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## A BRIEF HISTORY OF LINCOLN CANOE CLUB 1957 - 2017

- 1957 Lincoln Canoe Club is formed at Kendall's Boatyard (now Brayford Marina) by a group of enthusiasts. Laurence Oliver is the only founder member who still belongs to the Club.
- 1958 A farmer at Hardwick (9 miles up the Fosse Dyke Navigation) gives permission to use one of his fields as a campsite. Regular camps are held during the Summer.
- 1959 Move to a barge, moored on Brayford East, owned by Club Commodore, Geoff Burkitt.
- 1960 Rent a loft at The Oddfellow's Arms, Carholme Road. Neville Powley becomes President.
- 1961 Move to Geoff Burkitt's boat building premises in Wigford Yard.
- 1962 Activities now include regular camps at Hardwick, canoe exploration of local dykes, Club races on Fosse Dyke and demonstrations at North Somercoates gravel pits as part of the crowd entertainment between speedboat races. The Club also participates in one or two National Long Distance Races - usually with disastrous consequences! Ian Grant is Midland Youth Champion (500m Sprint). Towards the end of the year Club members begin to train three evenings a week and on Sunday mornings. New Racing boats and paddles are bought.
- 1963 Another move, to an old stable, suitable only for storing canoes, in the Horse and Groom yard (opposite the Oddfellow's). About 10 Long Distance events are competed in during the year. Michael Parker and Laurence Oliver become British LD Racing Champions.  
Richard Oliver, Ian Grant, Roy Freeman and Alan Laws become National Youth Relay (4 x 500m) champions.
- 1964 In addition to the Horse and Groom store, the Oddfellow's Arms loft is rented again as a Club meeting place and changing room.  
M. Parker and L. Oliver race for Great Britain in Spain at the Sella River Race. Club wins The Hasler Trophy (for Long Distance Racing) for the first time. Civic visit to HQ.
- 1965 M. Parker, L. Oliver, I. Grant, R. Oliver, R. Freeman, N. Lilley chosen to represent GB in Spain at the Sella River Race. Club regularly taking part in Sprint Regattas and LD races. L. Oliver and R. Freeman represent GB in International Sprint events.
- 1966 Alderman Frank Eccleshare (later OBE) becomes the Club's Vice President.
- 1967 Roy Freeman races at Junior European Championships. A large contingent of members races again at the R. Sella in Spain. Club wins the Hasler Trophy for the fourth consecutive year (a record which remained unbeaten for 37 years). Club is given the Lincoln Civic Award in its first year of presentation.
- 1968 Move canoes from Horse and Groom into Oddfellow's loft again. Laurence Oliver wins Silver medal in K4 1000m at pre-Olympic Regatta in Bremerhaven. Laurence Oliver competes in Mexico Olympic Games (K4 semi finalist).
- 1969 Little recruitment during previous 6 years of success. Membership declines as members leave Lincoln or retire from canoeing.
- 1970 John Bannister becomes Honorary Secretary and introduces a recruitment policy.
- 1971 Membership slowly begins to increase.
- 1972 L. Oliver competes in Munich Olympic Games in K1 (1000m semi finalist) and K4.
- 1973 R. Oliver and I. Grant become 'Junior' (now senior B) K2 500m National Champions.
- 1974 L. Oliver wins record 27th National Sprint Racing Championship Title.
- 1975 L. Oliver 6th in K4 1000m Final at pre-Olympic Regatta, Montreal.
- 1976 L. Oliver competes in Montreal Olympic Games (K4 1000m semi finalist).  
L. Oliver wins his 32nd National Championship Title. A record which was to stand for 20 years.  
L. Oliver competes in his 45th International Sprint Regatta and retires from International competition.
- 1977 Brayford Trust build premises on Brayford Wharfe South and rent them to the Club. This is on the water's edge and ideal for the Club's future development.
- 1978 David Mylett becomes Membership Secretary and Bernard Worth is appointed as a Vice President.  
Peter Evans wins Espada A (under 13) National Championship.  
Several members compete in Slalom and Wild Water Races.  
Record 163 entries in the Lincoln Marathon Race.
- 1979 John Bannister is appointed as a Vice President.
- 1980 No Annual National Long Distance Race at Lincoln for the first time since 1963. Peter Evans wins Espada B (U15) National Championship. Peter Thorn, David Pykett and Amanda Mylett race for GB at Pre-World Wild Water Race.

- Peter Evans and Garry Knight are accepted into the Junior Olympic Training Squad (Sprint).
- 1981 Peter Thorn, David Pykett and Amanda Mylett are accepted into the National Training Squad (Wild Water Racing). Amanda Mylett competes for GB at the World Wild Water Racing Championships. National LD Race is again organised at Lincoln. Tony Lond elected Honorary Life Member.
- 1982 The Club's Silver Jubilee Year. Civic visit to HQ. Club trip to Sella River Race in Spain; Sandra Troop 1st under 16. Amanda Mylett competes in 3 Europa Cup WW Racing International and Pre World Championship events, winning a Bronze Medal in Team Event. Sandra Troop accepted into National Sprint Squad. Sandra Troop and Peter Evans compete for GB and win medals at Junior International events. Sandra Troop under 17 National Champion. Club as a whole now more successful - 6th at Inter Club Sprint Regatta and 6th at Club National Marathon (Hasler) Final .
- 1983 Peter Evans 6th in K4 1000m at Junior World Championships. Sandra Troop 1st in K2 6000m at International Regatta, Belgium.  
9 members win 10 Gold medals at Sprint National Championships.  
Club 4th at Inter Club Sprint Regatta and 5th at Club National Marathon Final.
- 1984 Sandra Troop wins Gold Medal in K4 at Bosbaan Junior International Regatta.  
Peter Evans wins The Dexter Trophy (Sprint Racing).  
8 members win 18 Gold and 8 Bronze medals at the Sprint National Championships.  
Club 3rd at Inter-Club Sprint Regatta.
- 1985 Sandra Troop wins 125 mile Devizes to Westminster Junior Lady K2 event. She also races in the Marathon Grand Prix and World Cup Team events in Europe, winning the K2 event in Sweden. Gary Quittenton races in 3 Junior Internationals and the Junior World Sprint Championships in Rome. 11 members win 32 Gold, 14 Silver and 3 Bronze medals at the Sprint National Championships. Club is joint winner at the Inter Club Sprint Regatta.  
Big fund raising campaign to extend HQ and work begins.
- 1986 Laurence Oliver appointed Team Manager of the GB Junior Sprint Racing Team.  
HQ extension complete and 2 K4s are purchased.  
Julie Fisher and Rachel Leverett under 14 girls Marathon National Champions.  
12 members win 27 Gold, 12 Silver and 11 Bronze medals at Sprint National Championships. Peter Evans races with Senior GB Team. Gary Quittenton competes at the Western European Junior Championships and is voted 'Junior Paddler of the Year'. Club 2nd at Inter Club Sprint Regatta.  
Club organises the Club National Marathon (Hasler) Final in Lincoln and comes 2nd - record 479 entrants.
- 1987 Ron Emes M.B.E. and Peter Wright become Vice Presidents. Gary Quittenton and Sandra Troop compete at World Student Games. Sandra Troop races in GB Marathon Team. Laurence Oliver Junior Sprint Team Manager. Rachel Leverett accepted into Junior Olympic Racing Squad. 16 members win 21 Gold, 26 Silver and 4 Bronze medals at Sprint National Championships. Club 4th at Inter Club Sprint Regatta.  
Club crew 3rd at the National Dragon Boat Racing Championships.
- 1988 Club competes for GB in International Dragon Boat Race in China. Andy Grimwood and Richard Oliver National Marathon Champions. Rachel Leverett and Gary Quittenton race with GB Teams.  
Members win 6 Gold, 11 Silver and 6 Bronze Medals at Sprint National Championships.  
Club wins Inter Club Sprint Regatta and is 4th at Club National Marathon Final.
- 1989 Gary Quittenton races in K4 for GB at World Racing Championships. Gary Quittenton 3rd in K1 500m and K1 1000m National Championships.  
Members win 11 Gold, 8 Silver and 10 Bronze Medals at Sprint National Championships.  
Club 5th at Inter Club Sprint Regatta and 2nd at Club National Marathon Final.
- 1990 Gary Quittenton races in K4 at World Racing Championships. Gary Mawer 17th at World Marathon Racing Championships, competing for Ireland. Matthew Oliver accepted into Junior Olympic Racing Squad.  
Laurence Oliver elected Honorary Life Member.  
13 members win 7 Gold, 17 Silver and 12 Bronze Medals at the National Racing Championships.
- 1991 Matthew Oliver competes for GB Junior 'B' Team at Bosbaan International Regatta.  
9 Members win 9 Gold, 8 Silver and 5 Bronze medals at the National Racing Championships.
- 1992 Gary Quittenton competes in K4 for GB at 3 International Regattas. Matthew Oliver competes in Junior World Cup after winning K4 500m & 1000m Junior National Championships. Michael Samways and David Oliver chosen to race abroad for international experience.  
9 members win 12 Gold, 11 Silver & 4 Bronze medals at the National Racing Championships.  
Club 7th at Inter Club Regatta. Ron Emes M.B.E., one of the Club's Vice Presidents, dies, aged 65.
- 1993 Matthew Pritchard competes for Great Britain in Junior C1 in Holland. David Oliver chosen to race abroad for international experience and wins Bronze Medal in Under 16 K1 1000m at Sobeka, Belgium. David is accepted into Junior Olympic Racing Squad. 4 members win 5 Gold, 5 Silver and 4 Bronze Medals at National Racing Championships. Club 10th at Inter Club Regatta.
- 1994 David Oliver competes at his first full International and Junior World Cup events for GB.  
Members win 5 Gold, 5 Silver and 3 Bronze Medals at National Racing Championships.

- 1995 David Oliver competes for GB in several International Regattas, winning 2 Gold and 1 Bronze medal at Bosbaan, Amsterdam. 5th place in K4 1000m at Bochum, Germany wins his crew selection for the GB team at the Junior World Championships in Japan, where they finish 11th. Andy Grimwood wins Div 2 at the Hasler Marathon Final. Neville Powley, the Club's President for 35 years, dies, aged 74.
- 1996 Peter Wright accepts the Presidency and Alan Clark accepts Vice Presidency of the Club. The Club moves into a new HQ which is opened by HM The Queen. Rachael Snutch competes for the under 17 GB Team at Slalom events in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Club comes 7th at the Inter Club Regatta.
- 1997 David Mylett elected Honorary Life Member. Rachael Snutch races for GB Junior Slalom Team in Austria. Andy Grimwood 2nd in 325 mile Arctic Canoe Race. John Mawer competes for Ireland at European Sprint and World Sprint Championships and Marathon World Cup. 5 members win 2 Gold, 2 Silver and 4 Bronze medals at National Sprint Racing Championships.
- 1998 30 year lease obtained on new HQ. Andy Grimwood competes for GB in Marathon Race in the Netherlands. Club comes 9th at the Inter Club Regatta.
- 1999 Club President, Peter Wright, is awarded the OBE in the New Year Honours. Simon Wright competes for GB in Wild Water World Cup events in New Zealand. David Duff competes for GB in Marathon Race in The Netherlands. 6 members win 1 Gold, 2 Silver and 13 Bronze medals at the National Sprint Racing Championships.
- 2000 Club Vice President, John Bannister, is awarded the MBE in the New Year Honours. Oliver Wickham competes in Wild Water Racing events for GB. 4 members win 6 Gold, 8 Silver and 6 Bronze medals at the National Sprint Racing Championships.
- 2001 No annual Marathon Race at Lincoln, for only the second time since 1963, due to Foot and Mouth restrictions. Oliver Wickham competes for GB Wild Water Racing Team in Italy and Czech and Slovak Republics. Richard Winstanley races for the Junior Development Squad in Ghent, Belgium.
- 2002 Club Vice President, John Bannister, awarded Honorary Doctorate. Simon Wright competes for GB in Wild Water Racing World Cup in New Zealand. Richard Winstanley competes for GB in Marathon World Cup, in Denmark. John Astbury chosen to compete in Marathon Race in France for experience.
- 2003 Fred Quittenton elected Honorary Life Member. Simon Wright competes for GB in Wild Water Racing World Cup in USA. 4 members win 9 Gold, 6 Silver and 2 Bronze medals at National Sprint Racing Championships.
- 2004 Simon Wright competes for GB in Wild Water Racing World Cup in Europe. 5 members win 4 Gold, 6 Silver and 4 Bronze medals at National Sprint Racing Championships.
- 2005 Simon Wright competes for GB in Wild Water Racing World Cup events and wins Classic Wild Water British Championships in WWC2. Laurence Oliver retires after 20 years as Team Manager of the GB Junior Sprint Racing Team and receives a BCU Lifetime Achievement Award for Flatwater Racing. 5 members win 3 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze medals at National Sprint Racing Championships.
- 2006 Club Chairman, Laurence Oliver, awarded Honorary Doctorate for Service to Sport. Don Robertson elected Honorary Life Member. Simon Wright competes for GB in Wild Water Racing World Championships and World Cup events and wins both Classic and Short Course Wild Water British Championships in WWC2. David Duff competes for GB in Marathon in Spain. 3 members win 3 Gold, 3 Silver and 7 Bronze medals at National Sprint Racing Championships.
- 2007 The Club's Half Century year. Special celebrations include AGM in the Guildhall. Olympic medallist Ian Wynne presents the prizes at the Annual Dinner. David Mylett awarded Mayoral Medal for service to the Club. Simon Wright wins both Classic and Short Course WWR National Championships in WWC2 and competes in WWC2 for GB at the Wild Water Racing European Championships in Bosnia-Herzegovina. 3 members win 4 Gold, 4 Silver and 2 Bronze medals at the National Sprint Racing Championships.
- 2008 Laurence Oliver receives award from Canoe England for an 'Outstanding Contribution to Paddlesport'. Peter Quittenton U10 Lightning K1 National Marathon Champion. Simon Wright placed 11<sup>th</sup> in C2 at WWR World Championships in Italy. Also 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Masters event and 1<sup>st</sup> in the Masters Team event. 9 members win 10 Gold, 6 Silver and 12 Bronze medals at the National Sprint Racing Championships.
- 2009 Tim Brabants, Olympic Gold medallist, presents the prizes at the Annual Dinner. Andy Grimwood elected Honorary Life Member. Peter Quittenton awarded Lincolnshire Young Sportsman of the Year by the Lincolnshire Sports Partnership. Simon Wright competes in WWC2 for GB at the Wild Water Racing European Championships in Italy and wins a bronze medal in the team event. He also competes in the WWR World Cup in Australia, winning 2 silver and 3 bronze medals.

- 6 members win 1 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze medals and the club wins the Spanish Galleon Trophy (U10 and U12 Lightning classes) at the National Marathon Racing Championships.
- 6 members win 4 Gold, 7 Silver and 3 Bronze medals at the National Sprint Racing Championships.
- 2010 Laurence Oliver presented with a 'Lifetime Achievement Award' by the Lincolnshire Sports Partnership.  
Gary Quittenton receives 'Lincolnshire Coach of the Year Award' from the Lincolnshire Sports Partnership.  
Simon Wright competes in WWC2 for GB at the WWR World Championships in Spain.  
5 members win 3 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze medal at the National Marathon Racing Championships.  
6 members win 5 gold, 6 silver and 7 bronze medals at the National Sprint Racing Championships.  
In the 2010 Sprint Lightning awards Elizabeth Gray is 1st in the under 12s and Joshus Flavell is 1st in the under 10s.
- 2011 Emma Tonner races for GB in the under 16 K1 event at the Loire Marathon race in France.  
4 members win 2 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze medal at the National Marathon Racing Championships.  
6 members win 4 gold, 3 silver and 6 bronze medals at the National Sprint Racing Championships.
- 2012 Laurence Oliver awarded the BCU Award of Merit. Laurence Oliver carries the Olympic Flame.  
Emma Tonner races for GB at Regatta in Belgium where she wins 2 Gold and 1 Silver Medals.  
Peter Quittenton races for GB at the Olympic Hopes Regatta in Hungary.  
Elizabeth Gray and Peter Quittenton selected to race for GB at Marathon Race in France.  
Club comes 7th at the National Marathon Racing Championships.  
6 members win 3 gold, 2 silver and 4 bronze medals at the National Marathon Racing Championships.  
Club comes 6th at the Inter Club Regatta.  
9 members win 8 gold, 5 silver and 7 bronze medals at the National Sprint Racing Championships.
- 2013 John Flavell and Robert Guest elected Honorary Life Members.  
Peter Quittenton and Elizabeth Gray compete for GB at the Olympic Hopes Regatta in Racice, Czech Republic.  
3 members win 3 gold and 1 bronze medals at the National Marathon Racing Championships.  
Club comes 12th at the Inter Club Regatta.  
6 members win 5 gold, 6 silver and 5 bronze medals at the National Sprint Racing Championships.
- 2014 Peter Quittenton and Elizabeth Gray compete for GBR at the Olympic Hopes Regatta in Piestany, Slovakia.  
4 members win 1 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze medals at the National Marathon Racing Championships.  
Club comes 8th at the Inter Club Regatta.  
5 members win 4 gold, 4 silver and 5 bronze medals at the National Sprint Racing Championships.
- 2015 Peter Quittenton and Elizabeth Gray compete for GBR at the Junior European Championships in Bascov, Romania.  
3 members win 1 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze medal at the National Marathon Racing Championships.  
9 members win 3 gold, 11 silver and 3 bronze medals at the National Sprint Racing Championships.
- 2016 Laurence Oliver steps down as Chairman, having served on the club's Committee for over 50 years and is elected an Honorary Vice President.  
Elizabeth Gray competes for GBR at the Junior European Championships in Bulgaria and the Olympic Hopefuls' Regatta in Hungary.  
Nicole Wells competes for GBR at the World Student Games in Portugal.  
4 members win 1 gold, 1 silver and 5 bronze medals at the Sprint National Championships.  
2 members win 1 gold and 1 bronze at the Marathon National Championships.
- 2017 The Club's Diamond Jubilee Year. J. Bannister, D. Mylett and L. Oliver presented with gifts for Services to the club.  
Richard Oliver and Philip Marshall awarded Honorary Life Membership.  
4 members win 1 silver and 3 bronze medals at the Marathon National Championships.  
6 members win 1 gold, 4 silver and 5 bronze medals at the Sprint National Championships.

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