

Presidents Blog - January 2022

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Stony Bay - Courtesy of Ken Jackson

Weather wise for most of us, it has been a dream start to the year and I hope that it continues for a while and that Omicron remains at the border until at least after the Kayak Fest next month.

Already 2022 has offered paddlers a variety of extreme conditions on which to hone their skills whether it be in surf, touring or rock gardening.

Sea Kayaker Magazine

With Kayak Fest 2022 nearly upon us, edition 215 of the magazine will be slightly delayed till early March so as to allow for inclusion of activities from the Fest and IKW. 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

Meet the Paddlers Roadshow

Congratulations and thank you to all of the organisers of the regional events so far this Summer. Attendance has been up on previous years and this has resulted in an increase of new paddlers getting involved with associations, networks, clubs and SKISL groups.

I hope that conditions hold and are perfect for Napier on Sat 22nd and for Wellington on Sat 29th of January.

Annual General Meeting

As mentioned in my previous e-newsletter, this year's AGM will be at Kayak Fest 2022 at Hahei on Sun 13th Feb. It will be held after breakfast and only last an hour, so as to allow paddlers to hit the water by 9am.

I encourage all members present to participate as this is your chance to have a say and be involved in the future and direction of KASK.

All of the AGM reports and committee candidate bios can now be seen on the website at <https://kask.co.nz/kask-home/agm/>

Call for motions:

If you have any motions for the AGM that you wish to raise, please contact me by **Friday 28th January** so that they can be included under 'general business' of the

agenda.



KASK Kayak Fest 2022

Stop Press - there are a few vacancies remaining. If you wish to come and be where all the fun is going to be, please register through the website before Sat 22nd Jan 22, when registrations will finally close.

It promises to be a special weekend and I especially look forward to catching up with those of you whom I haven't seen for some time due to Covid restrictions.

For those whose surf management and surfing is a little bit rusty, I recommend that you spend some time viewing Jay Howell's excellent introductory training video " **Sea Kayaking in the Surf Zone**" - - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IqMEcZ7GSpM> .

A not to be missed KASK Introductory Training Video also available on the website at <https://kask.co.nz/safety-and-the-surf-zone/>

Help us grow KASK

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/>



Enjoy the Conditions and Paddle Safely

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