# INTERNATIONAL KAYAKING WEEK - 2008 VI.05

**Goal**: To build on the fun and new friendships of the Coastbusters weekend - in a superb, but more relaxed kayaking environment on the coast of the Hauraki Gulf. Available to any Coastbusters-2008 participant.

When: Sunday night (March 2) to Friday (March 7).

Where: Martin's Bay camp – for more info see IKW section at www.coastbusters.org.nz

**How**: Tenting sites & limited cabin accommodation at a Rodney Council camp ground. We would like to keep the cabin accommodation for people flying in for whom tenting may be a difficult option.

If that's you - *please book early* - as it will be *first-come - first served*.

**Questions**: sue@coastbusters.org.nz has a team just trembling to answer them.

# **OVERVIEW:**

We aim for a small community of paddlers. We provide the basic facilities & food and a laid-back programme of paddling options and some low-key near-the-water activities to take advantage of what's available in the surrounding countryside.

We will have a volunteer group organising the food supplies and preparation - but you may get roped in to peel some spuds or something equally skill-expanding.

We expect each day will see some people choosing to do more extensive paddling, while others take a more cruizy approach - with our famously 'changeable' NZ weather playing its role in that decision-making.

Be capable of at least a 90 minute paddle.

There will be many very experienced local and visiting kayakers - some of whom can still recall their early days in the sport - so don't feel shy about your skill level. You will likely be up-skilled fairly abruptly.

Most of the NZ paddlers will have cars - and we have organised a few trailers. We expect that with a bit of creative car-pooling, we can move people to where they want to be for the remote activities. Kiwis are pretty hospitable.

### **END OF WEEK - FLEXIBLE:**

Some of you will be carrying on to the NZKBGT event at the Rotorua Lakes on March 7-9. Travelling down to Rotorua will occupy some of this week's Friday and might be combined with a bit of sight-seeing on the way - if you are visiting from afar.

Some of you may feel that there are irresistible daypaddles (Tiri, Rangitoto, etc) which might fit well into the Thursday. We know that there will be Auckland paddlers who will be only too happy to show you some of their favourite spots.

Accordingly, we have mapped out a 4-night, 3-day programme, with Thursday available for more ambitious, individually-planned trips and Friday for travelling. Those who are not going to the NZKBGT, can simply stay put - or play it by ear.

# WHAT DOES IT COST:

Costs have been kept very low – the week's Activity Fee will cover some wine-tasting, expert talks, a bit of running-around petrol – to save the volunteers being too far out-of-pocket.

Tent sites: \$15 per person per night, OR

Cabin (share four): \$30 per person per night Food: \$25 per person per day Activity Fee \$25 per person for everything Making a Total for the 4 days tent: \$185 **OR** cabin: \$245

# **SCHEDULE - PROVISIONAL**

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Day	Coastbusters	Kawau	Leigh to Goat Islnd	Surfs Up	Options	То
		Island &	Cape Rodney	Takatu Pt & out-	such as	NZKBGT
		inner	Marine Reserve –	side Kauwau	Tiri, Rangi	(Rotorua)
	at about 4pm	Islands	paddle the outside		or stay	you
	Paddle or drive	paddle	coast & swim with	Wine tasting at	where you	arrange
	to Martins Bay		the fish	5pm	are	transport
Bkfst	n/a	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	
Lunch	C'busters -BBQ	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	
Dinner	Provided	Provided	Provided	Provided	Your	
Night	Martins Bay	Martins Bay	Martins Bay	Martins Bay	affair	NZKBGT

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#### **DETAILS:**

#### Legal – Participation in IKW is at your own risk.

**Food** - supplied, with a bit of help on preparation and clean-up (as mentioned above). Pack-your-own lunch from ingredients provided. Please let us know about allergies or vegetarian needs - you may wish to become more actively involved in the prep.

**BYO Booze, soft drinks & Snacks** - your affair. You will be able to find someone popping into the village to get beer, wine or any extras you need. Bring wallet.

**Kayaks & paddling gear** - use your own or continue to use the rental gear you've organised for the CB Sunday day-on-the-water (\$35 per day from us).

Martin's Bay Campground – typical Kiwi campground. Hot showers (50 cents), toilets and hand-basins in a central facility building. Laundry & Kitchen (stoves, fridges & sinks) in another central cooking facility.

We will be taking over a sizeable block of the campsite area – a short distance from the water's edge. There is a large covered area for communal eating and evening activity.

There are some cabins on site – which are being reserved for us that week. We would like to keep the cabin accommodation for people flying in - for whom tenting may be a difficult option.

**IKW REGISTRATION:** 

**Tent Hire Option**: If you would prefer to be under canvas – but don't have your own tent – we have arranged for a local camping outfitter to hire tent, etc for the same cost (\$120 each, share twin, for the four nights) as for the cabins. You'll need a sleeping bag. Let Sue know if you want this option.

#### SINGLE-DAY ALTERNATIVES:

We are trying to achieve a balance between keeping the volunteers sane (by reducing the number of options) and staying flexible for people who want to join in for less than the whole 4 days.

We can probably do something along the lines of a \$10 fee for any single day's activity – and you will need to be totally self-contained and provide all your own food. Please let us know.

We'll have a cell-phone number for you to ring for an update or a confirmation of the day's activity.

#### **PAYMENT:**

Please send us your registration ASAP – so we get an idea of numbers. **Cabin - pay us this now as we will need to see your money to reserve you one of the limited places**. Tent / Kayak- pay us by Feb 1st to allow us to arrange food / kayaks, etc. Pay us electronically or by cheque – see below for details.

Name(s) & email(s) (note costs are per-person)	Already Registered for Coastbusters 2008	Activity Fee \$25 pp	Your own Tent site and food \$40 pp	Cabin (share x4) and food \$55 pp	Kayak & Gear Hire \$35 pp	Total
			4 days= 160	4 days= 220	? days=	
	Yes / Not Yet	\$25	\$	\$	\$	\$
	Yes / Not Yet	\$25	\$	\$	\$	\$

If you will need help to get to an airport, please tell us when you plan to leave \_

 Please fill in and send with cheque to:
 Pay to our Bank Account: 12-3066-0134718-00

 (make payable to Coastbusters)
 Please identify the payment – eg put

 Coastbusters
 Surname-FirstName in the notes

 PO Box 101-257
 and mail or email this form

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 (filled-in, of course) to

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