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Going ... Going ...

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STEVE KNOWLES
CANOE AND KAYAK, BOP



Editorial

The Club is involved in two events. A small group of paddlers will help the Harbourmaster test the efficiency of safety equipment, such as reflective clothing, night lights and reflective strips on kayaks and paddles.

We are also looking for input from kayakers on safe beaches and harbours where beginners can safely practise their skills without being blown out to sea. Which is your favourite “playground” when practising in moderate surf, or when a strong wind is blowing from the West? What lemons are you looking out for?

A brochure about basic kayaking and safety is being planned. Your contributions are welcomed and should be emailed to: president@aucklandcanoecub.org.nz.

Our newsletter usually gets mailed the week after the monthly committee meeting. Therefore members receive information at the beginning of each month. The task of producing the newsletter has been made easier for me by Claire O'Connor, who has generously offered to do the computer work.

Thank you, Claire.

Peter Sommerhalder

Welcome



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

Dale Crompton; Caroline, Vanessa and Natalie Fisher; Brian and Susie Wilson; Mark Todd.

President's Report

Spring at last! As I write this note I am reflecting on how I would prefer to be kayaking in the warm sunny weather that I can see out of the window.

I suspect that we all get tied up with work sometimes when we would really like to be doing something else. The trick is to limit the work so that time is made for the things we like most. Expect to see more of me on the water! Work to live, not live to work!

Again, we have had an active month with trips and the last of the Winter Lectures for this year. On behalf of the Club I take this opportunity to thank Roger for his hard work in organising the Winter Series. I know how much work is involved and most importantly the forward planning, since these are organised months in advance.

Those who did attend Erica's talk about kayaking in the south of the South Island will have appreciated how lucky we are to be able to kayak in Auckland all year round in temperatures warmer than the summer temperatures down south!

Remember though that even on short trips in Auckland, if you fall out and get wet hypothermia is not far away. Always take spare warm dry clothing with you. The combination of wind and being wet will produce a chill factor very quickly. I take a thermos of hot water so that if I do start to get cold I can have a warm drink before I get uncomfortably cold.

Enjoy your paddling in the warm northern waters and think of those less fortunate in the South!

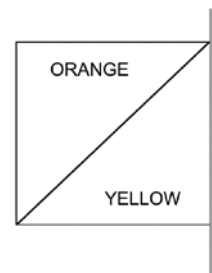
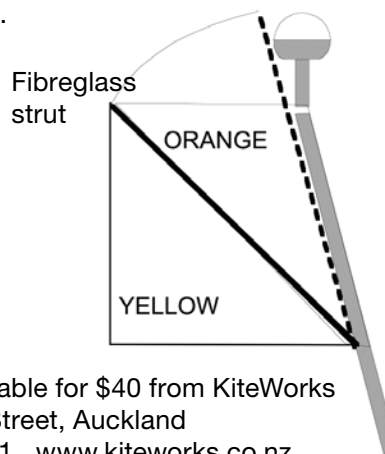
Happy paddling,

Ian

Be Safe ... Be Seen

The photographs on the cover of this newsletter clearly show the importance of doing everything possible to be seen – even during the daytime!

The flag is a critical component. We have been experimenting with different shapes and colours of flags and the best so far is ...



These are available for \$40 from KiteWorks
111 Symonds Street, Auckland
Phone 358 0991 www.kiteworks.co.nz

If you try to make your own, be aware that the flag above is NOT allowed as it is the man overboard flag or “O” flag.



Oxfam Trailwalker NZ

The world's greatest team challenge



Four of our members, Trevor Arthur, Hala Akkad, Anne Maynard-Nichols and Ken Marsh have started training to walk 100 km in April of 2008. They get to raise funds for Oxfam and walk together for 30 hours around Taupo.

As part of the challenge we are selling various items on behalf of Oxfam and aiming to raise a total of \$2500 on behalf of the Auckland Canoe Club Team.

Please go to Oxfam trailwalker website.

Select our team **Auckland Canoe Club**

And shop till you drop, there are T-shirts, books, and tickets to events available. All of the money you spend will be credited to our team fundraising total.

http://www.oxfam.org.nz/events/teams.asp?a=show_team_pages&eventid=15&teamid=2690

Thanks a lot, **Ken, Trevor, Hala and Anne**

As part of our fundraising for Oxfam we are offering pool training at \$15 per person.

All nett proceeds to Oxfam. You get to learn/practice your water confidence, rolling or flotation rescue in small boats at the Glen Innes pool. With help from John Maynard, Ken Marsh and Trevor Arthur.

Starting, and then every Monday, from September 10th, at 7.30–8.45pm at GI Aquatics 122 Elstree Ave, Glen Innes. Please call Ken on 828 0701 to confirm there are boats and instructors available.

Auckland Islands Adventure

Listen to Jack Finn tell us about his recent attempt to solo circumnavigate the Auckland Islands. This is a stunning slide and video presentation. He sailed south with a small support group. Witness the coastal encounters and go on day trips meeting the wildlife. Haemophilia does not stop Jack from seeking challenges and setting tough goals. In 2004 he cycled and kayaked the length of New Zealand.

Meet at the Hauraki Kayak Group club rooms, West End Road, Herne Bay, on Wednesday, 17 October, at 7.30pm for a 8pm start. A \$2 door charge will cover your supper and help fundraising for Jack. This is a joint venue between Hauraki Kayak Group and Auckland Canoe Club. All welcome.

For information phone **Peter Sommerhalder 631-5344**, or **Roger Lomas 846 6799**.



Auckland Canoe Club Information

Postal Address

P.O. Box 9271, Newmarket, Auckland

Clubrooms

Marine Rescue Centre, Mechanics Bay

Website

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

Email event reminders

send blank email to

subscribe@aucklandcanoecub.org.nz

Officers

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| <i>Patron</i> | Peter Godfrey | 520 5444 |
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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.

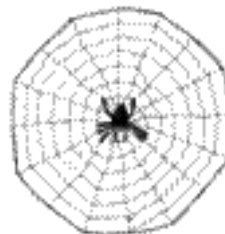
Internet Banking

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.



Club Website Access for October

Password Waiheke



Deadline for next newsletter

9th October 2007
(second Tuesday
of October).

Regular Events

Vine House – Last Weekend of Every Month

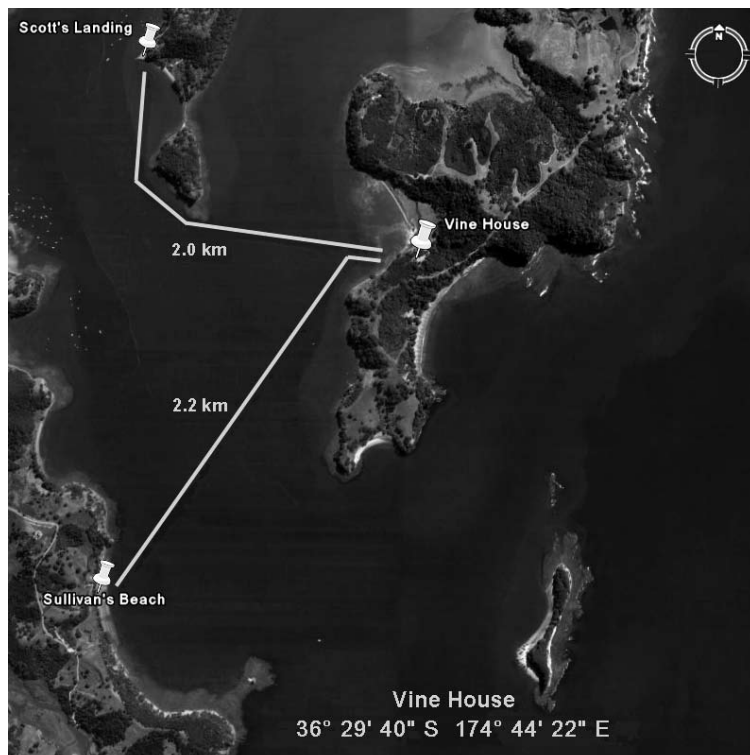
On the last weekend of each month we have the use of Vine House.

This gem in Mahurangi Harbour is a 2 km paddle from Sullivans Bay, which is the ARC park at the end of the Mahurangi West Road, first on the right past Puhoi.

The house sleeps 10 and has all creature comforts. Bring sleeping bag, pillow case and food. A shared meal and nibbles is the norm for Saturday night, so bring your goodies.

Lagoon Bay is very tidal, so bringing a kayak trolley is a good idea. The range of paddling is endless, eg Waiwera, Warkworth, Kawau Island, Motuora Island – your choice. Or just rest and read and enjoy this tranquil and special place. We recommend you take a carry bag to get all your gear up the track to the house. Secure parking is at Sullivans Bay. Leave a note on your dashboard reading “Vine House Volunteer” when you park in front of the ranger’s house.

Please ring to book a bed, and for detailed directions. **Trevor 817-7357, Matt 817-1984.**



Tuesday Evening Paddles

A small group of informal paddlers usually meet at the Okahu Bay ramp at about 5.30 on Tuesday nights. A light is essential for Tuesday night paddles!

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 9.00 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

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| Daily hire – out am, back pm | \$20.00 |
| Half day – out am, back am out pm, back pm | \$10.00 |

Double kayaks

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| Daily hire – out am, back pm | \$30.00 |
| Half day – out am back am 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.

Club Trips – October 2007

Due to the unsettled weather, trips will be advertised as Saturday or Sunday, which will allow the Trip Co-ordinator to choose the best day, weatherwise. Please phone Wednesday or Thursday to express interest.

Please contact Philip on 575 3493 if you are available to take a trip to your favourite destination or one of the following.

Sunday 7 October

Manukau Heads

Back-up date for this trip if it was postponed on September 23. Meeting time and all other details are as on the 23rd.

Saturday 13 October

Hoteo River

Explore the Auckland Region's most scenic tidal river and enjoy the kowhai in bloom.

High tide is 12.04pm (4m). We will paddle up with the incoming tide up both the main river and the bush clad Mangatu stream. Then after lunch return downstream with the out going tide. This trip is suitable for all including beginners.

Meet at 9.00am for a 9.30am start, at the boat ramp below the Kaipara Cruising Club, on the northern side of the Hoteo River Bridge. This is approximately 20 kms north of Kaukapakapa on State Highway 16 and 4 kms north of the Glorit Hall.

There is a public car park, picnic area and toilet block near the Jetty.

For further details contact Helen Orchard on 444 1397.

ALSO

Ocean Kayak Canoe Showdown Kayak Race and Kowhai Festival in Warkworth. Date Saturday, 13 October 2007, Race start 10.00am.

For more details and entry forms contact Jim Sonerson, ph 09 425 7371, or email: jjson@paradise.net.nz.

Saturday 20 or Sunday 21 October

Motuora Is / Moturekareka Is.

If the wind is from the north we'll meet at Wenderholm and paddle up the coast to lunch on either island. If the wind is from the south we'll meet at Algies Bay and paddle down the coast to lunch on either island. A tail wind home is almost certain. Distance 20–25km.

Phone Leader Gerard Fagan ph 832 9720 mob 021 071 5917

Saturday 27 October

Leaderless trip

High tide is at 8.40am so meet at Kohi boat ramp at 8.00am for an 8.30am departure to where ever the group wants to go. If weather is bad defer to Sunday

Sunday TBA

Rangitoto circumnavigation

Meet at St Heliers Beach at 8.45am for a 9.00am departure. We'll circumnavigate Rangitoto anticlockwise, passing through Gardiners Gap at HW (10.48am). Bring lunch and snacks. Paddling time about 5 hours. Suitable for all paddlers in calm weather.

If the forecast is at all doubtful **phone Colin Quilter 630 2219 between 7.00am and 8.00am on Sunday** to discuss.

Year End

Some interest has been expressed in having a one day or camp over for as many nights as people want at the Te Haruri Camp Ground at Shakespear National Park at the end of the Whangaparaoa Peninsula.

Suggested dates have been between Christmas and New Year, with a likely day event on the 28th for those who do not want to camp. Members to make their own bookings as follows.

The council have confirmed that at the moment Te Haruri camping ground is available with lots of slots for the 25th to the 28th inclusive but that the 29th to 31st only has 19 slots. Maximum nights 7.

Vehicle based campsites

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| Adult | \$10 per person per night |
| Child | \$5 per person per night |
| Preschooler | No charge |

Camping at designated car parks only (self contained campervans/caravans only)

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| Adult | \$5 per person per night |
| Child | \$3 per person per night |
| Preschooler | No charge |

Backpack sites (paddle in?)

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| Adult | \$5 per person per night |
| Child | \$3 per person per night |
| Preschooler | No charge |

Safety



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.



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

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

Merchandise@AucklandCanoeClub.org.nz

Reminder

We urgently need member responses!!

Please go to the Forum

<http://aucklandcanoeclub.org.nz/applications/forum/>

Log in and go to the members section

Under members comment on the poll for the Harbourmaster asking about the visibility of kayakers and what should be acceptable. E.g. wear hi-viz clothing, reflector tape on kayaks, etc.



From: Auckland Canoe Club, P.O. Box 9271, Newmarket, Auckland



To:

