



June 2009

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Late Autumn – Kevin Woolcott and Ryan Whittle pause to enjoy a cuppa on the sunny side of Watchman Island up near the Harbour Bridge.

PHOTO ROGER LOMAS

Auckland Canoe Club Information

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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

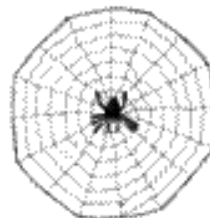
All major banks have set up Auckland Canoe Club as a registered payee for internet banking.

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 June

Password tamaki



Deadline for July Newsletter

9 June 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.

Skills Practice

Skills / Rolling Practice – Okahu Bay

Come along to Okahu Bay on Sundays at 10am to brush up on your skills!!

For more information please phone
John Williams on 021 131 0516

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!

A solar panel on a kayak!

Gerard Fagan



My decision to buy a solar panel came about after I bought a new waterproof (3m) compact digital camera. After seeing the wonderful pictures many club members took on their trips, I too wanted to show where I'd been. I'm very pleased with my Olympus camera, but the only draw back is the small lithium-ion battery (740mAh) doesn't hold much of its charge after two weeks.

On club trips recently I took lots of shots and found I used a battery or more per day. On tour I wanted to be able to have 'slideshow' at night in camp and not have to wait till I get home, as with a film camera. Hence the solar panel, voltage regulator and 7amp/hr sealed lead acid battery, which is housed in a tough plastic watertight box.

There is enough power in the battery to charge my camera batteries, cell phone, VHF, AAs and AAAs (Ni-MH) each day. Charging is done via a standard 12v 'car charger' (normally into the cigarette lighter). Having used my set-up for the past six months I have come to the conclusion the solar panel and voltage regulator are not ultimately necessary.

If you start with a fully charged 7amp/hr battery and only charge the camera batteries and cell phone or VHF it will last 2 weeks. It's great not having to rely on the national grid.

Poet's Corner

*My Mum and Dad were wiser than wise
Though kayaks were unknown to them
They had a few sayings that could well be applied
To those who would carpe diem.*

*A story is told of a paddling trip
Where a nose was turned up at the food
My Mum would have said **'Eat up what you're given
There are plenty of starving who would.'***

*All grumpy and mean as a ten year old
'A black dog's on your back' Mum would say
So now I'd go paddling to drown that black dog
Perchance the mood goes away.*

***'Take off your coat or you won't feel the benefit'**
Inside and out of the cold
But leave off my aid the buoyancy kind
Could mean I'll never grow old.*

***'Stop that or you'll get something to cry about'**
I didn't and I'd snivel away
The boat's upside down you escape with your life
Just accept it as part of the play.*

*My carry rope broke with the kayak half full
It'd been wearing quite thin as of late
'A stitch in time' my Mum would have cried
And of course she would have been right.*

***'Worse things happen at sea'** she'd declare
When a minor disaster befell me
There are worse things at sea than kayaking trips
And stopping for hot mugs of tea.*

***'You'll catch your death if you don't take care
When you're out in the wind and the rain'**
What better advice when out in the boat
She'd have said **'I won't tell you again.'***

*I'd bang my elbow, boo hoo I would wail
'Bang the other one then it won't hurt'
Your boat hits a rock so do it again
No I don't think this dictum will work.*

***'Don't spoil the ship for a ha'p'orth of tar'
'A bad workman always blames tools'**
I can hear Dad's words now as I do the odd job
Not cool but not really bad rules.*

***'Mind how you go'** Dad would proclaim
As I set off on some jaunt as a lad
Life wasn't too bad growing up with you two
Thanks for all that Mum and Dad.*

Mike Randall

President's Report

As you will read in my annual report, the club has had another successful year and we are well supported by a group of dedicated committee members to guide the club again in 2009/10.

On behalf of all members I thank those who have again volunteered to be on the committee.

The roles (areas of special interest) will be confirmed at the next Committee meeting, but until then, please do not hesitate to contact any committee member if you require assistance.

Safe paddling,

Ian

At the 2009 AGM, Jim Mason, our club's founding president, was presented with the Evan Stubbs Memorial Award for services to kayaking



Jim Mason (left), receives a commemorative plaque for the Evan Stubbs Memorial Award from newly re-elected President Ian Calhaem.

PHOTO R LOMAS

President's Annual Report

Last year I said that we had had a very successful year and this is true again, but we were also given the opportunity to learn a lot this year.

I am not going to give any details as the matter has been dealt with successfully, but it is important to learn from our mistakes so I will give you an outline of the circumstances...

A relatively new member of our Club, declared that they had had some experience (they had owned a kayak for several years) and the committee accepted the membership form without further investigation.

Soon after, this member decided to take out the Club double kayak and paddled away blissfully unaware that they had left in the lull of a storm and 30 knot winds were expected later that afternoon.

As you can guess, because I am relating the story, things went very wrong on the way home and a rescue was required involving a private boatie, the Coastguard and the Police.

Mistakes were made by everyone and because of that it was a great learning curve.

We had not verified that the new member actually knew as much as they thought they did. We did not check the type of kayak that had been paddled for the previous years, and we had not checked the competence of the member to understand things such as appropriate gear, weather forecasts etc.

The Police filed the report on Saturday night to be dealt with on Monday morning, and did not contact maritime Police or the Coastguard to tell them that the people had been rescued but the kayak was left floating in the middle of the channel!

Needless to say procedures were changed the following day – everyone learnt.

Kayaking is changing.

In the days when most of us had to construct our own kayaks we were forced to ask for advice, and by doing so learn from everyone around us. We had a good background in kayaking theory long before our prized possession even got close to the water.

Not so today.

The relatively cheap sit on kayaks are flooding the market and can be purchased from a variety of outlets, some of which do not pretend to know anything about kayaking. The new owner is therefore a great disadvantage as no one has told them about the essential equipment, or where to get advice.

A number of organisations are trying to rectify this situation and you will here more about this from our guest tonight – Nina Donaldson from Coastguard Boating Education.

The Committee has worked hard this year on your behalf and it is my belief that each and every one of them deserves a sincere vote of thanks from the membership at large.

We had another successful winter lecture series thanks to Roger Lomas. I would personally like to thank the speakers, Sue and Philip Noble, Colin Quilter and Mike Randall, Gerard Fagen, Iris Wegmueller and Ross MacKenzie.

Our treasurer, Gerard has worked hard to keep the accounts up to date and manage the banking. Will Hendon has made sure that your trips calendar was full each month, Training was looked after by John Maynard, and the club equipment and lockup was managed by Gavin Baker. The merchandising was controlled by Neil Scott, Vine House was managed by Trevor Arthur and the Newsletter was put together each month by our editor Claire O'Connor. All of these people deserve our sincere thanks.

Lastly, special thanks must go to our Secretary Alissa Good. Apart from the committee members few will realise just what a dedicated secretary we have had. If any of us forgot something we would be reminded, if Alissa could not make a meeting everything was prepared for use to just carry on. I especially want to thank Alissa for her tremendous work for the Club over the years.

Please join me in showing our thanks to our great committee members who have made my task so easy over the past year.

Ian Calhaem

President

Winter Lecture Series 2009

The Auckland Canoe Club Winter Lecture Series gets under way June 16 at the Marine Rescue Centre. This year's series will once again showcase the adventures of our own club members who, as ever, are out there doing it. Over consecutive months from June through to September our winter series will recount an array of outdoor activities and adventures. These will include coastal kayak exploration at a variety of locations around the homeland shores, and cycle and trek adventures that go well off the beaten track in foreign lands.

Our club rooms at the Marine Rescue Centre on Tamaki Drive provide the ideal venue to catch up with club mates for a pre show chat. It is also a great opportunity for newer members to rub shoulders with the old salts and become more involved in club activities. If you would like to bring along some friends they will be more than welcome.

There is a positive energy of inspiration generated at these winter talks that often goes on to motivate future expedition endeavours. A little bit of crafty networking with fellow attendees may well garner your involvement in something exciting next summer.

Tuesday June 16th 2009

Marlborough Sounds Adventure Kayaking – as good as it gets!

Iris Wegmueller and Gerard Fagan will recount their adventure

Our kayaks were only just above water level when we left Havelock on a drizzly and overcast day after spending a considerable amount of time loading them with all the necessities and goodies needed for such an extended expedition.

The idea of this trip was born after we completed the circumnavigation of Great Barrier Island the previous summer and one of us had said at the end: "Can we please not go back to Auckland yet and just do it again right now?" (I recall that someone was me!) So we aimed at a longer and harder trip, a greater challenge and being out there for at least two full weeks. What a good plan that turned out to be!

First there were the four of us, then three others were eager to join the trip, and seven people initially paddled together. On day six of the journey the group split happily and cheerfully, as there were two people who were obsessed with getting to French Pass and d'Urville Island in the outer Marlborough Sounds.

I now know why I was so determined to go there, it was almost like a calling from within, to experience something I had dreamt of decades ago and a long time before I ever arrived in Godzone.

Come to our mid-winter lecture as we share our story with you and you will love it as much as we do! *Iris*

Meet at the Marine Rescue Centre at 7:00pm for a 7:30 start.

A \$2 door charge covers your supper and helps with a gift for our guest speakers.

Need more info? Roger Lomas 8466799



*Lunch at Tawero Pt
in Pelorus Sound*

Club Trips – June 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 6 June or Sunday 7 June

Colin's Cup of Tea trip

It is widely accepted that the main reason for kayaking is to find a good spot for a cup of tea. As the Japanese proverb says, *"if a man has no tea in him he is incapable of understanding truth and beauty"*.

The goal for this weekend will be to seek out truth and beauty, and a good place for a cup of tea. The timing and destination will be weather-dependent. High tide on the Waitemata is early morning, and on the Manukau mid-morning. If the weather is fine we will paddle from Kohimarama to McKenzies Bay near Rangitoto Lighthouse, walk to the summit, picnic on the beach, and be home mid-afternoon, (a two-cups-of-tea trip with favourable tidal currents both ways).

A shorter alternative in case of windy weather will be half-day trip on the Manukau to a remote beach very suitable for contemplating truth and beauty; (a one-cup-of-tea trip, home by lunchtime).

You can find out the trip details and departure time by listening to a message on Colin's answer phone anytime after 6pm on Friday night (5 June); phone 630 2219.

To discuss the trip with him, phone that number or 360 6271.

Sunday 14 June

Paddle the Puhoi

This is a pleasant trip leaving from Wenderholm, well known for tourists and people keen to try kayaking. It's a safe trip for beginners, being well protected from strong winds and wave action.

For trip details phone Will Henden on 550 3699.

Saturday 20 or Sunday 21 June

Tiritiri Matangi Island

We will leave from Army Bay and paddle out to Tiri. The fitter paddlers can circumnavigate the island (clockwise), the others go straight to the wharf where we meet for lunch. There is the option of walking some of the tracks and hearing the native birds.

For trip details phone Gerard Fagan 832 9720 or mob 021 0715917.

Sunday, 28th June

Waiwera River, Waiwera

Explore the remoteness of the tidal Waiwera River. Look up to the new motorway and paddle under the giant bridge. This is an easy paddle of approx 3–4 km each way. Suitable for sea kayaks, sit-on kayaks, and beginners. Bring snack and drink. Optional visit to the Waiwera Hot Pools afterwards.

Meet in parking area off main road, where there is usually a van selling oranges. Launching from boat ramp next to the river bridge. Meet at 9.15am for an 9.45 start, returning approx 2pm.

For trip detail phone Peter Sommerhalder on 631 5344.

Friday 26 and/or June 27 and 28

Weekend at Vine House, Mahurangi Harbour

Paddle from either Sullivans Bay, or if you wish for a longer trip, leave from any of the beaches south of the Mahurangi – Orewa, Hatfields, Waiwera or Wenderholm.

Stay Friday night, Friday and Saturday or just Saturday night.

It's a fantastic place to relax, or walk or paddle. It has all the mod cons, and the view and sunsets are stunning. The morning will wake you with the smell of coffee or bacon and the sound of birdsong (weather pending).

Call Trevor Arthur on 817 7357,

AUCKLAND CANOE CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM



- New Member**
 Rejoining

Surname: _____ **First Name:** _____
Family Name(s) _____

Address: _____ **Suburb:** _____ **City:** _____
Phone (home): _____ **Mobile:** _____ **Fax:** _____
Phone (work): _____ **Email:** _____

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)
 Advanced (self rescue in all situations, off-shore paddling experience)

Do you own a kayak? **Yes** **No** **If YES list type(s):** _____

Please select the types of kayaking your are most interested in:

- Sea kayaking Touring Sea kayaking racing
 Whitewater Surf/rodeo/polo MultiSport

Kayak trips: Are you interested in co-ordinating kayak trips? **Yes** **No**

To comply with the Privacy Act 1993, please read and complete the form below.

I Agree **I Disagree**

To let the Auckland Canoe Club publish my name, address phone Number or any other information concerning me in the Club Newsletter or to National Canoe Associations. I accept responsibility for correcting this information where applicable.

The Auckland Canoe Club and its officers take no responsibility for any injury any person may suffer, or any damage to equipment, while participating in the Club's kayaking activities. Any Person, who does participate, acts at his or her own risk.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Fees for the year ending 31 March 2010

- Member \$30** **Family \$35** **Life Member**

Post to: Auckland Canoe Club, PO Box 9271 Newmarket, Auckland

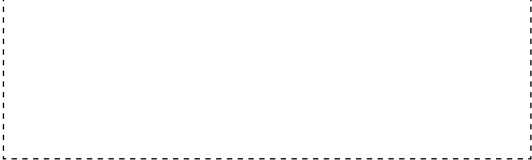
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