

Chris Burrows

Christopher de Mosley Burrows was born in 1942 in Wells, Somerset in Southwestern England during the height of World War II. He grew up "messing about in boats" and hunting reptiles in North Wales.

Chris Burrows was Leyland's design, quality control and salesmen operating out of Leyland, England. In 1972, sponsored by the British Tyre & Rubber Company, he studied polymer science at the National College of Rubber Technology in London and joined L&B as an export manager. By 1973 Burrows identified the whitewater rafting industry in the United States as a potential market. Dave Rees was the L&B



{1983 Leyland Wave Skimmer with Chris Burrows in front & Dave Rees third}

Fabrications Division Business Manager.

In 1974, Chris married his wife Jenny. They have four children: David, Kit, Tim and Olivia all now in their 30s. In October and November 1975 Chris Burrows and Keith Carter flew from England to Salt Lake City, Utah where they rented an RV and went on a 5,000 mile odyssey visiting Western river outfitters promoting Leyland Rafts in the United States.... while Jenny decorated their new house! Burrows and Carter exhibited their boats at the Western River Guides Association in Jackson, Wyoming. During that trip Mike Walton, Dave MacKay and Dee Holiday signed a distributor agreement to market Leyland Rafts.

In 1989 Chris Burrows and Dave Rees purchased the whitewater raft templates they had designed and some fabric from Leyland and Birmingham and started Eurocraft on April 1, 1990. During his time designing rafts Chris took time to go on many river trips in the United States and around the World. Now he is mostly retired breeding reptiles, growing orchids, running rivers and generally having a ball.



{Chris Burrows (left) at an exhibition in 1991}



{1993 Eurocraft ~ Just before move to new plant}