



Our Yak Chat

Issue 4

May 2007

Catch of the month?

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While fishing in my Kayak off Omana in about 8m on Easter Monday I hooked something large. I couldn't decide what it was - it didn't insist on heading fast into the distance like a shark and didn't hold on the bottom and then zoom all over the place like a stingray once I got it moving upwards. It let me slowly bring it to the surface with a few forays back toward the bottom.

When I finally got it close my curiosity was aroused and I felt a little anxious and exposed with the thought of what creature I might be dragging from the 'deep' close to my tippy, sea-level seat on the water.

kayak when what broke the surface was a turtle! It was about 1m long and not pleased to be there! It quickly dived again and I didn't have time or the presence of mind to think about any details for identification, nor could I make out if I had it hooked by mouth or carapace near its neck. I decided that it would drag me all over the harbour before it got tired (nor did I have any desire to harm the creature) so I tightened up the drag and brought it up again to try and cut the trace below the swivel (being a parsimonious fisher person wanting not to lose my sinker and lots of nylon). I got it close to the surface but just as I reached out with my cutters, it dived again and broke free.

My family reacted with disbelief when I arrived home and told them of this and they rushed off to get Powell's Native Animals of New Zealand. There we found that there are two species of turtle

found in NZ waters. The Leathery Turtle, widely found in the Pacific and not uncommon in NZ, particularly the warmer north; and the Loggerhead Turtle, less often found in the cooler waters.

We had to be content with



snapper fillets rather than turtle soup for dinner that night.

Ian



I nearly fell out of my

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**Kings of the
Coromandel**
FISHING TOURNAMENT

7th - 10th June 2007

Check out their website:
www.kingsofthecoromandel.co.nz
for full details.

Club Trip to Waiheke Island - March 2007



All the kayaks on the ferry

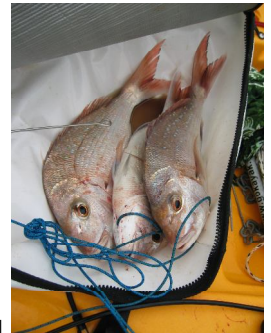


Launching off Rocky Bay

16 of us braved the weather and headed for Rocky Bay for a fish and general get together. Three guests from Hibiscus Club came along as well as a couple of friends from Wales. The trip across on Waiheke Shipping's ferry was smooth and we all disembarked and headed for Rocky Bay. Tents were pitched and due to the wind several fisher people decided to head for Man 'O War bay to catch some "big ones". The rest decided to fish off Rocky Bay. It was a little windy but fishing within the bay not to onerous. Some decent fish were caught in Rocky Bay that day but sadly for the ones who travelled all the way around the island - zilch!

Saturday night was spent around

the barbeque/ torch swapping fishing tales. The bottle of Drambuie miraculously appeared after dark (courtesy of someone from over the bridge) and once the top came off....you know the rest. The intention was to arise at 4.30am (see Sherrifs Page) but no-one managed. Fishing the next morning off Rocky Bay was flat calm for a little while until the wind changed direction and the waves picked up. It was a little bit like surfing getting back. All made it safely back though. Sue won the sweep for heaviest snapper - sorry Kent - pitching the post by 8 grams! It was nail biting stuff!



Sues prizewinning catch



COROMANDEL TRIP 25 - 27 May 2007



Now that's a fish! Rob and Jackie promise to show their fishing X spots.

This will be a good chance to get a decent fish in order to win the biggest Snapper Prize at the Prizegiving in August!



The main competition will be on Saturday. Remaining for Sunday fishing is optional. Contact Sue (sue@benoit.co.nz) to advise your intention to attend the weekend. If you require a booking at Papa Aroha, get in quick. Tell them you are with Rob Fort and Jackie Dainton for the weekend. Don't leave it until the last minute as cabins are limited and this is a very popular weekend resort. www.papaaroha.co.nz

Friday 25th May

6pm Arrive at Papa Aroha

7-9pm Berkley presentation - hands on with knots and techniques

Sat 26th May

7am BBQ breakfast (Breakfast supplied by Club)

9am Head out fishing to Rabbit island, Double and the Gap etc

3pm Weigh in

5-6pm BBQ dinner and prizegiving (Dinner supplied by Club)

Sunday 27th May

6.30am Breakfast (Breakfast supplied by Club)

7.30-8am Those who are interested and if the weather allow Rob and Jackie will lead a trip to Port Charles, fish until 3pm. (Allow 3.5hrs to travel home to Auckland.)

OR

More fishing out off Papa Aroha.

The club will sponsor part of the accommodation fee for members.

Next Trip: Orere Point - Sunday 24th June

From the Chair...

Greetings from Batemans Bay on the south coast of NSW, its 25 degrees, beautiful days and flat calm seas. I miss my kayak already. Without kayaks to access dive spots the only way to get to spots is to swim and after spending 6 hours in the water enjoying the amazing fish life here and at the same time thinking "I hope I don't get a visit from a shark!" the swim took its toll on me as I pulled a muscle in my thigh so I have quickly become a beach bum, oh well some one has to do it.

A couple of days off and I will be back in the water. The boys will be taking a charter out to the shelf 13k off shore to spear tuna, I don't think I will be getting in there either as a

second diver jumps in to fend the sharks off!

I'll be watching from the boat with my eyes half closed.

The club is going well, the last trip saw a few members brave unpleasant conditions at Kawakawa Bay with a few of the guys and girls returning with good catches.

Rob and I would like to host a club trip & Berkley softbait presentation at Papa Aroha, Coromandel at the end of this month. **See previous page for details.** Papa Aroha Holiday Camp is only 15 minutes from Coromandel Town and is an great place for the family. The location used in our recent filming with Geoff

Thomas.
www.gokayak.co.nz & www.robfort.com will sponsor the fishing competition to be held on the Saturday and we will lead a trip to Port Charles on the Sunday for those interested.

Bookings are essential for this trip. It is the second to last trip for our point series and will be an excellent location to catch a big snapper for the "Heaviest Snapper" trophy. Our prizegiving and AGM has been rescheduled for the 1 August at 6.30pm at the PYBC.

I will not be standing for re-election this year due to my shift to the Coromandel, however I will remain as a member and look forward to future

trips with the club. Nominations for all positions are welcome and can be sent to the secretary by email message, self nominations will be accepted.

The committee have worked very hard to get the club off the ground and they have done a fantastic job. This is your chance to help the club to continue and grow further. This is your club and your input is always welcome. Many hands make light work.

See you all in Coromandel.

Tight lines,
Jackie Dainton.

Upper Harbour Trip

Approx 9 members joined John for the upper harbour trip, launching from Birkenhead wharf. Everyone headed across the harbour to John's favourite spot, and whilst the morning was

reasonably calm, there was quite a lot of current running.

Most of the members anchored up, but a few tried the drift and soft bait technique.

Catch numbers were small, and a lot of undersize fish were caught and released.

Ron was doing the normal bait fishing, decided to try a soft bait on another rod, and landed a good pannie

on his first cast.

Most back at the ramp by 11.00am, and some stayed to enjoy a hot cup of coffee before heading home.

Last Club Meeting April

Guest Speaker – Phil Appleyard, Big Fish and Bait.

Phil spoke at length about the exciting fishing opportunities close to Auckland and accessible for Kayak fishing.

He covered a range of species, talking about Snapper, Kahawai, Trevally, John Dory, even Flounder.

Hot spots he spoke about

local to our area were Mareatai, Howick Beach, Eastern Beach, Browns Island, Half Moon Bay, and the reefs off Mission bay.

He covered off burley tactics, and the rigs required to target some of the tastier species like John Dory and Flounder

At the end of presentation, Phil presented the club with a set of digital scales worth

\$250.

Next time you're looking to purchase bait, gear or any fishing supplies, please remember to support the Big Fish and Bait, in Cascades Road, Pakuranga. Have your EAFKC membership card with you, to qualify for discounts on most items.



141A Cascades Rd
Pakuranga Auckland
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Schedule of Events

- **25-27th May 2007**
Club Trip to Coromandel Town
- **6th June 2007**
Club Meeting PYBC 6.30pm
- **7-10 June 2007**
Kings of the Coromandel Fishing Competition (see front page)
- **24th June 2007**
Club Trip to Orere Point
- **4th July 2007**
Club Meeting at PYBC at 6.30p,
- **9th July 2007**
Committee Meeting
- **29th July 2007**
Club Trip to Eastern Beach
- **1st August 2007**
PRIZEGIVING AND AGM at PYBC 6.30pm



Hibiscus Kayak Fishing Club Trips:

Contact Regan Ashton for further information
regan@johnsonoutdoors.co.nz




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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: _____ Can we circulate your email address for
purposes of arranging fishing outings?

KAYAK (Circle to indicate) Yes/ No (please circle)

- 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 Most Wanton Wanted File.

“Go Ahead, Make My Day”, those words chilled the blood of many a hood before they tasted a rough but deserved justice. Aaah, that Steve McQueen, what a sheriff’s sheriff, what a man’s man (sorry about the implications here, what with a surname like that). Even so, nobody messed with that Steve.

Those implications lead me into the following crime report.

Unfortunately I have the unpleasant duty to report that some club members are abusing and messing around with the mental stability of your one and own sheriff (also named Steve). This is a true fact, I swear it, and in a most cruel and callous manner (that is the abuse, not the swearing).

Crime Report

Crime Scene 1. The internet.

Yes, folks, I can report I have received an abusive e mail from a clubbie. As you gasp in disbelief at the temerity of some insignificant common member let me fill you in on the gory details (please contain the certain rage you will feel as the situation unfolds and remember that all sympathy is gratefully accepted especially if translated into something meaningful, like cash) Without naming names, a ‘Sandra’ (yes, you have guessed right) sent me a personal e-mail extolling the virtues of a certain fishing location, even to the point of stating in quite specific and inclusive terms, and I quote “and there are loos **for us girls**” Unquote.

NO, Sandra, NO, the sheriff is not one of “us girls”. There are ‘lady club members’ and ‘blokes’ but you cannot, must not, please don’t, address me as ‘us girls’.

This casual barb heavy with implications and innuendo messed with my mind terribly...what did this mean??? Is it not obvious that I am very ‘blokey’. Or maybe Sandra is trying gently to give me a not so subtle hint about my appearance or demeanour? So I checked a few things out to allay my fears (and to reassure you all).

1. Had I been eating too much hormone fattened chicken and was I budding out?? Nope (just take my word for it).
2. Had I been using a lip balm that was a little too glossy?? Nope, shiny but not glossy.
3. I have to admit that I have trimmed the nasal hairs and similar but do not all men??
4. I have to admit I shave with the latest razor complete with seventeen blades that massage the skin and exfoliate dying skin cells all in one action but one does like to pamper ones self.
5. I have to admit my facial sunscreen of choice does also repair the epidermis as well as plump out any little crowsfeet (or laughter lines as I call them). But is that such a bad thing when it is so much cheaper than botox.

All of the above leads me to believe that I am above reproach on such a delicate matter. Even so I have cancelled my chest wax, just to be sure. I still spit on my hands before I start work. Most importantly, Sandra please take careful note, I do not need a sit down loo but I am touched (don’t touch me, it is a figure of speech) that in your poor misguided way you were thinking of my comfort in the most basic of ways.

Penalty. Public shame will be penalty enough as, like the public loo’s, it can be quite messy.

Crime Scene 2. A fizzboat.

Again, another cruel and unusual happening has arisen on a crime sheet, some details have been blacked out, and in some instance the tears that flowed while writing the report have smudged the details.

Consider the following:

I know that as soon as I say ‘Cryptodera Cheloniidae’ that all of our thoughts immediately turn to ‘Dude’ that cute little one surfing the East Australia current in the movie ‘Finding Nemo’.

Yes, my faithful Deputies in Waiting, a turtle has been hooked by a club member (name suppressed).

Bad naughty fisherman, leave little Dude alone, you might say. Unforgivably though...he hooked it while in a fizzboat!!!

Where was his Kayak? Where did he get the money to buy a fizzboat? (although he is on the committee Rod the Treasurer assures me he has not let Committee Member Ron touch the cheque book).

Or where did he get the money to buy friends who own a fizzboat?

Very bad, very naughty fisherman we all say, going in a fizzboat. As club members we all need to be vigilant in spotting and reporting such transgressions early, before the turncoats become addicted and weak in the paddling arms. I have always had my suspicions as Ron often has the whiff of two stroke fumes on him, but when questioned he always swears it is his aftershave.

Penalty.

What punishment could fit this crime?? Possibly Ron shall have to make fizzboat noises while paddling in the future. Possibly we could rename Ron as 'Evin Rude', or 'Bloody Rude'.

I am at a loss.

Footnote. Happy Ending. The turtle spat the hook and escaped as Ron was distracted while looking up 'Turtle Soup' in his cookbook.

Crime Scene 3.

Club Fishing Trip Waiheke.

Religious Mania.

Not the sort of thing we expect on club trips but it is creeping in and becoming increasingly common.

I am of course reporting on the strange acts some take to appease the fishing gods before shoving off from shore.

Case 1. Offerings to the Berley gods.

One club fisher (names suppressed) of undoubted zeal had intimate knowledge of the effect of berley on successful fishing.

His particular pre-fishing offering to the fishing gods was to throw a good amount of berley around on shore the night before with verbal exhortations and pleadings to the great white telephone. Obviously the offerings were not substantial enough as his only reward was a headache.

The monotonous mantra mouthed from his mangled mandibles sounded like,

'If your name is Quinn, you're in

Let the berley flow out, look out'

(Did you ever wonder why they called out "heave away boys" on sailing ships?)

Case 2. Offerings to the bite time gods.

Another fisher of missionary zeal understands that if you know at what time the fish are on the bite then that is when you should be fishing.

Attaching great significance to a ritual from the distant mists of time, he carefully wound a dilapidated alarm clock while muttering the following incantations.

'On the water before first light,

the room is going around and round.

Set the clock to time it right,

the room is starting to turn upside down,

Make the alarm to wake me early,

I just hope Quinn has more berley,

At that, he dropped off to the peaceful repose enjoyed by the young and innocent. But...when in the pre-dawn gloom the alarm clock did its thing, bang on time....not a single solitary sedentary soul stirred. Oh boy, did that cause the wind gods to get upset and huffy, and wave gods to jump about in dismay.

Penalty.

But wait...there is more...the name on the crime sheet case 2 appears again and again.

Sorry but true, this is a recidivist offender we are dealing with here.

Poor Alex A (not club member Alex R), poor gentle dear confused Alex A.

Previously found wanting and punished accordingly but his name again appears on this new crime sheet. Obviously a narcissist.

The feel of group punishment, the manacles, the stoning, the water torture, all of this does not deter this Alex but drives him further into crime as he seeks more of the same to satisfy his unusual lust to be known as a 'Bad Boy'.

SO, a public flogging is ordered, to be held on the night of the AGM. All club members to bring a wet bootlace, apart from Alex who will bring the camera.

Steer a straight course and watch out for cactus at sea.

Sheriff Tin Star



Zane Grey Tournament now Queens Birthday weekend.

Contact trent@zanegrey.co.nz if you're interested.

Inaugural Kayak Fishing Tournament
 April 27th to 29th. Fishing all day Saturday

Zane Grey Resort
 NEW ZEALAND
 Urupukapuka Island
 Bay of Islands

Total Prizes in excess of \$15,000

Now Queens Birthday Weekend

Main prizes being a weekend on Trident sponsored by Zane Grey Adventures, a Prowler Kayak, Ocean Kayaks, an electric propulsion unit for kayaks sponsored by Stealththrive, and immersion suits from Denray Marine.
 Sport prizes: 1st weekend for 2 set Golden casts luxury BBQ on leading night
 1st weekend for 2 at Zane Grey Resort and Crystal Waters on pre-opening night
 Plus many other sport prizes.

Other major sponsors include Lion Breweries, Fullers, Kiwi NZ, Penguin Wholesale, and many more.

Entry includes: Transport to and from Opua (on 2 ferries) for all gear and people on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, returning Sunday late afternoon, continental breakfast, Set morning, packed lunch, dinner and entertainment Set night, cooked breakfast Sun morning (Friday night meals not included in price but restaurant available), accommodation in bunk rooms for first 50 people to register and other special participants to provide their own. Entry also includes membership of Zane Grey fishing club.

Fishing categories: Master weight snapper - Weekend for 4 and 5 anglers, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 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Kahawai Pesto

What to do with those Kahawai you catch? Sick of smoking them? Here's something that's quite tasty and different.

Ingredients:

- 4 Kahawai fillets
- 30g fresh coriander
- 1 red chilli, deseeded and chopped
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- Grated zest and juice of 1 lime
- 1tsp salt
- 2tbsp olive oil.

Directions:

- Remove stalks from the coriander, chop and place in food processor.
- Add the chilli, garlic, lime zest, juice and salt and process until the ingredients are well chopped.
- Add olive oil to the mixture and process until you have a consistent wet paste.
- Place fillets on a baking sheet and spread pesto on one side.
- Allow pesto to marinade fillets for an hour or two in the fridge.
- Grill for approximately 8-10 minutes.
- Serve with a green salad and a chilled chardonnay (or beer for those who don't drink chardonnay!)

