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**Calling all club members to this year's AGM on Tuesday, May 19,
Marine Rescue Centre, Tamaki Drive – 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.**



Jodie climbing the Duke's Nose, Tauranga Bay.



Vincent with Whangaroa Harbour entrance and Tauranga Bay in the background. PHOTOS ERICA LAWE

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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 co-ordinator. 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

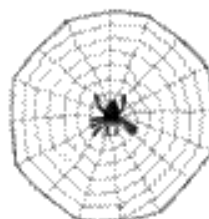
All major banks have set up Auckland Canoe Club as a registered payee for internet banking.

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 April

Password Maria



Deadline for May Newsletter

14 April 2009

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.

NEW MEMBERS



Welcome

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

Gerhard Lottermoser,
Ash Harding
and John Milledge

Auckland Canoe Club ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday May 19

Marine Rescue Centre, Tamaki Drive
7.00pm for a 7.30pm start

Regular Events

Vine House – Last Weekend of Every Month

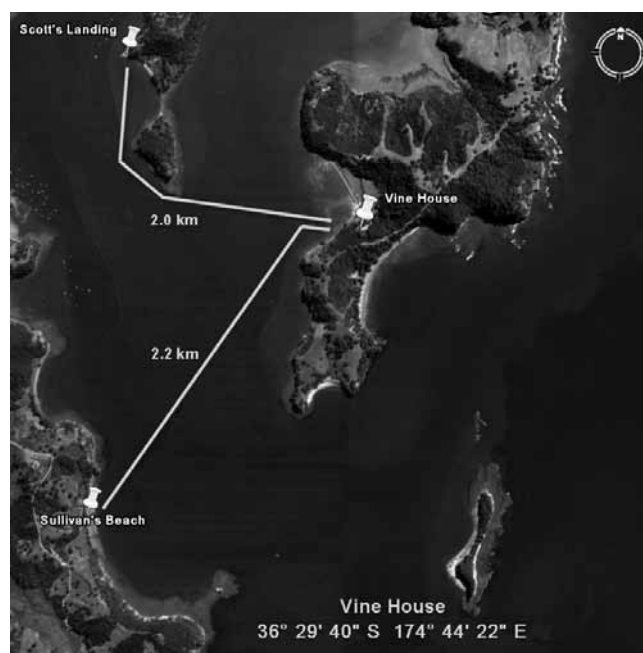
On the last weekend of each month we have the use of Vine House.

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.

Note: Paddlers under 18 to be accompanied by a guardian!

Marlborough Sounds – Summer 2009

Wednesday 31 December 2008

Out of bed at 5am – collected Gerard at 6.00am. At Peter's at 6.20am. Left with Will and Chantal at 7.00am. We had a beautiful day to travel in convoy to Wellington. Lunch was eaten overlooking Lake Taupo which was looking its most beautiful.

Will's Wellington cousin, Chris was to come with us and we arrived at her place in Plimmerton at 5.30pm. We ate pizzas together with Chris and her husband Graeme, before Peter, Gerard and I were shown the house which we were to overnight in. What an absolute treasure – right on the waterfront with the most amazing outlook. However, we were there to sleep only.



Plimmerton
31 December

January 1 2009

Peter was up at 6.00am to help drive Will, Chantal and Chris to the ferry for an early crossing of Cook Straight.

We other three were invited to have breakfast with Graeme before setting off for our later crossing. We had enough time to have a look at Fergs in Wellington before heading for the ferry. Even though the weather forecast was not ideal, the crossing was perfect and we were entertained by a jazz band which was singing and playing for their passage to a contest in Nelson.

On arrival in Picton, we drove directly to Havelock where we set up camp before dinner.

Friday January 2

We were up at 6am and Iris joined us at 8am. We left the camp at 10am, and drove around to the ramp at the Marina from where our adventure was to start. It took longer than expected to pack the kayakers with 20 days of food plus gear before we were on our way along Mahau Sound.

The first hour was easy, with a gentle rain. As we headed around Black Point we were met by strong head winds. We were on our way to meet the other three who had portaged their kayakers over to Portage



Leaving Havelock
2 January



Pelorus
2 January

and were heading towards us. Our plan was to meet at the head of Kenepuru Sound and to spend our first night together at Putanui Point.

Indeed we did meet as planned, in wet and windy conditions, but the proposed camp site was too hard to access in the conditions and was too small for a party of seven, so we paddled up Kenepuru Sound looking for an alternative site and stopped when we found a farm which had the only flat ground for many miles and which was also large enough for six tents. Chris and Will elected to go to the farmhouse and seek permission for camping but there was no-one home. It was getting late and we were all tired so we set up camp as far away from the farmhouse as possible. It was a relief to finally find a place and once the farmers came home they were happy for us to stay. They even invited us to use the creek which they used to gather water. It rained heavily during the night and the rain was accompanied by strong winds.



Skiddow Farm,
Kenepuru Sounds
31 December

Saturday 3 January

The weather forecast did not sound hopeful for moving on so we tidied up camp and took turns to go for a walk in two separate groups up a track in

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the nearby public land. The first group were not as ambitious as the second group who found an elite Lodge where they walked into the lounge in their muddy shoes for a beer and chips. Early to bed that night.

Sunday 4 January

We were up at 6am again and in perfect conditions turned and retraced our steps back to the head of Kenepuru Sound and turned into Pelorus Sound. With little wind and the sun shining, our paddle was perfect with our first chance at sight-seeing in this magnificent area. Our destination was Jacobs Bay and as we landed at this perfect bay, it was a race to bag the spot with the best view for putting up tents on the picnic ground. Camping on the picnic ground is allowed only between dusk and dawn. The camp ground was up a short bank, in a lovely sheltered space but with only two sites.



Jacobs Bay
4 January

Monday 5 January

Up at 6.00am again, we packed leisurely and got away at 9.00am and carried on up Pelorus Sound. We had 1½ hours easy and pleasant paddling, then an hour of head wind before arriving at Kauauroa Bay at midday. With doubts that this camp would fit us all in, Will, Iris and Peter went looking for an alternative site while the others rested. With nothing better available, camp was made here. A short walk from the tents was a waterfall which served as shower/bath and source of water.



Kauauroa Bay
5 January

Tuesday 6 January

We were up early and away at 8.30am, stopped at 10.00am for a snack and carried on in a strong head wind to arrive in Tawa Bay in Tennyson Inlet at 12 noon. The camp was very small, but by now we had learned how to squeeze up to fit. But in this case two tents had to be put up in the nearby bush. (We city slickers learned from this that the tents in the bush did not get wet as the others in the open did.) We were kept entertained by a cheeky weka which was hell bent on a meal of Tortellini. It was also the bay with the largest supply of sandflies and we re-named it Sandfly Bay.

Wednesday 7 January

In perfect conditions Iris and Gerard departed at 8.30 am, heading for French Pass. We parted with promises of keeping in touch via texting and VHF. Of course once we were separated from Gerard, we were also separated from his Solar Battery Charger, so had to be vigilant of future use of this essential equipment.

The remaining five left at 9.45am and spent most of the day in perfect conditions poking into every nook and cranny of this very beautiful inlet before heading for Elaine Bay. We were all tired and took a very leisurely paddle. The day was beautiful and it was an easy paddle. We were missing Gerard and Iris and hoped they were enjoying the same easy conditions we were.

We had all looked forward to getting to Elaine Bay as we had in our minds that this was the place for us to clean up with a very welcome hot shower. Not so. The first disappointment came when we found we could not just stop and camp at the edge of the water. We had to share the three sets of wheels among us and pull the heavy boats up the hill to the camp which was full of people with big tents and campervans. There was no hot water, and no shower. However, nothing is completely bad, because this camp did offer the best patch of grass of the whole trip and we did have a perfect view of where we had paddled from.

Thursday 8 January 2009

We were up early again and rolled kayaks down the hill to the water. We left just before 9am and had the best conditions of the whole trip and took our time paddling along the back of Maud Island to Waiona

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Bay where we swam, washed gear, showered and washed hair and put wine in the creek for cooling. Although we still had trouble with wekas in this camp we had no sandflies. These pesky wekas have no fear of humans and will try to steal anything at all. Peter did manage to make a weka drop my boat shoe before it was lost forever.

Friday 9 January

This was the day we made our first mistake. This was to have been a rest day, but we thought the forecast was suitable for taking off. The best part of this day was the pod of about 50 dolphins which crossed our path on their way out to sea. These dolphins were not in a mood for playing and the noise they made was tremendous.

The day was dull when we left Waiona Bay at 9.15am and the first ten minutes were quite pleasant. Once around the head of Maud Island we had a crossing with tail wind which two of us are not keen on. It wasn't long before we rounded Tawero Head and were into very strong head winds – we reckoned on 30–35 knots. The crossings of the bays were wide and very rough so we decided to go around the perimeter of the bays where the water might be less stropy and we would be closer to land if the worst were to happen. For every bend we went around, there was another bay just as big as the previous one, with just as much wind. At mid day we stopped for a rest at Te Rewa where Peter had seen the 'shop' sign and he thought he may be able to replenish his white spirit stock. That was not possible, but as there was a lodge and food it was decided we should order a hot lunch of soup and fresh bread rolls. By now I was extremely cold and saturated and lunch helped me to thaw out, but only forestalled what lay ahead of us. It was while here in the comfort of the beach that we were able to watch willy walls rush from the hills, forcing a sheet of water up and across the bay. We were later to experience being in one which we could see coming to us.

If the conditions before lunch were hard, there was worse in store. On leaving Te Rewa in Wilson Bay we were to struggle around Miro Bay, then Tinaora Bay until we reached Tamuakawawe Bay when it was decided we should take the bull by the horns and go directly across by the shortest route, and by now the wind was behind us. With the strongest tail wind I have ever experienced and with Peter at my side shouting out to "dig in" and "pull through", I fairly flew through that bay. It was so exhilarating, that I almost enjoyed it.

After 5½ hours of very hard paddling, it was a huge relief to round Stafford Point and back into the calm waters of Jacobs Bay in Pelorus Bay. With worsening weather coming, this time we squeezed into the two camping spaces up the hill from the picnic area. This was a delightful camp and we stayed another day.

Saturday 10 January

It was delightful to lie in for a little time. After breakfast, Peter, Chris and I set out for a walk through the Beech forest. I was tired and returned after 25 minutes to make a 50 minute round trip for me – the other two were gone much longer.

Later, while sitting in the picnic area reading, three people came out of nowhere and started talking to me. One of them was a hire boat operator who asked if I would like a kahawai. I explained that I did not eat fish, but there were four others who would love a fish if it were going spare. So he returned to his boat and filleted a fish which the others cooked and ate with great relish. Once we parted company with Gerard and Iris, we also parted with our fishermen.

We had a lovely late dinner, with good company.

Sunday 11 January

This was the day we made our second mistake. The day was expected to be a lay day but Chris had been up early and heard a wonderful weather forecast for the whole country, so we chanced it and packed and left by 10.30am. We were in for another 5½ hours paddle into strong head winds – this time 35 knots were forecast and we were paddling most of the way against an out-going tide. By the time we reached Ferndale Bay it was 4.30pm and I was completely exhausted. There were two rather burly fishermen sitting at the barbecue table when we arrived and they told us we had no hope of paddling against the tide into Havelock the following day.

The camp was tiny, but the weather was fine apart from a short sprinkle of rain during the night.

Monday 12 January

We awoke to a beautiful morning and with an 11.00am high tide, Peter and I were in no rush to leave, so at 11.00am we bid Chris, Will and Chantal farewell as they headed back to Portage and we took advantage of the out-going tide to get us on our way back to

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Havelock. Once across the big bay, we had a gentle tail breeze which helped us all the way. Once we were around Putanui Point again we were now paddling against an out-going tide so stayed in the shallows on the edge all the way back to Havelock. The nearer we got to Havelock, the dirtier the water got. I assumed it was from the very low tide and the amount of larger craft entering and departing the area.

It was 6.00pm before the tents were up and we were showered and into the clean clothes which had been left in the car.

The camp owner put the idea of dining out into our heads, so we headed across the road to the pub for the first fresh food we had eaten in two weeks.

Tuesday 13 January

After packing up for the last time in the South Island we headed for Picton. What a pity we had to drive past all those inviting vineyards and a beautiful looking chocolate shop. We met up with our friends at the Ferry Terminal and enjoyed their company on the return crossing. It was such a delight to meet up again – any onlooker may have thought it had been years since we had seen each other – not one day!

Following an ideal crossing of Cook Straight Chris' husband met her, Will and Chantal and took them back to Plimmerton while Peter and I headed out of Wellington. We stopped in Levin for Macdonalds for dinner and made camp at Mangaweka beside the Rangitikei River. The weather remained fine, but very cold. We were up and away by 8.45am after taking pictures of the river and surrounds.

My trip ended at Peter's place where we separated the gear and I got home at 5.30pm.

- Sandflies are definitely a problem here.
- The wind in the Sounds is very different from anything we experience on the Waitemata Harbour.
- Every weather forecast we heard (every day) said Gale in Cook Straight with wind 25 to 35 knots. Some areas were very sheltered, others were not.
- Homework is necessary before embarking on such a trip, but no amount of talking can give an understanding of the wind. It has to be experienced.

Rona Patterson

Poet's Corner

*Now listen you paddlers in Auckland
Take heed of what I'm going to say
Get out on the water and paddle
Carpe Diem yo Seize the Day.*

*There are Forces at Work in our City
And even beyond our fair shores
To throttle our quest for Adventure
With nothing to do but make laws
That require us beyond other boaties
To make sure that we're Fit to be Seen
In ways that defy definition
You paddlers will know what I mean.*

*Yon whales and dolphins watch out now
Your colour leaves much to desire
Red yellow or pink is better than black
Would you want to raise boat racer's ire?
A flag on your fin would do nicely
Two metres above your blowhole
If you haven't a light then keep out of the night
If getting home safely's your goal.*

*A kayak's a dangerous vessel
That can plough into speedboats at will
So watch it you speed crazy paddle fiends
A hole in a launch means a Bill
No matter if said launch is anchored
And dressed up in full beige mode
You simply weren't Keeping a Lookout
As required in the Rules of the Road.
But the other way round if a kayak
Is bedecked in a similar way
It's your bloody fault that you're sinking
If the Forces at Work hold their sway.*

*I fully respect all the people
Who look after our safety it's said
But most of us are really thoughtful
And would much rather die in our bed.*

Mike Randall

TAURANGA BAY – WAITANGI WEEKEND FEBRUARY 09

Cast and Crew: Jodi, Vincent, Judith, Judy, Erica, Locky, Bronwyn, Ron, Steve and Bruce

Photographs: Steve Robson, Ron Vautier

A great weekend of paddling was had by all, despite a fairly consistent easterly wind throughout Friday and Saturday.

On Friday, most of us headed over to Lane Cove (Pere Bay) in the Whangaroa Harbour. On the way, Ron and I went through the long narrow cave and the big open cave west of the Harbour entrance.

After beaching at Lane Cove, we climbed up to the top of the rock outcrop known as Duke's Nose. This is an interesting climb with the last section being up a long length of chain bolted into the rock face. From the top, there are excellent views over a wide area. Then it was back down for lunch on the deck of the DoC hut. After lunch, we explored the nearby river and viewed the waterfall high up, but it was pretty well evaporated after falling only a short distance. It must be much more spectacular after heavy rain. It was then a slog into the head wind back to Tauranga Bay.

On Saturday, the wind was still steady from the east. Many of the group enjoyed some Kawhai fishing and getting up close to the bird life, including gannets, shearwaters and the odd penguin. Steve was the most prolific fisherman with a total catch of six kahawai. Bronwyn caught one (the biggest) and Judy one.

We visited Arrow Rocks where the various rock strata are very visible. Ron had an old paper cutting which indicated that these rocks were approximately 275 million years old and was one of three places on earth where rocks of such age could be viewed. The other places are in Thailand and in Turkey.

On Sunday the wind was down, but the swell was larger. We headed off and circumnavigated Stephenson Island in a clockwise direction. It was very pleasant paddling in the lee on the south-western side. We then broke through the gap between Stephenson Island and Cone Island to paddle in very jobbley conditions along the north-eastern side back to a small south-facing beach just inside the eastern point. After some food, the party split up with some heading over for a look at the caves and Taupo Bay, while others returned to Tauranga Bay. Jodi and Vincent were lucky enough to have an encounter with some dolphins.

The beach landings provided for some spectacular wipe-outs during the weekend, particularly on Sunday when the surf was larger.

How to launch from a steep shelving beach with dumping surf:

1. Unassisted

Standing on the left side, hold your hands on each side of the cockpit with the paddle in a parallel position. The paddle lead should be attached to your wrist, not the kayak. Timed on the next out-surge, run your kayak in like a surfboard – bum in, feet out, a few strokes beyond the impact zone, feet in, skirt on, rudder down and away.

2. Assisted

Place kayak just so it won't be pushed sideways by the surge while an assistant holds the nose. Get in and put the skirt on. With the next good surge, the assistant pulls or pushes you into the outgoing wash and you paddle hard to clear. Rudder down and away.



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How to land on a steep shelving beach with dumping surf:

1. Unassisted

Raise the rudder. The force of the water by itself can bend the rudder. It is also best to have the decks clear of all equipment and to have the paddle leash attached to your wrist and not the kayak. Observe that the waves come in sets. When the next big set comes, wait for the biggest wave to pass and then on the second or third wave after that time the landing so that you come in on the back of the wave and ride the surge up the beach. Very quickly – skirt off, jump out, grab the nose of the kayak to prevent it being sucked back down into the impact zone. If you have had some surfing experience, it is easier to read the timing.



More pics in next month's newsletter!

2. Assisted

If you are lucky, you can have an experienced person such as Locky to act as beach-master. He is in a position to see and judge the wave timing best and signal when to pause and when to paddle flat out. He and others can then hold the kayak steady once beached for you to make a rapid exit before being sucked back.

Happy paddling.

MATT'S CAVE

Immediately to the west of the long narrow cave at Whangaroa Heads is another cave which I believe can justifiably be dubbed "Matt's Cave". On a previous excursion to this area, I followed Matt into this particular cave, but after disappearing into almost total darkness, chose to back paddle out. Matt went through and, after some time, came out on the ocean side. It is my belief that, to achieve this, he put on his Spelunker's helmet, folded his kayak in half to round a tight 90 degree corner, fixed metal pitons to the sides and roof of the cave, hauled his kayak over a large rock obstacle, then stood on it edgewise while navigating the final narrow exit split. I think that cave has your name on it, Matt.

Bruce Somerville



The Gates of Manukau

Gary Jacek



The wind in my hair, I hurtle through the night. Just as I wonder “what next?”, my ride lurches sideways at a crazy angle. I grimly hang on and hope for the best. How did I get into this predicament? I’ll begin at the beginning.

I’ve been exploring New Zealand for the past 4 weeks. Sailing from Auckland to Great Barrier Island, and tramping the Tongariro Crossing.

I was back in Auckland catching my breath when Peter Sommerhalder caught up to me offering an evening paddle on Manukau Harbour. Well, that sounded pretty good. What could possibly go wrong?

At the appointed hour my friend Greg dropped me off at Peter’s home near Mt Albert. Peter is busy restoring the beautiful woodwork inside this rare gem of a house, and his hard work really shows. Outside, the many trees and shrubs conceal a vast collection of kayaks of every description.

While Peter and I discussed all things kayak, Sue served up a delightful dinner on the back deck. Our only interruptions were Sue pointing at the clock (Peter is notoriously late she says) and a summer downpour. With the wind and rain, it turns out we were better off getting a late start.

Once the rain had abated, Peter and I set off for John Maynard’s and Anne Nichols’ house, near Manukau Harbour.

When we arrived, John had a venerable old Sea Bear awaiting me on the front lawn. At home I paddle a Current Designs Gulfstream. Compared to the Gulfstream, the Sea Bear looked like a barge. But appearances can be deceiving.

After loading the boats, a quick 5 minute drive took us to the gates of the local reserve and boat launch. As we prepared our boats, we observed a few swimmers enjoying the warm summer water.

On the water, the Sea Bears rudder was a bit reluctant to deploy. Just as well, since I wanted to get the feel of this boat without a rudder. (My Gulfstream is a skeg boat.) I found the hard chines of the Sea Bear

made it a very steady platform for edged turns and the pronounced rocker made it quite nimble for its length.

John, Peter and I set off towards the bridge against the outgoing tide and a stiff evening breeze. Along the way, we observed a few fishermen casting from the headlands in the fading light.

We altered course to cross the shipping channel so that we could admire the sun setting over the harbour mouth.

Once on the other side of the channel, we paddled parallel to the shore as far as the yacht club, carefully avoiding the shoals that reach out into the channel.

As darkness fell, John led the way back across the shipping channel and we stopped near a beach for a few photos. By this time the sea breeze had died away, leaving only the outgoing tide to assist us back to our launch point.

Our boats and gear loaded onto the vehicles, we drove up the hill to a pair of locked gates. Ooops! While we waited for an official to come extract us from the reserve, John suggested we try “The Flying Fox”, whatever that was.

I soon learned The Flying Fox is a piece of playground equipment, cunningly designed to terrify young children and entertain adults who neglect to read the sign “Gates locked at 9pm”. Peter and I spent a few minutes hurtling down the hill on The Flying Fox while John waited at the gates.

All too soon the local official and fee collector arrived to release us. Then it was back to John’s house for a well-earned beer.

Many thanks to Peter, Sue, John, Anne and the local gatekeeper for a memorable evening of dining, paddling and fun.

If you have Google Earth loaded on your computer, you can “fly” our track by downloading the .kmz file from my web site.

<http://www3.telus.net/ve7aq/Manukau/Feb5%202009PaddleManukauHarbour.kmz>



Club Trips – April 2009

Please phone Wednesday or Thursday to express interest.

Please contact Will on 550 3699 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.

Saturday 4 April

Tawharanui Peninsula

Due to bad weather and a cancellation last month, we'll try this one again.

Leaving from Jones Bay on the southern side of the Tawharanui Peninsula we will paddle in and out of some neat rock gardens, around to the north side of the Peninsula and onto the beautiful beach at Tawharanui Regional Park. Paddle back again, or walk back to get the cars. Bring snacks lunch togs towel fishing gear and a sense of adventure.

Call trip contact person, Will on 550 3699

Easter Weekend, 10–13 April

Graeme Bruce's batch at Opito Bay

Graham is kind enough to invite us to his batch again as he has done before. It's close to beach. Lots of paddling and walking to do. Pot luck dinners and great company.

Call trip contact person, Graeme on 07 332 3112 for details.

Saturday 11 April

Okahu Bay to Kendalls Bay

Paddle up the harbour past Downtown Auckland and under the bridge to lovely Kendalls Bay, a hidden treasure on the inside of the Auckland harbour. Bring all your high vis bright things and fluoro gear, a hearty lunch and your fold up beach chair.

Call trip contact person, Will on 550 3699

Saturday 18 or Sunday 19 April

Ponui Island

Meet at Kawakawa Bay wharf. If the wind direction is suitable (i.e. W, N, E) we will paddle around Ponui Island (32km approx). If the wind is from the South we will head towards Maraetai.

Call trip contact person, Gerard for departure time. Phone 832 9720 or Mob 021 0715 917

Saturday 29 April

Mahurangi Harbour day trip

Come to explore the Mahurangi Harbour. It's a fantastic part of the Auckland paddling area and offers so much in the way of islands near or far to paddle to, sheltered estuaries and tributaries and some really beautiful beaches. Perhaps stop in at the Vine House, your fellow club members who may be overnighing are very friendly and there's usually a coffee brewing.

Meet at Sullivans Bay at 10.00am.

A leaderless trip, first there chooses where to go.

8, 9 and 10 May

Motoura Island

Either Friday night or Saturday morning

Get away from it all. Distance yourself from the hustle and bustle and discover Motoura Island, one of the true gems of the Hauraki Gulf.

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President's Report

Hi All,

Well we now have to wait and see what the Regional Council decides to do about the Navigation Safety Bylaw. As you will all be aware the Regional Council held a series of meeting during the month listening to discussions about the proposed changes. Some speakers were for the proposed changes whilst others wanted the existing bylaw to remain. Yet others wanted a mid way solution.

I hope that everyone remembers that the purpose of the bylaw is to ensure that we can all continue to enjoy kayaking in Auckland waterways with as few regulations as is practical.

The proposed amendment is:

2.17 Visibility of kayaks and paddle craft

1. Every kayak and paddle craft that is navigating in waters beyond 200 metres from shore shall ensure they are highly visible to other vessels.
This shall include:

By Day

Wearing highly visible clothing or a highly visible PFD suitable for contrasting with the visibility conditions at the time;

By Night

- a) Use of reflective tape on clothing; and
- b) Showing a continuous white light visible in all directions and of suitable intensity to avoid collision; and
- c) Having ready an electric torch showing a white light which must be exhibited in sufficient time to prevent collision.

The Committee discussed the proposed amendment and decided to remind the Regional Council that as a Club we acknowledged the support given to kayakers by the Harbourmaster's Office, but reminded Council that we recommended an education approach instead of a regulatory one.

Club Submission

First Paragraph

The existing Clause does by virtue of the reference to "oars" in 1(b) imply that all self propelled vessels are covered by the bylaw. The amended Clause refers only to Kayak and paddle craft.

Submission:

That the first paragraph should read:

1. *Every self propelled craft that is navigating in waters beyond 200 metres from the shore shall ensure they are highly visible to other vessels.*

As discussed during the 2008 submissions the Auckland Canoe Club favours that the explanation for complying with paragraph one, be advisory and not legislative.

Submission:

That the Proposed Clause be worded...

This may include:

By Day

- a) *Wearing bright clothing that contrasts to the surrounding conditions.*
- b) *The use of a bright coloured hat since this is the highest visible point.*
- c) *Where possible choosing a bright colours vessel.*
- d) *Using a bright coloured flag at least 1.2 m high.*
- e) *Using reflector strips on paddles and the vessel.*

By Night

- a) *Showing a continuous white light in all directions and of suitable intensity to avoid a collision; and*
- b) *Having ready an electric torch showing a white light which must be exhibited in sufficient time to prevent collision.*

It is believed that the Council will be reviewing all submissions and hearing submitters at the end of April.

Safe paddling,

Ian



Chantal and Will were married last year on April 21. It was very good of Ken Marsh to loan them his double wooden kayak for photos of the bride and groom paddling. This was at the suggestion of our photographer Aaron Goodwin who has been a club member.

PHOTO AARON GOODWIN

AUCKLAND CANOE CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM



- New Member**
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Address: _____ **Suburb:** _____ **City:** _____
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Rate your Experience: I have completed a basic skills course.

- No Experience**
 Novice (confidently forward and backpaddle, paddle for 30 mins without rest)
 Intermediate (able to brace, perform a deep water entry, paddle for at least 2 hours or 25 km)
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Do you own a kayak? **Yes** **No** **If YES list type(s):** _____

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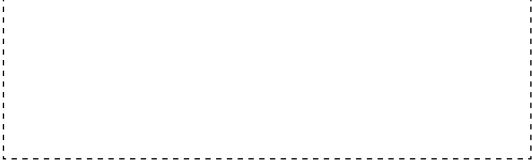
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