

THIRD NATIONAL SEA CANOEING SYMPOSIUM.

The following notice has gone to the Canoeing Press.

"The third National Sea Canoeing Symposium, December 9th. and 10th.1978 at the UNITARIAN HOLIDAY CENTRE, GT. HUCKLOW, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

Sponsored by the A.S.K.C. Attendance is open to all and will cost £15.00 per head. Applications to me.

May I suggest that if there are any A.S.K.C. members who wish to attend and who have not yet applied, you do so quite soon. Places are going rapidly and this year there is a maximum number of thirty places.

COMING EVENTS.

9 - 10 th. December, 1978....Sea Canoeing Symposium..see above.

27th. January, 1979....A.G.M. of the Sea Touring Committee.

9 - 11th. February, 1979.....B.C.U./ Sea Touring Committee/A.S.K.C.

Sea Canoeing Meet based at Polleath, North Cornwall. Probably camping but B.&B. available. Accomodation at £10.00 per head can be arranged if demand warrants. This meet is not suitable for novices.

All enquiries (with s.a.e.) to John Kuyser, Kozee Kott, Menear Rd., St. Austell, Cornwall. PL25 3DL

FOR SALE.

A.S.K.C. ties @ £2.00 each

A.S.K.C. stickers @ 30 pence each

1977 Sea Canoeing Symposium reports @ 35 pence each

} all inclusive of postage
and packing.

Sir Joseph Banks Islands Expedition. August, 1978.....a report of this expedition in enclosed.

REPORTS ON HOME BASED EXPEDITIONS.....Nil.....Pity, that!
How about a report on your last expedition..p-l-e-a-s-e.

LESSONS LEARNED.

The following is an extract from an army canoeing expedition report recently received.....

"Although young canoeists maybe physically fit to undertake long sea canoeing journeys, few seem to possess the ability to occupy their minds on what has been described as 'long boring flogs across empty oceans'. There are always things to observe, be they seals, birds, changing cloud formations or just flotsam and jetsam. It was found that those who took an interest in navigation and nature were not only more mature in years and outlook, but were the type who could contribute more to the success and enjoyment of the expedition. It is recommended that any ~~future sea canoeing courses~~ future sea canoeing courses should have a more formal approach to the 'Addition Interests' section and introduce at a basis level Marine Biology, Sea Birds, Geography of coastlines and natural history in order to stimulate an awareness of 'sea nature'.

MEDICAL AND OPTICAL SUPPLIES TO EXPEDITIONS.

John Powell of 8, Henry's Ave., Woodford Green, Essex...has offered to fit out any bone fide expedition with medical and optical supplies at cost price.

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1979 SUBSCRIPTION TO ADVANCED SEA KAYAK CLUB is now due.....£1.50.

Cheques or postal orders made out to the Advanced Sea Kayak Club.
Send to J.J.Ramwell, 32, Glebe Road, West Perry, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE18 ODG.

Name..... Sum enclosed.....

Address..... Signed.....

..... Date.....

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*****Send off NOW *****

Equipment

All three expedition members used Nordkapp sea Kayaks, the type used for exp. to Nordkapp, Spitsbergen, Greenland and Cape Horn. All three carried 'Chimp' pumps, spare paddles, flares etc. besides camping gear and food and water for at least 8 days. There were no servicing problems.

Also carried was a 1 watt transceiver on 27.89 and 27.88 MHz for contact with John's wife at TBY or one or other of the 27 MHz networks in the area. We were unable to make any contact at all, and heard only distant and unintelligible CB chatter. This raises the whole question of radio for sea kayak expeditions. 27 MHz has proved to be of no value to date, and as publicised last summer, subject to CB interference. Possibly equipment of 5 watt power would be of some use, but then the marine frequencies 2182, 4125 and 6215.5 kHz could be more valuable. The 'Callbuoy' equipment sounds ideal, and is used in the UK, but is an expensive and bulky device. An alternative for emergency use only would be a 121.5 MHz ELB.

The Islands

The Group was discovered in 1802 by Flinders, who named it after his patron, and individual islands after places in Lincolnshire. In the past RBY and SPY were farmed, but only SPY is now grazed, and apart from SPY are a National Park. NPWS stressed that we were not to take dogs or pets to the islands. We can assure them that John's German Shepherd stayed at TBY.

Except where cleared, the islands are covered with low scrub. Apart from lizards, there appeared to be no terrestrial animals and few terrestrial birds. There are rabbits on SPY and snakes, black or black tiger (I didn't turn it over to see), on RBY. We saw porpoises and seals, and the following birds; silver gull (L. novaehollandiae), pacific gull (L. pacificus), Aus. gannet (M. serrator), blackbrowed albatross (D. melanophris), cormorants (several species), redcapped dotterel (C. alexandrinus), sooty oystercatcher (H. fuliginosus)?, Cape Barren goose (C. novaehollandiae), welcome swallow (H. neoxena) and an owl or frogmouth.

In windy conditions seas in the area can be rough. RBY offers the best shelter and landings on sandy beaches are possible on both sides. Landing on SPY is on the beach on the NW shore, which is exposed to the NW. Except for Blyth Is. the other islands are rocky, and landings could be awkward. Blyth is sandy, but very small and 'owned' by L. pacificus. We were asked by NPWS to confine camping to RBY. There is an old homestead on RBY which is said to have water available, but we did not check it. There are airstrips on RBY and SPY. The islands are often visited by fishermen and yachtsmen.

Meteorological Observations

Weather during the expedition can only be described as superb, and contributed greatly to its success. The following observations are at irregular intervals, and one cannot vouch for the accuracy of the barometer (Carac) or its setting. Radios were carried to receive forecasts.

Date	Time	Temp.	Wind	Barometer	Cloud	Comments
28	15:30	9.5	N 5-10 kn	1014	$\frac{1}{8}$ Ci RBY	Cloud increasing, moving N
29	07:25	8.5	N c10 kn	1000	$\frac{1}{8}$ Ci RBY	
	17:45	-	N c10 kn	1000	$\frac{3}{8}$ Ci SPY	Cloudless most of day
30	07:10	9.0	N c 5 kn	1000	nil	SPY Ac & Sc to N
	15:00	-	N 5-10 kn	1000	$\frac{1}{8}$ Ci RBY	
31	07:00	11.5	N 5-10 kn	996	$\frac{1}{8}$ Ac RBY	8/8 As to S. One patch with prom.virga & mamma.

Expedition Log

Day 1, 28th Aug.

Dist 13 nm Time 4:10 Ave. 3.1 kn Light N breeze, smooth seas.

Departed TBY at 09:50. Passed E end of Tumby Is at 10:37 and headed 110°M to track 120°M for Winceby Is., invisible below horizon. 13:20 - 13:30 rest and nibble E of WBY then landed N end of McCoy Bay, RBY. Porpoises in bay. Limpets for afternoon tea, camped in sandhills.

Day 2, 29th Aug.

Dist 10 nm Time 3:00 Ave. 3.3 kn Following wind (10 kn) and slight seas.

Launched RBY at 08:55, headed S along E coast of RBY. Passed between Blyth and Hareby Is. Detoured to greet fishing boat which moved off at our approach, but then had two blackbrowed albatross alight very close. Landed SPY at 11:55. After lying in sun, went up to meet only resident of the islands, Mr P. Jacobs. Were his first visitors for some weeks, as PLC yachtsmen confined to port by weather. Camped in sand hills.

Day 3, 30th Aug.

Dist. 11 nm Time 3:30 Ave. 3.1 kn Light N winds, smooth-slight seas.

Had expected much stronger winds from forecast, and were considering lunch on Blyth Is., but conditions again ideal. Launched 08:50 and headed for Langton Is. After passing E end, detoured to Smith Rock when seals seen on it. They were in playful mood, swimming around and under boats, and jumping out of water. If they only knew the original purpose of kayaks... Passed between Lusby Is. and RBY and landed in small cove on NW of RBY. Cove is not marked on charts, and care should be used on approach at less than high tide due to rocks. Landed at 12:25. Spent night in cave.

Day 4, 31st Aug.

Dist 11 nm Time 3:38 Ave. 3 kn Light N winds, occ 15 kn gusts, smooth -slight seas.

Launched RBY at 08:17, heading 320°M. TBY silos are visible, but are some way behind town. Tumbly Is. can be identified by prominent guano patch on E end. Landed at 11:55.

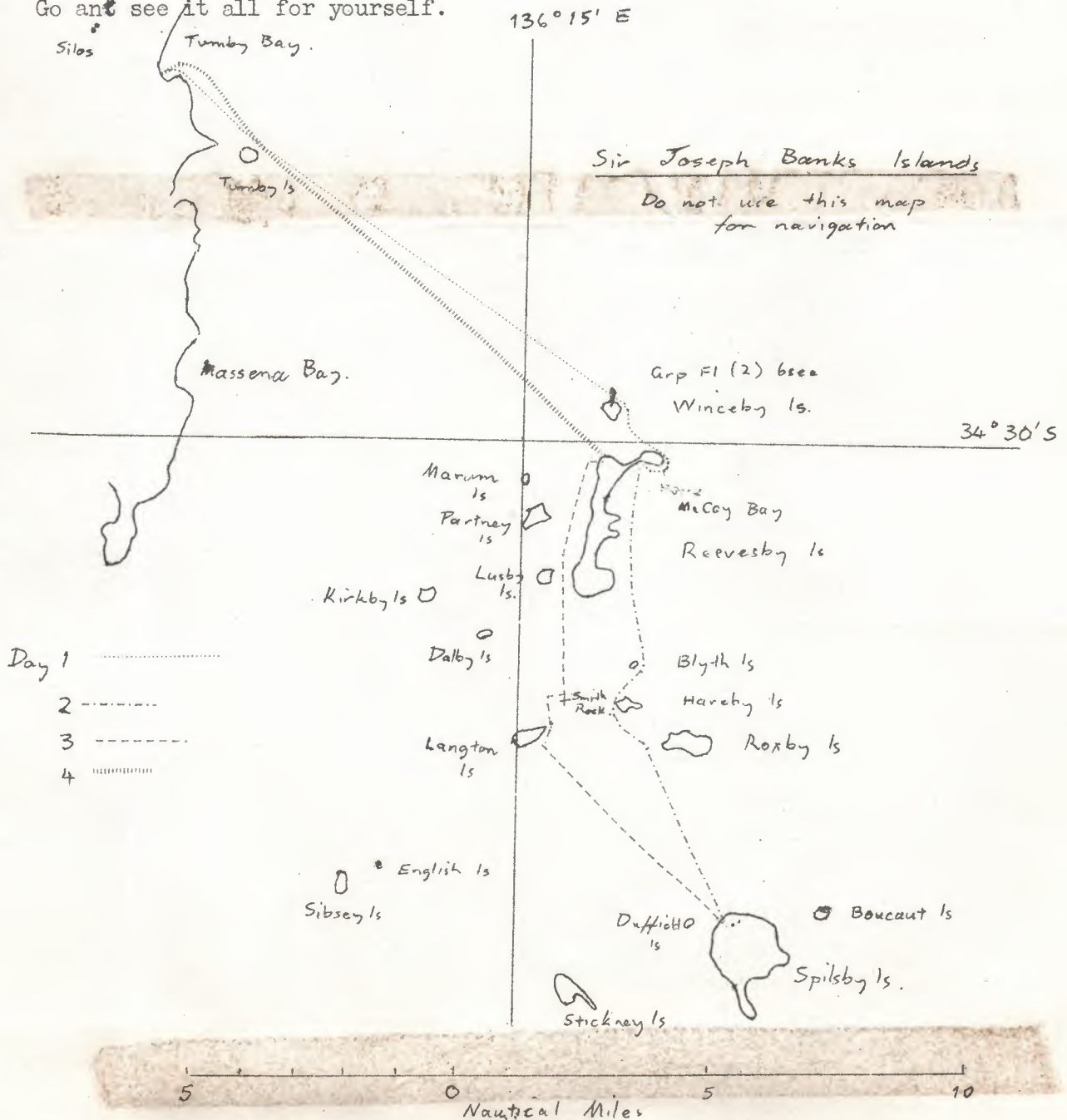
Total Dist. 45 nm Time 14:18 Ave. 3.1 kn

We were agreeably surprised by our speeds, but then conditions were ideal, and not difficult at any stage.

On Sept. 1st. we visited PLC. The planned circumnavigation of Boston Is. was not carried out. We were interviewed and photographed by Port Lincoln Times, and gave Noel Holmes and one of his friends a demonstration of the Nordkapp.

Recommendation

Go and see it all for yourself.



Sir Joseph Banks Islands

Do not use this map for navigation

- Day 1 (dotted line)
- 2 - - - - - (dashed line)
- 3 - · - - - (dash-dot line)
- 4 _____ (solid line)

5 0 5 10 Nautical Miles



PHOTOGRAPH BY
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Seals on Smith Rock.
Ice lumps at left, after banking out seals,
which lined them up considerably.



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John Cully and Blackbrowed Albatross.
Object on foredeck is a sponge.
Roxby Is in background.