

# KASK Committee Blog - March 2022

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## Sharpen your skills



Ian demonstrating paddle-float self-rescue Okains Bay photo courtesy John Kirk-Anderson

Greetings from the South Island, the last covid-free outpost is now not-so-free but so far the only limitation on kayaking has been the size of the waves on the Sumner Bar (small waves, low tide, CSKN weekly paddling programme).

### Hahei & Annual General Meeting

The Hahei FEST had to be postponed (until 2023) however a good number went to Hahei anyway, including 3 from the South Island. We had a good turnout (and a quorum) for the AGM and elected the 2022 committee. Dallas Veitch and Steve Cooper (*Auckland*) are two new committee members. Shaun, Daniel, Caitlin and I have stayed on. The *Auckland* attached to Steve is to differentiate between the two Steve Coopers, the other is the KASK regional representative in Christchurch. Meeting minutes are on the website.

No president was elected at the AGM so the committee has appointed me *Interim* President (echoes of 2012 when I joined the committee) until someone else recognises the desirability of the role and that they don't necessarily have to emulate Shaun's Maclaren's magnificent contribution in his term as president.

The Paddle & Magazine Awards were presented, and some of the photo competition winners were announced. I won't steal the thunder from *NZ Sea Kayaker*, check the next issue.

It was warm at Hahei - the sea and rain - and initially, I overdressed. It was also

incredibly humid (from a southern perspective) and kayak gear hanging on various clotheslines didn't dry out. We were fortunate to miss most of the blast from Hurricane Dovi as it traversed the North Island.



### **International Sea Kayak week Feb 2022**

Some went on from Hahei to join a new contingent of paddlers further up the Coromandel Peninsula at Stony Bay for International Sea Kayak Week. More on that in the next *NZ Sea Kayaker*

### **Okains Bay Feb 2022**

It was back into cooler water and a southerly breeze that **did** dry kayak gear at the 32nd annual Canterbury Sea Kayak Network training weekend at the end of February (the date was influenced by time needed to get back from Hahei/Stony Bay). Evening pictures/presentations included wild trips to Lake Te Anau, Milford Sound, Stewart Island & Mt Cook glacier lakes.



Photos Michele Fairbairn & Ian McKenzie

### **Waihi Beach Surf camp 22 – 25 April 2022**

Daniel O'Connor is convening the weekend, Shaun Maclaren has arranged accommodation at the surf club. Check the [KASK Website](#) and [KASK Facebook page](#) for more information.

### **Joining KASK & subscription renewal**

If your subscription is with a bank card and you are anticipating rolling renewal, please check that your card hasn't changed. Mine had and for a while, I was 'overdue'. Easy to renew (& I hadn't been forgotten) or to join <https://kask.co.nz/join/>

### **Kask Code of Conduct, Privacy & Social Media Policy**

We have a couple of new policies. Please read these on the [web](#). Thanks to Paula Renouf for the preparation of these documents & for convening the numerous reviews. The 2022 committee has been asked to review the security of photos that are made available on social media or via the *NZ Sea Kayaker*.

### **NZ Sea Kayaker**

Jacquie is working on the next issue, persevering through Omicron. If you have any material, articles, reviews, humour and any stunning 'portrait'

photographs that should be on the cover, please send them to [Jacquie@kask.co.nz](mailto:Jacquie@kask.co.nz)

**Next blog**

We are rotating within the committee so the next blog will be from Daniel O'Connor



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