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*Tucked into a little cove just up the harbour past Kauri Point and the naval munitions storage complex, is Island Bay. It has an almost all-tide boat ramp with parking, public toilets and change rooms nearby. This cosy little launch site is perfect for kayakers seeking sheltered paddling when the gusty NE winds are blowing. Matt Crozier and Jeff Amsden are the tail enders arriving back after a recent early morning group paddle.*

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## Auckland Canoe Club Information

### Postal Address

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### Clubrooms

Marine Rescue Centre, Mechanics Bay

### Website

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

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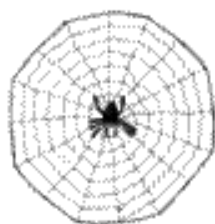
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## Club Website Access

**Password** Rotopiro

## 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

<i>Bank</i>	BNZ
<i>Branch</i>	Newmarket
<i>Account</i>	02-0100-0023453-000
<i>Name</i>	Auckland Canoe Club
<i>Particulars</i>	Your FULL name (Initials are not enough to identify some members with common names)
<i>Code</i>	Either <b>SUBS, STORAGE, HIRE, OTHER</b> (depending on what you are paying for)

If your payment is for several items, then please make **separate** payments for **each** item.

### 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.

## 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 ...

Terry Price and  
Pamela Henry



## Deadline for Next Newsletter

20 November 2012

## 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!

**For more information, go to:**

<http://www.mapmyrun.com/routes/view/127561>

## Up-Coming Club Trips and Events

If anyone has trips they have always wanted to do but don't know how to go about it – we can find someone to co-ordinate for you or help you if you just need a bit of extra support. Just Get Involved – it's what makes it fun.

I would be interested to hear if people are keen on doing some moving water (river trips).

Happy Paddling – Jackie – phone 634 5042.

### Saturday Morning Coffee Cruise

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### Friday Group

A group of retired kayakers (Colin, Rona, Mike & Peter) are meeting every Friday morning; you are welcome to join us. We decide what to do at breakfast time on Friday morning. If it's fine with light winds, we paddle, usually meeting at Kohimarama Beach at 9.30am. Destination Rangitoto, Browns Is or Motuihe. If it's too windy for kayaking, we cycle. Distance 30–40km, destination anywhere there's good coffee. We don't approve of rain, head winds, heavy traffic, battery chickens or the Republican Party.

Sometimes our trips last most of the day, sometimes just the morning. None of us want to get encumbered with organising these outings in advance, so they won't be advertised by email.

However if you would like to join us on a particular Friday then **phone Colin Quilter 360 6271 between 7.00 and 8.00am on Friday morning.**

### A reminder to join the club email notification

Some members have commented they have tried to join up via the web site and had difficulties. If you have tried please contact Jackie or Matt and we can help.

There are a lot more trips notified this way so it's a good way of finding out what's happening or last minute changes to trips.

### 'Thursday evening' – 15th November It's now the season so Let's go scalloping!

A very low tide on the Manukau Harbour means it's possible to reach the scallop beds without diving. So if the weather is suitable the plan is to meet at Jenkins Bay at 5.15 pm to leave by 6pm

Maximum scallop catch is 20 per person.

I plan to bring a pan to cook some on the beach, so how about a picnic? BYO picnic and drinks.

For expressions of interest, please call Jackie by Wednesday on **021 808 436** or **634 5042**.

### Sunday 18th November Chelsea Swim – 2.36 km Curran Street to Chelsea

Meet at Curran Beach at 9.30am for the swim start at 10.30.

### 24th – 25th November Vine House weekend

Take the chance to get away from the crowds for a relaxing weekend with good company and good food.

Call Trevor on **817 7357** to book a bed and for detailed information.

### Friday 30th November – Sunday Dec 2nd.

**A last opportunity to join Waitemata Canoe and Multisport Club to kayak on the Mohaka river.**

### Mangatutu to Dave's Landing.

**There are two options.**

The first 24 kms is for experienced grade 2 kayakers only and only suitable for rigid plastic sea kayaks or white water boats.

The lower section (27kms) is suitable for those with some river experience.

We will be camping this weekend.

It's a stunning river to paddle, so call Jackie ASAP if you are interested to find out further details **634 5042**.

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## Up-coming Club Trips and Events

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### **Saturday 8th December Riverhead Pub – Come and enjoy a beer in the sun!**

Meet at Herald Island 11.30am for a mid day departure.

Use the incoming tide to paddle to the Riverhead Pub for late lunch or take a picnic. Return with the outgoing tide.

Call Will Henden on **550 3699** to confirm details

### **Sunday 16th December Awhitu Peninsula**

Join Matt for one of this fabulous paddles on the Manukau Harbour leaving from Cornwallis or Kaitarakihi Bay

Take your swim togs and bring a picnic.

This is not a trip for novices. High tide Manukau – 13.41

Call Matt for details on **817 1984**.

### **ACC Christmas Picnic Saturday 22nd December Browns Island**

It's that time of year again so dust off the decorations. Bring your picnic blanket, swim togs, musical instruments etc.

Oh, and don't forget the singing voices as I am sure Mike or Rona will find some songs to sing.

Aim to meet at Browns Island 2pm (high tide at 3.40pm). Paddle from Orakei, St Heliers or Tamaki River

Call Meredith on **021 424 977** or Chris on **468 5599** or **021 2115 8833** for more details

### **Paddling over the Christmas Holidays**

Keep an eye on the email announcements for late notices of any trips.

If anyone wants to link up to paddle over the holidays or anyone wanting to notify others they have a trip they would like company on contact Jackie before 28th December or after 8th January.

Matt will be around some of the holidays period – phone **817 1984** or Ian on **579 0512** to post notifications for you.

### **Vine House over Christmas Christmas booking at Vine House 29th – 30th December**

**Our weekend is still available at this stage.**

But the council is keen to offer this weekend to the public who have booked the bach the dates either side of our weekend booking.

If we are not intending to use Vine House over this period it's an opportunity to strengthen our partnership with the council by being flexible.

If anyone is considering going to Vine House for our December weekend please contact Trevor on **817 7357** ASAP.

## 2012–13 Harbour Swim Dates

Confirmed dates and times for Auckland Central Masters Harbour Swims 2012–13.

<b>2nd</b>	<b>CHELSEA SUGAR</b> Curran Street to Chelsea <b>Sunday 18th November 2012</b> Assemble 9.30am Start 10.30am Tide 11.37am	2.36k	<b>4th</b>	<b>EAGLE TECHNOLOGY RANGITOTO</b> Rangitoto to St Heliers Bay <b>Sunday 3rd March 2013</b> Assemble 7.00am Embark TBC am Sail for Rangitoto 8:30 TBC am Arrive Rangitoto TBC 0am Start 10.20am Tide 12.21pm	4.45k
<b>3rd</b>	<b>EAGLE TECHNOLOGY BAYS</b> St Heliers Bay to Tamaki Yacht Club <b>Sunday 3rd February 2013</b> Assemble 10.30am Start 11.30am Tide 1.29pm	3.78k			

## Poet's Corner

*Now the summer time is coming  
And the sea is getting warmer  
The days are getting longer  
All around the blooming weather  
Will you go paddlers go  
To the beach and in your kayak  
Paddling to wherever  
Beware the wild weather  
Will you go lassie go.*

*Oh the islands they are calling  
And the coast is so alluring  
So get the kayak ready  
Just watch the blooming weather  
Will you go paddlers go  
In the car on top your kayak  
Meeting your old buddies  
That you haven't seen forever  
Will you go laddie go.*

*Yes that flask of tea is waiting  
As usual in your drybag  
So look out for a landing  
That's why you're out there paddling  
Will you go paddlers go  
In the surf out on the briny  
Through life's oft choppy waters  
To a calm and happy landfall  
Will you go paddlers go.*

Can be sung joyfully to the tune of – and apologies to – ‘Will Ye Go Lassie Go’ (*The Wild Mountain Thyme*).

Check it out on Youtube if not familiar.

*Mike Randall*

## INTERESTED IN A TRIP TO THE ALDERMAN ISLANDS?

The proposal is for a trip to The Alderman Islands approx 14km out from Tairua.

We would be using the charter launch *Taranui*, a 38ft Pelin. We have used her before and she is a comfortable kayak-friendly boat with a top notch skipper. One of the few charter launches that will tie kayaks across the chrome railings. Towing is not an option.

The Aldermans are a group of sanctuary islands with **NO LANDING PERMITTED**. The launch would serve as a base while we explore the many and awesome caves, outstanding rock formations, hopefully see a tuatara sunning itself on the rocks, snorkelling in the beautifully clear waters and generally paddle around the group and explore to our hearts content. We can even catch a feed of fish if you like. Rods for hire or take your own.

The options are:-

#1 Drive down Friday afternoon for a 6pm ish departure returning late Sunday afternoon. 2 nights aboard. Cost \$300.

#2 Sat morning departure, late Sunday afternoon return. \$270

#3 Saturday early morning departure, late Saturday afternoon return. \$120

We went with #1 last time and there is no shortage of things to keep you busy out there if the weather obliges.

We would want to pick a weekend with low tides mid dayish to give better access to more of the caves.

For the overnights, the skipper can provide a catered menu or else we would need to plan and co-ordinate our meals to minimise our clutter and number of chilly bins. He still remembers our foodie antics from last time. WAY too much gear!!

At the moment the skipper has some good gaps in his bookings.

Please contact me to register your interest and preference. The boat will take 8 kayaks so we may need to run 2 trips, maybe 2 formats. This could be later this year or up to April next year. Warmer snorkelling weather too.

Let's have your thoughts folks.

Trevor Arthur, phone **817 7357** or **027 27 88 018**.

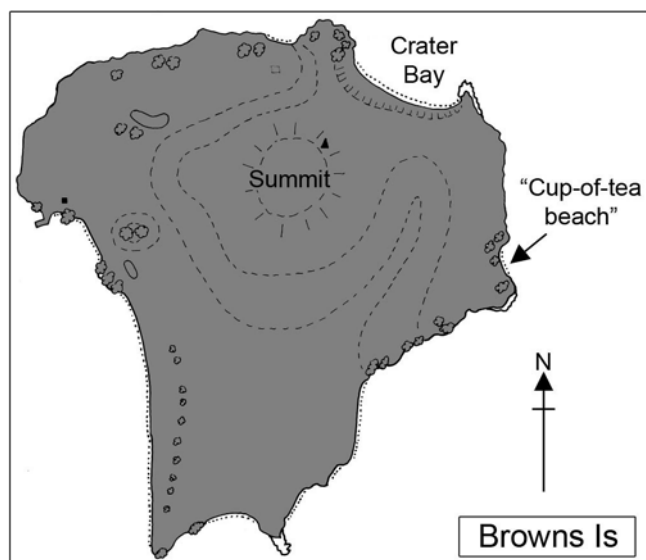
## More good places to go for a cup of tea

Colin Quilter

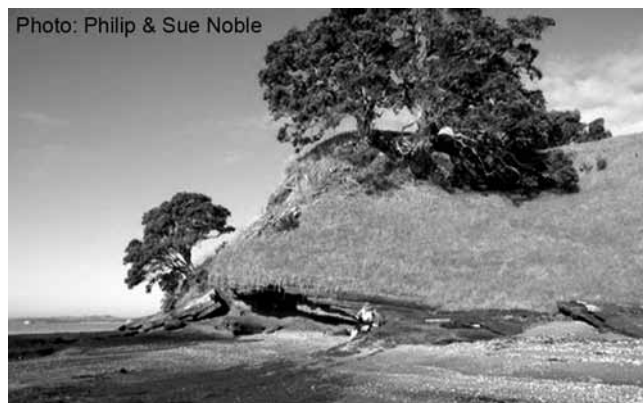
*It is accepted that one of the best things you can do in a kayak is to paddle somewhere for a cup of tea, and then paddle home again. Good cup-of-tea beaches share certain characteristics. They are small and secluded. They offer shade in summer but get the sun in the winter. They are protected from the wind. They are never crowded, so they are certainly not accessible by car and preferably not on foot. If they are on an island, so much the better. And if they are in a forgotten corner of the harbour you haven't noticed before, or haven't visited; well, why not?*

### Beach on the eastern side of Browns Island

**Where to go.** This little beach is one of my favourites. It is just a nice distance if starting from St Heliers or Kohimarama, it gets the morning sun, and from a comfortable seat on the beach, cup of tea in hand, the city is invisible.



This beach is seldom visited; indeed I can remember only one occasion when I met others there. It was early on a calm Sunday morning and the beach looked empty from a distance. However as I paddled closer I was surprised to see a piece of white fabric



The headland at the southern end of the beach is distinctive.

come flying out of a patch of long grass behind the beach. It took me a moment or two to realise that it was a bra; and a pair of panties soon followed. I realized that evidently this beach was good for activities other than drinking tea, so I paddled quietly onwards to Crater Bay.

**When to go.** The beach is sunny and sheltered in SW winds, but is exposed to E winds. It is best at high to mid-tide; there are rocks exposed at low tide. If you arrive at low tide and find it rocky, go around to Crater Bay on the NE corner of the island. Remember that a fresh SW wind (which in Auckland often makes an unwelcome appearance in the late morning) will make the return trip to the city a slog.

## KASK Sea Kayak Forum

### Raglan – 8, 9 and 10 March 2013

Speakers, paddles, flare demo and even some training available at this great spot on Auckland's back door.

Your registration covers everything from meals to accommodation and the sessions.

Go to [www.kask.org.nz](http://www.kask.org.nz) and on the events page is all the information and the registration form or contact Evan Pugh [sheepskinsstuff@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sheepskinsstuff@xtra.co.nz)

## Cambridge–Hamilton 2012

*Peter Sommerhalder*

Each year in mid September this magical section of the Waikato River draws hundreds of canoeists to Cambridge. The event can be entered by paddlers of all sorts of crafts either in the cruising or racing divisions. One and a half hours of hard paddling may reward you with a medal, or two hours of steady cruising gets you to the finish in Hamilton with the chance of winning a spot prize. But it is the scenery, and the ever changing flow of currents with an occasional head wind, that will remain as lasting memories. And you most likely decide to come back again next year to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow paddlers while having lunch and attending the prize giving in the afternoon.

Over the last few years the Cambridge to Hamilton Race (or cruise) has become a more competitive event. Surf ski paddlers and a large division of multisport boats, singles and doubles, dominate the race. And those competitors will use all of their skills to wash hang and pass each other in order to get to the finish quickly. The times are different each year depending on the river flow.

Traditionally seakayakers in plastic singles used to be the biggest division on the water, covering all age groups, male and female. This was no longer the case this year. Multisport kayaks were the biggest

division. There was only one outrigger canoe in the fleet. Other years we had 6-man and 6-woman canoes taking part. A novelty were a fleet of about 20–30 SUP's, or Stand Up Paddlers. Whirlpools and pressure waves along the 23-km stretch of flowing river tested the balancing skills of the SUPs. For one thing, climbing back on board after a splash was rather quick. I also found out that most SUP got to the finishing line faster than I could manage in my seakayak.

Auckland Canoe Club used to organise the Cambridge to Hamilton Race annually for many years. It attracted paddlers from all over the North Island. Some years ago our club found it more difficult to motivate volunteers to run the event. We tried to encourage the Hamilton Club to step in. Their response was that they enjoy competing, but would not have a team to run the race. It was then that Su Sommerhalder offered to take over. With her connection to the kayaking industry she managed to get many sponsors on board donating spot prizes. This in turn attracted over 300 paddlers to the event. However, three years ago the organisation was handed over to Richard Clark from the Boatshed on Lake Karapiro. For information and this year's results look up their website [www.theboatshed.net.nz](http://www.theboatshed.net.nz) and get ready to take part in September 2013.



*This year's Cambridge–Hamilton event included paddlers "walking on water".*

PHOTO ANDY FULLER



## Exploring the Manukau

*Roger Lomas*

The Manukau is our second largest harbour with a tidal coastline some 320 kilometres long. It has been a favourite paddle destination with the early morning kayak group for over 20 years. During that time we have managed to paddle along its entire length exploring all the interesting creeks and estuaries.

This has been accomplished by operating out of some 14 different launch sites around the coast when tide and weather permit. The coastal exploration has been a leisurely affair with frequent return visits to our favourite paddling areas.

Being on the water around sunrise has had its rewards. The sea conditions are usually more favourable in the morning before the sea breeze kicks in. Most of our mini expeditions involve about 3 hours of energetic paddling with a well-earned cuppa stop mid-way.

Earlier this year we completed our coastal survey when we were able to traverse the extremely shallow southern shores of the harbour. Huge mud banks reach out from the western side of Puketutu Island all the way along to Clarks Beach. An exceptionally big tide is needed to cover any distance in this area. The northern and western shores are more accessible with deep water channels paralleling them both.

It is a little known fact that the Manukau Harbour has two ports for ocean going ships. There is the busy wharf at Onehunga that plays host to coastal freighters, the cement boats from Westport and a significant fishing fleet. There is also the lesser known fuel terminal just off shore from the airport. Coastal tankers call in here to service the Wiri oil terminal.

The Manukau has long been associated with pollution. This came from runoff at the Southdown and Otahuhu industrial areas. There was also the giant sewerage pond complex at Mangere. Both of these areas have been cleaned up in recent years and only a small area of the harbour is now off limits for shellfish gathering. If the mangroves are a barometer for water quality then all is well as they are proliferating at an ever increasing rate.

Big tides are a feature of the Manukau and the early morning group takes full advantage of them. The strong tidal flows generated by the tides are used to speed us along the coast. We launch up to 2 hours before the top of the tide and go with the flow. There is an abundance of lovely shell bank beaches along the coast and these are perfect for the mid paddle cuppa.

The only time that we launch on the ebb tide is when we replicate Colin Quilter's signature trip out to the

Manukau Heads. Some of the good launch sites are: Hillsborough Bay, French Bay, Armour Bay, Cornwallis wharf, Little Huia, Clarks Beach, French Bay, Weymouth and Mangere Bridge.

Now that the Manukau has been completed we are looking at the Kaipara. We have already explored parts of its Southern reaches.

Occasionally there are opportunities for new paddlers to join the group. If you are an energetic paddler who is prepared to commit to a regular early morning paddling routine then give me a call on 846 6799.

*Roger*



*A cuppa stop on the northern shores.*