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On the very big tides, the mangrove fringed mud banks become inundated. This provides the perfect opportunity for kayakers to get in amongst them and explore. Our narrow shallow draught craft are tailor made for this type of adventuring. Jeff Amsden leads the group through some rather chunky coastal mangroves out on the Kaipara.

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Club Trip/Event Policies

Visit the Club website for details of safety and other important policies.

Contacting trip/event organiser

You must notify the trip organiser in advance of your intention to go on a trip. Organisers need to know numbers and to be able to contact you if the plan changes.

You must also discuss with the organiser in advance any medical or other conditions (such as your experience and ability) that might affect the progress of the group.

Cancellation

If the weather looks uncertain call the trip co-ordinator.

Club Banking Details

<i>Bank</i>	BNZ
<i>Branch</i>	Newmarket
<i>Account</i>	02-0100-0023453-000
<i>Name</i>	Auckland Canoe Club
<i>Particulars</i>	Your FULL name (Initials are not enough to identify some members with similar names)
<i>Code</i>	Either SUBS, STORAGE, HIRE, OTHER (depending on what you are paying for)

If your payment is for several items, then please make **separate** payments for **each** item.

IMPORTANT

If you are depositing money to the Club Account please ensure that you include YOUR name so that the Treasurer knows who deposited the money.

Internet Banking

All major banks have set up Auckland Canoe Club as a registered payee for internet banking.

This means that you can pay to

Auckland Canoe Club

without having to enter the account number.

Check with your bank.

Kayak Hire

To book a kayak, enter details in the diary. Check diary before taking a kayak.

Kayak Hire Rates

Single kayaks

Daily hire – out am, back pm \$20.00

Half day – out am, back am
out pm, back pm \$10.00

Double kayaks

Daily hire – out am, back pm \$30.00

Half day – out am back am
out pm back pm \$15.00

- Please enter details of hire in register and on an envelope.
- Put money in envelope and place envelope in honesty box.
- **No I.O.U.s!**
- Carry or wheel kayaks to water.
- No seal launching.
- Please wash kayaks before returning to rack.
- Report faults or problems on the faults/problems sheet.

Regular Events

Vine House Weekends



On one weekend each month we have the use of Vine House. This gem in Mahurangi Harbour is a 2 km paddle from Sullivan's Bay, which is the ARC park at the end of the Mahurangi West Road, first on the right past Puhoi.

The house sleeps 10 and has all creature comforts. Bring sleeping bag, pillow case and food. A shared meal and nibbles is the norm for Saturday night, so bring your goodies.

Lagoon Bay is very tidal, so bringing a kayak trolley is a good idea. The range of paddling is endless, e.g. Waiwera, Warkworth, Kawau Island, Motuora Island – your choice. Or just rest and read and enjoy this tranquil and special place. We recommend you take a carry bag to get all your gear up the track to the house. Secure parking is at Sullivan's Bay. Leave a note on your dashboard reading "Vine House Volunteer" when you park in front of the ranger's house.

Vine House is available for the following weekends during 2017

Typically Friday afternoon to Monday morning.

September 29–October 02, October 27–30, November 24–27 and December 15–18.

Please ring to book a bed, and for detailed directions. **Trevor 817 7357 or Matt 817 1984.**

Saturday Morning Coffee Cruise

Most Saturday mornings some club members do a short paddle from the club lock up at Okahu Bay.

We set off from the lock up at 9.00, returning by 12.30. The level is fairly easy and you can nearly always hire a club kayak. The route depends on the tide and the weather. We often paddle out to Bean Rock lighthouse and then stop at Kohi Beach for coffee in a local café before paddling back.

Join us for a relaxed paddle. It's a great way to meet people in the club.

Be aware: People don't go every week. You might go one week when no-one else happens to turn up.

You should have basic paddling skills to join this group, you will be responsible for yourself.

Note: Paddlers under 18 to be accompanied by a guardian!

For more information, contact Lester Miller on 021 165 0297.

NEW MEMBERS



Welcome

The Committee extends a warm welcome to the following new members ...

**Amelia Gilbert-Milne,
Henry Wakefield, Levi Offner
and Vicky Bostock**



Deadline for Next Newsletter

30 December 2017

50th Wedding Anniversary – Peter and Liz Godfrey

Peter Sommerhalder

Turning the clock back 50 years saw the Auckland Canoe Club in a frenzy of activities. The headquarters was then the home of Peter and Liz Godfrey in Beachhaven. Every second weekend there was a working bee with multiple tasks and projects: Building kayaks, sewing parkas and tents, building a club bus and a racing K4 kayak. All that was achieved in our spare time, after work. Then there was a canoe club to run, and a commitment to the New Zealand Canoeing Association.

Peter and Liz were the driving force behind all these activities but they still found time to fall in love and get married. The wedding was in the chapel of Auckland University.

Their South Island honeymoon was to check out suitable paddling and camping areas for a club trip in the bus over Christmas 1967. The Godfreys have two children, Jonathan and Catherine. Their interests moved to include breeding dogs. Liz and Peter were teachers at Papakura High School and in his retirement Peter became a keen gardener.

The Anniversary celebrations with family and friends was held at Wattle Downs village, where Peter is a resident. The happy couple received a bouquet from Auckland Canoe Club in recognition for their long and immense support of the club. May they both have many more joyful years together in good health.



KASK Kayak Fest 2018 - Wellington

2-4 March 2018

Ngatittoa Domain, Mana

Learn new skills, meet new people, explore new waters

From the calm of the Pauatahanui Inlet, to the surge of the Plimmerton Harbour, the KASK Kayak Fest 2018 – Wellington promises to introduce you to new places, all contained in a small area.

There will be classes for learning new skills, polishing up on those already learned, or go with a group to the nearby Mana Island reserve.

Visit the link for more information at:

<http://news.kask.org.nz/kaskkayakfest2018>

Contact the event team by email:

kayakfest@kask.org.nz

The following Int. Kayak Week in the Sounds:

<http://news.kask.org.nz/kaskkayakfest2018/ikw2018/>



Poet's Corner

*A month away from my kayak
Seemed like a lifetime to me
But as soon as I'm back in the cockpit
I've always been at sea.*

*The Netherlands land of the bicycle
Waterways coming out your ears
A serious lack of paddle craft
Enough to drive me to tears.*

*And the South of England I grew up in
The golden sands of that coast
Full of beach huts but empty of kayaks
Not one narrow boat to boast.*

*So what to do on returning to base
A swim and a paddle to be sure
And all went well for two or three days
A bike thrown in for good measure.*

*Then it struck an unwelcome guest
It crept right in unannounced
It made itself known by its rotten cough
No holds barred to be trounced.*

*The thought of sitting around reading all day
Once was considered pretty fair
But a day of that soon loses its shine
Unlike the sun out there.*

*A fast sea running from the West I see
A sparkling blue what joy
For a midwinter's day what more can one ask
For people out there to enjoy.*

*So sitting it out the only thing left
To let this glitch run its course
Give me hilly terrain or a gnarly old sea
Even tramping through head high gorse.*

Mike Randall

The winter paddling season is thankfully well behind us now and the most enduring memory will be that it was very wet. It didn't dissuade the regulars though and the early morning group managed to paddle every weekend, wet or fine. They are a very enterprising team and quickly adapted to the conditions. We can now put on an impressive display of colourful brollies, guaranteed to brighten up any grey day. We also gained our outdoor cooking proficiency badges with a masterful effort each weekend in the big breakfast department. A good variety of interesting paddling destinations kept the paddlers keen and we are all looking forward the delights of the upcoming summer paddling season.

With the Winter Lecture series over for another year, it's time to thank all of the presenters. Well done to Kristine, Colin, Matt and Gerard for some wonderful mid-winter evening's entertainment. There were very good attendance numbers at all of the shows and afterwards we enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with fellow members and meet some of the newer ones. It became a bit of a problem in trying to get everyone to eventually go home. More of our intrepid club explorers are already overseas on adventures or are deep in planning some amazing summer ones. Rest assured that we have them already signed up for next year's series.

Club president Gerard Fagan maintains a tidy fleet of two Barracuda Safari sea kayaks. Another Safari was recently purchased and his original blue and gold craft has now been sold. Whilst the credit card was flashing about, he also acquired an additional set of very expensive ultra-lightweight carbon wing blades. We should take heed of the Presidents determination to be out on the water participating in healthy exercise. It sure as heck beats the tedium of grunting away on a smelly old gym workout, and it's probably a whole lot cheaper too.

The summer camping season is almost upon us and some good new outdoor equipment is now available. The early morning paddlers are always quick on the uptake when good new gear arrives. One of the lads brought a recent acquisition along for a demo on a recent outing. It was a Helinox Cot One compact camping stretcher. After a very impressive assembly demonstration, we all had to try it out. Three of the light-weight stretchers were quickly ordered via the internet. A week or so later we had a look at the latest luxury sleeping mat from Thermarest. Two of them are now on order. Both sleeping systems are not cheap, but what price do you put a good night's sleep. There is no need to rough it in the outdoors now. We will probably have to set up a new premium class campsite area now.

When Barracuda Kayaks were developing their new Interface sea kayak model, they enlisted the help of our early morning kayak group. They were used as sea trialist for the prototype of the new craft. The test kayak was a hybrid that utilised the new hull shape mated to the modified deck of an earlier model. It looked very sleek and sat low in the water offering very little wind resistance. I like that concept and couldn't wait to give it a try.

Unfortunately for me, the lads all got carried away with the testing thing and I ended up well and truly at the back of the queue. I actually missed out completely on a test paddle and the prototype moved into production with a very successful launch. Most of the group ended up buying one of the lightweight wonders and the prototype was left languishing away in a forgotten back corner of the Barracuda factory. Whilst all the other proud new Interface owners were gushing over their new craft, I managed to negotiate a deal to acquire the old prototype. My first paddle in it proved to be a real joy. Its performance was every bit as good as its looks. I think that I used it every week for the next six months whilst my other kayak was away undergoing a major upgrade. Just recently the hybrid craft has changed hands again. Club gears officer Jeff Amsden, who played a major part in the testing programme is now the proud owner.

For the last twenty-five or so years now, I have been organising and running regular weekly kayaking trips. It has been both a challenging and a rewarding experience for me. Thankfully my endeavours have been relatively incident free. During all those many years I have witnessed and heard tales of woe from many other ventures. Most of these were on outings that were grossly oversubscribed. When the weather takes a turn for the worse, things can go pear shaped pretty quickly in groups with big participant numbers.

I well remember being on such a trip some twenty three years ago. It was a rather ambitious club outing that embarked with over forty paddlers. Many of that group were of the novice entry level and the planned twenty six kilometre journey would have been at the extreme end of their abilities. After a leisurely meander past Browns Island, we stopped for lunch on a beach out the back of Motuihe Island. On the homeward leg, trouble set in. Some of the picnickers were a little tardy getting underway and our big group became quite separated. The speedsters had sprinted off for home and left the hapless trip leader to tend to the stragglers. It was about then that the dreaded headwind decided to spring up.

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I waited near the northern end of the island to assist. By this time the group had become well and truly strung out. The speedsters would have been approaching St Heliers as the tail-enders were just beginning their long slow struggle across towards Browns Island. The whitecaps were flecking up in the ever freshening wind. The poor old trip leader had worked herself up into a real tizz trying to cope. Stressed out and totally overwhelmed, her big day out did not end well. It had certainly been an over ambitious effort with many of the novice paddlers stretched to their limits on the homeward leg. That was probably the last club trip she ever led.

I would imagine that many of our members have been on trips with similar scenarios. Unfortunately for us, we have lost quite a few budding trip organiser as a consequence. It is good to deal with the speed variation within any group right at the start. When we have our pre-departure briefing, the fast paddlers are advised to paddle the full coastline contour, thus allowing the others to keep up by taking the shorter route by cutting across the top of the bays. They are also advised to keep within hailing distance of the tail-enders. On island crossings the speedsters can circle around the group or paddle a zig zag course. It's a bit like the old World War Two shipping convoy system with the fast escort destroyers racing about the slower freighters. That way, we all end up staying relatively close together.

I think we can all relate to situations where we've fallen behind and the group has raced off into the distance. It's darn-right demoralising and it gives the hapless tail-ender little incentive to attend the next outing. It's important to remember this and show some friendly support. Perhaps the most over-riding requisite for staying together is safety. During an incident, it's reassuring to know that the skilled help is close at hand to assist.

Recently we were paddling on the southern reaches of the Kaipara Harbour. We were using some very big tides to sweep us up the lower reaches of the Kaipara River and into Helensville. It's a quaint old river port with a colourful assortment of timeworn craft and rickety old jetties skirting the banks below the township. As we landed for morning tea, a spring rain-squall swept through and our prospects weren't looking that pleasant. Thankfully the commodore of the nearby Kaipara Game-fishing Club came to our rescue. He invited us to utilise their nearby clubhouse facilities. The spacious covered in barbeque deck area was the perfect place for us to light up our camping stoves and prepare our traditional hearty big breakfast feast whilst the rain drummed down outside.

On other recent outings we have been exploring up many coastal creeks and estuaries keeping well away from the stormy squalls ruffling up the region.

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The early morning group is just about to launch onto the Kaipara River near Parakai. It's a super high tide and just perfect for exploring.



Kristine Van Kuyk enjoying an excursion down around the lower reaches of the Kaipara River to where the big sand dredging complex is located at Mt Rex. Its real boys own stuff with tugboats, barges and giant suction dredges, but Kristine is right at home with the lads.

On the waterfront

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Small caves in the sea cliffs are exciting places to explore, but don't forget to lift the rudder before reversing out. It's amazing how much carnage occurs this way.

On the top of the bigger tides, our sea kayaks are the perfect craft for probing up all those seldom visited backwaters. Sometimes the small streams narrow down to marginal widths and there is insufficient room to turn some of our longer craft. We are all quite adept at reversing in confined spaces and enjoy the challenges of paddling in extreme shallows. It's a whole lot of fun exploring where not many other craft are able to venture.

A new smiley face at this year's Winter Series shows was delightful new club member Vicky Bostock. Vicky, a recent emigrant from the UK, has shipped across her Tiderace X-Cape sea kayak. This is now safely tucked away in the club storage locker.

Some of us spied the new craft up in the racks recently and it looked a little different. Being a typical British sea kayak, it lacks a rudder and we couldn't quite work out the bow from the stern. Vicky is keen to be out on the water meeting new members and putting the X-Cape through its paces.

Club members Andrew Hunter and Mike Randall have both recently acquired one of the new lightweight Barracuda Enigma sea kayaks. Andrew is a regular with the early morning group and makes it look ever so easy, as he lugs his ultra-light Enigma about with one hand. Mike is into his eighties now and greatly appreciates the ultra-light benefits which should see him paddling well into his nineties. We certainly all hope so and keenly look forward to his regular poetical contributions in each newsletter.

Nearing the end of last winter, we had a few brisk frosty mornings that saw the early morning crew reaching for their paddling poggies. After one particularly cold winter outing, we were all sitting back in the sun outside the club locker thawing out and congratulating ourselves for the icy effort. An even more severe frost was predicted for the next day and we were stunned to see a couple of kayakers preparing for an overnight trip out to Motutapu Island. Steve Davy and his eldest daughter were off to Home Bay for an extreme mid-winter camping weekend in their big Barracuda Outbacka double.



It's breakfast cook up time on the Kaipara. As the rain squalls thundered down outside, we were warm and dry as guests of the Kaipara Game Fishing Club at Helensville.



It's a boating backwater up around the old port of Helensville. Trawlers and charter fishing boats still manage to earn an income on the heavily silted harbour.

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The old port of Helensville hoves into view. Once a busy transport centre where overnight passenger steamers used to ply the vast waterways all the way up to Dargaville before the road and rail networks were established. Now it's just a quiet little backwater where old boats come to while away their final years.

The usual squally spring weather has been creating testing conditions for those of us keen to be out on the water. The early morning paddlers have managed to maintain their kayaking momentum by craftfully out-manoeuvring the worst of the weather. When it was blowing a stiff south-wester recently, we were tucked up safe on the sheltered northern side of the Whangaparaoa Peninsula. We paddled from Army Bay towards Orewa. A week later we were back up that way again.

It was forecast for squally north-westerlies that morning and we launched just north of the Whangaparaoa Peninsula this time. Eight hardy paddlers gathered at Orewa Beach for a brisk morning's adventure. We were all there nice and early and our jovial pre-departure banter managed to awaken some of the nearby freedom campers. We all managed to get away just before a big scudding rain squall swept through.

Our plan was to head up the coast towards the Maharangi Harbour. As we were approaching Waiwera another cold drenching squall raced through and our thoughts were of the lovely warm thermal springs nearby. We sought refuge by taking a detour up the Waiwera River but found no respite from the weather up there. Our next option was to turn tail and run with the wind back to a small sheltered beach just down the coast. As we landed, the sun came out and we enjoyed the warm sheltered spot for morning tea. When the tide turned we headed back towards Orewa and the weather improved a little.

At the extreme northern end of Orewa Beach we found a small stream that required investigating. It ducks under the road bridge at the base of the Orewa Hill and runs inland for a some distance skirting around the foothills. It was only just over forty-five minutes since high tide and there was still sufficient depth across the entrance bar for us to make a quick exploration. We probed our way upstream to where the old Purewa Park camping ground used to be. This area has now been engulfed by apartment buildings, but thankfully the developers have left the lovely little stream area untouched.

It was nice exploring up the sheltered tree lined waterway and we could have possibly gone a bit further, but the tide was rapidly running out.



The old Blockhouse Bay yacht club building was abandoned and neglected for many years. A recent refurbishment has seen it transformed into a very usable community asset.

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It's a stunning Saturday morning and the early morning kayakers are departing the Birkenhead wharf ramp. They are off up the harbour for an exploratory ramble and then they will participate in their traditional big breakfast cook up.

On the way back, there were a couple of groundings, but we eventually all managed to scamper out across the bar. It was a great way to round off a blustery spring morning.

Veteran club kayaker Ian Smeeton has recently relocated to a more palatial St Heliers residence. His old two car garaged apartment was incapable of accommodating all four of his sea kayak fleet. The new spacious three car capable dwelling will now suffice for his paddling needs. The ardent old veteran will once again be able ply the seas with his eclectic collection of kayaks that includes his beloved old Australian built Mirage 580.

Regular kayaking soon takes its toll on gear. In the brutal environment of sea kayaking, sun and salt water are our constant adversaries. When you are a regular kayaker, the gear replacement cycle is accelerated. In the last thirty years, the most common items that I have been shopping for are the flexible fabric ones. I've lost count of the number of cockpit covers, spray-skirts, life jackets and paddling boots that have worn out. The kayak may be durable, but some of the accessories certainly aren't. Keeping a good eye on the apparel market and observing how others are dealing with their gear will help in choosing the best new replacement items. When it's time to replace, I manage to minimise cost by purchasing two or three of each item and bartering for a bulk buy discount.

Kristine, one of our more prolific early morning paddlers was having gear trouble recently. She contacted Rasdex, a New Zealand manufacturer based in Christchurch for repairs to her spray-skirt and the possible custom manufacturing of a new one. They were quick to help in both departments and certainly did a good job. I will probably be contacting them for my next gear replacement order.

Coming up over the next few months are a variety of happenings and events. Our swim escort duties will soon be getting underway with the relatively easy Herne Bay event. This is scheduled for quite an early start, so why not make it a pleasant affair finishing up with a post paddle breakfast picnic on Watchman Island. Our club Christmas party details are in the planning stages and details will be announced soon.

Pete Townend the Canoe and Kayak head honcho wears many hats and is a keen supporter of the Dacre Cottage preservation group. He will be hosting a Christmas lunch up there on Sunday 26th November complete with live music. The occasion will be used to raise funds for the local marine reserve currently under threat from nearby developers. All kayakers are welcome to the twenty dollar per head event and are advised to bring along some gold coins for the fund raising raffles.



Tucked away in the mangroves near Hobsonville are some delightful sheltered shell bank beaches that are perfect for that essential morning tea stop. This is a top of the tide only landing.



Jeff Amsden enjoying a sparkling Saturday morning exploring the Wellington Reef out near the end of the Whangaparaoa Peninsula. There's an old shipwreck lurking down there somewhere and we hope to spot it one day when the conditions are clear and calm.

Further details are on their websites. Registrations are now open for next year's KASK Kayak Fest near Wellington. The event is being held in the Ngatitua Domain on the shores of the Porirua Harbour during 2-4 March 2018.

With summer just around the corner now it's time to ready the camping gear and start planning adventures small and far. We are rather fortunate in that we have many coastal campsites within easy reach right on our back door. Sea kayaks have a massive load capacity so it is easy to take along all those little creature comfort essentials and have a thoroughly indulgent weekend away.



It's a foreboding looking sky and a rain squall will shortly sweep through, but at least the kayakers managed to get away nice and dry tucked inside their cosy cockpits. That's always a good start.

Don't forget that our club paddling groups are active every weekend now. Some extra trips are also advertised at relatively short notice via our email alert system. The coffee cruise departs from Okahu Bay most sunny Saturday mornings and its best to contact Lester Miller for departure times if you would like to join them. The early morning kayak group is out on the water every weekend wet or fine. This group is kept compact for logistical reasons, but opportunities for paddlers prepared participate on a regular basis are available.

Happy summer paddling,

Roger



Matt Crozier catches the end of a rainbow arch out on a very tranquil Manukau Harbour. We are often out there in the misty early mornings and never tire of its magnificent moody atmosphere.

KASK Kayak Fest 2018 : Early Bird Registration Offer

The KASK Kayak Fest 2018 is being held at Ngatitōa Domain, Mana, over the weekend of 2–4 March 2018. The Domain gives us access to both the open sea through the Plimmerton Harbour, or into the calmer Pauatahanui Inlet. These locations give shelter from the wind, and allow training or cruising to occur. The weather in March is usually quite settled, and the weekend has been chosen with a full tide at midday.

It will be a glamping weekend, with showers, catering, and covered areas for eating and socialising available at the local Sea Scouts hall. The launch site is very close-by.

There will be experienced instructors with Deb Voturno, David Winkworth, John Kirk-Anderson, Conrad Edwards, Peter Brooks, and David Welch. There will be a guest speaker on the Saturday night.

The final programme is not yet out, but will include: ocean white water, boat manoeuvring, rescues, efficient paddling technique, and rolling.

Following on from the success of Ponui Island earlier this year, we are needing a definite number of registrations to make this Fest successful. It would be advantageous from a planning perspective, and for yourselves from a financial point of view, to register for the discounted fee of \$200. This must be received before the end of October 2017, as after that date, the full fee of \$225 will apply. Go to the KASK website at <http://www.kask.org.nz/>

Also, remember that following the KASK Kayak Fest 2018, the International Kayak Week is being run in the Marlborough Sounds. Come and do both.

Please feel free to email myself through the kaskfest email address, or directly to me.

Regards,

Noel Pepperell

artypep@globe.net.nz

PR & Registration

KASK Kayak Fest 2018 Organising Committee

Club Storage Locker

The combination number for the Storage locker at Okahu Bay will be changed, effective 1st December.

The new number will be given out on request by contacting the Storage Kayaks Officer Jeff Amsden on 021 449 555.

K2 Kayak Plans

The club has been given plans for building K2 Kayaks. If anyone is interested in these plans they should contact Trevor Arthur on 817 7357.

Trip to Motuora Island

10, 11, 12 and 13 November

Trip Leader, Gerard Fagan

Phone 021 071 5917

Arawa Canoe Club : Christchurch 50 Year Celebration

The Arawa Canoe Club from Christchurch are approaching their 50th Anniversary and plan to hold a celebration over Easter Weekend – 30th March to 1st April 2018.

Any members past and present can register their interest, and also to help fill some gaps in their records and club history by contacting:

Alison Pritchard, Media Officer, Arawa Canoe Club on media@arawacanoecub.org.nz

2018 Swim Escort Dates

Herne Bay Swim

Meet at Curran Street

Date: Saturday, 4th November 2017

On the water: 6:30 am

Kayak briefing: 6:45 am at Herne Bay

Race start time: 7:00 am

Tide: 8:00 am

From Herne Bay beach to Masefield Beach via Watchman's Island.

Total distance approximately 2.2km

The Bays Swim

Meet at St Heliers Beach

Date: Sunday 19th November 2017

Kayak briefing: 7:45 am

Race start time: 8:00 am

Tide: 8:54 am

Start at St Heliers round the buoy located offshore, head to Tamaki Yacht Club and round the buoy to the finish.

Total distance 3.6km

Chelsea Swim

Meet at Curran Street

Date: Sunday 4th February 2018

Kayak briefing: 8:30 am

Race start time: 9:00 am

Tide: 11:20 am

From Masefield Beach to the Chelsea Sugar Refinery.

Total distance 2.4km

Rangitoto Swim

Date: Sunday 18 March 2018

Race start time: 9:00 am

Tide: 9:04 am

Rangitoto Wharf to St Heliers Bay.

Total distance 4.6km