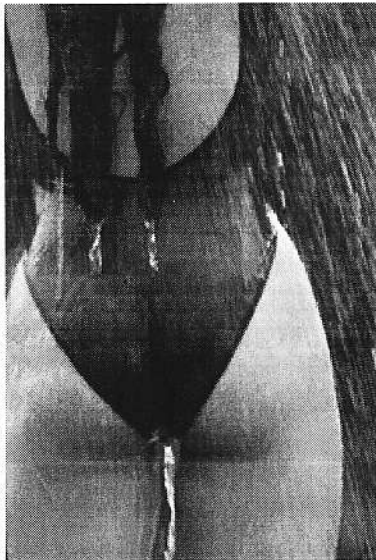
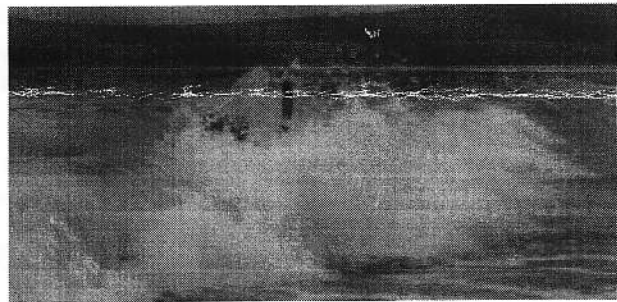


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Outside showers at beaches  
should be encouraged as they are  
great for sea kayakers .!!!!!!!



## From The President

Well, it's that time of the year again. The **Annual General Meeting** is next month and we need to elect officers for the jobs at hand.

It will be good for the club if we can get some new people to take the jobs, with new ideas and enthusiasm. With the club being small all the jobs are easy and not too time consuming, so give it some thought!!

Of course if you not interested in a committee position, still come along and put your two bobs worth in. We will look forward to seeing a good turnout at the meeting.

Over the last 2 months we have had some more new members join which is good to see. I was thinking that maybe we need to look at fostering the new members so they feel more welcome and get the assistance they need. This could be one area to be looked at in the coming year.

Amanda is organising some chocolate selling to raise money for a club boat. This of course needs everybody to participate if it's going to be successful. It's not a big commitment and can make a big difference to the growth of the club.

After the AGM we will have to sort out the sea kayak race scheduled for early next year. If we keep it small and simple it won't be a problem to organize.

Three of us did a trip up at Jurien Bay. It was a good trip except the weather turned bad on the last day and Paula a fairly new paddler had to paddle back in gale force winds and up to

3mt seas. It will be interesting to read her report in the next journal. It will also give us a female perspective which will be interesting in getting new female members.

The calendar is also an issue that needs discussing. Is the calendar what people want. Do you want to go back to set paddles or just a meeting spot. Do you want a variety of meeting spots

or standard starting spots each week. Some feed back for next year would be appreciated.

Finally I would just like to say thanks to all the members for a great year. I am sure the club will grow and improve over the next year. It's also good to see more people doing trips and getting out there.

## Leeman to Geraldton Paddle

**Anyone interested in a paddle from Leeman to Geraldton in the new year. Contact Don Kinzet on 94484164 or 0418923717. The trip may go on to Port Gregory if the body and weather hold together. I already have a shore crew organized for moving vehicles and I can carry plenty of sea kayaks on mine.**

**Don Kinzet**

# Scarborough Beach Paddle

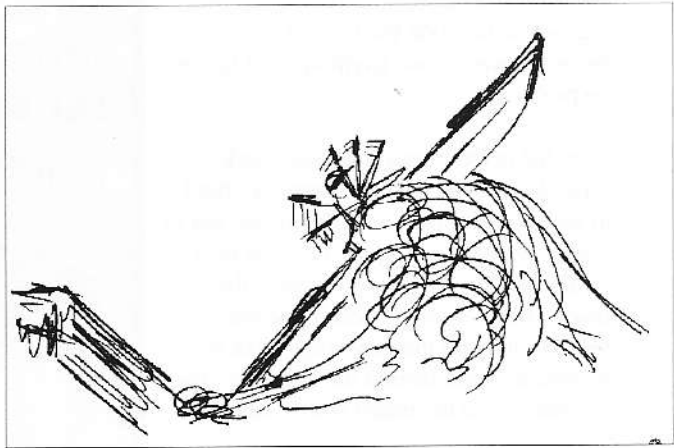
The Scarborough paddle turned out to be a great paddle. The weather forecast was for 22 to 35 kt winds 1.6 mt waves on a 3 mt swell. When we headed off there was no wind but a messy big sea was going to be make launching interesting.

Steve headed out with good timing and broke straight out. I was next and after being turned sideways twice headed out. The waves were reforming close to the beach and curling or spilling onto the beach. I had just put thigh pads into my kayak and was interested in how they would improve my launch. As I headed out I was being pushed back in every wave so I had to take 4 waves before I could get off the beach. At one time I felt the back of my boat hit the sand and was a bit worried about going over backwards. Once past the shore break it was a sprint to get past the big break. I went over a medium one just before it broke and then had to race a big one that was rapidly forming. After breaking out I was exhausted from fighting the beach brake and the short sprint. Ian got out ok and we headed off to Hillary's into a light head wind.

At Hillary's we had squall come over dumping some heavy rain on us but not to windy. we met Tel and Wendy for a short paddle, had lunch and then headed back. On the way back a big thunder head formed and we could see a water spout. I have never seen anything like that before and was hoping it didn't come to close.

When it hit we had 30 to 35 kn side winds. I loved the way the spray was sheeting off the boats horizontal to the water. In fact I dropped behind the other two to see the white caps hit the boats and sheet off. It would have been great to have a video with the sea full of white caps and the water flying off the boats.

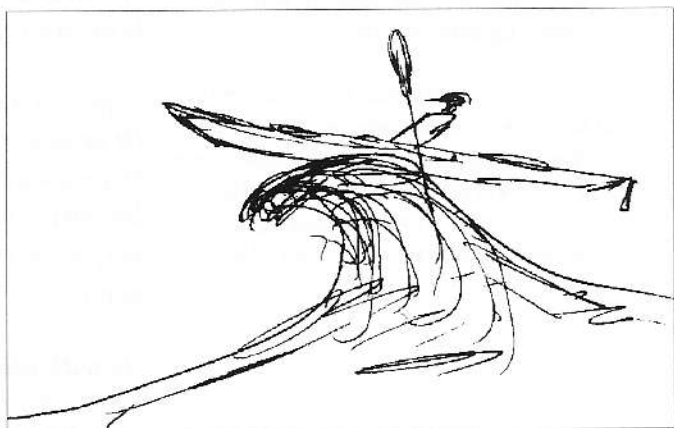
Now we had the interesting job of landing through this mess on a surf beach. We slowed down to let the rain pass as you could not see the beach 150 mt out. After the rain stopped the wind backed off but the sea was still a mess. The problem we had



Launching at Scarborough



Water spout in the thunder head



Ian backing off very quickly

the large swells were breaking a lot further out than the smaller ones. Timing was everything. Stevo threw caution to the wind and headed in. He missed the big swells and took the smaller waves more sideways than anything and landed no problem.

I headed off next and with good luck missed the large swells. It was very hard to pick the sets as you could not see out to sea far. Past the big break I picked up a small wave and surfed straight to the beach. Just before the beach the wave petered out and the following wave reformed dumped behind me and threw me sideways onto the beach with a thump.

Ian was still trying to pick the lull so Stevo decided to go out again. Luck was on his side and he made it out no problem. He was talking to Ian and they edged too close in because the next big wave nearly caught them out with frantic back paddling Ian just made it back. The front of his boat was over the huge curl as it dumped underneath him. Stevo was not so lucky as when I looked across he was out and swimming to his boat. He tried a re-entry roll but in the kill zone was a bit ambitious. After the next wave the boat was coming in without Stevo. It was a nice day for a swim anyway..... well at least it was not raining.

While Stevo taking a swim Ian shot through the kill zone and took some small waves in. just near the beach a big one turned him from sideways to straight on and the bow of this boat hit the sand. For a fleeting moment I thought he was going to do a endo onto the sand but fortunately he ended up safe onto the beach.

A great days paddle and it was interesting to see Stevo's boat come in safely bobbing up and down in the surf upside down and sideways all the way in. Sometimes its great to have wind, rain and squalls to make the paddle more fun. Les Allen

## For Sale

**Steven Allen has a Cappella for sale. It's a blue plastic sea kayak in good condition.**

**\$1700.00**

**Phone 93792568**

## Safety Gear

*Setting up your sea kayak to ensure your safety is as important as gaining paddling skills. With the limited space that is available to the paddler, whilst in your kayak, you have to give a lot of thought as to what gear you carry and where. Flares in your hold are totally useless.*

*Two things I consider worth looking at are sponsons and flippers. One of the major problems with rough weather is getting back into your boat. I don't believe in the bomb proof roll as there will always be the time you go out and get sucked out or run out of breath and end up swimming. This is where sponsons come into their own as they increase your stability even after you are in the boat and enable you to paddle out of danger, with increased stability. I have yet to find any other aid that can offer what the sponson can.*

*Flippers are another piece of equipment that can fit in your cockpit and be very handy. Trying to swim away from a reef with your boat is made a lot easier with flippers and swimming through surf with your boat is impossible without flippers.*

*As with all gear it is important you try them in difficult situations so you can sort out the bugs before you have to rely on them*



# *WA Sea Kayaker* Calender.October-November. 1999

Day	Date	Meeting Place	Required	Time	Contact
Saturday	2/10/99	Hillarys Boat harbour - North Wall	<b>All !!</b> <b>Open water</b> <b>safety gear!!</b>  PFD Flares Radio EPIRB Tow rope Spare paddle Bailer Cag Food Water Hat Helmet Spare clothes Sunscreen First Aid Repair kit	<b>8.30am</b> for <b>9am</b> start	Eric Pyatt 93392952
Sunday	10/10/99	Shoalwater - Penguin Is carpark (Surfing - bring Helmet)			
Tuesday	12/10/99	<b>SKWA Inc. Annual General Meeting. (Election of office bearers)</b> <b>Swan Hotel. 201 Queen Victoria St. North Fremantle 7.30pm</b>			Les Allen 94562129
Sunday	17/10/99	Bathers Beach Fremantle (Mewstone Rock - Carnac Is)			
Sunday	24/10/99	Hillarys Boat Harbour - North Wall			Nev Holden 94484196 Mob 0418 - 929733
Sunday	31/10/99	Causeway Boatramp - Paddle the west of Garden Is			
Saturday	6/11/99	Shoalwater - Penguin Is carpark (Islands - surf - practice eskimo rolling)			
Tuesday	9/11/99	<b>Club Meeting. Swan Hotel. 201 Queen Victoria St North Fremantle</b> <b>NB. Club meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm</b>			John Satherley 95287225
Sunday	14/11/99	Quinns Rock Marina - Alkimos Wreck			
Sunday	21/11/99	Causeway Boatramp - Circumnavigate Garden Is - (Bring food)			
Saturday	27/11/99	Bathers Beach Fremantle (Mewstone Rock - Carnac Is)			

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