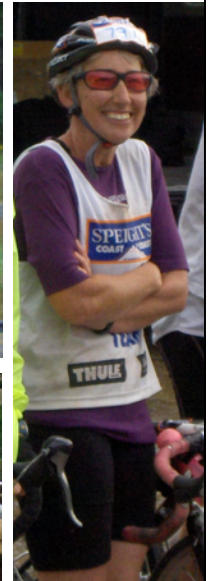
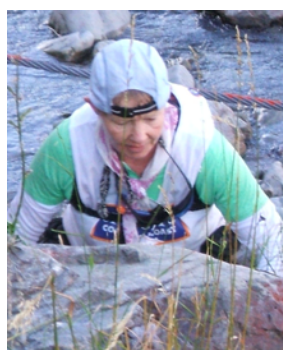




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2007
 25th
 Coast to Coast
 Anniversary

Top left. Jackie Hillman clammers up a bank at the end of the first day.
 Centre. Ian Smeeton starting the 2nd day cycle.
 Right. A chilly Rosemary Davis waiting to start the 2nd day cycle.
 Centre left. Jackie Hillman approaches the finish line at Sumner Beach.
 Lower left. Laurie Bugbee, Peter Sommerhalder & Joe Scott-Woods at the end of the first day.

Auckland Canoe Club

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Club trip/event policies

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

Contacting trip/event organiser.

You must notify the trip organiser in advance of your intention to go on a trip. Organisers 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 call the trip leader. The Newstalk ZB Cancellation Service is no longer being used.

Club Banking Details

Bank: BNZ
Branch: Newmarket
Account: 02-0100-0023453-000
Name: Auckland Canoe Club

IMPORTANT

If you are depositing money to the Club Account please ensure that you include YOUR name so that the Treasurer knows who deposited the money.

Internet Banking

All major banks have set up Auckland Canoe Club as a registered payee for internet banking. This means that you can pay to

“Auckland Canoe Club”

without having to enter the account number.

Check with your bank

Editorial

Welcome to the second issue of the club newsletter in the same month! This change will bring us in line with future publishing dates being the week following our committee meetings. The readers will therefore have the March issue in their hands at the beginning of March, not halfway through the month. This issue reflects on canoeing skills, and safety in relation to fast traveling boats. There is a difference of a boat at speed hitting a kayaker, or hitting Rangitoto Island in the night. That is what happened to the skipper on the boat in the picture below. The faster you go, the bigger the mess.

Some reports of exciting trips by our seakayakers have already found the way into our last newsletter. No doubt many more are enjoying some fine summer days out paddling.

It is sad to receive the news that the attempted crossing of the Tasman Sea by kayak ended in tragedy. We all are asking what might have gone wrong for Andrew McAuley so close to his destination. A few club members dedicated themselves to train for the 25th Coast to Coast and competed successfully. Crossing the finishing line is a great relief, and according to Robin Judkins, you become a normal person again.

Let's meet paddling before the summer is out.

Peter Sommerhalder



They did not look where they were going!

Regular Events

Vine House—last weekend of every Month

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 food for a shared dinner on Saturday night.*

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

Phone: Trevor 817-7357 (home)

Tuesday Evening Paddles

A small group of informal paddlers usually meets at the Okahu Bay ramp at about 5:30pm on Tuesday nights.

Saturday Morning Paddles

If you are in to good coffee, good company and usually a leisurely paddle then these are the trips for you. A small but growing group meet about 9:00am on Saturday mornings to paddle to one of the beaches, St Heliers, Kohimarama or Mission Bay for a coffee.

New Members

Welcome

The Committee extends a warm welcome to the following new members...

Barbara Johnson

Ben Edwards

Karen Rubado Family



Scheduled Club Trips

Any members who have ideas on trips or would like to lead a trip please contact Philip on 575 3493. You could also call a friend and meet at a convenient launching spot and have some quality time on the water.

Sun. 4th March. A 'Canoe Day' Youngs Beach Reserve, Papakura commencing at 10:00am and concluding at 2:00pm.

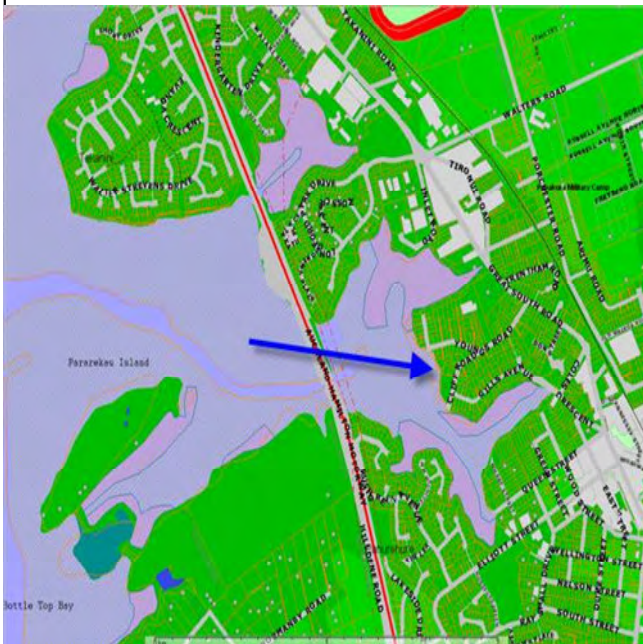
The programme has been planned by a committee to enable the residents of Papakura to enjoy a 'day of fun on the water'. The day is intended to show how the Pahurehure Inlet No 2 can be both a recreational and educational facility with the focus on 'learning to paddle a canoe' and 'giving it a go' or just enjoying the water environment by those who are more experienced canoeists.

The activities will be centred at Youngs Beach Reserve, Youngs Road and it is hoped to have the waka from Whatapaka Marae appearing. Canoes will be available for use by the community.

The Coastguard will be in attendance to ensure safety to all those who venture out onto the Inlet.

The request was for assistance, for...

1. General support and to encourage the Regional Council to provide facilities for Kayakers in the Auckland Region
2. Provide simple assistance to members of the public who will be trying out canoes provided by "Canoe & Kayak".



3. If the weather was suitable demonstrations on how to perform wet entries etc would be much appreciated.

For further details phone Ian on 579 0512, or Philip on 575 3493

Sun. 11 March: Swim Escort Rangitoto to St Heliers

This is the big swim so, 60 boats please. Club boats are reserved for the escort.

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

OR

Meet at St Heliers on Sunday morning at 8.45am to paddle across to Rangitoto (Champagne breakfast??) for the swim which starts at 10.45.

Roger will provide the usual BBQ after the finish on the beach at St Heliers. NOT TO BE MISSED!

Contact any Committee member for details

16 - 18 March: Waiheke Weekend

This year we will stay at Otakawhe Bay Lodge for the weekend and explore the Waiheke Channel and island in that area.

Phone Philip on 575-3493 to book and for further details.

Sun 18 March - Kawau Island

We will paddle around the island, deciding on the day which way is best suited to the wind conditions. The trip distance is approximately **30 km** (more if you want to paddle in and out of the bays).

For meeting place and times phone : Gerard Fagan 832 9720 Mob 021 0715917

Sat/Sun 24/25 March. Overnight camping trip to Home Bay, Motutapu.

Last year weather prevented a trip to celebrate the 21st birthday of Colin's Sea Bear kayak, so here's another attempt.

Meet at St Heliers Beach at 9.30am for a 10.00am departure. Bring your own food, camping gear and \$5 camp fee; Colin will bring the birthday cake. Fresh water and toilets available at Home Bay.

We'll paddle out there via Gardner's Gap and the northern coast of Motutapu. Return via the south coast by early afternoon on Sunday. If the forecast is bad we'll try for an alternative day trip on Saturday or Sunday instead.

Contact Colin Quilter 630 2219 on Friday evening or Saturday morning between 6.30 - 8.30am.

Club Winter Lecture Series at the Marine Rescue Centre

3rd WEDNESDAY of each month.

20th June

18th July

15 August

19th September

Further details to follow later.

Meet at the Marine Rescue Centre (City end of Tamaki Drive) at 7pm for a 7:30 start.

A \$2 door charge will cover your supper and helps with a gift for our guests.

Need more info?

Contact Roger Lomas 579-8799

Padding Partner ?

I am looking for people who would be happy to join me at short notice on various trips, and would like to set up a group who can ring each other from time to time, possibly mid-week, as weather and other commitments allow, to plan a trip.

Some of the trips that I propose doing include:

- St Heliers to Rangitoto Island, to go to the summit and explore the lava caves on the way
- Kawakawa Bay to Orere Point or Tapapakanga, rock-gardening on the way
- Umupuia Beach, up the Wairoa River to Clevedon
- Other suggestions welcome

If you are interested, please ring Rosemary Gatland. My phone number during the weekend is (09) 267-5087, and during the week from approx 5pm to 9pm is 292-9277.

30 March – 1 April at Whangamata Bach

Judy Beggs has kindly offered her Bach to the club for a weekend. There are a variety of kayaking opportunities either in the tidal estuary or up or down the coast.

Phone Philip 575 3493 or Judy at 07 867-3414 for further details.

Annual General Meeting

The Club Annual General meeting will be held at the Marine Rescue Centre on the 3rd Wednesday of May—so keep 16th May Free!

Results—Coast to Coast

Five club members have added another feather to their caps by competing in and finishing the 25th Anniversary Coast to Coast. Congratulations!

Jackie Hillman

12th Veteran Woman 20.19 53 hrs

Rosemary Davis/Gwenda Willis

13th Womens Teams 17.50 52 hrs

Ian Smeeton/Nick Smeeton

19th Family Teams 18.00 41 hrs

Peter Sommerhalder/Joe Scott-Woods

46th Veteran Teams 19.52 02 hrs

Events

30th Annual Cambridge to Hamilton Kayak Race and Cruise

Sunday 6th May 2007. Entries close 30th April.

Entry forms available soon

Phone / fax Su on (09) 631-5344

Email: Kayakrace@slingshot.co.nz

Wrong information regarding Kayak Navigational Lights

The recent Kask Newsletter contains a letter to the Editor suggesting that kayakers should add a blue flashing light to their kayaks.

There are two problems with this suggestion:

A navigation light has to be visible for 2 nautical miles to be of use (Regulation as well as a practical requirement)

The 1 watt all-round white light being produced by Hella is the only such light that I know about that is suitable for kayakers. Other lights used by boaties require a large and heavy lead battery to operate.

A Blue Flashing Light is reserved as a warning light. It identifies a Police Vessel (although I note that the Marlborough Harbourmaster is using a blue flashing light to warn other shipping when a ship departs the ferry or Waitohi wharves).

The suggestion of a blue flashing kayak light has already been raised by Auckland Kayakers and was very firmly rejected by Maritime New Zealand. *It is a warning light for use by Emergency Services only.*

Ian Calhaem

Safe Boating Advisor Maritime New Zealand.

Safety

Air Horns

Air Horn complete with pump \$30.00

Air horn without pump \$25.00

Can be inflated using any garage air supply to 80psi. One fill lasts approx 50 blasts. Total weight 100gm \$6.00 post and packing

High Visibility Vests

To be seen in our kayaks by other crafts remains a main safety issue. The club now has for sale a light-weight safety vest with reflective stripes, in fluoro orange and fluoro yellow. These sleeveless vests are worn over the buoyancy aid and available in sizes XL to XXXL. They are the similar to those used by road workers, cyclists and truck drivers. Price for club members is \$5.

Order your vest NOW from Alison, Merchandising Officer, ph 09 579-0512, or email

Merchandise@AucklandCanoeClub.org.nz

Speed restrictions in Harbour

I am sure that many of you will have read about or been personally involved in the marine equivalent of road rage or “excessive speed leading to inappropriate use of a vehicle”. We have a wonderful harbour in which to play but it is also shared with commercial shipping.

As recreational users members of the Auckland Canoe Club have a duty to behave sensibly and in a manner that does not endanger themselves or others.

In mid January the Deputy Harbourmaster, Jim Dilley, sent out a proposal for a speed restriction in the Harbour. This was distributed to Canoe Club Committee members and without exception the response was positive. It has been interesting monitoring the reaction of some other recreational users – including one response that complained bitterly to the Harbourmaster’s Office that it would delay their trip to the fishing grounds by more than 4 minutes!

The purpose of the proposed restriction is to limit the excessive speed of power boats going to and from Westhaven and beyond. At the recent Harbour Users Meeting that I attended, the proposal was discussed in detail and Jim Dilley outlined amendments to the original proposal that were the result of the feedback – including ours.

- The proposed 10 knots was felt to be slightly too low because it would force small powerboats to run at a speed where they could not plane and thus would create more wash.

- The Fuller Ferries have a minimum speed of 12 knots and no one was in favour of having a different speed restriction for them

The proposal included a “high speed lane”. This will be within the existing shipping channel and run from Bastion Point to Mechanics Bay

It is therefore intended to introduce a 12 knot speed restriction in the Harbour from about the end of February 2007, with the high speed lane as defined above.

Those of you who paddle early morning or late evening will be aware that the new shipping channel markers are now mostly installed and quite a sight they make! The shipping channel is now much narrower (good for kayakers as it is easier to cross the channel) and it is now marked with state of the art navigation buoys. Jim Dilley explained that these are all satellite controlled. They all come on at the same time, like a Xmas tree, and have individual flashing sequences before repeating the cycle and coming on together again. Each one is also transmitting its GPS location and there is an immediate alarm if a buoy drifts away from its position.

Proposed kayak trail Hauraki Gulf

Ian Calhaem

Auckland Canoe Club has also been honoured to be asked to contribute to a new proposal from the Auckland Regional Council Coastal Funding Committee.

This is very much in the planning stage at the moment but the broad proposal is to develop facilities in the Auckland Region to allow kayakers to move around the South Eastern part of the Hauraki Gulf, with suitable camping spots, launching etc.

The Council asks...

They would like to ensure participation of user groups, and interested parties, and also ensure the use of expertise and knowledge available. At this point the funding, if approved, would be available from July this year, and would be to provide, amongst other things, the following information.

- Establish if a kayak trail would be a worthy facility in the South Eastern Part of the Region.
- If the area had existing facilities that could be used, adapted, enhanced to accommodate the kayakers overnight camping, launching etc.
- The land owners, facility owners and parties with an ongoing interest in the project.
- The publicity required to make users aware of the trail.
- The degree of input and assistance any group may wish to have.

Costs involved in the project to ensure a suitable outcome.

Watch this space!

As more information is available we will make it available through this newsletter.



Deadline for next Issue
FIRST Tuesday of the month

President's Report

I can hear you ask already – why another newsletter and so soon after the February issue?

The Committee asked the Editor to put out this “catch up” issue as the publication date had been slipping, so that the monthly newsletter was arriving towards the end of the month and not at the beginning. Whilst the content was up to date, it was confusing to many if the March trips were found in the Newsletter marked February. So this Issue is labelled “March” and you should have received it by the end of February ready for the beginning of March!

You will have noticed from the results in this newsletter that some of our members are hardy souls and competed and finished the Coast to Coast event. Well done to all!

Closer to home the Club is enjoying a very positive relationship with the local Councils and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the hard working members of the Committee, past and present, who have made this possible.

You will know that a subcommittee has been beavering away at Vine House for several years now and this has established an excellent relationship with the Auckland Regional Council. The Club is recognised as an entity and resource for the Council to consult and take notice off. Indeed the invitation to attend the Canoe Day on March the 4th came directly from the Chair of the Environmental Sub Committee.

As always, I hope to see you on the water soon and what better day than for the last of the Swim Escorts – Rangitoto to St Heliers. This is the one opportunity of the year, when we are allowed to camp at the Rangitoto Wharf, ready for the morning escort of the swimmers who arrive by ferry.

Ian.



25th Anniversary Coast to Coast Race Director, Robin Judkins



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