

## **APPENDIX 1 (ICF SC Meeting December 2002)**

### **INTERNATIONAL CANOE MEASUREMENT**

Notes for ICF Committee Meeting by Colin Brown (BCU Chief Measurer)

I thought I would put down some brief thoughts regarding my involvement at Bristol with a view to some standardization in measuring. These thoughts are based on working with Del, Alan, John, Ben and Dawn over the two days spent doing the checks. To make life easy I have listed my comments on the same order that the rules appear in the Hand Book.

RULE NO.

5. Hull Some concern over the different templates. The English ones have a built in 10mm spacer which lies on the centre line, I understand that the US ones do not. Unless you pack the US templates to 10mm on every station we are both measuring different things. This may explain why some US canoes are fuller in the forward sections as you have 10mm more to play with . If I have misunderstood this point please say.

5f. Lead correctors. Some were placed on the deck ,some under the deck, some bolted to the backbone behind the dagger board box. I think we need this lead to be visible to answer the question' Has he got the lead in'. I also except that the lower in the boat the better and the last place for any weight is high up. Views please.

8. Del made an excellent jig for checking seat extensions, we do not enforce this once measured. It is very easy to over extend the seat while afloat. I think we need the equivalent to a mast black band on the slide/carriage. Also some seats were carrying additional lead but still within the 9-12 kgs range instead of/ as well as correctors for hull weight. Views?

9b.I did not see many retaining ropes. Is this still required?

11f. Difficulties with a few canoes with 2 to 1 jib hoists where the upper part of the hoist is over 4730mm. This will always be difficult to measure and could/should have resulted in several canoes being out.

12b. Whilst measuring dozens of sails with the above people, nobody withdrew the battens to allow the luff to be straight as per the rule. This should be reworded as we now measure.

Following Del's lead I will instruct all UK measurers to triangulate luffs over 150mm into 2no triangles and 2no ellipses to standardize our methods