

WCMC UPCOMING EVENTS

Ray Baker Series 2018

It's a WCMC tradition to start the New Year with this series of races that are fun for all; from beginners to experienced paddlers.

The Ray Bakers series consists of six handicapped races on Wednesdays at 6pm.

The first race is 3km, with increases of 1km each consecutive Wednesday until the sixth and final race which is 8km, and followed by prize giving and BBQ.

Start times: Wednesdays 6pm

Race Dates: 1st 17 Jan 3km
2nd 24 Jan 4km
3rd 31 Jan 5km
4th 7 Feb 6km
5th 14 Feb 7km
6th 21 Feb 8km

Entry Fees: \$20 for entire series
\$5 per race

To help us calculate your handicap at the first race, please bring your actual or estimated 6km time. (6km is from club to motorway bridge and back) If you don't have a time, come along anyhow and we'll allocate you a handicap for your first race to get you started. All welcome.



John Nowack, 2017 Ray Baker series winner / photo ERIKA CURRIE

High Tides

Wed 20 Dec	22.03/3.0m
Sat 23 Dec	11.45/3.1m
Wed 27 Dec	14.44/3.0m
Sat 30 Dec	05.10/3.0m
Wed 3 Jan	21.28/3.5m
Sat 6 Jan	11.39/3.6m
Wed 10 Jan	15.08/3.1m
Sat 13 Jan	05.38/2.9m
Wed 17 Jan	20.59/2.9m
Sat 20 Jan	04.44/3.0m
Wed 24 Jan	13.25/3.1m
Sat 27 Jan	03.38/3.0m
Wed 31 Jan	20.15/3.4m
Sat 3 Feb	10.28/3.6m
Wed 7 Feb	13.43/3.2m
Sat 9 Feb	03.09/2.9m
Wed 14 Feb	19.47/2.9m

Around Herald Island Race

Keeping with tradition, this race will again be held on Auckland Anniversary Day, 29 January 2018.

On offer is the standard course of about 16km, which is from club to Herald Island, maybe a portage*, and return to club. There will also be a shorter course of around 8km, starting from club but course to be decided on the day.

Briefing: 8.30am Start: 9.00am **BBQ after!**

Entry: \$20 full course; \$10 short course

*Tide dependent

NZ Marathon Champs 7th and 8th April 2018

We are hosting this event so keep this date free and start training now.

Likely start times: Saturday: Registration 10.30am; Briefing 11.00am; Estimated race start 11.30am
Sunday: Briefing 11.45am; Estimated Race start 12.15pm

OTHER MAJOR EVENT COMING UP

[NZ Masters Games, Dunedin, 3 – 11 February 2018](#)

- Offering 63 different events, including kayaking (200m and 10km)
- There are opening and closing ceremonies, medals are awarded and with a full entertainment schedule having fun is just as important as the sport.
- Competitors do not need to be an elite athlete to compete and do not need to qualify. Anyone can register for the Games – whether to win, to beat their personal best or to just have fun.
- To register or for more information go to <http://www.nzmg.com>

[Adventure1 Series](#)

A series of races that started last year (apologies – this editor was not aware of them earlier but there are two more in early 2018) Adventure1 Series info: <http://adventure1.co.nz>

Race 4: Osprey Packs ARC (Coromandel) – 10 February 2018

<http://www.arcevents.co.nz/arc-adventure/>

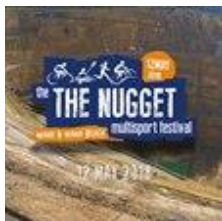
Race 5: Absolute Wilderness Adventure Race (Reefton) - 17/18th February 2018

<https://www.absolutewilderness.co.nz/>

[The Nugget Multisport Festival Waihi, 12 May 2018](#)

Entries are now open for this popular event. All info on their website: <http://thenugget.co.nz/>

Also click on the square below to view a video.



[Request for support kayakers for charity fundraising swim](#)

We've had a request from the organisers of the "Chopper Swim Challenge" for kayakers to accompany swimmers in the 20km swim from Waiheke to Judges Bay, Parnell. The swim is a fundraiser for Auckland Westpac Rescue Helicopter and is organised by volunteers. Date is Monday (yes Monday – I checked) 26 March 2018. If you'd like to help them please check here: <http://www.chopperswim.nz>

[Of interest?](#) <http://gulffjournal.org.nz/> offers all kinds of news and updates about the Hauraki Gulf and its delightful islands. You can also subscribe to the journal via the above link.

AT THE RACES

CLUB to PUB CHRISTMAS PADDLE, 10 DECEMBER

It was a lovely day for a paddle, and the festive atmosphere at the Riverhead was most jovial and enjoyable.

Times and placing for the full course paddlers:

1 st	Phil / Lance, Double Surf Ski	1:10:39	7 th	Peter Lipbsombe, Surf Ski	1:25:59
2 nd	Sean Murphy, Surf Ski	1:12:40	8 th	Ken Livingston, Multisport	1:27:50
3 rd	Vaughan Reed, Surf Ski	1:14:28	9 th	Richard Campbell, Multisport	1:30:00
4 th	Andrew/Nicolai, Double Surf Ski	1:15:52	10 th	Julio Mau Asam, Multisport	1:35:18
5 th	Paul Gillard, Surf Ski	1:17:48	11 th	Murphy Niuapu, Multisport	1:35:18
6 th	Vlad Moldovan, Surf Ski	1:18:52	12 th	Barry ??? Sea Kayak	1:42:45

Terry Newsome, Steve Reece and Erika took up the short course recreational option and paddled from Riverhead downstream to meet the paddlers coming from the club, and then turned around and paddled back up with them - an estimated 8km of fun.

WAIKATO 100, 25 November 2017

100km:

1 st & overall winner	Sean Murphy	6.59.10.0
2 nd	Paul Gillard	7.08.18

50km:

3 rd	Murphy Niuapu	4.17.39.0
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Congratulations to Sean, Paul and Murphy – very well done!!!

CRNZ Annual Sports & Recognition Awards presentation, Rotorua 2 Dec 2017



Andrew Mowlem was presented with the Marathon Athlete of the Year award. He is photographed here with other winners that attend the dinner -not all did.

Photo Erika Currie (apologies for lack of image quality)

EVENTS CALENDAR

15 January 2018	Mission Kayaking Rangitikei River Race, Mangaweka
3-11 Feb 2018	NZ Masters Games, Dunedin (kayaking included)
10 Feb 2018	Osprey Packs ARC, Coromandel, Race 4 of A1 NZ Series http://www.arcevents.co.nz/arc-adventure/
17-18 Feb 2018	Absolute Wilderness Adventure Race, Reefton, Race 5 of A1 NZ Series https://www.absolutewilderness.co.nz/
23-25 Feb 2018	NZCT Canoe Sprint Champs, Karapiro
2-4 March 2018	KASK Kayak Fest, Mana, Wellington http://www.kask.org.nz/
7-8 April 2018	NZ Marathon Championships – hosted by WCMC
12 May	The Nugget Multisport Festival, Waihi

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members: Neil Wackenier, Kevin Dallas and Harry Ormiston.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Wishing all members and your families a safe, happy and sun-filled Festive Season. May your 2018 be all you hope for.

CLUB KAYAK TRAINING

6.00pm Wednesday evenings – Club Night usually 6km race. Ray Baker handicap series starting 17 Jan.

8:00am Saturday – join a small though keen group for a good and varied workout

Don't forget to check Facebook for changes, additions and short-notice training changes.

2017/18 MEMBERSHIP & RACK FEES

Individual Membership	\$150
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Family:	\$200
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Junior (under 18 at 1 June)	\$80
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Rack Fee (kayak storage)	\$150
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Please see website for Membership form and Bank Account details www.wcmc.org.nz/membership

If your kayak is stored at the club and you have not paid, it may be removed as boat storage spaces are in high demand. Not paying club fees but using club facilities and storage spaces is unfair to those who are paying in a timely fashion!

RULES FOR USE AND HIREAGE OF CLUB BOATS

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- Use from the Club (on Henderson Creek) is free.
 - Please treat club kayaks and gear as you would treat your own.
 - Please return all club kayaks to their corresponding racks
 - Please do not sit in kayaks when making adjustments while they're on cradles - it will damage them
 - Kayaks and surf skis with under-boat rudders require extra care – no sitting in them while on grass, ramp, gravel or running them up on mud or sandbank. Use pontoon for getting in and out of.
 - Daily Hire away from the Club is \$50, with the inclusion of buoyancy aid, paddle and spray deck.
 - Fibreglass boats must NOT be taken on rocky rivers.
 - Club boat that have an under-boat rudder must NOT be used on Grade 1 or Grade 2 rivers
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Club Hire Rules

- You must fill out the online form or contact the Club President – Vaughan Reed 021 612 753
- Pay for the hire before you take the boat and accessories.
- Return all gear promptly after use.
- Report any damage so that it can be fixed and the boat returned for others to use

TO HELP YOU SELECT AN APPROPRIATE KAYAK, PLEASE REFER TO THE CLUB BOAT CHART ON THE CLUB GEAR WALL

CLUB EXECUTIVES 2017/2018

President	Vaughan Reed	021 612 753
Vice President	John Nowak	
Treasurer	Sean Murphy	
Club Captain	Richard Couchman/Phillip Exter – job sharing	
Secretary/Admin	Erika Currie	027 4345946
Multisport - SHC	Alex Huffadine	
Multisport – other	Shelby Hyslop	
RIB Manager	Terry Newsome	021 0748485
Email	club@wcmc.org.nz	

New Members: please contact any of the Executive for general information or assistance on club matters.

SUBMARINES

We know about Julio having had a swim or two, but who else?



Please report any unscheduled/unintentional swims to the club administrator: erika.currie@xtra.co.nz