



April 2013

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Annual General Meeting – May 15 *See details on page 5.*



*Its sheltered, sunny and has a seat with a sea view. Firth of Thames Easter 2013.
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Auckland Canoe Club Information

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P.O. Box 9271, Newmarket, Auckland

Clubrooms

Marine Rescue Centre, Mechanics Bay

Website

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Email event reminders

send blank email to

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(for questions about storing kayaks in the locker)

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 SUBS, STORAGE, HIRE, OTHER (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.

Regular Events

Vine House Weekends



On one weekend each month we have the use of Vine House. This gem in Mahurangi Harbour is a 2 km paddle from Sullivan's 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 Coffee Cruise

Most Saturday mornings some club members do a short paddle from the club lock up at Okahu Bay.

We set off from the lock up at 9.00, returning by 12.30. The level is fairly easy and you can nearly always hire a club kayak. The route depends on the tide and the weather. We often paddle out to Bean Rock lighthouse and then stop at Kohi Beach for coffee in a local cafe before paddling back.

Join us for a relaxed paddle. It's a great way to meet people in the club.

Be aware: People don't go every week. You might go one week when no-one else happens to turn up.

You should have basic paddling skills to join this group, you will be responsible for yourself.

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

For more information, go to:

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

NEW MEMBER



Welcome

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

Liane Battcher



Deadline for Next Newsletter

20 April 2013

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, April 6th and may be a Sunday paddle too

ASKNET Reunion

An opportunity to catch up with your sea kayaking buddies from the 1990s. Details on the Sunday paddle will be announced nearer the time.

Milford Cruising Club lounge, Craig Road, Milford 6.00pm onwards. Door charge \$10 (to cover the venue hire – pay on arrival). Cash bar.

At this stage we are expecting 35–40 people. Last-minute acceptances welcome, there are no limits, the more the merrier!

Shared buffet dinner. We are providing a glazed ham, mustard, etc. Please bring a savoury/vegetable/salad disk or dessert – and serving spoons please!

If you are bringing a dessert, please advise Debbie on d.dunsford@historian.co.nz so that she can get a feel for the balance of sweet/savoury.

We do not have easy access to an oven (although it's not impossible), so cold dishes are preferred.

Bring your old trip photos for the slide show.

Please confirm you will be attending as soon as possible to debbie@cslnz.co.nz. There is also an event set up on Facebook (go to <http://www.facebook.com/events/544891922202451>)

Sunday, April 7th

Kayaks to support 5 Bridges River Swim in Hamilton

Are there any club members keen to help support this historic swim event?

The Hamilton Masters Swim Club need quite a few extra kayakers to enable this historic event to go ahead, so would appreciate any keen paddlers.

It's a 7.1km swim under 5 central Hamilton bridges, so an opportunity to paddle on this stretch of the Waikato River.

The race starts at Hamilton gardens at 1pm and finishes at Ann St Beach, about 500 metres past the Fairfield Bridge at approximately 2.30 pm. There is plenty of time to consider a longer paddle either before or after the event so can be made into a fun day with a picnic.

Please contact the Race Co-ordinator, Eleanor Pinfold, Secretary, Hamilton Masters Swim Club – ASAP, if you are keen to go and for more details.

**Phone 07 854 9874 or 027 417 0211,
Email: Ele-ross@wave.co.nz**

If you are going and want to link up with other club members, let Jackie (trip officer), know so that she can put people in touch. Contact before Friday 5th April.

April 12th to 14th

Tawharanui

Maybe the last camping trip of the year.

With summer nearly over, time to give the tent a final check and pack up the kayaks again.

Plan to book for Friday and Saturday nights.

Some might like to leave early Saturday morning and stop off at Matakana markets, so book just the Saturday night.

A close-to-Auckland gem, with access to some wonderful paddling.

Plan You will need to book your own site and aim for a shared BBQ meal Saturday night. Plans to walk or kayak Sunday.

Email or phone Jodi Yeats, ph 445 3639 (h) or 021 942 896 or editor@pharmacytoday.co.nz

Campsite bookings are per person. Phone ARC on 366 2000 to book. \$12 per night for adults, \$6 for children and there's another rate for infants under three.

Sunday, April 21st

Kawakawa Bay for a full day paddle

Join Gavin to explore the local area and take a picnic. The destination will be dependant on weather.

Aim to meet at 9.00am for a 9.30 start.

Contact Gavin Baker for details and register interest. Ph. 528 5188

April 26th – 28th

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.

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Up-Coming Club Trips and Events

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Please put this date in your Diaries!

Wednesday May 15th

ACC AGM

Venue: Marine Centre, Room 5.

Time: 7.00pm for a 7.30 pm start.

We would like to make it a fun club evening, so please bring a plate to share, and your favourite photos with a caption. These will be posted on boards on the night for judging.

The 4 suggested categories:

- "OMG" How did this happen!
- ACC – Historical
- Most outrageous
- Scenic – "Take your breath away"

Judges yet to be confirmed (bribes accepted!!!
Oops).

Start thinking committee nominations: If you would like to volunteer or think someone might be a perfect fit, then please talk to them and see if they could be nominated to help guide the club along, all committee roles need nominations. *We just can't rely on the same few!!!*

Poet's Corner

*It's been a corker season for watersports these weeks
Enjoyed by all and sundry
My little trips have all been great
For most 'twas' work come Monday.*

*The point of view from the wave I was on
Was different from the farmers'
All he and she desired was rain
Forget about the summer.*

*Reports came in of adventures South
No doubt there're more to come
We'll hear of these in all good time
As adventurers all head home.*

*Five hundred swam from Rangī's shore
In the race across the water
We kayakers happily standing by
A buffer against disaster.*

*The wind blew up as we started out
Perhaps a bumpy ride
A chop and mist kept us all awake
No sign of the other side.*

*A regular guy unable to kick
Five hundred others just swimming for fun
He uses a snorkel to keep his head down
Heroines and heroes each one.*

*Although it's a race for most it's a game
A first time swimmer a smile on her face
Enjoying the time out there in the sea
Pleased to have done it no thought of a race.*

*One man missing from this annual swim
A lifeguard and lover of the sea
Adam Strange as we think of him
Our love and thoughts to his family.*

And to all his friends and people who knew him.

Mike Randall

Club membership renewals

Membership subscriptions for April 2013 to March 2014 are now due. Please update your details on the attached membership form and post with your payment, or fill out the membership form on the club website and pay online to our bank account – see details on page 2.

New members who have joined the club since January 1st are already paid up until March next year.

The June newsletter will be the last for members not renewed.

EASTER PADDLING 2013

Roger Lomas

Easter holidays are synonymous with motorway mayhem. It is sometimes nice to stay put and avoid all the hassle. With this in mind, a series of local paddles were planned for the other early morning stalwarts staying at home.

Good Friday found us just south of Orere Point in the Firth of Thames. We had launched at Tapapakanga Regional Park at sunrise in pleasant benign conditions. On the big incoming tide, we worked our way along the coast towards Kaiaua. Close inshore paddling was the order of the day. Along the way we exchanged greetings with fisher folk and family picnic parties.



Tapapakanga Beach.

After the obligatory cuppa stop taken at the top of the tide (see *photo front page*), we almost reluctantly returned to Tapapakanga on the ebb flow.

Our drive home was unimpeded by traffic woes, but motorists heading north and south from the city on the motorway were down to a crawl.

Easter Saturday was earmarked for a Boys Own Adventure paddle. Our challenge was to paddle up to and under the Northern Motorway near Redvale. We would attempt this via a small creek that runs up from the headwaters of the Okura River estuary. To make it a decent paddle, we departed from Waiake Beach at Torbay. The big Easter tide was due to peak mid-morning and we enjoyed the scenic coastal paddle up past Long Bay and in and around Karepiro Bay.

There was even time for a cuppa before we ventured into the headwaters of the Okura River estuary.

We have been up many a muddy creek before and were mindful of the perils of paddling a big sea kayak into narrow mangrove channels when the tide is still rushing in. Our timing was perfect and we arrived at the entrance just before the top of the tide. Now we only had to negotiate 1.5 kms of restrictive waterway to the bridges.

At first it was easy but soon we encountered fallen tree debris which we squeezed past or under.

Soon it became impractical to go any further. We stopped some 170 metres short of our destination. There were jokes of bringing chainsaws and machete knives next time, but in reality a good torrential downpour would be enough to wash the debris clear.

All was not in vain though. We had had a go at it. Somewhat mud splattered and coated with tree debris, we tracked our way back out to sea. The Nor-Easter had picked up and we had a lively run back to Torbay. The sea spray cleaned us up and we were ashore before midday with almost 25 kms under our belt.

Easter Sunday was a lay day paddle wise. The motorbike was used to reconnoitre some put in places for upcoming winter paddles. It was also a good opportunity to give the club locker at Okahu Bay a long overdue spring clean. Word of warning to the ice block stick cretin. They will be very painful to extract.

Easter Monday found us poking around the backwaters of Pollen Island. On the big tides the mangrove flats behind the shell banks are flooded. It becomes an area that kayakers only can venture into. Well so we thought until a couple of SUPs arrived.

Our male egos are still a bit miffed by SUPs. Some of the lads were seen off by that very attractive female paddler just a few months ago. A little bit of inquiring revealed that she is a world champion, but it still haunts. We consoled ourselves with the knowledge that they are only fast in calm conditions. Sea kayakers still rule the waves.

The Easter paddlers were David Lomas, Dave Lomas, Jeff Amsden, Aaron Hanson, Ian Smeeton and Grant Stone.



Pollen Island shell banks. Good cuppa stop.

AUCKLAND CANOE CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM



New Member

Renewing

IF YOUR DETAILS HAVE CHANGED PLEASE UPDATE US

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

Member \$30

Family \$35

Life Member

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

Total Payment

Cheque

Bank Transfer

Bank: BNZ, Newmarket

Acct: 02-0100-0023453-000

Name: Auckland Canoe Club

Particulars: **Your name & initials**

Code: **Subscription**