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*Ian's Pukapuka Vaka welcoming the City Guests to Okahu Bay on Waitangi Day.*

PHOTO: SU SOMMERHALDER

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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.**

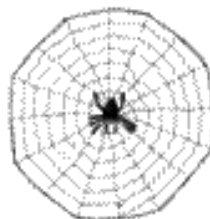
### Internet Banking

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 March

**Password** Pakihi



### Deadline for April newsletter

**16 March 2008**

## Editorial

Browsing through this issue confirms that paddlers are experiencing a marvellous summer. Some highlights were the Waitangi Day Welcome to our City Councillors at Okahu Bay accompanied by kayak and waka paddlers, the two junior training sessions, and several holiday excursions in the Hauraki Gulf and further afield. There was a chance meeting of club members paddling in the Marlborough Sounds. And according to the news media, some chance meetings by kayakers with curious (hungry?) sharks. Further events to mark in your diary are the Canoe Day on 9 March and the Rangitoto Swim escort on 30 March.

Our president, Ian Calhaem, has been, and still is very active representing the Users Group in developing The Landing at Okahu Bay. We are fortunate being able to help shaping the future of this prime marine spot for paddlers and recreational mariners. The Vine House renovation project, supported by Auckland Canoe Club volunteers, is finished and gets praise from all who have visited this jewel in the Mahurangi Harbour. Don't forget the Auckland Canoe Club Team training for the Oxfam 100km Trailwalk in April. Support them with your donation, and or join them on their training schedule, provided your fitness is up to it. Look up the website [www.oxfamtrailwalker.org.nz/oxfam\\_trailwalker/default.asp](http://www.oxfamtrailwalker.org.nz/oxfam_trailwalker/default.asp)

Enjoy the summer,

*Peter Sommerhalder*

Editor

## 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 out pm, back pm	\$10.00

#### Double kayaks

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.

## Regular Events

### Vine House – Last Weekend of Every Month

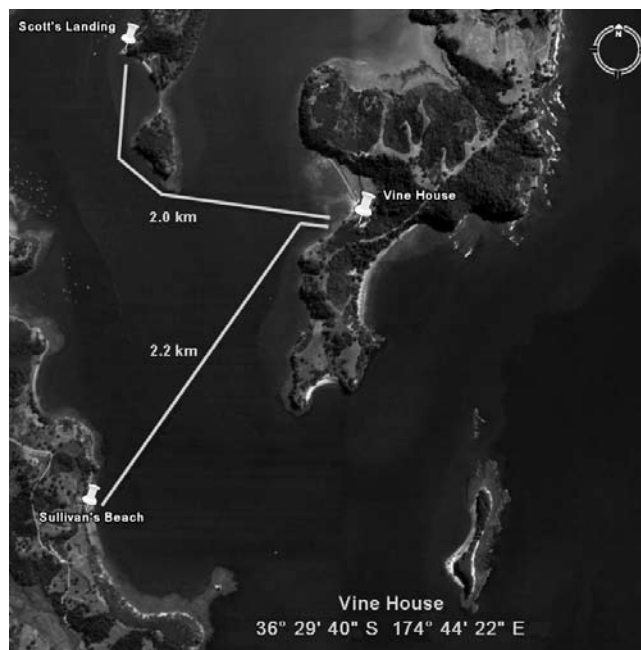
On the last weekend of each month we have the use of Vine House.

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 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.

## President's Report

Dear All,

Waitangi Day was a great success and I thank all those who turned up. There was a little confusion over the positioning of the sailing ships as they eventually came further into the Bay than originally planned. I heard a number of comments from the VIPs about the impressive welcome that they received in the Bay with all the canoes and kayaks on the water. It did look impressive.

I must also thank all those who turned up for the Swim escort. The wind was strong and it was the correct decision for the organisers to call the swim off.

However, that did not stop those intrepid kayakers from enjoying a great BBQ at the Landing anyway. My thanks go to all those who organised it – particularly Sue and Philip.

A few of the kayakers managed to get some rough water practise at Okahu Bay before the BBQ but I noticed that everyone was on shore when the food was ready!

The issues that I raised concerning the Landing and the size of the hardstand have been taken a step further. A proposal was put to the Arts, Culture and Recreation Committee of the City Council at a public hearing requesting that the provisions of the Resource Management Act be invoked to ensure that the hardstand was no greater than the area specified in the resource consent. This was accepted and a working party is now set up to resolve the issue. This is to be chaired by Cr Toni Millar.

On a separate issue, the resource consent issued by the Auckland Regional Council to the Okahu Marina is being reviewed for compliance.

The Marina says that the construction is finished but the public provisions in that consent do not appear to have been complied with...

- A 20 m gap in the Rock wall to allow the outgoing tide to flush Okahu Bay
- Car parks available to the public at all times
  - (I note that the Marina recently applied to the ARC for 8 of the parks to be reserved for their exclusive use. This was declined but the Marina has appealed and it is now waiting for Court time)
- Fingers in the marina open to the public during the hours of daylight (under NZ Law daylight is 1 hr before sunrise to 1 hr after sunset)
- A walkway along the entire length of the rock wall
- A fishing platform at the end of the rock wall.
- Easy and unobstructed access along the public walkway which is to be separated from the parking area by landscaping.

These issues are currently being taken up by the Regional Council.

Several of our members attended the Bylaw meeting held at the Marine Rescue Centre and a subgroup of your committee is preparing a submission to correct some of the anomalies in the draft bylaws.

Finally, any members who are free on March 9th will be very welcome to support the Club at the Pahurehure Inlet Canoe Day (see details elsewhere in this newsletter). This is a pet project of ARC Cr Dianne Glenn, who is very supportive of our activities, so in turn we should support her if possible. My Vaka will be there for any one to paddle if they want to.

Happy Paddling, *Ian*

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## Obituary

It was with great sadness that I learned of the death of club member George Johnson.

Many will remember George in his Seabear as one of the stalwarts of the club swim escort patrols. We also enjoyed his company on many club outings. A gentleman kayaker in every way, George would always find time to hail and greet the many kayakers who passed his way. Restricted from paddling in recent years by a shoulder injury, George took to

walking to maintain his fitness. He became a familiar sight striding out along Tamaki Drive, not far from his Glendowie home. His keen eye was always quick to spot fellow club members out on the water and a friendly wave would be exchanged.

We enjoyed his company when he stopped by at the launch ramp to catch up with the kayaking world. We will miss that friendly wave. Vale George Johnson.

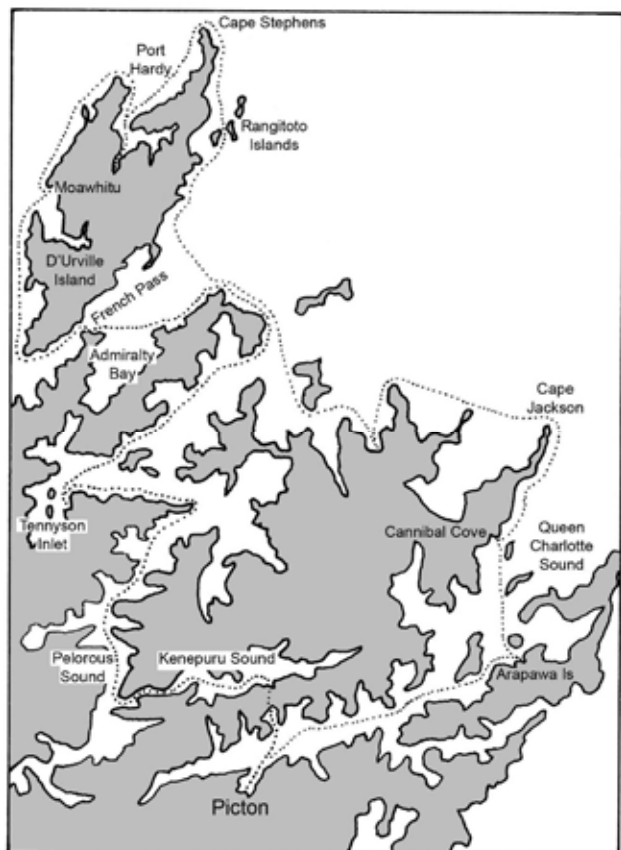
*Roger Lomas*

# Re-visiting D'Urville Island

Colin Quilter

D'Urville Island marks the outer limit of the Marlborough Sounds. It's a remote and rugged island which has a lot to offer kayakers. Last year I paddled around it during the course of a longer trip along the coast, and enjoyed it so much that I returned this summer to see some of the places I had missed on the first occasion. The route which I took to the island was a little unusual, and might interest others who want to explore the Marlborough Sounds.

Firstly: crossing Cook Strait. It costs about \$200 to take a car one-way across the strait by ferry. However if you leave your car with a friend in Wellington, and wheel your kayak onto the ferry on a canoe trolley, then the cost of getting one person and a kayak across the strait to Picton reduces to \$70 one-way. There's another advantage to leaving your car behind: you don't need to book in advance for any particular sailing, just turn up and buy a ticket an hour before the ferry leaves. That's very useful at the end of the trip, because you don't have to operate to a fixed deadline and can end the trip earlier or later depending on the weather or your mood.



In Picton the ferry terminal is on the west side of town. The only campground is on the east side of town. You can get from the terminal to the campground by wheeling your kayak about 2.2km

through town, or you can launch from the seafront esplanade about 300 metres east of the ferry terminal, paddle along the waterfront and through the marina to a boat launching ramp at the extreme eastern end of the marina, then wheel your kayak about 200 metres to the campground.

The obvious route from Picton is out through Queen Charlotte Sound. However I tried something different. Leaving Picton I paddled directly north across the sound (45 minutes) to Torea Bay, then portaged across into Kenepuru Sound arriving at – you guessed it – a place called Portage. The road linking the two sounds is narrow and winding but tar-sealed. The distance is a couple of kilometres, maximum elevation at the saddle perhaps 100 metres, and there is an easy take-out and launching at both ends. The one-hour portage got me to a place which would otherwise have taken about four days of paddling to reach from Picton. (Note: even if you weren't going as far as D'Urville Island, this could be the beginning of a nice five-day circular trip if you then paddled out through Kenepuru and Pelorous Sounds, around Cape Jackson and back to Picton via Queen Charlotte Sound).



Portaging into Kenepuru Sound

On my way north through Pelorous Sound I met Philip & Sue Noble at Jacob's Bay and we spent a couple of days together, one of them in wind and rain. For me the wet weather continued as I paddled to Tennyson Inlet. This is a beautiful forested harbour which would be fun exploring in fine weather; but in gloomy drizzle, with clouds down to tree-top height and a sandfly population rivalling Fiordland, I cleared out the next day. Fine weather followed, but a southerly gale hit just before I reached French Pass and I had an anxious hour crossing the mouth of Admiralty Bay. This was a classic piece of Marlborough Sounds weather in which the wind was funnelled down from the hills backing Admiralty Bay. I struggled across in rough conditions but discovered that once the wind begins to lift a mist of spray driven from the sea surface then one nice thing happens: a continuous rainbow appears just above the canoe, which is very pretty. (A paddle leash is essential in those conditions;

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even if you paddle with an unfeathered paddle as I do it's easy for a gust to wrench the paddle out of your windward hand).

After a day walking the hills behind Elmslie Bay the wind dropped and I caught the west-going tide through French Pass. Running down through the main channel my GPS registered a speed of 18km/hr, which would mean 5km/hr from paddling plus 13km/hr from the current. I crossed a couple of sizeable whirlpools but nothing too threatening.



Cliffs on D'Urville's west coast

On a clockwise circumnavigation of D'Urville Island my first goal was to visit Moawhиту Beach at the entrance to Greville Harbour, where DOC has recently acquired a magnificent coastal farm. I walked up onto the surrounding hills and admired the view; however I was not tempted to stay in the designated campground. It's behind the sand dunes, has fresh water on tap and a toilet, but there's not a scrap of vegetation to protect campers from sun and wind. When I was there the campground was like a furnace in the hot sun, and I could see that the northerly gale which was forecast would sweep down from the hills and flatten any tent pitched there. I hurried on up the west coast and reached Port Hardy just as the wind arrived.



Moawhиту Beach, with Greville Harbour beyond

The South Arm of Port Hardy is a lovely place. I was weather-bound there for the next three days, so I got to know it well. Of the two campsites the southern one in forest at the head of the sound is the best. It has room for any number of tents, is beautifully sheltered, has a table so that you can keep food out of reach of the wekas, and has few sandflies.

After four nights in Port Hardy I was tempted by a forecast of easing winds to break out earlier than was wise. I paddled out close to Cape Stephens, climbed the hill and could see heavy breaking seas off the cape, an area called "Hell's Gate." It is well named. So I waited until mid-afternoon which meant that I would reach the cape at slack water, but even so I gave myself some more grey hairs. Once around the cape the sea flattened out, the sun shone, it was like a different world. By evening I had found a delightful little cove among the Rangitoto Islands which are off the east coast of D'Urville, with orange sand, calm seas, a grassy shelf for my tent, and life was good.



Cove in the Rangitoto Islands

Over the next day or two I made my way eastwards along the outer margin of the Sounds. The crux of this leg was rounding Cape Jackson. Another gale was forecast and I hoped to get around the cape into the outer part of Queen Charlotte Sound where I knew I could sit out the bad weather in shelter at Cannibal Cove. So I ended up early one morning in a rising wind, racing under sail towards Cape Jackson to round it before the full weight of the gale struck. The last half-hour was tense, with the wind around 25 knots and rising by the minute. I was tearing out towards the cape on a broad reach, wanting to drop the sail but needing the speed it gave me. Spray was flying, we were leaping and thumping down the face of the waves. With the sail pulling hard there's no way of backing off speed running down the big swells; in any case speed was what I had to have. To my anxious eyes the cape seemed to be getting no closer, but suddenly we were there; what a relief! A few minutes furious flapping and banging while I dropped and secured the sail, then I turned and we ran downwind into Queen Charlotte Sound, slicing along with just the

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windage of my body and the paddle blades. Time for another rainbow as the wind lifted clouds of spray from the surface of the water.

I spent three days waiting out the gale at Cannibal Cove. It's the best campsite I know in Queen Charlotte Sound, a lovely bay with a grassy flat behind the beach overhung by ancient macrocarpa and pine trees which cut out the wind. I shared the bay with a pair of timid and stupid paradise ducks, a family of feisty oystercatchers with three chicks, and the usual wekas skulking around in the undergrowth with thievery on their minds.



Weka attempts to steal camper's toe

Once the wind eased I headed south to Wharehunga Bay on Arapawa Island, via Long Is. and Pickersgill Is. On Arapawa I had a great afternoon walking up onto the spine of the island where I could look down onto the Torrey Channel entrance to the south. Next day I paddled westwards to Picton. More wind was forecast, this time a Storm Warning with winds of 115km/hr, and I was almost out of time, so this seemed a good point to end my holiday. I wheeled my kayak onto the next ferry, and so to Wellington, then home.

All in all, it was a windy January in the Sounds compared to a year earlier. This time, out of 17 days I spent 8 waiting on the beach for better weather. But no complaints; less paddling means more walking, and it was another great holiday in the south. If anyone is planning a paddling holiday in the Sounds I'd be happy to pass on what I know about campsites, places to visit, etc.

## The King of the Harbour Race

This event, which has been up and running for a few years now, has in the past been the exclusive domain of the racing surf ski fraternity. Recently some changes have been implemented and now the 2008 event will be open to single sea kayaks and outrigger paddlers as well. The race is scheduled for Saturday, 29th March, with the start and finish at Narrow Neck Beach on the North Shore. The main event will feature an out and around Rangitoto Island course. This will include a paddle and possible portage through Gardiner Gap. For the less energetic there is the short course option, a dash out to the Rangitoto lighthouse and back.

The prestigious title of King of the Harbour awaits the victor. Fame however has its price and you can find out all about that and other details on the race website [www.kingoftheharbour.co.nz](http://www.kingoftheharbour.co.nz)

*Roger Lomas*

## Looking for this special guy!!

If you are a male paddler, 16–40 years old, and have a problem with recurrent shoulder dislocations, we would like you to participate in a study run by a physio at AUT Akoranga Campus in Northcote, Auckland.

Please phone Jane on 09 921 9999 ext 7194, or Margie (researcher) on 0215 73422, or email: [margie@flawlessmotion.com](mailto:margie@flawlessmotion.com) for more information.



### Welcome

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

**Melanie Warbrooke  
& Murray Keating  
Jo Levy, Gary Jacek,  
Nicholas Grant, Ritchie Simms,  
Mike Culver and Heather MacBride.**

## Stop Didymo from spreading



Auckland Regional Council's call to action to protect against rock snot (didymo) has taken on new urgency this week as didymo has been detected in two more major South Island rivers.

Didymo is spread by human activity and it's essential to get the message out to people who use freshwater areas, such as kayakers, trampers, boaties and anglers.

Microscopic didymo cells hitchhike on gear like tramping boots, kayaks, tyres and jump off in new freshwater sites.

The best way to protect against didymo is to ensure that absolutely anything that has been in contact with freshwater is decontaminated before it hits



the next waterway. **Check** gear and remove debris, **clean gear with a mild solution of detergent** and **dry it thoroughly** when moving between waterways.

Paddlers should carry a bottle of dishwash liquid. Mix a cleaning solution in your wet bin or the kayak cockpit after paddling on freshwater lakes or rivers.

Find out more by going to [www.biosecurity.govt.nz](http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz) and you can report any possible sightings of didymo to 0800 80 99 66.

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## REMAINING HARBOUR SWIMS 2007/2008

### NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS

*Members need to understand that the Swim Escorts are the only fund raising events we have to keep subscriptions low. I am tired of the excuse that "the pace is so slow I get bored" or "I would rather be doing something else" etc etc.*

*The fun of the day is meeting your fellow paddlers before or after at the BBQ which is generously provided by the club.*

*A big thank you to those who DO give up their time and come year after year, even for one or two events. These are the members that should be rewarded.*

*Perhaps those who are able bodied & choose not to come may consider a donation, say \$30, to the club in lieu of a NO SHOW!!! for all of the 4 events.*

The last of the escorts usually has a big field so we need 60+ boats please

### 4th Swim **EAGLE TECHNOLOGY RANGITOTO SWIM**

**Rangitoto to St.Heliers Bay, 4.45km**

**Sunday 30th March 2008**

The swim starts at 11.45am at the Rangitoto Wharf, so we need to meet at St Heliers beach at 9.45am to paddle across to Rangitoto.



## Club Trips – March 2008

Please phone Wednesday or Thursday to express interest.

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

**Note: Trips will start at the time announced. Ensure you are on time or be left to catch up.**

### Sunday 2nd March

#### Winghead!

Winghead at Whatipu is a great vantage point from which to view the Manukau Bar.

Meet at Cornwallis Wharf at 9.30 for a 10.00 am depart.

Bring your lunch, snacks, camera and jandals.

We'll take the ebb tide to a sheltered landing at Whatipu, then take the walking track to Winghead, one hour paddling and half an hour walking each way.

The trip is suitable for all paddlers in fine weather, however, **all coming MUST phone Colin Quilter on 630 2219 between 07.00 and 08.00** on Sunday morning to confirm that the trip is on.

### Sunday 9th March

#### Paddle to and round Tiri Tiri

Join me on a leisurely paddle to this iconic island. Bring your lunch to enjoy on a private beach on the northern side. Fishers, bring your "soft baits" for a snapper or two. Good walks to see and hear the birdlife.

**Phone Philip on 575 3493** to register interest and for departure time & place.

### Sunday 9th March

#### Canoe Day, Papakura

10.30am–2.00pm, Youngs Beach Reserve, Gills Avenue, Papakura. Introducing and promoting canoeing.

**See details in this newsletter.**

**Phone Ian Calhaem 579 0512.**

### Easter weekend 21–24 March

#### Home Bay, Motutapu

If February trip is cancelled, fallback date is one or several nights.

Join Philip, Sue & others for an overnight, or more, camp at this great destination. And do what ever takes your fancy

**Phone Philip 575 3493 for details.**

### Saturday 22nd or Sunday 23rd March

#### Paddle To or From Waiheke

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 leader Gerard Fagan 832 9720  
mob 0210715917**

### Easter Trip 21–24 March

#### Kaipara Harbour

If you're keen to explore an area we rarely get to visit, join Erica for 4 days on the Kaipara Harbour. Erica is keen to visit historical Poutu if the weather allows. Ideally you should be reasonably strong and experienced, as there are strong currents in some parts of the harbour, and the winds can rough up the sea. You will need to be self-sufficient with tent, cooking gear, food, safety equipment, first aid, and good paddling skills. There are some fairly isolated parts of the harbour. Erica has organised a safe place on a coastal farm to leave cars.

**Ring Erica 360 2872 to register interest and for details.**

### 30th March Swim Escort

#### Rangitoto Island

See previous page for details. Club boats reserved for this. The swim starts at 11.45am at the Rangitoto Wharf, so we need to meet at St Heliers Beach at 9.45am to paddle across to Rangitoto. Perhaps spend Saturday night at the Scout Bach or Deck before the swim.

BBQ afterwards on St Heliers beach.

**Phone any of the Committee members for details.**

## **News from the NZ Canoeing Federation**

### **Welcome to New Zealand Canoeing**

*The summer weather has been perfect for kayakers and canoeists to be out and about on the rivers, lakes and blue seas of New Zealand. As an island nation with a strong heritage and affinity to water, canoeing continues to be a top growth sport and leisure activity in NZ. The number of kayaks seen on roof racks over summer is a visual reminder of the sports popularity.*

*Special thanks must go to the tireless and committed volunteers of NZRCA who devote their effort and expertise for the good of all and future New Zealanders. The advocacy work of NZRCA is outstanding. Check out the links for further information on Conservation Access Safety Education*

### **Olympic News**

*Auckland based flat-water kayaker Ben Fouhy has secured an Olympic berth K1M 1000m along with Steve Ferguson and Mike Walker who have a berth in the K2 bringing NZ one step closer to canoeing medals 2008, Beijing.*

*Further canoe slalom and flat water athletes still have a chance to qualify 2008 at the Oceania Championships Sydney early 2008.*

*Kay Dawson has been selected to officiate at the 2008 Olympics in canoe slalom*

*NZOC Solidarity has continued to support canoe slalom and canoe racing through international grants and their support is gratefully acknowledged*

### **2007 News and Results across disciplines**

#### **Canoe Polo**

*Canoe polo continues to thrive in NZ secondary schools with strong local, regional and international participation at all levels. The depth and successes across the country is credited to the strong structure, hard working committees, and the national body's vision for this sport nationally and internationally. With World Championships every two years the competition to win 2007 was Oceania.*

#### **2007 Oceania Canoe Polo Adelaide AUS**

*NZ Senior Women 1st, NZ Senior men 2nd, Youth men 2nd,*

*Youth Women 1st, Junior Men 1st, Junior Women 1st,*

*Veterans 2nd*

*Read more <http://www.canoepolonz.org.nz>*

#### **Dragon Boating**

*A strong, sustainable sport with a dedicated group of supporters which has many facets and continues to reap the rewards of strong organizational structures across NZ. With corporate and fun teams combined with team building opportunities for businesses it is not unusual to see dragon boating teams practicing on the harbours across NZ.*

*Read more <http://www.dragonboat.org.nz>*

#### **Canoe Slalom**

*Canoe slalom is an individual Olympic sport and it has a dedicated group of volunteers working behind the scenes to grow the sport regionally and nationally. It continues to draw talented and committed athletes into its folds as they achieve international success and strive for Olympic selection 2008.*

#### **2007 Results**

*Michael Dawson K1Men 1st, 2007 Oceania Championships Mangahao NZL  
5th, Slovakian Open 1st, U23 Australian Open SYD 2nd, Australian Open SYD*

*Bryden Nicholas and Andrew Robinson C2 2nd Oceania Champs Mangahao*

*Read more <http://www.slalomnz.co.nz>*

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## **News from the NZ Canoeing Federation – continued from page 10**

### **Canoe Racing, Marathon Racing, Surf Ski Ocean Racing**

Canoe racing commonly referred to as flat water continues to show its dominance internationally. 2007 saw SPARC funding of 500K to further their High Performance programme allowing canoe racing to implement regional and national programmes to draw more athletes into its sport. Marathon and surf ski are under the canoe racing umbrella and continue to flourish in their respective disciplines with the support of dedicated individuals  
Read more <http://www.canoeracing.org.nz>

### **Recreational Canoeing**

A resourceful, dedicated and totally committed group of individuals and supporters who offer time, expertise and money to ensure the waterways of NZ are for all to enjoy. The NZRCA web site provides a wealth of current information for all paddlers and river users. While paddlers enjoy the whitewater on offer NZRCA continues to battle development and legislative issues on many fronts. Recent news includes the following:

**Meridian lodges application for a Mokihinui Dam.** Government-owned Meridian Energy has lodged resource consent applications to construct a \$250 million 65–85 MW dam on the Mokihinui River. While NZ needs more renewable energy, our whitewater rivers are not a renewable resource. Read more <http://rivers.org.nz>

**Waitaha River threatened by Westpower Hydro.** Westpower is proposing a 20MW hydro scheme at the exit of Morgan Gorge on the Waitaha. Read more <http://rivers.org.nz>

**Amendment to Rule Part 91 for existing PFDs.** Recreational kayakers may continue to utilise fit-for-purpose PFDs until 1 October 2014 following ministerial approval of an amendment to the infamous Navigation Rule 91. For commercial operations, the date is 1 October 2011; clubs renting equipment are regarded as commercial operations by MNZ. Read more <http://rivers.org.nz>

**DOC has granted a concession for the Kaituna Dam** Contrary to its statutory obligation to foster recreation; DOC has approved the concession application by BOP Electricity to inundate part of the Kaituna reserve, as a result of its proposed dam on the Kaituna. Read more <http://rivers.org.nz>

**Fish & Game and NZRCA seek Hurunui Water Conservation Order** The NZRCA and Fish and Game have jointly submitted an application for a Water Conservation Order on the Hurunui. Read more <http://rivers.org.nz>

Donations to support NZRCA advocacy work gratefully received. Please Click here then click on the “Paypal Donate” button at top right.

### **Freestyle**

NZ Freestylers are known on the international circuit for their skills. They are well respected for their skills and have brought home medals at both Junior and Senior World Championships. The discipline has a small, passionate membership but is enjoyed by many as a recreational sport and the top level by those participating in competitions both nationally and internationally

### **Projects and events in our area**

Read about NZ's first whitewater park planned for Manukau City: Manukau Centre looks to tourism.  
Read more on <http://www.stuff.co.nz/4247717a6016.html>

Keep an eye out for the NZ University Sports to be held in Rotorua April 2008. For the first time canoe slalom and canoe racing will be competing. Read more <http://www.universitysport.org.nz>

### **Finally**

NZCF wish all our many participants, supporters and followers many happy, safe hours paddling on the rivers, lakes and oceans

NZCF wishes to see NZ'ers canoeing and kayaking in a safe, skilled and environmentally conscious way and achieving their competitive and Olympic dreams.

Yours in paddling

New Zealand Canoeing Federation

## PAHUREHURE INLET PROTECTION SOCIETY INC CANOE EXPERIENCE DAY

### PAHUREHURE INLET NUMBER 2

<b>WHEN:</b>	Sunday 9 March 2008	10.30am – 2.30pm
<b>WHERE:</b>	Youngs Beach Reserve, Gills Avenue, Papakura	
<b>WHO:</b>	Pahurehure Inlet Protection Society Inc in partnership with Papakura District Council and Manukau Counties Sport	
<b>WHAT:</b>	A Day of ' <b>Fun on the Water</b> ' Learning to paddle a canoe & 'giving it a go' Just enjoying the beautiful water environment	
<b>WITH:</b>	The members of four canoe clubs, who will be giving their time and expertise to teach participants correct canoe procedures and safe techniques...  Papakura Sea Scouts, YMCA, Yakity Yak (Canoe and Kayak, Manukau) Auckland Canoe Club.	
<b>SUPPORTED BY:</b>	The Papakura Volunteer Coastguard to ensure water safety on the inlet	
<b>HIGHLIGHTS:</b>	Two waka from Whatapaka Marae One Cook Islands traditional Waka	
<b>REFRESHMENTS:</b>	Papakura Sea Scouts will be fundraising with food and drinks	
<b>ENTERTAINMENT:</b>	Manukau Counties Sport – a sports programme for the young/young at heart	
<b>CONTACT:</b>	Graham Purdy Phone 09 298 6507 Mob 0274 750 736 Email purrdy@ihug.co.nz	

Hi all,

You might remember that last year the Club was asked to support a Canoe Day at Pahurehure Inlet. Alison and I went down and although it was a pretty low key affair it proved to be of value to the Club as the request had come directly from Cr Dianne Glenn from Auckland Regional Council. She is the Chair of the Committee that manages the Sea bed fund and has already suggested that the Club should apply for funds for a pontoon at Okahu Bay. (She has control below high water mark). She is also very supportive of our actions re The Landing.

It has been assumed that the Club will be available again this year and I hope that we will be able to

encourage some members to come along a talk about kayaking whilst going for a paddle themselves.

Dianne has asked if I can take the Pukapuka Vaka down so I would welcome the support of club paddlers with their own kayaks.

I can talk about this at the next committee meeting but wanted to give people time to think about it. I will be there so Dianne will at least have some support.

It is a short event because of the tides – 11am to 2pm would be a maximum.

Cheers,  
*Ian*

## Waitangi Day

PHOTOS: ERICA LAW



*Ian's waka with the Breeze.*



*Kayakers escorting the City Councillors to the shore.*

## French Bay

PHOTOS: SU SOMMERHALDER



*Juniors rafted up – at last.*



*Juniors practicing sweep strokes.*

## Viaduct Harbour closed during International Boat Show

The Viaduct Harbour will be closed to the public from 3rd to 9th of March 2008 and will open on 10th March 2008. A bridge will close the entrance Monday to Wednesday 09:00 to 19:00 hours. Thursday 0900 to 2100 hours. Friday 0900 to 2000 hours and Saturday/Sunday 0900 to 1900 hours. Vessels should not enter the area. Vessels berthing within the Viaduct should contact Viaduct Control on VHF 73 before entering.

John Lee Richards,  
Harbourmaster

## KAYAK STORAGE AVAILABLE

There is one space available for a club member in the kayak storage locker. Please contact the storage officer, Gavin Baker, phone 09 528 5188, or email him: [storage@aucklandcanoecub.org.nz](mailto:storage@aucklandcanoecub.org.nz)

## KAYAK FOR SALE

Carbon Kevlar QK Ultimate.  
Email: [andyfuller@clear.net.nz](mailto:andyfuller@clear.net.nz)  
Phone: 07 3457647

## CAMBRIDGE-HAMILTON RACE

This event, usually held on the first Sunday in May, is postponed until later this year.



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