fraser, 27 Marshall Terr, Crossgates, Leeds LS15 8EA. 11th

WHARFE (C/J) Details: Mrs N Small. Stonehaven, 3 Manor Close, Cranhope, Cheshire.

LEVEN Details: As Oct 7th.

17/18th

EDEN (B) Details: A E Emmerson, The Mews, Coffee House, Kirbylonsdale, Lancs. 17/18th

SWALE (C) Details: Lt Col Simms-Reeve, HQ Northern Ireland, BFPO 825. 24/25th

TEES (A) Details: M Butler, 14 Fairfield Road, Barnard Castle, Co Durham. 25th

N/TYNE 1 (C) Details: D Taylor, 22 Oakfield Rd., Lobley Hill, Gateshead, NE11 0AB.

DECEMBER

1/2nd

USK 1 (B)Details: M Gettleson, 21 Balancraig Ave., Neasden, London NW10.

LEVEN Details: As Oct 7th (End of 1979 Leven Test Series). 8/9th

DEE 2 (B) Details: As Nov 3/4th.

15/16th

TEES 2 (C) Details: As Nov 24/25th.

15/16th

OPEN TRAINING WEEKEND Details: G Hodgson, The Cottage, Withington Green, Leigh, Stoke on Trent, Staffs.

1980 **JANUARY**

5/6th

TEES 3 (C/B) Details: As Nov 24/25th.

LEVEN Details: As Oct 7th.

19/20th

USK 2 (A) Details: As Dec 1/2nd.

26/27th

DART (B/C) Details: G Lloyd, 28 Lingfield Av, Ford Houses, Wolverhampton.

FEBRUARY

2/3rd

OFFICIALS AND COACHES TRAINING COURSE Details: As Dec 15/16th

2/3rd

TEES 4 (C) Details: As Nov 24/25th. 9/10

DEE 3 (A) Details: As Nov 3/4th.

10th

LEVEN Details: As Oct 7th.

23/24th

EXHIBITION.

MARCH

TRENT (C/J) Details: A J Willet, 7 St Vincent Rd., Walton, Stone, Staffs. 2nd

WHARFE (C) Details: As Nov 11th 8/9th

NENE (C/J) Details: I P Freestone, 126B Watling St., Towcester, Northampton.

LEVEN Details: As Oct 7th.

15/16th

U/WYE (C/B) Details: Peter Wood, 7 Sunnybank, Wick, Bristol.

23rd

N/TYNE 2 (B/C) Details: As Nov 25th. 23rd

LEVEN Details: As Oct 7th (End on 1980 series). 23rd

RODING (C/J) Details: J Handyside, 2 Warwick Cres., London W2. 29/30th

TRYWERWYN Details: N Hubbard, 29 Rosslym Rd., Vicars Cross, Chester.

APRIL

WASHBURN (C) Details: As Sept 15th.

MAY

3/4/5th

TRYWERWYN Details: Mrs P Goodwin, Woodendale, Maerhills, Baldwins Gate, Newcastle

JULY

5/6th

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BUILTH SLALOM

The Worcester Canoe Club announce a change of date for their Division 2 Slalom at Builth Wells.

The event will now take place on the weekend of 13th/14th October and not as previously published on 3rd/4th November. This change was necessary due to circumstances beyond the Club's control.

All entries for Builth Slalom to: Nick Life, 24 Beech Avenue, Worcester.

MARATHON EVENTS

The 7th International Westhoek Kano an Kajakmarathon will be held in Belgium on 9th September. The event is open to Senior men (30km); Senior Dames and Junior men (15km); and Junior Dames, and Veteran Men (10km). Classes K1 and K2. The course is on river and canal in the area of Oostende, Diksmuide and Nieupoort. Full details or entries to: G. Van Thienen-Rimbuaut, Nachtegalenlaan 10, B8480 Veurne, Belgium.

The Veluwe Marathon will take place in the northern part of Holland on 30th September. This 2nd Veluwe Marathon will attract paddlers from all over Holland, Belgium and the north of Germany. The course is on the beautiful Apeldoorn-Dieren Canal and the River Lissel. Classes are for any type of kayak or canoe and distances are from 100km, 50km and 25km. Application and details from: Jan Kok, P. Steynnstraat 115, 8022 TE Zwolle, Holland. Closing date 21st September.

Another Belgian marathon event, planned for the same date as the Veluwe marathon (let's get things together folks!) is the first Ljzer-Marathon. The course is of 40km on the River Ljzer from Nieupoort to Roesbrugge-Poperinge, classes for K1, K2 and K4. Details and entries from: Pol Coeck, G. Gezellelaan 110, B8710 Heule, Belgium. Closing date 10th September.

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LEVEN 1979 Wild Water Tests

Report by E. Totty

Date Water of TestLevel Ft. ins.	Time Allow. min.sec.	Wind conditions	Awa Silv Ist	er	Bron 1st	ze 2nd	Fail/S	Scr	Total
12.11.788 5	2.25	Strong, gusty, headwind	-	-	-	1	54	12	67
3.12.78 8 6.8	2.16	Strong, gusty, headwind	6	3	6	2	6	5	28
14.1.79 8 10	2.00	Negligible. But snow showers	3	4	8	11	2	2	30
11.2.79 8 4.5	2.30	Favourable but bitterly cold	3	-	3	2	8	11	27
11.3.79 10 4	30	Westerly strong at times. Heavy rain	10	13	21	11	13	1	69
25.3.79 8 6	2.20	NW wind, gusty, showers of rain	18	14	13	25	25	2	97
36 Clubs		(short season)	40	34	51	52	108	33	318

Wind is the weather's most variable but least visible component. Certainly, its effects are felt by competitors on the Leven and all the more so since the felling and clearing of the sheltering band of beeches on the left bank. Its force is an inconstant factor when as often happens strong gusty periods alternate with relative calm. Whilst not exactly playing havoc with the time allowance it does have an unpredictable effect on the delicate balance of this calculation, and one that it is not practicable accurately to measure, without any array of scientific instruments and computer. But this element of risk - or luck — is present in most sports, and records have been made with its assistance, and foiled by its active participation (or opposition).

Nevertheless, this 26th year of the Leven Wild Water Test provided excellent water on most of the selected dates, and fresh records were made in certain classes. Snow and ice on the roads kept the entries down on several occasions, but those who were able to participate found the journey well

worthwhile.

The Gold Dipper for 1979 was won by Phil Dean of Accrington with a corrected time of 5 minutes, 12 seconds. Phil had shown consistently good form throughout the season and thoroughly deserved to be entered as a new name on the list of winners of the Gold Award. In the ladies event Jill Adams set up a new record of 5 mins 42 secs. which was 4 seconds faster than the previous record set up by Hilary Peacock in 1976. Ann Gillespie the record for the fastest actual time to 7 mins 26 secs.

In the slalom class, B. Laverty of Chester headed the list for the men with Joanna

Dilleigh leading the ladies.

Martyn Hedges created a new record in the C1 (R) class with a corrected time of 6 mins 55 secs at 0ft 4ins. His actual time was 7 mins 25 secs which was also a record for this class.

In the C2 (R) class Evans and Young of Wigan had the best corrected time and their acutal time on the course of 7 mins 40secs was also a record.

Nutt and Fish in C2 (Mix) (R) recorded the fastest actual time on the course for a mixed crew but their corrected time failed

> Gold Dipper for 1979: Phil Dean Leven Paddle: Martyn Hedges Leven Trophy: Gary Savage

S 1 = Silver, first class S 2 = Silver, second class B 1 = Bronze, first class B 2 = Bronze, second class F/Q = Failed to qualify to match existing record of John and Jean Hall, in 1976.

Competitors are reminded that the entry fee is £1 but this operates as a season ticket for the series i.e. £1 with entry card for the first entry in the series, but with no charge for any of the remaining fixtures in the series, by each registered competitor. As entries are limited to 60 for any one fixture and there three times that number of registered competitors it is necessary to send entry cards for each event.

report by Eric B. Totty.

Dates for new series:-

1979: Oct 7, Oct 28, Nov 11, Dec 2. 1980: Jan 13, Feb 10, Mch 9, Mch 23. Entries (limited to 60 on any one date) to the organiser:- Eric B Totty, Craigmuir, High Knott Road, Arnside, Carnforth, LA5 0AW. Entry cards, rules and full information from the organiser in return for S.A.E.

(foolscap size).

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LEVEN WILD WATER TEST 1978/79 Leading positions in each Class					
NAME	CLUB	TIME	DATE	AWARD	
WWR K1 (MEN)					
Phil Dean	Accrington .	5.12	Mch 25	Gold	
M Sanderson	Manchester	5.23	Mch 25	S 1	
Duncan Eglin	Accrington	5.25	Mch 25	S 1	
D Topham John Fyles	Accrington Ribble	5.32 5.44	Dec 3 Mch 25	S 1 S 1	
M Adams	Deptford Sw	5.57	Mch 25	S 1	
SLALOM K1 (MEN)					
B Laverty	Chester	7.08	Mch 25	S 2	
P de Mengel	C.C. Dibblers	7.17	Mch 11	S 2	
K Toach	Leics	7.29	Jan 14	S 2	
S Marshall T P Radcliffe	Ribble Lakeland	7.30 7.32	Mch 25	S 2 B 1	
G Blanchard	York	7.33	Jan 14 Jan 14	B 1	
WWR K1 (LADIES)	TOTAL	7.00	Juli 14	5.	
Jill Adams	Deptford Sw	5.42	Mch 25	S 1	
Ann Gillespie	Grappenhall	6.56	Mch 11	S 1	
SALOM K1 (LADIES)					
Joanna Dilleigh	Birm Univ.	8.04	Mch 11	B 1	
Susan Williams	Proteus	8.15	Mch 11	B 1	
Jane Roderick Bridget Smith	Manchester Accrington	8.22 8.25	Mch 11 Mch 11	B 1 B 1	
Kathleen de Mengle	C.C. Dibblers	8.27	Mch 11	B 1	
Alison Lockwood	Essex Univ.	9.00	Mch 25	B 2	
C1 (MEN) (WWR)					
Martyn Hedges	Bath Univ.	6.55	Mch 11	S 1	
J Bolton	Manchester	7.59	Mch 11	S 1	
C1 (MEN) (SI)					
Ivan Rawlins	Bolton	9.07	Dec 3	B 1	
B Kunz	OBMS (Esk)	10.08 11.06	Nov 12 Nov 12	F/Q F/Q	
M Hemmings C2 (MEN) (WWR)	Loughboro Univ.	11.00	100V 12	F/U //2	
Young & Evans	Wigan	7.10	Mch 11	S 2	
C2 (MIX)					
K Nutt & Trish Fish	I.M. Marsh	7.56	Mch 11	B 1	

PICHMOND CANOE CLUB

Rebuilding of the Richmond boat house near completion

report by
Francis Wetherall



Richmond Canoe Club, although not the oldest nor the largest canoe club in Britain, is probably, especially among sprint and marathon paddlers, one of the best known.

The club is principally geared towards flat water paddling, both competition and touring at all levels, and since its formation in 1946 has had paddlers in every Olympic Games — an achievement that we hope will continue into the future.

It is with the future in mind, that over the past years efforts have been made to establish a secure headquarters for the Richmond Canoe Club.

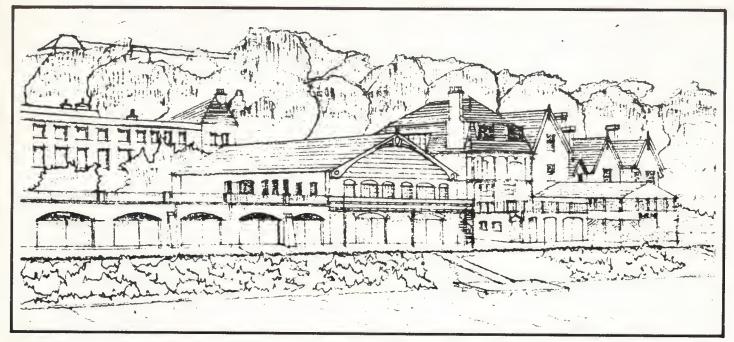
Since 1972 the club has been housed in an old boathouse owned by Watneys the brewers. The boathouse originally built in 1862, has been neglected for much of its life, leaving it in very poor condition and becoming increasingly dangerous. Last year, ambitious plans were completed for the total renovation of the boathouse, and in January of this year the contractors moved in and began work.

As can be seen in the photograph and the artists impressions, the building is now only 2 storeys high. The river level being exclusively for boat storage (an estimated 350 boats) while the first floor will house the changing rooms — both men and women, each with separate shower facilities — the club room and galley (with provision for a bar at a later date) and a large weight and circuit training room, approximately 60' x 40' which will be specially equipped for canoe and kayak training needs.

Financing the scheme has been the major problem. The basic renovation and making safe of the building, together with essential work inside such as new dividing walls, will cost around £86,000!

Any canoe club when faced with the prospect of finding such an amount would think at least twice before committing itself and Richmond was no exception! At one time, early on, with a mere £3,500 in the bank the whole scheme seemed way above our heads. However, desperation, due to the fact that by now we were almost 'homeless' drove us on. It was certain that the building would not last another winter, thus the committee had to look deeper into ways and means of raising money.

A Government Grant was found to be available, whereby the Government would



provide 50% of the costs of most of the scheme. A prerequisite of this was that Local Government would provide another 25%. We applied successfully to both bodies. This reduced the overall sum, but still left us to find our 25% of the total cost. A local organisation, Richmond Parish Charity Lands, offered to help on a large scale by matching money we raised on a pound for pound basis. Other groups also have come forward and donated money, The Building Industry Youth Trust for example, as well as club members and associates from the past and present.

It is hoped that almost £10,000 of work can be done by club members. Bob Grimes

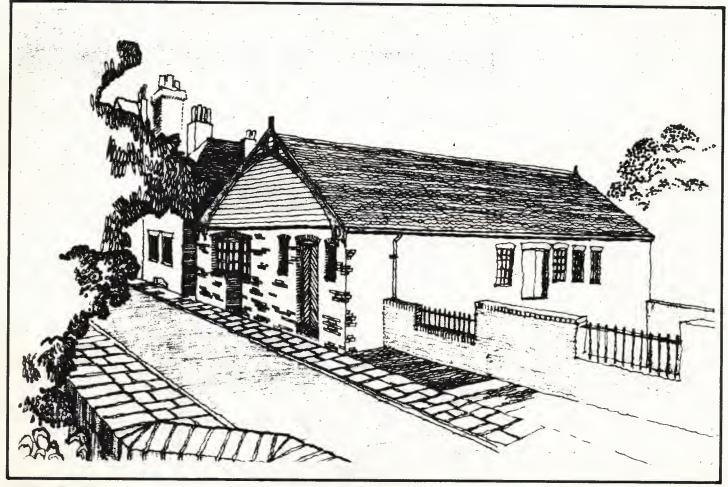
has taken on the job of installing the electrical fittings and wiring as well as the plumbing. All the internal paintwork and plastering will be done by club members after the contractors have moved out, as will all the boat racking and the flooring on the river level.

The remaining money being raised — by various means, from jumble sales and sponsored paddles, to a large raffle, of which nearly all racing paddlers will be well aware!

If everything goes according to plan the clubhouse will be operational (although far from completed) for the Richmond K2 Marathon on the 21st of July and we are

hoping to have an opening ceremony to coincide with this event.

Once the club is fully operational we hope to run courses, not only for racing paddlers as we have in the past, but for canoeists of all abilities and interests. (We have already started a weekly session for beginners). If you live in the south of England or are just passing through why not call in. Further information on the courses or on the work being done is available from: Richmond Canoe Club Ltd., Lansdown Boathouse, Petersham Road, Richmond, Surrey. Telephone 01-940 9898.



racing round-up

ROUND BERMUDA RACE

The Islands of Bermuda lie 700 miles off the U.S. coast and are shaped like a giant fish-hook, some twenty miles long and half a mile wide. It is the most northerly coral island in the world, and the waters are warm and friendly.

B.C.U. Coach Nigel Matthews and Frank Goodman of Valley Canoe have just returned from a two-week visit which hopefully will put Bermuda on the map canoe-wise.

A heavy programme was mapped out for them by the newly-formed Bermuda Canoeing Association which allowed only minimal time for lying in the sun, snorkelling off the reefs and deep-sea fishing for Marlin!

Days were taken up with lectures to schools and other interested bodies about the Expedition to Cape Horn, and what time was left disappeared in coaching sessions for the group of enthusiasts who turned up every day to develop skills already begun last year when Frank set the ball rolling with two week-end courses.

Such is the warmth of the water there, that the whole attitude to canoeing changes. Capsize drill and deep-water rescue are learnt painlessly within minutes of entering a kayak for the first time, and Eskimo Rolls are mastered with the same ease engendered by a warm swimming pool in this country.

Although all their canoeing is on the sea as there is no surface water, the Bermudians have one pleasant grade 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 rapid caused by a tide-race that reverses twice a day under Flats Bridge, where the entrance to one of the lagoons is constricted to only 10-metres wide. Here basic techniques can be learnt in the hot sun, and buoyancy aids are good protection against the U.V.'s.

Apart from sea-canoeing, the Bermudians have many sheltered areas where sprint racing could be staged, and one of the objects of the Bermudian Canoe Association is to encourage the schools to start Espada racing. The B.C.A. are also setting up an annual 'Round Bermuda Race'. This involves a forty-mile circumnavigation of the islands with possible difficult conditions off the south shore where reefs and cliffs reflect clapotis from the swells pushed in by the prevailing winds.

To test the feasability of such a race Nigel, Frank and four Bermudians decided to paddle round the island, and at the same time raise some money for charity. Conditions were obviously too rough for the Espada, and eventually two types of Nordkapp and four Vagabond touring singles were used.

The group pottered round in twelve hours exactly, which included an extended lunch break and a stop for one touch of sun-stroke and one bout of sickness. As the temperature was 81°F and the humidity was 86% it was pleasant to arrive home in the cool of the evening, although there was some feeling that it might have been more pleasant not to have paddled at all!

What is certain, is that a nucleus of paddlers are now ready to run summer courses for school children, and there is no

doubt that their enthusiasm will quickly put canoeing on the map in Bermuda.

Bermuda's sporting record is quite remarkable, and in the last Olympics, they produced five finalists in the track events alone. When you consider that this is from a total population of less than 70,000, there seems little doubt that a few years of work in the canoeing field could well produce Bermudians in international sprint competition.

Any paddler who fancies a holiday in Bermuda with the chance of paddling the 'Round Bermuda Race' may find that the Bermuda Canoe Association could help with the loan of a kayak out there for the event. There is just a chance that top paddlers might get some subsidy for the race, if events move forward as planned, but that will not be until 1980. Frank Goodman, c/o Valley Canoe Products can give interested people the address of the President of the B.C.A. if they care to write to him.

AUSTRALIA'S BID FOR CANOE TITLE

Australian canoe champion John Sumegi hopes to continue his family tradition of winning sporting titles in Europe.

Sumegi is Australia's best hope of a gold medal at the World Canoeing Championships to be held at Duisburg, Federal Republic of Germany, between August 15 and 19.

His father, Charles Sumegi, was Hungarian national fencing champion before emigrating to Australia.

John Sumegi was born in Australia and has represented Australia in several international canoeing events. At the world championships in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, in 1978, he was sixth in the singles — a considerable effort because he paddled in singles, doubles and four.

In the 1978 and 1979 Australian championships he won all six events, singles, doubles and fours over 500m and the same three over 1000m. In this year's world championships he is concentrating only on the two singles events, the 500m and 1000m.

'I have wanted for some time to participate in a world championship concentrating only on the singles event', he said after one of his three-times-a-day training sessions on the Yarra River in



Below: Reg hatch talks with Aussie canoeists — Peter Lockie, John Sumegi, and Crosbie Baulch.

Below right: John Sumegi, Australia's hope for a world Championship Sprint medal.

Photos: Australian Information Service.

Melbourne. He works only part-time to allow him enough hours for training.

Coach Reg Hatch, who will accompany Australia's team of eight canoeists to the world titles, believes that Sumegi has an excellent chance of taking the world title.

'He is at his peak, having undertaken a huge training programme,' he said. 'This, coupled with his experience, should place him in a favourable position to take the singles title.'

Other members of the Australian team are former Australian surfing champion Ken Vidler, Joan Doak, John Sumegi's brother Bob, Barry Kelly, Robert Lee, Sharon Waldron and Liz Blencow.



Above: Start of the Richmond K2 Marathon at Windsor on the Thames.

Left: Leading crews below Old Windsor.

Below: Start of C2 event at Holme Pierrepont International

Regatta.





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5	Previde Massara Marco	ITA	18 20 41
61	Peinhaupt Gerhard	AUT	18 21 84
71	Daude Jean Marc	FRA	18 27 97
81	Schnurrenberger Dan	USA	18 29 53
91	Taylor Dave	GBR	18 31 74
101	Hollerieth Konrad	BRD	18 31 83
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24)	Renglet Jean-Pierre	BEL	19.05.30
25)	McColl Jeff	CAN	19.06.07
26)	Bouchard Christian	AUT	19.06 44
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35)	Salaris Tony	AUS	19.43.2
361	Viaar Hanns	NZL	20 09 9
37)	Baldwin Robbie	NZL	20.28.7
38)	Cross Vincent	AUS	20 37 1
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41)	Umemura Ken	JAP	21 56.6
42)	Nishina Hiroyuki	JAP	22.15.9
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	Roland Wyss	BRD	20 30 24
5)	Hermann Roock Norbert Schmidt	BHD	20 30 24
6)	Helmar Steindl	AUT	20 31 33
	Reinhold Runo	BRD	20 32 27
71	Josef Schumacher	BND	20 32 21
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91	Joseph Stahl Andress Berngruber	BBD	20.43.18
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10) /	Jefry Huey	USA	20 48 35
111	Paul Grabow David Hearn	USA	20 50 81
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12)	Anton Zimmermann	SUI	20 51 35
13)	Peter Fuerst Lerov Coolev	USA	20 54 52
137	James Underwood		
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151	Herman Pech Mick Philip	GBR	21 38 22
	Tim Perry		
16)	Grant McCaffery Mark Brown	CAN	21 50 30
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2)	Gisela Grothaus	BRD	19.47.68
3)	Renate Prijon	BRD	20.00.17
4)	Carol Fisher	USA	20.04.23
5)	Hilary Peacock	GBR	20.07 87
6)	Ulrike Deppe	BRD	20.15.57
7)	Jill Adams	GBR	20.18.65
8)	Leslie Klein	USA	20.19.79
9)	Claire Costa	SUI	20.28.81
10)	Sabine Weiss	SUI	20.29 40
11)	Kathrin Weiss	SUI	20.29.54
12)	Elke Schauff	BRD	20.43.14
13)	Cathy Hearn	USA	20.47.08
14)	Sue Hornby	GRB	20.50.90
15)	Annemie Amslinger	AUT	21.10.71
16)	Alena Kucera	SUI	21.10.82
17)	Christiane Amiot	FRA	21.11.67
18)	Gerda Aumayr	AUT	21.13.17
19)	Morna Fraser	CAN	21.16.41
20)	Laurie Walters	USA	21.19.90
21)	Nadine Camus	FRA	21.28.78
22)	Janice Henderson	CAN	21.38.79
23)	Shelagh McCoy	CAN	21.49.82
	Renate Weilguny	AUT	Absente
	Pat Basham	CAN	D N.F.

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Rang	Nom	Pays	Temps
1	Luc Verger	FRA	20.39.07
2)	Gilles Zok	FRA	20.49.64
3)	René Paul	SUH	21.11.94
4)	Chuch Lyda	USA	21.16.36
5)	Srecko	YUG	21.18.13
6)	Ernst Libuda	BRD	21.24.65
7)	Klaus Ernst	BRD	21.25.38
8)	Kent Ford	USA	21.30.29
9)	Rainer Pioch	BAD	21.35.38
10)	Bonnet François	FRA	21 43.07
3.13	John Evans	USA	21.53.20
12)	John Butler	USA	21.54 68
13)	Bob Evans	GBR	21.57.11
14)	Oldrich Blazicek	TCH	21.59.87
15)	Raymond Potvin	CAN	22 06.72
16)	Gray Goldsmith	GBR	22 07 46
17)	Carlo Perli	121	
17)	Carlo Perli	ITA	22.27 18
18)	Robert Philipps	AUS	22.49.14
19)	Karel Kumpfmuller	CAN	22.54 15
20)	Karel Toupalid	TCH	22.56.55
21)	Karel Tresnak	TCH	22.56.79
22)	Tony Preen	AUS	23 02.47
23)	Milan Gaba	TCH	23.08.49
24)	Herrod Chris	GBR	23.09.92
25)	Miroslav Neckar	CAN	23.30 65
26)	Bill Griffith	CAN	23.34 89
27)	Peter Eckhardt	AUS	24.03.67
28)	Karel Stork	NOR	26 37 00
DISO	Pierre Rouveure	FRA	

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PATROUILLE				
Rang	Nom	Pays	Temps	
1)	Degenhard Pfeitfer Konrad Höllerieth Jörg Winfried	BRD	18.25 09	
2)	Claude Benezit Henri Estanguet Jean-Marc Dauge	FRA	18 26.22	
3)	Bob Campbell Dave Taylor Jeremy Hibble	GBR	18.26.25	
4)	Jean-Pierre Burny Gaetan Frys Jean-Pierre Renglet	BEL	18.40.99	
5)	Gerhard Peinhaupt Peter Haas Werner Haiberger	AUT	18 45.6	
6)	Urs Duc Martin Baerlocher Claudio Blaettler	SUI	19 12.0	
7)	Jeff McColl Christian Bouchard Don Irvine	CAN	19.15.6	
8)	Stephen Jooste Ian Gardiner Tony Salaris	AUS	19 28.8	
9)	Akinori Fujuwara Takemi Kida Ken Umemura	JAP	21.54.5	
0)	Dan Schnurrenberger Dan Johnson Robert Alexander	USA	22.57.1	

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Doux-Bunichon Feuillette-Madori Hayne-Jacquet Phook-Schmidt Runo-Schumach Berngruber-Gefel Wyss-Wyss Zimmermann-Ful Cass-Stahl	BRD er fler SUI	19.55.8 20.11.8 20.15.7
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	USA	20.36.8
Huey-Grabow		
Lugbill-Hearn		
Stevens-Mansfie	ld AUS	22.17.8
Savage-Short		
Meagher-Brooke		
6) McCaffery-Brown	n CAN	23 04.4
Lord-Forsyth Gagnon-Gagnon		

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Rang	Nom	Pays	Temps
1)	Carol Fisher Leslie Klein Cathy Hearn	USA	20.10.6
2)	Gisela Grothaus Renate Prijon Ulrike Deppe	BRD	20.14.0
3)	Hitary Peacock Jill Adams Sue Hornby	GBR	20.31.8
4)	Dominique Gardette Nadine Camus Christiane Amint	FRA	20.56.4
5)	Gerda Aumayr Annemie Amslinger Renate Weilguny	AUT	21.32.7
6)	Claire Costa Sabine Weiss Kathrin Weiss	SUI	22.44.7
	Morna Fraser Shelagh McCoy Pat Basham	CAN	DNF

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PA	TROUILLE		
Rang	Nom	Pays	Temps
1)	Luc Verger Gilles Zok François Bonnet	FRA	21.07.68
2)	Chuck Lyda Kent Ford John Evans	USA	21.08.15.
3)	Ernst Libuda Klaus Ernst Sainer Pinch	BRD	21.25.80
4)	Milan Gaba Karel Toupalik Oldrich Blazicek	TCH	22.32.17
5)	Bob Evans Graham Goldsmith Christ Horrod	GBR	22.38.79
6)	Karel Kumpfmuller Miroslav Neckard Bill Griffith	CAN	23.10.35
7)	Robert Phillips Tony Preen Peter Eckhardt	AUT	28.04.77



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Rang	Nom	Pays	Pénalités	Temps	Total
1)	Peter Fauster	AUT	0	209.08	209.08
2)	Eduard Wolfhardt	AUT	0	211.09	211.09
3)	Richard Fok	GBR	0	211.47	211.47
4)	Norbert Sattler	AUT	o	214.32	214.32
5)	Chris McCormik	USA	0	216.57	216.57
6)	Thierry Junquet	FRA	0	217.39	217.39
7)	Dieter Poenn	CAN	0	217.701	217.701
8)	Silvam Poberay	YUG	0	217.702	217.702
9)	Albert Kerr	GBR	10	209.31	219.31
10)	Toni Prijon	BRD	0	219.83	219.83
11)	Dieter Forstl	BRD	0	219.90	219.90
12)	Jean-Yves Prigent	FRA	0	220.56	220.56
13)	Sixten Bjoerklund	SWE	10	20.66	220,66
14)	Peter Micheler	BAD	0	220.96	220.96
15)	Allan Edge	GBR	0	222.01	222 01
16)	Eric Evans	USA	0	222.66	222.66
17)	Kazi Gawlikowski	POL	0	223.00	223.00
18)	Milo Duffek	SUI	0	223.59	223.59
19)	René Zimmermann	SUI	0	223.78	223.78
20)	Martin Bradenburger	SUI	10	217.59	227.59
21)	Jürg Goetz	SUI	0	228.86	228.86
22)	Shane Kelley	IRL	20	212.29	232.29
23)	Henryk Popiela	POL	20	215.67	235.67
24)	Euman Malone	IBL	0	235.97	235.97
25)	Stan Woods	CAN		227.44	237.44
26)	Lars Bundermann	BRD	10	228.28	238.28
27)	Dan Isbister	USA	20	223.23	243.23
28)	Andry Wolfhardt	AUT	10	233.94	243.94
29)	Bernard Renault	FRA		224.59	244.59
30)	Peter Strazdins	AUS		236.53	246.53
31)	Wojciech Gawronski	POL		237.87	247.87
32)	Peter Kayler	YUG		208.87	248.87
33)	Christophe Prigent	FRA		248.99	248.99
34)	Guy Dessers	BEL		226.58	256.58
35)	Paul Moroney	IRL	20	236.77	256.77
36)	Graham Helsby	GBR	20	236.82	256.82
37)	Rod Laurenson	NZL	10	247.67	257.67
38)	Thierry Comte	BEL	0	258.34	258.34
39)	Van Brusselen, T.	8EL	0	260.00	260.00
40)	Eric Munshaw	CAN	10	252.36	262.36
41)	Gordon Rayner	NZL	10	253.51	163.61
42)	K. Brouwer	HOL	30	236.99	266.99
43)	Peter Francis	AUS	20	253.12	273.12
44)	Stuart Dry	AUS	20	255.91	175.91
45)	Jean-Paul Schmit	LUX	10	267.01	277.01
46)	Tom McGowan	USA	70	212.14	282 14
47)	J. Jose Olazabal	ESP	40	242.57	282.67
48)	Georan Hedstroem	SWE	20	263.66	283.66
49)	Greig Bell	NZL	30	268.89	298.89
50)	Nico Peters	LUX	10	292.12	302.12
51)	Bas Van Stokkom	HOL	40	266.54	306.54
52)	Tayoshi Fujino	JAP	20	289.57	309.57
53)	Sholchi Hara	JAP	20	298.52	318.52
54)	Romain Engels	LUX	30	295.54	325.54
55)	Mats Olsson	SWE	30	309.70	339.70
56)	Hanns Vlaar	NZL	70	277.27	347.27
57)	J.R. Urtizberea	ESP	80	284.60	364.60
58)	Nobuyuki Miayazaki	JAP		311.71	371.11
59)	Yukio Oida	JAP		272.26	382.26
60)	Colin Quinn	IRL		253.88	413.88
61)	Julien Bouchard	CAN	210	245.86	455.86

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Rang	Nom	Pays	Pénali	tésTemps	Total
1)	Welsink - Czupryna	BRD	0	260.67	260.67
2)	Calori - Catori	FRA	0	275.43	275.43
3)	Jez - Kudlik	POL	0	277.11	277.11
4)	Lamy · Platt	FRA	0	282.51	282.51
5)	Wolkenser - Zimm	BRD	10	274.91	284.91
6)	Hernanz - Labedens	FRA	10	282.28	292.24
7)	Seruga · Fraczek	POL	10	283.28	293.28
8)	Nedved - Schwartz	TCH	20	274.77	294.77
9)	Kasprzycki - Czaja	POL	20	275.83	295.83
10)	Songberg Nelson	AUS	10	291.07	301.07
11)	Studer - Rudin	SUI	20	290.30	310.30
12)	Garvis - Garvis	USA	40	271.50	311.50
13)	Burton - Grant	USA	30	281.99	311.99
14)	Wyss - Wyss	SUI	30	290.89	320.89
15)	Fulton - Holmes	USA	30	295.54	325.54
16)	Gutschick - Flack	USA	30	304.20	3.4.20
17)	Gagnon - Gagnon	CAN	30	322.55	352 35
18)	Felton - Felton	AUS	60	312.44	372.44
19)	Kuenzli - Probst	SUI	110	291.28	401.28
20)	Parry - Miles	AUS	150	294.55	444.25
21)	McVicar - McVicar	CAN	100	349.31	449.31
22)	McCaffery - Brown	CAN	140	352.06	492.06
23)	Steindl - Mulineritach	AUT	170	334.64	504.64
24)	Heard - Kirkham	CAN	240	295.68	535.68

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Rang	Nom	Pays	Pénalit	ès Temps	Total	
1)	Cathy Hearn	USA	10	243.30	253.30	
2)	Liz Sharman	GBR	0	253.86	253.8€	
3)	Linda Harrison	USA	10	247.74	257.74	
4)	Joceline Rouploz	FRA	0	273.57	273.57	
5)	Claudia Kerckhoff	CAN	20	264.36	284.36	
6)	Ulrike Deppe	BAD	20	265.57	285.57	
7)	Susan Small	GBR	10	282.04	292.04	
8)	Becky Judd	USA	20	275.22		
9)	Gabi Kollmann	BRO	20	287.42	307.42	
10)	Kathrin Weiss	SUI	20	292.47	312.47	
11)	Elke Dietze	BAD	40	273.76	313.78	
12)	Eileen Murphy	IRL	10	310.30	320.30	
13)	Sabine Weiss	SUI	50	273.12	323.12	
14)	Alena Kucera	SUI	20	305.47	325.47	
15)	Myriam Jerusalmi	FRA	30	305.72	335.72	
16)	Silvie Arnaud	FRA	20	319.66	339.66	
17)	Jean Campbell	USA	60	293.41	353.41	
18)	Rosine Roland	BEL	30	326.77	356.77	
19)	Renat Weitguny	AUT	90	270.88	360.88	
20)	Claire Costa	SUI	110	262.59	372.59	
21)	Ellsabeth Bureaud	CAN	20	361.90	381.90	
22)	Jane Roderick	GBR	130	270.24	400.24	
23)	Martine Lefol	FRA	120	293.53	413.53	
24)	Julie Preen	AUS	60	362.97	422.97	
25)	Susanne Erbers	BRD	100	325.05	425.05	
26)	Monique Bourdon	CAN	140	286.07	426.07	
27)	Wendy Balding	AUS	90	376.42	466.42	
26)	Annie Boulding	CAN	170	306.58	478.58	
29)	Robyn Meier	AUS	240	324.79	564.79	

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Rang	Nom	Pays	Pèna	itès Temps	Total
1)	Jon Lugbill	USA	0	238.49	238 49
2)	David Hearn	USA	0	242.85	242.85
3)	Bob Robison	USA	0	255.62	255.62
4)	J. Schnitzerling	BRD	0	256.79	256.79
5)	Ron Lugbill	USA	20	241_01	261.01
6)	Watter Horn	BRD	0	280 40	280.40
7)	Peter Keane	GBR	10	272.08	282.08
8)	Jean Sennelier	FRA	0	295.02	295.02
9)	Milan Gaba	TCH	10	285.62	295.62
10)	Udo Werner	BAD	10	293.30	303.30
11)	Daniel Baltahzar	CAN	50	257.79	307.79
12)	Raymond Potvin	CAN	60	249.34	309.34
13)	Alain Meister	SUI	30	282.15	312.15
14)	Ernst Libuda	BRD	40	289.31	329.31
15)	Karel Tresnak	TCH	40	294.88	334.88
16)	Robert Dumouchel	CAN	70	271.61	341.61
17)	Pierre Salame	FRA	30	317.06	347.06
18)	Jarel Kumpfmuller	CAN	40	309.74	349.74
19)	Claude Giacomino	FRA	20	331.46	351.46
20)	BIII Berisford	GBR	110	242.93	352.93
21)	Plerre Dubath	SUI	40	320.06	360.06
22)	Hervé Madore	FRA	100	266.49	366.49
23)	John Christensen	AUS	50	317.55	367.55
24)	Oldrich Blazicek	TCH	100	286.16	386.16
25)	John Wilde	AUS	70	320.73	390.73
26)	Srecko Masle	YUG	150	271.22	421.22
27)	René Paul	SUI	170	262.22	432.22
28)	Martin Hedges	GBR	200	233.23	433.23
29)	Warwick Smith	AUS	70	381.97	451.97
30)	Karel Toupalik	TCH	180	358.60	538 60

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	ROUILLE				
Rang	Nom	Pays	Pénalités	Temp	s Tota
1)	Fox	GBR			
	Kerr	GBR			
	Edge	GBR	0	235.36	235.36
2)	Sattler	AUT			
	Fauster	AUT			
	Wolffhardt	AUT	10	233.28	243.28
3)	Duffek	SUI			
	Zimmermann	SUI			
	Bradenburger	SUI	0	245.48	245.48
4)	McCormick	USA			
	Evans	USA			
	McGowan	USA	30	245.95	275.95
5)	Gawlikowski	POL			
	Popiela	POIL			
	Gawronski	POL	20	258.56	278.56
6)	Prigent	FRA			
	Prigent	FRA			
	Junquet	FRA	30	250.31	280.31
7)	Prigent	BRD			
	Micheler	BRD			
	Forst	BRD	50	246.29	296,29
8)	Van Brusselen	BEL			
	Dessers	BEL	50	074 70	321.70
	Comte	CAN	30	2/1./0	321.70
9)	Poenn Woods	CAN			
	Bouchard	CAN	70	252.20	322.20
10)	Dry	AUS	70	232.20	322.20
10)	Strazdins	AUS			
	Francis	AUS	90	288.16	378.16
11)	Rayner	NZL	50	200.10	57 5.10
117	Bell	NZL			
	Laurenson	NZL	100	298.49	398.49
12)	Bjorklund	SWE	,,,,	200.40	000.40
12/	Olsson	SWE			
	Hedstroem	SWE	160	267.50	427.50
13)	Schmit	LUX			
107	Peters	LUX			
	Engels	LUX	120	339.39	459.39
14)	Moroney	IRL			
,	Kelly	IBL			
	Malone	IRL	220	294.61	514 61
15)	Hara	JAP			
,	Miyazaki	JAP			
	Fuilno	JAP	190	222.60	527.58

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P/	TROUILLE				
Rai	ng Nom	Pays	Pènel	ltés Temps	Tota
1)	Jez-Kudlik Fraczek-Seruga	POL			
	Kasprzycki - Czaja	POL	20	314.65	334.6
2)	Calori - Calori	FRA			
	Hernananz - Labede				
	Maly - Platt	FRA	40	333.35	373.3
3)	Studer - Rudin	SUI			
	Wyss · Wyss	SUI			
	Kuenzii - Probst	SUI	150	327.81	477.8
4)	Felton - Felton	AUS			
	Songberg - Nelson	AUS			
	Parry-Miles	AUS	150	352.89	502.8
5)	Garvis - Garvis	USA			
	Bruton - Grant	USA			
	Fulton - Holmes	USA	110	423.42	523.4
6)	Gagnon - Gagnon	CAN			
	McVicar - McVicar	CAN			
	McCaffery - Brown	CAN	560	386.39	946

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1)	Hearn	USA			
	Harrisson	USA			
	Judd	USA	60	324.07	384 07
2)	Deppe	BRD			
	Dietze	BRD			
	Koilmann	BRD	40	345.81	385 81
3)	Werss	SUI			
	Weiss	SUI			
	Kucera	SUI	70	339.91	409.91
4}	Sharman	GBR			
	Small	GBR			
	Roderick	GBR	100	323.18	423.18
5)	Roupioz	FRA			
	Arnaud	FRA			
	Jerusalmı	FRA	150	331.32	481 32
6)	Kerckoff	CAN			
	Bureaud	CAN			
	Bourdon	CAN	160	356.13	516.13
7)	Balding	AUS			
	Meierr	AUS			
	Preen	AUS	180	459.18	639.18

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AT Rai	ROUILLE	Pays	Pénalités	Temps	Total
1	Lugbill	USA			
	Hearn	USA			
	Robinson	USA	10	269.55	279.55
2)	Schmitzerling	BRD			
	Horn	BRD			
	Werner	BRD	30	323.17	353.17
3)	Gaba	TCH			
	Tresnak	TCH			
	Toupalik	TCH	70	344.88	414.88
4)	Hedges	GBR			
	Bernsdord	GBR			
	Keane	GBR	100	338.64	438.64
5)	Madore	FRA			
	Sennelier	FRA			
	Salame	FRA	120	371.70	491.70
6)	Balthazard	CAN			
	Potvin	CAN			
	Dumouchel	CAN	180	326.24	506.24
7)	Meister	SUI			
	Dubaht	SUI			
	Paul	SUI	210	322 70	532.70
8)	Christensen	AUS	/		
	Wilde	AUS			
	Smith	AUS	440	382 57	822 57

CLASSEMENT DES MÉDAILLES MEDAL STANDING KLASSIFIKATION DER MEDAILLEN

PAYS PAYS COUNTRY LAND	OR GOLD	ARGENT SILVER SILBER	BRONZE BRONZ	TOTAL
FRA	5	4	2	11
USA	5	2	2	9
BRD	2	5	2	9
GBR	1	2	3	6
AUT	1	2	0	3
POL	1	0	1	2
BEL	1	0	0	1
SUI	0	1	5	6
TCH	0	0	1	2

EXPEDITIONS

EXPEDITION NORTH WEST

During August and September a small group of British paddlers will be exploring some of the 'tastiest' wild water rivers of British Columbia.

North-west British Columbia is a vast wilderness bordered by Alaska and the Pacific Ocean. Snow-clad mountains feed an abundance of rivers which offer some of the most spectacular white water kayaking in the world. However, this sport is still relatively new in British Columbia and although much of the southern wild water has been 'run', many of the northern rivers

remain virgin water.

The objectives of the expedition is to run for the first time a selection of the most severe white water, including sections of the Stikine, Skeena, Iskut and Spatsizi rivers. In addition the team will spend several days in reconnaissance of the Stikine Grand Canyon to establish its feasibility and to plan for a three day assault. Certainly, this canyon represents a major challenge with a water volume similar to the Colorado but squeezed through half the width at up to five times the gradient. The Stikine Grand Canyon, its remoteness coupled with the sheer walls and awesome wild water has daunted attempts at navigation.

In preparation for the northern water the team spent time 'warming up' on rivers in the Caribbo region of British Columbia — the Frazer with massive waves that can swamp many a good rafting party. . .

The expedition is best described in mountaineering terms as 'Alpine style' with the emphasis on a small self-sufficient team operating in a wilderness area with the minimum of equipment and support. In contrast with the large and heavily commercialised type of expedition the 'Small is beautiful' approach will give the team sufficient flexibility to run as many rivers as possible in a short period of time.

The expedition is led by Pete Knowles (Green Slime!), who has had considerable white water experience, including the Colorado and a previous expedition to southern British Columbia. Team members include Dave Manby, Barry Geldard, lan Winson, Jeff Gill, and Mike Sunderland. Also included are Jim Witte and Dave Green — two local paddlers.

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EXPEDITION KALI-GANDAK

Pete Knowles (above report), was of course one of the more outragious instructors with P.G.L. on the Ardeche in France. Another similar character was John Wilde. He seems to have disappeared from the British scene — no wonder, he's now living in Australia!

News has come to hand that John is leading an Australian kayak expedition to the Kali-Gandak River in Nepal during

September/October of 1980.

If anyone is interested, the expedition could well become a joint Australian/British expedition. Details are available from: Eric Farrance, Tour Co-ordinator, Victorian Canoe Centre Pty Ltd., 140, Cotham Road, Kew, Victoria 3101, Australia.

EXPEDITION SNIPS

• The Mississippi River — Two teachers of the deaf, Marsha Berry and Janet Dalgleish, left the headquarters at Lake Itasca, Minnesota in August 1978 and 114 days later, paddled into the Gulf of Mexico. They tested water, camped and learned to fish from two male paddlers they met along the way.

● The Platte River, Nebraska — June 1979 Tedd Adomvich soloed through 600-miles of the central plaines of the United States, travelling through an area which was originally explored by Tedd's heros, the trappers and traders, whose life

style he is trying to follow.

• The Noatak River — off the Brooks Range in Alaska. Four men from Goteborg, Sweden took off for the Arctic July 5th. Europeans are coming to North American wilderness rivers increasingly.

 ● Greg & Cathy Jensen — attempting to establish a National Canoe Route from the Pacific to the Atlantic. Astoria, Oreson across the country to Savannah, Georgia. They will experience every river type there is - up the columbia into Lake Pend d'Orelle, down the Clark Fork, the Flathead and over the Continental Divide to the Missouri. Then down the Mississippi, Ohio and Tennessee and into Fontana and Thorpe Lakes in North Carolina, portage to Keowee Lake and paddle into the Savannah River. They spent one night on a rock ledge with high winds and breakers crashing about them. The past week has brought good weather allowing them to make 20+ miles per day paddling up the Columbia River.

● The Colorado River — Peter and Carolyn Lehman, along with two friends, canoe sailed a span of that river below Hoover Dam in Nevada. They tell of planning the trip, sailing along at five miles per hour, the hot springs of the Black Canyon and other features and facilities of the country-side. Some great photography

here!

• South Nahanni River — in Canada's North West Territories. John and Joanne Moore, after their wedding last year, left for the Nahanni to spend one year on the river. During the summer they built a log cabin in which they wintered, while working on a wilderness book.

letters

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

BUGGER THE FISHERMAN...

I've just read Oliver's letter in 'Canoeing Magazine' for June 1979. I respond — the following letter will be going to my local papers, MP. and The Sports Council:

Dear Sirs, This concerns access to rivers in the UK above tide mark by canoeists with particular reference to the increasing encroachment upon and dominance of these rivers by exclusive angling interest.

It concerns me that serious violence will follow if the scale of the confrontation continues to increase. I remember the following:

following:

1. Mass 'walks' by ramblers to gain access to the southern ends of the Pennines.

2. The Civil Rights marches in Newry and what happened there in 1969.

3. The buggery scene in the film 'Deliverance'. Is that an allegory of things to come?

4. The ancient use of lightweight skin boats propelled by paddles — curraghs and coracles — in Britain long before the earliest angling club or enclosure acts.

5. That rivers in France, Canada, New

5. That rivers in France, Canada, New Zealand and many other parts of the world are regarded as public highways.

6. The letter in 'The Times' some years back when in reply to an angler who complained that canoeists upset the fish, the correspondent commented, 'not half as much as the anglers do'.

My plea is this. Avoid violence. Defuse the

My plea is this. Avoid violence. Defuse the 'bomb' by use of courage and humour. Churchill said that 'Jaw jaw is better than War war'.

Yours sincerely, Alan Byde.

Alan's letter goes on. . .

What concerns the readers of 'Canoeing Magazine' is this. My resources are limited but useful. I can organise my time to suit myself to a large extent. I do have moulds to make a g.r.p. copy of the Towy fisherman's coracle, which is not expensive and for the purpose of protest I will sell them at cost price, materials only. My labour I give to the cause. Instruction in handling a coracle is simple and a skilled paddler, especially a single blade man or women will have no trouble in getting in and out or in sculling.

If a protest is envisaged, let there be the usual turn out of conventional conoeists, but let there also be a 'Corakasi' squad to lead them. Dressed in skins and blue paint and speaking a sort of pseudo-Celtic 'gobbledygook', and in front of the cameras for TV, a colourful, enjoyable and humourous presentation can be made of a solid point. There were paddlers on British rivers long before there were landowners.

Anyone interested in such a protest and project please write to me: Alan Byde, Old Post Office, Llanmaes, Llantwit Major, Glamorganshire, CF6 9XR.

ANOTHER STEAL

Could I draw your attention to another unfortunate episode of boat stealing (slalom kayak reported stolen at Shepperton slalom earlier in the year).

My own slalom boat was stolen in a deliberate manner from my car roofrack whilst parked outside Grappenhall Canoe

Club after training, on June 5th.
I have informed the police and circulated slalom clubs and organisers, in a hope that the culprit can be brought to justice and my boat retrieved. There is a £10 reward for the return of the boat, or for information leading to its return.

Would you be good enough to publicise the details of the boat for me please:-

Pyranha Equipe Continental M, Model no.2062, Registration no.2420. Weight 10% kg. Colour Gunmetal (silver flake) with red cockpit and trim. Competition construction - 3 kevlar patches. The boat was in almost new conditions and has an adjustable

I hope people reading this will think twice if they are tempted to help themselves to others property, that it can spoil a person canoeing for some time, and also that the person they steal from may not be able to afford a replacement. It is a criminal offence.

Yours sincerely. Ann Gillispie.

Any information regarding the above slalom kayak should be send to: Ann Gillispie, Padgate College of Higher Education, Fearnhead, Warrington, WA2 ODB.

REBUFF FOR BCU CANOE SALES **SCHEME**

Following a full meeting of the British Canoe Manufacturers Association held on June 18th at which the proposed BCU Scheme to 'sell' canoes, kayaks and accessories was discussed, the following letter was received from the BCMA requesting its publications:

Mr.B. James, British Canoe Union H.Q., Flexel House, 45-47 High Street, Addlestone, Weybridge, Surrey.

Dear Brian, At our meeting on June 18th, the British Canoe Manufacturers discussed your circular to manufacturers, dated April 10th, concerning the B.C.U. scheme to purchase canoes at discount prices, for re-

Following a unanimous decision by the members, (mostly BCU members too!) I have been asked to convey to you our total opposition to this scheme and to point out our reasons.

Your circular, originally sent to ten 'selected' canoe manufacturers, stated that 'This new outlet for your products will be as good as a BCU recommendation.' and continued to ask the manufacturer to recommend which models should be stocked. We do not think that the BCU should recommend any product unless it is prepared to lay down standards and test accordingly. We now understand that, because of complaints from 'non-selected' manufacturers, the scheme has now been opened to all canoe manufacturers. It also becomes apparent that the canoes are not to be stocked at all, but the BCU intends simply to pass on orders to a manufacturer who then delivers the canoe to the customer and invoices the BCU at a 'discounted' price. It was felt that the BCU should not attempt to 'cream-off' the manufacturers' profits by acting as a commission agent in order to fill it's depleted coffers, following heavy losses on house magazine and the Federalisation scheme. Unlike in most other countries, the British canoe manufacturer has, tradtionally, dealt directly with his customers and this is the main reason why canoe prices are so cheap (in comparison!). To give a worthwhile discount to the BCU would mean an increase in normal retail prices and this is against the interests of all

Most of the people who write to the BCU seeking advice on canoes and equipment, are newcomers to the sport and a hasty recommendation by BCU H.Q. may persuade these innocents to buy the wrong type of canoe entirely. The present staff at BCU H.Q. already has difficulty in coping with the day to day running of it's business and, without extra staffing, could not possibly cope with the brochures and price list of all the manufacturers. Therefore, 'off the cuff' recommendation are bound to be made and fears were expressed that the most recommended canoes will be those that give the BCU the most commission.

We feel that the selling of canoes and accessories by the BCU is against the interests of manufacturer and BCU member and, prevent alike to misunderstandings as to the reasons for our hostility to this scheme, I have been instructed to send copies of this letter to Canoe Focus' and 'Canoeing Magazine'. We are certain that our decision is in the best interests of the canoeist.

Yours sincerely,

R.H. Goodman - Chairman, B.C.M.A.

SPRAYDECKS SAGA

SPRAYDECKS ARE A NECESSARY EVIL!

Canoe manufacturers have devoted many hours to the problem, which is to provide a reliable, strong, waterproof, lightweight, wear-resistant, inexpensive some extent they have succeeded, and there is no doubt that modern spraycovers are far better than those used in the early days of our sport.

The improvement has been largely due to superb new materials that have come onto the market, for although details of design have improved, the basic system is still with us, and is unlikely to be radically revised in the near future... an apron that clips to a cockpit coaming and a body tube that fits tightly to the chest will be with us for some time ahead.

The basic spraydeck in P.U. proofed nylon, which we take for granted, is in fact a very efficient piece of equipment. But wouldn't it be nice if we could devise a cover that never came off, never leaked, allowed absolute freedom of movement. lasted for ever and weighed less than an

ounce, or should it be grams?

Valley Canoe Products pioneered the expanded neoprene (wet-suit material) spraydeck in the early seventies when they draped a piece of neoprene over a kayak cockpit, held it in place with a loop of shock-cord over the rim, cut it out and glued up the perimeter of the neoprene onto itself to enclose the shock-cord. With the addition of body-tube, a very efficient spraydeck resulted. It was virtually waterproof, it fitted the individual kayak perfectly and the apron was resiliant enough to stay on the cockpit rim even under the pressure of big waves breaking completely over the kayak. It was a little on the heavy side and unfortunately they were both costly to make and very ugly, with the glued-up material of the rim puckering onto the apron just where it was most easily Soon, better-looking expanded neoprene spraydecks appeared on the but usually their scene. appearance concealed a reduction in efficiency. Costs continued to rise. Better methods of joining neoprene often meant that seams leaked. Unfortunately the cost of glueing and taping seams became almost prohibitive.

An efficient spraycover is absolutely essential for sea-canoeing, where the nearest bank can be a very long way away, if the spraydeck is leaking, or worse, if the canoeist is swimming for it!

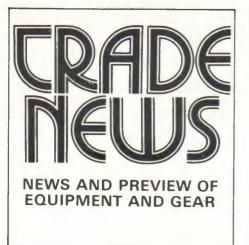
It is not surprising therefore, that canoe manufacturers with a particular interest in sea-canoeing are always looking for better and better designs spraydecks.

Northern Kayaks and Valley Canoe Products, both renowned for their seagoing kayaks, have been looking at the problem of spraydecks for some time, but it was not until their membership of the B.C.M.A. brought them into close contact that they both realised their quests were identical! The result has been that they are now marketing a spraydeck, called the New Limpet, that they think more closely meets the canoeist's needs than anything previously produced.

Apart from the cunning styling, a new material, especially imported from the U.S.A. is being used. It has a two-way stretch and it is very strong, wear-resistant and lightweight. Although the seams are stitched, they are completely sealed and are therefore waterproof. After a deal of careful research and development, the two companies are satisfied that this new spraydeck will supercede all others where the canoeist of discernment is looking for

In use the new Limpet seems to have a definate edge over the qualities of the best expanded neoprene spraydecks, plus the added benefit that the weight is down by fifty percent, at only a touch over 8ozs.

Top sea-canoeists will be quick to appreciate the qualities of this new spraycover and no doubt the surfers and slalomists will feel the same way. Look out for the New Limpet spraycover, available now from Northern Kayaks and Valley Canoe Products, and soon to be available from your local canoe accessory stockist too! Send S.A.E. for details to: Northern Kayaks, No.2 Unit, Rothbury Ind. Estate, Northumberland — or, Valley Canoe Products Ltd., Private Rd., 4., Colwick Estate, Nottingham.



PUMPS ARE TRUMPS

The unique kayak foot pump designed by Alistair Wilson and introduced by Lendal Products Ltd at the beginning of the year, certainly seems to be a hit with canoeists.

We recently heard from Lendal Products that they had supplied an initial order of 1,000 foot pumps to the West German firm of Sport Bernen, with further orders to follow.

Lendal also report a busier year than ever before, despite the economic situation and the petrol shortage.

Full details of the foot pump and the complete range of Lendal gear from: Lendal Products Limited, 18/20 Boyd Street, Prestwick, Ayshire, Scotland. Telphone: 0292 78558.

BAIDARKA EXPLORER

McNulty Seaglass Limited tell us that the Baidarka Explorer is off on yet another expedition. The Baidarka Explorer, acknowledged as one of the finest expedition sea kayaks in the world has been chosen by Tony Crossley for his circumnavigation of Britain. As far as is known no one has yet gone around the complete coast of Britain, mostly missing off the top of Scotland. Tony plans to go all the way around and to visit every island and estuary as well. Needless to say the whole venture will take about three years to complete and currently he has travelled from Carlisle to Devon.

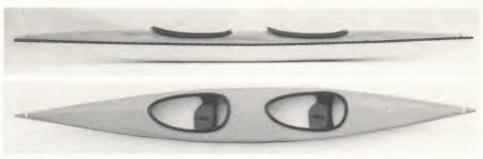
Also in full production now is their new slalom kayak the High Nova, designed specifically for the heavy water events the High Nova is already beginning to record successes. Full details of these craft and all their range from: McNulty Seaglass Ltd., Victoria Road, South Shields.

TRYLON ARDECHE

Trylon Ltd., 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 the firm's aim is to continue to improve their service to canoe sport in general with an emphasis on the home builder.

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FOAM SANDWICH BLADES

In recent years, racing paddle construction methods and materials have radically changed, the current trend being away from the traditional wood paddles and toward the G.R.P./Foam Sandwich blades inserted into glass or aluminium tubes.

Both types of paddle have their advantages and disadvantages. By using the latest materials and technology a new paddle has now been developed to take advantage of the major benefits of each type. They are specifically designed to reproduce the continuous lateral strength of wood, by extensive use of carbon fibres, unidirectionl glass fibre and high density rigid urethane foams, to eliminate the potentially weak joint between the shaft and blade in the modern paddles.

When the paddles are constructed in two halves and joined in the centre of the shaft where stresses are least; for even greater strength and rigidity the oval shafts are filled with high density, structural urethane foam, which is impervious to water.

Extensive testing by several leading sprint and marathon racing paddlers during the winter, including use by the runners up in the Devizes/Westminster Race, have proved the design successful.

These paddles, marketed under the brand name 'Assegai' have been developed and produced by Whitewater Design Services Ltd., and are now available from their retail subsiduary: 'Whitewater Sports' 22, Guildford Road, Woking. Telephone Woking 72426. At £22.50 plus V.A.T.

When ordering please state length, feather and colour required (Red, blue or

orange available). Also available from Whitewater Sports are the Lawerence Range of Sprint and Marathon Racing Kayaks, including The Sprinter K2 which was placed second in this year's Devizes/-Westminster. This was a particularly noteworthy result being the first major race for the boat in the U.K.

NEW BLADES

Blades is a firm of paddle makers that was established just eighteen months ago, but is now supplying top quality paddles to a good proportion of the British rough water market, including members of the Premier and Division 1, and some members of the British Team.

There are five models in the Blades range at present, these being: Slalom 1, Slalom 11, Racing, Canadian and Sea Touring. All are constructed in wood using ash and silver spruce, the racing paddle having a veneered blade. Prices are £32.00 for the Slalom 1, £34.00 for the Slalom 11, Racing and Sea Touring models are £30.00 and the Canadian is priced at £22.00. Full details from: Blades — Northwest Paddles, 121 Heath Road, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 5TF. Telephone: Runcorn 66576.

MADE TO MEASURE

The new Competition Skeet from Valley Canoe Products caused a big stir in surfing circles at Crystal Palace last February. There was no doubt among the canoeists interested in this type of craft that the new bucket seat coupled with a seat strap gave a measure of control hitherto unobtainable in skis. However, some of our light-weight paddlers, or short-arsed surfers, to name them scientifically, found that their legs were a little short for the redesigned foot-wells. In line with their concern for individual requirements. Valley Canoe Products can now offer Competition Skeets with the distance between the foot wells and the seat-well tailored to the leg length of the individual canoeist. Thus in future, when surfers order their ski from V.C.P. will do the rest.



After a lot of pressure from the Scananavian market, V.C.P. have added hatches to their large sprint-cockpitted Nordkapp, and this version has now become very popular in Sweden. It is available with ruddered hull or either the standard or modified versions.

Canoeing in Sweden is not always a warm summer pursuit; in the accompanying photograph a stalwart Swede is seen in a sprint cockpit Nordkapp, paddling more or less happily in an air temperature of minus 28 degrees centigrade. How the water remains unfrozen is not explained.

NEW FORMAT FOR BLACKS 1979 CATALOGUES

The 1979 edition of Blacks of Greenock's catalogue has recently been released. For the first time since 1926 the traditional 'Good Companions' catalogue has been replaced by five separate full-colour brochures each illustrating one sector of Blacks extensive product range.

The five brochures — Lightweight and Ridge tents; Safari Frame tents; Brown Best rucsacs; Sleeping Bags and Insulated Clothing and Accessories — permit greater detail and more pages for each product range. In addition the new layout provides for more flexibility and increased in-store impact. Details and catalogues from: Blacks of Greenock Limited, Marketing Department, Murray House, Murray Road, Orpington, Kent. Telephone: Orpington 27011.

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SUCCESS OF THE UMNAK

For Dave Patrick, of P & H Fibreglass Ltd., the Crystal Palace International Canoe Expedition was a weekend of surprise and delight at the extremely favourable reception of his new sea kayak, the *Umnak*.

'It seemed to be an immediate success. Any new model is something of a gamble, but the way in which the 'Umnak' has been received has really amazed me!'.

Derek Hutchinson, the designer of the new canoe, also seemed a little overwhelmed by the public's reaction. 'I think I was a bit apprehensive, in that I was breaking modern practice by making the 'Umnak' only 151/2 feet long. It never occured to me that quite a lot of people and several organisations were actually looking for a sea kayak of just these proportions. The Boy Scout Association, whose traditional outlook has always been either make-do-and mend or improvise, an outlook which has often in the past had to be applied, not always happily, to the canoes they have used, has shown particular interest in this new model. Perhaps it is because the 'Umnak' can be used successfully on rivers and large lakes as well as on the sea. Since the introduction of the new 'Charge Certificate', the Scouts Association has become much more discering of what is, and is not, a safe proposition on the water.

I was also interested to find that the 'Umnak' might be suitable for beach rescue work. With a safe load carrying capacity of approximately 200 lbs and a low rear deck, it certainly wouldn't need much adapting to

carry a tired swimmer."

Visitors at the exhibition stand were not slow to point out the advantages of a shorter kayak for carrying on a car roof, or the fact that it might fit easily into a normal sized garage. It seems there are still some canoeists who actually use their garage for their car as well as for their canoes.

Full details of the Umnak and the complete P & H Range can be obtained from: P & H Fibreglass Limited, Old Stanley Colliery, Station Road, West Hallan, Preston, Derby. Telephone Preston 320155.

SHOWING THE FLAG

These International Flag Code outfits (as illustrated) were created by public demand following the quite unexpected and extraordinary impact they created at the 1979 Earls Court Boat Show, where numerous enquiries were received from the Trade and Public alike. Originally made as promotional costumes (to direct attention to the P.V.C. International Flag Code SEABAG), Grayson Wall Chartering are pleased to announce that arrangements have now been made to extend their production to include these original hand made ourfits in addition to their rapidly expanding SEABAG market.

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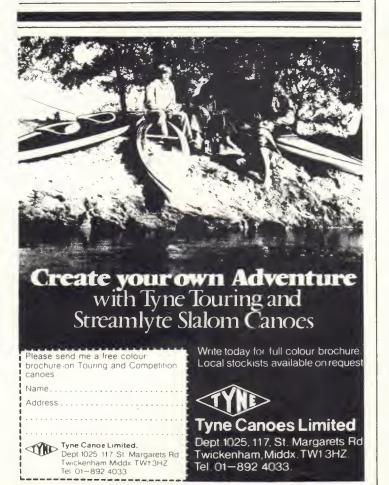
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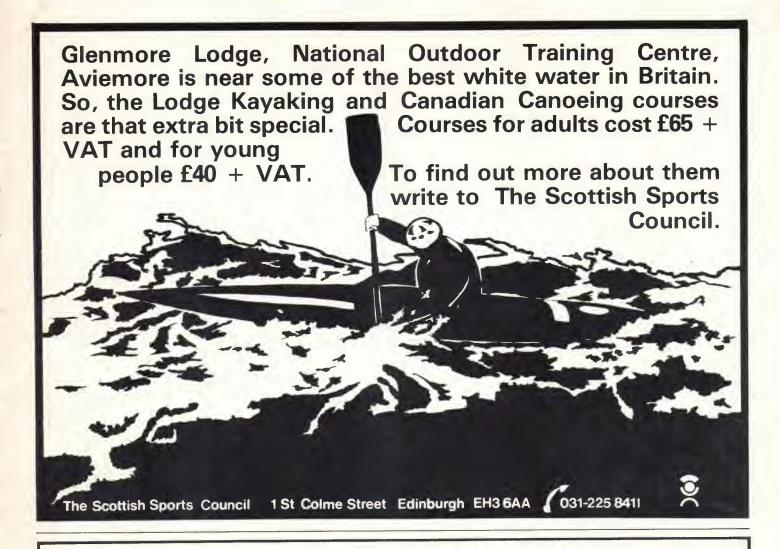
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