



November 2009

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Armour Bay launch ramp and reserve.

PHOTO ROGER LOMAS

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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.

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

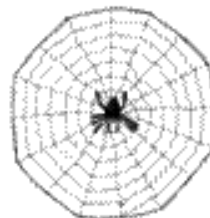
All major banks have set up Auckland Canoe Club as a registered payee for internet banking.

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 November

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Deadline for December Newsletter

10 November 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.

KAYAK STORAGE AVAILABLE

3 x spaces for multisport kayaks

Phone Gavin on 528 5188

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**

Wanted to Buy

1 Metre Pacific Action Kayak Sail

I am trying to replace a 1 metre Pacific Action Kayak Sail.

**If you can help, please contact Greg Allan
gakayak@xtra.co.nz mobile +64 21 844184
Home +64 4 234 7870 SKYPE: gakayak**

Regular Events

Vine House – Last Weekend of Every Month

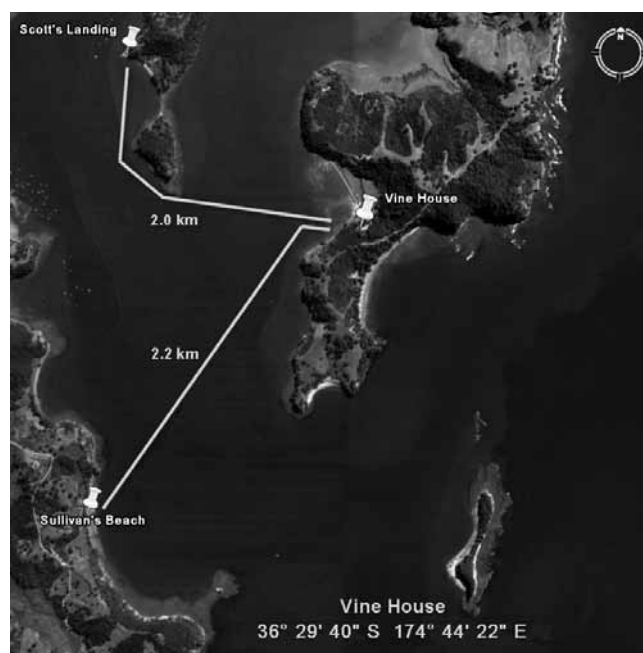
On the last weekend of each month we have the use of Vine House.

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!

Club Trips – November / December 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 you will be left to catch up.

Saturday 7 – Sunday 8 November

Camping at Home Bay, Motutapu

The campground at Home Bay is one of the nicest in the Hauraki Gulf: grassy, sheltered and gets the morning sun. It's been closed all winter during the pest eradication project. This weekend will be the first opportunity to enjoy it again.

Meet at Kohimarama Beach at 9am on Saturday for a 9.30am departure. Bring the usual stuff for an overnight trip, plus \$5 camp fee. We'll paddle to Home Bay via Gardner's Gap (HW 1130) and a clockwise trip around the northern coast of Motutapu. On Sunday some can paddle home in the morning getting a favourable tide through the Motuihe Passage and reaching Kohi by lunchtime; others can spend the day out among the islands and return later. In calm weather the trip is suitable for all; fresh southwesterlies can make the return trip difficult.

All those coming should phone Colin Quilter 630 2219 on Friday evening 6 November after 6pm to check that the trip is on.

To discuss the trip at any time before then, contact Colin on 630 2219 or 360 6271.

Saturday 14 or Sunday 15 November

Matakatia to Tindalls

Time for this one again. A neat trip circumnavigating the headland of the Whangaparaoa Peninsula. Starting at Matakatia Bay, it's a 20k one way paddle around a coast where cars can't go! Stop halfway round for a Christmas brunch of mince pies and mulled wine whilst gazing over towards Tiritiri Matangi Island.

Then some good rock gardening awaits as we approach Army Bay, the beautiful secluded Coal Mine Bay and then to Tindalls where it's a short 600m walk across the road to get your car. There can be some great fishing in this area!

Contact person Will Henden ph 550 3699

Sunday 22 November

– First Swim Escort

Herne Bay–Masefield Beach (Pt Erin)

Meet at Masefield Beach at 10 am for a 10.30 start to paddle to start point of race for briefing.

Race starts from Herne Bay at 11.15 am and finishes at Masefield Beach (Pt Erin), where Roger will be waiting with a much-appreciated barbecue and cold drinks!!

Saturday 28 or Sunday 29 November

The Beautiful and Familiar Hauraki Gulf

Paddle from Okahu Bay out to Motuihe Island for a spot of lunch or thermos of coffee. Bring your fishing lines and perhaps a frypan to cook your kahawai. Or your cricket gear for a game of beach cricket!

Contact person required, email trips officer if you are keen, trips@aucklandcanoecub.org.nz

Sunday 6 December

– Second Swim Escort

Masefield Beach–Chelsea Sugar

Meet at Masefield Beach at 9.30am for briefing. Race start 10.15 am.

Once again, cold drinks and a barbecue will be provided for all escortees at the end of the race.

Sunday 13 December

Christmas breakfast party – Browns Island

What does it mean to be a contact person for a trip?

It means exactly that, a person who people contact. In a recent write up of a trip on Kaukapakapa River, it was written how successful the trip went even with the absence of the person who was "taking the trip". It was a case of club members knowing where to meet and at what time, so they could enjoy each other's company and go paddling together.

A contact person is one who others can call to find out what time and place to meet for a trip, almost like a phone 'notice board'. This person may also have come up with the idea of the trip in the first place.

With no one keen to stick their hand up to take these roles, then club trips can't happen.

If anyone is keen or has trip ideas for the future, that are different to the trips advertised in this newsletter, please email Will – trips@aucklandcanoecub.org.nz

Poet's Corner

*The best of the day's over
My Dad would sometimes say
At 9 am on a sunny morn
The start of a summer day.*

*Not always true but fair advice
For paddlers such as we
Up at six into the boat
Back home for morning tea.*

*Even as I pen this
Around the bend comes someone
Kayak atop their little car
Not for them the lie in.*

*Then again the other morn
On the beach all ready to go
M@ loading up his Albatross
Heading for Rangitoto.*

*I well remember as a boy
That early morning swim
The sea calm as a millpond
My life full to the brim.*

*So many times the wind comes up
Round about eleven
No problem for those paddlers
In their boats by seven.*

*There's something magic In the air
When out and about so early
Before the world is wide awake
Before the sea turns gnarly.*

*While I subscribe to the above
Some will agree when said
(All together now)
'It's nice to get up in the morning
But it's nicer to stay in bed'*

Mike Randall

I wrote the following just after the TV1 Documentary about Andrew McAuley and the day before Aisling's funeral.

Sorry for the repetition to those people who received it by Club email at the time. *Mike*

*Rest peacefully
Andrew McAuley
Your Great Adventure
In the Final Cut
We can think all the adjectives
Look at the seas
Hear the voice
Take in the images
Of freedom and fear
More adjectives
Than I can imagine
About the man.
Sleep peacefully
Little Aisling
Your two year old
Adventurous Spirit
Unaware of the dangers
As we travel through space
The burden joy and wonder
Of being Human.*

Swim Escort dates for 2010

Saturday 20 February St Heliers to Tamaki Yacht Club

Sunday 21 March Rangitoto Wharf to St Heliers

President's Report

Dear All,

A lot is happening and moreover the sun is shining!

Now is the time to brush up your paddling skills and make sure you are ready for the summer months to come.

Please read the information elsewhere in the newsletter about the skills course being run for you by committee members. This is for old and new, young and old (minimum 15yrs). It will get you ready for the coming Xmas break.

Other things that have been percolating away for some months now are starting to have life again...

The kayak trail along the coast from Auckland to the Firth of Thames is alive and well and I hope to have more information for you next month.

The work on the ramp at Okahu Bay has been started, and a meeting was held with the Auckland Regional Council to have a last look at the proposed changes to the navigation bylaw. After this has been ratified by the full council it will be possible to let you know about the changes.

Finally the Coastguard is offering two educational cruises that will provide you with a wealth of

information about the Hauraki Gulf. I can highly recommend them – and they are also fun evenings. The cruise goes either south or north of Auckland and you will be provided with a running commentary of what to look for and the type of boating conditions that you will experience (*see flyer on page 7*).

PLEASE NOTE that Coastguard members have the first chance to purchase tickets for these two cruises, then they are offered to the general public!

Safe paddling,

Ian

P.S. **BREAKING NEWS**

The Navigation Bylaw has been passed by the full Council.

I summarise this now says that kayakers must make themselves as visible as possible and then gives a list of recommended ways of achieving this.

It was this approach that the Auckland Canoe Club has favoured from the beginning so is a good result.

Lost Items

Orange Kathmandu Dry Bag containing bright orange jacket

If anyone has found these items on their travels,
please phone Philip Noble on 575-3493.

Club Beachcomber for sale



Lightweight

Length 4.88m

Width 60cm

Weight 18kg

One careful owner – The Club

\$1,800 each (current RRP \$2,950)

First in, first served.

Contact Gavin at

Storage@AucklandCanoeClub.org.nz

Coastguard Education Cruise 2009

Waiheke / Coromandel
Mahurangi / Kawau

evening of Tuesday 24th November

evening of Tuesday 1st December.

Coastguard Northern Region is once again offering Coastguard members the first chance to purchase tickets for our popular evening Education Cruises to Waiheke/Coromandel and Mahurangi/Kawau areas aboard a Fullers Ferry. Then they are released to the general public for sale – and they sell out quickly!!!

All cruises are boarded at Fullers Downtown Ferry Terminal at 1700 hours (5.00pm) and depart at 1730 (5.30pm) sharp with an expected return time after dark at approximately 2200 hours (10.00pm).

Passengers will enjoy visiting the most popular anchorages, while the full commentary reveals information on hazards, practical tips on safety, prime recreational opportunities (walking tracks, diving spots) and an interesting historical account of each area. Please note that there is no going ashore during the cruise.

The vessel has full range of hot and cold snacks and beverages to purchase. You are welcome to bring a picnic basket, or partake in the full range of snacks and beverages available onboard. Rescue Vessel volunteers will also be holding an onboard sausage sizzle to assist their summer fundraising. Coastguard staff will be present and a wide range of charts and reference books of the areas we visit will be available for purchase.

Coastguard Educational Cruise - Bookings

Waiheke & Coromandel	Tues. 24th November		tickets @ \$45 ea	
Mahurangi & Kawau	Tues. 1st December		tickets @ \$40 ea	
			Total enclosed	\$

To Book – fax: (09) 303 9350; www.coastguard.org.nz post:- PO Box 2195 Shortland Street, Auckland 1140 or on our website
tel:- Liz (09) 303 9364 or Lorraine (09) 303 9365

Name: _____

Address: _____ *Tickets will be mailed to you*

Telephone: Daytime: _____ Mobile: _____

Cheque Cash Visa Bankcard Mastercard Diners Am Exp

Card Number: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

Expiry Date : ____ / ____ Name On Card: _____ Total: \$ _____

Short Paddles in the Auckland Area

Paddle #3: Armour Bay to Little Muddy Creek and Return

Launch Site: Armour Bay, Manukau Harbour

Distance: 10–12km

Approximate time: 2 hours

Armour Bay is a well-kept secret on the Manukau Harbour. I have launched here many times over the years and have yet to meet another group of kayakers doing the same.

To find this little gem, drive up to Titirangi and then take the Huia Rd. Just after passing the Nihotupu Dam is the little settlement of Parau. Take the second road on the left (signposted Armour Rd) and drive the short distance down to the beach-side reserve. Here you will find a carpark, toilet block, picnic tables, BBQ an outdoor shower, as well as a small concrete boat ramp.

The best time to launch here is 1.5 hours before high tide. If you can be on the water by then you will have a good 3 hour window for a close inshore coastal paddle. This is important because when the tide goes out on the Manukau, it goes way out.

Armour Bay is a good place to launch from when the wind is from the NW through to NE.

Once on the water a short excursion can be taken up Big Muddy Creek which is the inlet immediately to the left of the boat ramp. You can meander up this mangrove-fringed inlet to the tail race of the Nihotupu Dam.

Back out on the harbour, follow the coast up towards Laingholm which is just around the distant headland some 4km away. There is another inlet here, Little Muddy Creek. This has 3 branches. Choose one to explore. One has a sunken boat and another goes all the way up to the road bridge. Aim to be up there at high tide.

Laingholm has a small store where you can stop for an ice cream or just paddle back around the headland to a nice sandy beach for a cuppa.

Use the outgoing tide to carry you back to Armour Bay.

Roger Lomas



Early morning on the Manukau.

PHOTO R LOMAS

Introduction to Sea Kayaking Course

An outline of Auckland Canoe Club's 3-week introduction to sea kayaking

Week One

Wednesday 11 November

Presentation Room (upstairs), Marine Rescue Centre, Tamaki Drive 7.00 – 9.00pm

Saturday 14 November

Club locker, Okahu Bay 1.00 – 3.00pm

Paddle to Hobson Bay and back, staying inside the breakwater using Club boats

Week Two

Wednesday 18 November

Presentation Room (upstairs), Marine Rescue Centre, Tamaki Drive 7.00 – 9.00pm

Coastguard Sea Kayaking Course – First of two 2-hour lessons

Saturday 21 November

Club locker, Okahu Bay 12 noon – 3.30pm

Paddle to Achilles Point, St Heliers and back, or to Judges Bay Beach and back, or to North Head / Cheltenham Beach and back

Sunday 22 November

Swim Escort – Paddle from Masefield Beach, Curren Street to Herne Bay Beach for start of race, then escort swimmers back to Masefield Beach. Club boats available free of charge

Week Three

Wednesday 25 November

Presentation Room (upstairs), Marine Rescue Centre, Tamaki Drive 7.00 – 9.00pm

Coastguard Sea Kayaking Course – Second of two 2-hour lessons

Saturday 28 November

Mahurangi Harbour – kayak from Sullivans Bay, Mahurangi West and stay overnight at Vine House

Sunday 29 November

Extended sea kayak trip, lunch, then return to vehicles at Sullivans Bay

For full details on this course, see October's newsletter or contact John Maynard for a pdf.

Those interested, please contact John Maynard

Phone (09) 626 4096 Mobile (021) 166 3107

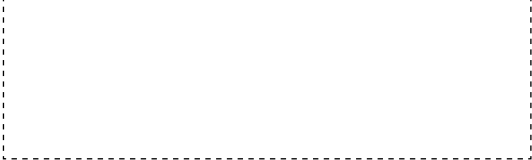
Email j.mayak@xtra.co.nz

Cost: Members \$195.00 Non-members \$245.00

Kayak hire: \$19.00 per person for each day

\$72.00 per person for the weekend

This course includes the cost of the Coastguard Sea Kayaking Course and a certificate on completion



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



To:

