



Newsletter

October 2003

Hello Folks,

Thanks to all the contributors. I thought that the content would be sparse this month but you rallied round and the articles soon came in.

I do notice that we have few trips planned for the December January period, yet this is the time when a number of you have a bit more free time. Some start thinking about where you would like to go, or better still, where you would like to take other people.... Yes! lead a trip! You will find many club members willing and able to assist you.

Cheers,

Ian

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Deadline for next month's newsletter: 14 October 2003

Useful phone numbers and addresses

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The Club maintains two e-mail groups:

To subscribe to the discussion list, send a blank e-mail to: auckland-kayakers-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
For event reminders, send a blank e-mail to: auckland-canoe-club-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Where can you go to get training?

Auckland Canoe Centre, phone 815 2073

Basic confidence course, Henderson Pool, Tuesday evenings
- \$120 for four sessions.

One-on-One rolling, Henderson Pool, Tuesday evenings
- \$149 for three sessions. \$55 for single 90 minute lesson.
Multisport Grade 2 Certificate, white water, sea kayaking
one and two-day courses run frequently.

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)

Outdoor Discoveries Ltd, Chris Gulley, phone 813 3399

Intro Skills \$155, overnight Ocean Kayaking Course \$245.
Surfing Courses also available. Courses run by professional
SKOANZ Assessors/Guides. Details on website
www.outdoordiscoveries.co.nz

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

Two-day OSH certified outdoors first aid course - \$140

10% discount if four or more club members enrol 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, John Maynard,
Mike Randall.

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

Remember... you **MUST** have either an all-round white light on a pole, or else a large-lens (eg. Dolphin) torch, in good working condition, mounted on the outside of your kayak. This is actually a legal requirement, so, no light, no paddle. As discussed in a previous Newsletter, the Coastguard, do not recommend the use of flashing lights. It is apparently difficult to judge their distance and they are also used to signify danger. Also, it is advisable before going out on an evening paddle that you attend a basic skills course and ensure you are fit enough to be able to paddle for one hour.

All paddlers **MUST** provide their own night-lights. All skill levels welcome. Meet at Okahu Bay by 5:30pm, ready to be on the water by 5:45pm. 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. Club boats can be hired at the subsidised rates of: \$5 to club members, and \$10 for non-members/guests. (At all other times, Club boat hire is \$20/day or part day , for members and guests.)

October

Labour Weekend (October 25, 26,27) Motuihe The Motuihe Project is currently underway and your Committee have agreed to support the Project in a small way during Labour Weekend. This is a tangible way we can repay the pleasure gained during previous visits to the Island. The plan is for club members to visit the Island for a day or camp over the weekend and take part in as much or as little of the tree planting, nursery work or moth plant eradication as you like. Shared dinner Saturday night. **Please contact Rona (834 3399) to confirm.**

25 October Mangahao Dam whitewater run. Next release for Grade 3+ whitewater run from Mangahao Dam No 2 is scheduled for Sat Oct 25, Labour weekend. (Shannon, North Island). **Check www.rivers.org.nz for further release data etc.** Alan Bell For NZ Recreational Canoeing Association.

31 Oct to 2 Nov - KASK Mini-Symposium. See details in this Newsletter.

November

11th November 7 pm Jubilee Get-Together Night ACC clubrooms upstairs from Fergs shop, 12 Tamaki Drive, Okahu Bay For more information phone **Peter at work 815-2073**, or email peter@kayak.co.nz or phone **Rona 834-3399**, email ronap@splurge.com.nz

15-16 November - Waihou river low tide at Thames is 4.20 pm Waihou river from Matamata to Thames will be a two day trip starting from Opal hot springs near Matamata overnighing on the way and finishing at Thames , this is a nice river with a good flow but safe for all levels and will be about 7 hours of paddling per day. It would be best to stay at the spings on Friday night as we will have an early start Saturday morning , they have a good range of acomadation and nice pools, Hot springs ph 0800 800 198. **contact Evan Pugh 07 883 6898 sheepskinsstuff@xtra.co.nz or Mail sheepskinsstuff@xtra.co.nz**

16 November, Sunday - Swim Escort - Herne Bay Time: 11:15am Herne Bay to Curran St, 1.2km. Meet at Curran St at 11:15am. Race starts at 12:15pm. Tide 1.01pm. At least 20 kayaks required.

30 November, Sunday - Swim Escort - Chelsea Sugar Time: 11:15am Curran St to Chelsea Sugar works, 2.36km. Meet at Curran St at 11:15am. Race starts at 12:15pm. Tide 1.31pm. At least 40 kayaks required.

Pres Sez

Swim Escorts

With summer just around the corner, it's time to start thinking about and prepare for the annual swim escorts. These are four swimming events held throughout the summer, organised by the Auckland Central Masters Swimmers, and our club for many years has provided the essential role of close escort over the course. They are very well patronised, especially the last swim from Rangitoto wharf to St Heliers beach.

The recent court decisions over organiser liability in events like these have impacted the way they are run in all disciplines right across the country. The Auckland Volunteer Coastguard controls operations for the swim escorts on the water, and has stipulated minimum numbers of kayakers to be available before events will proceed. So now it is more important than ever for us to have your support for these events - we don't want to be the weakest link that could disappoint a large number of entrants.

Because the distances are small and the pace very slow, there are no other trips the club does that are more suitable for novices. Our job on the water is to guide swimmers if they veer too far off course and to flag down a roaming rubber boat if a swimmer needs to come out – simple! And it's a great social occasion to meet many other paddlers. Not to mention that the income we receive (based on kayak numbers) helps us keep your subs so low!

We should be having the bar-be set up at the finish for the first event (see the calendar), so it will be well worth attending. See you there!!

KASK Northland Forum

Also coming up at the end of this month is the KASK Northland forum, held in Whangarei. The organisers have secured Nigel Dennis as a speaker, so the event should be well worth attending for that alone. Nigel is a top expedition sea kayaker from Wales, one of his trips includes a circumnavigation of Gt. Britain with Paul Caffyn. There are many other worthwhile sessions besides. I'll be heading up there myself to help out with one of the sessions on GPS use, so I hope to see you there.

For more information and to register, see the KASK website at <http://www.kask.co.nz/Events.shtml>

Tuesday night roster

Now that we have daylight back for the regular Tuesday night paddles, we're expecting more of you to come down after work. We have drawn up a roster of committee members (and other keen soles) who can co-ordinate boats and destinations. So rest assured, there will always be someone down there who can get you in a kayak if you need one, or help with your concerns.

Paddles during the week

There has been some interest in paddles during the week for those who work odd hours or are available anytime. John Hieatt has offered to put such people in contact with others whose availability matches. If this is you, you can contact John on 828 9673 or handcraftsupplies@xtra.co.nz

Orakei Marina Development

Breaking news - the various applications to the Auckland City Council and Auckland Regional Authority for this project have been granted.

Orakei Basin Management Plan

The club was represented by Peter Sommerhalder at a recent meeting with the Auckland City Council to discuss the proposed usage of Orakei Basin. The basin is currently a haven for water skiers, and it is proposed to regulate its use for the benefit of other recreational users. Of particular interest to us is the use of the dyke for practice in moving water.

50th Jubilee

As you can see by the covering invite on the newsletter, the Jubilee celebrations are kicking off next month with a trip down memory lane. Have you sent in your registrations yet? See you on the 11th.

Happy paddling - M@
(817 1984, matt@vsl.co.nz)

Swim Escorts 2003 - 2004

Date	Event
<u>Sunday</u> <u>16th</u> <u>November</u> <u>2003</u>	<u>AUCKLAND CENTRAL MASTERS SWIM 1.2k</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herne Bay Beach to Curran Street • Assemble 11.15am • Start 12.15pm • Tide 1.01pm • 20-25 kayaks required
<u>Sunday</u> <u>30th</u> <u>November</u> <u>2003</u>	<u>CHELSEA SUGAR SWIM 2.36k</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curran Street to Chelsea Sugar Refinery • Assemble 11.15am • Start 12.15pm • Tide 1.31pm • 40-45 kayaks required
<u>Sunday</u> <u>22nd</u> <u>February</u> <u>2004</u>	<u>EAGLE TECHNOLOGY BAYS SWIM</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Heliers Bay to Tamaki Yacht Club • Assemble 7.45am @ St Heliers • Start 8.15am • Tide 9.52am • 30-35 kayaks required
<u>Sunday</u> <u>28th</u> <u>March</u> <u>2004</u>	<u>EAGLE TECHNOLOGY RANGITOTO SWIM 4.45k</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rangitoto to St.Heliers Bay • Assemble 8.30am @ St Heliers • Depart <i>for Rangitoto</i> 9am • Start 10.15am • Tide 12.26pm • 55-60 kayaks required

The Auckland Volunteer Coastguard controls operations for the swim escorts on the water, and has stipulated minimum numbers of kayaks to be available before events will proceed. So now it is more important than ever for us to have your support for these events.

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Please make sure you ring Matt Crozier 817 1984, even just to leave a message, if you intend to come. This will help avoid a panic!

KASK MINI-SYMPIOSIUM (Oct 31 - Nov 2)

This should be a great fully catered weekend for up to 100 recreational paddlers, all for \$100 and just 30 minutes from Whangarei, set against a backdrop of Mt Manaia with a panoramic view of Taurikura Bay. Staying at the Manaia Baptist Camp at Taurikura, about 34 km from Whangarei. The camp has its own safe harbour beach, with Ocean Beach ten minutes away by car. The accommodation consists of a hall building with five rooms containing up to 13 bunks in each (including hall/dining room, toilets and showers), Jensen House (self contained for up to 20 people including small kitchen, fridge, freezer, toilets and shower), two lodges (containing three rooms for up to ten persons in each lodge, sink, zip, stove, fridge, freezer) and plenty of room for anyone wanting to camp (with a separate ablution block available).

Plenty of options throughout the weekend, including:

- Social event Saturday night (including jazz/blues band)
- Exploring Whangarei Harbour, Tuatua collecting, surfing, fishing from your kayak
- Visit Limestone Island with Patrick to track the kiwis, get up close to a kiwi and learn about its habitat (limited to 20 people

on a first come first serve basis)

- Use GPS to show the effect of current flow on your paddling. Option of organising two groups of paddlers paddling across the Whangarei Harbour mouth to Marsden Point - one group will paddle across just heading straight toward a certain point, the other group will use the GPS to ferry glide across keeping a straight line. We can then plot the tracks on a chart to see the difference. We could have another group paddling straight across a section of deep and narrow water to determine the effect of depth on current.
- Search and rescue scenario on Whau Valley Dam
- Walk Mt Manaia for breathtaking views of the Harbour
- Displays - places to explore in Northland, gizmos and gadgets, trade displays
- Keynote speakers – Paul Caffyn (paddling in New Zealand), Steve Tapp (fishing from your kayak), Vincent Maire (KASK training syllabus for New Zealand sea kayakers) and Simon Osborne (circumnavigating the UK).

A registration form and programme are available by emailing Sue Drake on drakesuenz@yahoo.co.nz, or on the KASK website at <http://www.kask.co.nz/Events.shtml>. Register early – this is run as a non-profit event. It is managed under the auspices of the Kiwi Association of Sea Kayakers Inc (KASK). KASK is dedicated to promoting and encouraging the sport of sea kayaking. Please have registrations in by Friday at the very latest.

[BTW, please let Matt Crozier (817 1984) if you can help with transport for Simon Osborne and his kayak from Auckland].

Coastbusters 2004

Hello from Doug Howard,

I am on the organising committee for the Kask Coastbusters 2004 symposium.

Could I ask you to include the following information in future publications.

KASK Coastbusters 2004

A must for all seakayakers - the 10th Auckland Seakayakers' Symposium with New Zealand and International speakers and workshops - at Puriri Park, Orewa on March 5 - 7

Many thanks,

Doug Howard

Kask Organising Committee

09 479 2128

tristrampark@extra.co.nz <<mailto:tristrampark@extra.co.nz>>

Vine House

Vine House Working Bees Wrap up

Thank you to everyone for a successful winter of work. We have made (most of) the stairway to our slice of heaven. We have also cleaned a water tank (and disposed of the bodies found in it!), painted a room, planted a legacy of trees and done numerous other little tasks. There has been a real feeling of camaraderie. It has been more fun than work. The ARC builder moves in shortly to do some of the bigger jobs so we will be having a break from official working bees for a few months. The builder may need one or two people to help out. I'll be calling on you keen ones as and when you are required.

We look forward to being able to use this facility next year. Please note that the house is not ours to stay at, or tent around, whenever we like. It is on ARC land. It will be available for booking next year through the proper channels. More details to follow in the future.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all the willing helpers. I'll miss our little weekends.

Cheers

Stephanie

As a PS to Stephanie's article:

I was at a fund raising dinner recently and found myself sitting with a number of senior parks staff and counsellors from the ARC. They all knew about Vine Cottage and had heard great reports from field staff about the work that is being done. They think the Auckland Canoe Club is wonderful and all of them expressed an interest in visiting the cottage once the work has been completed.

Vincent Maire

Fridge/Freezer and Microwave

With the builder moving into Vine House soon to start on the major structural work, the ARC would like to source a fridge/freezer (particularly a freezer which needn't be big) and a microwave oven.

If anyone knows of either of these that can be donated, please let me know - 817 1984.

Cheers, M@

A Text Message

This bit of nonsense was in response to some correspondence on the email network, after a misunderstanding arose between an esteemed, much loved and hard working member of the Club who gently advertised her Massage business through the Club's email and another esteemed and much loved Club member, whom we shall call Brian, which may or may not be his or her real name and who declared that the said advertisement had 'Bugger all to do with kayaking'.

We could do with some massagers
When we go away on trips
Just think of all the benefits
For starters, no sore hips.

They wouldn't have to paddle
Nor even have to cook
We'd put them in a double
They could rest and read their book.

And at our destination
They'd set to work at will
They'd soothe away our aches and pains
We wouldn't even smell.

We'd put them on the internet
To let everybody know
That paddlers love their massage
We'd reap just what we sow.

And all the Brians of the world
(It's just some fun, dear friend)
Would not take umbrage at the site/sight
Of txt messages sent.

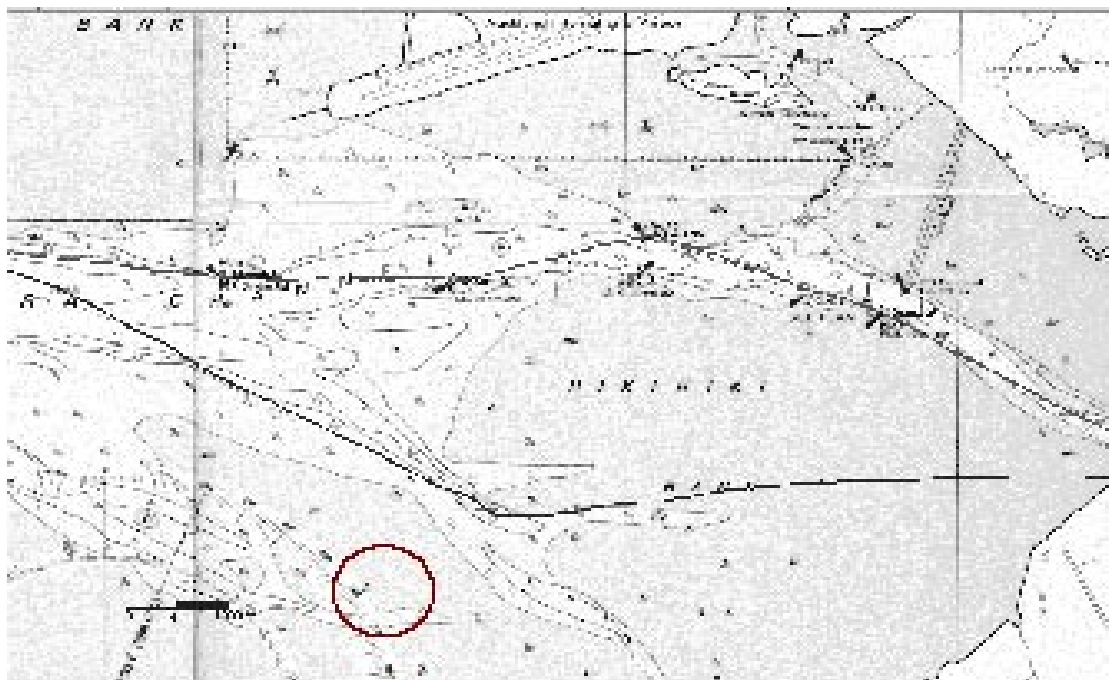
Carry on paddling, cheers, Mike

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Postal address: P.O. Box 25 131,
St Heliers, Auckland
Mobile phone: 025 736 806
email: mike-randall@xtra.co.nz

Using GPS to show the affect of current

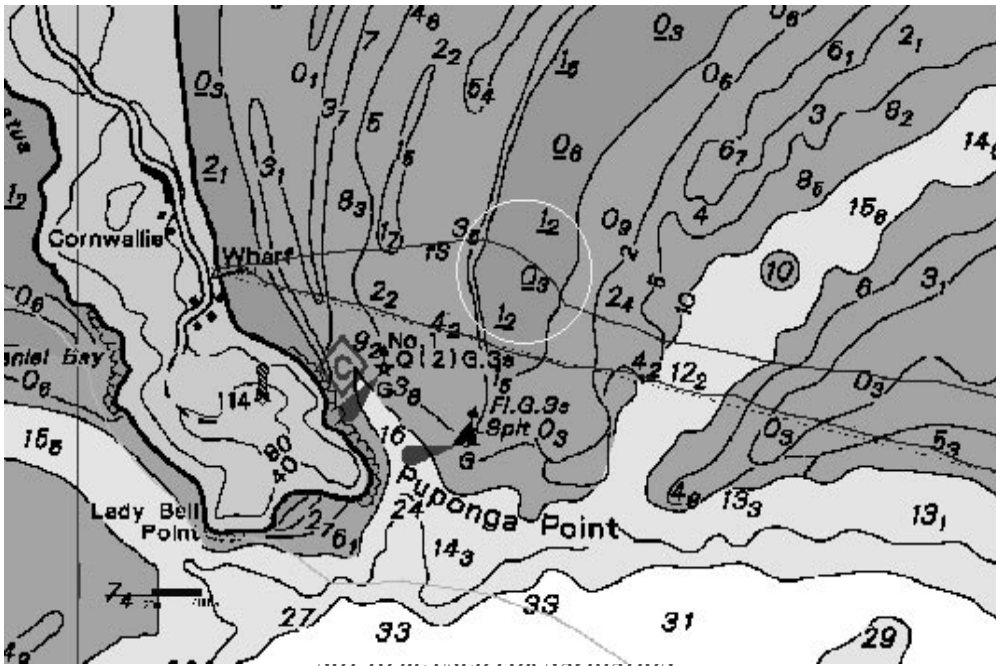
Around about this time last year, I paddled from Cornwallis wharf to Karaka Point and back with a GPS unit logging my path. Back at home, I uploaded the track log from the GPS to a program which shows the route on a map or chart. I was really impressed to see how the currents affected my paddling, especially across the Hikihiki Bank and the across the bank just off Cornwallis.

I left Karaka Point due West heading straight into the 15-20kn wind with the idea of getting shelter from South Head and assistance from the Waiuku Channel current (they were forecasting 25 gusting 35 by evening - I didn't really want to be in a wind against tide situation in the main channel). Progress was very slow across Hikihiki Bank and tiring. I struck a relatively calm patch and guessed that I was in a channel so thought 'stuff this!' and headed up to the main channel. The track shows I turned at the right point. I was pleased to see my speed increase even though the wind was slightly beam-on, because I was getting pretty tired.



It was very choppy in the main channel, but still much better than heading into the sea waves across the shallows. I lost GPS coverage from No.4 to No.2 lights on the way back. Not really sure why - guessed it was all the spray on the casing covering. Just after No.2, I propped the GPS further up the deck, adjusted the aerial more vertically, and all was sweet again.

From there, I was heading more NNW with the idea of going straight for the northern shore, across Karore Bank and letting the currents sweep me around the inside to Cornwallis Wharf. The currents kept me parallel with the direct course line. I should have surfed straight down the SW sea waves. The track shows vividly the difference in my course as I traveled over Te Tau bank just off Cornwallis.



For more information about GPS TrackMaker, see <http://www.gpstm.com>

For electronic charts, see <http://www.hydro.linz.govt.nz>

Matt Crozier.

Orca Sighting

Recently I was driving along Whangaparaoa Road and passing Little Manly Beach I spotted an Orca. I stopped the car and my daughter Victoria and I watched for about three minutes as this magnificent beast doodled around some 200m offshore. Even from that distance it was huge with the dorsal fin standing more than a metre above the water. It spent more time under water than above and a lone black-backed gull looking for morsels tracked its movements.

I was so thrilled by the sighting that I came home and went into Ingrid Visser's website www.orcaresearch.org <<http://www.orcaresearch.org>> to record the sighting.

Dr Ingrid Visser comes from Northland and is a world authority on Orca. I have even seen her driving down the motorway in her 4WD towing her inflatable, obviously on her way to more whale spotting.

A few years ago Ingrid was a keynote speaker at Coastbusters and was both fascinating and also very amusing. If you ever get the chance to hear her talk, don't miss out.

Ingrid responded to my sighting as follows:

Hi Vincent,

Just wanted to touch base with you and say thanks for taking the time to send in an Orca sighting report. I am sorry it has taken me so long to get back to you. I was overseas, then had an Orca stranding when I got back home and now am trying to wade through all of my mail!

I would guess, from your information on the sighting sheet that the Orca were in so close as they were hunting for rays. This is typical of NZ Orca, but is not seen in other Orca populations around the world. The large fin that you saw is easily 1 m high - they reach nearly two metres at times. The black-backed gull that was following is doing just as you suggested, picking up tit-bits, most likely the liver from the rays as this floats due to the high oil content. The Orca don't eat the livers, and they often get broken up like 'bread crumbs' and the gulls follow along to pick them up. Often I find the Orca after a report, by looking for a bunch of gulls, and then sure enough, after a while the Orca pop up under them.

I really appreciate your information and each and every sighting is important for my database as it helps me to monitor where the animals go.

Once again, thanks very much,

Best wishes, Ingrid

The Book Club

We meet on Monday evening
Seven of us in all
And this is why I'm writing this
For you to answer to the call.

Stephanie of Vine House fame
And Debbie come along
Vince and Jude as mentioned
Jimmy, Brian and I complete the throng.

If you like books and reading
And cups of tea and chat
Come on down to Judith's place
That's where the action's at.

We need a few more members
To keep our brains awake
To talk of lit-er-a-ture
Have you got what it takes?

We joined the WEA Reading Group
Vincent done it good
We sit around, discuss the book
And hopefully there's food.

So it's once a month at Judith's
Two hours of chortling fun
Just read at least one book a month
And a member you'll become.

New six month period starts in February. Maximum of 5 new members required - present 7 members want to keep going. \$45 sub. which goes to the WEA. (Worker's Education Assoc) Please contact me if interested.

Carry on paddling Mike
Home phone: 09 528 1377
Postal address: P.O. Box 25 131, St Heliers, Auckland
Mobile phone: 027 4736 806
email: mike-randall@xtra.co.nz

Padding the Reef

A clear blue sky, milky axure water and the sound of six paddles entering the water in unison. One, two, three... seven, HUP! and everyone changed sides and repeated another eight strokes on the other side of the outrigger canoe.

The surf looked inviting - just imaging riding the waves through that churning white water before landing gently on the sandy beach. - But no, I am told that it is not a good ide to go through the surf because below lurks some of the sharpest corals that can be imagined. Not only will this wreck havoc with the canoe, but legs and arms do not survive well either. Breaking water is for looking at, not paddling through when canoeing in the Cook Islands.

Yes folks, another working trip where I had to suffer 28 degrees, sunny skies and only the occassional chance to experience the local canoeing.

I was working in Rarotonga where outrigger canoeing has become very popular in the last two years. The local canoe club now has nearly 200 members and six 6 seater outriggers as well as multiple single seaters. Some are old, but many are new fibreglass models.

I talked about the possibility of kayaking from Rarotonga to one of the other Island, but distances are really too great. However mention was made of a planned trip using a double hulled canoe from Rarotonga back to Chile. I expressed interest in such an idea and will learn more on my next working trip...

Ian.

New Members

The Committee extends a warm welcome to our new members...

Warwick Grey,

Wendy Dykes,

Sarah Nyberg

Club Christmas Expedition

I am keen to lead a club expedition this summer. The start date will be December 27th and will run to about January 3rd. I have no firm ideas on a destination but would prefer it to be a 'real' expedition in that we camp somewhere different each night. At this stage I am considering the Coromandel with a likely route of Coromandel township to Tairua or even further south depending on how everyone feels. I am also keen on the Coromandel as it will enable us to keep the distances to maximum 25km with some days being shorter, or even staying put an extra night should we feel that way inclined. Coromandel also offers good exit points and bad weather options. BUT, Northland also looks mighty inviting if someone can come up with a suitable itinerary. This will be a 'more the merrier' type trip but you will have to be able to keep with the group and do the distances. If you are interested please let me know. Vincent.Maire@xtra.co.nz email:Vincent.Maire@xtra.co.nz

Advertising

Wanted - SurfSki

Secondhand surfski wanted. Intermediate level. Virtually any condition considered.

Barbara at hennesybarbara@hotmail.com

Wanted - Siton Kayaks

Two secondhand kayaks wanted for beach and surf use. Freedom / Frenee or similar.

Richard Thornhill (021) 375 317

HUMBLE TROLLEY

Please find the latest news and pictures on my updated web site www.cadkey.co.nz, introducing the final version of 'The Humble Trolley'

Although it was not my intension to make this into a commercial product, the reactions so far might prove me wrong and the trolley could well become available in shops.

Not knowing what the future will bring, a possible retail price for The Humble Trolley is estimated between \$195.00 and \$210.00 including GST.

For members of the club (as introduction offer) I will make it available for \$179.95 incl. GST (excl. freight) for orders received before 15 November 2003, after which we will sell it for \$195.00.

Enjoy kayaking - **Gerard ph. 64-9-473 5738 / fax 64-9-473 0808**

Paddling companions wanted - November 2003

I am planning a week-long trip across the Bay of Plenty in November, and would like to hear from anyone interested in coming. Yes, I know it seems an odd place to go, (long beaches, surf landings maybe, not much shelter).

But it's the only stretch of coast between North Cape and East Cape I haven't paddled, so that's why. Start at Whangamata, travel east and finish at Opotiki, Te Kaha, or wherever. Paddlers don't need to be fast, but they do need to be confident.

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