



Our Yak Chat

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Presidents Report from AGM (Last report from the Chair)

As I look over the back issues of "Our Yak Chat" the East Auckland Kayak Fishing Club has come along way in last 9 months since the inaugural meeting held on the 4th of October 2006. A staggering 55 people attended to hear a lone kayaker pitch the idea of a kayak club in the eastern suburbs, to have that many people come along was truly amazing! Sue Tucker from Maritime New Zealand attended as did the President of Hibiscus Kayak Fishing Club. A steering committee was formed on the night, many hours of planning and advertising had gone into getting the idea of a club together and to finally have support to get the club off the ground was pleasing. Thank you Sue, Rod, Ron, John and Steve.

It was not long before our first outing was planned and held at Magazine Bay, Maraetai later that month. 19 kayaks on the water was a sight to see. Members character were staring to show with Jeff "I dropped my kayak" and friendships starting to form.

Our Yak Chat was soon created by Sue, and what a publication it was and still is, you must all agree.

Issue 2 was when our Sherriff Tin Star started his regular column and marked the last time I have been out fishing with him as I was the second offender after Jeff, but now I'm just one of many offenders on record. Steve's column is a highlight of the newsletter and a huge source of entertainment.

November had the club fishing off Mission Bay some of us were fishing for snapper and other members were busy losing their anchor only to have it fished up by another club member! Bruce Duncan and Marco of Buff hats were our guest speakers, providing an entertaining and informative night.

Browns Island was our venue for December with approximately 20 kayaks on the water and a chance meeting up with the very friendly Auckland Canoe Club in full swing singing Christmas carols. Fishing between the cardinal markers proved very successful to the extent that once the trip concluded many members decided to continue fishing in the area just one last time.

February a friendly fish off between Hibiscus kayak fishing club and our own

was held at Omana Beach in Maraetai. Another joint trip to Waiheke Island was held in March with a total of 16 joining in on the fun. Rocky Bay camp ground was our base for the weekend. Fishing was hard and the weather was not completely on our side but that didn't stop us having fun around the barbeque and the Hibiscus team sharing Drambuie to prepare for an early morning fish. The Drambuie had a side effect that caused an angler to sleep though an alarm at 4.30am or stopping one from setting it in the first place!

Malcolm Dawson of Pure Fishing New Zealand and Rob Fort on behalf of Go Kayak Ltd both did a presentation of Berkley Softbait Fishing. Many tips and valuable advice was given to members on the successful technique of softbait fishing.

Birkenhead wharf was the launching site for the April trip with 9 members being lead to John Read's x spots and our club meeting guest was Phil Appleyard of The Big Fish Bait and Tackle. Phil was very informative and gave members many local areas to try fishing. Phil also donated a pair of much needed digital

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Presidents Report continued

scales and my fathers 50 year old scales were retired as a family heirloom.

Our second away trip was organised and held at Papa Aroha on the Coromandel Peninsula. Another Softbait night was held with Rob Fort with the addition of Peter of Papa Aroha Camp Ground. 25 kayaks launched from Te Kouma to fish the mussel farms. An enjoyable weekend was had and it was pleasing to see many club members attend the trip at the start of the cooler months. It was also nice for the club to give back to members by supplying food over the weekend and contributing towards accommodation costs. A trip was lead to Port Charles but due to inclement weather we could not venture further than the car park.

Junes trip was scheduled for Orere Point but due to the weather it was rescheduled and relocated to Kawakawa. And July's was to be held at Omana Beach in Beachlands.

The club travelled to many different locations and some club members have met outside of the club to fish

together and that's great to see. Army Bay on the Whangaporoa Peninsula being amongst them.

There are still many more locations that the club could not get to and I would like to see trips planned to places such as Whatuwhiwhi on the Cape Kari Kari Peninsula. This area holds some very XOS snapper and would challenge the clubs record for sure.

There are a few things that I hoped to achieve in the first year, but due to my move the Coromandel I have been unable to give 100 percent to the club. However this leaves a few things for the new committee to take on board should they wish to. I had hoped to organise a bulk purchase of VHF radios and set up a day skippers and VHF radio course for club members.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Sue Denby, our Secretary, Rod Addis our Treasurer, Ron Van Dam our resident sign writer and trophy maker, Steve Branch aka Sherriff Tin Star and John Read, our north shore trip co-ordinator. The committee have worked very hard spending many hours every

month on club matters, without these people the club would not have got off the ground and they do it for the benefit of all of us, as members. For those who wish to continue on, on the committee I know you will continue to work hard to move the club forward. And for those who are standing down I wish to express sincere thanks for everything you have done.

I wish the new committee all the best and look forward to watching the club continue to grow.

Thank you

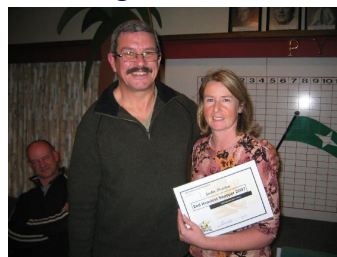
Jackie Dainton.



AGM Prizewinners Gallery



Rob Fort
Heaviest Snapper



Jackie Dainton
2nd Heaviest Snapper



Brad Garfield
3rd Heaviest Snapper



Brad Garfield
Heaviest Trevally



Alex Anderson
Heaviest Kahawai



Lama Tone - Presidents
Award Most Improved



Clive Swasbrook
Kaotic Kayaker Crown



Sandra Collins
Best Hard Luck Story

From the Chair...

At our club night in September, Tiny and Graham from Top Catch came and talked on softbait fishing, rods and reel maintenance. They also announced that they have a Loyalty Card that fishing clubs can use at their shops. For every \$20 you spend at any Topcatch shop you will receive a stamp. After receiving 10 stamps you will receive a rebate of \$20.00. For each card that is filled in and retained at the Topcatch shop, a \$10 credit will be

given to the club to spend in store.

Our membership renewal year rolled over on 1st August. If you haven't yet renewed your membership someone from the committee will be contacting you to see if you will be continuing your membership. A reminder that if you pay by internet banking, please let me know via email.

Check out our schedule of events on the next page. We are planning trips away early

in the new year. Book the time in now with the "boss" to get the weekends away. As we are informed of or discover other kayak fishing competitions in the new year we will add them to the schedule of events. The Zane Grey tournament should be happening again as will the Taranaki Club competition. It's a great opportunity to meet other kayak fisher people and try out other locations in search of the elusive 'big one'.

Having a VHF radio on board is a lifesaver, Sean has spent a lot of time researching what types of VHF's are best for kayak fishing and has negotiated a great deal for club members to purchase. I encourage you to take advantage of this deal.

Finally I want to wish Jackie all the best with her ventures in Coromandel. Check out her Kayak Adventure Tours while you are down that way. www.gokayak.co.nz.

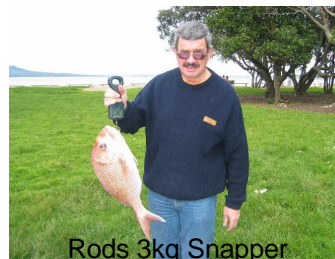
Ciao, Sue

Club Trip Reports - Castor Bay and Kawakawa Bay

Castor Bay on 19th August was our first trip since the last newsletter. The conditions were perfect, sea was a beautiful crystal calm and no wind. 10 anglers turned up and in all 19 fish were caught with bait winning the day for numbers (14) however the biggest fish of the day went to softbait caught by our Treasurer, Rod, 3.0kg.

Kawakawa Bay was a different story! There was no wind but plenty of rain! Everyone got soaked and not so many fish caught. 9 Anglers braved the conditions including one brand new member, Greg, who had never fished before and Clive's daughter (not a very good introduction to kayak fishing with all the rain!) 8 fish were caught that

day with 2 on bait and the rest on softbait. David won the heaviest with a snapper at 1.96kg.



Rods 3kg Snapper



Ron at Castor Bay

VHF Radio Special

After thorough investigation on the best handheld VHF radios available that are suitable for kayak fishing, we have managed to secure a very special deal on the **Uniden Voyager VHF** radio to club members.

This handheld unit is ideal in any conditions and it meets the waterproofing standard JIS7. The Voyager has triple watch plus, which monitors channels 16 and 9, as well as any other user selected channel. You are able to switch between 1 watt output, to conserve the life of the battery, and

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- 3 year water protection warranty



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Schedule of Events

October 2007

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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November 2007

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December 2007

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October

28th Club Trip to Tapapakanga. 8.00am onwards. From Auckland CBD, take the Southern Motorway to Papakura off ramp. Head towards Clevedon Village, and through Kawakawa Bay and past Orere Point. The park is signposted from there.

November

7th Club night PYBC. 6.30pm.
Topic: Fixing Kayaks.

12th Committee Meeting

17th Club Trip to Browns Island - evening fish. Meet at end of Bucklands Beach at 3.00pm. Return approximately 8.00pm. BRING A LIGHT.

December

5th Club night PYBC. 6.30pm.
Topic: Paddling Techniques

10th Committee Meeting

22nd Club Trip to Sunkist Bay, Beachlands - evening fish. (Longest Day) Meet at the boat ramp at 5.00pm. Return after sunset. BRING A LIGHT.

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January

No Club night in January. Remember to use Text Tree if you are going out fishing. Doesn't just have to be in Auckland! Members may be in your holiday vicinity that you can hook up with.

27th Club Trip to Army Bay. More details closer to time.

February

Club Night TBA

22-24 Club Trip to Cape Karikari Area, Northland. More details closer to time.

29 Feb-1st March

Ruakaka Beach & Boat Competition. Special Kayak Section. www.beachandboat.co.nz

April

Sometime in April we plan to travel to Coromandel Peninsula for a weekend away.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

NAME: _____

Additional Members (Family Membership)

If more than four additional members write on back.

_____	Spouse/Partner	
_____	Child	Age
_____	Child	Age
_____	Child	Age

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER: _____

MOBILE PHONE NUMBER: _____ WORK PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Can we circulate your email address for purposes of arranging fishing outings Yes/No (Please circle)

KAYAK (Circle to indicate) Sit on Top/ Sit In "Sea Kayak"/Do not have kayak yet

KAYAK EXPERIENCE None/1-2 Years/More than 3 years/Extensive

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 organising events for the club?
 Please circle if you can help: Administration/Organising Events/Other areas (Please specify)

MEMBERSHIP FEE PAYMENT OPTIONS:
 Cheque: Payable to **East Auckland Kayak Fishing Club**, PO Box 33, Beachlands
 Bank Deposit: to National Bank **06 0293 0087794 000**. Please put your name as reference.
 Cash can be paid on club nights to Treasurer.

Office Use Only

DATE PAID ___/___/___ Cash/Cheque/Bank Deposit

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: CARD SENT ___/___/___ Member List

MEMBERSHIP TYPE: Individual \$35.00 p.a. Family \$60.00 p.a. Email Distribution List



Sheriffs Not Wanting File

“Don’t take your guns to town, boy” crooned the late great Johny Cash as a warning to young trigger happy youths. I know that the great J always packed a ‘piece’ but it really improves the odds if you have the only gun around so it is a really good song.

As of late there has been little of note so I attach a little note regarding the one big thing that happened.

Crime Report

Crime Scene 1. AGM.

I have the happy duty to report to you all on our AGM. Without frivolous extrapolation I can give you the down and dirty on what transpired...It was a dark and gloomy night and the wind whispered through the trees. The light from a solitary candle flickered eerily as the frightened faces of the damned drew closer trying to gain a small measure of warmth from the pitiful flame...(I am trying to set the mood here, okay!)...And so, in order of importance...

1. Attendance. Thanks to the diligence of the committee there was a full turn out of all club members bar one dilatory debutante. That’s right folks, everyone was there but YOU.... And if you had have been big enough to leave that damned TV for just one night then I wouldn’t have to make this written report...so please take a guilt trip right now.
2. Legal. Most importantly you will be most happy and relieved to know your Sheriff was re-elected unopposed. Thank you..thank you...thank you. The power of a few plain brown envelopes and free taxi chits (just like real elections) makes the desired outcome a certainty.
3. Office bearer. President. You will be shocked and surprised to learn that our beloved and esteemed ‘Dear Leader’ and ‘President for Life’ had neglected her constituency and in a surprise ambush at the palace Jackie was voted OUT!!! The palace coup was headed by a ‘no name’ who now goes by the title of ‘MADAM CHAIRPERSON’. That is so left wing and revolutionary but at least no blood was shed. Just a few toys got biffed out of the cot (by the new Chairperson who is struggling to come to terms with her new found fame) and lots of tears from the departing Jackie (mostly of joy, but I digress). So watch this space...I suspect a coronation and inauguration announcement soon with invitations to one and all (Dress Code. Gentlemen...Black Tie and Medals. Ladies...Gloves and Tiaras. The rest of us can wear clothes)
4. Office Bearer. Treasurer. Rod who calls himself ‘treasurer’ acted like a Finance Company salesman. Mumbled some words, flung some figures around, put on a brave face and left the meeting early. The crowd bayed for his blood, but as no one knew what a ‘bay’ was he was let go intact (but I still hold his passport as security).
5. Office Bearer. Secretary. ‘Secretary’ is defined as ‘a position of authority and hard work’ NOT ‘a young attractive companion’. One attendee who was blissfully dozing off heard the word ‘secretary’ and becoming instantly awake jumped up and shouted “I want, I want”. Days later the realisation is still sinking in that he has been elected to a position of servitude to us all. By a clear majority of 1 For, 0 Against, 72 Abstain (so he can only blame himself).
6. Common Committee Members. Panic was starting to set in at our AGM as people started to realise that the chance to serve the club were diminishing and so we had the spectacle of one and all demanding to join the committee. Only by raising the bar to the highest level and with some stern discipline did we keep the numbers down to manageable levels of the extremely talented. (Do not worry, you can get another chance next year)
7. New Business. Snivelling. Snivelling is not pretty. Toughen up. You know who you are. Yes my durable deputies, there was snotty sniffing and snivelling. So many people with pathetic looks on their upturned faces tugged at my shirt sleeve. With red rimmed eyes and a little drop of moisture on the tip of their nose, “why?” the wheedled. “Why haven’t you written a crime story about me?” and “didn’t you know that I did this really dopey thing, why didn’t I get a mention?” I was touched by the pathos of the grimy wretches wanting to fit into the mainstream of the club that I promise, you will all get a mention. Maybe.
8. Club Awards. Sheriff did not get one so sheriff doesn’t care about awards any more.

Political Initiatives

An update. You will recall I have sent a sack of pipi's to Welling Town to smooth over our Polly-teflons at Parley Lament and protect our carbon credit Kayaks.

I can report the following.

The pipi's did the trick and went down a treat. Unluckily, when the pipis passed through Parley Laments security the x ray machine half cooked them. Evidently the machine was a botched up import that had a second hand magnetron from an old microwave installed in its guts as its detector and as the pipi's passed through the machine they became half open and very dead and a little warm. And then they sat in the sun until recess.

Nevertheless and without hesitation once our polly's saw a free lunch they got straight in scooped the lot straight down. Then, as you correctly guessed, the pipis came back up again in a colourful fashion, along with a malodorous aroma that burned the hairs of the nostrils.

Strangely enough there was no outcry or even surprise. Evidently it is not uncommon for vile and objectionable things to blurt out of pollys mouths. Yes folks its true. Even now if you tune in and listen to Parley Lament you will here some downright garbage being regurgitated by our dearly elected. And both you and I now know, it's the pipis at work. Still.

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

Sheriff Tin Star



Text Tree

Now that Spring is here and the nights are getting longer there will be more opportunities to go out fishing after work during the week. Several of our members have been fishing in the evening since daylight saving started and they have said they would like to be able to let the whole club know - the more the merrier!

So we have decided to start a "text tree" as the quickest way to get in touch with everyone as not everyone checks their emails daily.

Each committee member will have a list of eight people (or so) that they will send texts to. They will keep them informed of upcoming events e.g. reminders of club nights, fishing trips and impromptu fishing outings.

Here's how it works...

You decide to go for a fish (could be after work or at the weekend).

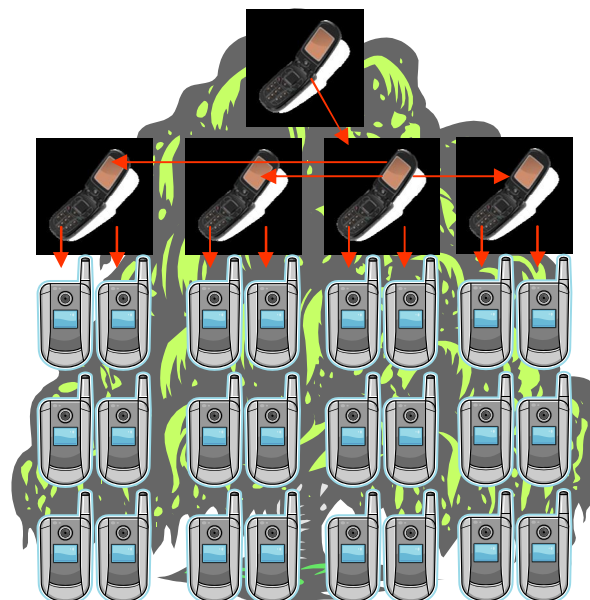
You text the details to one of the committee members.

They in turn let all the other committee members know about your intention to go for a fish.

Each committee member will then send that information out to their allotted members.

You may also get your text back - but that's good as you know it has been sent out to all the other members!

The mobile numbers of all the Committee members are on the front page of the newsletter (barring our Sheriff but that's another story) so get texting!



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Recipe Corner



Poisson Cru - Raw Fish Recipe

Tahitian Marinated Fish

Ingredients (for six people)

500 grams fresh tuna
2 tomatoes
2 green limes
1 onion
coconut cream
parsley
green onions or chives
salt, pepper

Cut the fish into small cubes and soak in salted water for 5 minutes
In a salad bowl, mix the sliced tomatoes, the finely sliced onion, the snipped green onion and the chopped parsley.

Add the lime juice, salt and pepper, and let it soak for a few minutes. Fold in the drained fish cubes.

Mix all the ingredients together well.

Just before serving, add the coconut milk (once the coconut cream has been added, do not put the poisson cru into the refrigerator).

