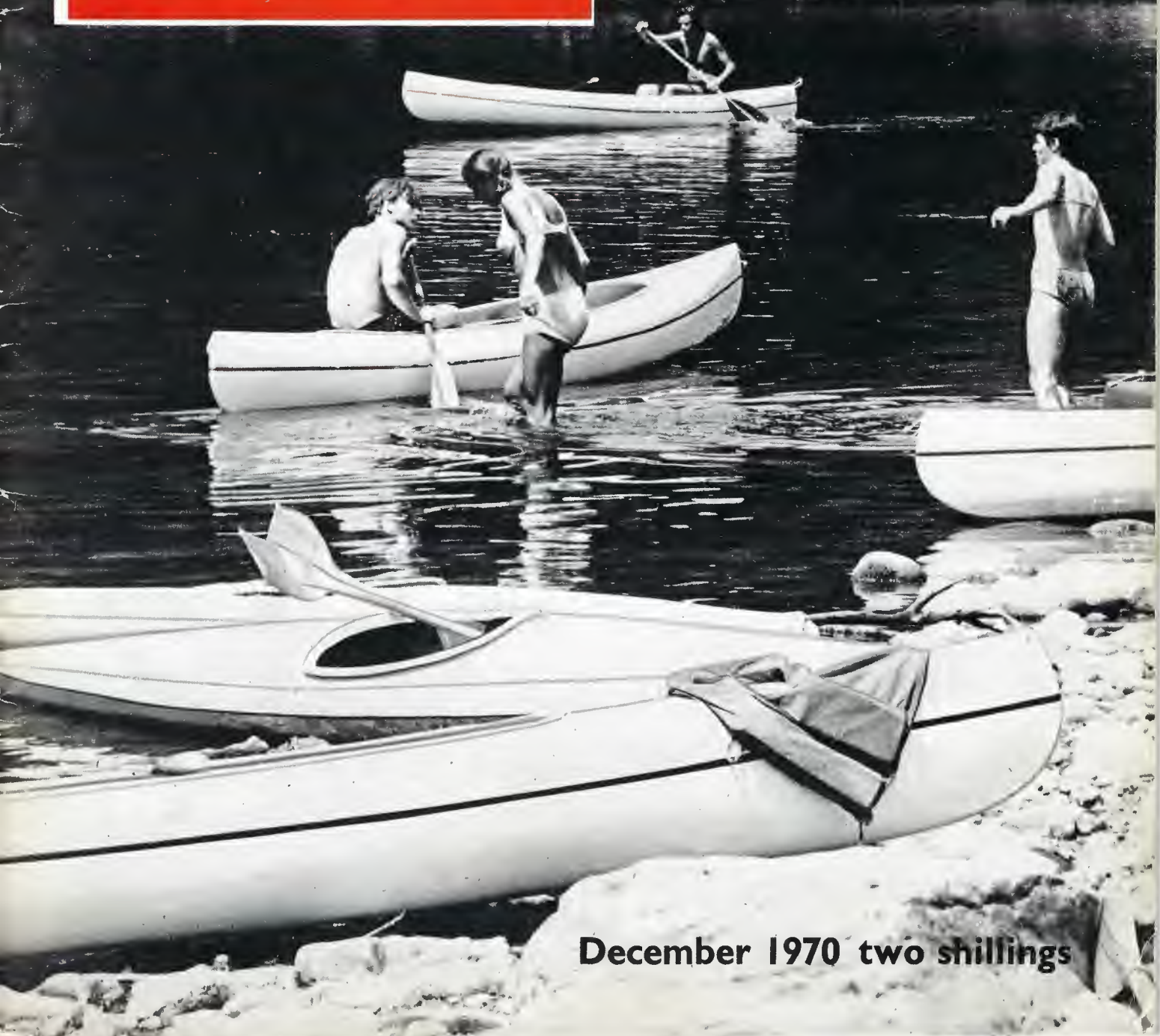


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explain my interest to him and he would send me information as to how the Walsall Club could help. In fact nothing came.

4. Finally from the B.C.U. list I visited an address in an adjoining town described as a "Canoe Centre", which implied to me that it was at least some sort of a Sports shop. Three visits there have been fruitless, which is perhaps not surprising as the address is a house with no sign of canoes, in a general area of terraced houses in course of demolition. However, I suppose it might be the home of a canoeist, but which is not quite the same thing as a "Canoe Centre".

This exhausted the B.C.U. information as to any local tuition, and I next turned to your 1970 issues.

I will pass over my visits to Bisham Abbey (where I found that the C.C.P.R. is not interested until the trainees are aged 16 or so) and to the Scouts Centre nearby at Longbridge (where there was some canoeing going on, but most of the children were on my visit swimming and generally larking about en masse in the river).

For completeness I include also that an official of the Birmingham Canoe Club advised me to visit Edgbaston Reservoir in the centre of Birmingham on a Sunday morning when I would find some of the members there, and my sons could probably "have a go", but in fact when we so visited the Reservoir there were no canoeists there, for no apparent reason.

As regards local addresses mentioned in your issues, in any context, the only Wolverhampton address was in your July issue, which referred to the organiser of an L.D. race as living at "129, Cherry Brook, Fenbridge, Wolverhampton*." I am quite sure that there is no such address in Wolverhampton.

(Even my attempts to buy canoes and obtain information at the same time was fruitless, as I drove to the much advertised Canoe Centre at Twickenham on a Saturday afternoon and found it closed. It turns out that a feature of canoe-selling establishments is that they are not open at the most convenient time for retail selling - a fact not mentioned in any of the advertisements - as the staff are said to be elsewhere taking part in competitions).

As a final effort before giving up all thoughts of canoeing I visited the home of Mrs. Pat Maynard of Wombourne near Wolverhampton (who was referred to in your April issue as being involved in organising a Womens Slalom training weekend at Symonds Yat in May). She turned out to be most enthusiastic and helpful in all ways. Somehow she managed to obtain the loan of two Bats, while I persuaded my son's School to lend us the swimming bath weekly. My sons now have slalom canoes, and I hope that their training will continue. To see canoeing in action we have visited the International events at Llangollen and the Exe Descent a fortnight ago.

I have written you this lengthy letter to let you know what difficulties can arise when attempting to start canoeing tuition, and how persistent one has to be to obtain such tuition, and that in my sons' case we should have got nowhere but for your Magazine which:-

1. Gave Mrs. Maynard's address, as without her we

would never have started.

2. Has included the series of articles "Beginning Canoesport" which has recorded and illustrated the practical instruction.

I do not know progress will be made in the future, as boys' enthusiasms can wane. However there is now the development that the Master of my sons' school has made a first approach to me as to how to introduce canoeing tuition for a few interested boys next term as they have seen my sons' activity with Mrs. Maynard. I shall be very pleased if you can give me the address of any Schools Canoe Association anywhere in the Midlands or the West which we can contact to see how other school canoe clubs are run both as to training, demonstrations and even perhaps competitive events later on, if all goes well.

Yours truly,
A.D.L. Smith Hilliard.

Our correspondent certainly has shown great tenacity in his pursuit of canoesport instruction and we are pleased to see another four converts to slalom but how many more would have given up before making actual contact with our sport? You may argue that those who give up are not worth having anyway, but without having tried our sport who can say what talent is being lost each year through almost total lack of information?

With the steady growth of canoesport it becomes apparent that the administration work must become acute if extra staff are not employed. The letter is not an indictment against headquarters for inefficiency in bringing records up to date - although in the past I have had a number of letters complaining about the lack of an early reply - but rather against the whole sport and the individual closed attitude we all seem to have about beginners.

Lack of suitable information was the main bug in our correspondents case and it seems to me that the BCU should think hard about forming an information committee to handle such work as this, I have a list of canoe clubs throughout the country dated 1968 - the latest one available. I was told some while by Mr. Tomlinson that I could obtain an up to date one if I cared to go up to headquarters and go through records. But of course the sending out of a full club list to every new enquiry is hardly economical and I would visualise that an Information Committee would be responsible for complying a series of duplicated lists covering different regions of the country that give all relevant information of use to the novice and non-club member. The forms would course be kept at headquarters and sent out in the normal way.

To go on supplying information that is out of date and thus of little use to new or prospective canoeists, is not only losing us members, but a total waste of our secretaries time and the Unions money. We have our Annual General Meeting coming up in January, let's see something done about this situation.

*Address referred to was in fact wrong but was taken from LDR Race list. Ed.

CANOESPORT '70

Into the 1970s and the first season of the new decade has finished. Just what were the outstanding performances both on the British and International scene that hold promise for the future years to come ?

In Britain back in the Spring, we saw the Devizes to Westminster Canoe Marathon record broken once again and won for the third year in succession by the Service crew of Pagnanelli/Evans, the time going down to just over 19hrs. The last civilian crew to win this event was in 1952 but, with a Newham Canoe Club crew of Vessey/James taking the third place in the 1970 race in a time a little over the 20hrs, the long Service run could be broken in coming years. In the junior event of the race, the record was smashed for the first time in ten years by the young crew of West/-Hunter of the Leander Scouts.

The familiar British crews were back on the scene in both Long Distance and Sprint Racing, but in the latter we saw the emergence of the fine K2 from the Richmond Canoe Club being of Avery/Parnham. On occasions in K1 both Avery and Parnham were able to push the Lincoln paddler, Oliver, but the absence of Whitby - again from Richmond - was felt.

The slalom season saw the return of Dave Mitchell and his quick climb to superiority with the British Championship win after a two year break. Calverley continued to improve but also showing ability of a champion was Melvin Swallow of the Chester club.

On the International scene, Zwickau Slalom saw the entrance of the Russians to the field of rough water - but with quite a long way to go for world class. With eight gold medals at the World Spring Championships in Denmark, there was no doubt that the Russians were still masters of Sprint Racing. Dominating the K1 1000m event was Alexander Shaparenko, setting a fantastic 3min 41sec. Mieke Jaapies of the Netherlands was rewarded for many years of paddling with a second place win in Denmark, but of the new women, one of the brightest lights must surely be Petra Setzkorn of East Germany, taking three medals at the World Championships.

The Norwegian K4 crew showed their Mexico Olympic win was no fluke, while in Sprint and Rough Water the Belgium, Jean Pierre Burny, proved himself highly competent at both. The Australians maybe separated by many miles from the centres of canoeing but with a place in the World Sprint finals by Southwood, and a fine display by Egger in an American rough water competition, proved that they are creeping up on world class. The British girls in slalom showed themselves to be amongst the best anywhere, while on our Sprint scene there appeared no-one of international standing or of ability for the future years. However we did see the first birth of the Espada Youth K1 class for British youth that must hold the greatest promise for things to come.....

CANOE SPORT '70



West/Hunter at the finish of the third day.



Pagnanelli/Evans on the Canal.



Parnham/Avery at the
World Championships



Dave Mitchell and Raymond Calverley
competing at the Liangollen Slalom.



CANOESPORT '70

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Top. Sharparenko. Above. The Norwegian K4.
Left. Petra Setzkorn.



British Womens Slalom Team.



Above. The new Liffey course.
Left. Junior and overall winners of
the Descent - Kolar/Lawrence.

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Left. The new Espada Youth K1. Below. Melvin Swallow and Helen Woodhouse, the latter being one British girl with an international future.



LDR COACHES AWARD

The Long Distance Tace Committee of the BCU introduce the LDR Coach's Award, the details of which are printed below.

QUALIFICATIONS

(a) The candidate must have completed in at least 10 British ranking Long Distance Canoe Races on at

COUNCIL-COMPETITIVE

report from
J.M. WOOLLEY,
chairman.

LOOKING FORWARD

Competitive canoeing starts the new season with a £1500 credit, this being the sum allocated by Council to the International Competitive Fund. There are no stipulations regarding the distribution of the money and members of the Competitive Committee will decide and agree how best the money can be used for the general good of the four branches of the sport.

This brings me to the Annual General Meeting of the British Canoe Union, to be held in Leamington Spa on the 23rd January 1971. It is important that all canoeists realise that they have a vote and that they should use it. Even if you have no personal knowledge of those nominated for election, you do have a summary of each individual and this should enable members to have some idea of their background and interests. I do not infer that you should necessarily vote for a person who has a competitive leaning, you should try to establish which of the candidates will administer the organisation to the best advantage of the whole of the British Canoe Union. I am sure all concerned with administration would agree that we need to keep a balanced outlook if we are to continue our present growth and progress. Whilst thinking of the future we must also remember the past, and I would like to thank all those concerned with competitive events in 1970 for the excellent way in which they performed their duties. In all branches of our interest we made progress and certainly the administration improved so much that many paddlers made favourable comments. This in itself is unusual and I hope paddlers will realise that the 'backroom boys' like and deserve a pat on the back occasionally.

We are still waiting for organisations to come forward offering new venues for Long Distance Races, Regattas, and Slaloms. The more progress towards regionalisation, the more we need these new events. I understand that there are now well over 400 canoe clubs registered with the BCU and I am sure that amongst them there are some who will accept the invitation. May I conclude by wishing everyone good canoeing in the New Year.

J. M. Woolley.

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least 5 different courses, including one National Championships Race and at least one 'difficult' course (e.g. Bedford, Bath-Bradford, Tay, Exe Estuary, Exe Descent, Poole, Orwell, Liffey, Sella).

(b) The candidate must have gained at least 20 Haslerpoints, 10 of which must have been gained in 'K' classes.

(c) The candidate must be at least 18 years old.

(d) The candidate must have organised a course on LDR training over a weekend, at which one or more of the sub-committee is able to assess the candidate ability in teaching.

(e) The candidate must show himself to teach LDR and to organise training for it. His knowledge of the sport should be extensive and should include training methods, boat design, equipment, tactics, organisation of races, technique, and history of LDR.

(f) The candidate must be a Senior Instructor.

The Candidate may be appointed an LDR Coach for one year's duration by the LDR Executive Committee upon the sub-committee consisting of the Executive LDR Coach and others appointed by the LDR Executive Committee. The Executive Committee has power to waive some of these qualifications in special cases, or to refuse to appoint a candidate without giving its reasons.

MAINTENANCE OF THE AWARD

(a) The LDR Coach should attend at least 3 British ranking LD events every year.

(b) The LDR Coach should submit a short report to the Executive LDR Coach every year, giving details of the work he has done. The sub-committee may then re-appoint him for a further year. The Executive LDR Coach will keep a register of all LDR Coaches.

Further information may be obtained from: Robin Lees, 13, Hazel Way, St. Ives, Huntingdon, Huntingdonshire.

AROUND & ABOUT AROUND & ABOUT

CANOE POLO

A new game which is catching on at national level is Canoe Polo – played in swimming baths or on open water in special small kayaks made for swimming bath use.

In Oxford there are several schools which have experience of the game, and the ten polo 'Bats' owned by the Riverside Canoe Club are often in use. The game is played with few rules as yet, the goals are targets one metre square which are hung two metres above the water at each end of the 'pitch'. The player may throw the ball, or hold it and sprint with it in his small kayak. Because the kayaks are so small, they do not go at such a great speed – only 2–3 mph – thus impact damage to craft or paddler is slight.

If the player is holding the ball, he may be tackled. Skill in the game is in spotting the open space, moving into it, and in moving the ball around by accurate passing. The game is played five a side for five minutes each way.

On 22nd November at the St Edwards School Baths, Oxford, a knock out match between six schools was completed. All the team members were boys apart from one girl – Val Moss – who was in the final match. Its clear that netball skill is very useful in this game, for she did very well. The winning side was that of the host team.

ROYAL CANOE CLUB WOMEN GET VOTE

Royal Canoe Club held its Annual General Meeting on 5th December in their clubhouse at Trowlock Island, Teddington. A number of important issues were discussed and the meeting accepted by unanimous vote new rules for the club, the most notable of which was that after over one hundred years of canoeing, Royal Canoe Club women have at last gained their right to a vote and all rights, privileges and duties of a full member, being therefore able to hold official positions on any of the committees. Another introduction is that of Cadet Membership for young persons between the ages of fourteen to sixteen years. Subscriptions fees to the club were raised, full membership now being £6 per year – still very cheap con-

sidering the amenities at the club.

The rules have been 'tidied up' and set out in a logical order, yet retaining the original flavour. The objectives of the club has reverted to a simple: 'Promote canoeing, improve canoes, and unite canoeists'.

BRITISH UNIV. ASSOCIATION

Following up on the 'Editorial' of our October issue, we bring notice to interested persons the existence of the British Universities Canoeing Association.

With the rapid growth of canoe clubs within Colleges of Further Education, many may not be aware of the existence of the Association. Further details of the BUCA can be obtained from: John Whitehead, Canoe Club, Athletic Union, University of Bristol, Student Union, Queen's Road, Bristol, BS8 1HH.

Throughout the year a number of competitive events are held by various universities and the BUCA publicize and co-ordinate such events. Inter-club contact is always of great importance, particularly when obtaining permission to paddle on water with access problems. If not already, add your club voice to the BUCA.

LEVEN WILD WATER TEST

Excellent water conditions on all but one of the dates selected for the Leven Wild Water Test during the year and this resulted in 216 entries from 29 clubs.

The 'Gold Dipper' was won by Dave Mitchell after an exciting contest with Norman Jackson on the final Test of the season. Both paddlers returned corrected times of 5mins 30sec on their second runs but, as Norman's run started some 16mins later than Dave's, and as the water level was rising at a rate of one inch every hour (the equivalent of 5 secs. per inch in the corrected times) or a correction of one second every 12mins, it gave Dave the lead by one second – the narrowest of margins.

The Leven Trophy, that battered but highly prized old pewter jug with a history intimately connected with the Leven, awarded to the fastest member of the home Club, was won by Nigel Morley. In the slalom class, Graham Mackereth of Grappenhall ACC had the leading time of 6mins 55sec, while Heather Goodman retained the lead in the Womens class for Wild Water Racing K1 with a time of 6mins 41sec. In the Womens Slalom class the win went to Aileen Evans with a time of 6mins 41sec. In the C1 event, J. Hargraves of the Army Canoe Union set up a new record of 8mins 21sec., which entitled him to hold the handsome 'Leven Paddle' trophy for as long as he held the record. (This proved to be only three weeks as Stuart Gillett set up a new record of 8mins 13sec on 15th November – the first Test in the series for 1971). In the C2 class the Marsdeb Bros. of the home club emerged with the fastest time.

The new season has already got off to a good start and the next three dates arranged for the series are 31st January, 14th February, and 21st March.

At the annual review it was decided to make certain amendments to the rules, notably in the scale of time allowances as between the different classes for the purposes of awards. Copies of the rules will be available on request in January to all who send an SAE to the organiser. Due to the greater number of entries it has become necessary to insist on the competitor's number being shown on the canoe as in slalom and to exercise stricter control over the time allowed for late entries. The changes come into effect as from 31st January 1971.

Address to write for new rules: Eric B. Totty, Craigmuir, High Knott Road, Arnside, Via Carnforth, Lancs.

BRECON CANAL

Only two years after the decision to restore the Brecon and Abergavenny Canal, the job was completed in October with the opening of the beautiful 32½ mile section. The whole restored length of the canal, from Jockey Bridge, near Pontypool, to Brecon, lies within the Brecon Beacons National Park. It is bordered by the Brecon Beacons and the Black Mountains, and now provides one of the most attractive waterways in Britain.

CANOE CLUB AFLOAT

Although the HMS Ark Royal Canoe Club was officially started in July 1970, its members began to arrive as early as March 1969, when the principal instructor Mechanical Engineer Jan Ruse - a BCU instructor - joined the ship. From the time of his arrival, the organisation of a successful club has gone ahead at a pace, due to his driving enthusiasm and expert coaching methods.

Originally boats were begged and borrowed from local Plymouth canoe clubs, until eventually the club was fortunate enough to obtain a Nuffield Grant to purchase four kayaks, two Comets, an SL7 and SL8 the latter two being class slalom kayaks.

Due to Jan's hard work and also assistance from two other instructors on board, 40 members of the Ship's Company have been introduced to the sport and all have achieved the basic laid down test standard.

Since the formation of the club, considerable canoeing has taken place in and around the West Country, including participation in a surfing weekend at Ilfracombe and numerous coastal and river expeditions. Also instructors have made themselves available to other organisations in the Plymouth area, giving up their weekends and spare time, to instruct various youth groups.

So far, during the commission, the club has been active in every port, except Rotterdam, and has taken part in sea canoeing off Lossiemouth and a tour of *Canoeing Magazine* December 1970

Oslo Fjord. Whilst in Malta, Grand Harbour provided good facilities for further basic training and the more experienced canoeists were able to make a shortcoastal trip. Next time in Malta, the club is holding a weekend camp on the island of Gozo, using their kayaks to explore the wild and rocky coastline of this attractive little island.



ME Jan Ruse of the HMS Ark Royal Canoe Club, demonstrating slalom strokes to crew and club members on warm waters of Grand Harbour, Malta.



After Christmas the river of the UK should be in fine condition for some white water descents and the club is hoping to spend at least one weekend on the upper part of the River Wye.

AROUND & ABOUT
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MIKE CLARK on competitive CANOEING

FANTASTIC EXE

Out with a bang – or rather a thundering rush of wild water – went the 1970 Long Distance Racing season with the Exe Descent Canoe Race held on 15th November.

This event, organised by the Exeter Canoe Club, was the second time the Descent has been run, being cancelled at the last moment last season through permission being withdrawn by the river authorities. November saw a very highly successful race stage and certainly it was the most exciting by far of the whole season with the water and degree of difficulty being greater than ever the new course of the Liffey Descent.

After a very dry summer and poor water for our major slalom event in October, the beginning of November the heavens opened up and some ten days before the Descent the River Exe broke its banks at Tiverton. Great news, at last a race with some real wild water, but it needed no more rain before the race for there comes a point when the rapids and weirs just flatten out. However from London it did not look too good as race day approached. The rain still fell and the evening before the race we drove out of London in almost a storm. . . . just what would the Exe look like in the morning ?

Just eighty miles from the capital and we were driving through a clear night with a bright moon, maybe the morning would bring a fine day, even if the river was impossible.

Kicked out of my sleeping bag by my two passengers – after a very cosy nights sleep in the Exeter Canoe Club – I woke to a brilliant day and after breakfast we set out up the course to Tiverton and the start, inspecting the major weirs on the way.

The first weir we came to there was hardly need to get out of the car to see what the water was like – the thunder of the stopper also drowned the engine noise. What a sight, a double weir with brown flooding water racing over the sills, breaking to a mass of white foam below and a stopper wave five to six feet high – it was just right, impossible to shoot of course, but further upstream the weirs would be great to shoot. . . . Cowley Steps – another mass of white racing water and enough to put the fear of God in the most brave K1 or K2 paddler, but maybe the white water kayaks would get through here. All the



1. Confusion at the start – a paddler encountering lack of space on the first weir.
2. Cowley Steps – a paddler takes the first stopper.
3. Boshor/Handyside winners of the K2 make a safe portage on Cowley Steps.
4. Trouble on the first weir.
5. One way of taking the rapids.
6. Paddlers making the safe way round Cowley Steps.



way up the story was the same, certainly in such a state it was the most difficult but exciting Long Distance course I have yet seen.

At the start all was confusion with paddlers trying to listen to the briefing but at the same time chasing around for crash hats and lifejackets. Like the Liffey, the start was just a few hundred metres above a weir, and so, not wishing to miss the inevitable capsizes and general mishaps at such a point, I selected what I thought to be the best viewing point - I was right. (I might add that I also picked the winners).

Just after 1200 hours and the first crews were off racing down to the weir, a small cat-walk going right across the river above the sill, a quite long slope of smooth water ending in a wall of white foam, through this and bounce over a number of haystacks, and down into another drop to go through yet another wall of white water, bounce through more haystacks and crews were through. . . . First under the catwalk were M. Boshier/J. Handyside of Richmond CC (the K2s going off the start first), and this crew took all the rough water in great style. After this there was total chaos. . . . Crews right on top of one another shot into the racing rapids, one mistake bringing out any number of crews. Paddlers capsizing in the first stopper had no chance to gain the bank but had to go through the second fall before being pulled out by the rescue divers. Other classes followed down and soon the scene was utter confusion. Everywhere there were paddlers and kayaks floating down capsized, paddlers desperately hanging onto to sterns. . . . On this first weir I would think that well over 50% of the competitors came out, many not going any further than this. The poor divers had a real hard time of it and were so over-worked that kayaks were left to float down, the more important work being that of pulling out canoeists.

On down the course and the story was a little better. The men had been sorted out from the boys on the first weir. But still in sort for the canoeists was the Cowley Steps. . . . Out in front of the senior K2 were three crews - Boshier/Handyside, Story/Wink of the Royal Signals, and Mackereth/Hawkesworth of Grappenhall ACC - and a great battle developed. The Richmond crew took out the lead but let the Signals go through first at Bickly Bridge, below which was a small weir. The London lads did not leave near enough time before following down and went straight into the back of the Signals crews to make a spectacular capsize, leaving the Grappenhall crew to take up second place. However with no damage to their kayak, the Richmond boys were soon on their way again and chasing the lead. Slee of Exeter and Pawlow of the Royal Signals were battling the senior K1, while in junior K2 the Longridge boys were making good time.

On right down to Cowley Steps. Here, as at all the main advantage points, there was a great crowd. After a wait of some minutes the first crews - who had survived all that the fury of the Exe could throw came into sight, but alas, they make a long portage over fields down on the right of the river. A short spell and Boshier/Handyside came down to the top of Cowley, only to make a portage, but coming out

almost level with the other leading K2s who had made the longer portage. From here to the Finish the Richmond boys just poured on the power to pull away from the Signals, taking the win with a fine time of 2hrs 04min 02sec. But back to Cowley. . . .

The classes were certainly mixed up by now and much depleted but it was not long before on of the paddlers tried to shoot. . . Missing the steps and down over the sill to the right. . . Whooose, into the full fury of the flood, through the stopper, he had made it. Alas, the second stopper just a few yards away brought him out. And this was the story for the majority of crews that tried Cowley. There were a number of small steps below the main shoot and once through the first stopper, paddlers tended to relax and slow having thought to have made a successful shoot, only to be pulled out by the second stopper. . . . Time and again this happened and for most the portage seemed the better route. Many of the slalom kayaks also came to grief here but one paddler, having capsized on the second stopper, made a great roll out of it to continue. . . . West/Lawrence of Royal in a K2 came out here in an attempted shoot, but the experienced Davis of Itchen Valley, in a wild water kayak, choose the safer portage. . . .

Story/Wink of the Royal Signals gained the second place in the K2 with the Grappenhall crew only seconds being. The Signals also gained a great win in the senior K1 with Pawlow taking the win from Slee of the host club. In the junior K1 it is interesting to note the first place win by Payne of the Teddington School Canoe Club, while in the mens slalom class the win went to Bolton of the Sherbourne School Canoe Club. The Longbridge Scout Canoe Club gained a great win in the junior K2 with the slalom club of Itchen taking the class 3a. Both in junior and senior class 3 the win went to white water kayaks rather than the specially designed class 3 racing kayaks and from this it would seem the white water kayaks can outstrip the racing boats on such a course.

Thus the second Exe Descent lived up to all the expectations of a really rough Long Distance Race. It is to be hoped that permission can be obtained next year for the event. However one serious point that must be considered if the race is to become established and that is of spectators. Main advantage points are at bridges over the Exe and the race caused a great deal of work for the local police - who must be congratulated on a fine job - but our supporters must be impressed upon to park with the greatest consideration to other road users. It would be a pity to lose such an event due to the behaviour of an inconsiderate few. . . .

OLYMPIC SQUADS

CANOE SLALOM TRAINING GROUP

The British Olympic Canoe Slalom Training Group is now very active with winter training and immediate preparations for the coming World Championships in Merano next season.

The squad comprises 30 slalom paddlers, plus those selected to make up the River Racing Squad. Training under the direction of A. Harber - who will concentrate on Canadian Classes - and J. Fazey - who will concentrate on the Kayak Classes - with overall management from N. Morley. Emphasis has been removed regarding the North and Southern groups, all training weekends being to include both groups.

Training weekends for the group are: 2nd/3rd January, 13th/14th February, 13th/14th March, and 3rd/4th April, the venues being Buxton, St. Bedes or Oswstry, London, and Appletreewick.

A Selection Committee meeting held at Llangollen on 15th November choose the following persons to make up the British Team for the World Championships in Merano:

WOMENSK1 - Heather Goodman, Pauline Squires, Adrey Wickham (Keerie), Carol Gostling, and Victoria Brown.

MENSK1 - David Mitchell, John Macleod, Melvin Swallow, Ken Langford, Raymond Calverley, Tony Young.

MENSC1 - Graham Goldsmith, Rowan Osbourne, Jim Sibley, Geoff Dinsdale, John Albert, John Wilde.

MENSC2 - Witter/Witter, Court/Goodwin, Allen/Williams.

Where a sixth member of each discipline is named, this constitutes the full team for Internationals where six paddlers or two are permitted.

Apart from the above members, the Training Group also consists of:

MENSK1 - Ian White, Mike Thomas, Keith Wickham.

MENSC1 - Mike Hillyard, Albert Woods, Bob Hastings.

Additional C2 crews and a squad and teams for Wild Water Racing will be selected in the Spring.

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MINI SLALOMS

The Bedfordshire Young Canoeists Association will be organising two mini-slaloms early in the new year at Duck Mill Weir, Bedford. The entry will be limited to 100 starters including teams. Classes are for Novice, Womens Novice, Open, Canadian Singles and Doubles. Full details of the events, which will be held on 31st January and 28th February, can be obtained from: D.H. Harper, County Youth Officer County Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford.

DUTCH LONG DISTANCE

The Viking Canoe Club (Amsterdam) will be holding their second Long Distance Race on 18th April, details of entries may be passed through 'Canoeing Magazine'.

BOOK REVIEW

'How to Build a Glass Fibre Canoe' Byde and Crane, published by Tylon Ltd. This little booklet is the second edition of the one reviewed last year. The new edition has been revised to give all the new techniques, materials and mould (the latter from Tylon) of course) that are now available for home canoe construction. Added to the booklet are a number of illustrations that does more to improve the already good value of this booklet priced at 5/-

It is hoped that this will be added to the number of publications already available through 'Canoeing Magazine Sales'.

CAMPING FACILITIES FOR THE OLYMPIC GAMES

About 100 camping grounds within a radius of some 65 miles will be available for visitors to the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich. 70 per cent of the places can be reserved in advance. Starting in 1971, a computer will record the reservations and distribute the available places. Munich (Olympia Press).

BOAT SHOW

The International Boat Show opens in London on 6th January with a bigger and wider range of craft and accessories than ever before. This year the backcloth of the show is the Orient - Hong Kong Har-

bour to be exact, - and adding a touch of authenticity to the scene will be two Sampan girls who have never been further than Hong Kong harbour in their lives. The two girls, Susie Lei and Anne Ho, will be seen sculling a sampan around a replica of HMS Tamar's bullnose jetty built on the pool in the Earls Court.

However of particular interest to canoeists are the stands of Aquaequipment, Tyne Canoes, and Ottersports. A brief review of their stands is given below.

OTTERSPTS LTD. - STAND US-6

Ottersports will once again be showing their full range of established kayaks and kits, along with the Ottersports Slimmer Lifejackets, Paddle Kits, Paddle, and all other Canoeing Accessories.

As well as these favourites, they introduce four completely new models for 1971. Two are additions to the famous Kayel-Otter range of complete Kits of Parts - The Otter-Cub and the Sea Otter.

The 'Otter-Cub' - a fun kayak. Fun for the whole family to share in building and using. It can be easily handled by children ashore or afloat, but is capable of carrying their parents. Small - only 12' x 23";



Light - a mere 25lbs. Stable, and probably the cheapest boat in the Show at just £15.0.0.

The 'Sea-Otter' a first class kayak for sea-canoing enthusiast. Breakwater on foredeck; flat aftdeck to reduce wind resistance; raled cockpit; and reasonable rocker to assist riding waves. Length 15' 10". xBeam 22". Priced at £18.0.0.

New in glassfibre range of ready-built craft are:- The Espada and the Junior.

The 'Espada', the BCUEspada Youth K1 adopted as a one design kayak to encourage youth racing. This kayak will appeal especially to Schools and Youth Organisations.

The 'Junior' - a kayak for the family which needs a really stable craft for children. 12' x 24", priced at £36.0.0.

TYNE CANOES LTD - STAND A-4

Tyne Canoes will be showing their well known and proved products, a range of glassfibre and folding kayaks for all sides of canoesport. Also on show will be a design for export, the 14' Canadian Canoe packed with an 11' kayak that requires only one packing case - thus the customer obtains two craft for the shipping of one.

New to the Tyne range will be the 'Typhoon' K2 racing kayak. The 'Typhoon', a full blood racing craft, brings Tyne Canoes into the racing field and will surprise many who have known the firm for touring craft in the past. Built exclusively for Long Distance Racing, the 'Typhoon' will give all that is required in such competitive events.

AQUAQUIPMENT - STAND UG-13

Aquaequipment are certainly becoming the real leaders in Do-It-Yourself Wet Suit Kits, while their associate company - Dolphin Wetsuits Ltd - can claim to offer a first class tailored wetsuit of high quality at a reasonable price.

On the stand will be the entire range of D.I.Y. kits available, as well as the ability to demonstrate the making of a wetsuit to anyone who is interested. Aquaequipment have improved their range during the year and not only have the kits enabled anyone to save money by making a suit themselves, but some of the lowest cost kits have brought a wetsuit within reach of many who could not possibly have considered buying one before.

DOLPHIN WETSUITS LTD. - STAND UH-10

Dolphin wetsuits were launched during the middle of the year and have already claimed an appreciable share of the market. Two qualities of suits are available: the 'Standard' range which fills the need for a really cheap suit while retaining the basic requirements of comfort and hard wear; and the 'Super' range which is designed as a top quality suit but with a lower price tag than one would normally

expect. We are confident that there will be no suit in the Boat Show which compares with either range in terms of value for money or is of higher quality than the 'Super' range. Our full range of off-the-peg suits will be available on the stand for inspection, trying on, and sale.



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NEWS AND REPORTS
from our correspondents
around the world

AUSTRALIA

JUNIOR SLALOM.

When the news arrived that the suggested alterations to the slalom rules had been endorsed by the ICF Congress in Denmark, the German version of the penalty points was translated and a meeting called

at Alan Mackey's home for a review before the First Junior Slalom was held on the Shoalhaven River in October.

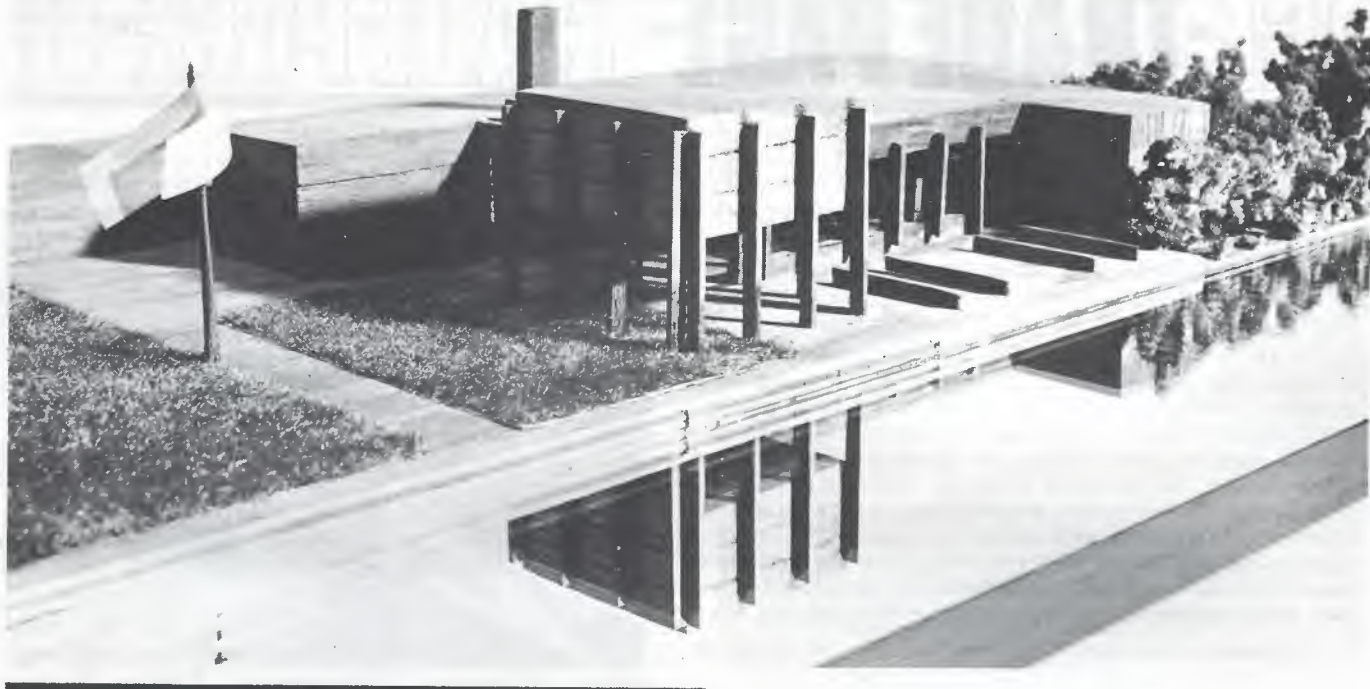
Frank Whitebrook produced a model course with several model craft and at the conclusion of the evening there appeared to be a fairly good supply of judges able to handle competently the difficulties of the preliminary touch rule. There seems to be, however, some possible sources of variation and international advice is being sought.

The Junior Slalom took place as planned at the end of October. It was highly venture planned by Alan Mackey and he was assisted by members of the Illawarra Canoe Club and many other clubs from as far afield as Orange. Children competed from Sydney, Wollongong, Goulburn, and Orange. Over 70 entries were received and a large number of High Schools and Primary Schools, both state and private were involved. The most encouraging sign was the presence of many parents who were willing to help. It is this parental component which is the basis of success of the Australian Swimming programme and thus, if it keeps up in canoeing, just wait and see what the 1980's bring forth....

The youngest competitor at the event was just six years old. Four age classifications were used but the water was only of grade 1 to ensure full participation, even though many of the older teenagers had already ventured onto Grade 1V.....



Parents interested in the Junior Slalom attended a course on the slalom rules held in the comfort of Alan Mackey's lounge. The model was provided by Frank Whitebrook, who also took the photo.



DAPTO HIGH SCHOOL

The efforts of the Dapto High School in promoting school interest in canoeing has been rewarded by the Council of Greater Wollongong giving permission to use the new Olympic Pool for rolling on sports afternoons.

100 MILE RACE

The 100 mile Marathon canoe event, held in October and organised by the Nepean Canoe Club, was quite a success for canoeing and charity. It was sponsored by Rotary and Interact with every competitor to finish who could coax a sponsor was 'backed' for charity to the tune of \$100. Thirteen were 'backed' and twelve finished - just \$1200 for the children of Hong Kong...

The winner was M. Gregor of the Illawarra Canoe Club with a time of 22 hours, followed by P. Egger and A. Elzer; both of the Canobalas Canoe Club.

Both Gregor and Elzer have found sponsors for the 250 mile marathon on the Murray River in January.

from FRANK WHITEBROOK,
'Canoeing Magazine' correspondent,
AUSTRALIA.

NETHERLAND

NEW DUTCH CANOEING CENTRE

After many years of preparation and planning, the early spring of 1971 will see a dream realized and the new canoe home of the Dutch Federation officially opened.

About five years ago the first plans for this building were laid when, the then Nederland Canoe Union

national trainer Mr. K. Muys and the then Chef d'Equipe Mr. K. Molman suggested to have this Canoe Training Centre. With the co-operation of the Dutch Sport Federation (NSF) and the Municipality of Amsterdam the building is at least nearing completion.

The endeavours of the NSF are that every sport federation should get their own centre, and for this purpose two-thirds of the profit from the national football pool are put aside. The Nederland Canoe Union will be the third federation in the country, after the National Football Association and the Nederland Sport Federation itself, to have such a sport centre.

The municipal authorities of Amsterdam have borne one third of the building cost of the new centre, thus securing its use for school canoeing and the youth of Amsterdam but with the Nederland Canoe Union having control of the grounds.

The architect of the centre, which will be part of the sport accommodation 'Ookmeer' (Amsterdam), is Mr. Molman, who, in his capacity of Chef d'Equipe, visited many canoeing centres throughout Europe. This Dutch centre owes much to the canoeing centre in Duisburg on which it has been modeled - in particular as far as the installation of the instruction-basin. This instruction-training-basin allows for movement of the water from fixed kayak/canoes.

The same indoor basin will also be used for Ex-kimo Rolling, while during the day-hours the tiled bath with warm water, will be used by Amsterdam infant-schools for swimming instruction. From this will be a certain amount of income to the NCU to defray running costs of the centre.

from HISKE RUNEMAN
'Canoeing Magazine' correspondent,
NETHERLAND.

CANADIAN SLOPP SHIRTS

Many canoe clubs are now sporting the Canadian Slopp Shirts as standard off water wear for their paddlers. Among these are the Richmond and Royal Canoe Club, Leeds Canoe Club, Manchester Canoe Club, and the National Slalom Team.

The original 'Slopp Shirt' is in many ways not suitable for 'on-water' wear during the summer months, it being a little too warm, but now the company has introduced a range of superior T-Shirts. These can be printed with the same designs as for the Slopp Shirts and are ideal for 'on-water' wear. The Super T-Shirts are short sleeved of cotton and available in a range of colours priced at 21/- each. 'Canoeing Magazine' will be going over to standard wear of these for the summer months, why not follow suit and smarten up members of your own canoe club?

Details of these T-Shirts and a wide range of other athletic wear can be obtained from Canadian Slopp Shirt Co. Ltd., Timber Lane, Timber Hill Road, Caterham, Surrey.



ATTRACTION AT COLEX

Last month we mentioned the Camping and Outdoor Life Exhibition, at the Olympia in London over the same period as the Boat Shop, as being of interest to the canoeist. This now becomes even more so having heard just as we go to press that Jaycee Glass-fibre Products - one of the major British manufacturers - will be exhibiting at this show.

On the Jaycee stand will be a number of their standard range - including the new and very successful Merano Slalom Kayak - plus an entirely new touring double that should prove of great interest to the family canoeists who have no interest in competition.

SEA-OTTER



This new kayak from OTTERSPO RTS has been especially designed for the enthusiast who wants to canoe on sea or estuary.

Its long, lean lines, and hard chine hull with 'V' bottom produce a fast boat with directional and lateral stability. There is a breakwater on the fore-deck to reduce danger of water travelling towards the cockpit, and the cockpit itself is raked with a good slope down from fore to aft, to further the process of repelling the water. The aft deck is flat to reduce wind resistance and to facilitate entry to and exit from the cockpit. It is strongly reinforced.

Hip boards, knee bars, and a glassfibre seat are included in the Kit, while a Rudder Kit is available that is simple to fit as an extra if desired.

The Kit itself is the latest addition to the famous Kayel-Otter Range, and it therefore follows that it is complete in every detail. All parts are ready cut to shape and the cockpit coamings and lips are pre-moulded. It has the well known step by step, fully illustrated building instructions, which enable even the beginner to build with ease and confidence to a truly 'professional' finish.

The length is 15' 10" (483cm), beam 22" (56cm), weight 31lbs (14½kgs). Retail price is £18. 0. 0.

AQUAQUIPMENT

AQUAQUIPMENT at the present time have two 'special orders' on offer for buyers of Kit Westsuits. Available into the first four or five months of the new year is a 5mm Double Skin Suit for £8. 18. 0. This material, a batch of second quality, is of a nominal 5mm thickness and generally of a reasonably high

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quality with virtually no skin blemishes. It has been rated as second grade due to area of variation in the thickness.

A Single Skin Suit for only £5.19.0. is to remain open indefinitely. This new low priced kit is of 4mm single skin, the material having slight imperfections of blemishes or variation in thickness, but which can mainly be avoided when cutting. The finished suit will usually be indistinguishable from a suit made from first grade material.

Full details of both these special offers can be obtained from: Aquaequipment, 69, Hatfield Road, St. Albans, Herts.

NEW GAYBO RANGE

Gaybo Limited - International Canoes and Kayaks - have recently gained the agency for the Klaus Lettmann range of rough water and touring craft. With the ranges of Pavel Bone and Toni Prijon this now gives customers of Gaybo the widest choice of continental wild water canoes and kayaks in Britain.

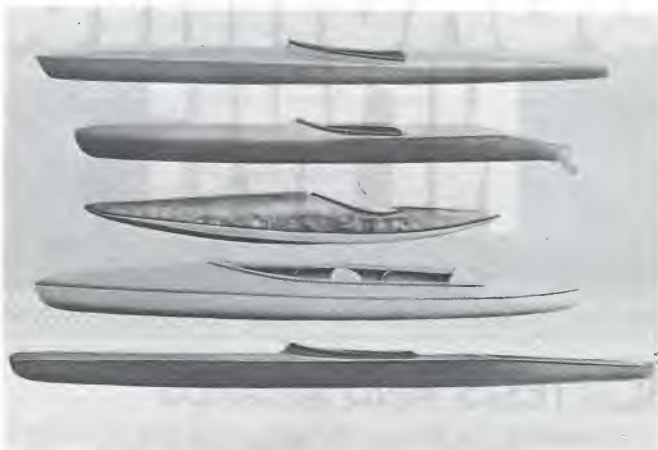
The full range of craft from Gaybo will be on display at the Crystal Palace Canoe Exhibition but it is not expected that all of the new Lettmann range will be generally available for sale until the middle of February, there being a number of entirely new kayaks to Britain.



CANOE CENTRE

The Canoe Centre announce new additions to their 1971 range of craft, many of which will be on display in February. Added over the past year have been the Ranger K1, Lancer K1, and Dart Class 3 but completely new will be the Vega Surf Kayak, the Comrade W, the Espada Youth K1 and for the home builder the NWWC Espada Mould.

Full details of the new boats can be obtained from the 1971 catalogue available in January.



NEW YORK RETURN £68.

The first British Grand Canyon Expedition has chartered a special 'plane from B.O.A.C. to take them and their equipment to New York. The aircraft is a Super V.C. 10 and has a further 96 seats available to B.C.U. members at £68 0.0. Departure is from London Heathrow on 28th July and return flight on 18th August 1971 (three weeks) from New York Kennedy Airport. In addition onward flights have been arranged from New York with United Airlines at 50% discount off normal prices.

Why not support British Pioneer Canoeists and at the same time have a holiday of a lifetime. Bookings and Seat Allocations are now being made. Please write for forms and/or further details enclosing SAE to: Chris Hawkesworth (GCE), 4 Victoria Street Wetherby, Yorks. Or tel: Wetherby 3220 - evenings : Collingham Bridge 3198.

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COACHING NEWS

BCU TESTS AND AWARDS

Canoeing, in Great Britain, was the first outdoor activity to run its own coaching scheme. The National Coaching Committee of the British Canoe Union has been responsible for producing and running a system of tests and awards which has been in operation for nearly ten years. Our sport has been growing at a very fast pace and this is reflected in the very strong Coaching Scheme, which now has over 1400 qualified and active members. In the light of this growth and in anticipation of changing needs during the 1970's, the National Coaching Committee has carried out its first thorough review of the scheme.

In structure, the new system of tests remains much the same as before, although some details have been amended. The Novice Test is replaced by a slightly more demanding Elementary Canoeing Test, while the basic Proficiency Test aims at finding the canoeists who can be considered reasonably safe under normal water conditions, and can be taken as an Inland Test in kayak or canoe, or as a Sea Kayak Test. The Advanced Tests can be passed in the same categories, but demand a much wider experience and knowledge of the sport.

There are a number of more radical changes in the new scheme of Awards. The original Instructor Award has been discontinued and the basic award will now be that of Senior Instructor. This will authorise the holder to teach or lead a group in canoeing activities to Proficiency Test level. The new award is very similar to the present 'Senior Instructor' - recognised by Education Authorities as the minimum requirement for teachers and youth leaders - except that it is more closely linked to the Proficiency Test skills. Candidates of 16 years or older, who have reached a satisfactory standard at an approved training course, will receive a Probationary Certificate which will entitle them to act as Assist-

ant Instructors. These will be valid for only twelve months (or until the candidate is 18 years) by the end of which time the qualifying examination must be taken.

A further innovation is that both awards, and the Advanced Tests, can only be taken at Assessment Weekends, which it is hoped to organise throughout the country at regular intervals.

It is the intention of the National Coaching Committee to introduce, in 1971 if possible, supplementary certificates which can be added to the basic Senior Instructor Award as endorsements.

The Coach Award is intended for the experienced enthusiast who requires a good general award and should be attractive to leaders of well established canoeing groups in schools and clubs, and to staff of outdoor activity centres.

Full details of the revised Tests and Awards can now be obtained in duplicate form or in the new small booklet produced by the Coaching Committee from: British Canoe Union, 26-29, Park Crescent, London, W1N 4DT. A stamped addressed envelope should be sent with your request and the price of the booklet is 1/-.

CANOEING WITH THAMES YOUNG MARINERS

A programme of training at Ham Dock, Richmond, has been already arranged for the first months of the new year. The Ham Training Team will be in attendance on the following Sundays, to assist those who desire to improve on their basic skills and/or ability to instruct: 10th, 24th January, 14th February, 14th, 28th March, and 18th, 25th April.

In addition to the above, three weekend courses will be held for those wishing to qualify for BCU Awards:

26th-28th February -
BCU Senior Instructors

19th-21st March -
BCU Instructors

2nd-4th April -
BCU Proficiency

These courses are residential at a fee of £2.75. Full details and bookings for the course can be obtained from the Warden - tel: 01-940 5559.

RESULT ROUND-UP



READING CIRCUIT LONG DISTANCE 1st November

CLASS 1A

1. B. Slee Exeter CC	2. 16.04
2. H. Hoskins Bradford-on-Avon	2. 18.33
3. M. Pawlow Royal Signals CC	2. 19.02

CLASS 2A

1. R. Story/M. Bull Royal Signals CC	2. 09.47
2. Kidston/Wheeler 63rd Para RCT	2. 11.31
3. A. Stoneley/D. Green Cambridge UCC	2. 13.19

CLASS 3A

1. R. Lancefield Bradford-on-Avon CC	2. 36.07
2. G. Cottle Bradford-on-Avon CC	2. 37.17
3. D. Comerford Warren CC	2. 48.35

CLASS 4A

1. M. Croft/B. Perrett Reading CRC	2. 29.05
2. M. Blundell/J. Grey Gloucester CC	2. 44.09
3. Hancox/Matthews RAF Abingdon CC	2. 52.07

CLASS 1B

1. T. Cornish Longridge SGCC	1. 30.37
2. A. Crossman Aylesbury	1. 34.47
3. E. Farrell Royal CC	1. 35.07

CLASS 2B

1. I. Why/P. Raynesford Longridge SGCC	1. 28.37
2. Walters/Taylor J/Ld. R RE Dover	1. 30.22

CLASS 3B

1. J. Postlethwaite Tetra Nova Scouts	1. 49.22
2. S. Hall Norton CC	1. 53.32

Class 4B

1. D. Gunniss/J. Gibbons Bradford-on-Avon CC	1. 36.37
2. Kirby/Rafferty Berkshire Youth	1. 39.48

EXE DESCENT 15th. November

CLASS 1A

1. R. M. Pawlow Royal Signals CC	2. 09.35
2. B. Slee Exeter CC	2. 10.17
3. A. Bauer Exeter CC	2. 16.40

CLASS 2A

1. M. Boshor/J. Handyside Richmond CC	2. 04.02
2. R. Story/D. Wink Royal Signals CC	2. 05.08
3. G. Mackereth/C. Hawkesworth Grappenhall ACC	2. 05.50

CLASS 3A

1. R. Davis Itchen Valley CC	2. 21.15
2. A. Wonfor Mid Herts CC	2. 22.00
3. D. Dalrymple Itchen Valley CC	2. 34.51

CLASS 4A

1. B. Marshall/A. Snell Crediton CC	2. 26.53
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CLASS 1B

1. C. W. Payne Teddington School CC	2. 25.20
2. R. Cowan Crawley Boys Club	2. 29.07
3. T. Cornish Longridge SGCC	2. 44.43

CLASS 2B

1. I. Why/P. Raynesford Longridge SGCC	2. 14.40
2. J. Jerome/M. Russell A. N. other CC	3. 02.45

CLASS 3B

1. B. Jordan Worcester CC	2. 25.07
2. N. Clarke Pangbourne CC	2. 35.20
3. J. Fowler Bromley Scouts CC	2. 36.52

SLALOM CLASS

1. M. Bolton Sherbourne School CC	2. 27.29
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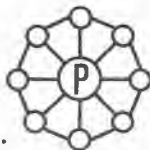
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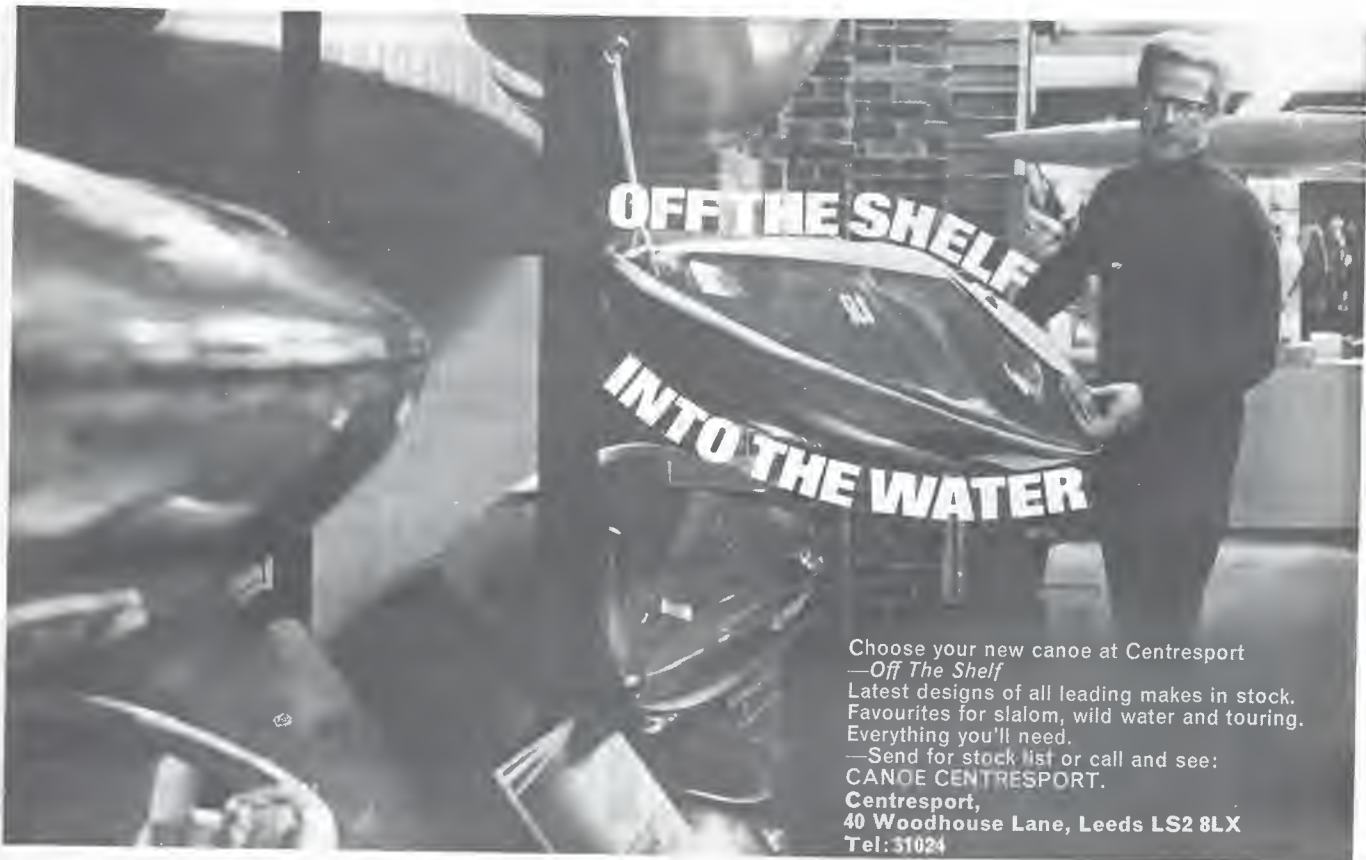


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