

**INTERNATIONAL  
WHITEWATER HALL OF FAME  
Nomination Form**

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\* For team nominees, an additional sheet may be added with the names and addresses for of all team members.

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Name (Print): Dave Manby \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: April 17, 2009

**IV. CATEGORY:**

		(Date)	(Date)	
<input type="checkbox"/> PIONEER	Sport: _____	Active From: _____	To: _____	Living: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORER	Sport: _____	Active From: _____	To: _____	Living: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> CHAMPION	Sport: _____	Active From: _____	To: _____	Living: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADVOCATE	Sport: _____	Active From: _____	To: _____	Living: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**Individuals or teams may be nominated in any one of the four categories. Please Note that Pioneer and Advocate Categories Have Been Revised. See Nomination and Selection Procedures (Rev. 03.10.09) for a complete description of the nominating criteria. The following is a brief summary of the criteria:**

**PIONEER**

- Has Made/Was the first or among the earliest expert in one or more specific areas of whitewater accomplishment.

**EXPLORER**

- Has been engaged in extensive exploration and investigation of unknown regions and areas of whitewater activity.
- Has exemplified superior feats in previously unchallenged whitewater: e.g. an adventurer, scientist or expedition leader.

**CHAMPION**

- Has been/was engaged in any competitive whitewater discipline for at least five (5) years.
- Has a distinguished record of achievement at the highest levels of competitive whitewater sport.

**ADVOCATE**

- Has promoted whitewater pursuits vigorously through grassroots advocacy, environmental stewardship or by producing significant products or services.
- Has served the whitewater community in a leadership role for a period of twenty (20) years or more.

Note: All nominees: 1) may be living or deceased, and 2) may be an individual or a team.

**Nominee: Dave Manby**

**V. BASIS FOR NOMINATION:** Provide a brief summary statement.

Dave Manby, Mumbo to those who know him. Dragged to Nepal on the infamous Mike Jones Dudh Koshi First Descent, when he was a mere youth, the bespeckled scruffy man has made a lifestyle out of kayaking. Dave has been everywhere, for years in a glass kayak, repairing the boat every other day, high adventures with 8mm footage of mad capped off the water solutions to the ever present and numerous old world problems. He's ran the one and only British Youth Expedition, that bore fruit with several notable paddlers including Allan Ellard. Opened up the Coruh in Turkey to paddlers from afar and Turkey itself, ran expeditions into Iran. Dave s a self styled old adventurer, that still heads up the only grant scheme for UK paddlers, and is an endless source of info and inspiration. Now well into his 50's Dave can be found en route to some expedition, running the steepes of Italy, or paddling in his jeans and shirt on hot days, just because he can. The font of knowledge for so many paddler's, Dave has written books, edited and produced kayaking films and in his own way is one of the few trail blazers that bridged the gap from old style over land expeditions to the modern era, and never holds back information that can help anyone make an idea into a paddling trip.

**VI. ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Please list accomplishments pertinent to the nominee's category. Examples: competitions, first descents, expeditions. Coaches and organizers/leaders: years involved, notable events in which he/she was involved, notable associates (e.g. athletes he/she coached) along with relevant information regarding awards received, team placement, etc.

Year	Event	Location	Placement/Award

Additional information here:

**Nominee:**

**VII. CONTRIBUTIONS:** Please list any contributions pertinent to the nominee’s category.  
 Examples: contributory causes, designs and inventions, skills/technique contributions,  
 and industry participation/ leadership.

Year	Nature of Contribution	Role

Additional information here.

**VIII. WHITEWATER ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP:**

Year	Organization	Role/Position

Additional information here.

**Nominee:**

**IX. ARTICLES/BOOKS WRITTEN:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Published? (Y/N)</b>

Additional information here.

**X. HONORS/AWARDS RECEIVED:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Honor/Award</b>	<b>Granting Organization</b>

Additional information here.

**Nominee:**

**XI. FURTHER SUPPORTING EVIDENCE:** Please use this space to provide any further information on the above, evidence of integrity, sportsmanship, and character and all additional information to support consideration of the Nominee. **Please submit additional materials, photos, published manuscripts or articles, videos, DVDs, and/or website URLs or links. This information will be considered by our screening committee and should the nominee be elected to the IWHoF, will also be used in the production of the annual DVD honoring the new Class of Honorees.**

## WHITEWATER KAYAKING CV.

- 1973 British Universities C1 slalom Bronze medallist.  
1974 British Universities C1 slalom Champion.  
British Universities Silver medallist K1 team event.  
1976 British Universities C1 slalom silver medallist.

British Canoe Union Level 3 coach

Chair: British Canoe Union Expeditions committee. The expeditions committee looks at applications and grants small grant to British paddlers heading out to paddle rivers outside of Europe.

Chair: British Canoe Union Safety committee. Most of the committee's work is ensuring that new regulations applying to relevant equipment is applicable to the paddling community.

My CV is "paper poor" - I do not have many paper qualifications but have 30+ years experience of white water paddling and I probably have run the Çoruh more times than anyone else.

## EXPEDITIONS.

1969 Bought my first white-water kayak.

1976 DUDH KOSI RIVER NEPAL. Youngest member of the British Everest Canoe Expedition. This expedition drove overland to Nepal and paddled down the Dudh Kosi River which flows down from Mount Everest. Filmed for TV

1977 MAIPURE AND APURE rapids expedition Venezuela. These rapids form a natural barrier between the lower and upper stretches of the Orinoco river.

1978 BRALDU RIVER EXPEDITION. PAKISTAN. This expedition attempted to paddle the Braldu River which flows down from K2 the world's 2nd highest mountain. The expedition was called off when the leader, Mike Jones, drowned. The film of this expedition shown on BBC.

- 1979 BRITISH COLUMBIA. Exploratory trip paddling the rivers of British Columbia and looking at the STIKINE canyon. No attempt was made on the canyon.  
Set up and ran for the next 10 years the Mike Jones Memorial Rally. This became the biggest event of its type with 2500+ paddlers attending.
- 1982 ÇORUH RIVER TURKEY. One of the early descents of the river (Previous descents by S.O.B.E.K. rafting USA 1981 and a partial (?) descent by a Czech team in 1976.)
- 1983 START OF MY RUNNING ÇORUH RIVER TRIPS. (Stopped in 2002). Offering 10 day guided trips for paddlers on the Çoruh between June and July.
- I made a Solo attempt on the Braldu River Pakistan.
- One of the four paddlers featured in Leo Dickinson's film for TV in his series "Pushing the Limits"
- 1984 GRAND CANYON of the COLORADO RIVER.
- 1986 MOROCCO. Inc. N'FIZZ GORGE
- 1991 INDUS KAYAK EXPEDITION PAKISTAN. An expedition filmed for Channel 4 TV in the UK. The expedition attempted the rapids in the Rhondu Gorge between Gilgit and Skardu.
- 1992 BRITISH YOUTH GRAND CANYON EXPEDITION. I was one of the "responsible adults" supervising the 12 youths on the trip.
- 1993 PART OF THE ORGANISING TEAM FOR PROJECT R.A.F.T WORLD RAFTING CHAMPIONSHIPS ON THE ÇORUH. I also lead the British entry to this event - a team of paddlers with disabilities: one blind, one T9 paralysed, one with MS, one with polio in both legs, one with severe ambulant problems and confused vision. We were given the Gold Medal for the rescue event by the actual (Californian) winners for "taking part and being an inspiration to all".
- 2000 IRAN. Loristan Paddled the Sezar River from Dorud to Telle Zange. Published "Many Rivers to Run" a collection of short stories of kayaking expeditions.
- 2001 IRAN. Paddled the Sezar River again and also made the 1st descent of the Bakhtyari River; 8days self-support through the most amazing gorges I have paddled. The most complete "expedition" experience I have had. No walk out would have been possible I think.
- 2004 IRAN returned to paddle and film the second descent of the Bakhtyari River. Just too good a river to only once.
- 2005 ÇORUH RIVER TURKEY Organised and ran the Çoruh River Extreme race. 35 international paddlers competing over 5 days for the title of Çoruh Extreme champion. By common assent it was the most successful and enjoyable extreme race ever held.

OTHER paddling destinations include Costa Rica, Ecuador and much of Europe.

**Dave Manby's Website:** <http://www.davemanby.com/Home.aspx>



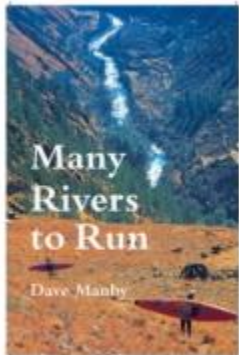
#### DUDH KOSI RELENTLESS RIVER OF EVEREST.

At the beginning of July 1976 a team of ten including six kayakers and a ton of gear squeezed into a Transit mini-bus and drove the 7,500 miles to Kathmandu and then hiked the 180 miles to Everest Base Camp where the melt waters of the Khumbu glacier forms the head-waters of the Dudh Kosi. Here they launched their kayakers and started to Canoe down Everest. Mike Jones, who led the expedition, overcame the incredulity of the sponsors and the television company he approached by force of character and charisma to get them to back the expedition. Once backed the expedition team endured week-long breakdowns on the road overland, snow-blindness and sun burn, leeches and dysentery, high altitude swims and near drowning, but above all paddled some of the hardest white water tackled to date by any of the team. When they arrived back in Kathmandu after six weeks in the Himalaya they still had to drive the whole show back home. Four months after leaving the UK they arrived back in Dover at the beginning of November - the passport-control officer was non-plussed and on handing back the passports remarked Been away long? Oh four months. Well, if you're quick you'll make last orders. For the team members, however, it was, variously; a realization of 18 months planning, a life changing experience, a trip of a lifetime.

The original HTV film of the 1976 British expedition to kayak down the Dudh Kosi River that flows from Everest was filmed by Leo Dickinson and HTV. It was originally shown in Britain at prime time on Boxing Day 1976. The film went on to win over 50 international awards and was sold for broadcast in more than 25 countries. The original 16mm negative film and also a can of out-takes which were not used on the original film have been transferred to a digital format and the flaws were fixed by the marvels of modern digital technology. This resulting DVD is a crisp, clean, and bright version of the film.

#### BONUS TRACKS.

The kayak teams own Super 8mm film has been digitalized and a commentary of reminiscences by the surviving team members added. This film shows the drive overland to Nepal from the UK as well as the kayaking on the Dudh Kosi. 2nd International Cardboard Kayak Championships 1981 from Super 8mm film by John Griffiths dubbed with the BBC Radio 4 Today program piece. 3rd International Cardboard Kayak Championships 1987 from the film shot by Roger Huyton for TransWorld Sports. Pushing the Limits A Breath of White Water. S4C. The white water kayaking episode with Mick Hopkinson, Rob Lesser, John Wasson and Dave Manby paddling in Idaho.



**Many Rivers to Run is a book of Kayaking Stories I have compiled. The contributors include Mick Hopkinson, Whit Deschner and the late, great Donald Bean.**

**The following are some of the reviews the book has received ....**

Dave Manby has been at the cutting edge of expedition kayaking for the best part of a quarter a century. In that time he has had more first descents and epic adventures than most paddlers have had swims, from his expedition experience on the Dudh Kosi in the 1976 to leading a trip for disabled paddlers on Turkey's Coruh river in 1993. Along the way he has met many of kayaking's more colourful characters, and here he presents the stories - and rivers - that have defined their lives: Mick Hopkinson's account of big crocodiles and even bigger cataracts on the Blue Nile; Don Weedon's arrest after running the infamous whirlpool rapids below Niagara Falls; Arlene Burns' epic struggle just to get to the put-in of Tibet's Bramaputra; and Dave's own intimate and personal battle with the Braldu in Pakistan, first with Mike Jones in 1978 and then on his own in 1983. For those who paddle, these stories provide not just inspiration, but confirmation of the spirit that is constantly pushing back the boundaries. To the uninitiated, each is as much an excellent adventure as an explanation of what drives paddlers.

**By Paul Grogan**

It is a little different to the format which I had expected as, instead of being a collection of Dave's memoirs (which would easily fill a book), it consists of around twenty chapters written by other well-known paddlers from around the globe. Each contributor is introduced by Dave. Knowing some of the contributors - and many of the rivers - it has been a fascinating book for me to read. There is something for anyone with interests in paddling, travelling or just plain

adventure in Many Rivers to Run. Everyone will have their own favourites, whether it be the heart-stopping wild rides had on the Imatra Gorge, the North Fork of the Payette at 7000 cubic feet a second, Mick Hopkinson's account of the Blue Nile descent or the gentle eccentricity of Donald Bean. Dave's own very human account of his struggle with the Braldu is one of my own favourites. If the stories aren't enough to set the heart racing then the few black-and-white and superb sections of colour photos will help. This book is far and away the best and most enjoyable collection of paddling stories that I have read. An inspirational read.

Reviewed by **Chris Sladden**

So far people have only used cliches - adrenaline rushes, Man Against Nature, Pushing The Edge, as if these simplistic throwaway buzzwords are the motive force behind everything. The stories presented in Dave's book go beyond the buzzwords. Don Weeden's wild account of a bandit run of the Niagara Gorge is almost Keystone Coppish until one remembers the magnitude of the rapids they were running! I recall seeing film footage of Don being led, handcuffed, to a waiting police car at the end of this run. A great read! Doug Ammon's white-knuckled story (in typical Ammonesque detail) of a run down the NF at 7000 cfs leaves one sufficiently breathless. Arlene Burns' was Tresspaddling on the Tsangpo before many of us even knew of the river. And what can be said of the marvellous wit of Whit Deschner?

By **Ken Strickland**

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## **THE CORUH RIVER    Dave Manby's River Guide**

Section: Bayburt to Artvin

Difficulty: V+ in high water

Season: May to August.

Length : Bayburt - Ispir 100 km class II

Ispir - Yusufeli 95 km class V

Yusufeli - Artvin 70 km class V

Character: Remote, though not a wilderness trip as a road runs along side for most of its length.

Turkey prides itself as where East meets West. It is where Asia and the Middle East meet Europe. Turkey's capital, Istanbul, straddles the Bosphorus and can genuinely claim to be one city in two continents. Turkey's history goes back to prerecorded time. Mesopotamia, (translated means the land between two rivers) was between the Tigris and the Euphrates (or the Dicle and Firat Nehri in Turkish) which rise in Eastern Turkey. History and the armies of Alexander the Great, of Islam and the Crusades have all swept through this land. Marco Polo when he was exploring the Silk Road traveled through Turkey passing by Erzurum and Mount Ararat and then north through Bayburt to the Black Sea on his return journey.

The North East corner is a rugged and inaccessible area. Alexander the Great by-passed the region, the Roman Empire only ruled it as a vassal state for three years. Smaller empires of the Armenians, Bagratians, and Georgians controlled the valuable trade route through the valleys at different times. Bayburt, one of the put-ins for trips down the Coruh boasts the largest fortress in

Turkey. This 6th century castle now sits on the hill above the modern town and bears witness to a bygone age when Bayburt was a major center of commerce. From Bayburt to Ispir the river is flat, only aspiring to class II-III as it nears Ispir. The river however is more remote with no road intruding till Maden, some 20kms upstream of Ispir. It is during this stretch that the river swings through 180 degrees and flows along the Kackar mountains looking for a weakness to break through and escape to the Black sea.

Though Bayburt is sometimes used as the put-in most trips, hungry for the rapids, start a short way upstream of the little village of Ispir. From the old castle above Ispir, now converted into a mosque, it is possible to gain a glimpse of the river as it enters a narrow gorge full of white water. Though the gorge opens out after some ten kilometers the white water remains.

Many of the rapids on the *Oruh* have been named, but because of their frequency and the fact that they have been named by independent groups much time can be spent working out whether a particular rapid is *Minister's rapid* and if so is it the same rapid as *The Stud*? In 1991 the Minister of Tourism joined a white water festival rafting down the river and took a lengthy swim at the rapid that now bears his name. This rapid also happens to form one of the *Joan Collins Set* which are the first five major rapids that arrive within 15kms. of Ispir; *Joan* dark and mysterious is followed by *Alexis* pleasant but can turn nasty. *The Bitch* is self explanatory and is followed by *Dynasty* (sometimes spelt by a dyslexic as *dysentery*) and finally *The Stud*. At high water these are an awesome set of rapids almost merging into each other and will leave even the world-weary expert impressed.

After this opening assault, the river eases and at normal rates of river running it still provides one or two major rapids and an almost endless stream of class III rapids each day till Yusufeli is reached. Along this stretch castles are easily seen perched on the rocks above the river and others can be spotted if you know where to look. These make great off-river excursions though the castle at Tekkale (Single Castle) needs a little local knowledge and stout nerves to climb the loose rock to reach it. A simpler and safer plan is to take a taxi to Dortkilesi (Four Churches) and explore the ancient and unexpectedly large 10th century Armenian church. Irrigation canals pinch water off the river at regular intervals and can be seen contouring the river banks for several kilometers before delivering the water to the fields. *Perfect Portage* uses one of these as an easy kayak sneak if the paddler wants to avoid the rapid. Rice and their paddy fields are spreading upstream and these are taking over from the wheat fields. Fruit orchards, with cherries, mulberries, apples, peaches and other fruits are also grown along the river. Olive groves are found when the ground is level but the water scarce. The Bahal river, which is a pleasant class III for both rafts and kayaks from Sarigol down and a class V kayak (only) run upstream of Sarigol, joins the *Oruh* at Yusufeli. Even if you decide not to run the river this valley is well worth an explore. The alpine meadows and wooded hills make for a pleasant change from the stark brown banks of the *Oruh*. Lepidopterists and ornithologists often visit these high altitude pastures looking for butterflies and the rare red hawk and other birds. Brown bears still inhabit the region but are rare now. Expeditions to climb Mt. *Kackar* can start from here while another popular trek is to head over the pass to Aydar and the hot springs. Note that the weather on the Black Sea side of these mountains is very different. Rain two days out of three is the norm. (Along this coast there are many small kayak sized streams which never seem to run out of water.) From Yusufeli the valley narrows and the road becomes more intrusive but the rapids increase in size and frequency and this distraction is blotted from your mind. 8kms. below Yusufeli the *Oltu* river joins the *Oruh*. About 10kms upstream of this confluence the *Tortum cayeli* joins the *Oltu*.

This has flown down from Tortum Lake through a gorge that is as spectacular as it is a geologist's nightmare to map. Anticlines synclines and the like abound reflecting the violence of the geological activity. In fact some of the new houses passed on the way up to the lake were built to re-house people after an earthquake flattened Oltu in the winter of 1982/83. This geological activity has not prevented the planning of dams on the oruh. The 1993 Project R.A.F.T. event on the oruh led to the stretch from Ispir to Yusufeli being declared a national park and so out of reach of the dammers. Politics change and the dams are back two have been started (at Artvin and Borca) and more still are planned on the river and if built will flood the river from Artvin to above Bayburt.

Down the oruh more rapids await the paddler along with the river's biggest challenge. Care should be taken as the river is now hemmed in by steep banks and rock cliffs and it is easy to career down the river arriving above a rapid and be committed to running it as the portage would be almost impossible (especially with laden rafts). The oruh's biggest rapid, know as King Kong or Lava East or House Rock or Aslam depending on whose name you select is one such rapid and is usually portaged in high water. Another problem on this lower stretch is rock falls. New rapids appear or alterations to existing rapids occur to confuse the regular runner. By Zeytinlik the river is slowing and the rapids less frequent. The last 20kms to Artvin are flat.

The oruh's water level drops dramatically through the season as the snow melts. During the summer rain is a rarity on this side of the mountains and what may fall is seldom enough to affect the river level to any large degree. In early May any idea of paddling the river for pleasure is ridiculous, I have seen the top of the rock in House Rock covered, but by the end of August in all but the biggest snow pack years the notion of floating a raft on some stretches is challenging in a different way. Early June can be depended on to give one of the finest multi-day white water trips anywhere in the world with the longest flat water stretch being no more than around eight kilometers.

Planning a trip to the oruh? Consider being there for the second week in June and visit the Kafkasor festival at Artvin: bull fighting and wrestling along with folk dancing and exhibitions of local handicraft. Take a tent and stay the night. The bull fighting is nothing like Spanish bull fighting; it is bull against bull and the wrestling is Karakucak wrestling, similar to the wrestling of Edirne but without the olive oil.

### **Tortum.**

Drive up to the lake; turn off just before the lake follow signs to Selale. If you can talk your way passed the security guard you can drive to the end of the road after deciding not to run the mini-canyon just before the HEP station. Put on at the HEP station and enjoy the run. Best run early in the season when you have significant water running over the waterfall just below the lake. Also weekdays means more flow as the HEP station will be releasing. There are other falls below the tourist one which will go if you are brave 1st descents await! Note that if the waterfall does not always have water flowing over it the Tortum is still runnable but not so much fun; some prima donnas called it a pile of shite but then they did not look up from the river at the gorge walls I suspect. If you cannot talk your way past the security guard, drive back toward Yusufeli and take the lower dirt road at the bottom of the ramp and put-in just below the narrow gorge you only miss about 5 kms. This is a good alternative if the oruh goes muddy after a thunderstorm. Sometimes, however, the thunderstorm falls in the Tortum gorge and then the road

gets closed by rock falls and a new rapid is formed when they clear the road. Take-out at the bridge the Oltu down to the Coruh is only good when it has lots of water in and then it is muddier than Glastonbury.

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**<http://theoutdoorsshow.centricnetworks.net/DaveManby.htm>**

### **WHAT MAKES AN EXPEDITION?**

Thinking of an expedition, thinking of an exotic place, thinking of going to some wilderness location. But is it an EXPEDITION?.

Come, listen and learn from Dave's lifetime of experiences. May be the British Canoe Union Expedition Committee can help with funding? However, they can only find EXPEDITIONS. Is yours an EXPEDITION or just another river trip?

### **DAVE MANBY**

In 1976 I was the youngest member of the British Everest Canoe Expedition. Since then I have been continually exploring rivers around the world notably: 1978 Braldu river in Pakistan, 1982 Coruh River, Turkey, 1986 Middle and High Atlas mountains, Morocco, 1991 Indus River Pakistan, and finally 2001 Bakhtyaria River, Iran. For the last several years I have been the Chair of the BCU Expeditions Committee.

As the world contracts with the ease of air travel and the availability of better maps does this lessen an expedition or as the world expands because of this ease of travel and "Google Earth" does this increase the scope for the expeditioner as un-considered areas are revealed?

I will be speaking on what makes an expedition, when does a group of friends paddling a river cease to be a "trip" or "mission" and become an "expedition" and does this really matter!

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