



Our Yak Chat

Issue 2

November/December 2006

From the Chair.....

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The weather just hasn't been on our side lately, having to postpone the Mission Bay fishing trip on the 19th was a disappointment. Ron was set to christen his new Prowler Elite with club members. A few members didn't get the cancellation in time, my fault, and still showed up on the day. (See Ron's Report). We postponed it until the 3rd of December. See report inside.

Please note that if we make a decision to cancel due to weather and you still wish to go out, be careful, stay safe and be aware of others that may follow you out, as their skill level may not be as high as yours. Remember to have fun and I'm sure you all did and that's great! The club is all about meeting new people and having someone to go fishing with and that better than being out on your own.

Membership is now up to 45 adults and 7 children a total of 52, that is so neat to have that many members in just a short time and I still receive constant calls and emails enquiring about membership, so our club will grow stronger as time goes on.

If any members are interested in hooking up with other members for a fish during the week or on weekends when our trips are not scheduled, just let me know and we can help co-ordinate with members.

Recently I was fortunate to be able to spend a weekend at the Anglers Lodge in Amodeo Bay, Coromandel. This accommodation is excellent and so close to the Happy Jacks. I have booked the facility for mid 2007 with the view of booking the whole place as it takes around 40+ people in units plus extra

camp site are available. We will let you know more about this away trip as it is planned further. Have a look at the facilities on their website, www.anglers.co.nz. A great place for the whole family.

Since our South African member/s (well actually—Dan) have been cleaning us up on the water, as I heard that Dan managed to fill his well with snapper again, we are going to show a DVD on fishing S.A style at our next meeting on Wednesday the 6th at 6.30pm (PYBC) It will be more informal this time, so we can all get to know each other better.

Wishing you and your families a very safe Christmas. Remember to always fish with a friend!

Tight Lines!

Jackie.



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Thanks to Ron for making our "New Members Welcome" sign, and supplying the stand, for us to display on club outings.

We get lots of people looking at all the fishing kayaks and it just puts our name out there for any who are interested along with a phone number for them to contact.



Lined up on the Beach!



Ron's 'pimped' Elite—more than meets the eye



Thanks to the Baitmaster!



Alex with his 1st Prize



Ron and his 2nd Prize

Club Trip to Mission Bay 3rd December

Don't let the photos fool you—it looked like a lovely day but the wind was right up there. We arrived at Mission Bay at 6.30am anticipating an empty carpark. Not to be had—there was a triathlon on and carpark was full. Also the road was closed at 7am!

We loaded up the kayaks and went out to the first marker. There were a couple of new fisherpeople in the group and I have to say it wasn't a good introduction to the sport. Gotta hand it to them, they gave it their best shot. Going back into a headwind was pretty hard going and the sea was quite choppy.

A couple of reports for the Sherriff. Will let him decide on the fate. Someone who shall remain unnamed lost their anchor on the way out (how DID that happen?) only to get it back because another angler fished it up once the tide went out. Talk about tinny! One other went for an un-planned swim when getting swamped by a rather large wave. With the wind blowing and the waves up it was quite hard for him to get back on. One of the best things about fishing with a group there is always someone there to help if you run into a spot of bother, especially with the wind blowing the way it was—it

would have been easy for the kayak to head to Waiheke! Another person who shall also remain nameless hooked onto softbait—only to have their rod (although it wasn't technically THEIR rod) snap! An eventful trip! And all this happened without the watchful eye of the Sherriff! Better come along on the next trip Sherriff!

Alex caught the only Snapper 'keeper' weighing in at 1.2kg. He chose a Jacket as a prize—a big thanks very much to Takapuna Sailing Centre/Boat Bits for sponsoring the prizes for this trip.

Congrats to Ron and John for catching their Kahawai—Ron just tipping the scales by 200gms to win second

prize—a PFD! Thanks again to Takapuna Sailing Centre/Boat Bits. Visit them on Barrys Point Road in Takapuna and be sure to mention the Club when you do!

Also a thanks to Malcolm the "Baitmaster" for making up special Kayak bait packs for everyone who came along and also having a selection of bait to purchase on the day. Malcolm's 'secret recipe' keeps your bait for three weeks out of the fridge and longer if store it in the fridge. Malcolm does vacuum packed bait and will do phone orders if anyone is interested! See Jackie.

P.S. If you're interested in Ron's pimped kayak—have a chat to him about how much more there is to it!

Trip Statistics

Number of anglers: 10

Fish caught: One snapper, 2 Kahawai

Weather: . Windy, West/ South Westerly 20—25knots

Tide: Outgoing. High tide at 6.19 am.

Weigh in: 12.30pm

Heaviest Snapper: 1.2kg (Alex)

Heaviest Kahawai: 600gms (Ron)

Thanks to **Takapuna Sailing Centre/Boat Bits in Barrys Point Road, Takapuna** for providing prizes for this trip. Check out their website www.boatbits.co.nz

Next Trip 17th December

Mark this date in your diaries.

This trip will be in the "Browns Island" area.

Full trip plan will be sent out soon.



Did you know....

The website www.metvuw.com is an alternative weather reporting site. Gives some great information. Check it out!

Xmas Party at the Panmure Yacht & Boating Club

A Reminder that the Panmure Yacht and Boating Club have very generously allowed us to use their facilities as an affiliate club member enjoying membership privileges when you present your East Auckland Kayak Fishing Club membership card on arrival. We will be joining the folks at the PYBC on **Friday 15th December** for our/their annual Christmas party.

NOTE: This date differs from previously advised date. MAKE SURE YOU CHANGE IN YOUR DIARIES and re-arrange the babysitter!!!!

There will be food available, full Xmas dinner at \$20.00 per head, and a live band along with full bar facilities. The Club Captain has advised that you may bring a partner to the Christmas party so come along to enjoy the fun! The more the

merrier!

As we are quite a new club we thought it would be better to have our Xmas party along with theirs rather than organize something separate. It will be a great night so come along and have some fun.!



Visit the Panmure Yacht & Boating Club website www.pybc.org.nz more information.

Ron's Report on the cancelled 19th November trip

The plan was to be at Mission Bay at 7.00am. After loading my gear and yak, including a small bottle of bubbles to celebrate the launch of my new kayak I headed into town.

After a damp start to the morning, the weather looked to be clearing and I thought to myself that Jackie had picked a good day for it.

Arrived at the Mission Bay carpark at 6.45am I drove in just as Dan was driving out - new kayak trailer in tow. I assured him we were at the right place but no sign of Jackie. How-

ever, others soon began to arrive. A quick phone call to Jackie and we found out the trip had been cancelled the night before by email!

We decided to give it a try anyway, as the weather seemed not too bad, clear and reasonably calm.

Dan, Sean and Dave were already out on the water. My new kayak prowler elite 4.5 got a liberal splash of champagne and a few choice words like "Bless Her and all fish landed in her etc" We headed out to the others who had their picks out by

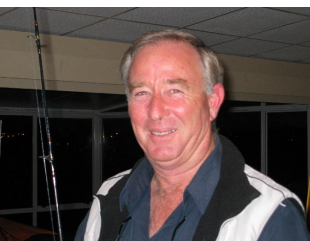
the reef between Bean Rock and Mission Bay. The wind had picked up and there was a fair chop on the water as the wind blew down the harbour. We picked our spots but kept reasonably close together. I picked a spot just up from Dan but by the time I had organised myself and got my pick out I was blown past Dan and ended up 50 meters down from him. It didn't help that I had put my pick down on the wrong side of my anchor system. After retrieval and set again I was right! Got a few bites and lots of bait was lost!

We all had a few position changes but still no luck - apart from Sean and Dan. Dan caught numerous Kahawai and returned them to bite another day. And some snapper I believe, one was a good size and was kept for dinner!

It was getting a bit rough by now and we decided to head back to Mission Bay.

Pulling the pick up side on to the wind and the chop was a challenge but went well. I was very impressed by the performance and stability of my new kayak and I am looking forward to my next outing in calmer

Last Club Meeting



Bruce always entertains!

Bruce Duncan gave an interesting talk on fishing

techniques and fishing habits. His years of experience have given him lots of interesting stories to tell and his new "Spot X" book captures a lot of his knowledge. He has very kindly donated a copy of the book for us to use as a prize.

Marco from Outwear Ltd showed us his Buff Hats. There are many ways to put on the hat and they are highly visible when worn on the water both at day and night as there is a reflective strip on the hat.

Thanks to all who came along.



Marco modeling his Buff Hat

Schedule of Events

- **6th December 2006.**
Club Meeting at PYBC 6.30pm
- **13th December 2006.**
Steering Committee Meeting PYBC 7.00pm
- **14th December 2006.**
Christmas Party at PYBC from 7pm
- **17th December 2006.** Club trip venue Browns Island.
- **3rd January 2006.**
Club Meeting at PYBC 6.30pm
- **4th January 2006.**
Steering Committee Meeting PYBC 7.00pm
- **No formal club trip organized for January.**
Contact some friends for an impromptu fish!
- **7th February 2007.**
Club Meeting at PYBC 6.30pm
- **14th February 2007.**
Steering Committee Meeting Venue tba.







- **18th February 2007.** Club trip. Fish off with Hibiscus Club. Maraetai.






Hibiscus Kayak Fishing Club Trips:

17 December Buckleys Beach, Kawau Bay
 7th January, Leigh
 27/28th January, Fletchers Bay, Coromandel
 Contact John Read for further information
bucksph1@yahoo.co.nz




December 2006

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name (Individual Membership) _____

Names: (Family Membership) _____ Spouse/Partner

FM = Mum, Dad & Children _____ Child Age

_____ Child Age

If more than (3) write on back _____ Child Age

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Mobile: _____

E-mail: _____

KAYAK (Circle to indicate)

- Sit on Top
- Sit in "sea kayak"
- Do not have a kayak yet

KAYAK EXPERIENCE (Circle to indicate)

- None
- 1 – 2 years
- More than 3 years
- Expedition Leader/Courses completed _____

FISHING EXPERIENCE

- None
- 1 – 2 years
- More than 3 years
- Extensive

THIS IS "YOUR CLUB" IT NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT. Are you able to help by way of assisting with administration or the organizing of events for the club?

Please circle if you can help * Administration * Organizing Events * Other areas

Payment options: Cheque payable to East Auckland Kayak Fishing Club posted to Po Box 33, Beachlands, or bank deposit (number available on request).

Cash can be paid at club meeting nights to the treasurer.

Office Only:

PAID ___/___/___ CARD SENT ___/___/___ Yearly **INDIVIDUAL \$35**
MEMBERSHIP NO: _____ **FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$60**



Sheriffs Report

Howdy Folks, sorry about missing the first newsletter (I am eating humble berley pie here and I do not like it) but here we go...

Sheriffs Mission Statement (corporate bull shit for 'What I Do')

- I ensure that nothing of an incriminating nature can be traced back to me.
- I ensure that my self preservation ranks above all else.
- I ensure that and now for the fun part...(my fun , that is)...I uphold my sworn duty in accordance with the highest moralistic values as captured in the traditions of my cheap tin star is to ensure that any transgressions, real or imagined, by EAK FISH Club members will be highlighted to ensure maximum humiliation and degradation.

Crime Report

Note 1. I am open to bribery and backhanders to keep your secret safe (for the meantime).

Note 2. I did not make the above statement in Note 1.

Crime Scene #1

Magazine Bay during first Club Trip.

A Club Fisher named (name suppression denied) Jeff Fisher (true) was trolling through our anchored fleet of Yaks. Trying for Kahawai he says!!! Misjudging the tide, wind, boat speed, water temperature, cloud cover and the sheriffs diligence Jeff proceeded to hook up his fishing line over another members anchor warp. His rod bent, the reel screamed, nylon peeled off the smoking reel at a great rate of knots and Jeff for one heart stopping adrenalin pumping fish killer supremo moment thought he was onto a Kahawai!!! Poor sad misguided optimist but...he talked, unbelievable... oh yes my friends, he talked.

Verdict. **Guilty** of spilling the beans about the mishap.

Penalty. **Two NZD \$2.00** Our Sworn Deputy and (under investigation) Treasurer Rod will collect at next outing.

Crime Scene #2

Mussel Farm by Kaiaua. A Club Fisher of Presidential virtue (sorry folks but Yes, our very own esteemed Dear Leader of the masses) one Jackie Dainton Pres. was observed to be paddling out to a fishing spot with ..shudder... **her paddle back to front** i.e. the nice flowing lines of the paddle face designed for maximum ergonomic paddling were pointing the wrong way.

Your humble and respectful Sheriff was far too polite to question Her Eminence about this display of feminine logic, instead I pondered that:

1. Jackie was kindly paddling at less than normal efficiency to allow me to keep up without making it to obvious that I am a wimp...
2. Jackie was looking for Great White Pointers and that if a shark was spotted she was already in reverse gear ready to power straight back in to the beach without turning around.

Both of these scenarios were quite valid and would have been acceptable to any loyal subject of the realm but no, my musings and excusings were rudely dispelled when Jackie turned around and said in loud clear ringing tones for one and all to hear "Oh look, silly me, my paddle is back to front".

I personally was devastated to find that Our Esteemed Leader seemed to be admitting to an error of judgement. This is not a Presidential trait to be admired, but worst of all, I quickly realised that I would really struggle to keep up now as she paddled off at full efficiency.

Verdict. **Guilty** of making it obvious that the Sheriff could be a wimp.

Penalty. **\$200.00** *Presidential Pardon applied* reduced to \$2.00

Crime Scene 3.

Mussel Farm by Kaiaua. (again) A Club Fisher of Secretarial virtue (sorry folks but Yes, another of our very own elected officers, just like real politicians) one Sue Denby, hooked onto a beautiful example of a Cephalopod. At first I thought it was the rare endangered native species where MAF enforce strict penalties for tormenting these much loved intelligent creatures. Luckily for Sue it was the common and very tasty variety commonly called by peasants 'Octopus' and used in a variety of delicious and tasty gourmet recipes. As I was calling instructions to Sue on how to bite it between the eyes to kill it I witnessed a terrible, terrible occurrence. Sue whipped out her knife and with a hysterical scream of 'OCTOPUS' cut it free. I was speechless at such waste as was our Presidential person Jackie.

Jackie immediately punished Sue for her indiscretion by telling Sue stories of released Octopi hanging onto the bottom of Kayaks and then sliding their tentacles up through the scupper holes and grabbing your (if you are lucky) legs. Sue's nervous eyes were darting everywhere after that and I am not being cruel when I say it was very funny.

Verdict. **Very Guilty** of wasting fine food fish

Penalty. **\$200** *Secretarial Pardon applied* reduced to \$2. (It pays to be an office holder in this club folks, so sign up for the committee)

Political Initiatives

Many members have approached me regarding the current unfair fishery regulations regarding the number of snapper we yakkers can catch. Not only can we not manage to catch the limit but the limit is set far too low for the likes of us. Nine snapper per person for fizz boaters and floating gin palaces is indeed quite enough for those greedy petrol driven fumeheads. I totally support the proposition that we slightly superior eco-friendly paddle waving yakkers deserve an

increase in catch allowance because we have to try harder, wear silly coloured clothing and we get wetter. So, on your behalf and in my capacity as an enforcement officer I have made a very well argued and reasoned submission to the Minister of Fish requesting that laws be passed to recognise our special, unique and much loved 'customary right' of unmitigated pillage of the seas. I have every reason to believe that this submission will be well received and I suspect a law change soon. Just to make sure that all goes well I enclosed a nice smoked mullet in the

package. This will swing the issue our way I am sure.

I expect have a reply in time for the next newsletter so watch this space.

Note to all. If the law change happens before then the credit is all mine, and I expect reasonable compensation for all of my trouble (and the smoked fish). Steer a straight course and watch out for cactus at sea.

Sheriff Tin Star



Lois Dear Memorial Top 10 Snapper Competition

- Coromandel Town presents -

THE LOIS DEAR MEMORIAL TOP 10 SNAPPER COMPETITION

Friday 30 & Saturday 31 - March 2007
 To enter email kltz@ihug.co.nz or noel.maria@xtra.co.nz.
 Confirmation of your entry will be emailed back with further instructions.

Weigh in and & prizegiving to be held at -
 The Admirals Arms Hotel, Coromandel Town from
 12pm - 5pm Friday
 12pm - 4pm Saturday

\$10,000 Prize Pool
 Prizes for the heaviest snapper of the tournament-

1st	\$3,000
2nd	\$2,000
3rd	\$1,000
4th	\$500
5th	\$250
6th	\$200
7th - 9th	\$150
10th	\$100

Average weight snapper of the tournament - \$1,500.
 Plus daily prizes for the heaviest snappers.

1st	\$250
2nd	\$150
3rd	\$100

Hosted by radio & television personalities MC Rosa, Ewan Gilmore & others.

Any enquiries please contact the organisers -
 Kevin McNeil & Lizzie Dawson email kltz@ihug.co.nz phone 078668810 mobile 021511820
 Noel Pearce email noel.maria@xtra.co.nz phone 078668623

\$150 per ticket
 Limited to 250 tickets

All proceeds go to charity.

Starship Foundation Sponsor
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See flyer beside. On Friday 30th and Saturday 31st March there will be a Top 10 Snapper Competition in Coromandel Town. Entries by email kltz@ihug.co.nz or noel.maria@xtra.co.nz. This will be a big fishing competition so get your entries in and support two very worthwhile charities at the same time!

A Big Thanks to our Sponsors



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Kayaking Tales - Towing a good option?

A story from America that makes you think that the saying about the worst day fishing is better than the best day working does not always hold true, read on...

After a long day of boating I finally caught two fish. My brother in law hooked up my kayak to the back of his Sea Ray fizz boat to tow me back to shore.

I tied every thing down, except I left my two rods in their holders without straps. I wasn't thinking.

Let me just say the water was beautiful clear and 65 degrees and I got to swim in it. We started back but we were going too fast and of course the kayak flipped. I screamed for my brother in law to shut the boat down and I jumped in the water. I took off my life vest because I had my cell phone in it. However, I left my \$300.00 pair of sunglasses on my face. I was thinking, "I AM NOT LOSING MY G. LOOMIS ROD AND CALCUTTA REEL." I was able to see under water so I recovered everything but my sunglasses and of course my pride. One rod was OK but my other rod snapped right in the middle of the cork handle. I was upset, embarrassed and depressed and called it a night.

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Recipe Corner

Snapper with Mango Salsa

500gms fresh snapper
1 tablespoon lime juice
1 tablespoon water
1 teaspoon paprika
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 medium lime, cut into wedges |

Mango Salsa.

Combine:
1 mango, peeled, seeded and chopped
1 medium red sweet bell pepper
1/4 cup green onions, thinly sliced
1 hot green chili pepper, seeded and chopped
3 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons lime juice
1 tablespoon vinegar
1/2 teaspoon lime peel, finely shredded
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper

1. Cut fish into 4 serving size portions. Measure the thickness of the fish. Brush with a mixture of 1 tbsp lime juice and water.
2. In a bowl, combine paprika, salt, ginger, allspice and pepper. Rub onto fish.
3. Arrange fish in a shallow baking pan. Bake uncovered at 200°C until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Allow 4 to 6 minutes for each 1.5cm of thickness.
4. To serve, brush fish with pan juices and serve with mango salsa and garnish with lime slices.

