

INDEX TO SEA CANOEIST NEWSLETTERS

Issue #1: Where we are at: An over-view of the activity of sea kayaking in New Zealand at the present time, a definition of the names 'canoe' and 'kayak' as applied to sea canoeing/kayaking. A look at the leading personalities involved in the sport. A look at the range of boats and equipment available.

Issue #2: Paddles: The theory of paddles and how they work, feathered vs unfeathered etc.

Issue #3: Report on a Fiordland trip by Eric & Betty Terzaghi, Chrissie Williams and Eric Van Toor. Dusky and Doubtful Sounds. Map included.

Issue #4: Paddles: More advanced theory of paddles and blade shapes.

Issue #5: Food dehydraters - make your own. An article by Dave Banks.

Issue #6: Banks Peninsula. Tom Arthur reporting trips on the Northern side of the peninsula; Lyttelton Harbour and Port Levy. Map included. A short note on narrow-blade paddles.

Issue #7: Reports on two trips - D'Urville Island and Fiordland - Maps included for both trips. Both trips were by Bevan Walker and Nora Flight in a folding kayak. Fiordland included a trip into Preservation Inlet, Dusky and Doubtful Sound.

Issue #8: Planning for the first Sea Kayak Forum, notes on the 'Southern Light' double kayak. Use of reflective tape on equipment.

Issue #9: Report on a trip, Dunedin to Kaikoura by Bevan Walker and Louis Hart. Press clipping of a sea kayak accident (non-fatal) in the Abel Tasman Park. Press clipping on the aborted trans-Tasman trip by Paul Caffyn and Bob McKerrow.

Issue #10: A round of news of interest to sea kayakers - report on the first Sea Kayak Forum, new equipment on the market, and the Resource Law Reform Bill. Press clipping on Geoff Boyson, a visitor from the UK who is still sea kayaking, aged 73.

Issue #11: Report on a trip in the Marlborough Sounds by Sandy Ferguson. Report on camping stoves.

Issue #12: News of the first part of Paul Caffyn's Alaskan trip. Attitude to rescues of sea kayakers and reports of two incidents involving Bob McKerrow on the Manawatu coast. Issue #13: Report on another Fiordland trip, this time by Erica Beuzenberg and Andre Gygax. Te Waewae Bay to Doubtful Sound.

Issue #14: Report on a trip on Northland's eastern coast by John Hotham. Press clipping on a fatal sea kayak accident in the Abel Tasman Park.

Issue #15: Reaction to the fatal accident in the Abel Tasman Park. Notes on group management on night trips. Press clipping on the Resource Law Reform Bill.

Issue #16: Trips in the Kapiti area by Bob McKerrow. Coastal guidebooks. Organisation for the second sea kayak forum.

Issue #17: Using a skeg.

Issue #18: Rudders on sea kayaks. Notes on Bob McKerrow's attempt to paddle around Northland which came to an end just after it started on the Manukau Bar. More on the Resource Law Reform Bill. Press clipping on Bevan Walker and Craig Hornblow's trip to Fiordland.

Issue #19: Report on the Sea Kayak Forum. Theory of wind and waves. Book review 'The Coastal Kayaker's Manual'.

Issue #20: More notes on skegs and rudders. Report by Mike Rowley on a trip by double and single kayaks in the Marlborough Sounds from Picton.

Issue #21: Notes from Paul Caffyn in Alaska. Report on a trip to D'Urville Island by Sandy Ferguson, including map.

Issue #22: How to see at night. Report from Bevan Walker; Westport to Mapua. More on the Resource Law Reform Bill.

Issue #23: A round-up of news of interest to sea kayakers - Notes from Paul Caffyn, Sea Kayak Symposium. Rescues of sea kayakers. Book review 'Qajaq'. Skills list for people running coastal kayak trips.

Issue #24: An overview of sea kayaking. Bulkheads and related problems. Contents of your survival, repair and first-aid kits.

Issue #25: Rudders and a report on an incident in Lyttelton Harbour involving towing a disabled kayak. Comments on paddling at night. Issue #26: More accidents involving sea kayakers. Hypothermia and sea kayaking - sudden immersion and long-term immersion hypothermia. Treatment of hypothermia. Graphs of body cooling.

Issue #27: Discussion on towing and tow-line arrangements. Arranging trips to Alaska. Report by Mike MacPhillips on an Abel Tasman trip. The Third Sea Kayak Forum.

Issue #28: Discussion on the American 'Sea Kayak' magazine. More notes on towing. 'Coastbusters' cancelled. Questions about which kayak to buy for a novice paddler.

Issue #29: Report from the Third Sea Kayak Forum. Reaction to discussion on the 'Sea Kayak' magazine. More discussion on towing, feathered paddles, American vs English style sea kayaks. The Minimalist approach to sea kayaking. Wooden sea kayaks - plans available.

Issue #30: Deepwater Rescues - part 1 - Kayak recovery.

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PUBLICATION TO CEASE

This publication began four years ago because a number of sea kayak paddlers felt that there was a need for a regular newsletter to keep paddlers in touch with who was doing what, where.

Although it would have been nice to have had a glossy magazine with colour photographs, such a publication would have needed considerable revenue from advertisers to cover costs. The Sea kayak industry simply is not large enough, nor buoyant enough, to sustain that sort of publication. The only way we can run a specialist magazine/newsletter for such a small group, is on a strictly reader-pays basis. If the newsletter is to be mailed out regularly, then mail costs become a considerable percentage of total costs. The editor/publisher has to devote most of his time and efforts unpaid. Subscriptions can only cover direct costs.

I have really enjoyed editing and producing the newsletter and I would have been prepared to have continued it indefinitely. However, a very active life in the outdoors has left me with Melanoma Cancer which has not been able to have been checked. At the present time I cannot guarrantee being able to complete another full year of newsletters and as almost all subscriptions run out with issue 32 or 34, it seems best to end the newsletter now. The subscriber mailing list will be retained in the hope that the newsletter may be able to be restarted by another editor (any takers?).

All the best for future paddle trips.

Graham Egarr Editor