



Newsletter

December 2000

Hello Folks,

I would like to offer a big Thank-you to our out-going newsletter editor, Julia Thom. Julia has been the newsletter editor since June 1997, but has decided to give up the job because she will soon be moving to Melbourne. I think that Julia has done an excellent job as Editor, and I only hope that I will be able to keep up the standards. Thank you Julia and good luck in Melbourne.

As for myself, if you don't already know me, my name is Margaret Thwaites and I have been paddling for about seven years. I own a fleet of kayaks (not telling how many!) but I normally paddle a yellow and green Albatross sea kayak (and no, I'm not Australian!). I have been known to do some white water kayaking, including paddling over waterfalls, sea kayak racing (where I won a kayak as a spot prize!) and even canoe polo, but my main "love" is sea kayaking. I was the club's secretary for a number of years, but I have never been the editor of a newsletter before, so please forgive me if I make any mistakes.

I have not changed the format of the newsletter too much this month because I thought it would be enough of a challenge to simply get it out on time, but I do have some ideas for the future. If anyone has any suggestions or criticisms of the newsletter and its content please let me know and maybe we can work something out. I would also very much like to receive some trip reports and photos of your Christmas adventures for future issues of the newsletter. As per club policy, there will not be a newsletter published in January, so I will take this opportunity to wish you all a merry Christmas and a paddling new year.

Cheers,

Margaret

In this issue...

- Results of the trip-planning meeting.
- Sally Seagull returns.
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Trips and Events Calendar

Remember to contact the trip leader before you set out. This is important, and you must realise that the leader needs to know the capabilities of those who are coming and to be able to contact you if there are changes. **Please be aware that you paddle on a Club trip at your own risk. Read the safety policy below. If there is any chance that you may be a liability to the rest of the group or to the leader be sure to inform the leader of this before you set out.**

Safety Policy for Club Trips.

- 1 Any Club member who has any doubt about whether or not their skills are sufficient for a particular trip **MUST** contact the trip leader ahead of time to discuss safety issues.
- 2 It is your responsibility to wear a buoyancy aid, to be suitably dressed for the conditions, and to carry any other personal safety equipment necessary for the trip.
- 3 You must make a realistic assessment that your strength and endurance are sufficient for whatever is planned.
- 4 You must be able to re-enter your kayak (with help from another paddler if necessary) after a capsizes in deep water.
- 5 With night paddling it is everybody's responsibility to provide their own large lens flashlight, or fixed all-round white light on a one metre high pole, in working order and mounted on the outside of the kayak where it can be seen at all times.

TRIP CANCELLATIONS

The Club is now using "Newstalk ZB" cancellation service. This can be listened to on 1080AM or 89.4FM. The service runs on Saturday and Sunday from 7:00am. This should eliminate the multitude of phone calls to trip leaders when the weather looks suspect.

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Summer Holidays in Northland, December 26 – January 7. Spend the Christmas / New Year in the Winterless North. We will be base-camping at the Whangaruru North Head DOC camp ground in Puriri Bay, just inside the mouth of the Whangaruru Harbour, for the first week, then moving further north as the mood takes us. There will be plenty of options for day trips, and maybe an overnight trip. There are also some good bush tracks nearby if you feel so inclined. Some campsites have been booked, but if you need to book more space, contact the Russel Visitor Centre, 09 403 7685 or 09 433 6160. The turn-off to Whangaruru North is at Ngaio Tangata, on the old Whangarei to Russel Coastal Road. **Contact Ann Schofield 025 277 4055, or Des 025 276 3456.** There will be a message on the cellular answering service explaining where we are.

Sunday 31 Celebrate New Year. Celebration and Dawn Paddle at the Clubrooms, Okahu Bay. Meet on Sunday from 9:00pm. BYO drinks, nibbles, sleeping mat and bag, and also something for a shared barbeque breakfast. Paddle onto the harbour to see the sun rise. Back to the clubrooms for breakfast. Co-ordinators – Peter and Su, phone 815 2073 during day.

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Weekend 13 – 14 Whitianga to Opito Bay, Coromandel Peninsula. Explore this section of the Coromandel Peninsula with Ryan Whittle, camping at a remote bay. For more details, and to book your place, contact Ryan on 419 2672.

Sunday 14 Treasure Hunt. For all you fortune hunters out there, now is your opportunity to discover the hidden treasures of the Waitemata! Meet at Okahu Bay at 9 am for a 9:30 briefing and start. You will be put in small teams and sent on your way with a detailed map that will take you on a path of discovery. The treasure hunt is suitable for paddlers of all abilities. A barbacue will be provided afterwards at around midday. Entry fee is \$5 per person and kayak hire is only \$10 per kayak – this is a special treasure hunters deal. **If the sun is not shining and the wind is up call Jonathan Jarvis to confirm on 366 6805.**

Anniversary Weekend 27 - 29, A weekend on the Island of Love. Aroha Island is a wonderful spot on the Kerikeri Inlet. It is located on the northern side of the inlet and is approximately half-way between the Stone Store and Opito Bay. To find it drive past the Stone Store, take the Opito Bay road and it is about 10 minutes driving to get there. It is very well sign posted. The island is connected by a causeway. Wonderful camping, it is a kiwi sanctuary and there are heaps of kayaking options to suit all levels of skill and inclination. The cost is \$7.50 per person per night to camp. If you want to book either the cottage (4 beds) or the bunkroom (6 beds) contact Aroha Island direct on (09) 407-5243. **The leader is Vincent Maire (09) 424-2293 home or mair.family@xtra.co.nz. Numbers are restricted at the campsite so please advise in advance if you are coming on this trip.** This is a very beautiful and peaceful place and you will not be disappointed.

Anniversary Weekend 27 – 29. Ponui Island. Explore this island at the eastern end of Waiheke Island, visit beaches that resemble a tropical island paradise, camp on a deserted beach. **You must contact Justin Sanson-Beattie, phone 278 8090, to book a place because the camp site is on private land, which limits the numbers to eight people, preferably in four tents.**

Monday 29 Point to Point Multisport Race. Contact Ian Calhaem, phone 579 0512, for more details.

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Saturday 3 Girls Can Do Anything (No Boys Allowed!!) This is the first in a series of practice/skill sharing sessions in order to improve our overall safety level as a club. We are kicking off with a couple of hours for the ladies only. The plan is to learn some tricks and tips on the easiest ways of getting back into your boat, and how to assist your buddies back into theirs. It will be a good opportunity to practice what you already know but may have got a bit rusty on, and also to improve your group rescue skills. Complete novices through to experience paddlers are welcome and if you don't own a boat (or love your kevlar too much) they can be hired off the beach from Canoe and Kayak. **Please phone me so I know your are coming incase we need to have a venue change due to bad weather. Meet at the MERC (South end) of Long Bay beach at 2pm. Rebecca Heap phones 473 0661, 025 273 7675 email becks@fc.dt.co.nz**

Waitangi Weekend, 3 – 6. Lake Waikaremoana. Take Monday, 5th, off work and spend four days paddling around Lake Waikaremoana. Travel down Friday night and camp at Murupara before the final leg of unsealed road to the lake. This paddle may not be suitable for beginners. **Contact Margaret Thwaites on 2927 883.**

Friday 9 McKensie Bay BBQ. Evening paddle, from Narrow Neck Beach to McKensie Bay, by the Rangitoto Lighthouse. Have a swim and BBQ on the beach, full-moon for paddle back. **All paddlers must have an all-round white light. Contact David Ward on 445 3639.**

Weekend 10 – 11. Home Bay, Motutapu. A camping experience not far from home! **Contact Justine Sanson-Beattie, phone 278 8090, for more details. Unlimited camping space.**

Sunday 11 Swim Escort - Mechanics Bay to Tamaki Yacht Club. Meet at Okahu Bay at 8:45am for a 9:15 departure. Barbeque back at the Clubrooms afterwards.

Sunday 18 Waiheke Island. Destination Whakanewha (next to Rocky Bay on Waiheke), meet at 9.00am for a 9.30 am start. 7km there, 7km back so this is a very short paddle. We will have leisurely crossings of the Tamaki Strait, but just in case and because it is an open stretch of water, if you would like to do this trip ,please be able to paddle 7km non-stop into a headwind if necessary. Carry all safety gear, but keep your weight down as we will need to wheel/carry the kayaks over the flats on Waiheke,(low tide). The intention is to have a relaxing paddle to the ARC park, where you will have the opportunity to explore the park campground and estuary, Rocky Bay village, and possibly the forest and bird society park. I would suggest that we do not leave valuables in our unattended kayaks during the walks. **Leader will be Steve Melrose phone 5365386. Cross your fingers for good weather.**

Weekend 24 – 25. Raglan, Aotea and Kawhia Harbours. More details closer to the date. Leader is Ken Jackson, phone 535 9005.

Sunday 25 Circumnavigate Rangitoto Island Anti-clockwise. Meet at Okahu Bay Clubrooms by 8:00am. High tide is at 9:55am. Suitable for intermediate paddlers but not novices as this is approx 30km paddle of over six hours duration. Contact Rob Gardner on 533 4061.

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Sunday 4 Swim Escort – Rangitoto to St. Heliers Beach, 4.5km. Meet at the western end of St. Heliers Beach (at the end closest to the city) by 11:00am for an 11:30 departure.

Alternatively...

Saturday night on Rangitoto, return with the swimmers on Sunday. Sleep in the bach or camp on the deck near the wharf. Meet at Okahu Bay by 5:00pm for a 5:30pm departure. Contact Trevor Arthur, on 817 7357, for more details on both trips.

Saturday 10 Little Barrier Island. Use a launch to carry kayaks and people out to Little Barrier Island and then go for a paddle around the island. Costs \$80 per person and is limited to 16 people. This trip will fill fast and it will be first in, first served. Contact Matt Grant, phone 524 2108, to secure your place.

Sunday 11 Little Barrier Island. Saturday's trip repeated. Again, \$80 per person, and is limited to 16 people. Contact Matt Grant, phone 524 2108, to secure your place.

Where can you go to get training?

Auckland Canoe Centre, phone 815 2073.

Basic confidence course, Henderson Pool, Tuesday evenings - \$95 for four sessions.

One-on-One rolling, Henderson Pool, Tuesday evenings - \$149 for two sessions.

Sea Kayaking intro skills, one day at Waiwera

Sea Kayaking skills weekend at Waiwera – rescues, navigation.

Auckland Wilderness Experiences, Chris Gulley, phone 813 3369

Intro skills, overnight at Mahurangi - \$225

Rolling sessions, Kelston Girls, Thursday evenings - \$95 for three sessions – run with George Gerard, a Club member.

Surfing courses, White water courses and Navigation courses run on request.

Canoe and Kayak, phone 479 1002

Sea Kayaking intro course – Friday pool session, plus Sat/Sun 9 – 5, \$230

White water – two weekends (stage one and two)

Rolling sessions, Northcote College Pool - \$150 for four sessions.

Multisport racing courses held monthly.

Advanced sea kayaking courses on request.

First aid course \$175, First aid refresher - \$65

Fergs Kayaks, phone 529 2230

Basic paddling skills – paddle strokes, rescues – Sunday morning, Okahu Bay - \$60

Learn to roll, one-on one, heated pool - \$60 per hour.

Intro to White water weekend, Taupo, with Ian Ruthven, Wilderness Adventures - \$275

Multisport River Racing weekend - \$275

George Gerard, phone 814 8989 (hm), 367 0959 (wk).

Pool Training, Kelston Girls, Thursday evenings - \$95 for first three sessions, \$10 thereafter.

Intro Sea Kayaking, White water, and Down River Racing courses on request – courses are designed to fit what the participants want - \$100 per day (approx), plus boat hire (\$10 / day)

There are also a few club members that are experienced instructors and with a bit of encouragement (bribery and/or arm-twisting!) might be coaxed into giving a training session...

Rebecca Heap, Ken Marsh, David Poolman

Useful phone numbers and addresses

You never know when you'll need us...

Club address – PO Box 45020, Te Atatu Peninsula, Waitakere City

President – Trevor Arthur – 817 7357

Secretary – Rona Patterson – 834 3399

Treasurer and membership detail changes – Matt Crozier – 817 1984

Club Kayaks – Jonathan Jarvis – 366 6805

Trips officer – Matt Grant – 524 2108

Newsletter Editor – Margaret Thwaites – 2927 883, 025 626 4786, m.thwaites@xtra.co.nz, William Potter Lane, Karaka, RD1 Papakura

Sea kayaker sparks rescue alert and anger on Tiri Tiri Matangi.

By Vincent Maire

On Saturday 9th December at 9.30pm Barbara Walters, ranger on Tiri Tiri Matangi Island in the Hauraki Gulf, telephoned my wife and I seeking information on a "lost" sea kayaker believed to be paddling to the island. Apparently the sea kayaker was a resident of Coromandel Peninsular, a member of a woman's outdoor pursuits organisation and also a sea kayaker. Barbara wondered if we knew who she was. We didn't. We were immediately concerned as earlier in the evening we had gone for a walk and had avoided the beach as 15+ knot winds were blowing in from the north. Anyone capsizing in the Tiri Passage and who had either lost their boat or couldn't re-enter, would likely be blown many kilometers south before finding land on Auckland's North Shore beaches.

Next morning I turned on the radio to see if there was any further news on the incident but nothing was reported. Later in the morning Barbara called to tell us what had happened. Apparently the sea kayaker had left her car at Tindalls Bay on Whangaparaoa Peninsular which was later discovered by the police who instigated the search. A local resident said the kayaker had said she was planning to paddle to Tiri. Naturally Ray & Barbara Walters were alerted, (hence their call to us) and they started a search of the island. The sea kayaker was discovered camping at North-East Bay. She even had a fire going. To make matters worse, she admitted to knowing how precious the island is as a nature reserve. A fire at this end of the island, with a strong northerly wind blowing could have caused a fire with absolutely devastating results. A disaster made worse by the fact this is prime nesting time for the many endangered birds on the island.

Barbara's call was to ask me to remind sea kayakers that Tiri Tir Matangi is a no camping area and has a total fire ban. This incident is also a reminder that leaving a car on a beach and disappearing up the coast in a sea kayak without informing anyone of your intentions will likely result in a search & rescue emergency. The idiocy of one sea kayaker is a reminder to us all to be more aware of trip planning procedures.

Antarctic Expedition

Three sea kayakers preparing to paddle the Antarctic Peninsular have had a fair amount of press coverage. They will join Sir Peter Blake's Seamaster in Argentina and travel to the peninsular where they will begin the expedition, which is expected to last six weeks. Progress on the trip can be monitored on www.adventurephilosophy.com

Something from "The Far Side"...

By Margaret Thwaites.

If anyone is intending to go paddling on the Manukau Harbour, Bottletop Bay in particular, please be aware that one of the farmers in the Karaka area has been "exercising" his cows in the estuary behind his farm. (i.e. one escaped!) The above-mentioned farmer, after receiving correspondence from a "representative" of the Water Safety Council, a Mr A. Noall, and advice from well-meaning neighbours, is now fitting his cows with "cow preservers", kindly donated by his neighbours. So, the next time all you multisporters are out there doing the Meadow Lea Bottletop Bay Marathon and you hear something go "Moo" behind you, it might pay to "mooove" over!!!

Trip Leaders Skills Course.

By Rebecca Heap.

Three weekends in November saw Okahu Bay buzzing with Auckland paddlers attending the ACC/KASK Trip Leaders Course. The first course was run by Grant Rochfort, from Wellington, and the subsequent two by George Gerard of Auckland. It was designed to lift the skill levels of ACC trip leaders and aspiring trip leaders as well as to encourage those who had been actively involved in the past to get back into leading. The basis of the course was skill enhancement, which was analysed through the Heron Model rather than a formally assessed programme.

I had the privilege of attending the third workshop and had a very enjoyable weekend. The group was a good mix, some of us had been leading trips for a number of years and others were just embarking on their venture to put something back into the pastime which had given them so much. On the Friday night we spent three hours looking at the theoretical aspects of Leadership in a classroom situation then on Saturday we took to the water. With a light breeze and plenty of sunshine we had a fun morning practicing a variety of rescue techniques. After a debrief and lunch the afternoon session involved developing our trip leader skills which took us to a number of destinations along the Auckland waterfront.

Sunday was another great day in the City of Sails, and it was a chance for us to try our hands at leadership in a range of different situations. George had carefully mapped out a series of scenarios to challenge our own individual needs and then briefed us on our different roles for each one. With a little ad-libbing from various members of the team the scenarios took on a certain realism and we all learnt plenty from each other.

Our thanks go to Grant and George for all their hard work and also to KASK, Coastbusters and NZ Water Safety for their financial support. If anyone is interested in taking part in any future leadership courses, please contact Vincent Maire on (09) 424-2293 or maire.family@xtra.co.nz

The Ebb and Flow

By Roger Lomas, and others.

When Julia Thorn took on the task of Newsletter editor four years ago, the Club financial membership had dwindled to just over 40. In her time as editor the workload has increased seven fold. Now, as she relinquishes the post to take up residence in Aussie, the membership has grown to well over 300. Julia took it all in her stride with no complaints. Well done and a big thank you Julia.

How do you encourage the tardy and the tired to go a bit further on a club paddle? David "Dumper" Poolman tried the tempting carrot method on a recent trip when he announced that there was a McDonalds around just a few more bends up the Hotoe River.

There is a water meter on our tap at the storage locker and we pay. Think conservation.

Our Ann Schofield organised a much needed trip planning meeting earlier this month. The trip calendar is now well booked up to March and beyond. An eclectic assortment of Club members turned up to make the evening a success.

As our Club membership grows, there is a need for more trip leaders. Vincent Mare has helped ensure that this need is met by arranging for Club members to participate in a series of safety and skills courses. Three of these have now been held with senior Club instructor George Gerard on hand to run more as demand requires.

K.A.S.K, the Kiwi Association of Sea Kayakers, which is as close as we will get to a national body to represent sea kayaking, provided some of the funding to run the courses. Many of our Club members subscribe to a K.A.S.K. membership and enjoy reading the excellent magazine edited by Paul Caffyn. The K.A.S.K. forum is held around Easter each year and because it has mainly a lower North Island and South Island hierarchy, the organisers choose a venue in their area. This is great for Auckland members as it gives us an opportunity to enjoy some southern hospitality. They indulge in some rather bizarre events such as the Phantom making an appearance to participate in the ritual burning of a jet ski. Now that is something we would enjoy. K.A.S.K. subscriptions are \$20 p.a. made out to K.A.S.K. (NZ) Inc. and sent to KASK Treasurer Max Grant, 71 Salisbury St., Ashurst 5451. If you need more info., contact Vincent Maire.

An old, yellow Sea Bear, has been languishing in our storage locker. It has a compass on the foredeck and a Prijon sticker and light mast mount on the rear. If not claimed, it might be sold to defray storage cost. Contact Bruce Bugbee.

Stephanie Seager's breakfast on Bean Rock was a great fun and a big fleet turned up to make it the most heavily populated Kayak rock in N.Z. The day started early with Margaret Thwaites up at the "Karaka" of dawn to bake some tasty treats. A festive air prevailed with a few champagne corks popping into it. A rising tide and a few bow waves from a Waiheke ferry told us it was time to leave. More again next year please Stephanie.

If you are wanting to clock up a few more hours on your paddling C.V., Fergs Kayaks have a couple of vacancies for guides at the moment. If you are a competent paddler and don't mind getting paid, inquire at the shop. Jonathon Jarvis has been busy on the team and has even managed to recruit a few new members for us.

Simon Bridger had the prototype of his new kayak paddle light at the Auckland Canoe Centre recently. It is very effective with multi L.E.D. lights flashing in various sequences. It doesn't play tunes but it would look great at the top of a Christmas tree.

Want to look fast even if you're not? Pop up to Silverdale and seek out the home of Barracuda Sea Kayaks where you can see their latest creation, the Torpedo. It is a racing surf ski and designer Gordon Robinson will be astride one of these missiles next year in our winter racing series.

Our Club members are an intrepid lot and the remote regions of the South Island are crawling with them at the moment. Colin Quilter, Ryan Whittle, Wally Gilmer and Matt Crozier are exploring Thompson, Doubtful and Bradshaw Sounds, and David and Dianne Lomas are up in the Humbolt Mountains.

Wally and Ryan, after their big adventure last summer, are off again next February. They have recruited Graeme Bruce and Steve Davy and will attempt to paddle out to and around Gt. Barrier Is.

An expedition of an easier kind is being organised by Cruise Director Matt Grant. Our Mokohinau Islands adventure boat is booked again, but this time it is heading for Little Barrier Island. Two trips are planned for March, so first in....

Brian Crump and Arnot Lefleur like a good Saturday workout and regularly paddle over to Rangitoto and run to the top. Give Brian a ring if you are keen.

An official request has been launched to shift Saturday night Speedway meetings to Wednesday. This would then remove the conflict of interests that a certain active Club member uses as an excuse to miss our exciting, overnight trips.

Things to look forward to:

New Years Eve at the Clubrooms, organised by Peter and Su Sommerhalder.

Our own Indian Jones style adventure – Treasure Hunt, organised by Jonathon and Denise and Yogi and BoBo.

Farewell to Julia our Editor.

From the President.

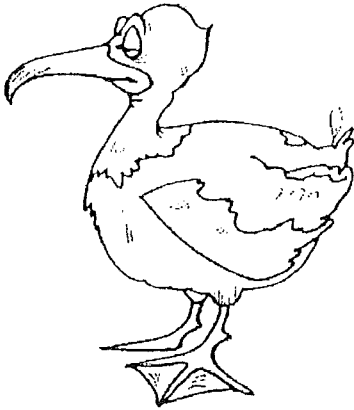
After four years of untiring work as Editor of our Newsletter, Julia and family are shifting to Melbourne.

On behalf of all our Members, I would like to thank Julia for her tremendous effort over the years. We all know the Newsletter is an important asset of any club, and to have enjoyed our regular, informative Issues as we have, has been great. Thanks again.

Julia, we would like to wish you well in the land of Oz, and hope you enjoy the paddling there.

Trevor Arthur.

Greeting Sweeties



Sally Seagull flying in after a long absence to report on the recent trip to Tiritiri. It would seem that not a lot has changed since my last scribe duties for the ASKNET lot. Sea kayakers still providing us gossip columnists with much fodder indeed, darlings.

The trip started early Friday morning for those us lucky enough to get away from work. I arrived at Shakespeare Park to see Justin and Jennifer (affectionately known here on as Mr and Mrs Gear) already well in the laborious task of loading the "gear" in their

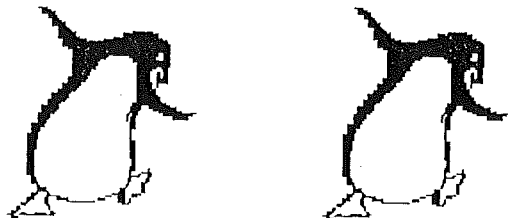


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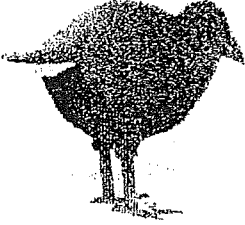
boats. For those members who are not familiar with Justin and his infamous, bottomless hatches, the only analogy I can think of is the scene in which Mary Poppins is emptying her famous carpetbag. Trevor and myself, much like the children in the film, wide-eyed and unbelieving that so much could fit in such a small place. Of course, hatstands are replaced by snorkel gear, Victoriana by fishing stuff and by kitchen utensils most of us do not even use in our permanent kitchens. Disbelief soon turned into memories of a great trip to the barrier a couple of years ago and carrying Justin's boat. Gratitude took over – this was only a two-day trip and

after all, the barrier trip had been eight days. Don't worry, Trev, our backs will be fine?!

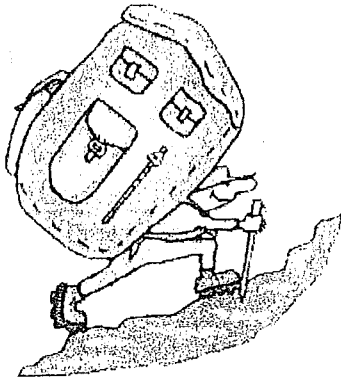
We had a fairly quick trip over thanks to a following sea and a weak tide. Trevor informed us that the kayaks had to be stored on the wharf away from the penguins. Apparently, they return to their nests exactly the same way they left with absolutely no diversions whatsoever! So if they come back from the daily fishing trip to find a long piece of Kevlar in their way they just keep pounding into it ever hopeful it will ever move or disappear before their migraines get too much to bear or its time for the next fishing trip. I am bitterly disappointed I thought penguins highly intelligent birds. After all, they do some pretty amazing things with BlueBird chips and seem to keep the Telecom punters buying their mobiles products. Still, there is most probably a small market for Penguin Panadol and when you come to launch the product just contact BlueBird for the Penguin Acting Agency.



It was a luxury, to have the ranger and his ute transport both gear and four kayakers up the hill to the bunkhouse. And to go back to the carpet bag and Mr and Mrs Gear, Trevor and I were grateful there was just enough room in the back of the ute for our couple of bags!



In the afternoon, we lazed around like true Aucklanders and drank coffee. We could have easily been on a Ponsonby street except for the odd Takahe wondering around, the splendid view and, of course, the absolute peace and tranquility - well once the high school from Cambridge left on the afternoon ferry. It turned out that we had the whole bunkhouse to ourselves so we were a bit like Goldilocks picking the best bunk. Trevor quickly nabbing the bunk with the best mattress and the sea view.



Justin on his afternoon like

The rest of the afternoon was land bound with Mr and Mrs Gear and their photographic equipment (out of the carpetbag) off to perhaps catch some of my fellow feathered friends on film. I opted for a good book and a snooze under the shade of a young pohutukawa.

Of course, it was soon time to eat and drink in true sea kayaking style. Ms Seagull was so stuffed full of the wonderful array of appetisers that she felt no need for dinner and left the others and retired her weary wings early.

In the morning, we considered for a very short nanosecond paddling over and meeting the rest of the group who were now on their way over but the island was beckoning to be circumnavigated and there were big fish to be caught and of course more food to be eaten.

Now, sweeties, should you ever be short of food or you get stuck (heaven help you) on the kayaker's equivalent of the TV series "survivor" or "castaway" or even "shipwrecked". Trevor Arthur is the man to have on your team - he is likely to win the million dollars!



Trevor returning with his catch

He espied a fishing boat gathering scallops and decided he wanted some for morning tea. We are not quite sure which yarn he spun - possibly the one "I have just kayaked from the barrier and I am starving" or "I have 10 kids at home to feed". Whatever! It worked so well that they gave him half a sack full and then chased after him in a fizz boat and gave him some more! Perhaps it was just as well these saintly scallop providers did not see "poor Trev" catch no less than 6 very reasonable size kahawa a mere 30 minutes later. The fishermen in their "tinnies" scowling in envy at the blood drenched deck of the yellow Seabear.

So the traditional muesli bar gave way to freshly cooked scallops, courtesy of Mr and Mrs Gear's mobile kitchen, for morning tea with the promise of fresh fish for our pot lock supper.



Snorkeling seemed to be the afternoon activity with Mr and Mrs Gear in full wetsuits. (Justin with the world's longest flippers).

Trevor, with slightly less snorkelling gear, went off in search of more bounty. I would have not been surprised to see him come back with an enormous lemon fish on the end of his Swiss army knife but he actually came back with Ken Marsh who was definitely not on the menu. So the Saturday group had made it over and had found us either by foot or by paddle. Ken informed us that the little people and their parents had arrived by the ferry. This meaning that I had to take a break from my Sally Seagull duties and look after the "chicks in the nest" whilst partner, Paul, was suffering from "having to catch the ferry and not paddling over like you lucky bastards syndrome". We caught up on the beach and within seconds my lifejacket and sprayskirt were quickly ripped off, no not in passion, but he in desperation to commandeer my Xfactor and paddle the calm and crystal clear waters of TiriTiri. Meanwhile, I am left with a couple of half-naked children, sandy and somewhat unwilling to walk up to the bunkhouse as last time a nice man in an ute had taken them. Still, they cheered up once they had seen the nesting penguins, some bellbirds taking a bath in the late afternoon sun and some saddlebacks dancing amongst the branches.

It was soon time for the appetisers and the booze and the build up to the mass potluck supper. Stephanie disappeared with a large glass of red wine to write her school reports. We all offered to help her with random comments on "How little Johnnie could do better if only he was not so easily distracted" and "If young Jason put the same effort into his Maths as he did collecting Pokemon cards" and so on. But parents reading this can be rest assured that she let us nowhere near them!

off the mark by Mark Parisi
www.offthemark.com



Paul and Devon

I was guilty on bring up the subject of the American election with Ann Maynard. She turned down, on the behalf of the US nation, my offer of returning America to the British Empire and teaching the Americans to play Rugby (as per a worldwide email doing the joke circuit).

Talking of jokes there must be a joke about 6 blokes in a kitchen all cooking individual dishes but they all escape me at the time of writing!

We eventually sit down to a plethora of dishes varying from chilli con carne, butter chicken, curried kahawai and scallop a la crème. It was all very yummy and the guys did a good job.

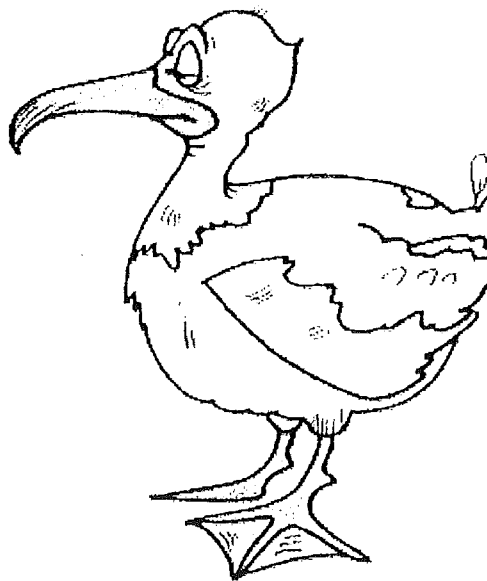
David Poolman and I ended up in this bizarre conversation about Harrods Christmas puddings versus Marks and Spencer's Christmas puddings. It all started when Mr and Mrs Gear were talking about bringing a steamed pudding out of their carpetbag and I made this really innocent comment, as one does, about the merits of English Plum Puddings!

David tried to compare M&S with Smith and Caughy but as every true blue Marks and Spencer's freak will tell you that there is just no comparison and the David Jones or the Smith and Caughies of this hemisphere just do not hit the spot. It turned out he was just having me on as he had actually lived in UK and had shopped in M&S but we did establish he had never bought any of their famous knickers. He definitely won the sparring contest and Sally Seagull's feathers were ever so slightly ruffled. It was with some consolation during a spontaneous poetry bout that someone had started at the other end of the table, David, was struggling to find something to rhyme with "Fork" so in perfect stereo Ryan and I called out "dork"!

So all in all a wonderful weekend on a truly magical NZ treasure. Much gratitude to our leaders, Trevor and John Maynard. A special thanks to Trevor for organizing the whole thing. Lastly, homage to weather gods, for ordaining to allow us at least one good weekend of weather!

Yours truly

Sally Seagull



Auckland Canoe Club Membership list

Surname	Firstnames	HomePh			
Adams	Nigel	521 9011	Diedricks	Shawn	575 4802
Anderson	Richard	522 6864	Dirks	Vincent & Kim	826 0989
Andrew	Jennifer	570 5455	Dodd/Nijssen	Eric/Lynda	520 4462
Arthur/Grayson	Trevor & Sue	817 7357	Dorman	Ken	361 1656
Ash	Jonathan	631 5617	Douglas	Jenni	818 2862
Atkinson	Lucinda	446 3226	Dowthwaite	Trish	846 1456
Augustin	Ron & Nancy	818 7241	Duncan	John	445 8074
Baker	Gavin	536 4535	Duncan/Fields	Ian & Alison	09 446 6114
Barker	Brett	361 2512	Duxfield	Jarrad	303 1512
Barnett	Stephen, Irene	482 2087	Edwards	Alan	575 7172
Barry	Jonathan	376 7124	Edwards	Katherine & Graham	
Barwell	Katherine	522 1797	Edwards	Keith	528 8696
Batstone	Chris, Neroli	528 7333	Elliffe	Martin	827 1679
Beattie	Rachel	309 7341	Erenstrom	Susan	525 3216
Beeby	Kevin	521 4239	Farrand	Lou	414 1141
Blackwood	Miles	373 3332	Fedorski	Martin	533 7244
Boere	Anne	416 6486	Ferguson	John	482 1932
Bolweg	Hans, Yvonne	827 1895	Fitzgerald	Heather	445 0552
Borne	Cynthia	818 4082	Fond	Robyn	445 6736
Boterman	Gerard	473 5738	Francis	Andrew	810 9124
Boyes	Ian	638 6246	Francis	John	
Bridger	Simon		Fullam	Janice	09 420 9226
Brown	Graeme/Tessa	309 7566	Gardner	Robert	533 4061
Brown	Kerrin	820 0503	Gaskin	Andrea	845 1170
Bruce	Graeme	07 332 3112	Gattin	Steve	
Brunner	Paul	817 2020	Gendall	Peter	638 7759
Bryant/Strong	Leslie & Micah	266 8556	Gerard	George	814 8989
Buckley	Paul	444 1536	Gerbic	Andrea	625 8513
Bugbee	Bruce & Lesley,	827 0565	Gibbs	Shona	376 0957
Bugbee	Laurie	827 5699	Giles	Patrick, Gawain	480 9663
Calhaem	Ian & Alison	579 0512	Gilmer	Wally & Sue	832 3274
Cameron	Sal	817 8735	Glazer	Grant	09 372 3446
Camp	Dean & Leigh	535 6473	Goddard	Keith	638 7124
Camp	Preston	377 8443	Godfrey	Liz & Peter,	276 5444
Campbell	Don & Heather	278 8759	Goldsmann	John	811 8865
Carr	Janey & Andrew	359 9110	Good	Alissa	846 2622
Chalk/Kilpatrick	Sue & Craig	846 8024	Graham/Skelton	Mitchell/Russy	277 9529
Channings/Hansen	John / Wilma	376 5631	Grant	Matthew	524 2108
Christie	Gerald	846 8180	Greaves	Tony	07 827 2170
Clark	Raymond	818 9609	Greenland	Robert	818 1323
Clay	Rebecca	521 4219	Gregan	Brendan	410 3724
Clayton	Roger	815 5578	Hall	Mike	480 2030
Cotton	Ian	634 2777	Hanvey	Maurice	418 3241
Crikemans	Dominique	522 1650	Hardakder	Geraldine	817 1017
Crozier	Matthew	817 1984	Harker	Matthew	360 4228
Crump	Bryan	520 2818	Harknett	Jim	630 2273
Cunnold-Smythe	Steve & Louise	579 6005	Harper	Jenny	846 5575
Dagger	Jackie	534 3381	Harpur	Rob	479 3397
Daglish	Gordon	478 9171	Harris	Craig	528 6674
Davie	Kerry & Diana	575 5248	Hart	Randal & Janet	537 3093
Davies	Andrea & Robyn		Hawthorn	Dan	846 9572
Davy	Steve	827 7754	Hayes	William	833 8462
De Beer	Etienne	09 426 3256	Hazeldine	Sam	817 1350
Dean	Andrew	535 5566	Heap	Rebecca	473 0661
DeLacy	Larry	846 4249	Henden	Will	522 4966
Dickson	Glyn, Birgit	818 6400	Henderson	Philip	527 7938
			Henry	Warren	416 7961
			Hicks	Jenny	827 1679
			Hieatt	John	828 9673

Hill	Susan	445 3236	Muir	Jodi	534 9759
Hird	James	367 4108	Nash	Digby	483 6513
Hiskens/Mackenzie	Dave & Liz	528 8607	Nevill	John	529 9455
Horring	Julia	827 7737	Newth	David	410 7169
Horvath	Marcel	636 5345	Noble	Philip, Sue	575 3493
Housego	Pelham	575 5865	Oakley Browne	Mark, Thomas	445 6679
Housley	Gary & Alison	410 9054	O'Brien	Paul	579-3580
Inwood/Roche	Bruce & Martha	817 3640	Oh	Xavier	849 5795
Irwin	David	376 4925	O'Toole	John & Carol	445 1005
Jackson	Ken	535 9005	Owen	Mark	416 5766
Jarvis	Brent		Owens/Philpott	Anne, Gary	620 5067
Jarvis/Young	Jonathon/Denise	366 6805	Page	Trenton	828 1750
Jenner	Chris	631 0670	Palmer	Selwyn	625 7798
John	Gwyn	849 4025	Parkinson	Val	09 426 1217
Johnson	George	575 8856	Parsons	Elizabeth	625 0108
Jones	Phillip	837 4725	Patterson	Rona	834 3399
Jose/Brothers	Kevin & Trish	846 6796	Peachman	Robert	579 6265
Kabel	Trish		Peary	Robert	
Kerr	Graeme	298 3996	Peddie	Terry	09 428 0482
Kitchener	Naomi	578 2475	Peters	Turid	528 2918
Kunzel	Lothar		Pocq St Jean	Lisa	360 6040
Lafleur	Arnot	299 9771	Pohl	Wolfgang	620 8516
Laracy/Moses	Lynne & Peter	528 8097	Poolman	David	025 597 086
Law	Margaret	09 424 0114	Power	Richard	419 9990
Lawton	Bob & Cheryl,	527 8111	Prikkel	Eric	
Legg	David	524 4058	Pudney	David & Della	846 9474
Leung	Simon	(852) 2786 1231	Quilter	Colin	630 2219
Lewis	Trish	521 4544	Randall	Mike	09 425 7481
Lidgard	Annemarie	578 1018	Raskin	Morrie	480 1112
Lindesay	Denis	268 9089	Reay	Cynthia & Eric	815 0994
Lomas	David, Dianne, Kate		Rehfeld	Barbel, Marcus	361 2520
Lomas	Roger & Margaret	625 8924	Reinhardt	Tilo	532 8080
Lowe	Cheryl, Warwick	832 4669	Rinckes	Giles	445 3243
Lucas	Nancye & Robert	267 5873	Riosa	Nic	810 9783
Mackenzie	Don & Diane	534 1856	Ripley	Alyliss	837 3154
MacLauchlan	Allan		Rivers	Jan	445 3639
MacLean	Alister	445 9646	Roberts	Sean	416 7681
MacLeod	Alasdair		Robinson	Gordon	09 427 4478
Maire	Gerry		Robinson	Jane	521 1896
Maire	Vincent	09 424 2293	Rudiger	Rowald	528 9452
Marama	Ada	473 0496	Sandes	Lindsay	522 3344
Marra	Mike & Joan	818 8203	Sanson	Rosemary	625 1094
Marsh	Ken	828 0701	Sanson - Beattie	Justin	278 8090
Martin	Bob	818 8921	Sargent	Kevin & Karon	536 6308
Mason	Jim	446 6228	Schupback/Storm	Paul & Jessamine	811 8988
Matthews	David	09 235 7010	Scofield	Ann	419 9223
Matthews	Des, Paddy	575 5804	Scofield	Michelle	827 8936
McEntee	Jane	444 3521	Scott-Woods	Joe & Pat	846 4902
McOnie	Aden & Sue		Seager	Stephanie	834 5769
Meehan	Roy	480 5257	Sexton	Michael	489 4807
Melrose	Stephen	536 5386	Shephard	Tina	575 1619
Merrylees	Linsay	622 3446	Sherlock	David	523 0003
Middleton	Alexis	623 8449	Silvester	Michael & Christine	
Millar	Paul	524 0727	Smeeton	Ian	524 9448
Mitchell	Peter	529 7377	Smith	Brendan	410 3724
Moores	Mark, Maggie	575 4790	Smith	Janine	376 9339
Moorhouse	Nicole	533 7244	Snell	Ken	627 8349
Morrison	Sally	379 9887	Snijders	John & Maree	521 3536
Morton	Andrew		Somerville	Bruce	443 5364

Sommerhalder	Heidi, Daniel	631 5344	Voss	Kathy, Andrew	449 1601
Sommerhalder	Peter & Su,	631 5344	Waddell	Mark, Lisa, Adam	378 1388
Speirs	Nigel		Wagstaff	Alison	522 4447
Sprosen	Jan	575 5088	Ward	David	445 3639
Squires	Alex	625 6277	Wardlaw	David	534 9926
Staples	Ian	09 415 8064	Watts	John & Leonie	
Stevenson	Gordon	534 3486	Webb	Ken	815 2542
Stewart	John, Meghan, Briar, Jack, Lockie		Wegmueller	Iris	483 5685
Strang	Victor	630 4759	Wesley	Richard	849 3373
Swift	Michael	412 8297	Wheatcroft	Richard	376 4063
Taylor	John	817 2426	White	Craig	522 0981
Taylor	Julie	828 9411	White	Matthew, Margaret, Peter	
Taylor	Steve, Carol	846 8640	Whittle	Ryan	419 2672
Taylor	William	07 868 8782	Wilkinson	Sandy & Simon	534 1958
Telford	Gillian & Rob	09 425 9353	Williams	Joan	634 0748
Thom	Rosie	376 8636	Williams	Peter	630 3955
Thomas	Ian	09 235 3646	Williams	Warwick	629 3055
Thompson	Daren	277 6616	Wilson	Andrew, Natalie	846 3864
Thomson	Fergus	817 8294	Wilson	Doug	846 6424
Thomson	Jim	521 0394	Wilson	Harley & Judy	575 6272
Thomson	Mark	361 1336	Wilson	Neal	846 1429
Thorn	Julia	575 3099	Winstanley	Mark	535 0884
Thwaites	Margaret	292 7883	Woods	Micheal, Marie	521 7021
Townsley	Noel	826 0410	Woolcott	Kevin	528 6805
Tuckett	Michael & Pauline	832 4619	Wright	Robert, Carol	579 9683
Tunncliffe	Andrew, Louise	575 3005	Wyeth	Sue	528 8053
Turner	Jackie	478 5862	Wylder	Nikki	816 9102
Valentine	Graham	846 6239	Yoon	Julius, Yvonne	410 0052
Van Gysen	Natasha	418 5075	Young	Marian, Stephen	575 8850
Vant	Arwen		Ziedins	Ilze	620 9855
Vautier	Ron				

AUCKLAND CANOE CLUB PROVISIONAL TRIP PROGRAM

This is the provisional trip program for the upcoming months. Many thanks to the huge number of people that contributed to it. To add to the program, please call Ann Schofield Tel: 419 9223) or any committee member. Remember that all trips are subject to change at this stage.

		WEEKEND TRIPS			DAY TRIPS		
Mar	3-4				Sun Swim escort		
	10-11				Sun (& Sat?) Little Barrier	Matt Grant	524 2108
	17-18		Mike & Christine Silvester	817 8405			
	24-25				Sun Orere Point	Steve Melrose	5365386
	31-1		Bill Hayes	833 8462			
Apr	7-8				Sat Albany to Long Bay	Margaret Thwaites & Ray Clarke	292 7883
	14-15	Easter 4d					
	21-22				Sun Motuihe	Harley Wilson	575 6272
	25	Anzac Tue			Mon-Tue Rangitoto	Ann Schofield	419 9223
	28-29				Sun Whitford River	Matt Grant	524 2108
May	5-6		Matt Crozier & Tony Greaves	817 9223 07 827 2170			
	12-13				Sun?Aniwhata Peninsula	Matt Crozier	817 1984
	19-20				Sun Tiri Tiri	Vincent Maire	09 424 2293
	26-27				Sun Hoteo River	Gerry Maire	09 426 6257
					Sun Cambridge to Hamilton race	Matt Grant	524 2108
Jun	2-4	Queens3d	Justin Sanson-Beattie	278 8090			
	9-10						
	16-17				Sun Waikato River leg1 Karapiro to Hamilton	Peter Sommerhalder	815 2073
	23-24				Manakau	Selwyn Palmer	625 7798
	30-1		Iris Wegmueller	483 5685	Sun Waikato River leg2	Peter Sommerhalder	815 2073
July	7-8						
	14-15				Sun Waikato River leg3	Peter Sommerhalder	815 2073

Further details of the trips will be available in newsletter closer to the time.