



## July 2007

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*Early morning kayakers, Peter Sommerhalder and David Lomas watch a ship pass under the Harbour Bridge.*

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## Auckland Canoe Club Information

### Postal Address

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### Clubrooms

Marine Rescue Centre, Mechanics Bay

### Website

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

### Email event reminders

send blank email to

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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

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without having to enter the account number.

Check with your bank.

## Editorial

The mild weather has turned cold and wintry during the past few days. Being more housebound this time of the year lets us reflect on news from the papers and TV. Three parties attempting the Tongariro Crossing had to be assisted by rescuers. It is easy to see the lemons on hindsight. Why did the bus drivers' let these tourists go, given the weather conditions and their inadequate "equipment"?

Then there is news about sewage polluting our Auckland beaches, and a developer intending to "develop" the Weiti area between Okura and Stillwater.

I believe as Aucklanders, and paddlers, we should take an interest in these "developments" and speak our minds. Councils should be obliged to bring these projects to the public for discussion, and listen to all sides. Voicing informed opinions is more positive than staging protests.

Maybe we have to dig deeper into our pockets to protect the environment for our children and grandchildren. Food for thought, and sensible action, don't you think?

*Peter Sommerhalder*

## Winter Lecture Series

At the Marine Rescue Centre

### Wednesday 18th July

Last summer **Colin Quilter** set off on another one of those fascinating coastal kayak voyages that he has become renowned for. He launched his trusty old Seabear out on Farewell Spit at the top of the South Island and finished up at Kaikoura.

Colin has kindly agreed to recount this South Island adventure to us at our July winter lecture.

Meet at the Marine Rescue Centre (city end of Tamaki Drive) at 7pm for a 7.30 start.

A \$2.00 door charge covers your supper and helps with a gift for our guest.

Need more info? Phone **Roger Lomas 846 6799**

## 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 into 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 coffee.

## Kayak Hire

To book a kayak, enter details in the diary. Check diary before taking a kayak.

### Kayak Hire Rates

#### Single kayaks

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Daily hire – out am, back pm                  | \$20.00 |
| Half day – out am, back am<br>out pm, back pm | \$10.00 |

#### Double kayaks

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Daily hire – out am, back pm                | \$30.00 |
| Half day – out am back am<br>out pm back pm | \$15.00 |

- Please enter details of hire in register and on an envelope.
- Put money in envelope and place envelope in honesty box.
- **No I.O.U's!**
- Carry or wheel kayaks to water.
- No seal launching.
- Please wash kayaks before returning to rack.
- Report faults or problems on the faults/problems sheet.

## SOF – Skin on Frame Kayaks

What better to do in the colder winter weeks but building a new kayak. John Williams got inspired by information he found on the net and reading about Baidarka kayaks. Then he got busy building a new skin on frame kayak. Enclosed are pictures of his effort, testing the new creation. We are looking forward to John's article about his project and the opportunity to share his experience.



### Where Are You?

We have lost the details for *The Wills Family*.

Their newsletters have been returned to us, as we have no current address.

Anyone out there who knows the Wills Family, please phone, or better, email our secretary Alissa Good on [Secretary@AucklandCanoeClub.org.nz](mailto:Secretary@AucklandCanoeClub.org.nz)

### Tip of the month

Now we are paddling in colder than usual conditions, instead of taking a flask of tea or coffee in your kayak, mix a packet of drink powder, such as "Refresh" with boiling water and take this instead.

The cranberry flavours work especially well. It is useful to have along when guiding trips and someone is getting cold and tired. No worries about whether or not they drink tea or coffee, take milk and sugar etc.

It is also still pleasant to drink when tepid or cold.

### Subscriptions Are Due *Final Call!!*

This is a reminder that subscriptions are now due.

Check the address label on this newsletter.

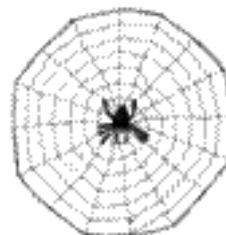
Should you find a coloured dot on it, your membership has expired and this is your last copy of the newsletter.

Event reminders will cease if subs aren't received by the end of the month.

You can obtain a membership renewal form from <http://geocities.com/tofska/memform.pdf>

Yearly membership is \$30

Family membership is \$35.



### Club Website Access for July

Password Motuora

## Club Trips – July 2007

Thank you to those members who regularly offer to co-ordinate trips, and to those members who have recently “put up their hands”. This is much appreciated.

**Please contact Philip on 575 3493 if you are available to take a trip to your favourite destination.**

### Sunday 1st July

*The Wreck of the Alice A Leigh at Moturekareka*

An ideal tide to explore the wreck, and catch some fish if you're lucky. Depending on the weather and preference of the group, we can head either north or south before returning to the cars at Wenderholm or Martins Bay by mid afternoon.

**Phone Gerard Fagan on 832 9720 or mob 021 07 15917** for further details.

### Sunday 8th July

*Paddle the Upper Harbour*

Join Jimmy on a great paddle in the upper harbour. Ride the flood tide to a destination dictated by the weather and the group consensus.

**Phone Jimmy Thompson on Thursday evening on 834 8008** for departure time and place as well as what to bring.

### 14th and 15th July

*Weekend at Otakawhe Bay Lodge, Waiheke*

Join Coral and Charles for a great weekend at the lodge. Good paddling in the Waiheke Channel and surrounding Islands.

**Phone Coral or Charles Atkins on 418 1119** for details of departure point and time as well as what to bring and where to park your car.

### Sunday 15th July

*Paddle round Tawharanui (Takatu Point)*

A great paddle with fantastic rock gardens and superb headland cliffs to a quiet secluded beach for lunch. Return with the tide.

**Phone Will Hendon on 486 6215** for details.

### Sunday 22nd July

*Waiheke Island*

Meet at Halfmoon Bay Marina at the Sealink terminal. Bring your trolley. If the wind is from the North, we will take the ferry to Kennedy Point on Waiheke and paddle some of the island. To come back to the cars we can use the ferry or have a downwind paddle. If the wind is southerly we will paddle downwind to Waiheke and take the ferry back.

**Phone Gerard Fagan on 832 9720 or mob 021 07 15917** for further details.

### Sunday 29th July

*Paddle Whangaparaoa*

Join Will for this one-way 19km paddle around the peninsula. Starting from Matakatia, the ebb tide will assist you down to the eastern end and a lunch stop on a secluded beach, after which some superb rock gardens and good fishing will await your trip to Tindals Beach.

A short walk (500M) to fetch the cars will conclude a great day.

**Phone Will Hendon on 486 6215** and discuss with him (or his talking refrigerator), meeting time and what to bring.



## Deadline for next newsletter

**10th July 2007**  
(second Tuesday of July).

## Poet's Corner

*What's happened to the rhyming couplet  
Where's all that verse that rhymed  
The sort of stuff that Chaucer penned  
The way Bill S opined.*

*The pop song writer has to think  
Of ending lines that rhyme  
To tell a story to be sung  
To fit that four four time.*

*So I'll continue in this mode  
Apart from the times I don't  
To get down tales of kayaking  
In rhyme as is my wont.*

*Looking at the calm grey sea  
Just itching for a paddle  
To get to use some brand new blades  
Some training in the saddle.*

*Now when it comes to paddling  
I'm not the fastest bloke around  
But now and then one needs a spurt  
Especially seaward bound.*

*So at the moment that's my task  
To get a bit of speed  
To keep me out of trouble  
Or for anyone in need.*

*Off I go with GPS  
Head down to check the going  
The view the sea it's all forgot  
While focussed on the rowing.*

*Why yesterday I managed to  
Knock seconds off my time  
And getting there so quickly  
The feeling was sublime.*

*But then again I wondered  
What's the point of all this haste  
To be the guy way out in front  
It just seems such a waste  
Of energy produced by lots of food  
To simply get there early  
So turning slow-coach into plus  
I'll be the Tail End Charlie.*

*:But wait Dear Reader there is more  
To this than meets the eye  
Though stuffed If I know what it is  
The writer breathes a sigh.*

Mike Randall

## President's Report

It is great to see a number of members have accessed the new website.

Matt Crozier is getting up to speed, so please make sure that you try the different parts of the website out and then let our Webmasters know of any problems.

There have been several enquiries from members wanting to know how to get the "Member Only" password. This is published each month in this newsletter. You will find it by looking for the spider web logo.

A number of the other pages give you the opportunity to join by registering your interest in that part of the website. For example if you want to receive email reminders from the calendar then go to the bottom of the calendar page and click on "Join our Notification List". You will then enter your details and will receive an email asking you to confirm. This is to prevent spamming and will be a requirement of the new anti spamming laws – the Club has set the website up in preparation for the new law.

The same philosophy applies to all the other Member Only pages – once you have used the Members Only password to access the page you have free access to do what you like. No further checking or verification is needed by Committee members. So, if you want to create a photo gallery of your exploits, just add your name – so that your photos can be credited to you – and then follow the instructions to published your works of art!

Happy paddling,

*Ian*





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