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And I thought that January was suppose to be a quiet time for the Newsletter...

Thank you all for the various contributions.

As you can see it is again a full issue.

Traditionally at this time the Club publishes the membership list (minus those who indicated on their membership forms that they wished to remain private) so that informal trips can be organised by members. You will find this list in the centre of the Newsletter so that you can extract it without destroying the rest of the publication.

Of course this is the time when the Club requests as many people as possible to support the Swim Escorts (19th February and 5th March). These are always fun, and suitable for kayakers from novice to experienced. Please make a note of these dates NOW.

Also in this newsletter is a colouring competition! On pages 17 and 18 you will find a series of illustrations depicting the lights that you might see whilst out paddling on one of the balmy summer evenings.

Get out your coloured pencils and colour in the Red, Green and Yellow stars (no need to colour in the white ones of course!)

Now try to identify what type of vessel you would be looking at if you saw these lights on the harbour.

We all know of the importance to display suitable white lights on our own kayaks, but it is equally important to know what type of vessel is approaching you or whether the vessel is actually going away!

When you have tried to work out the various vessels, turn to pages 19 and 20 and you will find the answers.

Editor.

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Trip reports

Waitemata Wander

Sunday 22 January, the weather was fine with the promise of winds reaching fifteen knots from the North/East, with the hopes of a fast homeward trip. At 8am at St Heliers Beach ready to Join Gerard Fagan on his Waitemata Wander were Wayne Fitzsimons, Iris Wegmueler, Helen Orchard, Rona Patterson, John and Christine Fryer, Erica law, Gill Henden, Brian Strid, Aaron Goodwin And Greg Shipton.

In perfect conditions the group set off to head around Browns Island where the group split in two, so that those who wished could paddle around Motuihe and others would paddle directly to the island via the wharf. At the Eastern end of the island, the first group split once again in two, with only a few going right around the island and the rest of the group opting to paddle alongside the island to meet up with the rest of the group.

As we enjoyed morning tea on the beach, the tide drifted in, and the large group of workers who had come over on the ferry, meandered up to the nursery to put in a day's work.

A leisurely paddle took the group over to Motutapu where Helen, Chris and Iris cooled off by swimming. Brian was not hot enough, so he disappeared for a run. The rest of the group were happy to lay in the sun and eat lunch - why else would anyone want to paddle that distance if not for a feed?

Some of the group were very disappointed that the 15 knot winds did not arrive and a slower paddle than was hoped for was had on the way to Browns Island. Once again the keen had another swim, and as if this were not enough, Iris and Brian showed the rest of us how easy it is to stand on their heads, and to continue to sit upside down. Now, one has to ask, "why"?

The final leg back to St Heliers was as uneventful as the rest of the day and we arrived back by 4.15pm. A wonderful day: perfect weather, happy and friendly company and very well organized. The only problem for the whole day happened when a car key was lost (thought to have been left on Motutapu).

Rona Patterson

Around Great Barrier Island – December 2005

It was a mild, overcast Sunday as seven of us, Colin, Giselle, Mike, Erica, Rosie, Philip and Sue met at the ferry terminal ready for our week long trip to circumnavigate Great Barrier Island. A flurry of last minute packing accompanied the excitement of beginning



a multi-day kayaking adventure, as we stashed our provisions for the week into bags and checked our equipment. We arrived on the island at about 2.30pm, quickly moved the kayaks onto a small beach at Tryphena, packed our gear and soon after 3pm we were on our way. It was only a short time before we encountered the spectacular scenery that the island has to offer, rounding Cape Barrier with its magnificent jagged peaks in unusually calm conditions.



We continued on past more cliffs and, in the early evening, arrived at the pleasant campsite at Medlands Beach. This was an ideal place for us to unwind, as the weather forecast, received on the radio from the top of a nearby headland, suggested that we spend longer here, waiting for more favourable conditions.

Early on Tuesday morning we launched from the beach in beautiful conditions

The paddling was easy, passing Kaitoke Beach and Awana Campsite before stopping for a short break at a superb sandy beach. We also explored some of the magnificent caves which are dotted along the cliff faces all around the coast of the island.

The crystal clear water around these caves was frequently an astonishing turquoise colour and the at-

mosphere within, quite awe inspiring. It was difficult to capture the magnitude of some of the caves photographically – in themselves often substantial, they were frequently dwarfed by the towering cliffs in which they were framed. Our lunch stop allowed time for swimming and a lazy break, relaxing in the shade on the sandy beach. The sea was like oil as we kayaked to shore at our destination for the day, Philip collecting some fresh mussels en route. It was a calm evening as we arrived at the north end of Whangapoua Beach, where we camped with permission from the local farmer's wife.



We set up camp amongst some Christmas trees, only metres from the expansive beach. The views of Rakitu Island were superb, with the island enveloped in a gentle haze. We were sorry not to be able to visit it the next day due to unfavourable weather conditions. Nearby was the site of some of the graves of victims of the sinking of the S S Wairarapa, which went down in 1894 near Miner's Head, with 130 lives lost. We did not yet know of the hard paddle we would have past the site of this tragedy the following day.



On Wednesday morning, we packed our gear early and set off for the paddle around the northernmost point of the Island. We had just over 10 km to get there and about another 10 km to our overnight stop to free camp at a beach just south of Miners Head. The wind was quite strong, although our paddle north was frequently protected by headlands. We stopped just before Needles Point at one of the only beaches – a small stony beach tucked into

the last real inlet before the point. We had some indecision about whether to paddle through the main gap south of Needles Point, or through a closer narrow gap further south. Colin did a quick test run in which all seemed well and was followed by Mike, watched somewhat anxiously by Erica, Giselle, Rosie and me. As we watched, he hesitated in the passage and was caught in a white froth of breaking wave, and upturned in an instant. For heart-stopping moments I thought his boat might get caught sideways in the surge in the narrow opening, but all was well as he manoeuvred through the gap to be met by Colin. We decided to paddle round!

The point was rounded soon after 11.30am, passing between the two main islands at the northern tip of Great Barrier where we were met by a strong westerly headwind and big swells deflecting off the cliffs creating a 2 metre confused sea, making progress somewhat difficult. After a couple of hours, including some seasickness on my part, we were pretty tired and weary, however, satisfied that we had seen the island in her most majestic of moods, with waves beating on the dark sombre cliffs and stinging rain pelting in our faces for a time as the teeth of the front passed over. An experience not to be missed. It was some 2.5 hours of hard yakka (and some 9km) before we passed Miners Head and the sinking place of the SS Wairarapa. What a relief to see our overnight stop ahead in the sheltered bay.

Expecting to be unpacking in rain, we were surprised when the sun came out for a great afternoon of swimming in the creek and the sea, and relaxing after our challenging morning. What a magical afternoon with the haunting sound of Mike's harmonica, the stillness of nature and the magnificent backdrop of Great Barrier Island. After supper in our flax enclosed campsite, we climbed a short way up the hillside to enjoy a superb sunset over Little Barrier Island.



We left Miners Head on Thursday morning at about 8.15am, paddling a short distance before yet again finding some magnificent caves. We could see through one cave to Katherine Bay, but with the low tide had to paddle around to enter the bay. After beaching at Ahuriri, within Katherine Bay, we climbed the headland to enjoy magnificent coastal views. The day revealed one magnificent



spectacle after another. Soon after leaving Ahuriri, we saw the largest cave of our trip, kayaking in and spending some time absorbing the experience and the grandeur of our surroundings and trying out the acoustics in the cave.

As we continued, the cliffs were ever-changing with rainbow colours in some parts and majestic dark grandeur in others. After a short stop at Nagle Cove, we continued on past Port Fitzroy settlement and in to our overnight stop in the harbour at Akapoua Campsite. It is a pleasant site, but with the disadvantage of what Colin described as the worst beach he had ever kayaked from! To worsen matters, it had been devastated by recent floods and was strewn with mud, boulders and debris. Port Fitzroy is a deep water harbour, very well protected from most weather by Kaikoura Island. We enjoyed freshwater showers and then, invigorated, we walked in to Port Fitzroy, enjoying the decadence of cold drinks and ice creams from the shop.

The campsite was alive with birds and we watched four Pigeons stripping the new shoots and flower buds off a Norfolk Hibiscus, quite unconcerned by our presence. We also enjoyed seeing more of the endangered Brown Teals that have so successfully bred on the island. They are so tame that one even attempted to upset most of the con-



tents of our food store during the night. The prolific bird life on the island is impressive, with birds such as Wood Pigeons, Kaka, Banded Rail and Brown Teal Ducks commonly seen.

Our plan for Friday was to climb Mt Hobson, but the early signs and the weather report (which proved to be hopelessly inaccurate) predicted a rainy miserable day, so with mixed feelings, we packed up and made a late start, almost without Rosie, who had been suffering from a back injury for part of the trip. Fortunately, she just couldn't watch us leave without her and at the last minute her gear was packed and we were off. The day turned out to be brilliant – the best weather day of the trip. So much for the weather forecast. Conditions were perfect for us to see the spectacle of the Broken Islands off Port Fitzroy after emerging between Kaikoura Island and the



headland. We hopped from island to island absorbing the beauty of the day and the glory of the surroundings. The clarity of the scene was amazing with the sea a deep sapphire blue and the islands a blend of chalky white, soft greens and subtle amber.

After watching thousands of seabirds diving between the islands, apparently the site of a colony of gannets, we had lunch on a rocky beach on Rangiahua (Flat) Island, enjoying swimming in the cove to cool off followed by basking in the sunshine, while Giselle tried out some snorkelling.

Our trip onwards to Whangaparapara included a beautiful arched cave entry through the cliffs into Bowling Alley Bay, where Rosie and ourselves separated from the others and headed on through glassy seas, the colour of molten lead, to our overnight stop. As we paddled on, I looked across the silken water to see the tip of a shark fin break the surface between us and Rosie, who was a few metres away. It glided on, then submerged and disappeared. Not much further on, two dolphins lazily emerged around the site of a crayfish pot, appearing again before disappearing from view, seemingly capturing the essence of the day.

Whangaparapara Harbour was a welcome sight, with its magnificent backdrop of Mt Hobson and the Hogs Back. The grassed campsite is nestled at the head of the estuary amongst mature native trees. This campsite was our home for the next two nights – a beautiful position, where we ate, swam, showered and relaxed beneath a magnificent Pohutakawa tree. As dark descended, the only sound was the occasional cackle of kakas, the shrill noise of our resident nesting Oystercatchers and the buzz of 2 million or so mozzies!



On Saturday morning, we walked up the Old Logging Tramway track hoping to see one of the old kauri dams. However the demolition of the hut shown on our map sent us off course and we continued in warm, sunny conditions to our destination, the Kaitoke Hot Springs, which were



refreshing, particularly when we got out and cooled off under the shady trees as we ate our lunch. Walking back through the forest took us across a magnificent rustic bridge and to the road to Whangaparapara. We spent another leisurely evening under our tree, enjoying the camaraderie that was such a special part of the trip.

Sunday morning, the last day of our trip, entailed a leisurely paddle to Tryphena. Leaving Whangaparapara harbour, we again saw two dolphins, one coming up for a breath right next to our kayak. The weather was grey and dull. Continuing along the coast, we explored more caves along the way and enjoyed the still beauty of the day, paddling quietly and feeling some regret that the expedition was fast coming to a close. We arrived in Tryphena Harbour with a few spots of rain before midday, leaving the boats near the ferry ramp then walking in to Mulberry Grove where we enjoyed ice-creams, coffee and drinks. The ferry left late, departing only around 4 pm bringing to an end a trip that had proved to be an awesome experience.

Sue Noble

Legislation and Canoe Club Trips

One of the many advantages of a Club like ours is the ability to call on expert assistance when it is required. Our members have a wealth of diverse skills and are willing to share them for the good of the Club.

A number of members offer to organise Club trips but the question has been raised, particularly by new prospective trip organisers, as to the legal responsibility of organising a trip.

We are fortunate to have access to legal opinion within the club and the following is their response:

Legislation

1) Because of the existence of ACC legislation neither the canoe club nor a trip leader can be sued for compensatory damages by the victim of an accident no matter how it is caused. This is because ACC precludes suing for physical injury of any sort.

However the club/leader could be sued for exemplary damages if the actions of the club/leader were grossly negligent and the victim survived. Exemplary damages are awarded by the court as punishment for ("to make an example of") grossly negligent conduct. If the victim dies his/her estate can't sue for exemplary damages because the estate was not the victim of the negligent conduct.

2) If an accident occurs and is witnessed by a close emotional associate of the victim, then the club/leader could possibly be sued for compensatory damages by the associate for the nervous shock suffered in witnessing the event. This is because purely mental injury is not covered by ACC and therefore the option to sue is available. However, as previously mentioned, the victim himself/herself can't sue because physical, or combined physical and mental injuries, are covered by ACC.

3) In terms of criminal prosecution, under the Crimes Act the club/leader can't be prosecuted for criminal nuisance unless the club/leader was grossly negligent.

4) In thinking about a disclaimer which might be signed in advance by trip members undertaking not to make a complaint to the police about any adverse events which occur to them on club trips: this would carry no weight in the event of an accident because a person cannot sign away the application of the Crimes Act.

5) It seems the best way to protect the club/leader would be to transform trips from events in which the club/leader "looks after",

or "controls" or "cares for" trip members, into events in which the trip members take individual responsibility for their own safety and travel as a co-operative group which is advised, but not controlled, by a leader/organiser. Trip members would need to take personal responsibility for their own preparation, equipment, decisions and actions. A statement signed by members before the trip to record this might read:

"I understand that this trip, organised by the Auckland Canoe Club Inc. is in the nature of friends travelling independently to an agreed destination. During the trip I will act according to my own judgement and will be personally responsible for all decisions and equipment which affect my safety. As an independent traveller I accept that neither the Auckland Canoe Club Inc. nor the leader/organiser of this trip is responsible for any untoward events which may happen during the trip. Accordingly I undertake not to hold any of these persons accountable for any harm that may befall me".

6) I don't think the loss of control implied by this change is a problem, because in reality trip leaders don't have control; they can only suggest and advise. The leader cannot physically force a trip member to do anything.

7) If this view is adopted then we would need to be careful not to advertise or imply that safety is guaranteed on club trips. For example the current newsletter advertisement for regular evening paddles which reads "An experienced paddler will be rostered on to look after new/novice/slow paddlers" would need to be changed to read "to advise" rather than "to look after".

Implications

The result of this opinion means that trip organisers can continue as they have always done, but just need to be careful that they do not imply that they are taking responsibility for the safety of the participants. Each member of the trip remains responsible for their own actions and hence safety.

Don't be surprised if on a Club trip you are asked to add your name to a form similar to the one opposite. This is just confirmation that you understand the legal situation and are responsible for your own actions.

AUCKLAND CANOE CLUB TRIP FORM



DESTINATION: _____ DATE: _____

Statement of responsibility

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CoastBusters 2006 - 17-19 March

What is Coastbusters 2006?

A weekend of fun, seminars, workshops, panel discussions and practical sea kayaking sessions.

The 11th Coastbusters Symposium is being held in Auckland, right on the shores of beautiful Lake Pupuke at the Milford Primary School.

This summer's Coastbusters features some amazing speakers and skilled kayakers from around New Zealand and overseas.

Westpac helicopter and Coastbusters participants practise kayak rescues at last Coastbusters.

Who is Coastbusters for?

Novices, intermediate and advanced sea kayakers - anyone with an interest in sea kayaking (some paddling experience required for Sunday's on-the-water sessions).

This is the biggest New Zealand sea kayaking symposium. It is a chance to meet other kayakers, compare gear and gadgets, listen to speakers from far and near, watch mind-boggling demonstrations and be astounded by what some kayakers get up to!

How do I reserve a place?

There is only one way, download the Coastbusters 2006 Registration form (pdf), fill it in and post it back with payment. Bookings in order of receipt with payment.

Note: Coastbusters 2004 filled up early and we had to turn some hopefuls away. To save disappointment, book early.

Where's it being held?

Milford Primary School, bordering Lake Pupuke. On Shakespeare Road, Milford, Auckland. See Coastbusters location.

Coming from out of Auckland? See Where to stay.

Sunday's on-the-water and on-the-beach sessions will be at Sullivan's Bay (at the mouth of the Mahurangi, just north of Auckland).

What does it cost ?

Coastbusters is a registered non-profit organisation. The entry fee of \$115 includes: all sessions, demonstrations and workshops on Friday night and Saturday; as well as Sunday's on-the-water and on-the-beach activities. Also included is Saturday's lunch, refreshments and a banquet dinner; and a BBQ lunch on Sunday afternoon.

You look after getting you and your kayak there, accommodation and breakfasts on Saturday & Sunday.

More information

<http://www.coastbusters.org.nz>

Moehau Multisport - 4 March

Adventure Racing Coromandel is organising a multi sport event on the 4th march.

Information can be found at

<http://www.arcevents.co.nz>

For those of our members who combine kayaking with other sports such as cycling this will be an interesting event.

3 different races, 116km, 66km and 54 km. Take your pick!

Entry forms are available from our Kayak Shed at Okahu Bay.

Play at Kohi

Happy New Year Everyone.

Once again the regular two weekly water play at Kohi is on again. We are all teachers and learners so this is an opportunity to practise and share our skills - support strokes, re-entries, rolling, - experts and beginners especially welcome.

Wetsuits, masks, nose clips - whatever you are comfortable with - good knee bracing essential.

Place. Kohimarama Beach, West end

Time. Saturday February 4. 11 am to 12 noon.

Mike Randall

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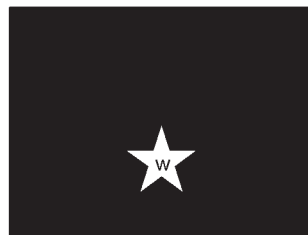
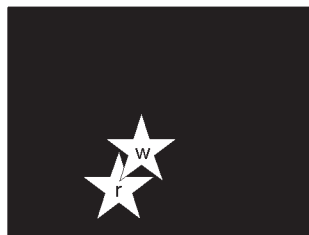
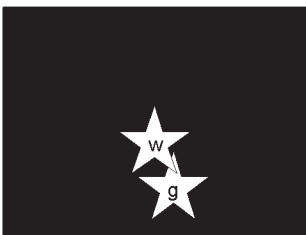
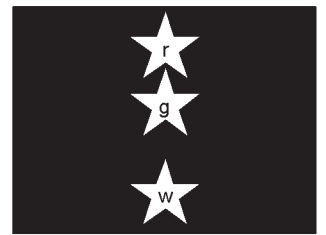
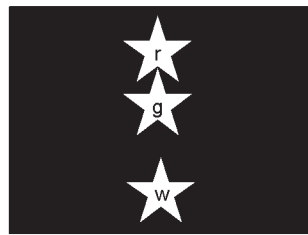
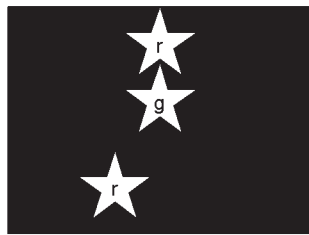
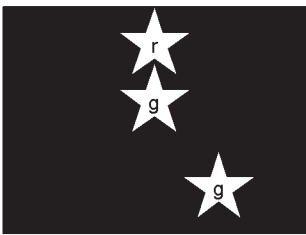
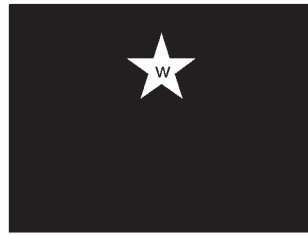
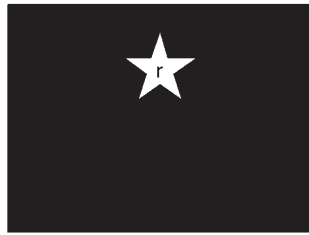
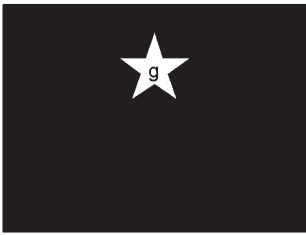
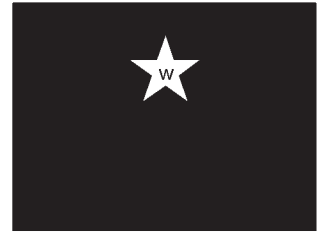
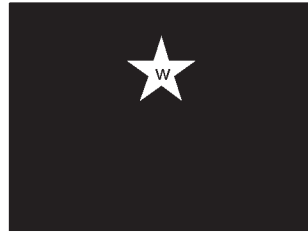
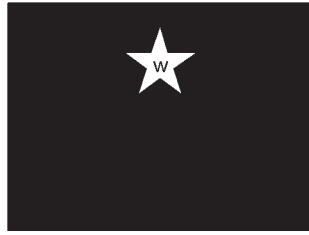
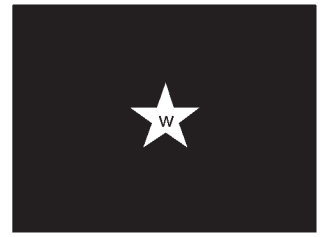
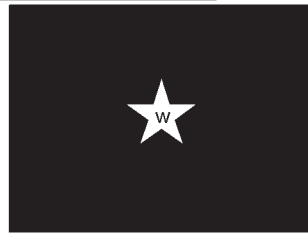
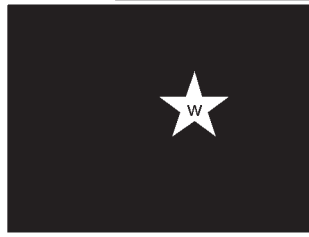
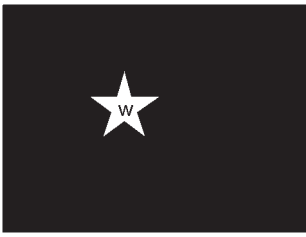
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Questions



Red light



White light



Yellow light

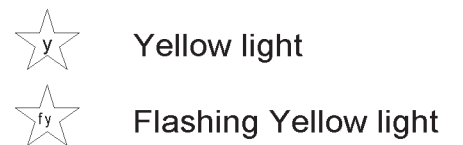
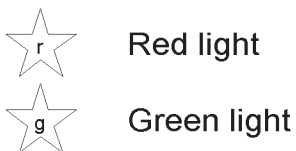
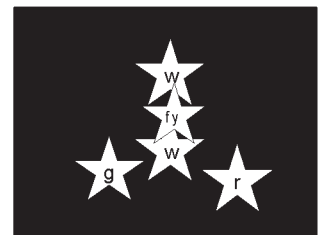
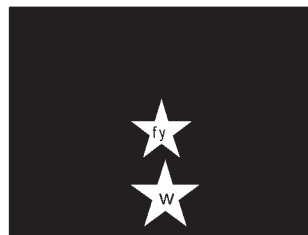
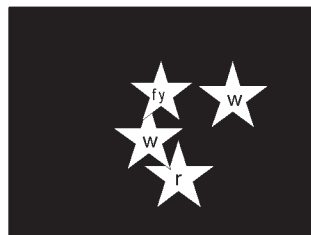
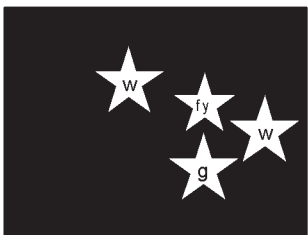
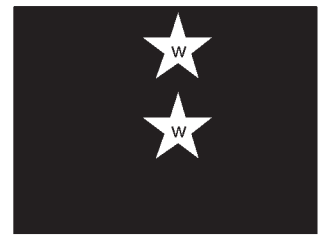
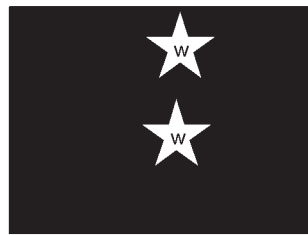
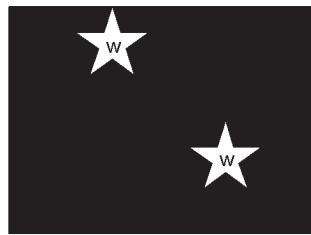
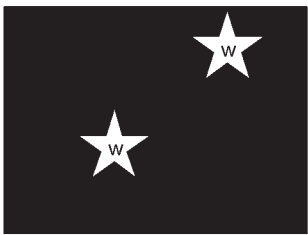
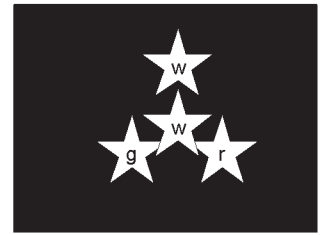
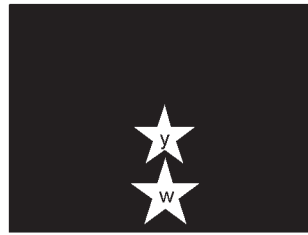
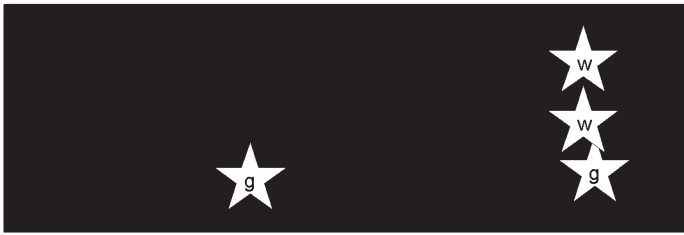
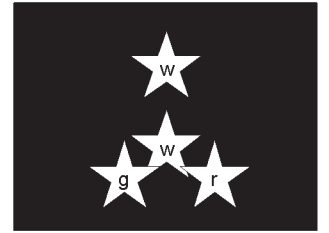
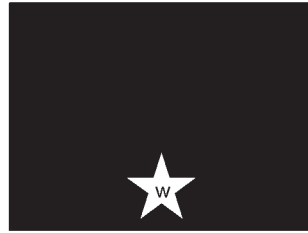
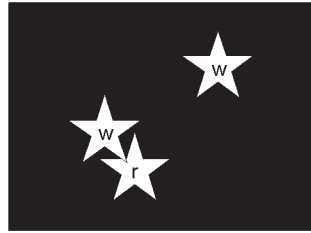
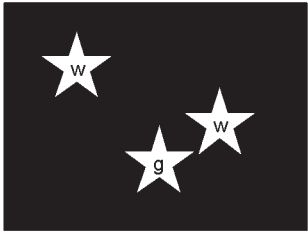
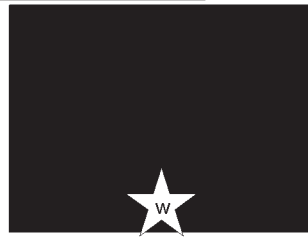
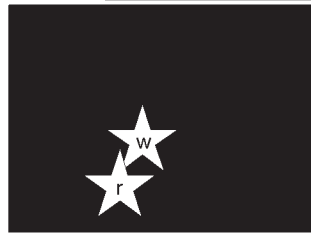
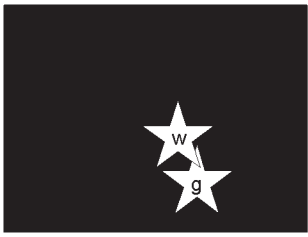


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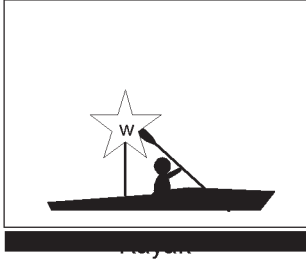
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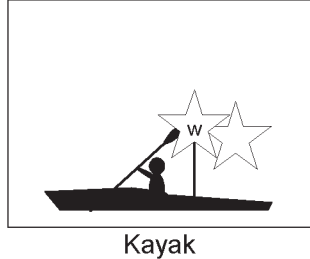


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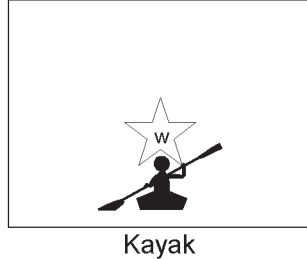
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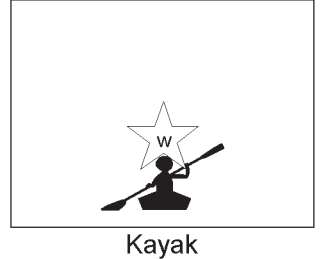
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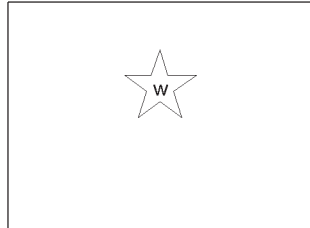
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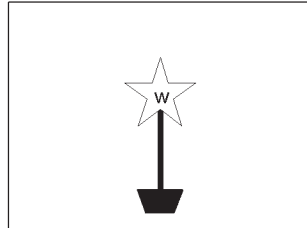
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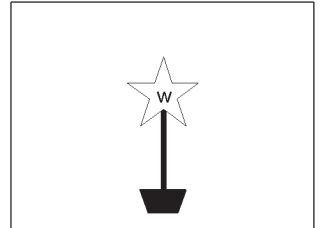
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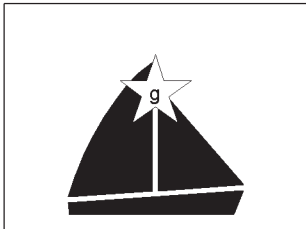
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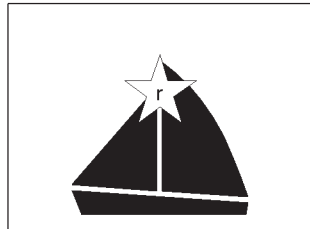
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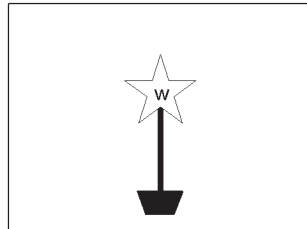
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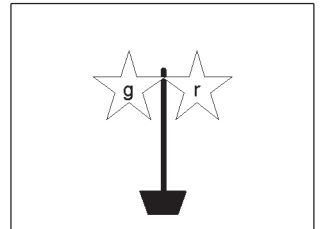
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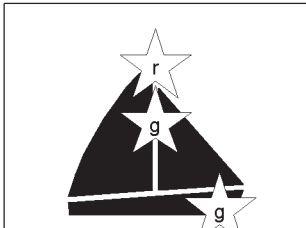
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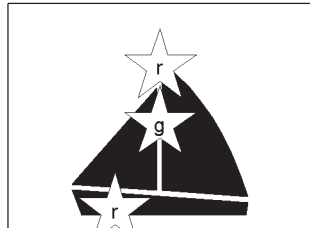
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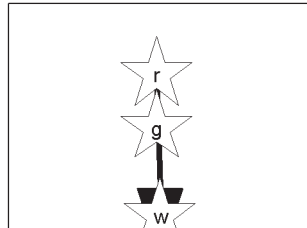
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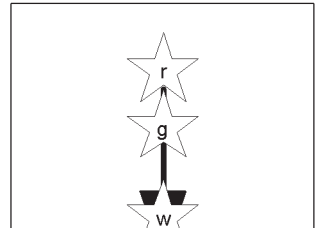
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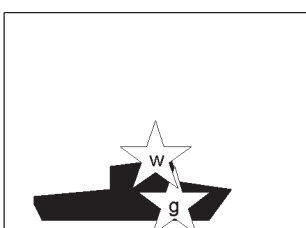
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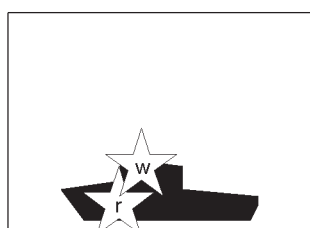
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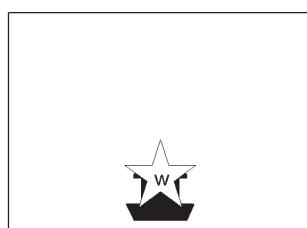
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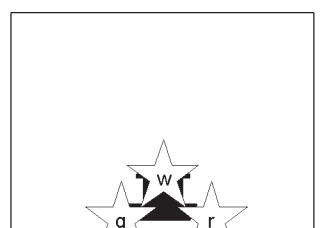
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Power boat < 12m

Power boat < 12m

Power boat < 12m

Power boat < 12m



Red light



White light



Yellow light



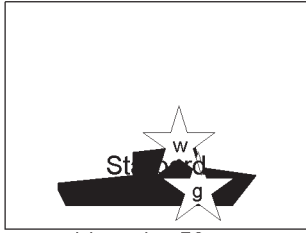
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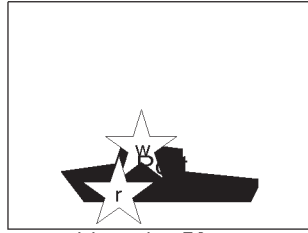
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Starboard



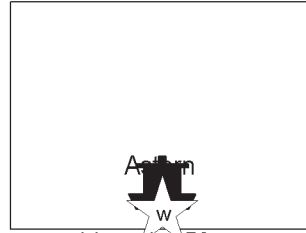
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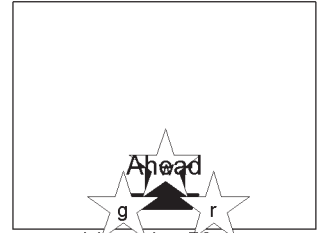
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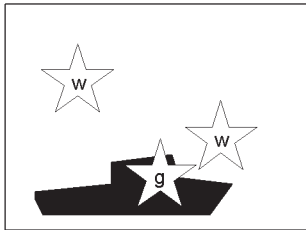
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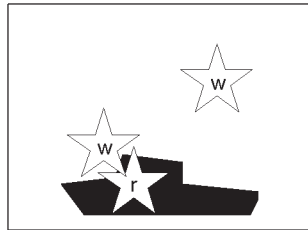
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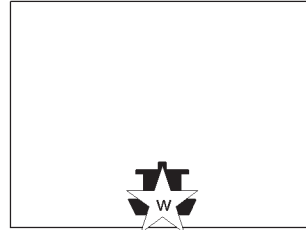
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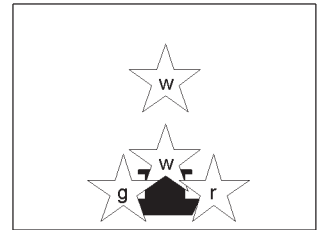
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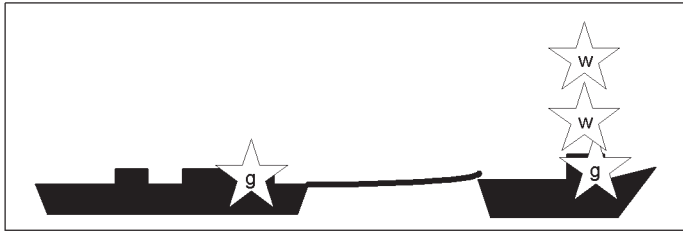
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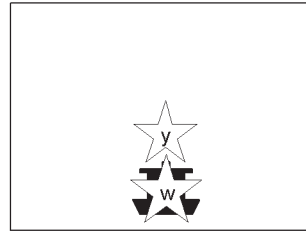
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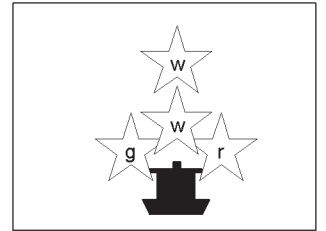
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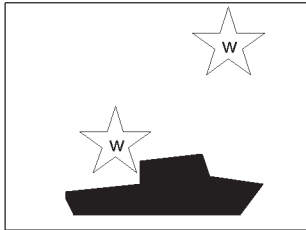
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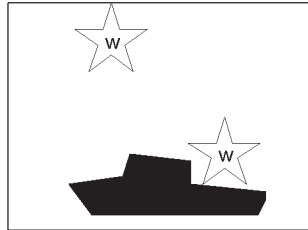
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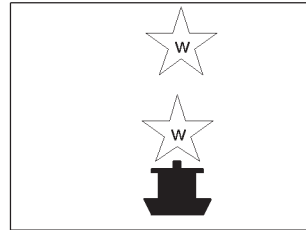
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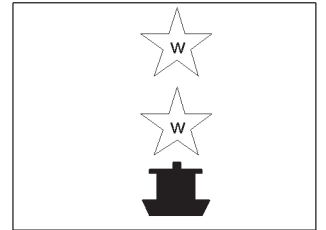
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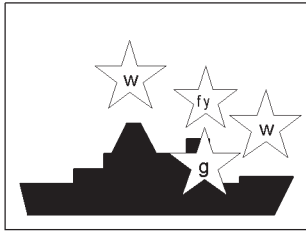
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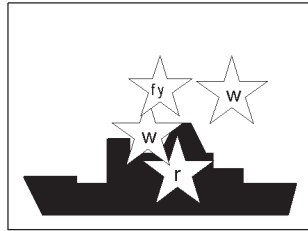
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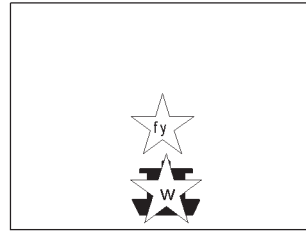
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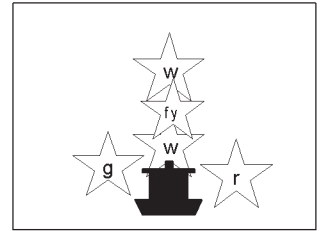
High Speed

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High Speed

Ahead



High Speed



Red light



Green light



White light



Yellow light



Flashing Yellow light

Roger's Ebb and Flow

Strong winds stymied **Vincent Maire's** much anticipated New Year expedition out on the Coromandel. All was not lost though as most arrived early and enjoyed a New Years Eve celebration at a coastal house near Whangapoua, which had been organised by **Alissa Good**. A hardy group then toughed it out in the gale force winds at Stoney Bay. **David Ward's** tent cried enough in the tempest and he spent the night camped in his car. **Graham Bruce** and a few other daredevils tested the winds strength on the water but didn't venture too far away. **Wally Gilmer** and **Ryan Whittle** headed over the hill to Coromandel township and enjoyed a days paddling in surprisingly calmer local waters. **Brian Strid** headed up the hills in his tramping boots and fossicked for relics. It is somewhat disturbing to report that Brian has a penchant for digging up the past and can often be found lurking around old graveyards, "Just Looking".

For some months now the hose tap in the club locker at Okahu Bay has been hard to turn off. Twisting it tightly initially had some effect but week-by-week it leaked a bit more. Soon the trickle had become a torrent and a stream appeared running out from under the roller door and down the ramp to the tide. A few club minders looked at the relatively simple task of replacing the faulty tap washer but the big problem was that no one knew where the water valve for the supply was. With very high pressure down at the bay it would be a brave man who attempted a replacement without the stop valve. Well the resourceful **Philip Noble** tackled the task recently. After a fruitless search for the elusive valve, he put plan B into action. He went around and turned on all the taps in the immediate area. This hopefully would lower the water pressure. He then carefully loosened the faulty tap head. A water gusher to rival the Mission Bay fountain erupted. A marvellous spectacle that Philip was not enjoying. Quickly he fitted a new washer to the tap head, which he now had to somehow screw back into the tap body and suppress the jet of water. He needed something to shield his face from the vicious spray that he was about to encounter. Casting his eyes about the club locker he saw just the thing. A club spray skirt, and it lived up to its name and saved the day. That man deserves a D.B.

On a sunny Sunday last month **Gerard Fagan** led his monthly Waitamata Wander away from St Heliers Beach. The twelve strong group was in for a treat; they were going to visit three islands before the day was out. First up was Browns Island then it was over to Motuihe before crossing the channel to Motutapu Island and a leisurely lunch at Home Bay. This was a good opportunity for Gerard to limber up and stretch a few muscles and joints. He is a keen devotee of yoga and recently went over to India to enhance his knowledge. On seeing Gerard in action **Iris Wegmueller** decided to join in and put on a brief display of her yoga skills. She had the lads gawping in disbelief as she did an inverted leg stretch. Gerard who teaches yoga

later confided to the lads that the discipline requires a lot of mind control. There is no hope for some of us then.

What do active club kayakers do when they are not kayaking? It would appear that one of their other favourite outdoor activities would have to be cycling. **Colin Quilter** is often seen beating the rush hour traffic on his bicycle as he weaves his way to work. Many of our club members have multiple clutters of cycles in their garages vying for space with all the kayaking gear. In recent months **Ryan Whittle** and partner, **Kevin** and **Karen Woolcott** and **Wolfgang** and **Ingrid Pohl** have separately ventured south to cycle the Central Otago Rail trail. A large number of club members also participated in the recent cycle around Lake Taupo. In a need for speed, **Morgan Lewis** has just unwrapped a belated Christmas present that will possibly see him closer to the front of the field in his next multi sport event. All said and done though the general consensus has it that the kayak seat is much more comfortable than the hard saddle nearing the end of a long day out.

Our early morning sea kayaking group were over at Takapuna last month enjoying the swells generated by the strong easterly winds. The rocky reef just off the boat ramp was covered by a high tide and the lads were out there riding the cresting waves and enjoying some long surfing runs. The Takapuna surf ski boys soon joined them and it wasn't long before there were 15 or more sea kayaks and skis racing down the swells. It was noticed that the skis were able to pick up the waves earlier and easier but the sea kayaks were their equal if not better when it came to punching back out through the breakers.

Something special for our swim escort helpers in the next two events. The St Heliers to Tamaki Yacht club event always ends up with a sumptuous BBQ and cold drinks back outside the club locker at Okahu Bay. This months post event nosh up will feature a South African style braai (BBQ). **Philip Noble** and his fellow countrymen will be down at the bay serving up wildebeest steaks and ice cold Castle Lager. Next month it's the big one. Rangitoto to St Heliers and all members are requested to assist. There is the option of staying overnight under the shelter of the Rangitoto visitors centre on Saturday night before the event. The club provides some nice refreshments for this and there will be a superb sizzle up and icy cold drinks served under the pohutukawas at St Heliers after the event.

Been there, done that. Bragging rights abound in sea kayaking and its great when the Kiwis get one up on our traditional rivals, the Poms and the Aussies. The recent success of the Adventure Philosophy trio in circumnavigating South Georgia has somewhat miffed the British expedition who had hoped to be the first to do it. They were still in the starting blocks when the kiwis finished. The Poms finally managed to get around in calmer conditions and are now boasting that they have set a new world record time for doing it. Our Aussie cousins are also looking for

something to brag about. In planning an attempt that will emulate the NZ kayaking expedition down the Antarctic Peninsula, they are hoping to go a few degrees further south before they finish. Unfortunately for the Aussies and the Poms history has a habit of remembering who was first. Hundreds have now climbed Everest but one name towers above them all.

Roger Lomas

February/March events summary

- 4-6 Feb - Explore Kawhia harbour
- 5 Feb - Wreck of the Rewa at Moturekareka
- 12 Feb - Waitemata Wander
- 19 Feb - Swim escort at St Heliers followed by a South African Braai
- 5 Mar - Swim escort from Rangitoto followed by BBQ
- 17-19 Mar - Coastbusters symposium

Plus:

regular Tuesday evening paddles
regular Saturday morning paddles

Scheduled Club Trips

4 to 6 February -Waitangi Weekend

Explore most of Kawhia Harbour. Arrive Friday night 4th Feb, at Te Waitere, Sat paddle with an outgoing tide to the heads and walk over the sand dunes to the West Coast beach. Then paddle with the incoming tide to Kawhia township and do the cafe scene. In the afternoon paddle back to Te Waitere via the pancake rocks. Then enjoy cooking on the open fire in the evening. Suitable for medium strength paddlers.

Ph: **Justin** 09-278 8090 or 025-868 177

5 February The Wreck of the Alice A Leigh at Moturekareka

Bring your lunch, goggles & snorkel to explore the wreck. Will can brief you on its history, then head off via Beehive Island to Mansion House for lunch and then back to the cars. 20 – 25 km

Phone **Will Henden** on 486 6215

For those with a historical bent, a summary of the history of the Alice A Leigh (Rewa) can be found at:
http://www.mightyseas.co.uk/marhist/whitehaven/wsbcb/alice_leigh.htm



Sun 12 Feb - Waitemata Wander (NEW)

Meet at Kawakawa Bay 8 am. The trip destination will be dictated by the prevailing wind and tide directions. Paddling into the wind till lunch, then surfing downwind back to Kawakawa Bay. 20 –25km. Phone **Wayne Fitsimons** 298 5087. Mob 027 291 3644

Swim Escorts

Thank you for all those who have made themselves available for the last two swim escorts, the swimmers have been very positive about the support we give them (and the club coffers benefit from this)

19 February Swim the Bays Swim Escort

Meet at St Helliers Bay at 10.00am for a 10.20 start to escort the swimmers to the Tamaki Yacht Club If you are planning to launch at the Okahu Boat Ramp, give yourself enough time to get to the start.

35 Kayaks are required.

Join us at the Okahu ramp club locker afterwards for a South African Braai (BBQ) and for a social time.

5 March Swim Escort Rangitoto To St Helliers

Join us in a paddle across to Rangitoto to stay at the Scout Hut on **Saturday** night and then escort the swimmers on Sunday morning

OR

Meet at St Helliers on **Sunday** morning at 8.15am to paddle across to Rangitoto for the swim that starts at 10.00

Roger will provide the usual BBQ after the finish on the beach at St Helliers'

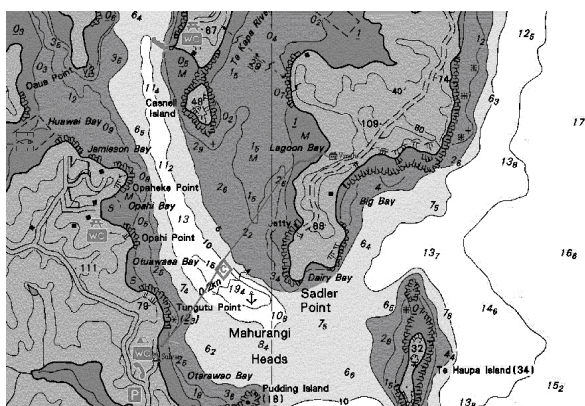
Vine House

Working bees for the rest of the year will be held on the last weekend of every month. We are now mainly doing interior work i.e. sanding and painting. There are always lovely people that come along, so I promise you good company. We now have beds for 10, so I promise you a good night's sleep. Bring \$5 for Saturday night's dinner and you will eat well too!

As always, be aware of the tides and bring a canoe trolley if you have one. Bring also a pillow case and sleeping bag

For a map, see <http://www.geocities.com/tofska/VineRoute.gif>

Phone: **Stephanie** 09 8345 769



President's State of the Club address



What a Summer we are having!

As one of those who have had to work over the Holiday period is it with envy that I read the trip reports of some of the exciting things that have been going on.

But Summer is not over yet and many more trips are planned for February and in March we also have the Coastbuster's Event. This is a chance to learn, learn and learn some more, meet up with old friends, and acquire new ones.

You will have read in this Newsletter about your responsibilities as a member of any trip - your safety is your responsibility, but we have many experienced members who are very willing to assist you and give advice.

Happy paddling and I will see you all on the water soon,

Ian Calhaem

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Club trip/event policies

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

Contacting trip/event leader.

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

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

Cancellation

- If the weather looks uncertain don't call the trip leader but listen to Newstalk ZB Cancellations on 1080AM or 89.4FM, Saturday and Sunday from 7.00am.

To:

From: Auckland Canoe Club, PO Box 9271, Newmarket, Auckland

Pic of the month



Cave into Bowling Alley Bay
(Photo - The Nobles)