



DEVA Canoe Club Newsletter

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Membership Fees Due!
 Membership Fees are due by 1st June (The club year runs from 1st June to 31st May). Pay on a Thursday evening or send a cheque to Ray Davies. Cheques payable to Deva Canoe Club

AGM
 The AGM will be held at the Riverside Centre at 6.30 pm on Thursday 4th June. The meeting, which will be very short, will be held before we get on the water to paddle.

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"Size Matters, How Long is Too Long?" by Damien

Ok the position is as follows:

ALL locking knives are illegal to be carried or to be in possession of in a public place without reasonable excuse...Reasonable excuse is a moveable feast but can include, use for work purposes (opening packages of thick card – delivery driver), Joinery (joiner) or indeed cutting yourself free from your snagged buoyancy aid!

HOWEVER !– if you have the knife in your possession (this includes in your car) when you are not kayaking – haven't been that day or indeed have nothing with you to suggest that you have been recently, then you have no defence.

ANY knife with a locking blade is considered an offensive weapon when the Court consider sentence.

Essentially, yes, have it with you when you are kayaking but take it out of your car and leave it at home when you are not.

The 'length' debate applies to knives with folding blades, as it is not an offence to have a folding knife with a blade which doesn't lock and which is under 3" That said – it isn't worth the hassle simply to have a pocket knife!

Hope this helps!

Mike Littler Reviews the Pryanha Karnali

A few months ago I became the proud owner of a new Pryanha Karnali. So why this boat.....

I am a novice who thinks he is an ok paddler. It's only when I get onto moving water that I realise I'm not as good as I think I am. Last December, some friends had organised a trip to the Llugwy and, as one of them worked at Pryanha, she suggested I demo the Kanarli. I wanted to try the Ammo but went with her decision as it was one of the boats on my list to try out. As soon as I got on the water it felt really comfortable and stable. After the first rapid and a few ferry glides the boat gave me bags of confidence. What really won me over was at the end of the run when I messed up forest falls going over it backwards and still remaining upright. The next trip was on the Dee at Llangollen when this time I asked for the Karnali demo boat. The river was swollen and running fast and it took me a while to make the decision to go. Although I ran the river with absolutely no control, the boat gave me the stability and the confidence to thoroughly enjoy myself. Other paddlers in the party swam a few times due to the conditions and the aggressive edges of their boats. Me, ok once, but I still had a huge grin on my face.

The Karnali is fast and forgiving so you can run rapids more easily and safely than in a flat hull boat. It is designed to inspire confidence and it does this really well.



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Conwy Ascent

Saturday 27th June

Annual Conwy Ascent

The Annual Conwy Ascent event is being run on Saturday 27th June 2009. This will include the usual Tour event and the Race.

Further details: www.dcpaddlers.co.uk/conwy_ascent
(nb. Underscore between conwy _ascent)

Riverside Rota for June '09

For those of you who have volunteered but can't remember for what night, here is a list of club members who are going to open up this month. Please remember that you are responsible for bringing the milk and biccies!! Can those who offered to help on the 11th with the safety night please contact Peter Steel with an idea of their program. Don't forget 11th June Safety and Rescue night not only will you learn what to do in a crisis but how you can help if you are the crisis!!

Thursday 4th June

Simon Carver

Thursday 11th June

Alan Ray—Safety and Rescue Night

Thursday 18th June

Lynne Kini

Thursday 25th June

Simon Carver

Up and Coming Paddles

Sunday 7th June

Try a Sea Kayak

Peter is prepared to take people who have never (or hardly ever) paddled a sea kayak before, for a paddle up the river Dee from Sandy Lane. There are up to six places available for people who want to borrow a club sea kayak. Others who have their own sea kayak can also come along.

Contact: Peter and sign up on the list on Thursday night.

Sunday 14th June

White Water Training Day at Llangollen (see poster on Thursday night!)

This is for developing your white water skills and is open to everyone, but intended for beginners and improvers.

Contact: Simon Carver and sign up on the list on Thursday night.

Sunday 14th June

Sea Kayak Training Day at Rhoscolyn, Anglessey

This is intended for paddlers new to sea kayaking and will cover safety, equipment, rescues, towing etc

Club sea kayaks are available to be borrowed. Arrange with Peter

Contact: Alan Reay or Peter Cook and sign up on the list on Thursday night.

Sunday 21st June

White Water River Trip: River Washburn. Contact: Alan Reay

Saturday 20th &
Sunday 21st June

North West Region Paddle Weekend

Sunday 9th August

White Water River Trip. Contact: Simon Carver

Sunday 13th Sept

White Water River Trip. Contact: Simon Carver

Friday 13th Nov to
Sunday 15th Nov

Trip to Dartmoor

Staying Powdermills bunkhouse, open to everyone with at least a little white water experience.

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Lifeboat Ahoy

Alan, Peter, Chris and Steve faced up to the challenge of putting the Flint Inshore Lifeboat through its paces on Sunday 24th May.

According to sea kayaking tradition, there was no wind, the sea was calm, the skies were blue and the sun shone down all day. An ideal day to play about falling into the sea and hoping for a rescue.

We started off the day with a general discussion about what both parties wanted to get out of the exercise and some of the scenarios which might provide this. Then we went outside to show each other their toys. The lifeboat crew showed us the equipment that they carried on their lovely large orange inflatable boat. It was very impressive, comprehensive and neatly stowed away. Alan then opened his boot and took out a very large bag and proceeded to show them the sort of equipment that is carried (by some of us) in a sea kayak. They were also very impressed by the amount of safety equipment that we carried, particularly when Alan got out his stove and the kitchen sink!

As soon as the tide had come in sufficiently, we got on the water to try out some of the scenarios. This proved a real eye opener for the lifeboat crews as they had only worked with GP boats before and never with proper expedition sea kayaks. These have their own peculiar problems with getting casualties out of the cockpit and up onto the RIB, as well as the specialised way of emptying them. (easy when you know how.) After trying out a number of exercises with different lifeboat crews we subjected them to the challenge of coping with us all in the drink and drifting quickly apart. Three of the group were quickly put back in their boats but, when it came to rescuing Peter, the Lifeboat was called away to another incident by the exercise controller. Having already been in the water for quite a while, Peter decided to do a quick R & R to get back in his boat to await the return of the lifeboat. When he saw them returning he quickly fell back into the water and then claimed that he had been in the water all the time and was now suffering hypothermia! We then tried to see how fast the lifeboat could travel whilst four sea kayakers were hanging on the side. In the calm seas this proved to be a very acceptable method of travel though it might have been slightly different in a big sea!

We just managed to finish and get off the water before the mud took over the landing area. Then, having washed off the boats and loaded them back onto the cars, we were treated to an excellent barbecue courtesy of all the Lifeboat staff.

So all in all, all, with many lessons learnt on both sides, an excellent day was had by everyone. An exercise well worth repeating.

By Peter

Other News...

Trips to Llangollen

The second Sunday of every month there is a day out open to all—beginners welcome! In June this will be in Llangollen! Contact the club for more details.

Upgrading?

If anyone would like to go on the Trweryn with someone more experienced then get in touch...upgrade from Llangollen!!

Safety Symposium

On Thursday 11th June we will be hosting a safety symposium on club night. This is for everyone from Canadian open boats, white water or canoes.

Brookbanks Open Night?

This is to be confirmed but the last rumour was it will be on July 10th!

Excuse of the Month!!

I won't be able to roll today as my paddle is too short.

I was so hot, still being in my drysuit, that I thought I would have a swim to cool off.

Items for Sale

Pyranha Inazone 232 kayak (NO OFFERS!!)

This kayak is approximately 12 months old, and has hardly been used. (this is the reason for sale). It has a few scratches but in excellent condition. Suitable for small/med youth, **£325**
Spray deck - Yak Steel (big deck - waist s/m) as new, **£40**
Cag - Delta pro (small) as new, **£65**
Helmet - AP 4000 (one size) as new, **£15**
Contact: Phil Peters or Peter Cook at the club

Perception Supersonic

Very good condition.
 Only paddled by an OAP, so hardly ever got really wet!
 £ 275
Contact: Peter Cook