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Disenchanted Vagabonds

In recent months a considerable number of the pages of 'Canoeing' have been occupied with comments from a variety of sources on the functions and fees of the British Canoe Union. It may be that some readers consider that a disproportionate amount of space has been given to this subject, but we feel that this is a vital topic at the present time and that 'Canoeing' is the only national forum in which this subject can be discussed freely and at regular intervals.

In the past, the basis of B.C.U. membership has been that all members make an equal contribution by way of subscription and then draw from the Union according to their needs. It seems to us, however, that there is an increasing disparity between the needs of the various groups - in particular between the competitive and non-competitive canoeists. This being so, it may well be time has come for the B.C.U. Council to introduce a two-tier system of membership: group one, the basic subscription payable by all members, group two, an additional subscription payable by competitive canoeists.

The adoption of such a system would go a long way to meet the arguments advanced by both sides and is likely to keep the membership numbers up to the high level necessary for the B.C.U. to claim that it is a representative body. We would envisage that the B.C.U. in its dual role would be not dissimilar in membership structure to the Royal Automobile Club.

Test Report Tyne Senior Single Seater

BY BRIAN JOHNSON

Not too long, not too short, not too fat, not too thin, in fact the canoe is sporting, but unspecialized and is ideal for the canoeist who wants something more manoeuvrable than a touring boat, but not a slalom machine.

The canoe is 13ft.9ins. long and 24ins. wide and, being moulded in glassfibre, is faster than similar canvas boats, and requires no maintenance; when touring, the equipment can be slid into the canoe easily because there are no crossframes to get in the way. Also the comfortable foot rest can easily be removed or adjusted by unfastening the two brass bolts holding it in position - a simple but effective mechanism. There is no backrest to be removed, but the cockpit coaming serves as a back rest, but is rather uncomfortable.

With the hull shape redesigned for this year's model, the canoe is responsive enough to be used in white water, and could be used in 4th and Novices Div. slaloms, knee grips and spray cover being available as extras. The Boat is quite manoeuvrable, considering there is little rocker.

Are you a beginner? Because of its versatility, many novices will find the boat a "best buy" as it enables them to try their hand at the many aspects of canoeing without buying a specialized boat. For the same reason Youth Club leaders may find this an ideal boat, for although they may organise many cruises, one usually finds that youngsters like to do something in their boats other than paddle it in a straight line. Also, the canoe will not suffer from the unkind treatment usually given by the youngsters, when compared with canvas canoes.



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Canoeing for Schools and Youth Groups-

Almost from the very beginning when we first started 'Canoeing', way back in 1960, we have had a steady stream of enquiries from teachers and youth leaders asking us how to go about organising a youth canoe club. We always did our best to help with advice, but incredible as it may seem there is very little in print which deals with the basic problems besetting such groups. Now our troubles are over, and, we hope, the troubles of teachers and youth leaders, for Geoff Sanders has written a booklet entitled 'Canoeing for schools and youth groups' and we are publishing it on 1st September.

When we received the manuscript we were delighted for we found that Geoff had included pretty well everything that the prospective organiser would need to know, and had done it in a most readable fashion. Added to this he had persuaded his friend Tony Appleby to illustrate the text with some light hearted drawings - these drawings even brought an unsolicited compliment from our printer. All in all, we think that this publication will be something that everyone concerned with canoeing and young people will want to read. The price, on publication, of 'Canoeing for schools and youth groups' will be 6s. (post free) from The Circulation Manager, Canoeing Publications, 6 The Mall, Brentford, Middlesex, BUT READ ON.....

SPECIAL OFFER

Because we think that 'Canoeing for schools and youth groups' is an important contribution to canoeing literature, and in order to achieve as wide a circulation as possible in as short a time as possible, we are making a special pre-publication offer to the readers of 'Canoeing'. Here it is.

All readers of 'Canoeing' are offered the chance of buying 'Canoeing for schools and youth groups' at the special pre-publication price of 5s. per copy (post free) providing the order is received with cash before the 20th August, 1966. Orders should be sent to the Circulation Manager, Canoeing Publications, 6 The Mall, Brentford, Middlesex. Order received after the 20th August will be charged at the publication price of 6s. per copy (post free).

The B.C.U.'s Job

BY D. B. SUTCLIFFE AND C. THOMPSON,
director of the Extra-Mural department, Atlantic College

Major Jones' remarks in the June issue of "Canoeing" concentrate our attention once again on the problem which faces every amateur sports organisation - the balance of priorities between the competitive apex at the top and the broad base of the sport without which the competitive section above all others is not viable. Major Jones is particularly responsible for one aspect of competitive canoeing, and it is therefore his proper business to feel strong frustration at having only £10 a year with which to develop sprint racing at national level; further, to point out how the whole of British canoeing will benefit from international success at top competition level of a few outstanding individuals. But if there is to be quality at the top, there must be quantity at the bottom, and as Major Jones headed his remarks "The Future of the B.C.U.", we ought perhaps to consider a little more closely which comes first: The base or the apex.

The first outstanding feature of the British Canoe Union is its diminutive size, not by comparison necessarily with other national organisations, but in relation to the number of individuals, schools, youth clubs and organisations, and Local Education Authorities, who try their hand at canoeing.

The second remarkable feature of the present situation is the size of the training task which faces the Union. It is both a challenge and a pressing obligation. If I may quote from the foreword by Rear-Admiral D.J. Hoare to a canoe book to be published in the next few weeks: "..... 200,000 boy and girl canoeists under the age of 20 is the kind of figure for which we should be planning. We must think in terms of coaching 50,000 a year, and we must see to it that they are well and safely trained." Whatever the success of our leading experts in international competition, the benefit to the sport will be limited by the coaching facilities we have available to make the follow-up. But if, on the other hand, we can over the next ten years win the active enthusiasm of 200,000 young people, our results in international competitions will look after themselves. Of course, it is true that we will only gain this support by effective - and therefore efficient - presentation of the sport to young people; and that a powerful element of this presentation must be competition work, above all at local and regional levels, offering ladders of achievement to as many levels of experience as possible. But the size of this training commitment imposes a number of precise objectives which, we suggest, require the urgent attention of the Union over the next 24 months. Achieving them successfully is a matter of vital importance, not only to the future of canoeing in general; but also to the proper position of the B.C.U. as the central body co-ordinating and guiding every facet of canoeing in this country.

I. A PROFESSIONAL CANOE INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATION

We cannot hope to train 50,000 young people a year without the professional assistance of schoolmasters, Physical Education instructors and Youth Leaders. Real expertise among these groups of educationalists is rare, almost non-existent. Teacher training colleges do not recognise canoeing except in a rudimentary form as

part of a tentative "Outdoor Pursuits" programme. Equipment and facilities are primitive. This situation will not change until the B.C.U. can offer the Training Colleges a demanding course of instruction comparable with those offered in the leading ball games and in athletics. Such a course must insist on a high level of both personal performance and instructional technique, must cover all aspects of canoeing (racing, touring, slalom, etc., maintenance, club organisation and expedition planning, theory of canoe hull design, etc.etc.) and leads to a single diploma. Given the opportunity, Headmasters and Local Authorities will quickly learn to insist on professional competence of this standard in the men and women they employ. Could not the B.C.U., with the help of the Ministry, commission a number of experts to design a comprehensive course on these lines - to be ready by Christmas 1966? What about being the first country in the world to do this?

II. AN EXTENSION OF THE VOLUNTARY COACHING SCHEME

The growth of the Coaching Scheme in the last four years has been remarkable, but it needs help. Advanced instructor courses in a specialized branches of the sport, lasting a week or a fortnight, are necessary to enable the voluntary part-time instructor to improve his own standards, again both of personal performance and of instruction. Specialist qualifications must be obtainable at these courses to enable the part-time instructor to keep pace, at least in his own preferred sphere, with the professional expert whose training was outlined in paragraph I. Again, the B.C.U. must be ready to draw up such courses in proper detail. These courses, are, however, inconceivable without suitable facilities and training centres.

III. TRAINING CENTRES

Centres of training must be established throughout the country near water which is suitable for the branch of canoeing being pursued. Facilities and expertise must be concentrated in these centres, the establishment of which would, I suspect, make a more successful impact on local pride and local pockets (whether of industry or governmental), than the organisation of a general appeal on behalf of a national committee for, e.g., sprint racing. Such centres would probably serve more activities than just canoeing, and the staff in charge could possess suitably wide qualifications. Conversely, general outdoor centres which already exist near canoeable water must be pressed to develop their canoeing to an expert and nationally recognized level of efficiency. Training colleges which are suitably situated must be urged to run extra-mural courses; training colleges which are setting up outdoor centres as part of the national development of outdoor pursuits must be made aware of the needs for canoeing and site their centres accordingly.

IV. THE NATIONAL COACH

The appointment some five years ago of the first professional Coach was a highly significant step, and of great importance at that time. But I wonder whether we still expect the right things of Oliver Cock. His programme is still aimed in the main at the learner or even the complete novice. He should surely be concerned, as the only National Coach we have, with the training of instructors and coaches only, and with the co-ordination and preparation of detailed training programmes and of instructional material. Best

of all, the National Coach should be able to develop his activities from one main training centre where he has the opportunity to evolve and experiment with training programmes in worthwhile depth.

V. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL

The creation of detailed training courses will make necessary anyway the provision of high quality teaching aids, but a whole host of these could be commissioned right away, and would be of immediate value. We have in mind, for example, 16 and 8 mm films, preferably in colour, of all aspects of canoeing: 4 minute film loops on basic and advanced strokes, rescue drills, rolling techniques, rolling instructional techniques, racing paddle strokes, standard repair techniques, artificial resuscitation, reading the weather, negotiating a slalom gate, "reading" river water from above and below the fall, training techniques for use in swimming pools, etc.; wall charts, like those produced by the Amateur Swimming Association (and commercially sponsored) dealing with all the items listed above, but also including e.g., all the Proficiency Tests set out attractively, the D. of E. Award conditions, the wiggle/wriggle test, racing training tips and schedules, attractive maps of the British Isles shewing canoeable river and sea areas, slalom and racing sites, canoe training centres. etc.; colour slides, and waterproof instruction charts, made out of plastic material, which can actually be used at the river's edge or at swimming pools without rapidly becoming a sodden and illegible mess. Another area which, as far as we know, is completely undeveloped, is the study of equipment requirements for the under 15 year olds. At an age when their enthusiasm is often at its most obvious, these youngsters are given canoes and paddles which are too unwieldy for them to obtain any real sense of control and manoeuvrability of their craft. In all of these areas, a firm lead by the B.C.U. is required; and without their firm lead other materials will be produced which may be conflicting, and which in any case will lack the authority and the expertise with which they should be stamped by the central organising authority.

VI. LOCAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

As with any sport, the success of canoeing at national level depends on activities at local and regional levels. It is the job of the B.C.U.:

1. to encourage each region to develop its own particular resources to the full;
2. to concentrate courses, with the help of outside instructors, in areas where canoeing is weak;
3. to contact L.E.A.s in such areas, informing them of their position, and encouraging them to send their teachers and youth leaders to training courses in stronger areas;
4. to develop as firmly as possible the concept of regional championships;
5. by doing this. to increase many times over the number of competitions held each weekend, thus making it unnecessary for enthusiasts to travel all over the country to find regular competition; or for competition organisers to have to deal with entries of over 100 in a single slalom division.
6. to encourage inter-regional competitions. What about inter-regional slalom, team and individual, on a knock-out basis?

7. to co-ordinate the competitive activities of the regions in such a way that the season has a natural rythm and climax (an essential feature of any sporting activity), culminating perhaps in a series of well-publicized national championships which have been carefully prepared for in regional contests

VII. ANNUAL PUBLICATION OF STATISTICS

The B.C.U. must assume public and overall responsibility for all canoeing activities in the country; and this responsibility must be stated unequivocally. The annual publication of statistics at a Press Conference in London should include not only details of membership, certificates taken, etc., but a full account of all accidents, whether near-misses or fatal, and whether they occurred to B.C.U. members or to others. This is a public duty. Furthermore, just as the Royal Life Saving Society is not blamed for the number of drownings annually in this country, but is rather given credit and public support for its efforts to reduce them, so the B.C.U. will achieve status and recognition as an official body with a national role to play. Instead of being an organisation associated with an activity which costs us 30 or more lives a year, it will become a body which requires and deserves private and public support in its declared effort to put the sport on a safe and sound basis for all who take part in it.

If the Union can see its role in something of the light that we have outlined above, it will no longer be necessary to use the phrase "begging" as Major Jones did in his article last month, for begging - even "ethical begging" - is trying, from a position of inferiority, to get something for nothing, or at best, for something which is only remotely useful to the donor. The B.C.U. has in fact a completely inescapable role to play in the development of British sport in the next ten years. Bold planning and careful preparation over the next few months could mean that Local Authorities and other bodies with a responsibility for the outdoor education of our young people will have to reach very deeply into their pockets to pay for the services which the B.C.U. would be offering them.

Dear Sir,

Since sending you the above remarks, we have read the account of the B.C.U. Five Year Plan in the June edition of Canoeing in Britain. Much of what we have written about is clearly in hand. We look forward to regular reports of the progress being made in all these fields.

Yours faithfully,
D.B. Sutcliffe
and
C. Thompson.

(We, too, would like to look forward to receiving regular progress reports but based on present experience we are not very optimistic. In spite of the B.C.U.'s frequent reference to the need for publicity we find that we seldom receive any press handouts, and we have to gather what news we can on the grapevine. Nor are we alone in this, we know of three other individuals who are in a position to publicise canoeing information to canoeists outside the B.C.U. and who also suffer from this reluctance on the part of the Union to release information. Ed.)

A Non-Competitive Viewpoint

BY T. HEWITT, *Jnr.*

After reading Major Jones article in the June issue, I would like to state the case for the non-competitive canoeist.

Neglecting the coaching scheme, the majority of the members are not competitive. Thus, the needs of this group ought to be given precedence over the competitive section.

What has the B.C.U. to offer these members? Absolutely nothing but words and broken pledges! For all the access committees, touring representatives and the like, the amount of canoeable water available has decreased. The problems of access are becoming more acute because the Union will not make a stand. It only seems to make the effort where access threatens the competitive side. Take the recent example which annoyed many canoeists.

We know that the Wye is the most popular river for touring and instructing novices in this country. In fact, more canoeists use this river than any other in Britain. In April last year, the Bredwardine launching site was closed to canoeists. The B.C.U. were notified and they said the matter would be investigated immediately. No action was taken until September, when the site was used for an official B.C.U. L.D. race. Officials arrived bearing bits of paper saying they had the right to use the site. Immediately after the race the site was again closed. Up to date the site is still closed and still there has been no comment, statement, or otherwise from the B.C.U. The point is this; if the B.C.U. can obtain permission for their racing fraternity, why not for the touring members?

Another point raised by Major Jones was that of better regattas attracting more novices into the movement. This is complete and utter rubbish! Novices don't graduate directly into the competitive field! Nine times out of ten, they start their canoeing careers with either a canoeing holiday or an instructional course. The novice then gains experience by pottering around or touring, or both. Then he may drift into the competitive field. It is during the learning stage that the B.C.U. should be most active. The novice is not encouraged when told that "one can't canoe here because the sponsoring body allowed access and navigation to be denied". Many of them drift away from canoeing because of this. They realize how ineffective the B.C.U. is.

I am not chastising the coaching scheme. The members are doing great things in encouraging novices in the sport. However, no matter how many instructors there are, one can't teach canoeing without water.

Major Jones said the lack of international competition was to blame for our lack of success. No wonder we have not got a world beating team! We haven't a solid foundation on which to build it. We are wasting out time and money sending individuals to various overseas events without a latest strength to follow them. This latent strength can only come from a solid backing of novices and touring members. It is in this section that the B.C.U. is sadly lacking.

The problems concerning the touring canoeist can only be solved by a drastic revision of the organisation of the B.C.U. For example; proportional representation on B.C.U. Council. At the

moment this stands in the ratio of 1:4 with the competitive side. This is ludicrous when over 50% of the Union is none competitive. To sum up, our needs are as follows:-

- 1) Reasonable representation of touring and pottering interests within the nominated members of the B.C.U. Council.
- 2) A show of strength and action on the problems of access and free navigation on waterways that are threatened. This must be immediate.
- 3) A determined effort to encourage the spread of canoeing in youth clubs, schools, scouts and similar organisations.
- 4) An immediate drastic revision of policies where non-competitive individual canoeists are concerned.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I am not degrading competitive canoeing. I admire anybody who trains with dedication, having the single aim of winning a "pot". However, individual non-competitive canoeists should receive more attention from the Union than they are at present. One must realise that touring and pottering are just as much part of canoeing as competitions, and should be treated as such. After all, we have supported the racing fraternity for long enough!

A New Concept for Long Distance Racing Part 1

BY JOHN JENKINS (*JALCROFT CANOES*)

It is becoming increasingly apparent that the sport of Long Distance Racing has now reached a stage when if it is to survive, a completely new approach must be made to race organisation and canoe specifications. During the past few months the L.D. Committee have been trying to work out a new formula for L.D. Class dimensions. Manufacturers have given their time as advisors at committee meetings which have sat for more than ten hours, without having reached any conclusive decisions. In my opinion it has been a period of muddled thinking due to not appreciating the real problems involved, and by trying to solve a new problem of canoe design in isolation from an equally new and important problem of L.D. Race Organisation.

Long Distance Racing is now an entity on its own. It is no longer a series of races for touring canoes. It has grown into a sport using very specialised craft, and it is of equal importance to Sprint Racing and Slalom. I am convinced that British Long Distance Racing has reached the stage when it could, under the right leadership, begin to lead the World in the development of this form of canoeing as an International Sport.

If L.D. Racing is to survive, a big increase in the number of L.D. Racing paddlers must be expected, and encouraged. It is only by being able to select from a large number of competitors racing in keen competition, that the Committee can find successful International Paddlers. It is not the duty of the L.D. Committee to fight shy of numbers on the grounds of organisation, but to find ways and means of coping with them. It may even be necessary eventually, to appoint a salaried part time, or even full time

secretary. No business - and the B.C.U. is a form of business - can stand still. It must either continue to grow, or inevitably decline and die.

An even more serious problem for the Long Distance Racing Committee to tackle, is the maintenance and encouragement of enthusiasm among the paddlers. If enthusiasm flags, the sport is doomed.

A bad decision regarding canoe design and race organisation at this stage could easily damp down the existing enthusiasm.

The L.D. Committee must therefore find ways of coping with six major problems:

1. They must broaden their horizons and look forward to leading the World in L.D. racing.
2. There must be no restriction on the numbers of paddlers wishing to participate in the sport.
3. A stop must be made to the ever increasing cost entailed by L.D. Competitors.
4. Designers, both amateur and professional, must be given absolute freedom to develop the very best craft within the simplest form of 'Class' specification. Existing designs of craft and less 'racy' types of kayak must always have a fair chance of being used and winning something, somewhere along the line. Natural decay and replacement is less annoying and insulting, than a complete ban on a particular type.
5. Paddlers of all ages and at all stages of proficiency must be catered for, and have a fair chance of gaining awards or points for their club.
6. If we are to win International recognition, provision must be made for competitive canoeing for juniors at a much earlier age, and the L.D. Paddlers must work in harmony with Sprint Paddlers with International horizons in view.

I suggest that there should now be three age groups:

These could be: Juniors - Age 12 - 15
Youth - Age 15 - 18
Senior - Age 18+

(To be continued)

COLLECTORS' CORNER

During the past few months I have been successful in negotiating exchanges of duplicate copies of canoeing books with fellow collectors, and it occurs to me that there may be others who have duplicate canoeing books lying idle. If any readers have any canoeing books which are surplus to requirements, if they will send me details I am prepared to combine them into a single list for circulation to other collectors.

The usual arrangement has been on a one-for-one basis and I suggest that those interested should be prepared to accept this arrangement except in the case of a particularly rare item. Lists of titles for exchange should be addressed to your Editor, at 1 North Lodge, Ealing Green, London W.5. To simplify administration, I would appreciate it if those with whom I have already been in contact would submit fresh lists. The deadline for inclusion in this 'Surplus list' is the 20th August, but if there is sufficient demand further lists could be circulated from time to time.

"Coppice Side,"
Melchett Close,
Sherfield English,
nr. Romsey,
Hants.

26th May

Dear Sir or Madam.

My age is twelve years and I have a moonraker canoe (class 4) and I am very interested in the sport, so I have written this poem about canoeing and if you think it is any good would you print it in "Canoeing" I would be so pleased.

Thank you

yours faithfully

Lesley Smith (Miss)

P.S

We have "canoeing" every month and I always read it. "Its fab".

The water races loud and clear
Crashing on rocks and pouring o'er the weir
A challenge to me in my fragile canoe
A test of skill to get safely through
The bow vanishes under foaming white spray
As with paddle held hard the stern swings away
Cross bow rudder! Oops! slap and recover,
Now line up the weir and swoosh we're over
Here comes the stopper dangerous this
Swing to the left then to midstream as the stopper I miss
Through safe and sound
And soon homeward bound

by Lesley A. Smith

(Congratulations, Lesley. We think you're pretty 'fab' yourself.
Ed.)

on competitive canoeing

MAIDENHEAD REGATTA - BRILLIANT SUCCESS

On Saturday 11th June, the Maidenhead Canoe and Climbing Club held their second annual sprint regatta on the Thames just above Maidenhead. Without a doubt this event was a tremendous success, and by far the best sprint club regatta held this season. There was a very large entry, with paddlers from 18 clubs competing, and with fine weather, but surprisingly little river traffic, the racing at Maidenhead was keenly fought with close and exciting finishes.

In the senior events, C. Evans of the Royal CC won the 500m K1, with M. Mean of Hatfield in second place. Although these two took the same placing in the 1000m event, both were disqualified, Evans for missing a buoy, and Mean for wash-hanging. The Senior K2 500m produced a very exciting race, A. Sowman/P. Lawler of Leam/Rich. CCs., just pushed M. Mean/L. Bolam into second place, winning by 1 sec with a time of 2min0sec. In the Junior events, N. Lilley of Lincoln CC held off A. Miller from Harlow to win the K1 500m with a time of 2min 13sec., while in the K2 500m., A. Kirby/M. Boshier of Royal CC won with a splendid effort, a time of 2min 1sec., just over 2secs clear of A. Miller/B. Clark from Harlow.

An open K1 250m dash at Maidenhead had 14 canoeists on the start, and was the closest race of the afternoon, P. Lawler of Richmond winning by 2/10 sec from C. Evans of Royal, with L. Oliver of Lincoln in third place. Marianne Tucker easily won the Ladies K1 500m event, and with A. Huskison went on to win the Ladies K2 race.

The reach at Maidenhead is ideal for racing, with just over a 100m straight, and I am sure that with a little sponsorship this regatta could well become one of the finest sprint events in the country.

L-D MUDDLE

There is now only six weeks before the National L-D race, but the L-D committee seem unable to find a course. In the past weeks I have heard a number of rumours as to the venue, including the Conway in North Wales, a tidal river which is just about as interesting as the Wye was last year. Any suggestions of a fast "interesting" river course for this race would, I'm sure, be welcomed by the L-D committee, but remember you rough river lads that a course must be wide enough to take ten canoes for the start, and not too "hairy" rapids, K1s and K2s must be able to finish the race in one piece! While on L-Ds, the date of the Royal Canoe Clubs Centenary 50 mile doubles race has been changed to Saturday 17th September at the request of the Thames Conservancy. Entries for this doubles event close at the end of August.

WATER THRILLS

During the last weeks in June my camera has been exploring fields other than canoeing, and I have discovered a very interesting, exciting water ski show based at Theale - The Pam Horton Water

Ski Spectacular. This two hour show is the first ever British travelling water ski spectacular, and includes some very thrilling and daring acts - Jumping, Kite-flying, Bare foot ski-ing, and the attractive Aquamaids who grace our front cover this month. If you want a little break from canoeing, Pam Horton has a show at Theale, just off the A4 west of Reading, on the afternoon of July 31st.

1. Water ski-ing at Theale.



2. K2 winners at the Maidenhead regatta, M.Bosher and A.Kirkby.



3. A.Huskison and M.Tucker, the Ladies K2 winners at Maidenhead.



4. The start of a Junior K2 race at Maidenhead regatta.



Dear Sir,

Safety issues

Please would you send me a further 18 copies of "Canoeing" Vol.6, No.8 July '66 to distribute amongst our members who do not subscribe to your magazine. I would like them all to read your 3 articles on sea canoeing, they frightened the life out of me and I hope they do the same for them!

Yours faithfully,
Jane Dadey,
Secretary,
Kennet Valley Canoe Club.

(If any other Club secretaries wish to purchase additional copies for circulation, we still can supply these price 1s.6d. for single copies; 1s.3d. per copies if more than six are ordered at one time. Ed.)

Dear Sir,

Covers for Canoeing

We are regular subscribers to CANOEING and have the usual problem of keeping copies in circulation amongst staff and students from getting tattered and torn. I am wondering if you can provide me with a stiff-backed cover into which copies of the magazine can be inserted, preferably with the name CANOEING stamped on the outside (such as the sort one sees in hotels and public libraries). I should be grateful for details and costs.

Yours faithfully,
E. Langmuir,
Principal,
Glenmore Lodge,
Inverness-shire.

(A suitable cover with a transparent front is marketed by Don Gresswell Ltd., Bridge House, Grange Park, London, N.21, under the trade name 'Fenster'. Size 1 costs 7s.0d. plus postage. The other solution, of course, is to buy additional copies of our magazine! Ed.)

Dear Sir,

A bouquet from down under

I am enclosing a money order and renewing my subscription for "Canoeing" for another twelve months.

I must congratulate the editor and his staff for producing such an excellent publication - truly a remarkable feat for a spare time undertaking.

When I first subscribed I was skeptical that the coverage of Canoeing promised would be seen in the subsequent issues; but my doubts were completely unwarranted.

Yours faithfully,
L. Blyth,
Ringwood,
Victoria,
Australia.

The Great Lifejacket Mystery

A few years ago the Consumers' Association stirred the small boat world by testing a number of 'lifejackets' and showed that almost without exception few of the available jackets were capable of saving life. This was followed by the introduction of a British Standard for lifejackets, but unfortunately the jackets made to the British Standard were not cheap and it was felt that many canoeists might find them too expensive. The B.C.U., therefore, hit upon the ingenious idea of giving its approval to a cheaper lifejacket which was identical to those carrying the B.S.I. mark but without the added refinements of whistle, life-line and lifting becket, and which could therefore be marketed at a lower price.

These B.C.U. approved lifejackets proved very popular especially with those concerned with youth canoeing and many were purchased by paddlers who had been given to understand that they were wearing a B.S.I. lifejacket without the additional refinements.

In April, however, Alan Byde wrote to the manufacturers of the 'Lifemaster' B.C.U. approved jacket drawing attention to certain defects which had occurred in these lifejackets worn by people under his tutelage. Copies of this letter were sent to 'Canoeing' and to 'Canoeing in Britain'. The manufacturers replied and offered to make a complete investigation when they received the lifejackets in question.

Copies of the correspondence may be seen in the current issue of 'Canoeing in Britain'. Since then we have had a letter from one of the major British canoe manufacturers and retailers who have decided that they can no longer sell these B.C.U. approved lifejackets because they are, in their opinion, unsatisfactory.

The mystery, as far as we are concerned, is this. In the June issue, 1964, of 'Canoeing in Britain', Oliver Cock claimed B.C.U. approved lifejackets were identical to B.S.I. ones with the exception of certain fittings, but if this is so then it seems as though the B.S.I. standard is not high enough. Further, the B.C.U. has given its approval to another lifejacket before a B.S.I. approval was given and we are left wondering what tests the B.C.U. carried out in this case.

We feel, therefore, that what is needed is clarification from the B.C.U. on what constitutes a B.C.U. approved lifejacket. Is it, as many of us had been led to believe, a B.S.I. lifejacket without the three refinements mentioned, or is it a lifejacket which simply meets the buoyancy requirements of the B.S.I.? Also, does the B.C.U. like the B.S.I. have any procedure to check occasional batches of lifejackets to ensure that the necessary quality of the products is maintained?

A SIGN OF THE TYNES

We understand from Mr. F.O.D. Hirschfeld that he has changed the name of his business from Tyne Folding Boats Ltd. to Tyne Canoes Ltd. The change of name reflects the increasing number of glassfibre canoes being built by this firm, but it does not mean that they are abandoning folding models.

KAJAKOZAS KENUZAS

The above is the title of a new book in Hungarian by Istvan Granek the chief manager of the Hungarian national team. It is concerned with sprint racing in kayaks and Canadian and is profusely illustrated. If you have a Hungarian friend to translate for you, we think that any sprint paddlers may find it well worth obtaining a copy as it seems extremely comprehensive. The Publishers are given simply as Sport, Budapest.

CHELMER CANOE RACE

Chelmsford Boating Club, this year assisted by Bentall Apprentice's Canoe Club held the annual Chelmer Canoe Race on Sunday June 5th, when there was a record number of entries.

A large flood prevention scheme has now been completed on the Chelmer which enabled the Club to move the start to a new and improved position right in the centre of the town. A wide stretch of water eliminated the need for grid starts until now a feature of this race.

There was a very high standard of paddling and many close finishes. In most classes practically all competitors scored points as they came within 120% of the winners times.

The BBC filmed the event and was later shown on "Town & Around".

J.E. Marriage

CHELMER CANOE RACE

RESULTS

Class 1A		E I Seniors	
1st	C.Evans	Royal CC	1h 59s 0s
2nd	S.Hollis	Hatfield YO	1h 59s 7s
3rd	T.McCool	Viking CC	1h 48s 48s
Class 1B		E I Juniors	
1st	P.Grint	Eagle CC	2h 10M 37s
2nd	S.Oakenfold	do	2h 26m 51s
Class 2A		MCK I Seniors	
1st	J.Mathers	Viking CC	1h 56s 0s
2nd	J.Day	Harlow CC	2h 0m 32s
3rd	A.Tullett	Royal CC	2h 0m 48s
Class 3A		Hard Skinned Singles Seniors	
1st	S.Kitson	Dewsbury CC	1h 57m 4s
2nd	R.S.Fumfrey	Cambridge UCC	1h 57m 49s
3rd	D.Clacke	do	1h 57m 59s
Class 3B		Hard Skinned Singles Juniors	
1st	R.Nicholson	Southampton CC	2h 2m 3s
2nd	R.Well	Hatfield YO	2h 2m 37s
3rd	J.Leat	Eagle CC	2h 3m 59s
Class 3C		Hard Skinned Singles Ladies	
1st	A.Harkin	Royal CC	2h 6m 8s
2nd	M.Turner	Southampton	2h 35m 24s
3rd	J.Small	Eagle CC	2h 53m 23s
Class 4A		Soft Skinned Singles Seniors	
1st	K.Ferwin	Lincoln CC	2h 14m 29s
2nd	A.Laws	do	2h 14m 40s
3rd	B.Pluthero	OTO	2h 14m 46s
Class 4B		Soft Skinned Singles Junior	
1st	R. Poole	Harlow CC	2h 14m 36s
Class 5A		K2 Senior	
1st	A.Kirby & M.Moher	Royal CC	1h 39m 9s
2nd	M.Hughes & M.Luff	Southampton	1h 45m 59s
3rd	Royle & Royle	Harlow CC	1h 45m 52s
Class: 5B		K 2 Junior	
1st	F.Greennavy & R. Hewitt	33 Bailestree	2h 1m 15s
2nd	do	do	2h 0m 58s
3rd	Hendick & Hounford	City of Lambeth Police	2h 11m 12s
Class 6A		Soft Skinned Doubles Seniors	
1st	D.Bennet & M.Brooks	Viking CC	1h 47m 47s
2nd	do	Lincoln CC	1h 52m 40s
3rd	B.Hogers & R.Iba	via Southampton CC	1h 59m 10s
Class: 6B		Soft Skinned Doubles Junior	
1st	K.Warne & R.Trout	Kinchley Sea Cadets	2h 58s 5s
Class 7A		Ha rd Skinned Doubles Seniors	
1st	S.Ash & B.Clark	Harlow CC	1h 47m 4s
2nd	R.Lawson & J.Da weon	Richmond CC	1h 55m 44s
3rd	D.Baxters & D.Dalrymple	Southampton CC	1h 57m 85s
1st	S.Gorham & J.Smith	Southampton CC	1h 57m 85s
2nd	A.Hunter & M.Caldwell	Southampton CC	1h 55m 34s

THE WORCESTER REGATTA

Race No. 51 Senior Men 1000m K-1 FINAL

1st	L. Oliver	Lincoln C.C.	3m	55.0s
2nd	M. Mean	Hatfield Y.C.C.C.	3m	55.4s
3rd	A. Wilson	Ayrshire K.R.C.	3m	56.2s
4th	A. Edwards	Worcester C.C.	N/T	
5th	T. Sowman	Royal Leamington Spa C.C.	N/T	
6th	P. Gardener	Oxford Riverside A.C.C.	N/T	
7th	J. Rowell	Ayrshire K.R.C.	N/T	
8th	M. Parker	Lincoln C.C.	N/T	

Race No. 37: Senior Men 1000m K-2 FINAL

1st	P. Gardener/J. Roberts	Oxford Riverside A.C.C.	3m	50.0s
2nd	P. Lawler/M. A. Sowman	Rich.OC/Leamington C.C.	3m	50.06s
3rd	M. Mean/L. Bolan	Hatfield/Leamington	3m	52e
4th	A. Edwards/L. Oliver	Worcester/Lincoln	3m	54.00
5th	A. Wilson/B. Brockie	Ayrshire KRC	3m	57.05s

Race No. 54: Junior Men 1000m K-2 FINAL

1st	N. Lilley/R. Oliver	Lincoln CC	3m	54.8s
2nd	A. Kirby/M. Boshier	Maidenhead CC	4m	03.05s
3rd	D. Moore/C. Hillman	Birm. KRC/Worcester CC	4m	04.08s
4th	R. Lawler/J. Unstead	Richmond CC	4m	10.04s
5th	A. Miller/M. Bryan	Hatfield/Birm. KRC	N/T	
6th	D. Bennett/D. Brooks	Viking CCC	N/T	

Race No. 38: Ladies Handicap 500m K-1 FINAL

1st	B. Mean	Hatfield YCCC	Hcap = 15s	2m	10.8s
2nd	A. Huskisson	Royal CC	Hcap = 15s	2m	17.8s
3rd	M. Tucker	Richmond CC		2m	03.04s
4th	L. Oliver	Southampton CC		2m	06s
5th	S. Jackson	Royal CC		N/T	
6th	K. Emerson	Richmond CC		N/T	

Race No. 40: Novice Men 500m K-1 FINAL

1st	D. Bennett	Viking KC	2m	00.1s
2nd	T. McCool	Viking KC	2m	05.6s
3rd	H. Baker	Harlow CC	2m	09.4s
4th	R. Dawson	Richmond CC	2m	15.0s
5th	A. Laws	Lincoln CC	2m	16.05s
6th	J. Cartwright	Richmond CC	2m	43.0s

Race No. 52: Youth Class 3-4 LDR 500m FINAL

1st	H. Baker	Harlow CC	2m	37.0s
2nd	T. Thomas	Hatfield YCCC	2m	46.0s

Race No. 53: Class 3-4 Singles Men 1000m FINAL

1st	R. Rudderham	Southampton CC	5m	17.8s
2nd	T. Thoams	Hatfield YCCC	5m	18.8s
3rd	R. Royle	Lincoln CC	5m	27.6s

Race No. 65: Junior Men 1000m K-4 FINAL

<u>Paddle Over</u>		Royal CC:-		
		M. Boshier		
		A. Kirby		
		D. Jordan	3m	40.8s
		R. Stevens		

Race No. 70: Senior Men 1000m K-4 FINAL

<u>Paddle Over</u>		01B "A" Team :-		
		M. Mean		
		L. Bolan	3m	33.6s

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Race No. 6: Event 4 Youth Men 500m K-1 FINAL

1st	H. Baker	Harlow CC	2m	14.5s
2nd	N. Coe	RE Junior Leaders CC	2m	17.2s

Race No. 8: Youth Championships Class "A" FINAL

1st	C. Skellern	Worcester CC	2m	16.2s
2nd	A. J. Thompson	Norton School CC	2m	32.5s
3rd	J. Willets	Norton School CC	2m	34.0s
4th	A. Port	Norton School CC	N/T	
5th	K. Grimshaw	KE VI Camp Hill School CC	N/T	
6th	T. Clarke	KE VI Camp Hill School CC	N/T	
7th	R. Keska	Gayley ACC	N/T	
8th	J. R. Mann	Norton School CC	N/T	

Race No. 10: Event 5 Women Open 500m K-1 FINAL

1st	L. Oliver	Southampton CC	2m	17.3s
2nd	B. Mean	Hatfield YCCC	2m	17.5s
3rd	S. Jackson	Royal CC	2m	18.4s
4th	K. Emerson	Richmond CC	N/T	

Race No. 12: Event 16 Senior Men LDR 1 1000m FINAL

1st	D. Squires	Royal Leamington Spa CC	5m	09.3s
2nd	D. East	RE Junior Leaders CC	5m	12.8s

Race No. 13: Event 6: Senior Men 1000m K-2 FINAL

1st	A. Edwards/L. Oliver	Worcester/Lincoln	3m	44.0s
2nd	P. Gardener/J. Roberts	Oxford Riverside	3m	47.8s
3rd	M. Mean/L. Bolan	Hatfield/Leamington	3m	48.8s

Race No. 14: Event 10: Women Open 500m K-2 FINAL

1st	L. Oliver/B. Mean	Southampton/Hatfield	1m	59.4s
2nd	S. Jackson/K. Emerson	Royal/Richmond	2m	01.1s

Race No. 15: Youth Championships Class "B" 500m FINAL

1st	F. Doody	Worcester CC	2m	21.3s
2nd	P. Stubbs	KE VI Camp Hill School CC	2m	29.1s
3rd	J. Kent	KE VI Camp Hill School CC	2m	34.6s
4th	D. Homer	KE VI Camp Hill School CC	N/T	

Race No. 16: Event 7: Junior Men 1000m K-2 FINAL

1st	B. Jupp/S. Warren	G3 Para RCTCC	3m	58.0s
2nd	M. Boshier/C. Gregory	Maidenhead/G3 Para RCT	3m	58.0s
3rd	A. Miller/M. Bryan	Harlow/Birmingham KRC	3m	59.4s
4th	C. Hillman/ D. Moore	Worcester/Birmingham	N/T	
5th	R. Freeman/R. Miller	Lincoln/Worcester	N/T	
6th	A. Haskey/V. Flock	RE Junior Leaders	N/T	

Race No. 17: Event 17: Senior Men LDR-2 1000m FINAL

1st	J. Brown/T. Cole	Norton School CC (Paddle Over)	4m	53.0s
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Race No. 18: Event 9 Youth Men 500m K-2 FINAL

1st	I. Balfour/H. Baker	Nonads/Harlow	2m	01.05s
2nd	A. Port/A. Thompson	Norton School	2m	03.05s

Race No. 19: Event 8: Novice Men 500m K-2 FINAL

1st	M. Purchas/D. Squires	Royal Leamington Spa CC	1m	57.09s
2nd	D. East/P. McLaughlan	RE Junior Leaders CC	1m	58.05s
3rd	I. Balfour/H. Baker	Nonads/Harlow	1m	59.0s

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Worcester, Sunday, June 5th 1966

Race No. 1: Event 1: Senior Men 10,000m K-2:

1st	P. Gardener/J. Roberts	Oxford Riverside AOC	43m	38.0s
2nd	M. A. Soman/A. Edwards	Leamington/Worcester	43m	38.4s
3rd	M. Mean/L. Bolam	Hatfield/Leamington	45m	38s
4th	L. Oliver/M. Parker	Lincoln CC	46m	12s

Race No. 2: Event 2: Junior Men 10,000m K-2:

1st	C. Hillman/D. Moore	Worcester/Birmingham	KRC	46m	35.8s
2nd	A. Miller/M. Bryan	Harlow/Birmingham	KRC	46m	37.0s
3rd	B. Jupp/S. Warren	63 Para RC/CC		47m	45.0s
4th	N. Lilley/R. Freeman	Lincoln CC		47m	55.0s
5th	A. Haskey/V. Flook	RE Junior Leaders CC		48m	45.0s
6th	R. Miller/C. Skellern	Worcester CC		49m	30.0s
7th	K. Gurling/N. Coe	RE Junior Leaders CC		N/T	

Race No. 4: Event 4: Women Open 3000m K-2:

1st	B. Mean/L. Oliver	Hatfield/Southampton	16m	11.0s
2nd	K. Emerson/S. Jackson	Richmond/Royal	16m	18.0s

Race No. 21: Event 11: Senior Men 1000m K-4 FINAL

1st	Olympic Training Squad "A" Team L. Bolam/M. Mean/L. Oliver/A. Edwards	3m	28.03s
2nd	Independent Crew T. Soman/J. Roberts/M. Parker/P. Gardener	3m	33.0s

Race No. 22: Event 12: Junior Men 1000m K-4 FINAL

1st	Independent Crew B. Jupp/S. Warren/C. Gregory/M. Boshier	3m	40.0s
2nd	Independent Crew A. Baldwin/D. Moore/R. Freeman/C. Hillman	3m	44.5s

10,000m K-1s

Lincoln: Saturday, May 21st. 1966

Senior K-1 10,000m

1st	A. Wilson	Ayrshire K.R.C.	49m	10s
2nd	L. Oliver	Lincoln C.C.	49m	45s
3rd	A. Edwards	Worcester C.C.	50m	19s
4th	P. Gardener	Oxford Riverside A.C.C.	50m	25s
5th	M. Mean	Hatfield Y.C.C.	50m	28s
6th	M. A. Soman	Royal Leamington Spa C.C.	50m	55s

Junior K-1 10,000m

1st	J. Roberts	Oxford Riverside A.C.C.	51m	16s
2nd	A. Miller	Harlow C.C.	51m	35s
3rd	N. Lilley	Lincoln C.C.	51m	46s
4th	M. Boshier	Maidenhead C.C.	52m	45s
5th	J. Rowell	Ayrshire K.R.C.	52m	48s
6th	C. Hillman	Worcester C.C.	53m	12s

Women Open K-1 3000m

1st	M. Tucker	Richmond C.C.	15m	15s
2nd	K. Emerson	Richmond C.C.	16m	38s
3rd	B. Mean	Hatfield Y.C.C.	16m	42s
4th	S. Jackson	Royal C.C.	17m	08s

2.	Graydon Dawson	Sunderland	117	-	117	100	-	100	100	70.9
3.	Robin Anderson	Forth	134	100	234	117	-	117	117	75.2
4.	Roger Stacey	Carlisle	118	10	128	114	10	124	124	77.4
5.	Jon Goodwin	Newcastle Staffs	128	-	128	112	20	132	128	78.2
6.	Howard Dyer	Riverside	142	20	162	129	-	129	129	78.8
7.	Graham Jones	Notts. Univ.	130	-	130	116	50	166	130	79.4
8.	Chris. Whiteside	Lakeland	126	30	156	111	20	131	131	84.2
9.	Bob Moore	Shepperton	140	10	150	129	10	139	139	84.8
10.	Eric Cooper	Manchester	161	20	181	140	-	140	140	

FOURTH DIVISION

1.	Spice Clarke	Carlisle	106	40	146	101	20	121	121	68.4
2.	Ray Hull	Sunderland	160	50	210	111	10	121	121	68.4
3.	Raymond Hind	Carlisle	122	120	242	126	-	126	126	71.2
4.	Kevin Jenkinson	Leeds	142	50	192	117	10	127	127	71.8
5.	Don Howe	Sunderland	114	70	184	109	20	129	129	72.9
6.	Derek Farley	Windsor	133	20	153	123	10	133	133	75.1
7.	Derek Penn	Carlisle	158	-	158	133	-	133	133	75.1
8.	Chris Hawkesworth	Leeds	124	10	134	157	60	217	134	75.7
9.	Robert Smith	Camb. Univ.	120	70	190	109	30	139	139	78.5
10.	Brian Neville	Bede College	139	180	319	134	10	144	144	81.4

LADIES DIVISION

1.	Lesley Calverley	Manchester	123	10	133	125	-	125	125	70.6
2.	Audrey Koerle	Sunderland	133	40	173	118	10	128	128	72.3
3.	Carolyn Goelling	Birmingham	153	80	233	140	10	150	150	84.7
4.	Eileen Sharples	Forth	249	310	559	191	110	301	301	170.0

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ROYAL CANOE CLUB LONG DISTANCE RACE 1966
FINISHING SHEET

12th June

Class 1A	Position	Names(s)	Club	Time
	1	C. Evans	R.C.C.	1hr. 47min. 15secs.
	2	N. Lilley	L.C.C.	1 48 30
	3	B. Smith	Riverdale O.C.	1 51 39
	4	D. South	C.T.C.	1 56 37
	5	L. Keates	C.T.C.	2 19 38

Class 1B

1	K. Blakley	Dewsbury A.O.	
2	N. Coe	J.L. (Rest) R.E.	TIMES NOT
3	Miss C. Baker	Nottingham C.C. ...	TAKEN
4	Miss A. Huskisson	R.C.C.	

Class 2A

1	A. Godwin	Eastbourne K.C.	2 10 29
2	R. Fish	C.T.C.	2 14 28
3	H. Gledhill	R.C.T.C.C.	2 19 15

Class 2B

1	D. Jordan	R.C.C.	1 55 58
2	S. Kitson	Dewsbury A.C.	1 57 08
3	C. Gregory	R.C.T. C.C.	2 05 11
4	T. Beere	H.C.C.	2 05 37

Class 2B

1	J. Lockwood	Nottingham C.C.	2 04 55
2	R. Lawrence	R.C.C.	2 07 56
3	Thompson	?	2 11 41
4	P. McLoughlan	(JLR) R.E.C.C.	2 13 54
5	N. Waters	Army App. School	2 19 09

Class 3C

1	Miss S. Jackson	R.C.C.	2 09 34
2	Miss S. Bucket	S.C.C.	2 27 52
3	Miss M. Turner	S.C.C.	2 39 00

Class 4A

1	K... Pereira	L.C.C.	2 07 09
2	B. Pluthard	C.T.C.	2 08 05

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