

# WA SEA KAYAKER

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Welcome to another club journal. Well, there's lot's of sea kayak action happening in WA! The response to our club's start up has been fantastic. So far we've had paddlers contacting us every few days to find out about the club. We have about forty people from all around the state on our books. Membership fees are starting to roll in. We have a small, keen group of sea kayakers getting together regularly each week and enjoying their paddles. Sometimes it's been bad weather, but even on those days we've had some good fun.

P.S. We'd like to see those of you who haven't turned up as yet, please come along soon!

At our last meeting Peter Cappendell was elected to a new committee position of **Trip Organiser**, so please let us know what you'd like and Peter will coordinate the activities.

We are proceeding with Incorporating the club. We've agreed on our Aims and Objects, and our Constitution has been drafted. Enclosed is July's activities. See you there!

The club needs money for the journal, paper, envelopes, stationery, etc. Also we will be purchasing a basic stock of SK safety gear and outdoor gear for use by members.

We hope to get a grant through ACAWA to help with this.

We have decided to affiliate with ACAWA, so will now get the memberships organised.

Our **membership year** will be from 1/7/97 till 30/6/98. Membership forms are enclosed.

Please register and pay ASAP. Our SKWA (inc) **M'ship fee** is \$20 pa each, **plus** an annual ACAWA Affiliation and Insurance Fee ( if not affiliated ). Family. \$55. Couple. \$48.

Senior. \$30. Junior. \$22.

## Trip Reports.

17th May. John S, John DiN, Neville.H, and Tel Williams met at the North wall Hillarys. Cold, rough conditions, paddled out to the back of Little Is. Nev was a spectator while the others went surfing. J.S. was first to capsize and helped back into his boat by the other two. Then J.D. went over but managed to perform a reentry and roll. This was followed by a squeal of delight from T.W. who emerged from a wave after performing a pirouette, forward somersault and roll. Enough fun for one day, headed back to Pinaroo Pt. where we discovered a hole in J.D.'s. boat. Patched with gunk and duct tape. Quick coffee then home. Roll on summer.

24th May. Mod. weather. Only John, Fran, and Peter went for a long paddle out to Little Is, then easterley headwinds of 8kts up to Ocean Reef, then back along the beach to Hillarys. A good paddle in moderate condts.

31st May. River paddle from Peppermint Grove to Fremantle. It was a bit windy near the Swan YC, but the rain held off and we enjoyed the river and the view. Welcome to James (Greenlander) and Shantha Williamson (Inuit Classic) just arrived from NSW, and Wayne Wright. Also in our group, two Southern Auroras, a Roscoe, an Osprey, and a Southern Raider. We bumped into the blokes on their Instructors course, also Alwyn Duke in his Finn, who showed us his new sea kayak paddle from the US, which some of us tested out.

8th June. Too rough, wet and windy for the MAAC to Cottesloe paddle. Only John S. and Peter Cappendell went for a paddle to Observation City and back. However that afternoon, Ewen MacGregor and Dave Worthy gave a impromptu training session at Hillarys Boat Harbour. It was very informative and very professionally done. They instructed our group

in a variety of SK basics, including. Warm up exercises, Boat and safety equipment, PFD's, Paddle and turning strokes, Low and high braces, rafting up, towing, and rescue techniques. **Thanks Ewen and Dave!** It was very much appreciated. This is a good example of the talent, knowledge and comradeship of some of our members.

15/6/97. A lovely day for a change. Welcome new members Karen and Brian Gear. We paddled out to Little Island, landed. Peter C went for a swim with a friendly seal. Too cold for the rest of us. Had a look around and then set off to Pinaroo Point. A playful seal and some dolphins followed us. Peter tried out his new sea anchor which worked well, we drifted away from him at a fast rate. Coffee on the beach and a leisurely paddle back to the north wall where we tried out a few practice rescues and enjoyed ourselves. Bit of a downer when Peter Okely found his Commodore had been stolen. Be careful with keys!

**What can you do become more involved?**

First, come along for a paddle, enjoy yourself and meet some of the other members.

Join as a member and get involved with the club.

Give us your ideas and suggestions!

Keep spreading the word about the club.

Encourage other sea kayakers to get involved.

Think about what you want and let us know. We will cater for your different needs.

Plan a trip or activity that suits you, get it on the club calender. Even months ahead!

We still need a logo! Draw one and submit it!

Write an article for the Journal.

**Pay your membership.**

**Remember, It's your club. It needs your involvement and your ideas and suggestions!**

Advertise the club! If any of you have any expertise in this field please let us know if you can help here? It would be good to let others know the club exist!

As a starting point, maybe we could aim for four, week or weekend away trips each year.

If so, it's time now to seriously consider a spring trip! Maybe late August, early

September. We'd like a volunteer to organise one. **Any volunteers? Please!!!**

**You could organise?**

An overnight / weekend fishing, diving, camping trip. ie. ( Dunsborough, Margaret River! ).

A weekend / mid-week at Rottnest Is. ( Paddle around the Island. two days ).

A few beach sundowners. (Paddle, picnic and eat, drink and be merry ).

A gourmet paddle!

A whale watching trip.

An expedition to some remote wilderness spot. ( Ningaloo Reef, Shark Bay! )

**Advertise in the Journal.** Space here is available **free** for members to sell or buy any private sea kayak or outdoor equipment.

To save costs, any unused envelopes, A4 paper, or similar will be accepted by the editor!

**Feedback.** How do you think we're going? Where do we go from here? Let us know.

**And remember, this is your club, you can be as involved as you want to be!**

**Ring Peter and organise an activity!**

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**JUNE - JULY 1997.**  
**SEA KAYAK (WA)**  
**CALENDER OF EVENTS**

**31st May (Saturday) 9am Start.**

River Paddle - Meet at launching ramp, Johnston Street, Peppermint Grove.  
Picnic Lunch after paddle at 12noon.

**2nd June (Monday Public Holiday)**

Sea Kayak Instructors Course. Need guinea pigs to practice on. Bring your own boat and equipment, ie pfd's, flares etc. Phone Ewen MacGregor to reserve a spot. Mobile 019 377722

**8th June (Sunday)**

Ocean Paddle. Meet at MAAC , West Coast Drive, Marmion. 8am Start.  
Paddle along coastline to Cottesloe.

You can end your paddle here (arrange car etc) or paddle back with John and a few others. Lunch on the grassed area near tearooms.

**15th June (Sunday)**

Club Paddle. Meet at north wall Hillarys.

9Am

**17th June (Tuesday) 12 Elvire Street, Waterman.**

Club Meeting. Acceptance of constitution, discussion on ACAWA affiliation.  
A few ore positions to be filled. An update on the current status of the club.  
An opportunity to put in your ideas regarding club activities. JULY  
EVENTS?? 7pm start.

**22nd June (Sunday)**

Mandurah Paddle. Paddle around the newest island in WA. Meet at Ocean Marina, off Dolphin Drive. 8am Start. Picnic lunch after.

**29th June (Sunday) Club Paddle. Meet at north wall Hillarys.**

9Am

**JULY**

Lancelin to Wedge Island. Any Interest???????

Ideas on July activities ?????????????? HELP!!!!

**UNLESS WEATHER IS EXTREMELY BAD, ALL CLUB PADDLES WILL HAPPEN. JUST TURN UP.**

*Phone John or Neville if unsure regards weather, also a phone call to say you will be attending would be great.*

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