
DUCC Logbook

First Term 2006/07



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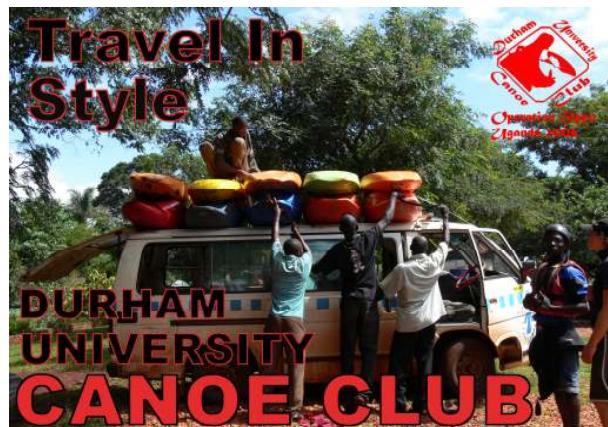
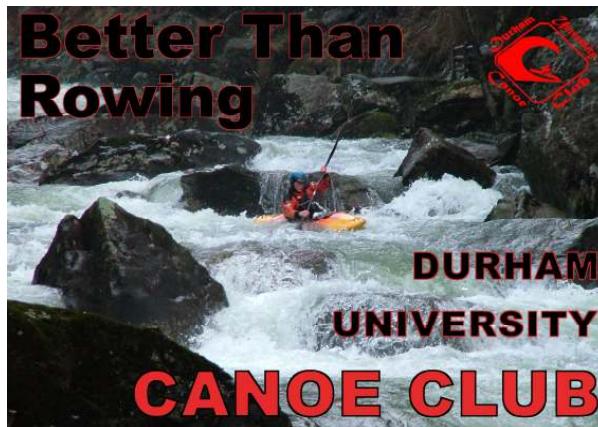
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Freshers Fair

We had a really successful couple of days – filling the three tuns hotel with kit, street boating outside the DSU and plastering durham with posters! Recruited loads of freshers!



Durham – Finchale – 14/10/06

On the trip;

Me (Screamer)

Rich RJ

Matt C

Foggle

Joe

David

Alison

Ruth

Kirsteen

Robert

Alice

Racheal

(and more but that's the people in my group and a few from Matt's he can fill the rest in)

In my group (Matt) we had:

Matt C

Matt S

Jessica C

Alice

Tamara

Damian

Swims: 0

Well the trip started with the lovely scenic stretch of the wear from the boat club down to prebends, followed by the longest portage ever. (well maybe not quite ever but it still hurt) Rich, Foggle and I ran Prebends weir but Matt asked us to help with the portage rather than run the next few weirs so we happily helped.

The rest of the river was fairly uneventful, met one fairly grumpy fisherman who accused us of trespassing and not being insured to take children on the water :- S he went as far as asking for a fight when I told him we weren't kids (tosser).

He said to me we shouldn't be on there! I told him to meet us at the end if he had a problem but he just said 'no, no, you shouldn't be on here blah blah blah...' We paddled ignoring him as he grumbled away! Matt but the other fisherman were very happy to let us paddle and some even asked if they could have ago as they weren't catching much, but I think it was in jest.

More enjoyable than I expected considering the low water, quite a fun but tiring day.

Screamer

Barrage – 15/10/06

When: Sunday 15th October

Where: The mighty mighty whitewater stadium, aka the Barrage.

Who:

- Matt
- Grant
- Ed
- Tamara
- Chris
- Rich
- Fogle
- Tom
- Josh
- Will C
- Matt H
- Nikki

Maybe someone else too?!



The day started at a nice relaxing hour at 1pm. Arriving at the stadium, we were quick to get changed and on the water! I took Josh, Tamara and Will down. Everyone styled their first run down! Easy peasy. Next we did a bit of breaking in and out and had a few more runs of the course. Tamara had a go at learning Eskimo rescues, Will and Josh were working on a few rolls. Only a few swims for my group which was pretty cool! No epics at all.

Fogle managed to get 360 spins sussed in Happy Eater, Tom hurt his shoulder and Ed appeared to be in Happy Eater 99% of the time!

Matt



Socials!

Photos from the first socials of the year – In Varsity and Walkabout.
(Anna and Toris Photos)





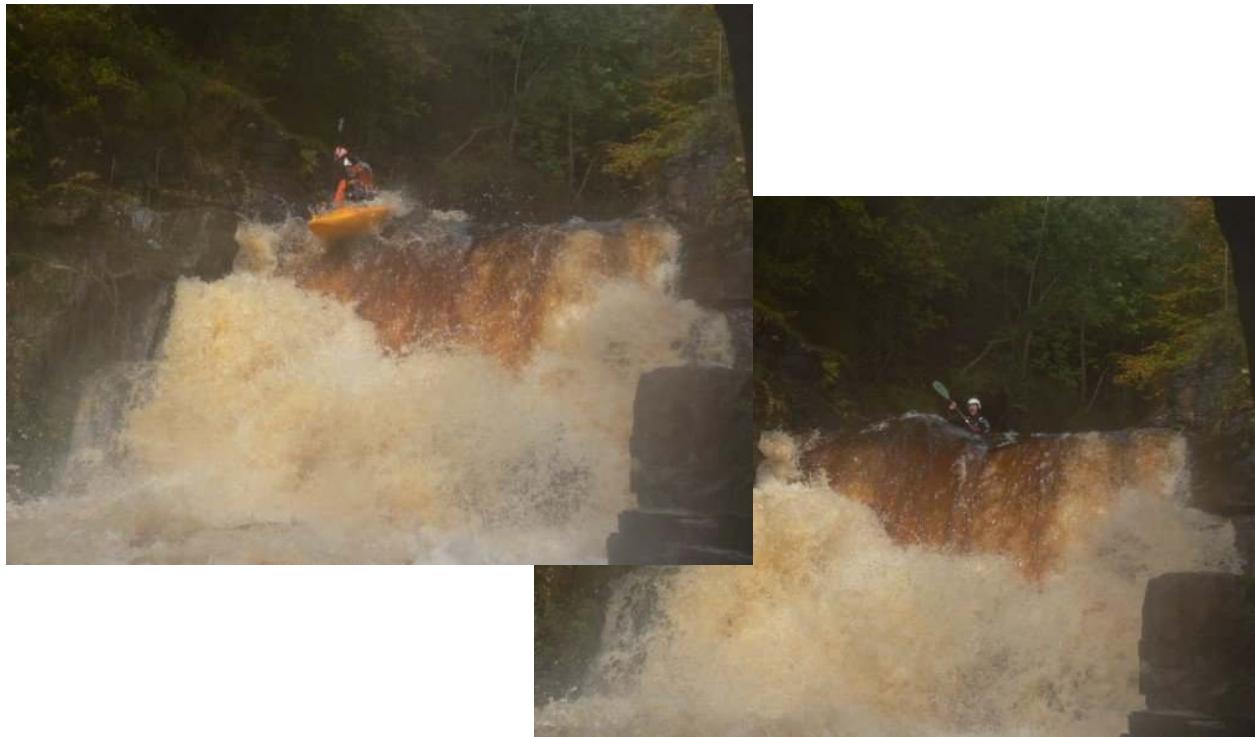
High Force – Low Force

23/10/06

Team sidewinder went for a quiet paddle down at good old HF-LF today, but when we got there it looked a bit like this...



We paddled Flusheymere Beck (Matt and Phil running the first two drops)...



Then for a bandit run down the race course (no photos, 1 swim...)

Finally me, Matt and Phil decided that HF-LF had dropped enough for a cheeky run down...

Rich

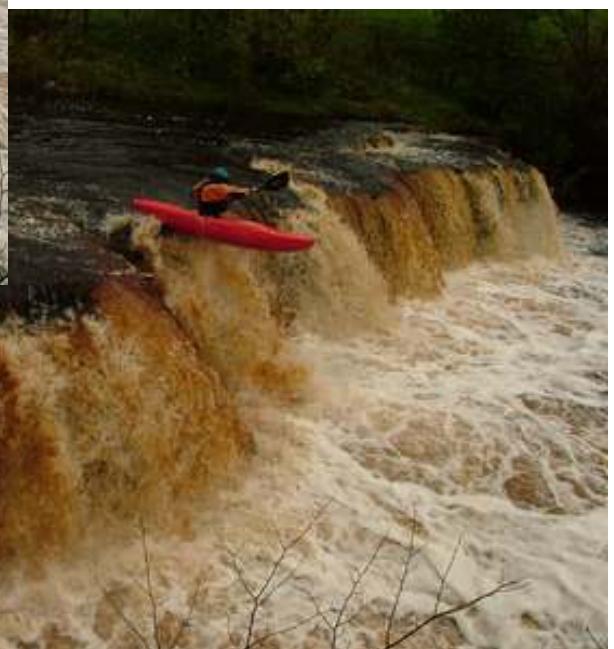


Swale – 26/11/06

Wainworth Force

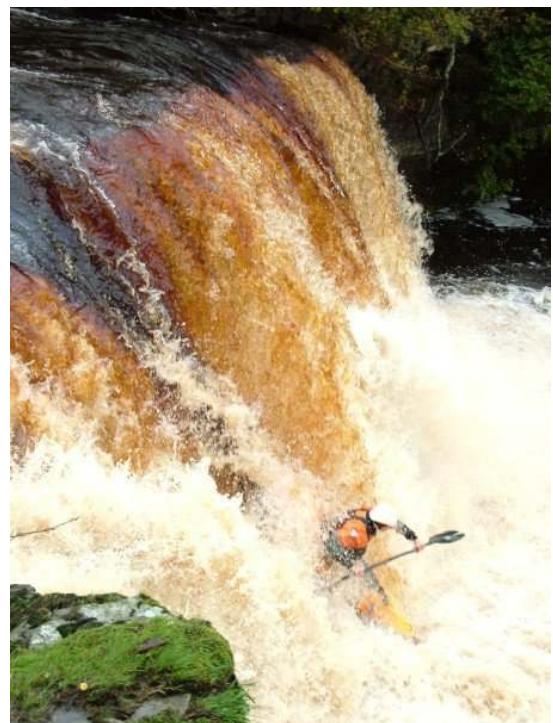
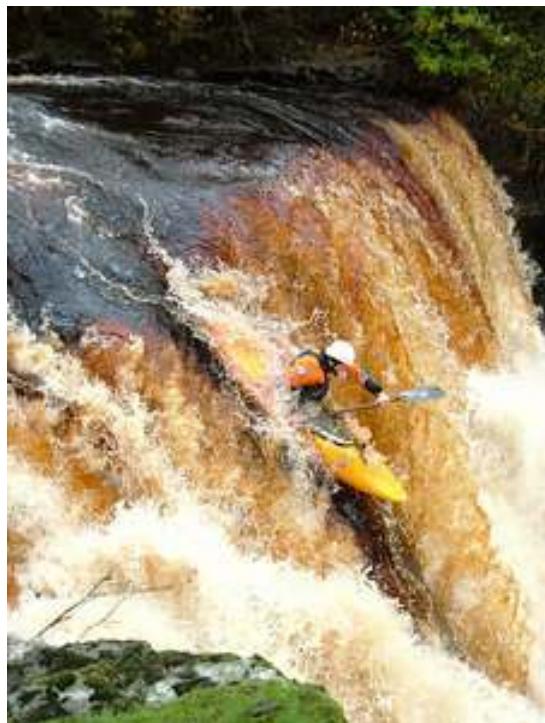


Bucko
←
Guy ↓



Rainby Force

Matt
↓



Sunderland Surf 22/10/06

Participants:

Alison Auld
Damian Barton (Driver)
Matthew Corke (Driver)
Gen Steele (Driver)
Tom Stroud
April Eassom
Helen Thomas
Richard RJ
Rich Williams (Driver)
Screamer
Kirsteen Butler
Jack Holder

Andy Prater
Rob Williams
Elinor Mitchell
Stefan Kleinwaechter
Bucko
Jessica Robinson
Tom Risely
Nick Ayre (Driver)
Ric (Driver)
Kieren Terry

Following a lengthy trip to Sunderland Morrison's, DUCC finally took to the Surf. The two Richs' and Nick were first on the water and in prime position to witness the ensuing carnage. Back on the beach, Bucko, Screamer, April, Matt and Gen



were busily helping into boats and towing them out to sea. However on meeting the first of the mighty waves crashing into the beach, most of the clubs new members were swimming. This pattern continued throughout the afternoon, with swim after swim keeping everyone on the beach busy. Not all the action was on the beach though, lurking out at the back, Nick Ayre and Rich RJ had an confrontation with a jet ski, before the petrol

heads roared off to the other end of the beach.

The surf during the day was complete pants. Intermittent sets of small slow waves foiled any intentions of massive aerial manoeuvres. It was however perfect for learning to surf with most people getting the hang of it by the end. After getting changed, most people returned to Morrison's, unable to resist the lure of the dirty meat counter. Overall, a good trip enjoyed by all, despite the rubbish surf.

Rich



It was a fine Saturday morning, the sun was shining (a little) and the surf was up (supposedly) so where better to be than Sunderland

It was a bit of an epic trip, 5 cars and 1 pretty swish silver van was needed to get us all there. But due to the large amount of people on this trip there was inevitably going to be a large amount of faff.

So...after a much needed trip to Morrisons and a 30min (possibly longer) debate on where the best surf was (which involved a lot of driving up and down the Sunderland waterfront) we finally prepared to get on the water.



Bucko and Matt gave a quick lesson on how to surf, and then we were away. One by one the freshers were pulled out to sea (which is very strenuous work! People in boats are damn heavy!) two seconds later ABSOLUTE CARNAGE ensued everyone was either upside down or already walking back to the beach with their boats trailing behind them BUT with lots of people around to pick up any pieces (all doing their best bay watch impersonations) they were all quickly back in their boats and on the water.

During the course of the day there was a lot of swimage but due to the mild conditions no one seemed to mind that much and everyone was keen to get straight back out there and give it another shot. By the end of the day everyone was looking pretty damn good, better than me anyway, I perfected the art of nose diving into the sand and spent most of the time upside down. It was good rolling practice though...No swims, Yay! (that must be a first). Weasley when did you get so good at surfing? (I've always been good, its just that i didnt want to show everyone up last year :-) - Tom)

It was a very amusing day, possibly one of the best club trips I've been on so far.

Cheers Everyone
April x



Lakes Trip - 23/10/06

Despite loading some of the boats the night before, the planned early getaway for Bucko's Boating Adventure predictably failed to materialise. With two vans and a car, we set off on the 80 (ish) mile journey to the lakes.

We arrived at the get-out to the Kent in brilliant sunshine and met up with Smokey, another of Bucko's mates who just happened to be around. By this point

Charlie had finally sobered up and we quickly got changed, stopping only to laugh at Will in his gimp suit and Guy's giant teddy bear outfit.



Suitably attired and with a quiet air of determination we set off for the get-in. It was to be a swift and smooth operation, as it was the last day of the fishing season and we were expecting open warfare. However the river was quiet and the fishermen

we met were friendly, even indicating lines to us at one point.

We flew down the river, stopping only to rescue Tom, who had decided to do show everyone his fish impression. The rest of the river was uneventful, with everyone making it down Force Falls upright (or at least rolled upright). After all this excitement, the get-out proved too much for Kieran who notched up a technical swim by dropping his boat in the water upside down.

Without getting changed, we headed straight for our next target, the River Leven, stopping only to buy food at a petrol station. Leaving a bemused expression on the face of the man behind the counter in the petrol station (six of us in there in full paddling kit!), we reached the river only to find it in spate.



We then inspected the crux of the run, a large hole under a low bridge, followed by two killer weirs, and took stock of the situating. Rejecting the idea of a quick blast down HF-LF, we instead retired to a tea shop for cakes and banter. Finally a swift drive over the Pennines back to the boathouse where Collingwood rowers still had not sorted out the lock!!

Rich RJ

Tyne Tour 2006

The river



The Partying



BUSA River Race

From Matts Article on www.teamdurham.com

The weekend of 11th - 12th November saw over 300 university paddlers converge for the annual BUSA River Race at the River Washburn in North Yorkshire. This aim of this event is to get from the top of the river to the bottom in the fastest time possible whilst negotiating the rapids along its course. Competitors start at half minute intervals, paddling alone usually or with safety kayakers for the less experienced.



Several different disciplines are competed in. These are K1 (1 person kayak), C1 (1 person canoe) and C2 (two person canoe). Apart from the individual classes there is also a men's, ladies and mixed team event. As always DUCC entered a large number of competitors, ranging in ability from white water warriors, competition gurus to relative novices!

The competition started early on Saturday morning with the individual events. Rich Russell-Johnson, Phil Carrivick and Richard Williams were the fastest home for Durham with times respectably sub-10 minutes. Russell-Johnson and Will Coombs also competed in the C1 event with the former finishing in 7th place.

The C2 was the talking point of the weekend! Which Durham crew would get the

fastest time? Three pairs took part; Coombs and Russell-Johnson, Phil Carrivick and Matthew Corke, and Chris Buckley and Williams. The skills required for this event are somewhat different to kayaking. To start with you kneel rather than sit. This makes your centre of gravity higher and therefore the boat more unstable. Secondly whereas in kayaking your paddle has two blades, in canoeing you only have one. Finally, there are two people in one boat. Needless to say



everyone was a little apprehensive! Despite this though, the pairing of Matt Corke and Phil Carrivick came home with the fastest Durham time. Not only that they came third overall winning bronze medals!

The night after the party came the team events. With a great time of 9:58 and bringing home silver in the Men's team event were the Durham trio Russell-Johnson, Carrivick and Williams. The Ladies A team of Charlie Dunkley, Alex Dow and Katie Ellis finished 5th and the Mixed A team finished 6th.

Overall Durham took third place behind Newcastle in second and Loughborough taking top spot. A great result for everyone involved!

Langstrath Beck 19/11/06

Paddlers: Rich RJ, Pete Harker, Phil C, Guy, Rich Williams

While most of DUCC were playing with rubber ducks, a hardcore boating mission was taking place over in the Lake District. The chosen target was Langstrath Beck, a tight and technical grade IV-V with a half hour walk in. Despite the low levels, long walk and freezing wind, it was well worth the effort with lots of slides and drops providing the fun. The drops on the lower section were the highlights, including the grade V double drop 'Fairy Hole' which was accidentally run blind by me, Phil and Rich W.

Rich RJ



River Kent - 25/11/06



Christmas Paddle – HFLF –

09/12/06

Aim: To report on the descent of the river tees from below high force to low force on the 9/12/2006

Departure time: As close to 9 as DUCC can manage.

Participants: Too many to list. In general the great and good of DUCC.

Report: I (Gen) wasn't feeling on top form due to the nasty cocktail man mixing my cocktail spirits with gin because he'd run out of orange etc hence



my car made a few stops on route and I got a closer view of the lay-bys than you're really meant to. Once we arrived everyone kitted up and Will sauntered off in his gimp wear to pay for everyone to get on. Phil C had previously decided that he wasn't gonna boat but go riding instead. After we ran the shuttle, Phil

disappeared dressed inadequately for the conditions like the true outdoor professional and I tried to hold off death due to hangover by sleeping in my car. Everyone else got on to paddle the ducc sponsored section. The upper part passed uneventfully as far as I know. Some people paddled s bends, others took the extreme rocky route to river right. By this time the few people who had taken swims earlier on were getting quite cold and flasks were becoming prized possessions.

Further down and low force loomed. Above horseshoe a couple of people bailed leaving their boats to run the falls on their own. Apparently the boats had fun although it did leave people having kittens about getting



them back. With hypothermia looming it was time to start hurrying people along and not forgetting there was a social to get to. Some brilliant runs off

low force including a sterling no swim attempt from Katie and everyone traipsed across the pooey field to get changed, head back to the hood and then spend a couple of hours warming up and getting rid of that river smell.



Conclusion: A jolly good day was had by all, except me, and that special bond between DUCC and HFLF was solidified for another term.



Christmas Social

