ACM CHAIRMANS ADDRESS

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After some 20 years as Chairman of the British Canoeing Wild Water Racing Committee I’ve now stepped down and am focusing on continue developing WWR World-Wide as part of the ICF International Technical Committee. As a sport we’ve built on the very strong foundations I took over to achieve a level of success on the international stage that I never dreamed of when I took on the role. It has been great fun and I’ve made a lot of friends around the world. I’d like to thank everyone who has helped us to enable so many individuals to achieve their own personal objectives as well as developing WWR as part of the wider canoeing family.

 We now have a strong committee with excellent technical support and a range of new fresh ideas who have already been making progress so I think was a good time to step down. I’ll still be helping at races, taking photos and driving where needed in the UK and at International events to continue developing WWR in Great Britain and World-Wide.

It was great seeing so many people at our WWR Development Workshop, Prize giving and ACM at Holmepierrepont on the 12th January as well as at the Autumn National Series Races at Llangollen and at the Tour du Nord. In particular I was delighted that David Wakeling, British Canoeing Board Member was able to join us at the Dee and present Nicky Cresser with his well-deserved Outstanding Contribution Award. We can also celebrate Hannah Brown’s Gold Medals as well as the overall GB Team’s performances at the World Cup and International Races in China this December.

There’s a lot to look forward to again this year with our GB National, Regional and Wavehopper race series, the Senior and Masters Worlds in the USA this spring and the Junior & U23 Europeans in Slovenia. I’d like to wish all our athletes good luck and great racing and hope that WWR can continue to help everyone achieve their personal ambitions – at all levels in our great sport.