Schedule Auckland Sea Kayaking Symposium

Friday

Start- End	Length	Main Hall	Staff Room	Classroom	WaterWise
17:30 – 20:00	150	Registration – in vestibule area			
19:00 – 19:20	15 + 5	Welcome			
19:20 – 19:50	30 + 10	First Pod Session & Ice-Breaker			
20:00 - 21:00	60	Satoru Yahata – presentation on Australia to Japan			

Saturday

Start- End	Length	Main Hall	Staff Room	Classroom	WaterWise
07:30 - 08:00	30	Coffee – in vestibule area			
08:00 - 08:20	20	Welcome & Housekeeping			
08:20 - 08:40	20 + 5	Theme for the Weekend – Embracing Risk – Mark Jones			
08:45 – 09:35	50 + 5	(1) Europe's TID Tour of the Danube	(2) Visualisation	(3) Paddles - N of Ngauruhoe	(4) Boat Fit – Make it Respond
09:40 - 10:00	20	2 nd Pod session	2 nd Pod session	2 nd Pod session	2 nd Pod session
10:00- 10:20	20	Special Event	Special Event	Special Event	Special Event
10:20 - 10:50	30 + 5	Morning tea & Scones			
10:55 – 11:45	50 + 5	(5) Baja California	(6) Advanced Navigation	(7) Perfect Your Stroke	(8)
11:50 – 12:40	50 + 5	(9) Antarctica	(10) Kayak Medic	(11)	(12) Food Fun Kayaking
12:45 – 13:45	60	Lunch			
13:45 – 14: 35	50 + 5	(13) Sicily in the Mediterranean Sea	(14) Beam Me Up: Emergency Comms	(15) Build Your Own Kayak	(16) Practical Repair & Maintenance
14: 40 – 15:30	50 + 5	(17) Canada's BC Coast	(18) Designing Clever Kayaks	(19)Build a Kayak Paradise	(20) Fishing with Artificial Soft Bait
15:35 – 15:55	20 + 5	Afternoon tea			
16:00 – 16:50	50 + 5	Tsunami Rangers			
16:55 – 17:35	40	Lake Edge Session – Boat Control for fun & safety			
17:35 – 18:00	25	Lake Edge Session – multiple open Q&A discussions about destinations			
18:00 – 18:30	30	Happy Half-Hour / Socialising / DIY Boats			
18:30 – 19:30	60 + 10	Dinner			
19:40 – 21:00	80	After-Dinner Remarks and Key-Note Speaker – Paul Caffyn & Conrad Edwards			
21:00 – 21:15	15	Tidy Up & Go Home			

Sunday

Start- End	Length	Sullivan's Bay Beach	On-Water	
08:15 - 08:45	30	Pods Gather – prep boats		
08:45 - 09:00	15	Briefing - on Beach		
09:00 - 12:30	210		Scenarios (incl. morning tea stop)	
12:30 - 13:30	60	BBQ		
13:30 - 13:45	15	IKW Briefing		
13:45 – 16:15	150	Clinics - On-the-Water or Beach: Some or all of: Boat Fit-Out, Rescue Techniques; Greenland Paddling & Rolling, Basic Strokes; Wing Paddle; GPS use; Fishing		

Sunday Notes:

Please provide yourself with something to drink on Sunday – both on the water (morning tea) & for the BBQ. From Auckland, allow 60 minutes driving time and aim to be at Sullivan's Bay at 8am. On Sunday, all groups must be ready for the beach briefing at 08:45.

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FRIDAY

Friday Evening -starts at 7 pm - don't miss

Australia to Japan — a Quest: Satoru Yahata (assisted by Iwao Fujii)

The dream of exploring many coastlines, many peoples with many maritime cultures — from Australia, through Indonesia, the Philippines, Taiwan, Okinawa and on home to Japan — has led Satoru to paddle across this vast stretch of Ocean — connecting the dots between.

SATURDAY

Saturday - content starts at 08:00 - promptly

Theme: Embracing Risk

Mark Jones

Balancing Enjoyable Risk against disaster...

Mark sets the stage for the weekend, with a wake-you-up-and-make-you-think session.

Mark spends his days teaching the next generation of Outdoor Professionals at AUT. He also leads from the front with kayaking adventures as a member of the Adventure Philosophy trio that have kayaked Antarctica and circumnavigated South Georgia – world firsts. A man who studies limits and then pushes them.

Sessions at 08:45 - choose between 1 - 4

[1] Europe's TID – Tour of the Danube:

Max & Jenny

Every summer for 55 years, the world's longest regular paddle has been organised and run – down the length of the Danube. From Ingolstadt, Germany to Silistra, Bulgaria; this little jaunt is 2516 km long and provides a fascinating (and very low-cost) way of seeing a wonderful slice of ten countries.

Paddlers from around Europe (and the world) join for a week, a month or the whole journey. Over the past 10 years, a number of New Zealanders have come back enthused and keen to shout its merits.

We now have the man who runs it, Max Scharnböck (Germany) & his partner Jenney Lee (Australia) who met Max on the TID last year. They will give you a tour of the tour.

[2] Visualisation: Paul Caffyn

Paul Caffyn has many amazing kayak expeditions to his credit and he did them before anyone else had proved them possible. Those who have come after have had the benefit of his books and very often his personal advice and help.

One of the skills that made such wave-breaking trips possible is Paul's passion for practical trip-planning carried to almost Zen levels – which he calls visualisation. Every situation that you have thought through, in detail and before you face it, is a situation which you are better equipped to survive.

If you can't visualise surviving a scenario – that is a handy piece of information for your planning stages.

[3] Paddles - North of Ngauruhoe: Lynnis Burson

A hand-picked selection of destinations, from a paddler who has explored from East Cape to Reinga. Photos and commentary by Lynnis will spotlight her favourite bits of NZ's wonderful North Island coastline, both salty & fresh.!

[4] Boat Fit - Make it Respond: David Winkworth

Most of us would benefit hugely from making our kayaks fit us a little more snugly. An airy and cavernous cockpit may make a kayak easy to sell to a newbie with fears of entrapment, but it doesn't help you stay upright in clapotis or surf and it makes rolling just that much harder.

Dave will discuss the advantages of using a bit of spare camp mat (or fancier foams) to achieve a customised seat & cockpit that pleases your taste for boat control.

Dave is a very experienced kayaker from Australia. He's designed and built kayaks commercially and journeyed far in them. Of recent years, he's been working on ways of letting us kayak 'smarter' with clever ideas for pumps, wheels, etc.

Sessions at 10:55 - choose between 5 - 8

[5] Baja California:

Rick Wiebush

Rick will tell us of his 750 km, month-long, self-supported expedition on the Sea of Cortes in Baja, Mexico. This is a magical, remote & stunningly beautiful place where the desert & mountains meet the sea and wildlife abounds.

Some of the trip's biggest paddling challenges will be highlighted and (so he says) greatly exaggerated.

Rick is from Baltimore, on the U.S. east coast. He holds the (old) BCU 4 Star award and is a BCU Level 2 Coach. He has been to Baja 5 times, once to Greenland & teaches at symposia in North Carolina & Maine.

[6] Advanced Navigation: Miles Usher

Miles has had three lifetime passions – kayaking, sailing and flying. In each he has found a use for navigational skills. Whether in the front seat for Air NZ or in the cockpit of a sea kayak, he has figured out how to find his way.

Come and listen to a very practical take on technology and methods modern and traditional – for finding your way and your way back again.

[7] Perfect your Stroke: Conrad Edwards

Conrad has a number of fast kayaks and a number of fast paddling companions. He has worked hard at getting the basic paddle stroke up to a level that complements this.

As a paddler with a proven ability to cross Cook Straight with seeming ease and keep pace with Mr Caffyn, he has no lack of credibility when he talks about how to propel a kayak.

I know a couple of very competent Auckland paddlers who have heard Conrad give this talk – and they were impressed. Now you have that opportunity.

[8] Free Period:

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[9] Antarctica: Lawrence Geoheegan

You may have met Lawrence in Justine's 3rd DVD of sea kayaking adventures. He was one of the three Australians who journeyed 800km down the lonely Antarctic Peninsula in 2006 and filmed their fun.

From Ushuaia at the tip of South America through the ice and weather of the adventure, Laurie will give you a look at the rough as well as the smooth of demolishing comfort zones.

[10] Kayak Medic: Andrew [Mo] Kennedy

An informal lecture on remote and emergency medicine as it relates to the wilderness setting as a kayaker. With advice from Mo's experience as a Medic in the NZ Army added to real life situations from his kayak expeditions and guiding experience in places including Norway, India, Nepal and North America. Discussions include emergencies in a kayak, long term patient care, wilderness evacuation considerations and anything more people wish to cover!

[11] Free Period:

[12] Food Fun Kayaking:Rachel Bunt & Tony Morris

Join Rachel &Tony, two amusing and skilled food people to discuss something near to both their hearts.

"Veggies & Peskatarians a speciality. This session will be a chance to share ideas and tastes in a cooking demonstration. We will show you some of our favourite flavoursome products on the market. Home-made creations and recipes also included. All dishes can be made on the camp stove, are healthy and nutritious catering for those of us that aren't meat lovers."

Sessions at 13:45 - choose between 13 - 16

[13] Sicily in the Mediterranean Sea: Paula Renouf

Paula is an Auckland paddler who has spent the last year exploring some of the world's paddling possibilities. She has put together a session highlighting Sicily (at the toe of Italy) and will describe a beautiful destination from a kiwi perspective.

[14] Beam Me Up: Emergency Communications:

JKA

John will look at the bits of electronic gear that we use to prevent disaster or to bail us out when it strikes. With a nod to the philosophy of conducting yourself so that it isn't needed,

John Kirk-Anderson is an immensely experienced and skilled kayak instructor and paddler – with a strong interest in safety. Working as a Press Photographer, he sees quite enough drama.

[15] Build Your Own Kayak: Pete Notman

Pete will explore the three common ways of building your own kayak. From Skin-on-Frame (SoF), and Cedar Strip to Stitch-and-Glue plywood, he will look at the strengths of each method and the rewards you can expect.

Pete earns a living in or under the water – but spends a great deal of his leisure time on it, in a selection of kayaks he's built using all of these methods.

[16] Practical Kayak

Repair & Maintenance: Wade from QK

How to keep your kayak happy. Not to mention you!

Wade looks at fixing plastic kayaks & maintaining and repairing composite kayaks. This covers safe storage, removing dents and repairing gouges / holes in plastic kayaks, fibreglass repairs & more. Presented by Wade from Quality Kayaks in Ashburton, this will be a 'look & touch' session.

Sessions at 14:40 - choose between 17 - 20

[17] Canada's BC Coast:

Patti & Yves

This is a salute to the stunning coastline of BC – Canada's province of British Columbia - with specific reference to Haida Gwaii Haanas National Park in the islands that are also known as the Queen Charlottes.

Patti Stevens & Yves Aquin hail from Canada and live in Victoria, on BC's Vancouver Island. Currently enjoying a sabbatical break from work, they have escaped the Canadian winter to cycle in NZ for a few months. They agreed to stop at Coastbusters to tell us about their great 2009 adventure - paddling for 3 months in the Canadian summer.

They have been paddling for 7 years on the BC North Coast and are both Paddle Canada sea kayak instructors and volunteer their time instructing at the Canadian Navy base in Esquimalt BC and at the Victoria Canoe & Kayak Club.

[18] Designing Clever Kayaks: Gerry Maire, Renton Hunger, et al

What is your dream kayak?

How would you describe it to a kayak designer?

He'd ask you questions like "What do you plan to use it for ?" and "What kayaks have you paddled ?"

Gerry hosts a panel of local designers, who will look at the process of balancing the trade-offs in choosing a kayak - a kayak that excels at what YOU feel is supremely important.

[19] Building a Super-City Kayaking Paradise: Hugo Meares

With the arrival of the Polynesian wakas, Tamaki Makarau became a vibrant crossroads of trade & social interaction.

After 1800, the rowboat, sailboat & later steamboat expanded the 'nautical village' with growth in ports such as Albany, Onehunga, Waiuku, Howick, Devonport, St Heliers & Riverhead.

The car has led to these waterways being neglected. In the 21st Century three factors combine to provide an opportunity to reestablish the waterways of Auckland.

Her's an opportunity to influence the Super City – to create the most kayak-friendly city in the world.

[20] Fishing: Mike Scanlan

Snapper Fishing using Artificial Soft Baits from Sea Kayaks

Four years ago Mike had never caught a snapper. Now he lands over 300 each year from his sea kayak.

Join Mike for a workshop on the latest soft-bait technology, outfitting your boat and then chasing the fish. This will be a 'look & touch' session.

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Session at 16:00 - Main Hall

Tsunami Rangers: Eric Soares & Jim Kakuk

Eric & Jim founded the Rangers and have led them safely through years of extreme sea kayaking. What may look like madness and mayhem to our eyes has been a lifelong passion and a science to them.

Watch with awe and take away a better appreciation for what is possible with skills and experience – both of which you can work on. If you are feeling suicidal.

Session at 16:55 - Lake Edge Session

Kayak Dancing

More details to come – come and watch.

Session at 17:35 - Lake Edge Session

Destination Dreaming

Come and chat with the kayakers who have talked about their travels and their adventures – they will chat and answer questions about who, why & how you could do it yourself.

Session at 18:00 - Outside Main Hall

Wooden & SoF-Boat Exhibit - Main Hall Carl Brown et al

A goodly number of wonderful hand-crafted kayaks will be on show for most of Saturday - with basic details of their designs & building projects. Included will be plywood, cedar-strip and SOF (skin-on-frame) boats with a wide diversity of design goals and construction difficulty.

This time period is an opportunity to come and ask the builders questions - and to tell them how well they've done.

After Dinner Session at 19:40 - Main Hall

East Greenland: Paul Caffyn & Conrad Edwards

Paul and Conrad Edwards spent August 2008 paddling on the exposed east coast of Greenland, made famous 70 years ago by Gino Watkins and the British Trans-Greenland Expedition. With photos and stories, Conrad and NZ's living-legend stretch the limits yet again.

An undertaking of daunting difficulty and extreme beauty.