

What's new Eureka!

Attitudes to pyrotechnics

The Scottish Government have been considering how to tackle abuse of pyrotechnics at football matches. No mention has been made of those for whom pyrotechnics are intended as lifesaving devices although 'carrying pyrotechnics in public without a reasonable excuse' was made an offence under the Fireworks & Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act of 2022. Something is amiss when lifesaving is considered an 'excuse'.

Jackson buy Werner

Werner paddles were struggling with rising costs in Washington. At the same time Jackson Kayak had spare factory space in Tennessee. This has resulted in the sale of the 60 year old paddle company to Jackson, who have been trading for two decades. As well as taking on machinery, Werner staff will make the move if they wish to do so.

New Typhoon products

Typhoon's Hudson 50N buoyancy aid is in black, orange and blue and has been engineered to offer comfort, providing a minimum bulk design with shoulder and waist adjustment. It also comes with chest

Nina Done



Typhoon Hudson buoyancy aid and Sea Kayak 2.0 drysuit.



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Inflatable canoes and more

Go Outdoors are offering the Freespirit range of inflatable canoes. Accessories include paddles, water shoes, wetsuits, rash vests, swimsuits, oversize hoodies, wearable blankets and beach shelters.

BoatLife shelved

The BoatLife exhibition, which has run at the NEC for three years, has been cancelled. It was bought this year by the NEC's Pendigo Events, who took it no further. Insufficient exhibitors is likely to be the cause. It did manage to draw more canoeing exhibitors than the Boat, Caravan & Leisure Show running adjacent at the same time.

Stohlquist back

Stohlquist are trading again after being acquired by Sport Dimension. They were taken over by bankers Barings (May, p22) as part of French firm Aqualung, who no longer wished to manufacture sports gear in North America.

Container canoe stores

Containers UK supply refurbished shipping containers for storage use. These can be standard or anti vandal, in a full range of sizes. Delivery can be anywhere in the UK. They can also collect containers you no longer need.



Malawi Gin uses a canoe for promotion.

Seaward close

Seaward Kayaks of Vancouver Island have closed after 38 years manufacturing sea kayaks. Their speciality has been handmade craft. They did venture into thermoforming but sold off this branch of the business to Kayak Distribution a decade ago.



Melker Kayaks of Karlstad on Lake Vänern in western Sweden have a touring single and double kayak range which includes interesting plant based models. In particular, they have flax based resin and cork cores. Flax was shown at the Beale Park Boat Show decades ago but did not progress whereas the Swedes have some very attractive designs. The stripping of cores from trees is reminiscent of birchbark for canoes. Plant material is used in gel and resin coats.