



Newsletter

June 2001

Hello Folks,

Another AGM has been and gone and a "new" committee has been elected. Trevor Arthur has agreed to be our President for yet another year. Well done Trevor, I'll try not to make you regret that decision! Most of the committee remains the same as last year, but there are two new faces on board this year – Rob Gardner, Trips Officer, and Lindsay Sandes. I will continue to be your editor. Jonathan Jarvis, has proposed that all committee members should be assigned a task/role. This will see Jonathan in charge of merchandising (T-shirts, caps, polypros, etc), Roger Lomas as Publicity Officer, John Hyatt as Social Secretary and Peter Sommerhalder as Safety and Training Officer. Lindsay will take over the role of Gear Officer (= Storage and Club Kayaks). See Trevor's report on the AGM and the "Useful Phone Numbers" section for more details on the committee members and their new roles.

The Trip Planning meeting went well – we now have proposed trips up to December 2001! This is excellent, but don't be afraid to suggest more! Most weekends, so far, have only got one trip nominated so there are still plenty of dates available. I, for one, would love to see a trip planned for each day of the weekend, or is that being greedy?

The racing fraternity was active last month with The King of Kawau Race and the Cambridge to Hamilton Race. Both events have had favourable comments, I have even seen a write-up on the King of Kawau race in a Northland newspaper. Not wanting to embarrass myself, I managed to whimp out of both races, but I did get to usurp the blokes and be the "Tong Master" on the barbecue at the Cambridge to Hamilton Race. Luckily other ACC members were made of sterner stuff and managed to win back the trophy for the club. Jane Robinson did extremely well, taking second place in the women's multisport section, as did Jenni Douglas, with first place in the women's sea kayak division.

Queen's Birthday weekend saw Ray and I down at Lake Ohakuri with Justin and Jennifer and a whole lot of other crazy people. (The locals couldn't resist driving by to see the "crazies" that were camping at this time of the year. What they didn't know was that Justin was busy chopping down the Carter Halt Harvey Forest so that we could have a HUGE bonfire every night!) Despite the cold, Lake Ohakuri was well worth the visit – misty mornings, sunny afternoons, no wind, fresh greens growing in the lake (don't know what it was but Justin ate it). On Sunday, Doug declined going paddling because his paddling shorts were frozen solid! He obviously didn't know about the Justin Sanson-Beattie style of camping – bring everything plus spares. Do you want to know Justin's secret for cooking perfect pizzas – he uses a gas-powered flame-thrower! Try and beat that!

On a more familiar theme/scene, I joined in on Wally Gilmer's trip to Rangitoto one very calm, clear, moonlit night. It was a good reminder that you don't have to go too far to be able to enjoy kayaking. It is no wonder that this is such a popular trip.

Cheers,

Margaret

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Useful phone numbers and addresses

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

President	Trevor Arthur	817 7357	Treasurer and Address List	Matt Crozier	817 1984
Vice-President	Rob Gardner	533 4061	Safety and Training Officer	Peter Sommerhalder	815 2073
Patron	Colin Quilter	630 2219	Storage and Club Kayaks	Lindsay Sandes	522 3344
Secretary	Rona Patterson	834 3399	Merchandising	Jonathan Jarvis	366 6805
Trips Officer	Rob Gardner	533 4061	Publicity Officer	Roger Lomas	625 8924
Social Officer	John Heatt	828 9673	Newsletter Editor	Margaret Thwaites	2927 883

The Club maintains two e-mail groups:

To subscribe to the discussion list, send a blank e-mail to: auckland-kayakers-subscribe@yahooogroups.com

For event reminders, send a blank e-mail to: auckland-canoe-club-subscribe@yahooogroups.com

Newsletter articles should be sent to: Margaret Thwaites, 38A William Potter Lane, Karaka, RD1 Papakura.

Or e-mailed to: m.thwaites@xtra.co.nz

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) and Sea Kayaking skills weekend, at Waiwera

Auckland Wilderness Experiences, Chris Gulley, phone 813 3369

Intro skills, overnight at Mahurangi - \$225

Details on web site www.nzkayak.co.nz/awk/awskills.htm

Rolling, Surfing, White water 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

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

White water, Multisport, Advanced Sea Kayaking, First aid and First aid refresher courses available.

Fergs Kayaks, phone 529 2230

Basic paddling skills – paddle strokes, rescues – Sunday morning, Okahu Bay - \$30 for Club members.

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

White water, and Multisport River Racing courses also available.

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)

Positively Outdoors, Liz Maire and Christine Mcloed, ph 473 0027, fax 473 0731.

Two-day OSH certified outdoors first aid course - \$130

10% discount if four or more club members enroll for a course.

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...

Ian Calhaem, Rebecca Heap, Ken Marsh, David Poolman

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 capsize 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.
- 6 Use a craft appropriate for the trip. A kayak with water-tight bulkheads is essential for open sea kayaking. Sit-on kayaks are usually too slow to be able to keep up with sea kayaks, therefore, are not recommended on trips planned for sea kayaks.

Trips and Events Calendar

Remember to contact the trip leader before you set out. This is important because the leader needs to know the capabilities of those who are coming and to be able to contact you if the plan changes. **Please be aware that you paddle on a Club trip at your own risk. Read the safety policy (page 2). 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.**

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.

Regular Evening Paddles

It is now getting dark early in the evening and everyone intending to go out on an evening paddle must bring either an all-round white light, or else a large-lens (eg. Dolphin) torch, in good working condition, mounted on the outside of the kayak. It is recommended that before anyone tries to go out on an evening paddle that they attend a basic skills course and that they are fit enough to be able to paddle for one hour.

Tuesday, Okahu Bay. All skill levels welcome. Meet at Okahu Bay by 5:30pm, ready to be on the water by 6:00pm. An experienced paddler will be rostered on to look after new/novice/slow paddlers. Fitter and more-experienced paddlers can form their own group(s). Trips usually last 1 – 2 hours, destination dictated by tide, weather conditions and skill levels.

Wednesday, Castor Bay. No longer happening! Send a message on the eGroup if you want to start this paddle again.

Thursday, Okahu Bay. Not recommended for new/novice paddlers because we have not set up a roster of leaders for new people. These trips currently do not have a huge following, therefore, be prepared to paddle on your own. Be at Okahu Bay by 5:30pm, ready to be on the water by 6:00pm.

June 2001

Subs Due! If you haven't paid your Annual Subscriptions for the year ending 31 March 2002, then they are now overdue and this will be your last newsletter. New members that joined this year can disregard this notice. All other members, if you haven't already sent in the membership renewal form, printed in the April newsletter and re-printed in this newsletter (only for those that haven't paid), with your payment, please do it now! Phone Matt Crozier, on 817 1984, if you have any queries on this matter.

Sunday 17 Waikato River Tour Stage One – Date changed – Postponed until Sunday July 15.

Sunday 17 Whangaparaoa Peninsular. Depending on which way the wind is blowing, this will go either from Stanmore Bay to Arkles Bay, or visa versa. The distance is approx 25kms point to point. Phone Ryan Whittle on 419 2672, so that he knows who is coming, and to arrange a car shuttle.

Saturday 23 Skills session. A repeat of Ian's previous, very successful session. A basic course for novice / entry level paddlers. Meet at 9:30am at the Waiwera Holiday Park, finished by 4pm. Bring your own kayak, paddle float if you have one, a change of clothes, thermos with hot drink, and lunch. Expect to get wet! Hot showers and toilets will be available at the Holiday Park. \$5 fee to cover the use of the facilities. Kayaks can be hired at Waiwera if you don't have your own - phone Waiwera Holiday Park 025 276 3835 to book a kayak. There are hot pools at Waiwera too if you really want to spoil yourself! Contact Ian Calhaem 579-0512 for more details

Saturday 23 Mid-Winter Dip. Paddle from Okahu Bay to Devonport and do a group roll in front of the Windsor Reserve. Two years ago Susan did precisely this and won the prize for the 'Most Interesting Entry!' Check with local papers for details of this swim and to confirm the date and timings. Susan Hill 445 3236

Sunday 24 Manukau Harbour Estuaries. Shortest Day (almost), 4.1 metre high tide at 1240. A short paddle, using the tide, to explore the upper reaches of the Manukau Harbour (Weymouth, Pahurehure Inlet, Drury Creek, Hingaia). Plan to have lunch at Hingaia Bridge (on the road from Papakura to Kingseat) where there is a store with take-aways (hamburgers, fish & chips, etc). Minimum distance of the trip is about 14 km, but may be extended to about 28 km with exploratory deviations. Trip suitable for those with a little previous experience. May be some risk of windy conditions and a few very short spells against strong currents, more than compensated by strongly beneficial currents. Meet at 9:15am for a 9:45am start at the Boat Ramp, end of Hazards Road, which is on left side near the end of Weymouth Rd. Approach Weymouth Road from Clendon roundabout at south end of

Roscommon Rd / Mangere Motorway, or from Manurewa or Takanini interchanges of southern motorway. Expect to return to cars at about 4:00pm. There may be a late change to meeting place. **Be sure to contact leader, Selwyn Palmer, Ph Home 625-7798, 025-2988591, Bus 302-6907, or on email s-palmer@clear.net.nz**

Sunday 24 Wenderholm-Puhoi Race. Hosted by the NSCC this race is approximately 14km from Wenderholm to Puhoi return. Start time is 9am at Wenderholm but be there for an 8:30am briefing. Life vests are compulsory. Entry fee is \$15 to be paid on the day (\$10 junior). Classes are racing kayaks (K1,K2), touring kayaks (TK1,TK2), downriver boats, recreational kayaks, Innovative, surf skis and sea kayaks all welcome. **Inquiries to Alistair Smaill 309-3551**

Saturday 30 Manukau Heads: Whatipu and South Head. Meet at Cornwallis Wharf at 9.30am for a 10.00am departure; (don't take the turn-off to Cornwallis Beach). We will be carried by the ebb tide down to Whatipu, land and climb to the top of a nearby hill, which gives great views out over the harbour entrance and bar. Then we'll paddle across to South Head for a picnic on the grassy slopes below the Signal Station. After lunch those who have the energy can take an unforgettable walk (which includes "Rona's Leap") over the headland. The trip home will be tide-assisted. Paddling time will be one hour each way; return time about 4.30pm. Bring drinks, snacks, lunch, shoes or sandals, camera and warm clothing. This trip is suitable for intermediate and experienced paddlers; (if in doubt phone Colin to discuss). **The trip will only go ahead if the forecast is for winds not exceeding 15 knots.** All those coming must phone **Colin Quilter 630 2219** between 6.30am and 8.30am on Saturday to confirm that the trip is on.

Saturday 30 4th Annual Auckland Canoe Centre Auction. This will take place at the shop, starting at 1pm. If you have any kayaking equipment you would like auctioned, please send a list to the shop as soon as possible. Goods will be accepted until Tuesday 26th June. **Please contact Peter, Su, Jason or Natalie, on 815 2073, if you have any questions.**

Saturday 30 Storage Locker Combination-Lock to be Changed! Our new Storage Officer, Lindsay Sandes, will be flexing his muscles, and changing the combination on the storage shed padlock! Not sure exactly when this momentous event will occur, but if you can't get into the storage area, blame him! To find out what the new combination is, and you are a financial member, phone **Lindsay on 522 3344 or 021 895 940**, else, if you are not a financial member, pay your subs!!!!

July

Tuesday 3 Club Night – Justin Sanson-Beattie and Jennifer Belt, Favourite Paddling Spots. Justin and Jennifer have a reputation for knowing where to go for that special paddling experience. They also have a reputation for taking everything except the kitchen sink with them! Here is your chance to find out where they go and what they take with them. It could also be a chance to see yourself on the big screen, because Justin has some slides of club trips, including last month's Lake Ohakuri trip. See you at the club-rooms, at 7:30pm. Phone **Roger Lomas, 625 8924**, for more details.

Saturday 7 Tuakau to Mercer and Back. Have a look at a section of the Waikato River that will not be covered by Peter Sommerhalder's Tour. Find out where Auckland will be getting its water from – paddle right past the inlet! Spot wild goats grazing in the stands of native bush beside the river. Lunch at either the Mercer Food Hall, where the Pokeno Bacon Company sells a superb bacon and egg meal (highly recommended by Roger Lomas), or at an Irish Pub. Cheese fans can sample award-winning cheeses from Mercer Cheese. Paddle up-stream using the eddies, and drift back in the main current. Suitable for all skill levels, but need to be fit enough to paddle against wind for up to 2 hours. Meet at the Tuakau Bridge, Les Batkin Reserve, at 9:30am for a 10am start. **Leaders are Margaret Thwaites and Ray Clark, 2927 883.**

Sunday 8 Tawharanui Peninsular. High tide is at 9am so meet at 8:00am for an 8:30 departure. We will spend the day exploring this attractive area so bring a camera and plenty of good food. We will probably leave from the Sandspit Motorcamp but phone beforehand to confirm. We won't be going far from land but tides can run fairly quickly in this area so paddlers must be comfortable with a bit of current and potential chop. **Ian Deverick 817 9564**

Sunday 15 Waikato River Tour Stage One – Karapiro to Hamilton. Approximately 25 kms. Out of the three Stages, this will be the swiftest part of the river, but is still easy to paddle. Because this part of the river can get reasonably fast, especially after rain, it is very important that you listen to, and follow, the instructions given by the leaders. Buddy-up with someone and keep an eye on your buddy. Do not let yourself drift into over-hanging trees, stay in the main current until the leaders give the OK to land. See advertisement below for meeting times/places. The leaders are Peter Sommerhalder and Ian Calhaem. Register for this trip and get further info from Peter at **Auckland Canoe Centre 815 2073.**

Saturday 21 Local Bays. Meet at Okahu Bay 9.00am for a 9:30 departure. This trip will take us via Bean Rock, on to Rangitoto and hug the coastline into Islington Bay for morning tea. Then across to Browns Island for lunch at Crater Bay and a climb to the trig station. We plan to beat the winter sun strike and head home via St Heliers, Kohimarama and Mission Bay arriving back at the club house at about 3.30pm. Paddling time about 4.5 hrs. **Lindsay 522 3344, 021 895 940 and Jane Robinson 521 1896**

Sunday 22 White Water Practice session on the Manukau Harbour. There will be a 4.1m high tide at 11:39am, which should provide some good eddies and standing waves to practice some white water skills on. **Phone Margaret Thwaites, on 2927 883, for more details.**

Saturday 28 Whau River – Span Farm Kelston. This will be a tiki-tour day depending on the group so phone Trevor beforehand to let him know you're coming and to confirm meeting place and times. We'll need to work around the tides on the day. **Trevor Arthur 817 7357 or 634 4410**

Saturday 28 Putiki Bay, Waiheke. A full tide soon after lunch, suitable to explore the bay's inlets. Be prepared for the 7km crossing of Tamaki Straight. Meet at the east end of Omana Beach, near Maraetai, to leave at 10a.m. **Leader Pelham Housego, phone 575 5865.**

Sunday 29 Waikato River Tour Stage Two – Hamilton to Ngaruawahia. See the advertisement below for more details, and don't forget to contact **Peter Sommerhalder, 815 2073**, to register your interest (and confirm that the date has not been changed again).

WAIKATO RIVER TOUR WINTER 2001

Auckland Canoe Club is organising a Waikato River Tour in three stages of approx 25-30km each, assisted by the current. This is not a race, but an opportunity for future Coast to Coasters and seakayakers to develop river skills.

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| Stage 1 | Sunday 15 July | Karapiro to Hamilton | approx 25km |
| | | Meet at 9:15am at the take-out, Hamilton Harriers Club jetty area, to arrange kayak/car shuttle. Then, meet at 10am at the Cambridge Superloo corner to drive to the put-in | |
| Stage 2 | Sunday 29 July | Hamilton to Ngaruawahia | approx 23km |
| | | Meet at 9:15am at the take-out, Ngaruawahia Rowing Club, to arrange kayak/car shuttle. Then, meet at 10am at the Hamilton Harriers Club House, corner Grantham St and Hillsborough Terrace, on the riverside towards Victoria Bridge. | |
| Stage 3 | Sunday 5 August | Tuakau to Hoods Landing | approx 25km |
| | | Meet 9am Tuakau Port Waikato Bridge (Les Batkin Reserve). Possible visit to the pub at Hoods Landing. Details to be announced later. | |

Peter Sommerhalder and Ian Calhaem will lead each stage. They will assist with a trailer for shuttle services, but paddlers are encouraged to share transport between put-in and take-out points. Bring warm, waterproof paddling gear, lunch and nibbles. Hire kayaks available from Auckland Canoe Club and Auckland Canoe Centre. For further information and to enter, please phone Peter at the Auckland Canoe Centre 815-2073.

Social Events – New for 2001:

By John Heatt.

The club committee has appointed me as social co-ordinator. I would appreciate ideas for social events eg; nights out, picnics, tramping trips, cafe meetings etc. I would prefer your ideas to be sent by fax, email, or post as sometimes I am hard to get hold of on the phone. (But phone calls are OK.) Once I have a pool of ideas to draw from I can start planning events.

My contact details are as follows:

email: handcraftsupplies@xtra.co.nz
Fax: 09 828 5139
Ph: 09 828 9673

Postal address: 17 Batkin Road
New Windsor
Auckland

While the club's primary activity is Kayaking, there seems to be a demand for a few social non Kayaking and kayak-cum-social activities also.

Looking forward to receiving your ideas.

Regards

John Heatt

The AGM, and who is doing what this year.

By Trevor Arthur.

Hello, again, for another year. Thank you for participating if you were one of the crew who turned up for the AGM. It was a good meeting where a broad range of topics were aired.

Thanks were given to the outgoing committee and it was with regret that we saw some good workers stand aside. Fortunately we have two keen members, Rob Gardner and Lindsay Sandes, to fill the gaps left, and be part of your new committee. Welcome aboard.

This year we have allotted each person a role. They will co-ordinate these roles and call for assistance from the membership as required, BUT, don't wait to be asked. If you've got an idea, give them a ring. They will be keen to hear from you.

Your new committee is as follows;

Club Patron - Colin Quilter
President - Trevor Arthur
Vice President - Rob Gardner
Treasurer - Mat Crozier
Secretary - Rona Paterson
Editor - Margaret Thwaites
Hire & Storage Officer - Lindsay Sandes

Trips Officer - Rob Gardner
Publicity Officer - Roger Lomas
Merchandising Officer - Johnathan Jarvis
Safety Officer - Peter Sommerhalder
Social Secretary - John Hieatt

Rob Gardner's launch of the Three Islands Paddle, received positive discussion and it will certainly be great to have a goal to aim for. The achievement of this will require up-skilling and determination over the next couple of years, given the respect certain portions of our coastline demand of us - namely the West Coast. Keep watch for more info on this from Rob.

Mat's financial report left no doubt as to the Clubs healthy state and I thank him sincerely for the enormous amount of work he does on behalf of the club.

Everything is in place for another year of brilliant kayaking fun and adventure. All that is needed is for you to be out on the water. Come and join us. See you on the sea.

Trevor Arthur.

Trip Planning and Three Islands Paddle Update.

By Rob Gardner.

The trips planning meeting was held on the 5th June and we came up with some great paddling ideas and destinations. We could use a few more weekend trips so if you have any ideas of places to go and people to co-ordinate, please phone, post or email them to me.

The Three Islands Paddle was officially endorsed at the AGM in May. This is a challenge for the club to paddle as much of the NZ coastline as we can over the next few years. We will be maintaining an electronic database of trip reports, photos and stories of places that people have paddled. This will allow us to all benefit from each other's experiences and the lessons learned along the way. Coupled with this will be an improved level of skill within the Club as people gain confidence in going places a little bit more adventurous. The club can assist members in their trip planning as we already have a wealth of knowledgeable people with lots of experience in expedition planning, the safety aspects of paddling and what local resources are available around the country.

Over the next few years we should be able to progressively cover most of the New Zealand coastline. We already have people interested in the Catlins Coast, Bluff, Stewart Island and Northland. Longer trips and those to remote destinations will probably be by invitation only and organised amongst established paddling companions. By the same token, feedback from Club organised trips will be an equally valuable

resource for newcomers and people wanting to find out more about local paddling destinations.

The Three Islands database will be hosted as part of an internet website and provide one place we can all go to read about kayaking along our fantastic coastline. I'm in the process of looking at ways to host the electronic map and the material that people send in. Stay posted on this but in the mean time if you go anywhere interesting or learn anything valuable please feel free to put fingers to keyboards and email your stories to me (after first sending them to Margaret to go into the Newsletter).

Just to recap on the article about the Three Islands Paddle in the last Newsletter:

- The Aim is to build up the skill, knowledge and experience levels within the Club whilst doing something enjoyable and challenging.
- It is being done in non-consecutive legs i.e. paddlers would cover sections of the NZ coast (and lakes) when, where and in whichever direction they preferred.
- Short day trips will be included but the real focus is on building up the experience of club members on multi-day expeditions.
- We'll progressively be developing an electronic database of pictures, stories and experiences. These will be maintained, along with 'The Map', on an internet web site.

CLUB T-SHIRTS

All club members have the opportunity to purchase their very own Auckland Canoe Club T-shirt.

The T-shirts are very comfortable to wear and an excellent way of promoting the club.

We currently have a range of sizes, from XL down to S, in Ash and Navy.

The cost is \$30.00 each and you can order them by phoning Jonathan or Denise on 366 6805.

Classified ads...

For Sale: Southern Light Double Sea Kayak.

Fast, rock solid. Take EVERYTHING including the kitchen sink! \$2,400. Contact Gavin Baker 0800 12 TCNZ (Work), or 09 536 4535 A.H. or 025 730 432 or gavinbaker@clear.net.nz

For Sale: Dancer (plastic white-water boat).

Includes air bags, paddle, spray skirt, life jacket and helmet. All in good condition. \$450. Phone Paul Hm 09 278 5034 or Wk 09 302 6930.

For Sale: Squall Sea Kayak.

Multiple shades of blue and green. \$1300. One, careful, lady owner, deeply regrets sale of beloved First Kayak! Phone Ann Schofield on 419 9223.

Found: Sea kayak Paddle.

This still has not been claimed. Does anybody have any idea as to who it might belong to? It was found on the grass at Manu Bay, Raglan, and probably belongs to someone in the group that was with Ken Jackson on Sunday 25 March. Phone Margaret or Ray on 2927 883.

Daughter and Father paddle – Lake Tarawera.

In which the Dads emerged as Hero's and daughters became movie stars.

By Ian Deverick.

After paddling the open sea with wind, currents, tides and passing ferries – a paddle across Lake Tarawera is okay for an adult. But for a 13-year-old teenager, inexperienced and short of confidence, it can be a bit of a struggle.

Ian Deverick and Ted Hughes were the two fathers on the trip and between them took three teenagers to hot water beach for a two-night camp during the first week of the school holidays.

Ian hired a double Prijon expedition for his two girls – Cora and Rene – who had great fun until they got cold and then had to be towed. Ted had hired a generously sized Sea Bear from the Auckland Canoe Centre for himself and daughter Larna – They beat Ian to the beach and had a welcome hot chocolate ready for them.

Although the weather during the trip was fine, the novice abilities of the girls demonstrated on the paddle ruled out navigation of the entire lake. After all, an important goal of the trip was to have fun. So hot pools were investigated, cliffs scaled for a long dive into the clear lake waters and bags of sweets shared out.

Feeling in need of a stretch and explore, Ian and Ted left the girls on the beach and went to walk a bush track between L. Tarawera and L. Rotuehu. On their return,

they found the teenagers participating in a Discovery TV video shoot of the steaming beach. Part of a documentary on hidden beaches, the girls were fascinated by the hostess – 'April' from Bay Watch (Larna just 'knew' that the tan was fake) – who appeared to enjoy the steam baked trout for the camera only to spit the mouthful out when the camera was off.

After paddling around in front of the camera the trio were invited aboard the - part film set and part crew transport gin palace cruiser- to polish off the food prepared for a cuisine scene.

Returning was more difficult with a headwind and wonky steering on the prijon giving grief. Ted heroically towed a spectrum kayak back to base, giving Cora and Rene turns in the smaller craft.

Ted and Ian agreed that as a father daughter activity, the trip was very special. "We shared the bonding experience of meeting a physical challenge and having a lot of fun," Ian said. "Normally that is a very male thing, but we gained a quiet acceptance of limitations and an understanding of capabilities that for many fathers of teenage daughters, is hard to get."

Cora is ready for another expedition – "But I'll make sure I wear the polyprop this time."

Lake Ohakuri – Winter Kayaking Trip – Queens Birthday 2001

By Jennifer Belt and Justin Sanson-Beattie.

What can one say? We didn't order the weather, but if we did, we could not have asked for better! Yes, it was cold, but we warmed everyone around the big fire every night.

When Justin and I arrived on Thursday night at our usual Queens Birthday camping spot to find the gate locked, imagine our despair! But never fear, there was a phone number, and a backup camping ground. Not our preferred spot, but still on the lake, with good views of the lake (when the fog lifted). After a few minutes hasty discussion it was decided to spend the weekend at the other camp ground, only minutes from our originally planned spot. An hour of phone calls later, all were informed of the new rendezvous point and we settled ourselves in.

Friday was spent just relaxing, enjoying the fog and scenery with a warm hearty breakfast of bacon, eggs & pancakes. The fog lifted at about midday, and we were treated to brilliant sunshine in which to thaw out and then head out and chop up some firewood. Everyone arrived at different stages during the evening and were quick to set up and back to the fire they came.

Next morning we set out at 10.30am in dense fog. With a group of 19 paddlers on the water, and only being able to see about five of them for the next hour or so, the instruction was: "If you get separated in the fog, hug the right hand side of the lake and you'll get to where we are going!" But when the fog did lift, everyone was treated to their first views of this magnificent lake, with islands, duck shooter's mau mau's, water lilies, duck weed, and a flock of black swans lifting off. We arrived at the Orakei Korako Thermal area and had a spot of lunch before going over to view the mud pools and geysers that this whole region has in abundance. We were treated to one of Mr & Mrs Gear's special lunches – Pizza! Yep, three were cooked up right in front of us. To discover the secret of cooking pizza from a kayak, you must come along on a trip lead by Justin.

After a lazy wander around the thermal area, it was off to the private spot known only by the locals (Jennifer & Justin), for a soak in the hot pools. And HOT! they were. With room enough for all and alcohol in hand, an excellent hour or so was spent thawing out. The last of us didn't leave the tub till about 4.30 for the hour's paddle back to camp. Some hot soup and sumptuous dinner later, it was off on another mission for firewood for the boys (Don & Justin) and then some excellent socialising round the huge log fire before finally turning in around 1am for the night.

Upon waking up the next day, we realised just how cold it had been overnight. We had ice on the tents, cars and kayaks! The fog once again gave us an awesome display but lifted a bit earlier this time. Today was a free for all day. With the introduction to the lake yesterday, everyone was free to paddle where they pleased. A few went back to the hot pools for a four-hour soak. Others went up the other arm about 17km long and were treated to some very picturesque countryside. Some of us just lazed about on the jetty in the brilliant sunshine watching the kids have a go in their boats and marvelling at some of the local fizz boats that put in. After all this very strenuous activity, a repeat of last night was in order with the fire to keep us warm outside and mulled wine to warm the insides.

The next day was fine with some fog and everyone had a lazy morning slowly packing up for the drive home. As usual, Justin, Jennifer and friends had an excellent Queens Birthday at our favourite lake spot. We were glad to be able to share this beautiful spot with the club and hope the cold did not deter anyone from coming back again. We are here every year at this time of year, and from our experience of the lake over about 6 years, we believe this to be the best time of year to soak up this wonderful area.

Thanks for your company guys, and see you again next year?????

Jennifer & Justin

West Coast further south - Kapiti - Queen's Birthday

By Dan Hawthorn.

Kapiti is a dark mass with the sun setting behind it. There is a cold onshore breeze rippling otherwise flat water and a line of tractors sits with empty trailers on the Paraparaumu beach. I sit in the van and look out and feel my aching shoulders relax.

It has been a 600km impulse, Jan had to visit New Plymouth, the surf web site was complaining about a flat calm west coast and I had always wanted to have a look at Kapiti. So we went down in the van with the kayak on top, dropped Jan off and I kept on going south. Paraparaumu beach at 9.30am was cold, pulling the kayak through the stream made my toes ache but the beach is flat, easy launching with a convenient

carpark. I'd stayed with an old friend overnight and Dave had warned of currents that stopped yachts in their tracks. Certainly there is an almost unbelievable tide difference between Wellington and this part of the coast, Wellington had a high at 1.25pm and Foxton was high at 6.25pm, 5 hours apart and less than 200 km distant. So here I am heading off into flat calm with a flawless sky and a great high over the country and I have a small twinge of anxiety.

I am well wrapped up and the breeze is biting but I am soon down to a tee shirt. There are lines of birds working along the Kapiti shore, their white wings in the distance looking for all the world like washing flapping in

the wind. There are fish jumping on either side of me. The water is smooth and the boat is travelling easily. I

back and as I get further from the coast I uncover range after range of foothills till finally I am paddling with the snow topped Tararuas as a backdrop behind me. The Kapiti shore changes from dark green to individual trees. I get half way across and see the small islets towards the south of Kapiti are moving sideways. There is a current but not more than 1 - 2 km/hr southwards. I had aimed for the middle of Kapiti to give me a large target and drifted down onto the islands nearer the south end. Here the tide stream doubled as it rose over the shallow water round the islands but even so there was no problem. (I would still like to know more about the tidal flows before I tried the trip in poor conditions.) I'm across in 50 minutes and my course is a long curve as I keep correcting for the tidal flow, I am delighted with myself and the world around me.

The land is steep hills and gullies covered in bush with some big tea trees, the shore is rough and rocky. I decide to go north close to the land hoping for a back eddy and then aiming to ride with the current down the outer coast where I may not be able to get as close in. There is a boulder bank and DOC buildings set back into the trees half way along Kapiti. There are rails and a winch for boat launching, the place is beautiful and peaceful. There's smoke coming from the chimney of the main house and I think of wetbacks and cooking on wood stoves. I am travelling over kelp beds in crystal clear water, swivelling as I paddle from the Kapiti bush and shore to the snow topped Tararuas. I am about 50 feet from the shore and find I have a fantail following me just as if I was on a bush track. The shore is a steep high slope of rounded light gray boulders and near the top there is a line of driftwood, mainly large pale tree trunks, long stripped of their bark. One still has its branches and on a skyward pointing branch near the top is a fat feathered lump, a wood pigeon sitting calmly watching. Te Rauparaha's ghost stalks it, pounces and gnaws hungrily on the empty wind.

I do not know if I have my back eddy but there is no obvious current and I go north easily. Back to rocky shores and bays then up to the boulder bank at the north end. Here there is another collection of DOC houses at the mouth of a valley, nestled around a small bright green lawn, another quietly smoking chimney and an air of wholly desirable peace. I would love to stay here for a few days, the small pale green houses around their lawn with the bush behind them and the boulder bank in front becomes one of my most vivid memories of the trip.

Off the northern boulder bank there is a black flipper describing circles and doing that lazy repetitive slap onto the water that fur seals seem to enjoy. I come in closer and sit quietly watching him for a minute or so then he spots me and sinks down into the water, comes over to inspect me and puffs at me before swimming off. He has obviously never heard of the appropriate visiting distance specified in the Marine Mammals Protection Act.

Landing is very, very tempting. If I do this again I definitely want a landing permit and a bit more time to explore. However I am thinking of the changing tide streams and I press on to the northern tip. The north coast is a dramatic change, the bush is gone, the hills are almost cliffs and mainly bare rock with odd patches of clinging, wind sculpted scrub and small plants. It is a totally different island. There are sets of wicked pinnacles, probably the remains of eroded ridges. A gentle swell breaks through them giving patches of white foaming water against the blues and browns. I round another set of pinnacles at the north-west tip and am on the outer western coast. The coastline is far closer to a straight line, gone are the bays and points of the inner coast, here if you stick out, the storms from North, West and South will batter you, erode you and leave a few points of rock to mark where you have been. It is a fine day, I could land in the small rounded boulders at the base of the hillsides, but the whole coast says "Storms" and suggests I am a lucky and temporary visitor to a harsh place. There is little variation on the outer coast but I still find being out here exhilarating. The South Island stands out clearly, a mass of hills and islands with snow capped ranges in the background. It looks temptingly in reach.

I come to the south-west tip and find the southern end is still a bleak bare coast. I paddle among sets of rocky teeth where at times the tidal flow is channelled to a strength I can notice but most of the time I have hardly known it was there. Around the south east tip and suddenly the bush and birds are back. Fantails flutter around a large shallow sea cave, perching momentarily on the walls and swooping out for minute insects. I head back up the inner coast and then out to the small islands at Kapiti's southern end. On one of them there are three baches, tucked just above high tide, no one at home but what an idyllic spot. I land and stretch, sit on the driftwood and day dream and then back across the strait to the mainland. A small tidal set to the north now but with very little force.

Back to the beach, now crowded with boat trailers, its been 35km and I am glad to stop. As I clean up and put the kayak back on the roof rack the couple in the car next to me are impressed by the boat and by going round Kapiti. But then as I am sitting in the van and writing up trip notes I hear the man tell his wife, in tones of absolute disparagement, "Now he's writing a bloody book about it."

Sunday I went from Titahi Bay down the coast to Makara in a cold south easter gusting to 20 knots along another bleak and storm shaped coast. I had planned to go in at Makara and ride the current into Cook Strait, but on Saturday night my aunt Barb said "Hell no!" and pointed out the rip area on the Wellington side of Cape T as well as the route from Makara over the Wellington hills where Maori hauled their canoes across the peninsular to avoid the rip. Any overfall that persuaded tough, experienced men to haul 2 or 3 tons of hollowed log up and down across the Wellington hills and gullies has my sincere respect.

Sunday afternoon I drove back up to Stratford, slept overnight in the van on the plateau carpark high on the side of Mt Taranaki, woke in the night to see the mountain glowing in moonlight, then watched the sun at 7.20am touch the mountain top with pink and wash the

whole snowcapped mass from pink to white over the next ten minutes. I spent Monday morning just above the snow line, tramping and simply sitting gazing. And back with Jan, refreshed, to Auckland.

Padding in and around the Stockholm archipelago.

By Will Henden.

In the Swedish summer of 97, had the good fortune of cheap accommodation at a friend's university in Stockholm Sweden. He and I decided to see the Archipelago of Stockholm by kayak. I had paddled an old white water kayak that we had as a kid but had never paddled much else and had not been on an overnigher.

So we set out for the supermarket and stocked up on noodles and sausages, as is what I had been eating in Sweden since I arrived, two weeks prior. The boats we hired were fibreglass construction and quite different to what most kiwis would know as a sea kayak. They did not have a rudder system but rather a skeg that protruded from just behind the driver's seat, operated by sliding a barrel along a steel rod that was mounted beside the cockpit. The boats were the flatter deck European design. So we set out from where we hired the kayaks from which was near the centre of Stockholm.

Stockholm is situated slightly inland from the coast at the vertex of a delta-shaped inlet that contains (NZ Bay of islands eat your heart out!!) in excess of 30,000 islands. A great place to paddle. In fact most of the waterways resemble small lakes as the openings between the islands can be quite narrow and the islands tend to 'overlap' each other when looking from water level. The upper Baltic has a tidal movement of about 2 inches and virtually now sea swell. The only beach waves, as it were, are created by the huge ferries that power around the place. An eerie yellowish powdery substance was present in the water throughout the weeks paddling. Later, as my friend Dion was all set to demonstrate how to do an Eskimo roll, he was shouted to from ashore by a local Swede not to submerge his head, as the yellowish stuff was in fact a toxic algae bloom.

We were navigating from our memory of a topographical map posted on the wall of the hire place, not to wise as we later discovered. However we thought we had it sussed where to go. All we had to do was to paddle down to the corner take a right, under the bridge and then a left etc. Of course things are not looking as two-dimensional and birds-eye-ish from the water line but eventually we made it into the main shipping line in the Stockholm harbour.

We didn't intend on paddling up the main shipping line so we stopped and asked for directions from a sailor at a marina, which is OK to do when you're two blokes and you're asking another bloke. He told us the direction in which to go to get to 'Vauxholm' via a passage between the mainland and one of the larger islands in the archipelago. He was also kind enough to

give us a nautical chart of the archipelago and wished us luck.

So we made a slight about turn, and headed up towards a point and around a corner and into one of the many passages between the islands. We were soon caught up by the bloke who was skippering a 30ft yacht. As it was getting late and he assumed we could use a hand he threw us a line and the three vessels tacked up the passage. After a few zig-zags back and forth, Dion and I realised we could make the same progress by paddling in a straight line and so we threw the line back to the skipper and proceeded under our own steam. As night really slowly crept in, as it does at that time of the year in Sweden (dark at about 11:00), we settled down on the mainland side of the passage and made camp in the forest. Swedish law allows anybody to camp on anyone else's land as long as they cannot be seen from a dwelling. You are not permitted to stay at one spot for longer than 24 hours and you're certainly not supposed to light fires. So we hid the boats, collected firewood, which is freeze dried due to the extreme winter temperatures in Sweden and breaks up like big pieces of chalk once thumped down over a rock. Then built a campfire to watch it spread. We panicked about this, and then ran back and forth several dozen times to the waters edge with coke bottles of Baltic water to put the growing inferno out before we did some real damage.

From that time on we lit fires only on the rocks by the waters edge. As I said earlier we shouldn't have lit any fires but Dion prides himself on being a bit of a pyromaniac and with the lack of any type of cooker between us eating cold food for a week and sitting around in the cooler evenings didn't appeal.

Stockholm is built on rock, there a lot of the islands in the archipelago that are in fact huge smooth bulbous rocks, which can make it awkward to find a beach. However, it is very common to see fantastic summer-houses right in the middle of one of these islands which may only be not much bigger than a section. Most of these places have flash jetties and very impressive gardens.

The second day we carried on to Vauxholm, which is a small touristy town at the edge of the mainland. This is where my paddling companion left his wallet while shopping for a fishing line. We had to exit the kayaks at the edge of a 10ft wharf and lift them out of the water, once on the wharf, using the deck lines that we unthreaded from the deck of each kayak. After our look around we headed across the small water way that shelters Vauxholm and visited the next door neighbour to one of Dions old girlfriends fathers beach house, whom Dion had met the previous year. Dion thought it

a good idea to pull up on his back wharf and say g'day. He was a real nice bloke and after a bit of a chat about what we were doing he telephoned his friends on a distant island further out into the Baltic and told us afterwards that they were expecting us the following day. Then he insisted on giving us a bottle of whisky and sent us on our way. That night we paddled off from Vauxholm and disappeared into the darkness to stop later on at a beach and observe small bats darting across the water surface catching what we thought to be small insects. We carried on in the dark out between some small islands into an open stretch of water towards a light house, thinking it would show us to a good camping spot for the night.

Upon getting closer to the lighthouse (which was on another of those big rock things, not on land at all) we disturbed a few hundred sea birds which erupted from their nesting spots and began squawking and circling the lighthouse. Quite an eerie experience.

Further on, Dion spotted what appeared to be a lovely fishing beach on land beyond. We made for this, arrived at the land, and stepped out into the deep mud. Ignoring a bad smell from who knows what, we found a small patch of grass, lit another fire, cooked some sausy's, drank some whisky and camped down for another night.

Day three, we were headed for the island of the Swedes, as mentioned earlier. We had a great cook-up for lunch that day on a lovely treed island not much bigger than a 1/4 acre section. The way onwards took us between several more islands, a few with nice beaches.

We arrived at the back of the island intended for us to stay at, and paddled for a further 2 hours or so around to the other side and up a reasonably long inlet, at which we found the summerhouse, at which the hospitable Swedes were retreating.

Topics of discussion that night included edible fungi and

winter holidays when Swedes put on their special touring ice skates and skate up to 40 kms out across the frozen Baltic to their, lets say this time, holiday houses. Christina and Lance fed us, you guessed it, pasta and sausage which was great. They let us camp on their front lawn and told us to be weary of the tics.

The destination for the next day was the island of Moy-ya or something like that. This was about 60 kms from Stockholm central. We arrived reasonably early in the afternoon and set up camp on the beach.

It was a relaxing day spent watching the Finland and inter-island ferries powering between the islands, and chasing wild otters, scampering across the rocks trying to photograph them. The tranquillity was only broken once by the sudden boom of two Saab jet fighters shooting out from behind a bluff at the RH end of the beach and roaring across the sky. Quite impressive too. Moy-ya as Dion told me is mainly toured by Swedes as not many foreign visitors make it out that far. This was at the outside of the archipelago looking across the open Baltic towards Finland.

The return trip to Stockholm was by ferry as we had run out of days hirage to ensure that we could paddle the boats back to the City under our own steam. A bit of clever persuasion from my friend was required to get two foreigners with kayaks, and no money between them, back to Vauxholm. Once at Vauxholm Dion went in search of his wallet and found it at the dairy-type shop from which he had bought his fishing line.

The paddle from here in was back down the "tacking" passage and up to the top end of the main shipping line again looking at the interesting Swedish architecture and beautiful shoreline properties. And then back to the rental place.

A very popular and interesting place to paddle with very different shorelines and sights than you'd see around Auckland. Highly recommended, if you are in that neck of the woods.

Deadline for next month's newsletter: Tuesday 10th July. (= committee meeting date)

A big "thank you" to all the people that have contributed to this and past newsletters. I couldn't produce the newsletter without your help. I know its getting cold out there, but I also know there are still some crazies out there paddling! So, pleeeeeease keep those trip reports and articles rolling in (otherwise I'll have to start printing recipes!). Cheers for now, and I hope to hear from you again soon!

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Cambridge to Hamilton Race, May 2001, Results

Firstname	Surname	Club	Boat	Elapsed	Div	PI	
Matt/Mike	Grant/Pike	a	Duet	1:48:45	1		duets
Sara/Bryan	McDonald/Hickling		Duet	1:48:57	2		
Ron/David	Oosterdyk	ha	Duet	1:53:34	3		
Brooke	Goldsworthy	w	Sprinter	0:44:56	1		junior
Joel	Davies	w	Sprinter	0:49:15	2		
Matthew	Ussher	w	Pinnacle	0:49:16	3		
Paul	Wilford		k1	1:38:02	1		mens K1
Andy	Kinsella	w	k1	1:39:18	2		
Hayden	Markham	w	k1	1:46:01	3		
Dave	Spring		Pinnacle	1:44:47	1		mens K1div2
Rodger	Everson		Sprinter	1:47:48	2		
Ross	Campbell	w	Pinnacle	1:47:54	3		
Rich/Andy	Couchman/Nweick	wm	k2	1:34:36	1		mens K2
Craig/Laurence	Parker/Exeter	wm	Van Deze	1:36:56	2		
Peter/Roy	Sommerhalder/Meehan	a	TK2	1:57:41	3		
Blair/Phil/Rob/Sim	Roskruge/Exeter/Rowe/McLa	wm	k4	1:29:08	1		mens K4
Jed/Dan/Peter/Ste	Rice/Bradley/Rothwell/Stanle	wm	k4	1:31:58	2		
Neil	McConnell		Evo Edge	1:39:19	1		mens multisport 1
Arney	Lafleur	a	Evolution	1:39:39	2		
Jeremy	Kuggelein	wu	Evo	1:42:33	3		
Paul	Buckley	a	Opus	1:55:23	17		
Paul	Gurney	wm	Swallow	1:53:59	1		mens multisportdiv2
Scott	Wustenburg	wm	Intrigue	1:57:15	2		
Jason	Waterhouse	a	Tribear	1:57:38	3		
Graeme	Bruce	a	Homebuilt	1:57:50	4		
David	Matthews	a	Swallow	2:17:22	9		
Nikki	Cox	wo	Searunner	2:25:02	1		outrigger
Trevor/Wally	Arthur/Gilmer	a	Crosswind	2:06:07	1		sea double
Ruth/Katherine	Nicol		Double se	2:25:02	2		
Mark	Price		Ranger	1:59:48	1		mens sea kayak
Rob	Gardner	a	Mirage 58	2:00:11	2		
Ryan	Whittle	a	Albatross	2:00:53	3		
Lindsay	Sandes	a	Storm	2:07:32	6		
Jonathan	Jarvis	a	X Factor	2:07:33	7		
Will	Henden	a	Penguin	2:11:10	8		
Philip	Ziegler	a	Puffin	2:13:19	9		
Jimmy	Thompson	a	Storm	2:13:25	10		
Ian	Calhaem	a	X Factor	2:15:56	11		
Ray	Clark	a	Nordkapp	2:16:21	12		
Chris	Codd	a	Storm	2:16:44	13		
Bevan	Brown	a	Storm	2:17:04	15		
John	Hieatt	a	Squall	2:20:39	16		
Kevin	Beeby	a	Storm	2:32:34	19		
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Susan	Petrie	b	Opus	2:00:56	1		womens multisport
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Julia	Kuggelein	wu	Epic	2:07:54	3		
Jenni	Douglas	a	Cutlass	2:07:27	1		womens sea kayak
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AUCKLAND CANOE CLUB PROVISIONAL TRIP PROGRAM

		WEEKEND TRIPS			DAY TRIPS		
July	7-8				Sun Tawharanui	Ian Deverick	
	14-15				Sun Waikato River Stage 1	Peter Sommerhalder	815 2073
	21-22				Sat Local Bays	Lindsay and Jane	522 3344
	28-29				Sat Whau River	Trevor Arthur	
					Sat Waiheke	Pelham Housego	
Aug	4-5				Sun Waikato River Stage 2	Peter Sommerhalder	815 2073
	11-12				Sun Waikato River Stage 3	Peter Sommerhalder	815 2073
	18-19			Taupo	Sun Matakana	Trevor Arthur	
	25-26				Sun Mahurangi	Margaret & Ray	2927 883
					Sat Henderson Creek	Rona Patterson	
Sept	1-2				Sun Puhoi River	John Hyatt	
	8-9			Motuihe Island	Sun Browns Island Clean-up	Colin Quilter	
	15-16				Sun Three Peaks	Trevor Arthur	
	22-23				Sun Howick area	Dean Camp	535 6473
	29-30			Rotorua	Sat Tamaki River	Rona Patterson	
Oct	6-7				Sun Warkworth	Ian Calhaem	
	13-14			Stony Batter	Sun Ponui Island	Brian Strid	09 236 3884
	20-22		Labour		Sun Motutapu	Pete Gendall	
	27-28				Sat Pollen Island	Rona Patterson	
Nov	3-4			?	Sun Kawanu Island	Gerry Maire	
	10-11		?Southern Northland?				
	17-18		Family Camp Kawanu				
	24-25						
Dec	1-2		Tiritiri Matangi Island				
	8-9						
	15-16		Opito Bay/Mercury Islands				
	22-23						
	29-30		27-30 Murray River Marathon Cape Reinga				