

2017/18 MEMBERSHIP & RACK FEES ARE DUE NOW

The keypad code is about to change

Thank you to everyone who has paid the 2017/18 fees – you will receive the new code when it's changed.

If you have not renewed yet, please do it now or you will not have access to the club facilities or your kayak if it's stored at the club. Kayak storage spaces are in high demand and boats in unpaid spaces may be moved.

You can renew your membership and rack fee online: www.wcmc.org.nz/membership



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SOUTH HEAD CHALLENGE
01 OCTOBER 2017

ENTER ONLINE
www.wcmc.org.nz

KAYAK RUN MTB
SHORT COURSE
5KM KAYAK / SUP
15KM MTB
5KM RUN

Entries are now open: <http://www.wcmc.org.nz/south-head-challenge>

The South Head Multisport Event is the club's main event. The paddle is on scenic Lake Ototoa, situated off Donohue Road at South Head on the southern tip of the Kaipara Harbour. The runs and mountain bike courses traverse surrounding private forestry land.

With options of a short or long course for individuals or teams, this is a great event for both beginners and experienced multisport athletes. There is even a category for SUPs if kayaking is not your thing!

Short Course: 5km paddle/sup; 15km MTB; 5km Run

Long Course: 11km paddle/sup; 16km MTB; 10km Run

VOLUNTEERS: We will again be needing volunteers to help with this event. If you, or someone you know can help, please let our South Head Challenge co-ordinator, Alex Huffadine know by emailing her at huffadine@gmail.com



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SOUTH HEAD CHALLENGE
01 OCTOBER 2017

KAYAK RUN MTB
LONG COURSE
11KM KAYAK / SUP
26KM MTB
10KM RUN

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CLUB TO PUB MID WINTER CHRISTMAS PADDLE

Sunday 30 July dawned in cold but glorious splendour with not a cloud in a blue sky, an ideal tide, mirror-like water and that most welcome sunshine after all the rain. You couldn't have asked for a better day for a paddle to The Riverhead where Sean had reserved a table just for us. Despite delaying start time a little, only four paddlers turned up – Sean, Ken, Herve and Julio; and Simon who started at the same but did a shorter paddle. Terry went to Riverhead and paddled down to meet the four and then accompanied them to the finish at the boat ramp. Where was everybody else?

At the AGM, members expressed a desire for a more social aspect to the club, so it was disappointing to see such a small turnout. However, the paddlers and supporters that gathered at The Riverhead for the lunch has a pleasant time enjoying good company, food and conversations - putting the world to rights.



Above: Start from the club – perfect weather, perfect tide

Left: L-R; Murphy, Sean, Ken, and Herve at finish.

Photos Erika Currie

CLAUDE'S STORY

Claude first started sailing at the age of 11, in an Optimist and P-Class at the Torbay Yacht Club. He was a natural athlete and did well, winning trophies from his very first race. Later, as an adult he went on to sail Lasers.

Claude was a huge fan of Formula One racing and chose to complete an Electronic Engineering degree at Massey University so that he could race Formula Fords with Richard Lester at Manfield. While at university, he was a member of the Massey rowing team and he got keenly involved in mountaineering, climbing all the North Island peaks and traversing the length of the Southern Alps.

After getting his mountaineering gear stolen, he decided to take up multi-sport. Claude had always been a keen cyclist but found he really enjoyed the paddling component. Claude's earliest multisport events included the Moehau Man and the Motu Challenge. Thereafter all his spare time was taken up with training and events, with particular emphasis on road cycling, mountain biking and orienteering.

In 2004 while training for the one day Coast to Coast he was diagnosed with autoimmune problems which severely curtailed his sporting activities. Nevertheless he continued as best he could, partaking in events all over NZ including The Lake Taupo Cycle Challenge, Contact Epic Challenge and Great Southern Brevet. He also completed the Crocodile Trophy in Australia and the Trans-Portugal Garmin.

Claude chose to live in West Auckland to be close to the Waitakere Ranges where he could go cycling and running and where he was close to many places to go paddling.

Although passionate about the outdoors, health and exercise, he tragically suffered a fatal heart attack in October 2016, aged 41.



NEW CLUB BOATS

Three “new” kayaks were recently added to the club fleet after they were repaired and/or refurbished. All three were donated in as-is condition but are as good as new now.

The boats are: Ruahine Exalibur Multisport, donated to the club by Claude’s family (see story in this newsletter) ; a JKK Eclipse Multisport, and a top end advanced Sharp 6.5. The Eclipse and Sharp were expertly repaired by Ding King.

In addition, three brand new kayaks are on order thanks to funding and top-up from club funds. They are expected to arrive towards end of September/early October – just in time for spring/summer!



The Exalibur
photo Erika Currie

New Members

A warm welcome to the following new members:

Moss Burmester & Carolyn Arthur; Won Lee; Philip McGrath; Lorelle O’Halloran; Tim Muhundan; and Herve Kadio re-joining us after a break.

2017/18 Committee

President	Vaughan Reed
Vice President	John Nowak
Club Captain	Richard Couchman/Phill Exeter – job sharing
Treasurer	Sean Murphy
Secretary/Admin	Erika Currie
RIB Manager	Terry Newsome
Multisport Co-ordinator SHC	Alex Huffadine
Multisport Co-ordinator other	Shelby Hyslop
General Committee	Simon McLarin, Andrew Mowlem, Katherine Reardon, Brenden Rolston, Vlad Moldovan, Murphy Niuapu, Paul Fitchett

EVENTS CALENDAR

12 Aug	Kayak Crazy 10km North Shore
13 Aug	Kayak Crazy 10km Otago
19 Aug	Kayak Crazy 10km Champs, Rotorua
25-27 Aug	Cormandel Classic, www.coromandelclassic.co.nz
2 Sept	Poor Knights Crossing, Tutukaka
17 Sept	Cambridge-Hamilton kayak, www.theboatshed.net.nz
1 Oct	South Head Challenge, WCMC
14 Oct	Motu Challenge, www.motuchallenge.co.nz
13-15 Oct	Torpedo7 Spring Challenge Women's Adventure Race Auckland
22 Oct	Whangamata 3, 6 and 24 hour Adventure Race
28 Oct	Canoe Showdown, Warkworth
4 Nov	The Taniwha, Whakamaru, www.thetaniwha.co.nz
5 Nov	Rodney Coast Challenge, www.rcc.org.nz
9 Dec	Rasdex Classic River Race, Canterbury, www.arawacanoeclub.org.nz/

HIGH TIDES

Wed 9 August	20.48
Sat 12 August	10.28
Wed 16 August	13.52
Sat 19 August	04.28
Wed 23 August	20.39
Sat 26 August	10.38
Wed 30 August	13.45
Sat 2 September	03.49
Wed 6 September	19.37
Sat 9 September	09.23
Wed 13 September	12.37
Sat 16 September	03.10
Wed 20 September	19.29
Sat 23 September	09.27

2017/2018 MEMBERSHIP SUBS

Individual Membership	\$150
Family:	\$200
Junior (under 18 at 1 June)	\$80
Rack Fee (kayak storage)	\$150

See our website for Membership form and Bank Account details www.wcmc.org.nz/membership

Please Note: All members, including Life Members, Committee Members and "Contra" please complete the online membership form for our record keeping purposes.

CLUB KAYAK TRAINING

It's fun, social and extremely beneficial to you. We would love to see you there!

6:00pm Wednesday - time trial/race

8:00am Saturday - with Richard Couchman (Couchie)

5.00pm Friday night of pain – with Shelby. **(Please check Facebook for changes/cancellations)**

BOOKING CLUB BOATS

- Use from the Club is free.
- 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.
- Any club boat that does not have a flip-up rudder on the stern (back) of the kayak must NOT be used on Grade 1 or Grade 2 rivers

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.

As this is not a commercial venture but a service to the club members, we request that you report any damage to the boat or accessory equipment to the President immediately upon return of hire.

- Neglecting to do this will affect your right to hire equipment in the future.
- If any damage to club gear occurs during the period of your hire you must pay for the repairs.

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

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

