

Presidents Blog - July 2021

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Hi Everyone,

I have always believed that apart from the cold, that winter conditions are the best to paddle in. But what I really enjoy is hearing about paddlers recent trips, excursions and planned trips for the up coming Summer!

This last year with overseas travel restrictions in place, we have seen an increase in the amount of multi-day trips to areas and places around the country that wouldn't have previously been considered.

Stony Bay, Coromandel: Courtesy of Ken Jackson



KASK Kayak Fest 2022

As they say 'you have to be into to win' and as a result there are now only a few registration places remaining (less than 10) which is all credit to the Organising Team. If by chance you end up being not able to register in time, I have been informed that there will be a waiting list in case of any last minute cancellations.



Stony Bay, Coromandel

International Kayakers Week (IKW) - 2022

Will be based at Stony Bay DOC, between Port Jackson and Port

Charles on the north-eastern coast of the Coromandel Peninsula, following the KASK Kayak Fest. It will be hosted by the [Te Henga Caving Club \(THCC\)](#). The plan is to enjoy the remote and beautiful location, and take advantage of the chance to explore and play along the coastline, caves and stony beaches. With the right swell there may be surf at Waikawau a short drive or half-day paddle to the south. Great Barrier is only 20 km away, so a circumnavigation or two-day return trip may be an option for those always looking to the horizon.

Details can be found at on the [KASK website](#) and for the latest and up to the minute info - please go to [International Kayakers Week \(IKW\) 2022 NZ facebook group](#)

Hydrofoil Surfboard Incidents

There have been a number of collision incidents reported to the Safer Boating Forum involving hydrofoil surfboards and swimmers, other board users and paddle craft. Even though the use of hydrofoil boards, their safety and practice along beach and coastal areas is covered by some regional maritime bylaws, Regional authorities and harbour masters have asked for incidents to be reported. If anyone knows of or has witnessed any such incidents, can you please contact me via [email](#)



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Good News - Safety and Action

Late last year, a group of paddlers from BASK who paddled the Waiautoa / Clarence river reported a significant hazard, a large piece of concrete with and reinforcing steel close to the SH1 road bridge that was a danger to paddlers. Ecan, the local authority was subsequently informed but no action was taken. KASK was informed and through its contacts within the Safer Boating Forum was able to get the hazard removed.

Safety and Conservation are the sort of things that KASK, as a national body, can go into battle for, for the betterment and safety of paddlers.

New Zealand Sea Kayaker Magazine

Edition 212 is planned for August with submission cut-off for articles and photographs being Sun 25th July. In this edition, Please show your support by contributing material, articles, reviews and humour. This is your magazine, so if you have any stunning 'portrait' photographs that should be on the cover, please send to Jacquie@kask.co.nz

Committee Update

The Safer Boating Forum, in addition to the monthly virtual meetings has been active with a workshop on 'funded projects - i.e Meet the Paddler and also one on the promotion of safety messages for the coming year. The result of our application for funding of Meet the Paddler programme is expected to be announced by the Safer Boating Forum before the end of July. Ian, Russell and I have participated in a Safer Boating Forum review of recreational boating literature, looking at boating competency and decision making with regards to safety on the water.

Daniel, even though recently relocating to Wellington reports that the Kayak Guidelines Working Group is making good steady progress. With the website 'Events Calendar' being very much a priority, Paula along with the regional reps, have been preparing information for its launch in the coming months. And finally, Fest 22 - congratulations to Allen and the Organising Team for the successful registration launch and I now look forward to enjoying the event.



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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/>



Enjoy Winter and Paddle Safely

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