

Candidate's Pen Portraits for Secretary and Chair

Secretary:

Cathy Wynne

I have been involved in canoeing for well over 30 years, first at club level assisting with our local club marathon races and sprint events also with the Team Leader role. Almost 25 years ago I began assisting at the national sprint regattas gaining experience in a wide variety of roles. Before, 17 years ago, taking the exam to become an International Canoe Federation Technical Official. Since when I have worked at many ICF World Cup, European and World Championship events in a range of roles including in the past 12 years on occasions being part of the ICF Competition Committee. The highlight to date, being appointed the Chief Judge for the very first Paralympic Canoe Sprint event as part of the Rio Olympic Games. I have just returned from Tokyo; were I was working at the Canoe Sprint test event in preparation for the 2020 Tokyo Games.

As an ICF Technical Official I have gained a wide experience at high level international competitions. While this is hard work, there is also the opportunity to learn from other international canoe sprint officials from wide range of counties how they structure their sprint coaching and competitions, from small scale local events through regional to national events. I would hope to use that knowledge to assist in building up our regional regattas and local sprint event. Then more paddlers can take part in sprint racing locally and regionally as well as competing at National regattas.

For the past 14 years I have been the SRC Secretary, while also working as Chief Official at the National Sprint Regattas. Where I have assisted with the planning and implementation of a new National Regatta Management System. Which could also be used for local and regional events as well as the national regattas when fully developed. For the National Regattas, the On-line entry system is in operation. This year has seen further development of the live results to include access to the live draws for finals, all assessable via phone or tables. There are more improvements to our IT planned, both hardware and software and the Sprint Competition Review Group will be reporting shortly with proposals for us all to consider, to further improve our sprint racing competitions. I would like to continue to be a Secretary of the SRC to assist with turning those plans and proposals into reality.

Cathy Wynne

27/09/19

CHAIR:

Roland Lawler

Started canoeing in 1959 at Richmond Canoe Club when there were no racing coaches in British clubs at all. From this an interest in coaching developed.

First Olympic Games Munich 1972. Coach / Manager

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As well as Olympic involvement I have coached racing canoeing at all levels, working with numerous National Sprint and Marathon Teams and in canoe clubs for over 50 years.

I am chief coach at Elmbridge Canoe Club which I co-founded in 1982 as a club with total focus on kayak racing. After 30 years in existence the club can now boast 43 World Championship Medals with 19 athletes (men, women, boys and girls), three athletes having been awarded an MBE.

My achievements as a coach have been officially recognised by both the BCU and Sports Coach UK.

I am a member of the BCU Racing Committee and until I resigned in 2019, represented their interests on the International Panel for selection.

Chairman of Sprint Racing Committee from 1999 to 2006

REASONS FOR MY APPLICATION

- 1 I want to prevent the mistakes made over the last 4 years, in my opinion the appointment of coaches, selection and selection policies.
- 2 I want to stop the Performance Department "Black Hole" and re-integrate with Sprint and Marathon nationally in order to raise the national standard. Our pool of international standard paddlers is diminishing fast ... as I predicted.
- 3 The last Head Coach was a disaster. He undermined rather than supported his squad coaches. He just walked out on Canoeing (as I believe would most of our National Performance Department).
- 4 I want to see a minimum standard of performance set for coaches and athletes for inclusion in all our National Squads.

Alan Laws

Age	72
Occupation	Previously a Commercial Insurance Broker running my own company with a partner, three offices and 35 employees but retired since 2008.
Interests	Canoeing, Snooker, Motor Cycles and Rowing, [founder trustee of the Royal Albert Dock Trust in E. London.]
Canoeing History	<p>Current BCU Vice President</p> <p>Current Chairman Sprint Committee from 2015, Vice Chairman since 2006.</p> <p>Member of ICF Marathon Committee from 1982 to 2016</p> <p>Member of the BC Marathon Racing Committee from 1969 to 2018 [but with a short break for other BC duties]</p> <p>Past Chairman of BCU Marathon Committee [from 1974 to 2002]</p> <p>Member of BCU Council and Board from 1972 to 2009.</p> <p>Chairman of Sports Management Committee from 1992 to 2002.</p> <p>BCU Vice Chairman 1996 to 2001</p> <p>BCU Chairman from 2001 to 2003.</p> <p>Currently the nominated representative of the SRC to the English Council and the Sprint IP.</p> <p>Still an active paddler although no longer a competitor.</p>

I would like to make sure the activities of the Volunteers and the BCU Staff achieve their full potential for the development of canoeing in close cooperation and harmony. I still have unfinished work to do especially with the development and activation of the new regatta course at Cotswold Water Park and the computerisation for the National regattas amongst other items on the SRC Development Plan