



Newsletter

June 2004

Hello Folks,

This is a quick newsletter to bring you up to date with the trips planned for June, July and August. The last issue contained a plea for those with trip ideas to come forward, and as you will see July is now a busy and exciting month.

For those of you new to paddling, or more particularly Winter Paddling, you will find that the weather is often more stable in the Winter... calm glassy seas and little breeze. Yes it is colder and warm cloths are required when you stop, but it is certainly worth the effort to get out during the Winter.

Thank you to those who came forward to fill up the trips calendar.

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Deadline for next month's newsletter: 11 May 2004

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.)

Saturday Morning Paddles

Saturdays Morning Coffee at Caf'e at Kohi. Meet at Okahu Bay by 9am, all skill levels welcome. Paddle duration will be about 2 hours, a great chance for new/novice/slow paddlers to mix and mingle with older/ experienced club members. Club boats can be hired. **For more details please phone Gavin Baker on 528 5188 or email gavinbaker@clear.net.nz**

June

26 June "Waiheke Walkie" Paddling from Omana Beach to the reserve at Rocky Bay, Waiheke - and back again. A walk into the bush behind is planned to find a geocache (see http://www.geocaching.com/seek/cache_details.aspx?guid=c5edf7f3-c4aa-4a4c-9878-cdeb85c93cf9). Those not interested in the hunt can have a picnic on the beach. Meet at Te Pene beach in the Omana Regional Reserve (just before Maraetai) at 10am for 10:30 departure. Listen to 1ZB newstalk (1080AM) for cancellation. It is about a 7km paddle each way. Good for Intermediate paddlers. **Contact Matt Crozier, 817 1984 or matt@vsl.co.nz**

July

Saturday 3rd July. Mid-winter Christmas Dinner. At old Caretakers Cottage, Administration Bay, Motutapu Is. Join us for a Mid-winter Christmas dinner, Lamb roast and mint sauce, crackers, party hats, streamers, balloons and bubbles. Dress formal, limited place's. For more info please **phone Morgan Lewis on 6204005 or email morganl@xtra.co.nz**

Sunday 11th July Kawakawa Bay to Kaipapakanga Regional Park. 8:30 AM for 9:00AM departure All day. Bring Food, Drink Trip will be cancelled if winds are forecast to exceed 20 Knots **Contact Rosemary Gatland 09 267-5087.**

Saturday 17 July, Mystery Harbour Cruise. 9am Okahu Bay; returning about 3pm. You will need a sea kayak, about \$10 pocket money, and spare dry clothes. Suits beginners. Registration necessary. **Phone: Peter Sommerhalder at work 815-2073.**

July 16,17,18 Opito Bay, Coramandel. Graemes Batch -Sleeps up to 15. Bring Food, Drink, Sleeping Bags/mats All weathers - no cancellation as there are alternate activities ie sleeping, reading, tramping etc. **Contact Graeme Bruce 07 332 3112.**

Tue 20th July - Guest speaker night at the clubrooms – "The Three Kings expedition" with Morgan Lewis and Andrew Frances. Meet at 7pm for a 7:30 start. All welcome, bring a friend. Refreshments available. **Phone Roger Lomas - 579 8799**

Saturday 31st July - Auckland Canoe Center Auction. Please note a revised date for the 6th annual Auckland Canoe Centre auction. Now being held on Saturday 31 July, from 12pm at the Auckland Canoe Centre, 502 Sandringham Rd.

August

Tuesday 3rd August - Social Dinner. Another Social event is being organised at Wolfgang's. Rona is taking the bookings since the numbers are limited because of the size of the restaurant. Details are still being finalised. For more information contact Rona on 834 3399

Tuesday 24th August - Auckland Stardome. Night navigation for sea Kayakers, for an experience that is truly out of this world, sit back in the Observatory Planetarium, an all-sky, 360* panoramic theatre and enjoy a multimedia experience featuring 3500 brilliant stars, delivered by special effects projectors linked with stunning digital sound, learn about what a Kayaker should look for when paddling at night, how Celestial navigation works, about the Moon, Sun and tides, there affects etc, etc, etc.

This will be a great evening and is every much a rare event, so please make an effort to come along, the cost will be published at a later date, nearer to the time and there will be also an opportunity to purchase things at the Observatory shop. Be there at 6.45pm for a 7 o'clock start, there is seating available for up to 85 people. The Stardome Observatory is situated on the lower southern slopes of One Tree Hill.

Enter One tree Hill domain from the Manukau road, the Stardome Observatory is approximately 100m into the park. Please register your interest early, contact **Morgan Lewis on 6204005 or email morganl@extra.co.nz.**

Pool Training

Thursday 7:30-8:45 G.I . Aquatics, 122 Elstree Ave.

A group of club members are conducting sessions to help each other with water confidence, support strokes, rescue and rolling sessions, using small river kayaks. Cost \$10.00 per session. Beginners positively encouraged.

Ph Margaret 524 6020



Jubilee Dinner

Hi all, I was fortunate to be able to get along to the Jubilee

Dinner. Apart from a good nosh up, it simply reinforced a long held feeling since I've been involved in kayaking what a privilege it is to be associated with such a nice bunch of guys - women and men.

Half pie dressed up and smelling sweet
It really was a sight
We hardly recognised ourselves
But usually got it right.

Fifty years of getting wet
That's what this Club's about
The Jubilee Dinner just topped it off
It was a super shout.

All those years of building boats
And making all the gear
Then each weekend they'd all take off
Don't forget the beer.

In those ancient days, long gone
It was the norm to buy a bus
And all muck in to fix it up
Three cheers for all of us

And if by chance the bus broke down
They'd be right on the job
A gasket blown, the diff kaput
Piece of cake, no prob.

We sat and watched the photographs
Some still and some that move
Of handsome blokes and lovely girls
The pictures there to prove.

And there they were, those self same guys
They hadn't changed one chalk Well, perhaps a little
touch of grey I did enjoy the talks.

It wasn't all that long ago
Those images of yore
The same old spirit lingers on
In Club two double oh four.

I really must extend my thanks
My heartfelt thanks just so
For the marvellous work you undertook
To organise this do.

These fifty years of paddling
It's all been done before
There's nothing new, the game's the same We'll
just keep paddling more.

Carry on paddling Mike Mike Randall
P.O. Box 25 131 St. Heliers, Auckland
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Prez Sez

Annual General Meeting

Nearly thirty members attended the AGM. Reports were received from the president and treasurer, and these, along with the minutes, will be available on the club website for members shortly. The committee remains relatively the same this year except for the sad departure of Morgan Lewis and Alan Edwards, being replaced with Gavin Baker (trips), Des Matthews (treasurer), Margaret Thwaites, and Wayne Fitzsimons. There were no motions put forward so the proceedings went fairly quickly, with time at the end for discussion on various issues such as how to get more people coordinating trips, and how to make more use of the clubrooms.

50th Jubilee Dinner

The dinner was a great success, with a lot of thanks to Peter Sommerhalder for putting it all together. Some may remember Laurie Bugbee, who was MC for the evening. Jim Mason and Ian Calhaem went to a lot of trouble to put together slide presentations of club activities way back in the 50s. We heard anecdotes from past members including Jim Mason, Newton Wickham, Palhaem Housego, Ron Augustin, and Liz Godfrey. Needless to say, the meal was superb with plenty left for seconds .

Web Site

We have secured the web address <http://aucklandcanoecub.org.nz> and this currently points to the existing Yahoo Groups website where the trips calendar is given online plus a newsletter archive. Andrew Francis is putting together a static web site with information about the club for new and prospective members. Watch this space for when it becomes live.

Vine House

Unfortunately we are losing Stephanie Seager, who has worked hard all year on organising working bees, and sharing the hard labour on every one of them. She has been the key motivator and public face for the Vine House project this year. The work she has done for the club in this regard has been at least on par with any committee member. We will continue with the working bees, of course, but it won't be the same without her.

Have you got any slides?

If so, then we'd love to see them and hear all about your adventures. We're looking for ways to fill the winter evenings in the club rooms.

As a result of the jubilee, we are also looking to make sure that any old and current pictures are archived to DVD for posterity. Ian Calhaem is managing this project, so please contact him if you have anything that can go into the club archive.

Membership

Thanks to all those who have renewed their subs promptly. Those who haven't done so yet have until the end of June before being taken off the list (which includes event reminders by email), and this will be their last newsletter (as indicated on the label).

New Members

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members.

Jonathan Allen; Jo Birkbeck; Donald Caird; Urban & Yoka Camenzind/Hermanides; Janet Chambers; Giselle Clements; Vic Crutchley; Roberto Fidalgo; Kolle Jetie; Suzanne, Micheal, Allison, Ben Johnson/Hanly; Zane Lockley; Shona Matthews; David McArthur; Jandy Payne; Keith Phillips; Jim, Rachel, Isaac, Ashlin Rolfe; Jim & Phyllis Snedden; Audrey & Keri Squires/Perana; Coral & Charles Stratton/Atkins; Martha Tony Alma & Nigel Van der Lee; Neil & Christine Watson.

Happy paddling,

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