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**Calling all club members to this year's AGM on Tuesday, May 18  
Marine Rescue Centre, Tamaki Drive – 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.**



*Another paddling adventure about to get underway.*

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**See Winter Lecture Series promo on page 7!!**

## Auckland Canoe Club Information

### Postal Address

P.O. Box 9271, Newmarket, Auckland

### Clubrooms

Marine Rescue Centre, Mechanics Bay

### Website

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

### Email event reminders

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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

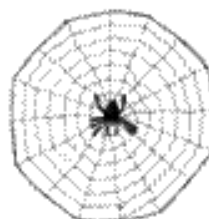
All major banks have set up Auckland Canoe Club as a registered payee for internet banking.

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 May

**Password** Takapu



## Deadline for June Newsletter

**11 May 2010**

## 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**

## KAYAK STORAGE AVAILABLE

2 x spaces for multisport kayaks

**Phone Gavin on 528 5188**

## Regular Events

### Vine House – Last Weekend of Every Month

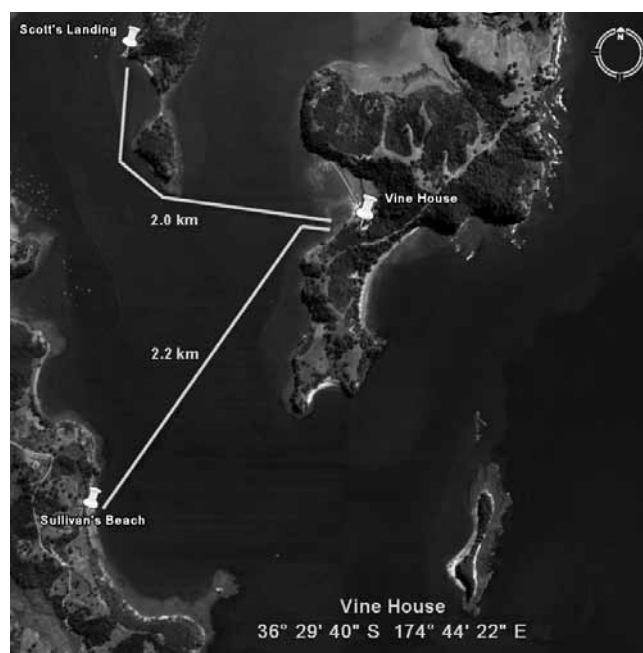
On the last weekend of each month we have the use of Vine House.

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.**



### 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 – May 2010

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 15th May

#### Tiri Tiri Matangi–Whangaparaoa

Meet 8.30am at Shakespeare Park southern side. On the water at 9.00. Paddle round northern side of Tiri Tiri Matangi, stop ferry terminal, last stop again at ferry ramp, then back to Shakespeare Park. Distance 24–25km. Expected return time 3.00pm.

If weather does not permit a crossing to Tiri we have options of (1) paddling towards Stillwater – in the event of northerlies or (2) drive across to northern side of the park (Army Bay) and paddle towards Red Beach/Orewa

Contact Eddie de Vries **027 271 4679**  
**Eddiev@blacktop.co.nz**

### Saturday 22nd May

#### 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.**

## Fergs Kayak Sale

As you may have heard in the news recently, Fergs Kayaks have incurred a massive fine. This was a result of court action taken after an unfortunate mishap at their Wellington indoor climbing wall facility. The upshot of all this is a need to release capital tied up in stock at the two kayak shops to pay off the fine. A major kayak sale will take place.

The Okahu Bay shop will be awash with heavily discounted kayaks and associated gear. It will be a good opportunity for club members to upgrade or renew their kayaking needs.

Our good neighbour Fergs have been very supportive to our club over the years. Why not call in and see if you can help them and maybe pick up a bargain at the same time.

## Online Kayaking Safety Module now available at Coastguard Boating Education

Small craft, inclusive of Kayak and powered water craft currently represent the fastest growing sector of the market with their users over represented in the drowning statistics.

In an effort to provide a safety service to the community directly targeting those people, Coastguard Boating Education has introduced an on-line interactive kayaking module on their website.

The module allows learners to live through real life situations without the dangers and cost. With a help link on each page, advice and links to related information, readers will share a real time kayaking excursion with John and Maia.

Making mistakes online is acceptable and can be easily remedied. However once you are on the water there is no delete button or escape key.

Learning about the correct procedures and preparation before you embark on a trip can make your day out more enjoyable.

Test your knowledge online and help John and Maia get ready for their kayaking trip, visit **[www.cbes.org.nz](http://www.cbes.org.nz)**.

**Coastguard Boating Education**

## Getting away from it all in Milford Sound

Colin Quilter

In March I found myself in the South Island with a few days to spare, and – because Milford Sound has easy road access – I drove out there with my kayak to see what I could see.

I arrived in rain. Thick grey clouds filled the Sound, the sea was patterned with raindrops, and around the edge of the sound dripping black walls of rock rose vertically until they disappeared into the clouds. I paddled slowly out to Harrison's Cove, which is the only major bay on the northern side of the sound. Tourist boats came and went through curtains of rain. I was surprised that they bothered, given the poor visibility, but then I realised that most of their passengers were probably overseas visitors who had booked their "Milford Sound experience" months ago. For them it was Milford Sound today, Queenstown tomorrow, Kaikoura the day after, and there was no provision for delays.

In the bush behind the beach at Harrison's Cove I found somewhere to set up my tent. It should have been a peaceful spot, indeed it is within the Pembroke Wilderness Area which is one of two such reserves in Fiordland intended to preserve solitude and isolation. However in the evening a large tourist boat made up to look like a fake sailing vessel moored to a buoy in the bay. I later found that the people on board had paid as much as \$823 each for an overnight cruise, advertised as "the ultimate dinner, bed and breakfast experience." Twenty or so small kayaks were launched from the ship, and kids (plus a few young-at-heart adults) paddled happily around the bay. I think they had the best value for money. From my camp in the bush I could hear loudspeakers on the ship announcing the dinner menu, ("the soup will be kumara soup, that's a kind of New Zealand sweet potato....."). The intrusive noise of the loudspeakers was ironic given that one of the attractions claimed by the cruise ship company for their overnight cruise is that, "when the day visitors depart a silence descends." Not much silence in my experience!

By morning the rain had gone. Lit by the morning sun, wisps of cloud were draped across the immense rock walls which border the sound. I paddled out towards the open sea in company with just a few tourist boats; the circus doesn't really begin until later in the morning when fleets of tour buses arrive from Te Anau. My destination was Anita Bay, a sheltered pebble beach tucked just inside St Anne Point which is the southern headland at the entrance to Milford Sound. Anita Bay is a pleasant spot. There's a roofless stone cottage in the bush at the



St Anne's Point, at the entrance to the Sound. Anita Bay is tucked inside the point on the right.

centre of the bay, and a flat space to camp among the ferns behind it. There are also – be warned – legions of sandflies. They were about as bad as I've ever seen; it was a good thing I was well prepared for them.

In the afternoon I paddled a few kilometres south along the open coast to have a look at Transit Bay (uninviting). By now a fresh southwesterly was blowing so I turned and surfed happily back to the shelter of Anita Bay.

Breakfast next day was pleasant in the morning sun. However it was not so pleasant for the sandflies who hovered too close to my morning coffee, were overcome by the heat, and drowned. Sandflies have little tolerance for heat, and I got some cheap amusement from watching them plunge helplessly to their deaths in my coffee. I didn't bother to remove their little black bodies; there were too many to make that practical, and the corpses sank after just a minute or two. Besides, there was a nice irony in the fact that they, who would have consumed me, were themselves consumed.



Rush hour on Milford Sound.

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## Getting away from it all in Milford Sound

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It was a blue-sky day as I paddled back towards Milford after breakfast. Overhead the view of sheer rock walls and summits was sublime, but at sea level the view was dominated by human activity. A procession of tourist boats followed each other around a well-defined circuit. At one point I had eight vessels in sight simultaneously. Their loudspeaker commentaries overlapped; before one was out of hearing the next one was approaching. All sense of solitude and natural beauty was gone. Milford Sound resembled a theme park more than a natural environment.



A seal (arrowed) on the southern edge of the Sound. Cruise boats queued up to give passengers a chance to photograph this animal. More pixels have been expended on him than there are atoms in the universe. He sleeps through it all.

I landed for lunch on the river flats where the Cleddau River runs into the head of the sound. I sat on a log in the sun contemplating that iconic view of Mitre Peak and Mt Pembroke which has been photographed a million times. But I soon found that my position was beneath the flightpath for aircraft taking off from the Milford Airstrip. Planes must have been literally queued up to take off, because they roared off the end of the runway at intervals of no more than a few



Looking northwest from the Cleddau River mouth. Mitre Peak is included at left; but the planes passing just overhead are not.

minutes. At one time I could see three fixed-wing aircraft flying in the confined airspace at the head of the Sound, with a helicopter thrown in for good measure. The noise of their engines reverberated off the mountains. I thought my own thoughts, but they were not about tranquillity and natural beauty.

All in all, Milford Sound was a depressing experience. Fiordland is billed as “one of the last true areas of remote wilderness in the world,” but Milford Sound at least has become a circus. I concluded that only two things keep it genuine, and they are rain and sandflies. Without those, Milford Sound would be indistinguishable from Disneyland. It would be more honest to re-name it “Mammon Sound,” after the god of riches and greed. A few people are evidently making money at Milford Sound, and many people are spending money, but it seems to me that in the frenzy of commerce much of what makes Fiordland special has been lost.

Happy paddling – but not at Milford!

*Colin*

### Crosswind # 2 For Sale

**\$1,800.00**

Good Condition Orange colour  
2 used ex-Club Spray Skirts available if required.

**Phone Gavin Baker on 528 5188**

## Poet's Corner

*It's said they gave their lives  
They didn't die in vain  
Maybe so maybe not  
But nothing much has changed  
On ANZAC day  
My own parade on Kohi Beach  
Before a swim  
Just on the dawn  
The sea dead calm  
This ANZAC morn  
The very sea  
Well part of it  
The soldiers saw  
That dreadful time  
Gallipoli  
In later years  
The year fourtwo  
Ten men set out  
Towards Bordeaux  
One hundred k  
In five canoes*

*A bit like ours  
To place some mines  
That blew the ships  
To smithereens  
That blocked the harbour  
Great success by all accounts  
Of ten that went  
Some shot some drowned  
Just two returned  
I thought of this  
Out paddling  
This gorgeous ANZAC day  
No mines to place  
No foe to fear  
Not too late  
To shed a tear  
For those young guys  
In all those wars  
That took their lives.*

*Mike Randall*

## Winter Lecture Series

Our club's winter series of informative talks begins next month. We will once again focus on the adventures of our own club members. They will be along to recount some of their recent endeavours.

We can look forward to some stunning visual presentations as well – these will include kayaking in the far south, the Marlborough Sounds, a blue water voyage around the far flung atolls of the Cook Island group and some local expeditions in our own aquatic playground, the Hauraki Gulf.

The winter series is held at our clubrooms at the Marine Rescue Centre which is next to the harbour side heliport. It provides the ideal venue to catch up with fellow club mates and is also the perfect place for newer members to become more involved.

A variety of club merchandise will be on display and available for purchase.

This year's series will run from June through till September and is scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month. Our usual format is to meet at 7 pm for a 7.30 start.

The Winter Lecture Series is open to everyone so feel free to bring along friends. A small door charge of \$2 will cover your supper and a gift for the presenters.

The company of fine friends and the useful knowledge garnered at these evenings is priceless.

For further information contact Roger Lomas on 846 6799.

## President's Report

I need to bring to you attention this month two items: the developments on the Landing – exciting this time – and the Auckland Canoe Club stand at the Hutchwilco Boat Show.

Last month I outlined what was being proposed by the City Council in regard to the leases of the buildings at the Landing and I told you that I had applied to the City Council to speak at the public forum to the Arts, Culture and Recreation Committee.

Although I believe that I had a legal right to speak I was put off, first by referring me to the local Community Board, and when I restated that I needed to talk to the Committee I was told they were too busy.

I have sent a new message reaffirming that I wish to speak at the May 12th meeting and although I have not had confirmation I intend to turn up to speak.

### ***What has been happening this month?***

I have been in contact with both the Auckland Rowing Club and the Waitemata Rowing Club. As you may recall from my report last month these were the Clubs that built the two buildings – the Auckland Rowing Club built the building now occupied by Fergs Kayaks and the Waitemata Rowing Club built the brick building that we are in.

The Club Captain of the Auckland Rowing Club has now provided me with the details of how they built

the building which opened in 1953 and believes that correspondence at that time alluded to the Auckland Foreshore Grants Act of 1875. The building was originally designed to house three clubs that were to be moved from Mechanics Bay, the Auckland Rowing Club, the Waitemata Rowing Club and St Georges Rowing Club in the same structure but physically separated by solid walls.

St George decided to move to the Tamaki River and new plans were drawn up giving each club their own building.

The Auckland Rowing Club building was opened in January 1953 and occupied until 1974 by the. The Waitemata Rowing Club built with two large sliding doors on its seaward side opened in September 1953.

It is clear that both buildings were funded by the Clubs with support from the Auckland Harbour Board, since the move to Okahu Bay was at their request to free up Mechanics Bay for the Flying Boats.

However, keep in mind that in 2005 the Auckland City Council approved the building of a new Multi user building for Okahu Bay to support all existing users and then the demolishing of the existing buildings so that the area could be better used by all – clubs and the public.



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## President's Report

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### New Proposal

#### Now for the exciting part...

I met with Mike Lee, Chairman of the Auckland Regional Council and asked if he would be receptive to a proposal to move one or both of the sheds from Queens Wharf to the Landing.

I had drawn draft plans showing the feasibility of relocating a shed on the Landing.



**Queens Wharf shed superimposed on the Landing**

I received an enthusiastic response and he suggested that Shed 10 would be the better one to move as it was in better condition and that the next step would be to create perspective drawings to show what the building would look like on site.

I then wrote to the Mayor, The Hon John Banks, and put the proposal to him. I have since received two replies. In the first he comments that it is a very interesting proposal and that he has forwarded the idea to the Group Manager, Arts, Culture and Recreation, Ms Ruth Stokes and in the second letter he says that as the sheds belong to the Auckland Regional Council “*the decision on what happens to them rests entirely with the Auckland Regional Council*”.

Ian Ferguson knew an Architect, David Loughlin, who is also a multisport kayaker and I met with him and engaged him, pro bono, to take the proposal to the next stage. David has the advantage of being one of the architects who had already worked on the proposals for Queens Wharf for the Rugby World Cup so had all the working drawings for the sheds.

The concept is to use the Council's own 2005 concept plan and relocate the Wharf Shed in place of a newly built multi user building. It is bigger in area than originally proposed but actually returns some of the hard stand area back to the small boat users.

The seaward side of the building would be much the same as the existing Waitemata Rowing Club that we occupy now – just bigger. At the eastern end it is proposed to establish a Whare Waka with the room for the Waka Taua (ceremonial Waka), on the ground floor along the road side. This could be housed behind glass walls and be flood lit at night so as to be visible to pedestrians and passing motorists. At the Western End there would be room for Fergs Kayaks and a coffee shop.

Upstairs there would be space for club rooms and kitchens. There is even enough room to build a third attic room for storage.

So is this feasible?

David Loughlin has worked hard to produce the first drafts of the proposal perspectives. (The road side view is still to be completed as we go to press.)



**Queens Wharf Shed No 10 at the Landing**



These views show the Shed with very few alterations, but it is intended to dress it up with nautical street furniture, the eastern end (left) with suitable carvings etc to convert it into a Whare Waka, and even balconies and awnings along the seaward side.

*Is it feasible?* **Very definitely it is!**

This is the plan that I intend to put to the Arts Culture and Recreation Committee on Tuesday 12th May.

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## President's Report

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### Hutchwilco Boat Show

The Auckland Canoe Club has supported the Education activities at the Boat Show for many years. This year the organisers have gifted the Club their own large stand in the Education Area.

A group of members was organised by Peter Sommerhalder to man this stand and decide what to display. We will be showing the benefits of safe kayaking in the Auckland region, with displays of kayaks and equipment, and supported by a number of photographs of our activities. However we will

also be promoting and announcing the Sea Kayak Trail on behalf of the Auckland Regional Council.

We will also be displaying the final drawings for the Landing Concept.

The Boat Show runs from Thursday 13th until Sunday the 16th and we are Stand 421 in Hall 4 which is the second building on the left as you enter from Greenlane Rd.

I hope to see you all at the Boat Show,

*Ian*

## Auckland Canoe Club AGM

7:00 for 7:30 start on Tuesday 18th May 2009  
Marine Rescue Centre, Room 5

### Agenda

#### Welcome

#### Apologies

#### Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 19th May 2009

#### Reports

**Remits** none received

**Election of Officers**

Patron			
President	nomination:		Ian Calhaem
Treasurer	nomination:		Gerard Fagan
Secretary	nomination:		Neil Scott
Committee	nominations:		Eddie de Vries, Roger Lomas, Claire O'Connor, John Maynard, Trevor Arthur, Gavin Baker

#### General Business

*Followed by...* Social and time to discuss the Landing

# 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 2011

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

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

Print Form

Submit by Email

## Total Payment

- Cheque**  **Bank Transfer**

**Bank:** BNZ, Newmarket  
**Acct:** 02-0100-0023453-000  
**Name:** Auckland Canoe Club  
**Particulars:** **Your name & initials**  
**Code:** **Subscription**