

Twenty Sixth Annual Report of the BCU Board 2005

This report is presented for the information of all members of the incorporated British Canoe Union and refers to proceedings and activities from 1 November 2004 until 31 October 2005.

BCU Annual Review 2004/2005

This year has been a year for consolidating the organisation and strengthening our support services and infrastructure whilst continuing to build on previous success.

Our development plan for the period 2005 – 2009 was accepted by the Sports Councils with three strategic objectives:

- Paddler Focus
- International Success
- Raising the Profile of Paddlesport

The objectives being supported through the five key areas of: Participation, Coaching Development, World Class Competition, Access to Water and Developing Facilities and Membership Services through a transparent well-managed and equitable Governing Body.

The work in supporting our Rivers Access Campaign and its objective of obtaining new Primary Legislation, which will give the right of access on Inland Rivers, continues. It culminated during the reporting year with the high profile “Paddle to Westminster” where we met with over 30 MPs and delivered our manifesto for “Access to Rivers”.

By Christmas 2005 the subsequent Early Day Motion 957 (sponsored by John Grogan MP) had been signed by over 100 MP’s.

We have set eight measurable Performance Indicators: Participation, Clubs, Membership, Coaches, Volunteers, International Success, Equity and Governance.

- **Participation** – Canoeing continues to be the most popular watersport in the UK with a 24% year on year increase.
- **Clubs** – 22 have achieved Clubmark status with 55 other clubs working towards accreditation. We continue to support clubs with the Community Club Development Programme (CCDP).
- **Membership** – Membership continues to increase with the year seeing a growth in overall membership of 6.5%, and new members increasing by 9.1%.
- **Coaches** – We have set a target to increase the number of active and revalidated coaches to 9,600 by the end of March 2009, and to increase the number of competition coaches by a further 6%

- **Volunteers** – A Volunteer Strategy has been produced following consultation with Members, Clubs and Volunteers covering the period 2006 – 2010.
- **International Success** - During 2005 Great Britain's athletes gained 72 medals at Major World and European International Competitions comprising 21 Gold, 19 Silver and 32 Bronze Medals
- **Equity** – Progress continues towards the target of achieving the preliminary level in March 2006
- **Governance** – Progress continues towards achieving level 2 National Governing Body status by 2008.

LONDON 2012

The IOC decision to award the 2012 Olympic games to London was extremely good news for sport in the UK. It will change the sporting landscape and provide the opportunity to make a huge difference to sport. For Canoesport there will be no greater opportunity to achieve some of our dreams. It is important that we take a look at ourselves, understand where we have come from, and set our vision for 2013.

It is time for us to make a further “step change” in setting this post Olympic vision-

- So what do we want our organisation to look like in 2013?
- What will we have done for the young people of our country?
- From a canoeing perspective, what will be the ongoing legacy?
- How do we ensure the whole sport benefits – Recreation – Non-Olympic disciplines?
- If 2 million people try the sport now, is it 2.5 / 3 million or even more by 2013?
- Where will we be in terms of gaining greater access to water?

Regular updates will be provided during the BCU's 70th Anniversary Year through the web-site and in Canoe Focus

British Canoe Union – Medal Winners 2005

During 2005, Great Britain's athletes gained 72 medals at Major World and European International Competitions. 21 Gold Medals, 19 Silver Medals, 32 Bronze Medals.

Major Championship Winners

World Champions	Darren Bason	Surf	Men's K1
	Mark Goodchild	Canoe Sailing	International Canoe
	Anna Hemmings	Marathon	Women's K1
Junior World Champions	Jenny Chrimes	Freestyle	Women's K1
	Alan Ward	Freestyle	Men's K1
	David Speller	Surf	Men's K1

European Champions	Anna Hemmings	Marathon	Women's K1
European Team Champions	Women's Team	Canoe Polo	
Overall Eurocup Champions	Jamie Burbeck	Freestyle	Men's C1 – Open
	Stu Morris	Freestyle	Men's C1
	Ed Smith	Freestyle	Men's K1

Canoe Polo

IWGA World Games – Duisburg, Germany – 17-18 July 2005

Silver Medal	Zoe Anthony, Virginia Coyles, Sharron Derrick, Lianne Grayson, Philippa Grayson, Kathryn Grieves, Kirsty Sutcliffe		Women's Team
Bronze Medal	Nicholas Archer, Daniel Bowels, Neil Edmunds, Paul Hammond, Peter Meakin, Stuart Moffit, Alan Vessey, Martyn Williamson		Men's Team

European Championships – Madrid, Spain – 6-11 September 2005

Gold Medal	Zoe Anthony, Kate Bridge, Ellie Bridgstock, Virginia Coyles, Sharron Derrick, Lianne Grayson, Philippa Grayson, Kathryn Grieves, Caroline Hollies, Kirsty Sutcliffe		Women's Team
Silver Medal	Nicholas Archer, Daniel Bowels, Barny Connell, Neil Edmunds, Paul Hammond, Peter Meakin, Stuart Moffit, Alan Vessey, Martyn Williamson		Men's Team

Under 21 International – Madrid, Spain – 6-11 September 2005

Bronze Medal	Jenny Adams, Prudence Blyth, Claire Griffiths, Sarah Kirwin, Joanne Marshall, Claire Mitchell, Jemma Murray, Katie Sweeting		Women's Team
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Canoe Sailing

World Championships – Portland, Great Britain – 5-12 August 2005

Gold Medal	Mark Goodchild		International Canoe
Silver Medal	John Ellis		International Canoe
Bronze Medal	Simon Allen		International Canoe

C Class International – Portland, Great Britain – 5-12 August 2005

New York Cup	Mark Goodchild, Simon Allen, Phil Robin Great Britain – International Canoe		
Gold Medal	Robin Wood		Asymmetric Canoe
Bronze Medal	Alisdair James		Asymmetric Canoe

Canoe Slalom

European Championships – Tacen, Slovenia – 24-26 June 2005

Bronze Medal	Stuart McIntosh		Men's C1
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World Cup 2 – Augsburg, Germany – 15-17 July 2005

Silver Medal	Campbell Walsh		Men's K1
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World Cup 3 – Le Seu d'Uregell, Spain – 22-24 July 2005

Bronze Medal	David Florence		Men's C1
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World Cup Series – 8-17 July 2005

Silver Medal	Campbell Walsh		Men's K1
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Junior & Under 23 European Championships – Krakow, Poland – 18-21 August 2005

Bronze Medal	David Florence, Dan Goddard, Adam Marshall		Men's C1 – Team
Bronze Medal	Fiona Pennie		Women's K1

World Championships – Penrith, Australia – 29 September-3 October 2005

Silver Medal	Laura Blakeman, Heather Corrie, Kimberley Walsh		Women's K1 – Team
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Freestyle

World Championships – Penrith, Australia – 25-30 January 2005

Gold Medal	Jenny Chrimes	Junior Women's K1
Gold Medal	Alan Ward	Junior Men's K1
Silver Medal	James Reeves	Men's K1 – Squirt
Bronze Medal	James Burbeck	Men's C1 – Open
Bronze Medal	Fiona Jarvi	Women's K1

Eurocup 1 – Bremgarten, Switzerland – 11-12 June 2005

Silver Medal	Ed Smith	Men's K1
Bronze Medal	Jenny Chrimes	Junior Women's K1

Eurocup 2 – Nottingham, Great Britain – 1-3 July 2005

Gold Medal	James Bebbington	Junior Men's K1
Gold Medal	Felicity Mears	Junior Women's K1
Gold Medal	Stu Morris	Men's C1
Gold Medal	James Reeves	Men's K1 – Squirt
Gold Medal	Ed Smith	Men's K1
Silver Medal	Jamie Burbeck	Men's C1 – Open
Bronze Medal	David Bainbridge	Men's C1 – Open
Bronze Medal	Oliver Castle	Men's C1
Bronze Medal	Jenny Chrimes	Junior Women's K1
Bronze Medal	Richard Chrimes	Men's K1
Bronze Medal	Edward Harry	Junior Men's K1
Bronze Medal	Ben White	Men's K1 – Squirt

Eurocup 3 – Prague, Czech Republic – 12-14 August 2005

Gold Medal	Jamie Burbeck	Men's C1 – Open
Silver Medal	James Weir	Men's C1 – Open
Bronze Medal	Felicity Mears	Junior Women's K1
Bronze Medal	Lee Pyke	Men's C1

Eurocup Series – 11 June-14 August 2005

Gold Medal	Jamie Burbeck	Men's C1 – Open
Gold Medal	Stu Morris	Men's C1
Gold Medal	Ed Smith	Men's K1
Silver Medal	James Bebbington	Junior Men's K1
Bronze Medal	Jenny Chrimes	Junior Women's K1
Bronze Medal	Alan Ward	Junior Men's K1

Marathon Racing

World Cup – Crestuma, Portugal – 25-26 June 2005

Silver Medal	Andy Daniels, Allen Spencer	Junior Men's K2
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European Championships – Tyn nad Viatou, Czech Republic – 23-24 June 2005

Gold Medal	Anna Hemmings	Women's K1
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World Championships – Perth, Australia, 15-16 October 2005

Gold Medal	Anna Hemmings	Women's K1
Silver Medal	Andy Daniels, Allen Spencer	Junior Men's K2

Sprint Racing

Junior and Under 23 International Regatta – Piestany, Slovakia – 13-15 May 2005

Silver Medal	Andrew Daniels	Junior Men's K1 – 3,000m
Silver Medal	Stuart Hastings, Allen Spencer	Junior Men's K2 – 500m
Bronze Medal	Tom Daniels, Richard Darby-Dowman	Men's K2 – 500m
Bronze Medal	Richard Darby-Dowman	Men's K1 – 1,000m

World Cup 2 – Duisburg, Germany – 25-29 May 2005

Bronze Medal	Ian Wynne	Men's K1 – 500m
Junior International Regatta – Bochum, Germany – 18-19 June 2005		
Bronze Medal	Emma Dougall, Amoret King Claire Spencer,	Women's K4 – 500m
	Jessica Walker	
Bronze Medal	Pip Ede, Ashley Owen, Ed Rutherford, Neil Williams	Men's K4 – 500m
Under 23 European Championships – Plovdiv, Bulgaria – 14-17 July 2005		
Bronze Medal	Ben Farrell, Paul Wycherley	Men's K2 – 1,000m

Surf

World Championships – Jaco, Costa Rica – 22-30 October 2005		
Gold Medal	Darren Bason	Men's K1
Gold Medal	David Speller	Junior Men's K1
Silver Medal	James Hawker	Men's K1
Silver Medal	Christopher Hobson	Junior Men's K1
Bronze Medal	Martine Law	Women's K1

Wild Water Racing

World Cup 1 – Nottingham, Great Britain – 15 May 2005		
Gold Medal	Jonnie Schofield	Men's K1 – Sprint
World Cup 3 – Castleconnel, Ireland – 21 May 2005		
Gold Medal	Jonnie Schofield	Men's K1 – Sprint
C Class International – Castleconnel, Ireland – 21-22 May 2005		
Silver Medal	Richard Forbes, Peter Keron, Jonnie Schofield	Men's K1 – Team
Bronze Medal	Sandra Hyslop, Gilly Mara, Dee Paterson	Women's K1 – Team
World Cup 5 – Bala, Great Britain – 28 May 2005		
Silver Medal	Jonnie Schofield	Men's K1 – Sprint
World Cup Series – 15-29 May 2005		
Bronze Medal	Jonnie Schofield	Men's K1
European Championships – Chalais, France – 20-24 July 2005		
Bronze Medal	Olivia Churchill, Sandra Hyslop, Jessica Oughton	Junior Women's K1 – Team
Bronze Medal	Daman Davis, Ben Oakley, Jamie Oughton Junior	Men's K1 – Team

BCU Structure

The BCU is managed through its Board of Directors who are representative of canoeing across the UK. The Board of Directors are ultimately responsible to the membership.

The Directors delegate certain functions to Management Committees:

The Sports Management Committee oversees the activities of the competition disciplines and in particular, co-ordinates grant aid for the international programmes.

The Coaching Management Committee deals with all matters associated with the co-ordination of coaching across the UK.

The World Class Management Group manages and administers all aspects of the World Class Programme.

The English Council oversees the operation of the BCU's activities within its English Division (Canoe England).

Officers of the Union:

President	Albert Woods
Vice President	David Gent
Vice President	Alan Laws
Vice President	David Wain OBE
Chairman	Brian Chapman
Chief Executive	Paul Owen
Treasurer	David Belbin

Chairs of Management Committees:

Board	Brian Chapman
English Council	David Gent
World Class Management	Albert Woods
Sports Management	Albert Woods
Coaching	Graham Lyon

Directors

English Council	David Belbin, Tim Joiner, Graham Lyon, Mike Twiggs, Albert Woods
Canoe Assn of Northern Ireland	Stephen Craig
Scottish Canoe Association	Brian Chapman, David Rossetter
Welsh Canoeing Association	Phil Blain, Alan Baker

All members of the Board are Directors of the Company

English Council	David Gent (Chair) David Belbin (Treasurer) Ann Collins Andy Cook Tim Joiner Graham Lyon Mike Twiggs Mike Twitchen Albert Woods
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Nominees of Specialist and Regional Committees accountable to English Council

Access	Tim Joiner
Sports Management	Albert Woods
English Coaching	Graham Lyon

Nominees of Specialist Committees accountable to SMC

Canoe Polo	Curly Barker
Freestyle	Mike Birkbeck
Marathon	Brian Gandy
Racing	Roland Lawler
Sailing	Peter McLaren
Slalom	Anne Hounslow
Surf	Andrew Hawker
Wild Water	Peter Schofield

BCU OFFICE STAFF

The BCU Board wishes to express its sincere thanks to the staff for their continued support and loyalty.

Our supporters

The achievements in this report would have been quite impossible without all the unpaid volunteers working to ensure that all can enjoy the sport and recreation of canoeing. The thanks of the BCU are extended to all of you for your hard and unstinting efforts. Equally, the BCU records its thanks to the many outside bodies who have contributed to provide financial and advisory support. Worthy of special mention are UK Sport and Sport England, the British Olympic Association, Sports Coach UK, The Central Council for Physical Recreation, The Environment Agency, British Waterways and Nottinghamshire County Council.