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## Welcome

Welcome to the October edition of Code.

As our 'endless summer' seemingly comes to an end we are sure you will be reflecting on those great times out on the water while also looking forward to autumn club events, races, tours and white water trips as well as those all important club and paddler coaching sessions. As we do, however, lets all remember to take a pause and make sure we're prepared. In Paddlesport we work and play in an inherently dangerous environment. We so there for adventure and it's not always possible or desirable to take away all of the dangers from the environment. The alternative is to direct all of our efforts into making ourselves safe. Participant, Coach, Client. Student - all play a part in ensuring safety out on the water. Know your limitations and always work within them.

Close on the heels of this edition will be the release of the updates to the BCU Star Awards as simposted in our April edition. These routine updates follow an evaluation of the awards following their launch in October 2007 with a view to keep the awards current and now as promised these will be posted to your Home Nation website from the 31st October so be sure to check them out and see how they shape up with the amendments highlighted. In the meantime, however, we have an introduction for you here in Code so check that out too.

Take care and great coaching - see you next time !

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# **Coaching Women**

## A distinct skill or just good practice?



## Are women different to coach in the White Water environment?

s coaches we coach the individual or group we work with, avoiding stereotypical conclusions. There is however evidence to suggest that some of the generalisations we draw upon that could assist us all in getting more positive outcomes for the female puddlers we coach.

At the time of writing we have 1421 members of the 5CA of which 926 are women. This represents 27% of the membership. When we look at our class

the total is 13:0 of which 396 are women. This elter lowers the percentage to 22%

When looking at the purformance and eadership awards, 4° and 5°, a satekeeper of higher arms coaching, then the percentages of women to mendrops even lower to 14°.

The statistics show that the radio women to man allow overall for paddler, name or as we progress through couching and leadership awards for lewer women are successful.

From observation I seemany women who are technically very and paddles, but what hinders performance in ordership and in coaching.

## The question that puzzles me is why?

The paper aims to explore the barriers to still development women face in a White Water environment and what we as couches can change to increase performance and leadership.

The contextual environment is specifically moderate and advanced water coaching, where there is the added as pool of mall and perceived risk however the learning from the White Water environment are as equally applicable in other moderate and divince water environments.

Firstly et's take a little time to explore the neuroscience

The corpus callosum is a large banana shaped ope of density packed neurons which connect the right and left hemispheres of the brain. This route allows communication between both hamispheres. (\*oib and Wishow 1996)

### Left Brain

- Verbal, facus ng on words, symbols, numbers
- O Analytical, led by lugic
- Process id as sequentially, step by step

### **Right Brain**

- Visual, focusing on images, patterns
- Intuitive, less by feelings
- Process ideas simultaneously
- "Mind photos" used to remember things, writing things down or illustrating them he payour mamber
- Make lateral connections from information
- See the whole first, then the detail is
- Organ sation tands to be lacking
- Free association
- Like to know why you are doing something ar reasons
- No sense of time
- May have trouble with spelling
- Enjoy tour hing and feeling
- Unlikely to read in tructions
- Listen to how rether than what is said
- Talk with hands
- Winds used to remember things remember names rather than faces
- Male los calid ductions from
- information step by step focus on detail to reach the whole picture
- D Enjoy about ving
- Highly organised
- Dukes making lists
- Likely to follow rules rather than guardianin
- Good timekeeper
- Spelling and maths formula easily memorised
- Likely to read instructions first
- Listens to what is being said
- Rare viuses hands when spearing

The corpus callosum is the main connection that links the two hemispheres of the brain, running from the front to the back of the head. 200 million fibres allow for rapid exchange of information between the left and right sides of the brain.

The female corpus callesum has up to four times as many connections, scientists suggest that in parts it is larger as well.

Researchers believe that this combination of size and connectivity makes women more perceptive, articulate, and verbally fluent. (N. Cowie, Chaos Gome, 2007)

According to the theory of left and right oraln dominance such side of the brain controls different types of thinking, someone left brained is often said to be oracl, analytical and objective whereas right brained thinkers more in a five, tubicative and artistic.

Modern thinking on right and left brain not evolved from medical research by American neurob ologist R.W. Sperry. His work established that severing the corpus collusum in patients with a pilepsy could treat the effects of seizure.

However patients also experienced other symptoms. Patients found great

in freulty matching names to objects which were processed by the right side of the brain but could name those processed on the left. This suggested that an quare is a left brain process.

Some researchers say we have a natural tendency towards one dominance but recognise that the two sides of our brain work together.

The right brain of the brain focuses on the visual, and processes information in an intuitive and a multaneous way, looking first at the whole picture then the details. The focus of the left brain is verbal, processing information in an analytical and sequential way, looking

first at the pieces then putting them together to get the whole.

Hispefully you will start to understand the reasons that the corpus callosum is so important. This increased capacity of this high greed data enchange means that the two hemispheres of the brain can communicate with each other more effectively. If there is a difference in women than what difference is there to in as courses?

Woman quickly move data from one side of the brain to the other by the increased capacity of the corpus callosum, cross referencing the big picture and talking about it

"By improving the coaching we deliver and improving the skills and confidence of our women paddlers"

This is because speech production and language processing occurs mostly in the left brain, and our emotions are mostly processed in the right brain. Women talk about their emotions and thoughts with detail and refer back in to long term memory to link experience, adding further detail and words.

This is demonstrated after at the first look at a significant rapid, the big picture view may quickly be articulated verbally by woman in the group whilst male in embers locus internally working out the logical steps.

Whinen also attune thermelves to nonverbal and paraverbal communication by responding to nuances in body language, tone of voice, volume, posture and facial expression.

This allows women to read and interpret a coach, perhaps more accurately than the less able coach may wish them to.

Research across 26 countries identifies that women rate themselves as more verbally expressive of emotion than men. (Pembrole, Rime and Blan enship 1996). Women also use words to express a wider can be of emotions than do men in USA and Europe. (Copeland, Hyang and Brody 1996)

This verbal expression of emotion or need to discuss what they see is a key excue in coaching, understanding the need for the expression is one method of building relationship and trust in a coaching environment. Linked to this is the understanding from coaches that emotion is not a sign of poor or limited performance and that display of emotion is not an uncommon event and one managed well will increase understanding of learning zones and tolerance to risk.

Research indicates that men avoid displays of the remotions to reduce the perception of being vulnerable. Boys, as children play in large groups with a focus on competition. Girls play in small intimate groups manimizing co-operation.

Men and boys take pride in being tough and independent whereast girls and women reflect themselves as supportive of their peers and connected within their community.

All features of the 'old brain' and gender roles required in hunter eatherer communities to ensure survival.

Women are far more concerned about maintaining relationships and supporting each other to succeed. As factball coaches say 'There is no I in team'. As team players women are highly skilled however White Water Is an individual challenge. So now can we create the environment for a team approach on the river, is it possible?

Working in co-operation and support is a second key issue in coaching women. Developing a learning invironment which reduces compension and improves co-operation is a fundamental chiff in the WW environment and one that taxes solful management of motivation and experiences towards the groups common goals.

What is true is that holistic thinking is important for leadership. Creating an environment where our teams can flourish and motivating and inspiring them is a fundamental of the couch and leader. Felationship but tion a solid foundation of trust is a good starting point.

How also do we create this trusting environment which is so important for learning? What are the important trusts of a positive environment for adult learning especially in the perceived high risk environment of White Water.

Let' go back to the basic needs identified by Maslow in his Hierarch,

The principle is that we need to feel infawith our basic needs met before me can think at any higher levels. This is especially true in any environment where there is perceived risk.

If we consider news reports of a warzone, soldiers report that team work, trust and shared responsibilities are a recipe for a working unit.



Let's take a moment to think if our coaching sessions pay enough regard to the following principles for our developing learners?

Safe - do they feel safe and protected by the learning environment, both emotional and physical? Are they hungry or thirsty, warm or cold? Do we as courses know if they feel scared or really comfortable? What are the signals that tell us?

Achieving - have we set appropriate practice environments and tasks for their skill or risk tolerance?

Active - Freithey activity involved or sitting in the acty. If so why are they not participating and could we reframe challeness, step them up more slowly or look at other ophions?

Respected - do we respect the right to say no, do we precition participation by choice and support a decision to portage as a positive one? Do we see partage as a failure and a hindrance? Does our body language communicate more than we intend?

included - do all our clients feel included as part of the tram with the skills they bring valued and energy? Do we include those not on the water in safety and ruscue? Put those portaging at the bottom to pick up? Do we value emotion and use peer support as a valuable tool of interpersonal and integration.

Developing - do we set fairs for the group to develop their shill as a leader and problem solving ability? Can we let go of control to allow mutakes to happen where they are safe but menage a positive reflective de-brief to support learning outcomes?

Research has also consistently shown that the male brain has advantages in spatial awareness, I ke maths and map reading. Media usually reports this as the reason women are poor at parallel parking however being aware of your position in white water in relation to features is a key will, as a the ability to read a rapid in the same way as map

Women also have wider per pheral vision and see better in the dark. Men however have more focused vision with better sight in bright light. In terms of vision, women very often are looking at the whole rapid rather than the narrow focus of the crue move.

Awareness of these differences may give you as a coach and understanding that some women may require greater coaching focus to ensure clarity and understanding for long term learning.

The neuroscience isn't the only physical difference between man and warmen.

General physiology in sports science tells in that will name have only 2/3 of the overall strength and power of men. This further breaks down to women having 60% of the upper body strength of a man and 75% in lower body strength.

This is a fundamental difference when counting women, if strength can not much baid technique there is only one way forward! Using the water and developing good technique. This is often masked by the comparison of fit women paddlers and not so fit male paddlers but the strength difference must be allowed for in design of coaching sessions and the content of these sessions.

The difference is strength and muscle bulk is guided by testosterone levels. Women have only around 10% of the hormone which men produce. The level in women varies and it is recognised in sports science that women with higher level, have a greater potential for strength and power development and these same women are recognised as greater risk takers by research in business world.

Women are also noticeably smaller in height and weight with wider hips and narrow shoulders. Taking consideration of the physical size and strength of learners is useful for coaches considering appropriate size of peats, length of paddles and size Looking first at paddles. If women have 60% of the upper body strength of a main then should the paddle be 40% smaller in length and blude area to allow the learner to maintain caden. 27

If women are smaller with wider hips then does the boat design allow their hips to assume a neutral pelvis position and is the cockpit ow enough to allow full flexibility and movement for rolling?

As coaches we should recognise the physical difference between mon and women and coach to their strengths ensuring equipment fits well and the exercises or drills we set are possible with lower strength.

For a male couch one useful test of any exercises set for your lemale learners would be to try the exercise peopling only at 1/2 pressure or less. If you can achieve this tren it may be achieve befor your learners but only if they share your technical ab lity.

Looking as in at body shape and the link to testost from. Women have lass of the hormone teletosterone than men.

Amounts vary, particularly in women. Not only does to stost from affect strength, ability to build muscle and body type, it has also been linked to sports ability and willingness to take risk.

Some research has been undertaken by using mouth swabs to detect individuals testosterone levels however further medical links have identified that those with higher testosterone levels were exposed to higher levels of the harmone in the womb. The level of exposure in the womb leaves a marker in the length of lingers, predominantly on the right hand. The 2D4D ratio. This measurement compares the length of the ring ringer compared with the index finiter. The higher the ration (longer ring finger) the more willing the individual is to tolerally risk.

The primary research was based around financial market traders and made clear links between those with a high 2040 ratio, high risk tolerance and success in the market. Of course a high risk market and noticeably male dominated.

There has been less detailed work undertaken in relation to women and none linked to adventure sport, perhaps a study for the future.

Women are however recognised as having generally low 2D4D ratios, identifying as you would expect lower levels of risk tolerance.

## If women are general more unwilling to tolerate risk then coaches must take steps to minimise the apparent or real risk with students

Try raising the technical input on easier water, ensuring technical competence is accepted by the student and embedded before moving on or raising the difficulty. If this skill level has to be higher to bring the risk tolerance to an acceptable level then you as a coach may have to shift your thinking in what makes a good quality performing and change your coaching benchmarks.

### But is this specific to women!

After many course working with women and trialling this model with both sexes I would say no. This is just good coaching. Both men and women respond well to a self development coaching environment. There are however key learning from the theory that all coaches could adopt to make their sessions more tailored to the group or individual coaching session and specifically more female mendly.

- Understand that the connections between left and right brain means thatwomen can and may want to discuss thoughts and feelings of emotional arousal, in particular fear.
- ▶ Recognise levels of risk tolerance.
- ▶ Allow time to discuss these fears and respect that emotional state, take time to work through it reflecting the style the learner use.
- This may seem like tea and buns at each rapid but will allow the lowering of arousal levels and ensuring a positive environment to support learning.
- Attend to the fears including rescue options which may seem over stated.
- ► Take time to coach route finding and identify key features in rapids.
- Ensure practice is in a venue that is appropriate to achieve learning outcomes.
- ➤ Support learning by use of literature and video to ensure technical/tactical understanding.
- ➤ Encourage physical strength/conditioning/flexibility through land based training.
- ▶ Ensure the practice sets are achievable by your students.
- ► Ensure your non verbal communication supports your verbal communication and is not undermining it.
- ▶ Debrief your group and ensure learning has been identified for each session. Whether planned or unplanned learning .This recap allows the mind to rerun the event and gives a further opportunity to embed the learning in the long term memory store for future use.

## What about the women only environment does it really help?

For some women it's very useful and for others it's not as important, what is clear is that good coaching is probably more important alongs de a supportive environment.

'the content of the course was more important than the gender of the coach'

'The best thing about the course was the excellent tuition - not sure if this was because they were female or just good instructors.'

'Much more positive than any other paddling sessions I've had' Scottish Womens Paddle Symposium evaluation responses, 2011

Responses on the learning environment were however consistent. 'Less competitiveness, more relaxed and supportive'

By improving the coaching we deliver and improving the skills and confidence of our women paddlers, allowing them to develop leadership will be and technical understanding than we will improve the representation of women as coaches and leaders.

Sports development theory indicates that developing role models is one of the strong est routes to increasing participation in under roccessive groups.

A cycle of development worthy of attention in our sport. 'My coaches were fantostic supportive, inspiring women.'

'What we need is better education of all coaches to make the coaching environment more nurturing of everyone' Mags Duncan,
SWPS evaluation respondent's 2011

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# **BCU Star Award**Review and Updates

As reported in the April Edition of Code the BCU Coaching Operations Group (COG) initiated a review of the BCU Star Awards. This routine review aimed to evaluate the awards following their launch in October 2007.

As we go to press we can report that with work now complete the revised Star Award syllabi are available on Home Nation websites and go live from 1st November 2013.

The review made a number of recommendations to keep the awards current, including that we should:

- ensure the star awards cater for standard paddle boarders, and paddlers of inflatable craft as these emerging disciplines are showing considerable growth.
- continue to anther more evidence regarding the alm/ethos of BCU 2 Star Award, as the review revealed a mixed opinion as to whether it should continue to include canoe and kayal skills or whether it should be sollt into two separate awards.
- or eate specific 3, 4 and 5 Star Awards for paddlers of specialist white water canon (OC1) paddlers. The current awards require triese paddlers to follow the white water syllabus, however the provider requirements are inconsistent with the needs of the discipline.
- create a specific 3 Star Sea Sit-on-Top award, as it was felt that the requirements to roll were significantly different for each craft
- develop the 4 Star Lender Award so that it is obviously appropriate for leaders who take full responsibility for leading trips, as well as mulipping paddlers with the stills to paddle safely with their peers. Along with this comes the need to strengthen the syllubus so leaders could look after less experienced paddlers in entire conditions, and more experienced paddlers but in the top end of the moderate water definition. The review found that the current 4

Star Leader Award was being used in this way and most providers interpreted the Sy labus as above. However, more clarity was required to ensure that it was clear in to candidates, providers, and deployers

review the process for becoming a provider of the BCU Star Awards, and how existing providers maintain currency

These recommendations were all accepted, and handed back to the technical groups to bring to a conclusion. This work now complete the revised Star Award syllabilate available on Hann Nation with its and go live from 1s. November 2013

An expanded version of this article is available to download from your Home Nation website, this includes

- a summary of the updates expected
- Information about the impact these updates have on paddlers working towards specific Star Awards
- information about the impact these updates have on providers
- information about the impact these updates have on paddlers with current Star Awards

For a more complete over view of the review visit your Home Nation Website and Search for 'BCU Star Award Review April 2013 Undate

## Insight

### What are BCU Star Awards?

The Star Awards are a series of personal performance awards tiest suited to but not exclusive to pand ers aged 16 and over. They provide a series of performance benchmarks to provide paddlers with an indication of the rown performance standard.

The 1 star and 2 star awards are general, encouraging paddlers in experience and benefit from the various disciplines of Paddlesport. The 3 Star awards provide benchmarking or specialisation in particular disciplines. The emphasis of the 1, 2 and 3 star awards is on developing personal skills and gaining independence.

Successful performance at BCU 3 Star level indicates that a condidate can consider themselves an intermediate paduler rather than a beginner. The award in available for white water, touring, canoe, we and wiff

The 4-Star 'Leader Awards and 5-Star 'Leader' Awards are leadership awards that enable paddlers to lead groups in appropriate conditions.

### What they aren't

A number of misconceptions continue to persist in respect of the Star Awards and it is important that as coaches we record se that the Star Awards are not simply a series of training syllabi. If trainted in this way then student opportunities can be limiting. Our role as coaches should be to provide a range of variou training that provides equally varied experiences across a range of situations and environments in order that participants can benefit from the transferable and variable expenences. they provide. This can and possibly should include activity outside of the assessment or teria of a particular Star Award. Star Award syl ab provide us with the 'benchmark' criter a to ensure that when cand dates wish to present for an assessment the outcome can be consistent. While a guide to training they are not in themselves a training programme. Additionally Star awards can often be considered at pre-requisites for coaching awards and therefore only relevant to paddlers embarking on a coaching pathway I While true that Star Award standards are used as pre-requisite wills for entry to coaching awards this is not there foremost purpose!

Again as coaches we should encourage the use of the Star Averus, in particular the 1-3 star Awards, as what they are, benchmarks of padular performance. They are clearly relevant to a lipsuid er, not just those looking to embark on coaching awards.

# Applications invited for second BCU Level 4 Programme pilot

The BCU are inviting coaches who may be interested in completing the second BCU Level 4 Pilot programme starting in May 2014, to get in touch!

### **Background information**

Over the past three years the BCU have been developing a qualification to follow on from BCU (UNCC) Level 3. A scoping/working group was established to consider the needs of coaches as they develop beyond Level 3, it was agreed that a BCU Level 4 Coach Award would be developed at Post Graduate Diploma Level.

The award aims to develop coaching expertise, with candidates typically coaching at the forefront of their its lipline and to develop coaching the howould be not a position to influence the development of the sport going forward.

The qualification is being delivered in partnership with Stirling University. The learning programme and sisses ment are based over a two-year cycle (May 2014) - May 2016). Modules are taught val distance learning, sie residential 3-day blocks with intultrated delivery from the Stirling university team and BEU lutors, and memoring support from both BCU and a cademic tutors. Residential weelends will be held at venues around th-U'. A vissm int methods will be used to establish both the coaches. knowledge and the ability to apply this in their coaching process. Conditions who successfully complete all these aspects will achieve a Post Graduate Diploma in Performance Paddlesport Coaching, and a BCU Level 4 Award. An early exit option to Post Graduate Certificate, and the option to continue to an M Sc. are also integrated.

At this stage of the process we are starting to consider UKCC endorsement in order for candidates to receive the maximum value from their investment. Developments to date suggest this is a three blowithmat my compremise to our needs and that we should begin to explain this value for the 2015 cohort.

### **Applications**

Our first pliot course is currently underway and we are now recruiting for the second pilot due to start in May 2014. Applicants will be selected based on their suitability for the programme, but also their ability/willin mess to contribute to the pilot process.

Each application will be selected on its individual merit, although candidates are expected to evidence expected to evidence expected is an applicant substituted have a relevant cost hing of lifection and significant experience coaching in a performance setting

There are no formal and enterintry requirements, support will be available or all coaches to develop the leadernic stills in quired.

## "The award aims to develop coaching expertise"

the estimated that candidate contention the region of £7,000 for the programm, made through lever if payment during the course of the programm. The included out to stirling the size sidential blocks, BCU autor costs, individual mentoring, and a contribution towards administration. The exact price for the £014 pilot coloring libe content of shortly. Most and distribution to the current pilot have managed to accept funding from a virie y of sources to help with the cost of the programme.

We would like to invite interested applicants to contact their Home Nation for further information and an application pack. Completed applications should be received by your Home Nation Coaching Manger by Friday 20th December 2013. Successful applicants will be required to accept their place, and make the first payment by April 2014.

Any comments or questions this update may provoke should be directed towards your Home Nation Coaching Manager who will be able to gain a response on your behalf.



## News round-up

## **RCO & LCO ELECTIONS and VACANCIES**

### **RCO Elections & Vacancies**

The following RCO position are up for election and we invite nominations: Channel Islands, North East

O Congratulation, and thanks go to Darren Joy who will be continuing with his role of RCO Devon & Cornwall (SW)

### LCO Elections & Vacancies

The following LCO positions are currently up for election and we invite nominations, these are as follows:

Team North: Durham; Cumbria South
Team Central: Rutland; Nottinghamshire

The following positions are up for election in November 2013 and we

invite alternative nominations Lincolnshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Staffordshire Birmingham & Black Country

#### Team South:

Contral London North London West London Oxfordshire

### Please get in touch!

If you (or someone you know) are interested in taking on one of these rules please get in touch with Karen Bagshaw at Canoe England (haren.bagshaw canoe-england.org.uk) who can help answer your questions and help ensure

the required nominations are received. All applicants must also be proposed by two current ilCOs/LCOs, or by five other updated and active Clinoe England. Couches registered within the region—these individuals must hold current comprehensive Caroe England membership, be up to date with their conching qualifications and be working or living in the area—these all need to be received by Karen Basshaw in the Canoe England Office by 4:00pm on Nov 4th 2013—so please dun't hesitate tuget in touch if you are keen.

Note - before nominating anyone, please ensure you have discussed this with them and that they are willing to stand

## Call for Discipline Support Module Providers

The BCU Discipline Support Modules are designed to assist coaches who currently hold BCU Coaching qualifications, and who want to develop their knowledge and skills in some of the more specialist disciplines.

As the BCU continues to grow the existing particle of Discipling Support Modules, we are starting the process of appointing providers for the following BCU Modules:

- BCU Freestyle Support Module
- BCU Canoe Polo Support Module
- BCU Wild Water Racing Module

Applicants who must the following cuteria will be considered:

- Updated BCU Level 3 Coach for equivalent); Applicants who would like to use their coaching experience in the discipline as equivalence for a Level 3 qualification should utilise the A-L process. The next deadline for APL Applications is the 10th September.
- Recent experience of Educating Coaches

- Varied discipline coaching experience, including 6 session progressions
- Thorough understanding of lactical, technical, physical and psychological regularments of beginners

For more information and an application forms please contact your Home Nation coaching office.

## Call for BCU Foundation Module Providers

© BCU Foundation Module Swimming Pools and Paddlesport

The BCU will shortly be adding the above module to the suite of BCU foundation Modules. The BCU Foundation Module Swimming Pouls and Paidles port, designed by Steve Newton, offers practical dylor and guidance for paining access to swimming pools, and for getting the most out of pools at sions. It is designed to equip coaches with a good working knowledge

of paddlesport activities taking place within a swimming pool environment.

Applicants are invited from coacnes who meet the following criteria:

- Updated BCL Level 3 Coach for equivalent); Applicants who would like to use their coaching experience as equivalence for a Level 3 qualification should utilise the APL process.
- Recent experience of tutoring and educating coaches
- Extensive knowledge and experience of working in a pool environment

For more information and an application form please contact your Home Nation coaching office.



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