

President's Blog – March 2024

As I mentioned in my last blog IKW happened in February up in Matauri bay and I have to say what a great week that was for the 50 or so paddlers that got up there. I managed three days on the water, what a great place to paddle.



Look out for photos and articles in the next issue of the magazine...

That was a false spring for me as on my return I came down with covid and I'm still trying to regain enough energy to get out again....

KASK Members AGM

Also mentioned in my last blog the KASK AGM is now set for Thursday 4th April 2024, if you're a member you should already have received an email encouraging you to attend online. If you haven't seen that email then please let me know. At the AGM we will vote in the new Committee, if you think you would like to contribute to kayaking in NZ then nominate yourself for:

- KASK Committee Membership, nominate yourself if you want to get involved or someone else if they agree and want to get involved
- Graham Egarr Memorial Paddle trophy for outstanding contribution to New Zealand Sea Kayaking. Invited from members, nominations are considered by the committee of the New Zealand Kiwi Association of Sea Kayakers (KASK)
- KASK "Bugger of the Year Award" to be presented to the paddler or paddlers that had an unfortunate ("bugger") kayaking experience. Invited from members, nominations are considered by the committee of the New Zealand Kiwi Association of Sea Kayakers (KASK)

More Trips Happening



Mark Jones is at it again this time the plan is to sea kayak from Te Waewae Bay north to Milford. As with his Fiordland traverse he is carrying a Trackme NZ INReach that enables him to send blog posts to his long suffering wife Sal to post to the facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/OnelnTheWilderness>), it will allow real time tracking, if you're interested in seeing

where they are at any time, via this link

<https://trackme.kiwi/event/unlistedview/2527/181177>. Don't want to spoil it for you but I strongly suggest you take a look at the facebook blog to see how Mark dealt with the 8 m swell he was confronted with at the start of the trip...

As with his previous journey he is fund-raising for the Mental Health Foundation. If you are able to help with the resourcing of this critical NZ issue then please help him reach my goal.
<https://fundraise.mentalhealth.org.nz/oneinthewilderness20>

Looking forward to seeing you join the AGM...

Steve