GEORGIA CANOEING ASSOCIATION

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Hi! Another month, another letter! July is coming with the Nantahala Race and lots of good canoeing, so don't forget to get your contributions to the newsletter to me before June 20.

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Forest Park, GA 30050

NANTAHALA RIVER - June 10 & 11

The club's first scheduled trip on this beautiful river (class II-III) is June 10. Bring a change of clothes or a wet suit. Meet at 10 a.m. at the Nantahala Outfitters (formally the Tote 'n Tarry) on U. S. 19 in Wesser, N. C. We will camp at the Lost Mine Campground. If there is water, we will run the Nantahala again on Sunday. Otherwise, the plans will be made there.

This will be a good chance to practice for the Nantahala Races, July 1 & 2.

Register with Helen Stephenson--478-8825. The trip leader is Tom McDonald.

CHATOOGA RIVER - June 17-18

It's time again for another great weekend on the Chatooga River which offers challenging rapids to the novice as well as the experienced paddler.

On Saturday, June 17, we will run Sections 2 and 4, separately. Section 2 has only a few fairly difficult rapids which makes this a good run for families, novice paddlers, and those who just want to take it easy. For Section 2 meet at 10 a.m. at State Route 28 and the river. Section 4 is a difficult run providing many class III and IV rapids. Be prepared for several big drops with powerful currents--portages are difficult. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Highway 76 and the river.

Sunday we'll run Section 3 and maybe Section 1 (separately). Section 3, a 15 mile paddle, has class II, III, and IV rapids with relatively easy portages. This is not a run for first or second timers. Meet at 9:30 at Highway 76 and the river to set up a shuttle to Earl's Ford. Depending on the water level, a decision will be made then whether or not to run Section 1. This section of the river is comparable to Section 4 in difficulty and runs through a steep canyon requiring one or 2 portages. (This section runs from Burrell's Ford to Highway 28.)

Campgrounds: Limited camping is available at Earl;s Ford and at Highway 76 and the river. Both are virtually "primitive" with only Port-o-let "johns" at Earl's Ford. Cherry Hill located on S. C. 107 is a nice public campground. Only 20 miles away is beautiful Rabun Beach Campground, located off Ga. 23 a few miles north of Tallulah Falls, Ga. (Tallulah Gorge)

Please pre-register in case of a change of plans with Julie Wilson, trip leader, 875-6522 or with Mary Rose Goodson, 255-7972.

ETOWAH WEEKEND REPORT

The weatherman cooperated very well for the weekend of April 29th for our Etowah - Chestatee trip. The only rain fell late Saturday afternoon while most of us were at the Smith House eating.

Saturday on the Etowah there were 16 decked boats (C-1's and Kayaks) and 14 open canoes. Sunday on the Chestatee there were 10 decked boats and 11 open canoes. Another group ran another section of the Etowah below Auraria. There were approvimately 7 decked boats and 5 open.

Point to remember: The river guage on the Chestatee at Highway 52 read 1.65. Nearly everyone agreed that this level is too low for a good trip. If the guage reads below 2.0, a possible alternative trip might be the Upper Chattahoochee.

NOTE OF INTEREST TO RACERS

The Walhalla Jaycees are pleased to announce the first annual Chattooga River Races. The races will consist of the following activities:

SHORT COURSE: START AT RUSSELL HOUSE ON S.C. #28
FINISH AT LOW WATER BRIDGE

LONG COURSE: START AT RUSSELL HOUSE
FINISH AT EARL'S FORD ON WHETSTONE ROAD

CLASSES

July 1, 1972 - 12 AM until
Short Course

INNER-TUBE RACE

A. Men (solo)
B. Women (solo)
C. Couples (separate tubes)
D. One man rafts

July 2, 1972 - 12 AM until
Long Course

OPEN CANOES

A. Open canoes (solo)
B. Open canoes (men tandem)
C. Open canoes (mixed tandem)
D. Multiple manned rafts (2 or more)

For registration blanks and further information, write to:

WALHALLA JAYCEES, INC.
Wallace Gregory, Race Chairman
P. O. Box 187
Walhalla, S. C. 29691

NEW MEMBERS and ADDRESS CHANGES

Rev. James D. Curtis
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NEW MEMBERS and ADDRESS CHANGES cont.

Dr. Carter W. Martin
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Atlanta, GA 30328

The following are address changes:

William M. Culp
1464 Dodson Drive, SW
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Ken Craft, Jr.
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Tucker, GA 30084

Dr. Robert C. Dean
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Nashville, Tennessee 37204

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Atlanta, GA 30317

James Bishop
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Atlanta, GA 30307

David M. Guinee
2597 Tanglewood Road
Decatur, GA 30033
(please note the change of letters of last name)

KAYAK FOR SALE--$75.00 including neoprene spray skirt. Obvious at casual glance that it has been down numerous wild rivers, but it is still sound and good for a lot more. Excellent beginner boat for large child or small adult. Call Charles Woolsey--766-8771.

FUN AND GAMES**PICNIC**FOOD**DRINK**DANCING GIRLS (Dancing Girls?)

Well, anyway, a picnic and practice session for Nantahala Race officials. This will be a dry run on race duties and scoring for everyone helping with the race--AND WE DO NEED MORE HELP--if you didn't make it to the previous practice, come to Camp Chattahoochee at 10:00, Saturday, June 24. Final work assignments will be made. Bring a picnic lunch. Remember, friends and family are welcome to help with the race.

Please get your registration in for Nantahala Race. It will save you a late fee and save the registrar much frantic labor.

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE
SESQUICENTENNIAL CANOE RACE
Jacksonville, Florida

Date.....Sunday, June 25, 1972
Time.....1:00 PM until approximately 2:30 PM
Awards Ceremony following race.
Late Registration 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM.
Place.....The race will begin and end at the St. Johns Marina, 901 Gulf Drive, Jacksonville, Florida.
Distance.....The race will be run upriver and return to the Marina, for a distance of approximately 5 miles.
Awards.....Awards will be given down to third place in each class. An award for the fastest time will be given to the Boy Scout and Girl Scout team. To win this award the contestants must be active scouts, and entered in the Junior class.

TEAR HERE

ENTRY FORM

First contestant:
Name _____
Address _____
_____

Second contestant:
Name _____
Address _____
_____

Please include entry fee of $1.00 for each Senior contestant and 50¢ for each Junior. Return entry form and fee to: Bart Rains 1419 Morgana Rd. Jacksonville, Fla. 32211.

Classifications below, underline one and answer L:

A. Unlimited
B. Senior men's cruising
C. Men's aluminum canoes
D. Mixed couples
E. Over 45 years of age
F. Junior Men (have not reached 18)
G. Senior women
H. Junior women (have not reached 18)
I. Father and son or daughter not yet 18.
J. Work kayak (male or female all ages)
K. Cruise only
L. Are you an active Scout? Yes No (Please circle one)

If under 18 years of age, please have parent or guardian sign the release below:

For the good and valuable consideration of being allowed to participate in this event, I, the undersigned, hereby accept the same in full compensation and settlement for, and hereby intentionally, absolutely, and finally release and forever discharge the sponsors, officials, landowners, spectators, and other participants in this event from any and all claims, demands, and liabilities to me on account of any and all injuries, losses, and damages to my person and-or property which may be caused or at anytime arise by reason of my participation in this event.

Signature (include relationship if parent or guardian)
First contestant _____
Second contestant _____

The Race Committee will make all classification decisions which are not clearly defined or seem to fringe. They may add or delete to race qualifications to enhance safety. A U.S.Coast Guard approved life saving device must be in each boat for each paddler, and non-swimmers must wear one at all times while in a boat.

SOUTHEASTERN U.S. SLALOM & WILDWATER

CANOE AND KAYAK CHAMPIONSHIPS

Nantahala River Wesser, N. C. July 7 & 8, 1972

DUTIES OF RACE OFFICIALS

SLALOM

Chairman (1) - is responsible for the overall organization of the race and shall decide all matters arising during the contest which are not covered by the published rules.

Race Marshall (1) - is responsible for the execution of the contest and is familiar with the duties of all race personnel. He checks starter, timers, judges and scorers prior to running each heat and sees all heats are run with a minimum waste of time. He calls and conducts a protest meeting after each class. He must be thoroughly familiar with all racing rules, as well as physical set-up (location of judging stations, first aid, etc.) for this race.

Chief Umpire (1) - is responsible for controlling the work of the gate judges. He should observe the judging over the entire course, make suggestions, answer questions concerning questionable decisions, provide for relief of judges, confirm that communication equipment is in working order at each station and that judges have all necessary supplies (clipboards, whistles, scoresheets, pencils).

Starter (1) - checks each contestant (name and number) against updated starting order sheet. He gets clearance to start from timer and gives verbal countdown (30 sec...15 sec...5, 4, 3, 2, 1, GO!) to contestant and timer. Posted starting times are listed to assure contestant's presence - actual starting times are determined by timer and starter according to prevailing conditions (is the previous contestant far enough down the course, is there a watch cleared and ready for use, etc.), but should be kept as close to schedule as possible.

Starting Steward (1) - checks each boat for grab loops, floatations, dimensional check-mark and assures that each competitor is wearing the required safety equipment. He assists the starter in ensuring that the correct starting order is observed and that each competitor is ready in good time for his run.

Finishing Judge (1) - shall record the times taken by the timekeepers and transmit these by phone to the final scorer. He shall later verify the scoreboard times from his recorded list. In all cases, his decision is final. He is responsible for all work done at the finishing line.

Timekeepers (2) - shall be thoroughly familiar with operation of watches prior to race. He gives the O.K. to the starter when a watch is clear. He starts the watch on the starter's countdown and tries to keep two competitors on the course at all times. (The efficiency of the slalom depends on no delays by the timers.)

Start - Stop - Read - Report (by voice) - Record (by finishing judge) - Reset. This is the cycle and it will overlap with the next cycle, of course, when two boats are on the course.

Gate Judges (12) - require more pre-race training than any other personnel because of variety of judgement situations and recent changes in penalty rules. They should be familiar with gate judging rules and be aware of activity at upstream and downstream judging stations. Two judges operate each station. One judges, one records and reports (by phone). Judges should note any questionable scorings (with accompanying circumstances) on score sheet. Be prepared to "whistle" (many short blasts) an "overtaken" contestant to the side of the course (unless the "overtaking" contestant is obviously out of control). Report any equipment failure to chief umpire immediately (broken or sagging gates, loss of communications, etc.) Scoresheets must be numbered sequentially, identified by judging station and have 1st or 2nd runs clearly indicated at top of sheets. Scoresheets will be picked up periodically by runners.

Scorers (4) - record scores by gate on each individual contestant's scoreboard strip. Each of three scorers handles the reporting from two judging stations. The fourth scorer records time and computes total score. Each strip passes from scorer to scorer and is picked up by the "scoring steward." Scorers later verify postings from written sheets (kept by judges and timers) prior to awarding of medals.

Scoring Steward (1) - must be familiar with operation of scoreboard. He picks up finished scoreboard strips from scoring table and posts on scoreboard. Strips slip over only one prong of scoreboard clip for ease of removal. Strips are always arranged so that standings in each class may be read directly. i.e. - Low score (best score) at top, descending to highest score.

Rescue Officer (1) - is responsible for deploying rescue crew at strategic locations on slalom course with necessary equipment (throw lines, poles, boats, etc.) to insure safety of competitors. He should maintain contact with first aid station.

Rescue and Maintenance Crew (4) - should be able to handle a throw line properly, but show restraint if a contestant is trying to roll. They should know the location of the first aid station. If the race is stopped for course repair, the rescue crew immediately assumes maintenance duties. They should know the location of spare gate poles, hardware and tools, as well as how to use them. Safety at the end of the course is provided by contestants. Two boats remain in water at bottom of course at all times.

Course Construction Supervisor (1) - is familiar with location of all gates and will indicate trees or other devices between which supporting wires will be strung. He directs the efforts of the construction crew and assures the correct final adjustment of all gates.

Course Construction Crew (12) - will work in pairs, one on each side of river, to erect gate supports, gates, and adjusting lines under direction of Course Construction Supervisor. Workers must be familiar with construction and operation of a single gate. Preparation of equipment (cutting and coiling of wires and strings) prior to set-up day is essential. This crew will also assure the cleanliness of the race site following the dismantling of the course.

Runners (2) - will collect time sheets and score sheets at regular intervals, delivering these immediately to the scoring table. They will also carry messages to and from other race officials as needed.

WILDWATER:

Chairman (1) - is responsible for the overall organization of the wildwater race and shall decide all matters arising during the contest which are not covered by the published rules. He is familiar with the duties of all race personnel and checks starter, timers and scorers prior to beginning the race. He must be thoroughly aquainted with all racing rules, as well as physical set-up (location of resuce stations, first aid, etc.) for this race.

Starter (1) - checks each contestant (name and number) against updated starting order sheet. Starts each contestant with a countdown (30 sec...15 sec... 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, GO!) at exactly the time listed on the published starting order sheet.

Starting Steward (1) - same duties as in slalom race.

Finishing Judge (1) - same duties as in slalom race.

Timekeepers (3) - shall be thoroughly familiar with operation of chronometers prior to race. Uses split action hand as contestant crosses finish line. Reads time aloud for finishing judge to record. Extra timer is useful in recording finish order of closely grouped contestants.

Scorers (2) - First scorer records (from finishing judge's phone information) finishing times of all contestants on scoreboard strips. Second scorer enters start time, subtracts from finishing time and records elapsed time.

Scoring Steward (1) - same duties as in slalom race.

Rescue Officer (1) - same duties as in slalom but all resuce personnel should have boats and will be located over a much more spread out area.

Rescue Crew (12) - same duties as in slalom, but disregard course maintenance. Again, be careful about offering assistance (which will disqualify the contestant) where it is not desired. Report any disqualifications to scorers at completion of race.

COMBINED DUTIES:

Registrars (3) - one registrar will work prior to race, three during race. Before race - check all mail applications for completeness, fee: keep up to date listings of competitors and classes. At race-one person to handle sign-up and number assignment, second to check application for completeness and handle money, third to hand out numbers. A printed starting order list will be posted for all mail entrants near the registration table at least one hour prior to the start of the race.

Boat Scrutineer (1) - checks boats entered in championship classes for minimum, maximum length and minimum width. Marks conforming boats accordingly.

First Aid Officer (1) - should have good knowledge of first aid procedures. G.C.A. should provide first aid supplies. Arrangements for M.D. and Ambulance availability should be checked out.

Press Officer (1) - shall give journalists all necessary information on the contest and its progress. He shall have access to all officials to obtain the necessary information and a copy of the results. He shall also handle pre-race publicity to interested organizations and news media.

Announcer (1) - should have some familiarity with contestants, especially noting those with national rankings. He gives a running account of who is on the course, who has the best score in that class, what a slalom is, what gates are difficult or interesting, who sponsors the race, general notes on the sport, slalom being added to 1972 Olympics, etc.

Bouncers & Backup (2) - keep all unauthorized persons away from scoring table (roped off area). Be prepared to fill in at any position during restroom breaks, in case of sickness, etc.

Number Check-out (1) - collects numbers and checks off master list. Number must be turned in (after second run) for the contestants will also be charged at the rate of $1 for lost numbers.

Refreshments (2) - free cookies & lemonade to competitors at end of course as they finish a run.

Award Presentations (2) - head scorer or race marshall assists. Makes sure scores and computations have been verified, that there are sufficient boats in class receiving awards, that all protests have been settled and that no contestants receiving awards have been disqualified for any reasons.

DLW 5/9/72

RACE EQUIPMENT

ITEM	QUANTITY	WHO HAS	WHO WILL BRIN
Slalom Poles	60		
Pole Spacers	30		
Coils of Wire	30		
Coils of String	120		
Shower Hooks	180		✓
Spare Eyelets	20		
Gate Numbers	30		
Scoreboards	6		
Score Plates	190		
Grease Pencils	12		
Pencils, Pens	12		
Large Nails	100		
Thumb Tacks	100		
Clipboards	12		
Gate Sheets	120		✓
Timing Sheets	20		
Scoring Table	1		✓
Timing Table	1		
Starting Table	1		
Registration Table	1		✓
Program Table	1		
Folding Chairs	13		✓
Entry Blanks	100		
Whistles	10		
Medical Supplies	XX		
Communications	XX		
P. A. System	XX		
Slalom Watches	3		
Watch Holders	3		
Chronometers	4		
G.C.A. Applications	100		
P-49 Applications	25		
A.C.A. Applications	100		
National Programs	200		
Souvenier Posters	100		
Awards (incl. S.S.)	215		
Embroidered Patches	300		
Team Packets	25		
Assignment Sheets	2		
Extra Paper	XX		✓

ITEM	QUANTITY	WHO HAS	WHO WILL BRING
Throw Lines	6		
Registration Box	1		
Registration Book	1		
G.C.A. Decals	100		
Tape	1		
Scissors	1		
Measuring Station	1		
Baggies (Large)	24		✓
Boat Stencil	1		
Stencil Ink Cans	4		
Contestant Numbers	250		
Starting Order	1		
Information Signs	12		
Cookies & Lemonade	XX		
Tools	XX		
Cigar Boxes	4		✓

16 S.C.
RT Turn at sheet
157 dead end