

Presidents Blog - March 2021

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Paddling New Zealand Style!



Bay of Islands 2021 - Dennis Hynes

These past two months have certainly been eventful, whether it be earth tremors, tsunami warnings, yoyoing between lockdowns and the America's Cup. And to top it all some of us have been lucky enough to get out on the water and have fun whether it be with the Canterbury Sea Kayak Network at Okains Bay or Kayak Week 2021 in the Bay of Islands. It's great to see so many paddlers (149 all up) getting out on the water and learning new skills.

View and enjoy Dan Furkert's great video of Kayak Week - see https://vimeo.com/514452133?fbclid=IwAR3YQ7Inv9e14afrHDYhcTIdafg_QIqNE9lvJHP6oGDhdkj3ij_eB_vNYA

On a more sombre note, it was sad to hear of the passing of Gerry Maire, a true pioneer, who in the 1950s introduced wood and home-built fabric kayaks for river and flatwater racing. More importantly, he spearheaded a culture of bringing up your kids in clubs in a full and vibrant kayak culture through training and racing. You will be able to read recollections of Gerry in the next edition of the New Zealand Sea Kayaker Magazine



Bay of Islands 2021 - Paula Renouf

KASK Annual General Meeting - 2021

We only just managed to raise a quorum, so thank you to all of you who gave up your time and participated. The main developments were the election of Daniel O'Connor to bolster the Committee and the introduction of KASK Regional Ambassadors.

Daniel brings a wealth of training knowledge, enthusiasm and a youthful perspective to help continue the current momentum.

The establishment of regional ambassadors will allow KASK to help promote sea kayaking and enhance a two-way flow of information from and to the regions with the committee and allow support on a greater scale than occurs currently. Photographs and contact details of regional ambassadors will be displayed on the website, in the magazine and on the app.

Thank you for the nominations received for the Graham Egarr Awards with the deserved winners being endorsed at the meeting:

Paddle Award

Awarded to David Welch of Nelson, formerly a keen Canterbury Sea Kayak Network paddler, David moved to Nelson a few years back and has been running detailed, comprehensive training sessions during the week and weekends. His enthusiasm and love of the sport is regarded as one of the reasons for the large number of new people getting into kayaking and joining the Nelson Club.

Magazine Award

Awarded to Ruth Henderson, who continues to be a major contributor of both high-quality articles and photographs to the magazine, but also assists in 'proofing' prior to distribution.

Bugger Award

Awarded to Bill Watt for his naked encounter with a Sea Lion when it got between him, his clothes and his kayak. The encounter will be in the next edition of the NZ Sea Kayaker Magazine.

The minutes of AGM 2021 can be viewed on the KASK website by going to <https://kask.co.nz/kask-home/agm/>



**KASK Kayak Fest 2022 - at Hahei on the East Coromandel Coast
between Thu 10th to Sun 13th Feb**

It will be based at the Hahei Holiday Resort which has fantastic facilities and is located near the world-renowned Cathedral Cove, nearby Hot Water Beach with the sheltered waters of the Purangi Estuary nearby.

With less than a year to go - online registration for KASK members will be going live on Sunday 11th April 2021.

Please make a note of the dates, as it will be an event not to miss.

New Zealand Sea Kayaker Magazine

Edition 210 is planned for early April with submission cut-off for articles and photographs being Fri 25th March - the end of the week.

If you have any material, articles, reviews, humour and any stunning 'portrait' photographs that should be on the cover, please send to Jacquie@kask.co.nz

Bits and Pieces

Metservice Updates

A change to the coastal forecast was made earlier this month, to make it easier to understand the 'swell' when listening on the radio. Swell period information was introduced in the second half of last year and following on from feedback received they are making these changes.

In short, they will be using the following descriptors, in place of specific numbers:

Swell range (in seconds)	Descriptor used in forecasts
<12 seconds	Not mentioned in forecast
12- 15 Seconds	Long period
>15 seconds	Very long period

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If you have paddling friends who would like to join KASK as a member, please forward this link below to join online: <https://kask.co.nz/join/> or as an Affiliated Club, please click on the link below: <https://kask.co.nz/kask-home/clubs/>



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