

WA. SEA KAYAKER.

Newsletter of the WA Sea Kayak Club.

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Welcome to all WA Sea Kayak enthusiasts. Well it's happening ! A Sea Kayak club in WA. Yes it's a big step, starting up a new club! But with a bit of help, a few phone calls, some interested people, a few meetings, it will happen. In fact it's already started! The club's aim is to get like minded people together to encourage and enjoy our sport.

EDITORIAL

The sport of Sea Kayaking is growing, in leaps and bounds. Just look at the number of new Sea Kayakers about. Marine and Harbours are already setting new Sea Kayak Regulations, some of which are contentious. We need a formal body to lobby and protect our interests from over zealous regulators! Some of our Kayakers are already involved in these negotiations, and are trying their best to ensure our sport is not penalised. It's a serious subject, and it's another good reason for us to get together and ensure that the resulting regulations suit us. Thanks to those involved, keep it up.

THE START.

Tuesday April 1st was the inaugural meeting of what will be a Sea Kayak Club in WA. The group of intrepid Kayakers included Andrew Linton, Keith Harding, Neil Husband, Neville Holden, June Moore, Peter Cappendell, Sue Gilbert, John and Fran Satherley, Ewen MacGregor, John Di Nucci, and Neville Hine.. Others who couldn't be there were Phil Curran, Ray Holt, and David Klucken.

As you can see there is a lot of interest. This was without any advertising, just a few flyers and a little word of mouth over the previous month. Thanks to the Canoe Shop for telling other people about us.

The evening was a pleasant one, meeting new people, with lots of different opinions and ideas being canvassed. The range of items discussed was wide ranging, with many different ideas, suggestions, and comments. A great wealth of experience and knowledge was evident in the group. It bodes well for the future of the club. The subjects discussed will be further addressed in detail when we get a committee up and running. Your participation is wanted. Get involved and join us.

The main reason for the meeting. "Will we start up a Club " was addressed.

Everyone agreed it was a good idea. So we're getting on with it!

By now, we expect that even more paddlers will have heard about us. Of course anyone who is interested should get involved: You're all welcome to get on board!

There wasn't time to start the organising that night. That is happening now.

To get a few Kayakers together, and keep the ball rolling, Andrew Linton suggested an informal get together for a paddle. So we're paddling to Penguin Island, on Sunday, April 13, at 8 AM. Hope to meet you there. We will then plan what further action is needed to get the club up and running.

WHAT'S NEXT:

Well, you can get involved by giving us your name, address and phone number.

We'll keep you informed. And as we get organised will start to involve you.

Also you can help by spreading the word to anyone you know who may be interested. Encourage them to get involved also.

Remember it won't happen by itself. Your help and input is needed. In fact it's essential.

Also please ring and let us know what you'd like to see. Ideas, Suggestions, Comments.

Think about getting involved. Club Member, Get on the Committee, Organise, etc.

What activities do you want to see organised?

Think up a name for the club!

Consider and let us know Items for a Club Calendar of events. ie.

- Sun. May 4. is the Fremantle to Perth Marathon. Why not get a group together and join in for a social paddle?
- Would you like to see a weekly Club Paddle /Activity .ie. 8 AM .Sundays. Hilliarys?
- Would you like to go away for a Weekend Kayak Camping Trip?
- Would you would like to do an Introductory Sea Kayak Course? They are available !
- Would you like to go on Day Trips to different locations?
- Would you like to join others who go for a regular Morning / Evening paddle?
- Would you like to have a Beach Sundowner? (Paddle and Party.)
- Would you like to organise and / or participate in a special event or an expedition?
- Would you like to submit an article for this newsletter?
- Give some thought to these and add your own ideas.

1997 CLUB CALENDAR

Call Neville 4484196 or John or Fran 4473438 to notify events.

Start planning other events you want.

<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>WHEN</u>
<i>Regular events</i>		
Mon 6am Winter	John Satherley goes for an hour's training paddle	Marmion
Wed 5.30 Summer	to Triggs and back.If you want to join him, ring	Angling
Fri	him on 4473438.	Club.
Fri April 19	Come and see Andrew Linton's slides of his Torres	12 Elvire St
7.30 pm	Strait crossing. BYO drinks.	Waterman
Sun May 4	Fremantle to Perth Marathon	Fremantle

STOP PRESS. Ray Holt kindly produced a copy of the NSW Sea Kayaker. Their club is obviously well organised and we can learn from them. They have their own Paddle Grading System which is worth looking at. Some copies are attached. Have a look and give some thought to us using the same or a similar system.