



# Our Yak Chat

## Trip Report - Whatuwhiwhi

It was a long drive and maybe that did put some people off but for the ones that did venture up to the wild northern shores it was worth the effort! What a beautiful location. The weather was perfect, the water like glass. All the way up Alex was saying "I'm gonna get a big one Sue, I've got a good feeling about this" The power of positive thinking really does work. He caught the Clubs 1st 10lb plus Snapper. Weighing in at 4.64kg which is 10lb 3oz Alex now tops the table for the biggest snapper. A much better effort than last years Kawhai crown!

The first evening we went out the water was like glass. Alex was out fishing before I even got my kayak in the water! He was into fish straight away! Very promising start to the weekend. Fish for dinner that night! On the Saturday the water was flat in the morning but picked up in the afternoon. The bay was very sheltered though and plenty of boats around fishing. In the afternoon we had to dodge yachts using the island as a marker in a race! Saturday evening the water was back to glass again so not a moment to miss we all traipsed out again. Alex was hauling them in again one after the other! Needless to say we had fish for dinner again. John did really well considering it was his first time fishing off the kayak. I am reconsidering my fishing technique and that's all I'm going to say about that!

Sue

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**4.64KG a new Club record**



**Johns Saturday Effort**

## Breaking News....

Away trip to **Papa Aroha** planned for **23-25 May**. Get in early to secure accommodation. We travelled there last year and had a great time. Plenty of spots to fish - chance to beat current heaviest snapper record. Details on Page 3.

## Club Night.

The "First Drink on Us" initiative seems to have drawn a few more along to club nights. I would like to welcome all the new members to the club and encourage them to come along to planned trips. Jackie bought along some of her surplus supplies for a "fire sale" and managed to get rid of quite a bit of stock. She also did a talk on safety in the kayak which was quite useful for new members. Next club night will be Wednesday 7th May, same time, same channel!

**Got any photos you want to share with the club members - send to [sue@benoit.co.nz](mailto:sue@benoit.co.nz) with a small story and we will include in the next newsletter**

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## Trip Report - Eastern Beach - 16 March

The drought is over! Jeff got 8 yes you heard it right 8 Snappers off Eastern Beach from his Kayak. Congratulations!

There were 14 members out fishing from 7am with a few already on the water before that. It was good to see new members turning up for a fish. We were split between the Northern and Southern end of the beach and a few drifting from one end to the other (it didn't help with catching the fish!). During the morning a few small fish were caught, but not a lot of action. Some members caught the odd one or two take home size, but many just enjoyed being on the water. As it was a nice calm morning members stopped near each other for a chat and ideas which was good. Jeff was fishing not far from shore on his own while we were a lot further out.

Colin



Shots taken at Eastern Beach by our resident Photographer. Thanks Colin these are great!

## Kayaking Tales....

I got a flat battery Sunday morning so couldn't make Eastern Beach. In the afternoon I went off the boat ramp. There were a few jet skis, one pulling a doughnut with 2 people on, the jet ski had a passenger as well. Usual stuff, falling off having a laugh, getting on again. All went quite for about 10 minutes, I thought they'd packed up for the day.

When I looked up I could see all 4 of them in the water a few 100 metres away, holding onto the jet ski and doughnut. One of them climbed on to the jet ski and started waving. As there was no one else about, I paddled over. They'd wrapped the tow line around the prop! I lent them my knife and one of them hacked away at the rope, but it still wouldn't start. So I had to tow them all to shore! Luckily the wind had dropped by then. It was quite a sight. Kayak, jet ski, doughnut and 4 people kicking their legs. Once their feet touched the bottom they were keen to push themselves ashore. Might have been too much for their pride to be towed all the way by a kayak!

I didn't catch any fish either.

Greg

## New Stuff....

Check out Hibiscus Fishing Club's new Website:

<http://home.clear.net.nz/pages/hibiscuskayakfishing>.

Colin has uploaded photos onto this site from the Eastern Beach trip.

<http://picasaweb.google.com/photocol63>

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## Annual Fishing Trip

The Club's **Annual Away Fishing Comp** is coming up on **23-25 May**. We will be holding it again at **Papa Aroha** just north of Coromandel Town.

Agenda for the weekend:

**Friday:** Fishing for those able to arrive during the day. Weigh in 6.00 pm.

**Friday Evening:** meet in the kitchen for a get together and general strategy talk.

**Saturday:** Fishing All Day - location is weather dependent. Weigh in 6.00pm.

**Sunday:** Early morning fish for those still keen. Weigh in at 12.00 noon.

### Daily Prizes plus Overall Heaviest species prizes

Breakfast will be provided by the Club on Saturday and Sunday mornings

**Remember all fish weighed for the weekend go towards the tally for the end of year prizegiving. The records for the year to beat:**

**Snapper 4.64kg (10lb 3oz)**

**Gurnard 0.44kg**

**Kawhai 1.18kg**

**Trevelly - none caught yet!**

**All VERY ACHIEVABLE in this location!**

Book yourself into the cabins/camp ground - the club will subsidise your accommodation - \$20.00 per club member. Check out their website on [www.papaaroha.co.nz](http://www.papaaroha.co.nz) for accommodation and contact details.

Last year's trip proved very successful. Let's make this year's one even better.

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## Text Tree

There have been quite a few new members joining the club recently and I wanted to reiterate how the Text Tree works. If you decide you want to go fishing (not on a club trip) and want company, send a text to one of the committee members with the words "Text Tree" at the beginning. That way they know you want to invite all the club. An example of the text you would send:

"Text Tree: Sam here I'm going fishing at Eastern Beach on Sat morning. Meet at 7am at boat ramp."

The committee member will then forward the text to the rest of the committee who in turn will forward the text to people on their list. You should get the text back - that way you know everyone has it.

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## Monthly Club Trips

Again for the new members, Colin is our resident Trip Co-Ordinator and he will send out a trip plan for up coming trips. We always put them in the newsletter so you can put the dates in your diary however Colin sends out detailed information on where to meet, the tides, when weigh in is etc usually about a week before the trip. It is really important to let him know if you intend to come along. If no one lets him know then he will call off the trip. A committee member must be there to record the weights of fish and also if the weather is bad Colin needs to be able to contact those attending to say the trip is off or to advise that the fishing will be at a different location.

Watch out for emails from Colin in the future.

## Upcoming Events

Put these dates in your diaries....

1st Wednesday of every month	Club Night. Panmure Yacht Club. 6.30pm
11 May	Club trip, Army Bay
23-25 May	Annual Club Fishing Competition at Papa Aroha
22 June	Waite Bay (Kawakawa)
7th August	A.G.M. Panmure Yacht Club 6.30pm

## From the Chair....

My kayak has been in hospital since the trip to Whatuwhiwi so I have not been able to go out fishing since then. It shall be fixed before the trip to Papa Aroha so am looking forward to getting back out there and hopefully catching some nice fish! I've booked my cabin at Papa Aroha and the boss has been given notice that I'm off for the weekend!

Only three people came on the trip to Whatuwhiwi, it was quite a disappointing turn out and it leads me to ask the question as club members do you want trips away or are you happy with trips locally. We as a committee try to organise events that the club members will attend but lately turn-outs at club fishing trips haven't been that good - we get more people coming to club night! It's your club and we want you to have a say. I would appreciate a quick email from members with a bit of feedback so we can give you what you want.

Suggestions on feedback:

Places you would like to fish or spots you know of that are good so we can include them in the fishing calendar.

Originally we had prizes at each club trip, is that something we could reintroduce?

What would entice you to come along to a fishing trip? Sausages and tea/coffee?

Beans shortbread? (A memorable trip Trev)

I look forward to receiving 66 emails with suggestions! Sue.

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