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Welcome, we hope you are enjoying your sea kayaking on these great paddling days. Since our last newsletter, a lot has happened. Our new club name "Sea Kayak WA (Inc)" has been registered. The newsletter is now this journal, the "West Coast Sea Kayaker".

In just two months we've come a long way. We are now a club with about thirty members on our books, and growing each day. Of course, we know there are a lot more sea kayakers out there and we would like to meet them. So spread the word.

Our recent meeting agreed that we would incorporate the club. Membership fees were set. \$20 pa, or about \$50 if we affiliate with ACAWA, which has benefits for us, and which we are investigating. Please pay your \$20 membership fee to one of the new committee members.

President

John Satherley

Hon Secretary

Neville Holden

Treasurer

John DiNucci

Aims and Objectives, and a Constitution, are being drafted for presentation to the members. More activities are being planned, and we would like your ideas and suggestions so that we can best cater to everyone's needs.

SOCIAL SLIDE NIGHT

Great turn up, and thanks to an excellent presentation by Andrew Linton. Maps, weather charts and how to assemble and pack a Keppler folding kayak, were a few of the things covered. Thanks, Andrew, much appreciated by all who turned up.

TRIP REPORT - ALKIMOS WRECK Sunday 27th April.

David Kluken, John Satherley, Neil Husband, Peter Cappendell and Neville Holden, arrived at Quinns. Keith Harding came to see us off. The weather was overcast, cold and windy. Out through the surf, Nev got swamped, bailing did not help, so back to the beach, and after some good advice from the experienced blokes, and help with his spray deck, he got out. The wind was about 15 gusting 25 kts, the waves big and tricky. Two thirds along, a coffee stop, and thanks to Neville, who was a bit tired, he fell out of his boat, just to give the rest of us some rescue practice. He was close to shore and swam his boat in. Everyone got wet either in their landing or helping others. Neville decided to wait here for the others to go on to the wreck and pick him up on the way back. Around the wreck, conditions were rough, difficult and unpleasant. The swell was particularly big and the wind made for a slow paddle back. Paddling in concrete was one description. All arrived back to where Nev was waiting to yet another beach landing. Another wet one. Hot coffee and a short rest, then back out in the surf for the final leg. John made the last beach landing look easy. It was great to see the way the group all got on together and how they helped each other along the way. Everyone said they enjoyed a exciting, adventurous and tiring day. Finished at 1pm.

TRIP REPORT - Mindarie to Guilderton (Moore River)

26 & 27 April, 1997. Les Allen, John DiNucci, Tel Williams & Lawrence Cred. Distance approx. 45km. Paddle Time 7-8 hrs. Depart Mindarie 10.30am with Les, Tell and John. Lawrence had to work and was to join us next day. Used Les's trailer and Wendy helped get everything to the start, and picked us up at the end. The day was mild and cloudy with a light N.West-westerly wind and small waves. Paddled north along the coast with loaded boats towards the Alkimos, met several fishing and diving boats as well as a group in M415's on their return leg of their Alkimos trip. After checking the wreck, landed for lunch on the beach at about 1pm. After lunch continued up the coast towards Yanchep and arrived about 2pm. The swell was small and we were able to paddle over the reef into the lagoon where we landed for a break. This was the limit for the mobile phone service and it took a while to contact Lawrence to arrange the next days meeting place.

Set off at about 2.30pm and paddled a couple of kms past Two Rocks, before spotting a suitable camping area, far enough away from the other beach campers and 4wds. Landed at 4.15 and set up camp over the first dune. Good night except sand got into everything and ordinary tent pegs not very effective in sand, when the breeze picked up. After a windy but warm night with occasional showers, we woke up to a day like the previous, except much stronger wind from W-SW at 15-20kts (eased a little later) and bigger swell (about 1.5m). At 8am after breakfast, we repacked and started our wait for Lawrence. We spotted him a little further out and going a lot faster than we expected. We all set off at about 8.15am and headed NW up the coast parallel to the wind and waves. Conditions more difficult than previous day with much higher wind and waves. We paddled out further to avoid breakers. Landed on beach for a break at about 9am. Getting in and out again through the shore break took some effort and a couple of quick swims were in order for the day. After another short break, we arrived at the sandbar at the mouth of the Moore River at about 11.30am. Landing on the sand bar was not a very successful or enjoyable, the others being wiser managed better landings just to the north. After landing we carried boats to the river and ended the trip a little after 12 at the launching ramp.

GARDEN ISLAND SEA TRIP Sunday 11th Mothers Day.

Only 4 turned up, hope the rest visited mother! Set off from the beach near the causeway. It was easy paddling across to the back of Garden Is. A pleasant paddle. The sky was overcast, rain threatening, but nothing eventuated. Very sheltered behind the island, still there was a good swell. We landed on the beach and enjoyed coffee, cake and bikkies. Hard slog coming back into the wind. Back on beach about 12.30 to find late arrivals, Ewen and Dave ready to set off for a similar paddle. After comparing kayaks we went and enjoyed a massive hamburger, chips and cappuccino on the promenade at Rockingham.

ANOTHER ALKIMOS TRIP.

This one with Ewen MacGregor and Dave Worthy. We expect Ewen to report on his latest trips in the next journal???

FOR SALE: Natureline Osprey Sea Kayak. 2 year old. White hull.
Yellow and Blue deck. Compass, paddle and paddle leash. Good
Condition \$1,100. Neville 94484196.

ADVERTISE: Journal space is available FREE to buy or sell
private sea kayaking equipment.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Get involved. Come along on the trips. Meet your fellow members.
Give us your ideas. Plan an activity that interests you and help
organise it. Pay your membership fees. Introduce a new member.
Design a logo. Submit an article for the journal. ie What and
where you paddle.

WOULD YOU LIKE?

To see an alternate fortnightly club paddle/activity?
ie. 8.30am Sat/Sun Hillarys Boat Harbour or similar?

To go away on an overnight weekend sea kayak camping trip?
To join others for a regular morning / evening paddle?
To have a Beach Sundowners? (Paddle, Pizza and drinks)
To paddle on a whale watching trip?

Your club needs your involvement and welcomes suggestions.

LET'S KEEP THE BALL ROLLING, it won't happen by itself.
Get out your maps and charts. Organise. Call and include your day
trips, weekend paddles and expeditions in the club calendar. Give
some thought to these ideas.

Bye for Now.

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