



## **Drumchapel & Clydebank Kayak Club** **Newsletter March 2008**

### **T Shirts & Polo Shirts**

There are still a few club shirts left for sale with the coveted DCKC logo (see top of page). If you would like one see Ron or Sandy.

### **Membership**

We have 56 paid up members in the club at the moment (15/3/08).

For the bean counters amongst us there are 31 male, 11 female and 14 children.

The club is affiliated to the Scottish Canoe Association (SCA) which allows our members to attend SCA trips advertised in the SCA Touring Calendar.

Cotswolds in Partick give 15% discount on production of your membership card. If you don't have a membership card see Ron.

### **Watersports Centre**

A company called "Plan for Sport" has been asked by the Council to submit a plan for a watersport centre at Speirs Wharf on the canal. It will include 2 canoe polo pitches, a length of canal for marathon / sprint training and a building for changing etc.

The water from the canal would be pumped out, treated with uv and returned providing clean, but still cold water for paddling.

At this stage the company is assessing the need for this facility and has asked all the canoe clubs in the area if they would use it. I have expressed an interest and said we would use it.

If you would like to comment on the proposal at this stage the company would be please to hear from you. Send e-mails to [mindydaves@planforsport.co.uk](mailto:mindydaves@planforsport.co.uk) or phone 07904 539732)

### **Argonauts of the Western Isles**

This classic kayak adventure book written by an ex-member of our club, Robin Lloyd-Jones, has been updated. The new edition has 5 new chapters covering Gigha, Skye, Orkney, The Shetlands and night paddling. There are also new colour photos.

The cost is £16.99 from Whittles Publishing.

### **Lost**

At the pool, purple goggles with the word "Active" on the strap. See Ron.

## **Core Paths Plan**

Glasgow City Council is currently consulting on the ***Final Consultative Draft of Glasgow's Core Paths Plan***, which details a network of paths on land and water for non-motorised access. The network includes paths on water for canoeing, which will be of particular interest to your members. The paths on water include the rivers Clyde, Kelvin, White Cart and the Forth & Clyde Canal. The consultation document and online comments form can be found at <http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/en/Residents/GettingAround/CorePathPlan>

If you would like to receive a copy please send an email to [corepaths@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:corepaths@glasgow.gov.uk) and we will send a paper copy out to you. If you wish to comment on the Plan contact Jolyon Gritten, Outdoor Access Officer, Development & Regeneration Services, Glasgow City Council, 229 George St, G1 QU.

### **Letter received from a French Paddler.**

Good morning friends,

I am a french paddlers and I am looking after friend paddlers for a trip accross finnish lapland by canadian canoe.

I try to gather an international trip and it will be nice if somme of yours could join us.

The project start on Partako (north Finland on Inary Lake) to reach Neiden (Norway on Barents sea) during 1st to 24 august.

A lot of speeds, water fall or big muds and perhaps some impossible passage, pull canoes partly ... Adventure.

Friendly.

Thierry PLICHON

If you would like to join friendly Thierry e mail [thierry@art-et-copie.com](mailto:thierry@art-et-copie.com)

### **For Sale**

Reed Chill Cheater paddle suit, yellow and black, complete with hood, adjustable double waist seal, relief zip, and socks. Would suit medium build, 5'8" tall and 38" chest.

£130.00. Telephone Donald 0141 429 0538.

### **Coaching Course**

Sportscoach – Safeguarding and Protecting Children.

If you can spare an evening on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 6:30pm – 9:30pm please contact Ron urgently. Colin is attending but another 2 volunteers are required.

### **Committee Meeting**

The next meeting is Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7:30pm, venue to be announced later.

### **Trip List**

Please destroy earlier copies as some dates have changed.



## Rab's Provisional Trip List 2008

A – 12 miles (20km) force 2-3

B – 16 miles (25km) force 3-4

C - Further with strong wind & tide

**Please call the Organiser at least 1 week before the trip.**

<b>March</b>			
29 <sup>th</sup>	Loch Fyne	A	Rab 01877382141
<b>April</b>			Rab 01877382141
5/6 w/end	Moray Firth – Dolphin spotting	A/B	Rab
12/13	Surf Weekend Machrihanish	All	Sandy 07962226280
<b>May</b>			Rab
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> w/end	Skye	B	Rab
17/18	Surf Weekend Machrihanish	All	Sandy
17 <sup>th</sup> Sat	St Abbs Head	B/C	Rab
<b>June</b>			Rab
7 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Isle of May	B	Rab
18 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Bass Rock – Full moon night paddle	A	Rab
21/22 w/e	Longest day – Staffa	B/C	Rab
<b>July</b>			Rab
18 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Sugar Boat – Full moon night paddle	A	Rab
26/27 w/e	Helmsdale Area	B/C	Rab
<b>August</b>			Rab
16/17 w/e	Mull of Kintyre	B/C	Rab
30 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Sound of Luing	B/C	Rab
<b>September</b>			Rab
13 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Dundee Area	A/B	Rab
26/29 w/e	Isle of Muck	C	Rab
<b>October</b>			Rab
15 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Dunoon – Full moon night paddle	B	Rab
18 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Ardlamont Point (Cowel)	A	Rab
<b>November</b>			
8 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Loch Leven (Glencoe)	A	Rab
13 Thur	Loch Lomond – Full moon paddle	A	Rab
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sat	Firth of Forth	A	Rab
<b>December</b>			
6 <sup>th</sup> Sat	Mince Pie Paddle	All	Rab