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RICHMOND CANOE CLUB 40 YEARS ON

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Richmond Canoe Club. The club has decided that such an occasion could not pass without a celebration.

A 40th Anniversary celebration buffet supper (complete with drinks included in cost) is to be held on Saturday 6th October. Price is £5.00 per person and on advanced ticket sale only — no tickets at door.

The evening is open to all members past and present, of the Richmond Canoe Club, along with any others with a past association of the club, or friends of Richmond Canoe Club. Details or tickets are available from: *Tony Waszkiewicz, Vice Commodore, Richmond Canoe Club, Lansdowne Boat House, 77 Petersham Road, Richmond, Surrey SW10 6UT.*

CHELMSFORD ANNUAL CANOE REGATTA

The Chelmsford Canoe Club held its annual canoe regatta in June when members spent a light hearted afternoon taking part in various races along the River Chelmer next to their headquarters and along the River Can through Central Park.

With the temperature in the 90's the most popular items on the afternoon's programme were those involving the possibility of falling in the water and there were few members who did not have a swim at more than one stage of the proceedings.

During the course of the afternoon the Club welcomed the chairman of CHARMS Peter Turrell, and a presentation was made of a cheque of over £500 raised by the Club at their recent Sponsored canoe cruise along the river on behalf of the charity. Mike Smith Vice Commodore, organiser of the cruise, handed the cheque over on behalf of the Club.

NOTE: The canoe Regatta was originally held as part of Chelmsford Carnival many years ago, when the latter event was held in Central Park, with the regatta on the lake there. When the venue was changed it became impossible to hold a regatta as part of the Carnival and the Club commenced to hold its own independent regatta. This year for the first time since the two events parted they were held on adjoining days.

FULL VOLUME AT BALA

Full volume releases of water on the River Tryweryn — giving Grade III/IV — will be made every weekday through December 1984 and January and February 1985, unless in exceptional circumstances.

The full river will be available for use during this period, and it is expected that there will be some weekend full releases during this time. Details from: *G.Davis, Canoeing Management Officer, Canolfan Tryweryn, Council Offices, High Street, Bala, Gwynedd LL23 7AG. Telephone: 0678 520826.*

BRITAIN FEELS HEALTHY

Most people in Britain feels healthy, cannot think of any action which might improve their health, are content with the NHS, believe that a healthier life-style would involve expense, think that brown sugar is better for them than white, and have a healthy mistrust of advice from family, friends and neighbours.

This profile emerges from research carried out for the Health Education Council and the Consumers' Association into people's behaviour and attitudes to health. Nearly 1,400 people took part in the

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survey, designed to establish baseline data against which the results of subsequent surveys can be measured.

The research showed that four out of five respondents felt they were generally healthy, although more than one in four reported some long-standing illness, disability or infirmity.

When asked what action could be taken to improve health, 20 per cent answered *nothing*. Eighteen per cent suggested exercise, an equal number suggested stopping smoking, and 14 per cent suggested losing weight or going on a diet.

When presented with a list of 10 possible remedies to improve health, giving up smoking was ranked as the most important, followed by vaccinations for children and eating a well-balanced diet.

Least popular remedies were use of the family planning services, regular dental attention and drinking less alcohol.

In the year before the interviews took place, seven out of 10 respondents had been in contact with their family doctor. Over one in four had been to an optician, and a similar number had attended hospital as out-patients. Just under half had been to the dentist. The survey showed high levels of satisfaction with the treatment received from the NHS.

When asked about exercise, two people out of five claimed not to undertake any. The most popular activity was walking, cited by 20 per cent, followed by swimming, and gardening.

Forty five per cent of the sample thought it would be more expensive to lead a healthier life, largely because they felt 'correct' foods would cost more. Only seven per cent felt a healthier life would be less expensive, since drinking, smoking and eating less would save money.

Questions on nutrition sought to discover people's knowledge of sugar, salt and fibre in the diet. Nearly four out of ten felt that brown sugar was healthier than white, and nearly half felt sugar to be an essential part of the diet.

More than half felt that people should eat less salt, and 64 per cent that people should eat more fibre. Forty three per cent claimed to have changed their diet in order to cut down on fat or sugar.

People were also asked their views of different sources of health information. Advice from doctors, health visitors and nurses was felt to be most credible, with a booklet or leaflet from the Health Education Council ranking almost as highly.

The survey showed a considerable distrust of television advertising, and a degree of doubt about the value of newspaper or magazine features. Medically unqualified friends, neighbours or family members also failed to inspire confidence.

Summaries of the report are available free from: *Health Education Council (Public Affairs), 78 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1AH.*

STAN DIBLEY TO RETIRE

Stan Dibley, Director of the Holme Pierrepont National Water Sports Centre, Nottingham, since the start of building in

1971, announced his retirement on Tuesday, 17th July. Mr.Dibley, 59, will leave the Sports Council staff at the end of the year.

A former RAF pilot, he gained a diploma in physical education at Carnegie College and was on the staff of the Central Council of Physical Recreation in Nottingham and Bedford as a senior technical representative, before taking charge at Holme Pierrepont.

During his term as Director, the Centre has established an international reputation, staging major events in a wide variety of water sports including world championships in rowing, canoeing and powerboating.

The 2000-metre rowing and canoeing course, excavated from 300-acres of disused gravel pits, is the main feature at the Centre, jointly run by the Sports Council and Nottinghamshire County Council.

Mr.Dibley, who is married with two sons and a daughter, plans to retire to his native Yorkshire.

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SWEDEN — CAUSE FOR CONCERN

Air pollution with its negative effect on soil, water and vegetation, is an increasing source of concern for Swedish sportsmen, anglers and nature conservationists. Swedish forestry and forest industries are also now looking at the effect of air pollution on Sweden's forests.

A group of Swedish voluntary organisations together with the Swedish Forestry Association and Swedish Forest Industries recently arranged an exhibition on air pollution in order to contact with British organisations companies and authorities in corresponding sectors. The exhibition was part of the Game Fair held at Broadlands, Romsey in Hampshire at the end of July.

Sweden annually receives ca. 85,000 tons of sulphur dioxide from the British Isles, which means that Great Britain and the Federal Republic of Germany are two of the worst polluters of Sweden. In fact the only worse polluter is the Democratic Republic of Germany, which deposits 101,000 tons of sulphur dioxide per annum on the Swedish landscape. In addition to sulphur dioxide there are other emissions which cause damage, eg: nitrogen and various chemical compounds.

Damaged Forests

One result of air pollution which may have serious economic consequences for Sweden is the damage to Sweden's forests.

Forestry is the backbone of Sweden's economy, says Bo Lindevall, Head of Information at the Swedish Forestry Association. We do not need massive

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damage on the scale experienced by the Federal Republic of Germany, where 34% of forest is badly damaged, for a financial deterioration in forestry and forest industry to occur. It is difficult and expensive to nurse a *sick* forest, and this has repercussions for the pulp and paper industry, which is a very important part of the Swedish economy.

Broad environmental protection efforts
Christer Agren is Secretary of the Swedish NGO Secretariat on Acid Rain — an association of the most important environmental organizations in Sweden.

The entire Swedish environmental movement is in complete agreement that acid rain together with other air pollution is the greatest environmental threat of our time.

Damage to forest, soil and water is experiences in Sweden.

Without doubt this damage is caused by airborne pollutants, in particular sulphur, nitrogen and ozone. In international debate attempts are sometimes seen to explain away the damaging effects of air pollution. We wish to reject these excuses firmly on behalf of voluntary nature conservation groups and leading researchers. Air pollution causes damage to nature — and the only way of averting it is to reduce pollution!

Four thousand dead lakes

Recently the Swedish debate on air has centred on forest damage in Scandinavia, despite the fact that it was lakes and watercourses which were first affected.

Today over 18,000 of Sweden's lakes are damaged by acidification. Four thousand of these are so severely damaged that they can be regarded for practical purposes as dead, according to Olle Bergfors, Angling Adviser at the Swedish Anglers Association, the main Swedish angling organization.

Swedish fishing waters are a great asset for anglers from all over Europe. This is why it is not only a national matter when lakes and watercourses die or when fish from affected water are classed as unfit for human consumption due to heavy alloys and other pollution.

Game is affected

Foreign sportsmen visiting Sweden are usually somewhat shocked that we can no longer eat the kidneys, liver and other offal of full-grown deer — elks, roe-deer and red deer, according to Nils Hermansson, Chairman of the Swedish Sportsmens Association.

We are afraid that in the long term there will be other direct damage to game, probably by their biotopes being affected. The otter is a typical example.

Our grass-eaters are also harmed, since they cannot utilize certain trace elements, eg: selenium, affected by acid rain. A lack of selenium may lead to a regression in the development of, for example, the liver, kidneys and heart.

PUBLICATION FOR THE OUTDOOR LEISURE INDUSTRY

The Outdoor Leisure industry will have its own trade magazine with the first issue in September of Outdoor Leisure.

Published by Angles Ltd., it will be an A4 glossy production full of news and views from the industry, as well as up to the minute product information on clothing, footwear, tents, rucksacks, safety equipment, small craft, climbing gear, maps and guides. It will also carry news from C.O.L.A. and articles of special interest to retailers.

The Editor will be Colin Elliott who has a lifetime of experience both in the active pursuit of the great outdoors and within the industry.

DEVIZES TO WESTMINSTER INTERNATIONAL CANOE MARATHON

The Devizes to Westminster International Canoe Marathon Committee are delighted to announce that competitors of the 1984 event contributed a sum of £3,000 to the British Canoe Union Olympic Appeal Fund.

This figure represents a third of the total raised by British canoeists and a tremendous effort by members from a very small part of our sport.

For the 1985 Devizes Marathon, entrants are requested to consider those less able than themselves and collect sponsorship in aid of the Niner Club for Autistic Children. Sponsor forms will be included with the new Devizes Rule Books scheduled for publication at the end of September. (Details from: Paul Owen, 14 Milldown Avenue, Goring, Reading, Berkshire.)

Other Devizes news is that there will be the first ever Devizes to Westminster single class included in the 1985 event. The competition will be for single kayaks or

canoes and raced over four days using the same stages as the present Junior event, but raced under the Senior rules with the reduced kit. Full details will be available in the new Rule Book.

Below is the list of officials appointed by the Devizes to Westminster Race Committee for the 1985 event.

THE NINER CLUB

Some years ago, Composer/Pianist Bill McGuffie had a finger amputated, rendering him a very reluctant *Niner*. This led to Bill founding our Club, *The Niner Club*, to help Autistic children, of which he is now Founder President.

As our membership has increased, — we are now over 350 and welcome newcomers, — so have our efforts to help the children. In eight years, we have donated over £75,000 to this worthiest of causes, and are ever seeking to raise more.

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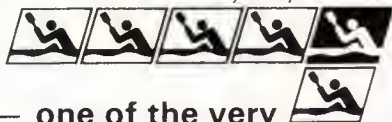


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MARATHON RACING

MEDWAY

Organised by the Tonbridge and West Kent Canoe Club and the Gillingham Canoe Club, the Medway Marathon was held over the 18-miles course from Allington to Tonbridge on Sunday 15th July.

This year there was no sponsorship from the Beefeater Inns as in past years, but this did not detract from the event and just over 200-paddlers lined up on the start.

Conditions for the race were not as good as last year. The strong head wind slowed times and it was only in the womens and junior K2s that the record was broken.

First home in the race was the K2 of P.Wells/D.Blythe of the Richmond Canoe Club and with a time of 2hrs 07mins 42secs, almost a minute clear of another Richmond crew, that of M.Wells/D.Pendle.

The first juniors to finish were the K2 pair of I.Lawler/G.Burns of the Elmbridge Canoe Club, setting a record of 2hrs 10mins 31secs and finishing fourth overall — a very good effort.

The womens K2 of Wendy Clapham/-Anne Plant set a record of 2hrs 26mins 35secs, but in the mens K1 Alan Williams of Royal Canoe Club, finishing some two minutes ahead of Rod Kinch, was almost five minutes outside his 1982 record for the race.

Many of the paddlers competing the race were participating in a sponsored event run in conjunction with the marathon, and hopefully has raised in excess of £500.00 towards a cancer scanner for a local hospital.

RESULTS

Senior Men K2

1st: P.Wells/D.Blythe, Richmond, 2-07-42;
2nd M.Wells/D.Pendle, Richmond
2-08-36; 3rd G.Hall/J.Speck, Royal
2-09-58.

Senior Men K1

1st A.Williams, Royal 1-19-14; 2nd R.
Kinch, Reading, 2-21-14; 3rd P.Lanigan,
Fareham, 2-22-46.

Junior Men K2

1st I. Lawler/G.Burns, Elmbridge, 2-10-31;
2nd A.Barkway/A.Maycock,
N.S.S/Exeter, 2-25-50; 3rd
I.Cattermole/B.Lane, Lewes Scouts,
3-15-59.

Ladies K2

1st W.Clapham/A.Plant, Richmond,
2-26-35.

Mixed Doubles

1st M.Garrett/A.Freer, Richmond,
2-32-00.

Ladies K1

1st P.Coomber, Leighton Buzzard,
3-03-54; 2nd, C.Henry, Tonbridge,
3-04-35; 3rd D. Young, Stubbers, 3-16-14.

Junior Men K1

1st S.Rust, Leighton Buzzard, 2-30-43;
2nd F. Murray, Richmond, 2-34-31; 3rd
G.Dresser, Bryanston, 2-40-17.



*Photos on the Medway course by
G. and B. Ingram-Monk.*

BUOYANCY AIDS

CONCERN OVER BUOYANCY LOSS IN CLOSED-CELL FOAM

There has been some concern recently with regard to the closed-cell foam used for buoyancy aids. This was the result of a report on such foam that has come in from the United States, where tests had shown a remarkable loss in buoyancy after even a few months of use.

British Vita, the leading manufacturer of these foams in the U.K. were naturally concerned that their products were not letting the canoeist down, so they contacted us, as one of the leading buoyancy aid manufacturers and testers to the BCMA/BCU, to see whether we could have a look at those aids that were in store with us, after being tested officially for the BCU.

I should emphasise that this was done in an unofficial capacity, simply because everyone else seemed to be on holiday!

The B.A.s that are officially tested for approval under the BCU/BCMA scheme are kept so that changes of design can be noted at a later date, so they are not stored under ideal conditions, but in the roof space of a workshop held at glassfibre laminating temperature . . . viz 20 degrees C. Of course the roof-space gets much

hotter than that. The B.A.s were fitted into cardboard boxes with some compression, though not an excessive amount.

On average, the garments had lost approximately 5% of their buoyancy during the eight months they had been in store, but none of them had reduced below the minimum requirement. One buoyancy aid that had been made with a P.U. coated outer nylon fabric had reduced by 6%. We know that there can be a reaction between P.U. and closed cell P.V.C. which causes a slimy feel to the B.A. and it looks as though there is a greater buoyancy loss if this happens, as you would expect.

Looking at the American report, it appears that the large loss of buoyancy was where the foam was cut into very thin sheets; less than 1/4" thick, coupled with the fact that the B.A.s had been used as cushions. (There is a tradition on larger boats in the States to use special cushions as B.A.s).

Obviously we shall want to monitor some B.A.s over a period of use and see just what the buoyancy loss is, but in the meantime, it seems as though there is little cause for concern if the B.A. is used

properly and the instructions given with every approved canoeists' B.A. are adhered to.

I think that all B.A.s at present approved under the BCU/BCMA scheme are made from foam over an inch thick, which seems to be thick enough to prevent excessive loss of buoyancy. It does look as though the softer foams are more likely to compress than the less pliable foams.

So the rules look like this:

1. Choose a B.A. that has thick foam.
2. Choose a B.A. that has the less pliable foam.
3. Treat it carefully; don't sit on it; don't dryclean it, and don't store it in high temperatures.
4. Check it anyway, visually, to make sure the foam hasn't shrunk.

If you do this your B.A. should give you many seasons of good service, after all, the foam used for the approved B.A.s is the best we can buy, and is up to the B.S.I. standard.

*Yours faithfully,
F.R. Goodman
V.C.P. Ltd.*

COMMENT

ALTERNATIVE CANOE MAGAZINE

The second edition of 'JB' — Britain's alternative canoeing magazine — dropped anonymously onto the 'Canoeing Magazine' desk a few weeks back. Articles included 'Ice Cream Breakthrough', 'The Stinking Grand Canyon' and 'Beyond the Stopper'. However, of worth to reprint here was the 'Editorial' to the magazine:

'When you have a spare moment sit back and review the current state of Canoeing literature in Great Britain. Can you honestly say you've managed to read from cover to cover any of the three national magazines without finding it tedious or repetitive. Of the three magazines only one is available at newsagents and even that is occasionally.'

'If canoeing in Britain is to expand then there must be ready literature available to those who show interest. For an increased public consumption of canoeing magazines the standard, range and quality of articles must be improved. Perhaps the only way to do this, like other well-known outdoor sport magazines, is to pay contributors for their articles and photographs. Such an incentive would surely bring in a wide range of articles of a high standard from those people not normally inclined to pen their thoughts onto paper. With luck those tedious race reports and obligatory Tryweryn photographs would fade away.'

'A step like this could provide a new subculture in canoeing, we should hear more from those people to whom canoeing means large waves, screwing out in stoppers, getting stoned, alcohol and suntans. Even expedition reports could do with getting away from the far too factual accounts and relate the more human aspects of the trip. This can only be left to the magazines to decide. 'BJ', with its philosophy 'that if you can't beat them, take the piss out of them' is aimed to stimulate thought on such neglected topics and as a non-profit under-the-counter enterprise, can be more liberal than other publications, and to this end I hope that this second issue offends and disgusts you as much as the first.'

COMMENT: Canoeing is a very, very wide sport and as such no one magazine can hope to cater for all tastes in depth so that all canoeists will want to buy that one magazine. Yet it will not be until we have just one strong magazine covering the sport that the publication will be in a position to pay a decent contributor's fee for both articles and photographs. A magazine relies on its advertising for profit, but while we have three major magazines and a number of regional magazines all trying to cut a slice from the one advertising cake, our sport will retain just small magazines. Put the cover price up to replace advertising revenue and few canoeists would dig into their pockets to purchase a copy. Run a magazine based round slalom and wild water — few marathon or sprint paddlers would want to read the articles; run a magazine based on sprint and marathon —

few sea canoeists, surfers or touring enthusiasts would want the publication; run a magazine purely on touring and you lose the competitive readers. Getting a right balance is a real problem, and even when you have the right balance you lose the major percentage from each side of our sport.

Over the last twenty odd years since being involved with Canoeing Magazine, the content has changed emphasis a number of times but still — like the other canoe-sport publications — we remain a 'specialist' publication.

A.C. CANOE

A.C. CANOE PRODUCTS ALTERATION TO FOOTREST

From the beginning of August, A.C. Canoe Products of Chester have altered the footrest specification in both their Mirage and Dancer polyethylene kayaks. The change is made from the American Yakima type to the J and R type of footrest.

Readers should note that due to technical difficulties, the A.C. Canoe Products advert on the back page of this issue still carries the kayak specification as being fitted with a Yakima footrest. The advert is due to be adjusted at the earliest date.

Full details of the virtually indestructible Mirage and Dancer kayaks can be obtained from: A.C. Canoe Products (Chester) Ltd, P.O. Box 62, Chester.

EVENTS

NATIONAL MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIPS

The British National Marathon Racing Championships will once again be held on the Worcester course over the weekend 1st/2nd September.

The event will be hosted by the Worcester Canoe Club, with the Senior K1 and Junior K2 competed on the Saturday and the Senior K2 and Junior K1 on the Sunday. Distances will be 12-miles for Senior and Junior men, and 8-miles for Senior and Junior Women. Start times 12.00 to 12.30 on both days for Senior and Junior men, and from 10.30 on the Sunday for Youth, Cadet and Junior Women. Closing date for entries 17th August. Full details from: *Tim Phillips, 36 Sansome Walk, Barbourne, Worcester WR1 1NU.*

SEA CANOEING DATES

The Calshot Activities Centre has Beginners/Improvers Kayak weekends at the centre through September and October.

Other dates include:

26th/28th October: BCU Advanced Sea Proficiency, Training and Testing. South Hampshire and Dorset.

2nd/4th November: Whitewater, Proficiency and Improvers level. Rivers Wye and Usk.

For the start of the new season in 1985 there is Open Canadian and Sea as below:

9th/10th March: Inland Open Canadian, Training/Experience in Southampton area.

22nd/24th March: Advanced Sea Proficiency Training/Testing in South Hampshire and Dorset area.

Full details of these and other canoeing courses to be held at Calshot can be obtained from: *Canoeing Director, Calshot Activities Centre, Calshot Spit, Fawley, Southampton SO4 1BR. Telephone: 0703 892077.*

CANOE ORIENTEERING

The Cricket Canoe Club of Southampton will be organising their third annual Canoe Orienteering Competition on Sunday 9th September.

The venue is the Upper Hamble Country Park on the River Hamble near Hedge End,

Wrexham Lager Beer Company are pleased to support

CANŴ TRYWERYN '84



Southampton. Classes cover under 16-years, over 16-years, and veterans over 35-years. No separate class for women, but there will be a separate trophy for first women.

The course will be of approximately four miles with 20-check points. Starts will be between 1030hrs and 1330hrs. Entry fee is 75p — late entries £1.00. Any type of canoe or kayak may be used, each paddler should bring a red pen to mark controls on their map, plus a whistle to attract attention in an emergency. A compass is also useful. Only the official map may be used. Controls will be marked similarly to conventional Orienteering Markers, but score cards and punches will be modified to suit wet conditions. Scoring will be placed in descending order according to number of controls visited. In the event of a tie, the time taken will be accounted.

Full details of the event can be obtained from: *Peter Baker, Ash House, 2 Tower Place, West End, Southampton SO3 3DL.*

CANW TRYWERYN '84

The Welsh Canoeing Association have again joined with Wrexham Lager to stage *Canw Tryweryn '84* — a weekend festival of canoeing held at Bala in North Wales on the River Tryweryn, the site of the 1981 World Championships.

The two day festival — 1st/2nd September — features a continuous programme of competitions which will provide the novice and experienced canoeist alike with both fun and competitive events. National teams will compete a Home International, among paddlers will be champions in both kayak and canoe.

In addition to the competition, the festival stages the Welsh Canoe Exhibition,

featuring displays of craft and equipment from a wide number of manufacturers. There will be opportunity to talk to Britain's leading canoe/kayak manufacturers and trade delegates.

As a spectator or competitor, committed or inexperienced, visit the WCA Canoe Festival *Canw Tryweryn '84*. You will find a weekend interesting, exciting, and certainly enjoyable. Events include: Home International, Div I Slalom, Wild Water Race, River Tour, Airbed Race, Exhibition, Lectures, Disco. Full details from: *Canw Tryweryn '84, Welsh Canoeing Association, Pen-y-Bont, Corwen, Clwyd LL21 0EL.*

WEST MIDLAND SLALOM SERIES

The Shrewsbury Canoe Club will be organising a One Day Event in the West Midland Region Slalom Series on Sunday 23rd September.

The slalom, run on a handicap basis and so ideal for an introduction slalom, will be competed on the Jackfield Rapid on the River Severn at Ironbridge. Competition should be quite keen for the Regional Trophies. Full details from: *Mike Callow, 11 Sycamore Close, Wellington, Telford, Shropshire.* (Entry also available on the day — (BCU membership not necessary).

PREPARING OUR 1985 EXPLORERS

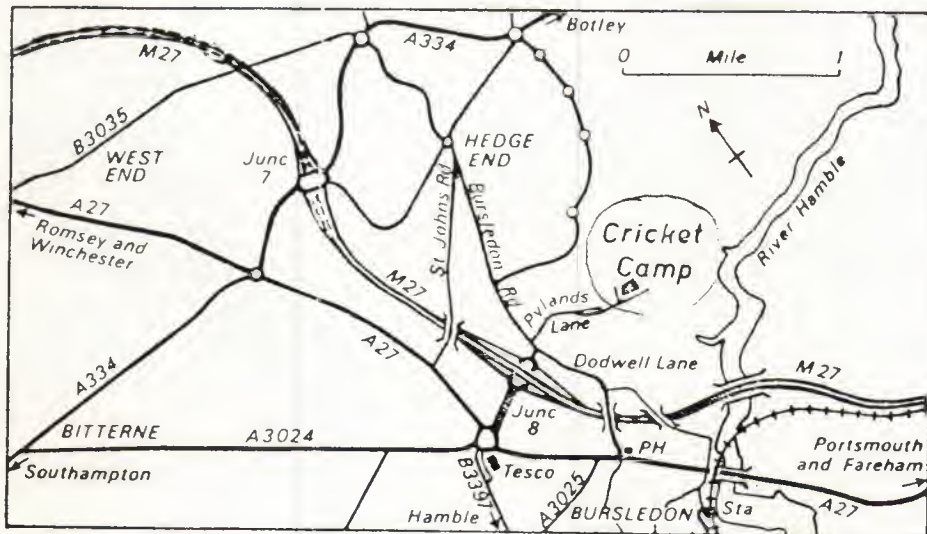
The Expedition Advisory Centre*, launched their new programme of events for those planning an adventurous or scientific expedition in 1985 during June.

The season will start with a 2-day Planning a Small Expedition Seminar on 27th and 28th October 1984 at the Royal Geographical Society. This annual seminar has a full programme covering all aspects of expedition planning and equipment, including lectures by experienced expeditioners, discussion groups, displays of new equipment, posters, information desk and a 300-page publication of course notes. The cost is either £12.00/day or £20.00 for both including lunches.

Those making a special visit to London will be pleased to know that the Friday, 26th October will be 'Open House' with the RGS Map Room and Expedition Report Library (over 1300 expedition reports) open for consultation, and EAC staff on hand to answer specific enquiries.

For further details of this and the other courses (Underwater — Saturday, 8th December 1984, and Expedition Medicine — Saturday, 19th January 1985) and the list of 22 publications published by the EAC, please get in touch with: *Joanna Cecil-Wright, Expedition Advisory Centre, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR.*

*The Expedition Advisory Centre provides an information and training service for those planning an expedition.



CANOE TOURING

BCU SOUTHERN REGION REGIONAL RALLY 8th/9th September

The BCU Southern Regional Committee and the Cricket Canoe Club will be hosts to a Canoe Rally on the Upper Hamble at Upper Hamble Country Park, Southampton to be over the weekend 8th/9th September.

The programme will include expeditions on the river with distances chosen by the paddlers (Southampton Water is within easy reach), a barbecue, disco on the Saturday, wet competitions and many other items. On the Sunday there will be a Canoe Orienteering Competition. This will be a fairly light-hearted event for many people, but the Cricket Canoe Club — who are the organisers of this — will be putting up extra trophies for the competitive minded. (See 'Events' for fuller details).

The Rally is designed to bring together ALL paddlers of ALL levels of ability throughout the Southern Region, and hopefully members from other regions will also be attending.

Costs for adults — covering activities and camping — will be £3.50 for BCU members (£4.50 non-BCU members). Full details from: *Regional Touring Officer, Peter Baker, Ash House, 2 Towey Place, West End, Southampton SO3 3DL.*

BCU EASTERN REGION CANOE RALLY 15th/16th September

The Canoe Camping Club and Herts and East Anglia Group will be organising a Canoe Rally over the weekend 15th/16th September.

The venue will be the Camping and Caravanning Club's Campsite at St. Neots, adjoining the River Gt. Ouse. The programme will include canoeing runs of long, medium and short distances, barbecue on Saturday evening, and other activities to suit both canoeist and non-canoeist. The weekend is designed to appeal to families. The Rally is open to both BCU and non-BCU members. Costing for adults is £4.00. Full details from: *Mrs Audrey Medcalf, 105 Kenilworth Crescent, Enfield, Middx. Telephone: 01-363 5755.*

BCU EAST MIDLANDS REGION CANOE RALLY, 7th/9th September

An EMBEE weekend is to be organised for 7th/9th September on the River Soar and with camping at the Proctors Campsite, Barrow-on-Soar, Leicestershire.

It promises to be a useful weekend for those wishing to learn or improve their knowledge of the Canoe Corps of Lifeguards, plus all the normal EMBEE ingredients. Cost to BCU members is £3.00, non-BCU at £4.00. Full details from: *Bryan Ward, 46 Cosford Close, Birchwood, Lincoln. (sae please) Telephone: 0522 689209.*

CHESTERFIELD CANAL CANOE RALLY, 7th October

The East Midlands Region will be organising a tour on the Chesterfield Canal on 7th October.

The canal is particularly pretty. The tour

will be from Drakeholes to West Stockwith (between Gainsborough and Bawtry). Meeting will be at 10am at Drakeholes. Costing is 60p to BCU members, £1.00 to non-BCU members. Full details from: *Bryan Ward, 46 Cosford Close, Birchwood, Lincoln (sae please). Telephone: 0522 689209.*

BCU NORTH WEST REGION REGIONAL MYSTERY TOUR 1984

Well, I can only say that those who didn't go on the tour will never really know what they missed. Perhaps, like others, you sniffed the air, saw a few gathering Nimbus-stratus clouds early in the morning of 23rd July, and couldn't quite muster the enthusiasm.

In honour then of all the dedicated canoeists I had the great pleasure of paddling with, none of whom, simply by being the unique individuals they are, are anything less than amazing — here is some idea of what happened.

Magic and mystery were in the air all right. Following a very proficient Canadian paddling dragon down the Shropshire Union Canal left me spellbound for a kick-off, but when I discovered that I was being relentlessly tailed by a rather butch looking fairy — complete with wand I might add! — what can I say?

The fact that none of us really had the faintest idea of where we were going didn't seem to matter at all. That is of course until around lunchtime! I soon discovered how many canoeists, like myself, paddle on their stomachs — you'd never credit it from the way they sit though!

Saturday morning's paddle had taken us some five miles along the Shropshire Union Canal to a place called Church Minshall. We moved our craft a little way down a lane, leaving the canal behind us, to settle on the bank of the River Weaver and opened our carefully packed B.D.H.s. Many of us soon found the Badger Inn as well.

Some time later, feeling fully refreshed we 'turned right' to follow the flow of the Weaver whilst the clouds did their best to gather directly overhead. The river was truly beautiful, a canopy of trees complimented the meandering path. Birds sang, canoeists hit things from time to time, and the Canadians did their best not to run aground too often — a general atmosphere of 'this is the life' spread its way throughout the company.

As we approached the two-thirds mark of the first day's paddle, the rain came down — it had to happen! We stopped for a little while at Winsford, it was now 4pm and we had still some five miles to go before we reached what was to be a camp for the night. The rain came down harder, the wind picked up also.

The river now being much wider, offering no obstacles in the final stretch. I put a well learned lesson to use, curled up, put my head down, paddles low, set a rhythm and travelled. Like others, I was cold, wet and beginning to get hungry again.

On arrival at the campsite that was adjacent to the river and near a town called Northwich, it must have been shortly after 6pm. Mike Woods was there with his trusty

Landrover, the vehicle containing many peoples tents, sleeping bags and camping gear. But this was by no means our first meeting. Mike had been tracking our progress by check points through the day, after planning the whole event himself!

Dry clothes and food were all that most people wanted once the tents were erected, 'though there was much more on offer. Mike took people to a local baths canoeing demonstration, then made his way to the inauguration of the Northwich Canoe Club. For a few of us who didn't feel like cooking, we opted to 'do our own thing' and headed for meals in the town.

It didn't take many people too long to realise, once snugly tucked in our tents, that we were directly under the flight path of Manchester Airport. We slept regardless! At some time in the early hours of the morning, I awoke and soon to be helpless with laughter from listening to the occupants of another tent for ten minutes who seemed to be trying with all their might, but never quite managed, to synchronize their snoring!

Sunday morning — 'Gosh, but it's cold out there!' Camp broke after breakfast around 9.30am. The sky was clearer and it had stopped raining. In many ways a good day for paddling.

Down a final stretch of the River Weaver and we headed for the Anderton Boat Lift and the Trent and Mersey Canal. Twelve and a half miles paddling, less than on the Saturday which had been some fifteen miles plus. Most of the fancy dress had been entirely soaked from the previous days rain, so it was now packed away.

The first two miles of our journey went quickly, that is once the 'camping stiffness' had eased its way out of the system. On to the canal, and now just ten miles to go.

Many people throughout the tour, had split into small groups, travelling at a speed to suit themselves. I was no exception. This also helped in working out the 'clues' we were given. The result was that we only really got altogether at tea breaks and lunch stops.

Tea break on Sunday morning will remain a special memory for a long time. Twenty or so people and a dog, all of whom love canoeing for all their different reasons, aged from the under 10s to the over 70s, girls, boys, men and women. All of them understanding the 'something special' the sport has to offer.

The fishermen who lined the bank of the Trent and Mersey Canal found us rather harder to comprehend. I've never seen so many fishermen in my life, or a canal that is determined to look like a natural river...

With every bridge we paddled under our adventure drew nearer to a close. I rather hoped it could have lasted a few days more.

At around 2pm John Marks and I — we had paddled together for most of the tour — were the first to arrive at the finish to meet Mike, who guided us to the car park where our vehicles awaited us. We seemed to have left them such a long time before, yet it had only been the previous day.

Everyone had enjoyed themselves, and even if a few had become a little tired it was a wonderfully successful weekend.

Finally, of course a very special vote of thanks must be given to everyone who worked so hard to organise the event, especially Mike Woods, who showed tremendous patience in the face of hassle throughout!

Tour report written by Miss Pet Watson, Llanlivery, Bodwin, Cornwall.



CORSICA

THE IN-PLACE FOR WILD WATER

The last decade has seen wild water canoe touring reaching ever new heights of skills and expertise . . . paddlers challenging the awesome might of nature and untamed mountain rivers in a search for excitement and thrills. From the River Inn of Austria to the Orinoco of South America, from the North West Territories of Canada to mountain rivers of the mighty Himalayas . . . American and European canoeists have sought out the un-run and wilderness rivers.

Over the last few years such canoeists have found a new playground in the island of Corsica in the Mediterranean. Within easy reach of main-land Europe, the island has seen an ever-growing number of canoeists and river runners seeking out the mountain torrents of this island . . . but as with all beautiful and wild places, growing numbers of visitors destroy the environment that the first few enjoyed.

Canoeists the world over seem the same! In Britain we are at constant odds with riparian owners, not only over rights of way, but rights of every citizen — riparian owner or canoeist — to expect reasonable behaviour from others. Our behaviour and lack of respect for others property has lost us slalom sites and access . . . Such behaviour — trampling crops, vehicles speeding through narrow lanes, parking

with little or no regard for others — is now a fast growing problem in Corsica.

It can be understood the canoeists thrill from running untamed wild water rivers in Corsica — the rivers are among some of the very best in Europe; fast, technical and difficult. But vast numbers of wild water tourists, canoeists, kayakists, and rafters, may not always gel with the local population. Care and consideration has to be taken to prevent a conflict of purpose.

Already warnings signs are coming from Corsicans living in the wild water river valleys that have been attracting large numbers of canoeists — drawn there by reports from previous river runners and the noteworthy book by German Josef Haas — *'Das grosse Wildwasserbuch Korsika'*.

It is in the interest of all wild water runners to maintain a good relationship with the local population of these valleys. Otherwise the rivers will become totally closed to paddlers. A growing number of restrictions already prevail:

- The olive grove on the lower Tavignano, where tourists used to camp, is now fenced in and closed as the grove was becoming a dirt field through constant over-use.

- Cars can no longer park on the single meadow at the start point for the lower Taravo as the owner was shocked to see some canoeists/kayakists walking naked

along the road. The owner has a young daughter, and, while nakedness maybe the *'in-thing'* on Mediterranean beaches of Southern France, many of the Mediterranean countries have more modest attitudes.

- Riparian owners of the road along the Travo will now take action of their own to stop river running traffic that has become too much, too noisy and travelling far too fast for the narrow and winding carriageway.

- Local fishermen have been insulted and abused by kayak and canoe groups, an action that will only lead to retaliatory action and conflict.

On the economic side, river runners may claim a right of navigation at no cost, but if the local population is expected to bow before a growing number of wild water maniacs who only seem hell-bent on killing themselves and any others who just happen to get in the way, there should be at least some contribution to the local economy.

On all kayak tours I have undertaken, one of the nicest aspects is in sampling the local foods and wines, either through eating at cafes, restaurants, or buying local food and cooking at camp.

- A Cheesemaker nearby a canoe camp on the Travo complains about the lack of attraction canoeists have for his produce — *'they bring all their food from the continent'*. . . (If you are going to trample a farmer's fields, at least buy some of his produce!)

- A vine grower was invited to drink *'Bordeaux wine'* — about as subtle as asking a Frenchman to eat *'Granny Smiths'*.

Few of the problems that have arisen in Corsica are so serious that they cannot be resolved with a little thought and consideration on the part of the river runner.

Corsica is a beautiful island. Exciting rivers, spectacular mountains, cool forests and white sand beaches. By nature its people are proud and sensitive. If river runners would spend just a fraction of their time to make contact with the local villagers, they would find them pleasant and welcoming; spend a fraction of time by asking for permission to camp on a riverside meadow; spend a fraction of time closing gates after crossing fields; or taking time to appreciate the villagers way of life, their history and heritage . . . to respect a way of living that they may not want changed by the intrusion of fast cars, loutish behaviour and noise. Take time to appreciate their wine, their superb honey, their cheeses, and their pork.

One hello! One kind word! A friendly smile are often the best way to show our regard. It's really the least we can do, and will go a little way in forging a firm and good relationship between river runner and local villagers.

Edited from an article by Jean Magdinier, Le Pontet, that appeared in Canoe-Kayak Magazine, issue 67, January 1984.



DISAPPOINTMENT FOR BRITAIN AT LAKE CASITAS

With what promised to be the strongest ever British Sprint Canoe Team, there were thoughts of Olympic Gold or at the very least Olympic Bronze for our paddlers at Lake Casitas, Los Angeles. Indeed, through the heats and semi-finals our canoeists were performing well up to expectations, British paddlers gaining through to ten of the twelve finals.

Among the very best of medal hopes was the K2 500m of West/Sheriff. The pair romped through both their heat and semi-final, taking first place in each to gain through to the final. But here alas they failed to live up to that expectation and were not even in the first six over the line. Again in the K1 1000m Steve Jackson took 2nd in his heat and 1st in the semi-final to gain through to the final ... but when the chips were down Steve could only make an 8th placing over the line. The K4 1000m produced a 5th placed for Britain, but in the Womens K4 500m our crew were down in last place. Both in Womens K1 and K2 their best was an 8th placing in the final. In K1,

K2, K4, C1 and C2, our paddlers and crews far from lived up to expectations and placings poor when one considers that the strongest canoeing nations — East Germany, Russia, Poland, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia — were not competing.

Outstanding performance of the regatta must surely be the winning of THREE GOLD MEDALS by Ian Ferguson of New Zealand — one of the smallest of canoeing nations with little more than a handful of sprint paddlers. Ferguson was winner in the K1 500m; teamed with Paul MacDonald to win the K2 500m; and crewed with G.

Bramwell/P. MacDonald/A. Thompson to win the 1000m K4 ... a truly brilliant effort!

For Ferguson and MacDonald, the fact that the strongest of canoeing nations were not present did not detract from the gold of their medals. At the Copenhagen Regatta at the beginning of July, Ferguson came second to the Russian in the K1 and the K2 the pair had scorched home to win ahead of Russian and East German crews — a regatta at which both the countries had a definite point to make.

(Team Managers report to follow in next month's issue.)

OLYMPIC RESULTS

Mens Events

K1 1000m — 1st A. Thompson, New Zealand, 3.45:73; 2nd M. Janic, Yugoslavia, 3.46:88; 3rd G. Barton, USA, 3.47:38; 4th K. Sundvist, Sweden 3.48:69; 5th P. Genders, Australia 3.49:11; 6th P. Boccara, France 3.49:38; 7th V. Diba, Romania 3.51:61; 8th S. Jackson, Great Britain 3.52:25; 9th P. Alegre, Spain 3.53:20.

K1 500m — 1st I. Ferguson, New Zealand 1.47:84; 2nd L. Moberg, Sweden 1.48:18; 3rd B. Bregeon, France 1.48:41; 4th V. Diba, Romania 1.48:77; 5th D. Upson, Great Britain 1.49:71; 6th D. Scarpa, Italy 1.49:60; 7th D. Riego, Spain 1.49:71; 8th R. Schroll, West Germany 1.49:89; 9th M. Janic, Yugoslavia 1.49:90.

K2 1000m — 1st Fisher/Morris, Canada 3.24:22; 2nd Gregson/Lefoulon, France 3.25:97; 3rd Kelly/Kenny, Australia 3.26:80; 4th Kent/White, USA 3.27:01; 5th Seack/Seack, West Germany 3.27:28; 6th Scarpa/Uberti, Italy 3.27:46; 7th Menendez/Riego, Spain 3.27:53; 8th Anderson/Sundvist, Sweden 3.29:39; 9th Debucke/Hanssen, Belgium 3.32:92.

K2 500m — 1st Ferguson/MacDonald, New Zealand 1.34:21; 2nd Bengtsson/Moburg, Sweden 1.35:26; 3rd Fisher/Morris, Canada 1.35:41; 4th Scarpa/Uberti, Italy 1.35:50; 5th Fedosei/Veler, Romania 1.35:60; 6th Hervieu/Legras, France 1.36:40; 7th Seack/Seack, West Germany 1.36:51.

K4 1000m — 1st New Zealand, 3.02:28;

2nd Sweden, 3.02:81; 3rd France, 3.03:94; 4th Romania, 3.04:39; 5th Great Britain, 3.04:59; 6th Spain, 3.04:71; 7th Australia, 3.06:02; 8th West Germany, 3.06:47; 9th Canada, 3.06:66.

C1 1000m — 1st U. Eicke, West Germany 4.06:32; 2nd L. Cain, Canada 4.08:67; 3rd L. Jakobson, Denmark 4.09:51; (6th S. Train, Great Britain 4.16:64).

C1 500m — 1st L. Cain, Canada 1.57:01; 2nd H. Jakobson, Denmark 1.58:45; 3rd C. Olaru, Romania 1.59:68.

C2 1000m — Potzaichin/Simionov, Romania 3.40:60; 2nd Ljubek/Nisovic, Yugoslavia 3.41:56; 3rd Hoyer/Renaud, France 3.48:01; (9th Train/Train, Great Britain 4.00:92).

C2 500m — 1st Ljubek/Nisovic, Yugoslavia 1.43:67; 2nd Potzaichin/Simionov, Romania 1.45:68; 3rd Miguez/Saurez, Spain 1.47:71; (7th Jamieson/Train, Great Britain 1.49:59).

Womens Events

K1 500m — 1st A. Andersson, Sweden 1.58:72; 2nd B. Schuttpetz, West Germany 1.59:93; 3rd A. Derckx, Nederland 2.00:11.

K2 500m — 1st Andersson/Olson, Sweden 1.45:25; 2nd Barre/Holloway, Canada 1.47:13; 3rd Idem/Schuttpetz, West Germany 1.47:32; (8th Perrett/Smither, Great Britain 1.51:73).

K4 500m — 1st Romania 1.38:34; 2nd Sweden 1.38:87; 3rd Canada 1.39:40; (7th Great Britain Lawler/Perrett/Smither/Watson 1.46:30).



FOSTERS DRAUGHT FIVE NATIONS

The Five Nations Sprint Regatta held on the loch of the historic Linthgow Palace attracted a moderate entry with the team and class trophies being won by the English team, with good individual performances from Russell Jones of Wales and Angela Dawson, Lang and Broadbent of England. However, the Scottish Senior Men did well in the crew and team events. It was something of a surprise to find that the Junior Irish did not gain their trophy as the green vests always seemed to be out in front of junior classes. The Welsh team showed great competitiveness and enthusiasm with only their youth getting in the way of medals.

The event was blessed with good weather and proved to be one of the best attended by the general public, beating Holme Pierrepont hands down for public involvement.



Photos: Winning English Women's Team — A. Dawson, J. Gibbons, D. Hopley and H. Neilson. Presentation by Dennis Smith.

Winning Scottish Senior Men K4 and K1 Relay — A. Morton, N. Davidson, G. Youngs and L. Barrie. Presentation by Fred Nelson.



The National Sprint Racing Championships held at the National Watersports Centre, Holme Pierrepont over the weekend 7th/8th July attracted a tremendous entry and almost 270 races throughout the championship.

Conditions for racing were once again first class with dead calm water and brilliant sun. Racing was close and exciting. Lower two photographs show juniors racing the 10,000m event.

SPRINT RACING

MARATHON RACING



THAMES MARATHONS

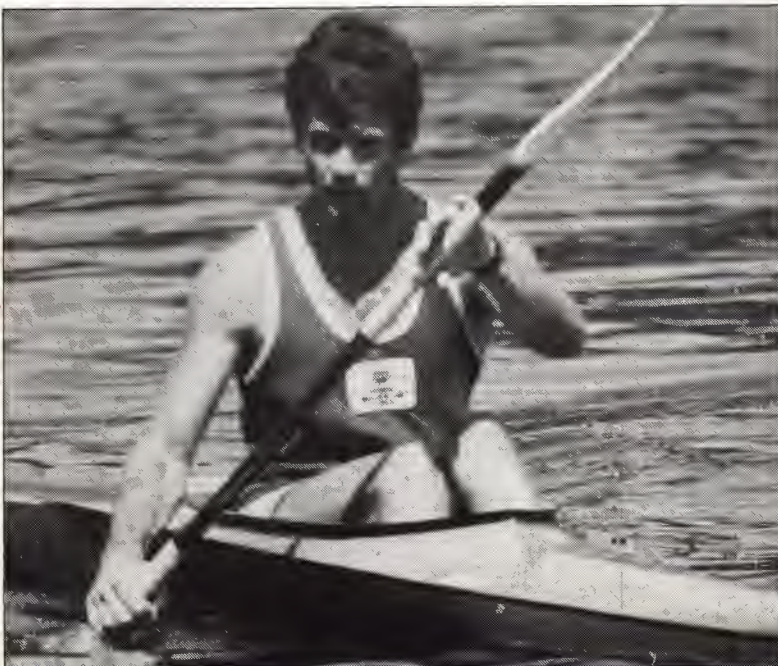
The Royal Canoe Club and Richmond Canoe Club Thames Marathons — K1 from Windsor to Royal Canoe Club on Saturday 28th July and K2 from Windsor to Richmond Canoe Club on Saturday 4th August, attracted super entries in both events.

In the K1, with a shorter distance by some ten miles from past year, almost a hundred paddlers went off in a mass start — super fun to the first portage! The K2 was raced with a number of starts.

Conditions for the first race were quite hard with paddlers having to contend with the hottest day of the year. The K2 event of the following week was raced in overcast and cooler conditions.

In both events the racing was tight with 'packs' leading the events and winners produced from final sprint for the line. Some of the portaging of Thames Locks was more than a little hectic to say the least — the lock keepers seem not to mind a few trampled flowers!





MARATHON RACING



K1 MARATHON RESULTS

1st A. Williams, Royal Canoe Club 2.56.20; 2nd P. Wells, Richmond Canoe Club 2.56.23; 3rd C. Ballard, Lichfield 2.59.57; 4th R. Kinch, Reading and Leighton Park 3.01.00; 5th J. Speck, Royal Canoe Club 3.01.01; 6th R. Belcher, Mercia Canoe Club 3.01.02; 7th T. Cornish, Independent 3.01.03; 8th A. Fieldus, Wey Kayak Club 3.02.20; 9th I. Lawler, Elm Bridge 3.02.21 (1st Jun); 10th J. Day, Bradford on Avon 3.02.22.
1st Women: S. Perrett, Reading and Leighton Park 3.18.42 (36th overall).

K2 MARATHON RESULTS

1st P. Wells/D. Blythe, Richmond/Royal 3.07.46; 2nd C. Ballard/A. Croucher, Lichfield/Wey 3.07.46; 3rd N. Robson/R. Belcher, Mercia 3.07.57; 4th P. Lanighan/R. Kinch, Reading and Leighton Park 3.09.56; 5th M. Wells/K. Pendle, Richmond 3.14.29; 6th J. Day/Bowerbank, Bradford on Avon 3.15.35.

Womens event: 1st W. Clapham/A. Plant, Richmond 3.38.02; 2nd S. Perrett/G. Clough, Reading and Leighton Park 3.38.55; 3rd T. Philips/H. Brough, Nottingham 3.49.29.

Junior men: 1st G. Dresser/D. Coulson, Royal Canoe Club 3.26.02; 2nd G. Burns/I. Lawler, Elmbridge 3.36.01; 3rd S. Henderson/C. Pemble, Richmond 3.40.25.

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

The British Marathon Team to compete the Shannon World Cup Marathon event will be:

Mens K1: A. Williams, R. Kinch, J. Speck.

Mens K2: P. Wells/D. Blythe, A. Croucher/ C. Ballard, R. Belcher/D. Robson.

Womens K2: W. Clapham/A. Plant, T. Phillips/ H. Brough.

Womens K1: G. Clough, C. Belcher.

The British Marathon Team to compete the Guedena event in Denmark will be:

Mens K1: A. Williams, R. Kinch, J. Speck.

Mens K2: P. Wells/D. Blythe, R. Belcher/D. Robson.

Junior K2: G. Dresser/D. Coulson.

Junior K1: I. Lawler.

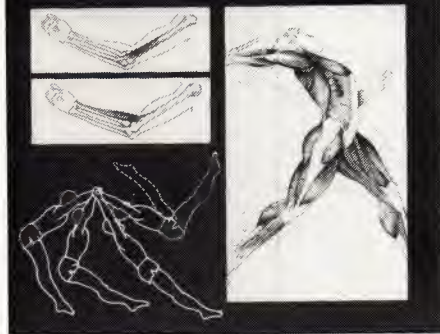
Womens K1: S. Perrett, G. Clough.

Mens C1: R. Williams.



NEW BOOKS GUIDES AND PUBLICATIONS

Athletic Ability & the Anatomy of Motion



ATHLETIC ABILITY AND THE ANATOMY OF MOTION

Everyone is fully aware of the enormous physical demands made on the body when canoeing. Fortunately, for Great Britain, the BCU has a group of national coaches who have ensured that physical fitness has been an important part of the training programme.

A new book 'Athletic Ability and the Anatomy of Motion' by Rolf Wirhed has just been published which describes quite brilliantly how training can be carried out in order to meet specific requirements of strength, flexibility and overall cardiovascular ability.

This book approaches the subject in a most advanced technical manner. Yet because it is illustrated with 344 line drawings and is superbly written, it is easy to read and understand. It should become part of the personal library of every enthusiastic canoeist and certainly of every coach. It is available from: *Lillywhites Cantabrian, 4 Rosemary Lane, Cambridge, CB1 3LQ.* at a cost of £9.95 plus £1.50 P&P.

GETTING ABOUT IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS

by Anthony Greenbank

This book presents a guide to outdoor activities and adventure sports which can be enjoyed by complete beginners and experts alike.

Anthony Greenbank is a former Outward Bound instructor who has written many books for young people on camping, survival and climbing, and who devotes much of time to climbing and mountaineering. His practical experience and enthusiasm cover all aspects of outdoor adventure. The contents includes:

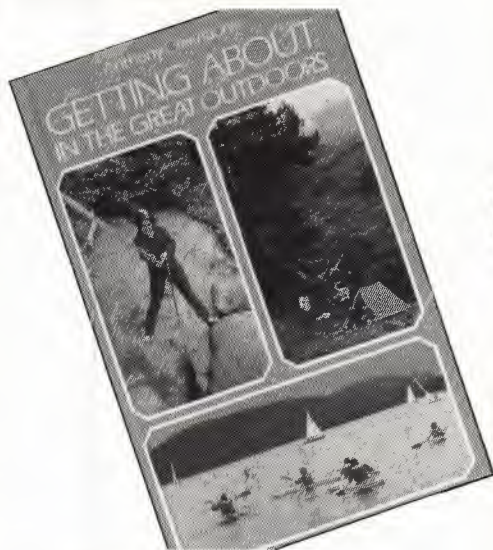
Rope obstacle courses; cross-country walking; skiing and cycling; hill walking, scrambling and gorge walking; bivouacking, camping and snow-holing; fell running and orienteering; lake and river rafting; flat and white water canoeing; rock and ice climbing; caving and potholing; hang gliding; small boat sailing and boardsailing.

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The book brings together a whole range of outdoor activities previously only found in separate volumes. In each case information is given on how a complete beginner can embark on the sport, with the emphasis on safety, the need for the right training and equipment and the way to build up confidence by acquiring the correct skills. At the same time the author communicates the special excitement of outdoor pursuits — the spice of danger, the thrill of achievement that comes from mastering difficulties, the wonderful sensation of swinging on ropes through high trees like Tarzan or windsurfing on white-capped waves driven by strong winds.

However, such a book — covering so many adventurous sports — can only give the barest minimum on each activity. It does give the reader an insight into some of the more off-beat activities and maybe the inspiration to explore further some of the possibilities ...

Illustrated with line drawings by Andrew Skillater. Priced at £5.95.



THE WYE VALLEY

by Richard Sale

The Wye Valley, in the series of Wildwood Walking Guides, is an exploration of the river valley, on foot where possible, using the Upper and Lower Wye Valley Walks and the Offa's Dyke Pathway, and by canoe.

All aspects of the valley are considered — its geography, its history and legend, the architecture and lore of its villages and towns. The upper reaches of the Wye are

distinctly Welsh — the land of Mabinogion and Owain Glyndwr, and at Builth Wells where the last Welsh prince was killed. In its middle course the river swings into England to the land of Kilvert, and to towns ravaged by the Civil War. In the lower reaches are the echoes of monks and dead industries and of the Wye Tour of the 19th century.

To explore the Wye Valley is to come face-to-face not only with some of the most startlingly beautiful river scenery in Britain, but with the ghosts of both the Welsh and the English.

Illustrated with 100 photographs. Priced at £6.95. (Review copy not supplied.)

CANOESPORT BOOKS

A number of canoesport books are available through Mike Clark, c/o 10 Main Street, Hemington, Derby DE7 2RB.

'Canoeing Down Everest' by Mike Jones. Paper cover at £2.95 plus 25p postage.

'Marsyandi — The elusive river of Annapurna' by Alan Barber. Illustrated report of the First British Canoe Expedition to Annapurna in 1980. Paper cover at £4.50 plus 30p postage.

'Canoeing the Fladbury Way' by David Train. A booklet on getting started with canoeing. Paper cover at £1.95 plus 25p

COURSES

From October onwards Outdoor Adventure will again be running their very popular whitewater weekends.

Different levels of course are available for beginners, intermediates and advanced. Assessment and training for the BCU Awards up to Advanced Inland Proficiency and 4/5 Star are available on selected weekends.

The courses are based on the Holne Chase Hotel which is ideally situated for the Grade II and III sections of the River Dart (one of the best rapids is in the hotel ground just a short walk away).

The weekends are for individuals or groups — group bookings of ten or more persons can apply for 'budget' weekends. These have proved very popular with clubs, colleges and canoe and youth clubs etc.

If you would like more details of the courses, write to: *Jeff Gill, Outdoor Adventure, Atlantic Court, Widemouth Bay, Nr Bude, Cornwall EX23 0DF. Tel: 029885 312.*

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NB Friday, 26th October — OPEN HOUSE (free) for those wishing to consult the RGS Map Room or the Expedition Report Library.

CONTACT:

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SLALOM & WILD WATER

THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Europa Cup consisted of three events, the first one at Liptovsky Mikulas, in Czechoslovakia, the second one at Augsburg, West Germany and the last one at Bourg St.Maurice, France.

In an event which can be lost by one hundredth of a second Richard Fox, the blue eyed schoolboy from Harpenden and St.Albans, student from Birmingham University and the man from Stafford and Stone Canoe Club won each of the three Europa Cup events with several seconds to spare. He therefore retains the title he first won in 1982.

Elizabeth Sharman takes the silver medal (she won the European title in 1982) after fighting back well to take the first place at Bourg but with her rival, Marie Francoise Grange in second place she was unable to do more than take the silver since the French girl had won the first two events. However, Elizabeth should take comfort from the fact that she beat Marie at Bourg by 7.65 seconds. This margin is big enough to encourage Liz as she begins her training for the world championships next year.

(Richard and Elizabeth will defend their World titles in 1985 at the World Championships due to be held at Augsburg.)

EUROPA CUP (Final leg) RESULTS FROM BOURG ST.MAURICE, FRANCE

CANADIAN SINGLES (held on Saturday, 21 July)

1. John Lughill, USA, 212.72secs.
2. David Hearn, USA, 224.58secs.
3. Jean Sennelier, France, 229.54secs.
5. Martyn Hedges, GB, 236.78secs.
23. Bob Doman, GB, 303.42secs.
34. Pete Bell, GB, 361.88secs.
41. Rob Black, GB, 442.22secs.

Martyn Hedges was beaten into 4th place by the Yugoslav Joce Vidmar by .30secs.

LADIES' KAYAK (held on Saturday 21st July)

1. Elizabeth Sharman, GB, 229.52secs.
2. Marie Francois Grange, France, 237.18secs.
3. Nathalie Renault, France, 239.67secs.
4. Sylvie Arnaud, France, 242.36secs.
5. Gail Allan, GB, 243.35
- 26* Jane Roderick, GB.

*Jane Roderick had a run of real bad luck during these events. At Augsburg she caught up a slower Czechoslovakian girl who caused impudence. Jane entitled to a re-run was back on the water without adequate rest. At Bourg Saint Maurice her bad luck was till with her. At this event the clock stopped. Jane, the fair haired design student was told at the end of her second run that the clock had failed to work and that the 'back-up timer' had not operated. Again she had to re-run. To give her time to rest this was taken the following day along with the Men's Kayak event. Having prepared herself for the Saturday's event Jane had to begin to psyche herself up for this single, lonely run on the Sunday. Sport is about learning to live with disappointment. Jane's bad luck is part of this.

MEN'S KAYAK (held on Sunday 22nd July)

1. Richard Fox, GB, 204.35secs.
2. Anton Prijon, W.Germany, 208.79secs.
3. Chris Doughty, USA, 209.98secs.
17. Jim Dolan, GB, 220.15secs.
19. Russ Smith, GB, 220.82secs.

CANADIAN DOUBLES (held on Sunday 22nd July)

1. Calori/Calori, France, 250.33secs.
2. Saidi/DUval, France, 250.93secs.
3. Sanscau/Guillaume, France, 255.09secs.
12. Arrowsmith/Brain, GB, 283.14secs.
15. Smith/Smith, GB.
17. Walling/Ambridge, GB.

THE FOUR EUROPA CUP CHAMPIONS ARE:

Ladies Kayak

- 1st Marie Francoise Grange of France
- 2nd Elizabeth Sharman of Great Britain
- 3rd Gail Allan
- 10th Jane Roderick

Men's Kayak

- 1st Richard Fox of Great Britain
- 2nd Anton Prijon of West Germany
- 3rd Christophe Prigent of France
- 17th Russ Smith
- 25th Jim Dolan

CANADIAN SINGLES

- 1st Jon Lughill of USA
- 2nd David Hearn of USA
- 3rd Jean Sennelier of France
- 6th Martyn Hedges
- 9th Bob Doman
- 10th Pete Bell

CANADIAN DOUBLES

- 1st Saidi/Duval of France
- 2nd Hajuccik/Kucera of Czechoslovakia
- 10th Smith/Smith
- 11th Arrowsmith and Brian
- 17th Walling & Ambridge

In the team events at Bourg, the Ladies took the silver and the Canadian Singles took the bronze.

EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Held at Spittal, Austria on 21 and 22nd July 1984.

The following are the British results:-

JUNIOR RESULTS

Junior Lady Champion — Ishbel Grant
Men's K1 Junior — silver medal to David Crosbee

YOUTH RESULTS

Ladies' Youth — silver medal to Karen Davies

LADIES YOUTH TEAM

Gold Medal team of Ishbel Grant, Karen Davies, Vember Mortlock.

YOUTH K1 TEAM

Men's Kayak — silver medal team, Ian Raspin, David Crosbee, John Hansell.

RIVER TRYWERYN OVERFLOWS ITS BANKS

Streams of slalom canoeists poured onto the river Tryweryn in such numbers that a 'flood alert' was put out and many would be competitors were turned away.

July 14 and 15 made history; both the Division Two event, run by Manchester Canoe Club and the Division 3 event run by a consortium of clubs co-ordinated by St.Albans Canoe Club coped with many more competitors than has been the norm,

but were still forced to return entries.

Mr. Keith Stokes of the Welsh Water Authority brought the two events to a close when he presented the prizes at the Canolfan Tryweryn. Mr. Roger Fox, speaking on behalf of all the paddlers who enjoy coming to Bala took this opportunity of saying a big 'thank you' to the Welsh Water Authority for this great facility.

The Mayor of Bala, Mr.John Williams had presented prizes for Saturday's competition at Bala Canoe Club. On this occasion, Neville Unwin, speaking for the Slalom Committee, Peter King, speaking for Manchester Canoe Club and Tony Rackham speaking for St.Albans Canoe Club said, in their various ways, how grateful the sport was for Bala and for its hospitality.

BRITISH SCHOOLS SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS, CARDINGTON, BEDFORD JUNE 30 AND JULY 1, 1984

There was a capacity entry for this tremendous event and some children were disappointed not to have the opportunity of competing as any late entries could not be accepted due to lack of space.

One highlight of this event was the amount of sponsorship/advertising it attracted. Many goods and services were donated and the prize giving table was loaded with trophies and goods. The event itself was sponsored by Herbert Robinson Limited, of Bedford — the Volvo garage and Volvo flags and banners were much in evidence.

Every detail was attended to and the event ran perfectly in the pleasant grassy setting of Cardington's artificial Slalom Course. The sun shone and a barbeque in the evening contributed to an excellent week-end for all.

The main results from this are:-

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR THE MIDGELEY TROPHY.

	points
1. Richmond School	61
2. Giggleswick School	53
3. Millbrook School	50
4. Wallace High School	49
5. St.Augustine Scouts	48
6. C.Y.P.	38
7. Parkhouse School	31
8. Oldwallis School	27
9. Whitmore High School	17
10. Leicestershire Schools	15
10. Furthwick Park School	15
12. Queen Mary's School	9
13. Royal Belfast AC	7
14. Owens School	5
15. Kingsway School	4
16. St. Louises School	1
17. Sidmouth College	1

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR THE WHITMORE TROPHY

1. Tees KC	56
2. Ribble	54
3. Millbrook CC	47
4. Viking KC	41
5. S.O.A.K.	38
6. Wallace CC	36
7. Notts KC	29
8. Newbury	26
9. St.Albans	14
10. Canterbury	13
11. Whitmore CC	11
12. Leicester CC	10
13. T.R.C.Y.C.	9
13. Mercia CC	9
13. Worcester	9

16. Central Paddlers	8
17. Croseysceiling	6
17. Longridge	6
19. Hadleigh	3
20. Southend	2
21. Staffs & Stone	1

THE MATLOCK TROPHY FOR BEST SCHOOLS TEAM RESULT

1. Birchall/Gibbs/Slade	St. Augustine
2. Robson/Park/Biggs	Richmond
3. Imrie/Turner/Philips	Wallace HS

THE WORTHIES TROPHY U14 Boy

G. Marriott	Notts KC
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THE TRYLON SHIELD U14 Boys

Leicestershire Schools (M. Stephens)

THE ST.AUGUSTINE/VIKING TROPHY U16 Boys

Parkhouse School (S.Pearce)

THE VOLVO TROPHY U18 Boys

Richmond School (E.Park)

THE OSRAN TROPHY U15 Girls

Furtherwick Park School (A.Runnegar)

THE MILLBROOK TROPHY U18 Girls

Millbrook School (H.Williams)

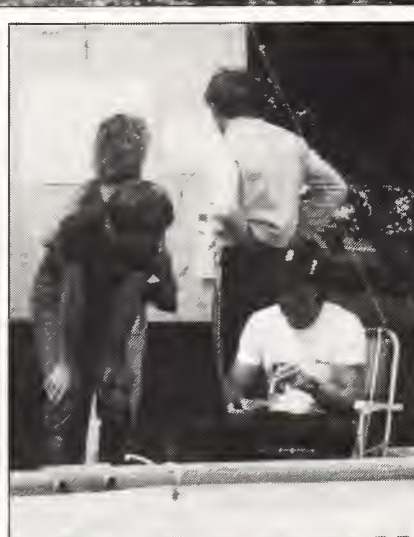
JUNIOR RANKING LIST

A committee has been formed to look into the setting up of a Junior Ranking system. This is to be designed to bring slalom within the reach of young children at a level at which they can find enjoyment, satisfaction and challenge without the fear of the rough water or the stress of course which is too long and taxing. A great deal of research — psychiatric and physical is needed to make sure we come up with the right mixture — if anyone has any views on this please contact: *Slalom Administrator, Sue Wharton, 92 Higher Bank Road, Fulwood, Preston PR2 4PH.*



SPONSORSHIP FOR ELIZABETH SHARMAN

Elizabeth Sharman has received sponsorship from Hofels — Pure Foods Limited of Bury St.Edmunds. Please note that when you buy Hofels pure foods you will be supporting Liz as she trains for the World Championships in 1985.



1. Liz Sharman on the show of her demo run.
2. Clare Pallet on start of demo run.
3. Liz Sharman giving advice to young Tracy Berry of Banbury Canoe Club.
4. Richard Fox signing a few autographs and giving advice to David Fuller of Banbury.
5. A well-filled trophy table at the British Schools Championships.

SLALOM & WILD WATER

EUROPA CUP ROUND-UP

Europa Cup I — Bovec, Soca.

Europa Cup II — Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Loisach

Europa Cup III — Bourg St.Maurice, Isere.

The first leg of the Wild Water Racing Europa Cup was held in Yugoslavia on the River Soca. A small British Team was sent to this event consisting of four Mens K1, one Women K1, one C1 and one C2 crew. The costs saved here enabled more people to be sent to the Pre-World Championships a week later at Garmisch.

On arrival at Bovec it was discovered that the original course had been abandoned as it proved to be too high and dangerous. By common consent all the teams trained on a nearby tributary which was not easy to paddle either.

After an almost impossible access had been navigated, the river was found to be quite *hairy*, but did provide an excellent wild water course. It started with a narrow gorge of about 4ft wide and a 90° turn at the bottom, then widening into a continuous rapid which proved excellent racing.

By the time all the teams had arrived, the Americans were into boat repairs as if it were a national pastime, but swimming down the river came a close second!

The British results were disappointing, but generally the team suffered from little or no practice on wild water since the World Championships of Merano the previous year.

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN

The remainder of our full Wild Water Team travelled to Garmisch-Partenkirchen and met the team management out there. Six competitors in each class were selected for this event — a bold and commendable decision on the part of the Wild Water Exective.

The Wild Water Racing course at Garmisch showing the 'Ulmerstein' and 'Strassen' rapids.

The Loisach is an exceptionally difficult river to navigate at speed, it is by no means really rough, but very, very tricky. The Germans, obviously, were the favourites, they knew the river well and weren't giving anything away.

Repairs were again a problem as the course was very hard on the boats, but every one trained hard and most of the team came to terms with the course very well.

The event itself was run with usual German efficiency, although the practice times were sometimes a little crowded as there was also a German Championship Race being held at the same time! British performances were better than at Bovec with DRH Taylor gaining a very respectable 10th place in the K1 and Sue Hornby an 8th in the Womens K1.

All things considered, the event turned out to be a very good experience for next years World Championships — we now know that to do well at Garmisch, we must be out there as much as is possible over the next nine months, and we must learn to RACE the course rather than just paddle down it.

Report from Sue Hornby, Wild Water Racing Team.

BOURG ST. MAURICE

The final event of the Europe Cup Wild Water was held at Bourg St.Maurice on the River Isere. This is one of the favourite

river race courses for British paddlers — the water is rough but manageable, while in July the weather is exceptionally warm in this part of France, making the cold water enjoyable.

Practice runs on the Isere are always tiring owing to the bumping and buffeting the paddlers get from the waves — and there are a great many of them!

Results were a mixed bag this time. Sue Hornby gained an excellent 7th place, also Kay/Pearson 7th and Goldsmith/Evans 9th showed that in the C2 class Brits can get there if they really work hard.

The Mens K1 was very disappointing with Mike Smith our best position in 19th place — nearly one minute down on the leader.

Overall Great Britain maintained their 3rd placing in the Europa Cup Competition, but to be honest it does not look good for the future of our Wild Water at present unless there is some radical thinking done at grass roots and international level. It is still the same old faces with no new young blood coming through to take their places. The only light at the end of the tunnel is in the womens event — the girls gave us our only medal this year, a SILVER in the Team Event at Bourg and a result that is justified by all the hard work the trio have put in since last season.

Report from John Handyside, Wild Water Racing Team.



WATERWAYS

WATERWAY WALL CHARTS

British Waterways Board in conjunction with Pictorial Charts Education Trust, have produced two colourful wall charts and accompanying teachers notes, covering the themes of 'Canals' and *Life Afloat*.

The 'Canals' chart describes how the man-made canals were built some 150-200 years ago and features pictures which show the different methods of construction and maintenance which have developed. The centre of the chart highlights, in a simple to understand diagrammatic form, the major engineering features which are to be found on canals, for example a tunnel, embankment, water supply reservoir and locks.

The social and family life of the people who lived and worked on the waterways in the days when the narrower canals provided an important mode of freight transport in this country is the subject of *'Life Afloat'*. This features historic photographs some hand coloured, which vividly bring out the detail of life afloat under the spartan conditions which existed and which have left us with a rich legacy of folklore and traditions, many of which modern pleasure users of the canals continue to sustain.

Both charts measure 38"x 30" and they come folded flat with four pages of specially prepared notes in a plastic wallet for ease of mailing. They are priced at £3.90 per copy (including postage) and are available from: *Information Centre, Press and Publicity Department, British Waterways Board, Melbury House, Melbury Terrace, London NW1 6JX.*

BRITISH WATERWAYS 1985 CALENDAR

British Waterways Board's large pictorial one month to a view 1985 Calendar has been published and is available for purchase.

The 12 full colour photographs capture many of the wide range of activities which can be pursued on the Board's inland waterways in England, Scotland and Wales. For example, a lockside scene of holiday makers enjoying pleasure cruising on the Shropshire Union Canal contrasts with the splendours of a Scottish Highland scene observed from the Caledonian Canal. Inland waterway transport, which offers safety, environmental and economic benefits to both users and nearby communities, is represented by the view of a modern 700 tonne tanker on the Aire and Calder Navigation in Yorkshire.

The Calendar costs £3.00 per copy plus 65p postage and packaging and is available, cheque with order, from: *Information Centre, Press and Publicity Office, British Waterways Board, Melbury House, Melbury Terrace, London NW1 6JX.*

PLEASURE BOATERS HELP SOUGHT IN CONSERVING WATER SUPPLIES

British Waterways Board are appealing to all pleasure boaters who will be using their canals and river navigations in the coming weeks to help the Board's staff in water conservation. Careful use of water supplies should safeguard cruising on principal routes throughout the main summer period in the event of a continuation of the prolonged dry spell.

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Boaters are urged to conserve water by ensuring that as many boats as possible use each lockful of water, even if this means waiting for the arrival of boats which are in sight. Boaters are also asked to take turns on the 'one up — one down' principle and by ensuring that sluice gear and lock gates are properly closed after use. Abnormal water losses discovered by boaters should be reported to the Board's local staff at the earliest opportunity in order that appropriate action can be taken to conserve water.

Water conservation measures, principally involving overnight padlocking of strategic flights of locks, have been in force on certain waterways for some time and it is foreseen that these measures will have to be extended to other areas unless periods of sustained heavy rainfall occur. In the main, these restrictions should have little effect on boaters' movements and impose only the minimum of inconvenience.

Greater difficulties are being experienced on certain waterways. On the Weaver Navigation in Cheshire, a Commercial Waterway, it has been necessary temporarily to cancel arrangements whereby the mechanised locks are manned at weekends for use by pleasure boaters. Cancellation of the scheduled dates will remain in force until river levels recover. Specific measures are to be introduced in the next few days on the Crinan Canal in Scotland, involving half-tide locking at the sea locks and the passing of vessels in convoy. The Board also regret that following the severe fall in water levels at Rudyard Lake and Knypersley Reservoir current indications are such that the Caldon Canal in Staffordshire, which these reservoirs supply, will have to be closed to traffic on the 6th August from Leek to the junction with the mainline of the Trent & Mersey Canal at Etruria and also the Hazelhurst Flight of locks on the branch to Froghall. These measures will be necessary in order to conserve fish life and safeguard the integrity of the reservoirs and the canal.

Boaters are reminded that they can keep abreast of the water supply situation by making use of the Board's 24 hour, 7 days-a-week 'Canalphone' information service, (01-723 8486 for northern waterways and 01-723 8487 for southern waterways). Alternatively, they are invited to seek guidance from the Board's Area Offices before embarking on a cruise.

letters

Letters of comment, praise, abuse or disgust, always welcomed — Address to: Editor, Canoeing Magazine, 34 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0RE.

BYDE ON ACCESS

Dear Editor,

This is about access to rivers and some parts of the sea. I am genuinely concerned about advice that I should give to others. The book *'Living Canoeing'* is about to go into its fourth edition and I propose to include the following paragraphs, however, I would welcome comment on it from readers and interested parties before sending it off:

'ACCESS — as the popularity of canoeing has increased enormously over recent years, so the pressures on available waters

have increased. Anglers pay to extract fish from rivers, whilst the canoeist does neither.

As a person in charge you should have a ready wit and an equable nature. People who are defending that about which they are uncertain tend to be very aggressive. Aggression, like joy and sorrow, is a communicable emotion. I remember having a brush with a few in my time, and mostly they were physically small men and no longer young (draw your own conclusions).

Tell him that the man in charge who will answer all his questions is not far behind, with a group of over fifty prisoners on recreation, all convicted of GBH and the like; but not to worry, they're all fairly reasonable.

Tell him, if you are alone, that you are the pathfinder for the main group which is anxiously awaiting your telephone call to clear them for the next stretch. As soon as you can get downstream to the next call box (ask politely where it is), they will bypass this section. Of course no-one comes along.

Threats of legal action may be made. Look suitably humbled, abashed, and concerned. Apologise profusely, but don't overdo it, or he will suspect you are laughing at him. Your name and address may be demanded. Put to the test I can usually remember several.

You may be asked for your BCU membership number. 'BCU' you reply, 'what's that?' He may explain. Reply that you are not aware that membership is a precondition for entering a kayak or canoe.

If in charge of a group, especially young men, who may be inclined to join in the fun, insist that no one speaks except you. If challenged, they simply point over their shoulders upstream, wordlessly. When you arrive you do the same, being last of course. By the time he has understood your vagueness your group has quietly moved on.

This section should ruin any relationship between anglers and canoeists, but that is not new. In twenty years of trying to be reasonable the paddler has lost mile after mile of river to the exclusive demands of the anglers. You want practical advice. I offer it. Paddle and be damned.

As a side issue, the local landowner has just asked to regularise my use of part of 'his' river with him; just ask, he said, and it will be OK. I did so, wrote to him and received a courteous letter by return. Permission granted subject to certain very reasonable requirements plus one million pound indemnity cover. That letter, a copy of which I am asked to sign as a contract, now resides in my file of fame. I shall make reference to it in the future. I have acknowledged receipt, and that is all I will do. The stretch in question is on the River Tees between High Force and Low Force, a grade III technical I'd call it. I do urge you to try it out.

Alan Bye, Middleton-in-Teesdale.

INFORMATION — SOUTHERN SPAIN

I am investigating the feasibility of setting up an adventure centre in Cazorla in the province of Jaen, Southern Spain.

The largest river in Andalucia is the Guadalquivir, and has its source nearby. I wonder whether any readers of Canoeing Magazine have experience of this river.

Any information on access, quantity and grade of white water, permissions required etc, would be much appreciated. Please write to: David Evans, Adventure Andaluz, Apartado de Correos 189, Estepona, Spain.

Yours sincerely, David Evans

CANOE TOURING

A familiar waterway, but an unfamiliar time of year. The Kennet and Avon Canal at Dunmill Lock months after the winter Waterside and Devizes canoeists have left for other venues.

In June Pam Miller and friend spent a few days canoeing the section from Devizes to Newbury in preparation for an article in the American 'Canoe' magazine for which Pam is a reporter. With an Ardeche Touring double from Marsport of Reading, advice from Mike Clark (along with his camera!) Pam found beauty and the beast of the Kennet — the beauty in part of the waterway and surrounding countryside; the beast in sections of heavy weeded ponds that had become more than a little 'high' in the hot weather!





*Wish you
were here!*

Carefree canoe touring days and a beautiful river. The River Tarn in Southern France still remains almost untouched by paddlers even though just on a hundred kilometres from the crowded Ardeche Valley. Photos by Mike Clark.

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TRADE NEWS

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ULTIMATE'S 1984 TECHNICAL GUIDE

The long awaited 1984 Technical Guide from Ultimate Equipment is now available. The Guide which beautifully complements the 1984 Ultimate Catalogue gives full details and specifications of all Ultimate products.

Ultimate delayed the publication of the Guide until the 1984/85 Winter Clothing Range had been finalised, and this range which includes no less than fourteen exciting new garments is shown clearly in superb black and white photographs. Black and white photographs of eight tents from Ultimate's extensive range are feature on the back cover.

For your free 1984 Ultimate Technical Guide and Catalogue please write enclosing stamps to the value of 30p to cover postage and packing to:- *Ultimate Equipment Limited, Ryburne Mill, Hanson Lane, Halifax, HX1 4SE.*

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THE HURON — PREMIER OPEN CANADIAN

The Huron Open Canadian canoe from McNulty Seaglass, is one of the premier Canadian canoes manufactured in Britain. The boat is now proving very popular and a great success also on the Continent. The photograph shows some 30 Hurons being loaded recently at the McNulty works that were destined for West Germany.

Full details of the Huron and the complete McNulty range of canoes, kayaks and accessories can be obtained from: *McNulty Seaglass, Victoria Road, South Shields, Tyne and Wear. Telephone: 0632 563196.*



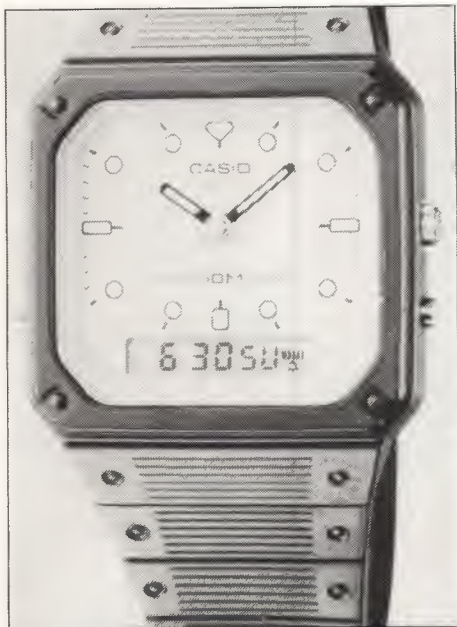
Container loading at McNulty Seaglass.



The new showroom and sales area at Kirton Kayaks, The Canoe Centre at Crediton in Devon.

HI-TEC MINDER OFF TO AUSTRALIA

Dennis Waterman famous from TV's *Minder* and *Sweeney* series is a sponsored Hi-Tec personality who is wearing Hi-Tec shoes and clothing in the next *Minder* series. Dennis flew down to Australia for the Autumn for a large publicity tour. Dennis is even more popular in Australia and New Zealand than in the UK and has a tremendous fan club over there. His trip coincides with the appointment of Hi-Tec's first Australian distributors. Hi-Tec has been for sometime selling to Australia on an ad hoc basis but judged the time was right to put a proper marketing strategy together for this very sports minded market.



CASIO COMBO WATCHES GO WATER-RESISTANT

Encouraged by the rapid consumer acceptance of their combination analogue/digital watches, Casio have gone a step further to produce a water-resistant model, complementing their extensive range of digital watersports watches. AQ30W is the new Casio combo watch with 50-metres water resistance. At a recommended retail price of only £24.95, it represents outstanding value for money.

Readout is an attractive quartz analogue (including sweep seconds hand) plus a liquid crystal digital display. Extra functions available in digital mode are date, stopwatch, alarm and dual time.

A smart integration of the traditional analogue style with a host of supplementary features that have made Casio the most popular branded name in watersports watches.

VANGO TENTS

Now that tents can be packed to the size of a filled sock and weigh only about ¾ lbs, canoe camping takes on an exciting new trend. No longer the need to seek a crowded harbour or friendly cottage or hostel for overnight stops, simply find a quiet beach or river bank or inlet and set up camp.

One such model of these new breed of lightweight tents is the Zephyr from Vango. The Zephyr Solo weighs only 3lbs and gives an unobstructed room front for storage and cooking. If you fancy company there is the two person version called the Zephyr Plus weighing only 4½ lbs. Both tents are made from tough nylon in a pleasant unobtrusive shade of green. Even if the fly gets wet it

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The Vango Zephyr Plus as used by Robbie McLaughlin on his solo round-Britain in 1983.

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SWEDENTHERM

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RUNNING DESIGN

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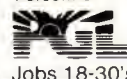
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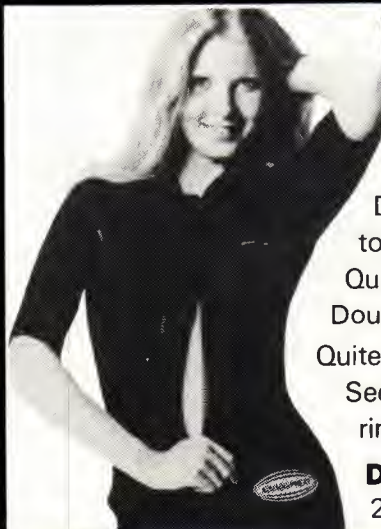
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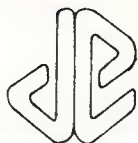
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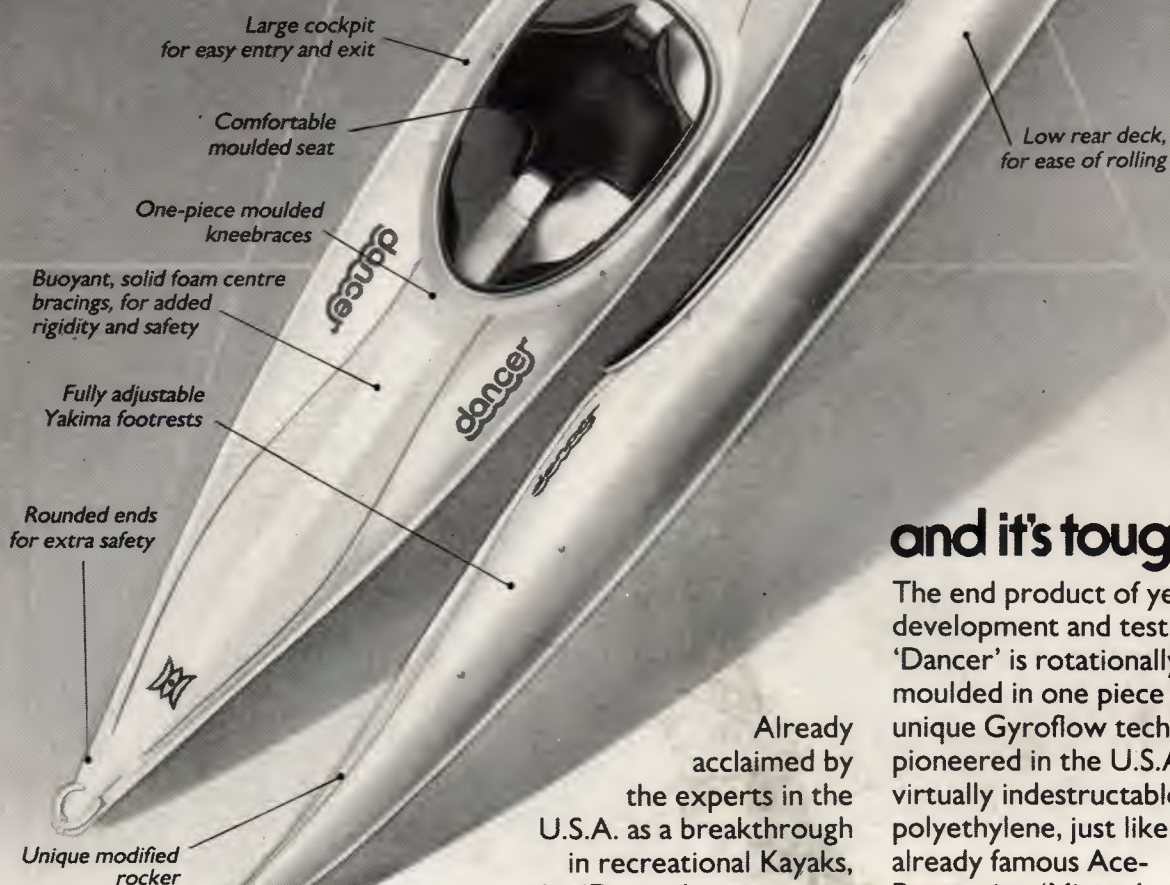
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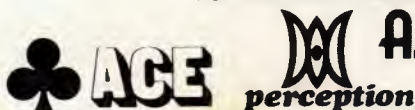
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