

President's Update: Sem1 stress? Go kayaking

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We are halfway through Sem1! After the big three, and many other events we are going strong. If you've been getting amongst, there is more to look forward to! Don't worry if you've missed out, we'll be going hard as it gets colder.

Recent Events

Puhoi Despite the forecasts the weather came out to match the ideal tides making for a great first trip! Running with a split halfway everyone got out to the beach BBQ!

Toga Thanks to Staveley for hosting and ACam for taking charge of the Wok. Some creative attire from both members new and experienced did the club proud.

Lake and Pool Trainings Just the regular, but importantly we have taught members to be safe on whitewater. Make sure to come along to upcoming dates.

Fulljames Like previous years our orientation went large with the big stories that go with it. FJ was a good one thanks to Maurycy, Fitree and all others.

Aniwhenua Approaching the size of FJ, Moe put in a huge effort to make it run. Rafting Jeffs Joy was a great introduction to solid whitewater for the adrenaline junkies within us, and getting to the Galatea on the Saturday night was a highlight.

Mohaka The mornings formed icicles on my kayak but the weather turned out and we had a great trip across three different sections. The water level limited no one as beginners made their first surfs and the instructors descended the tight class four gorge.

There are many more stories that won't fit; ranging from Wairoa descents to Social events.

To look forward to

Tongo Signups have closed so get excited if you're heading South for an awesome weekend.

Kaituna A North Island classic cut through native bush twisting down an iconic seven meter drop. Planned for the 4th of May make sure to sign up to raft Kaituna!

NZSL Our effort towards Sign Language Week thanks to Nic and Zac. There will be challenges both on and off the water for everyone to participate in, a great opportunity to learn some NZSL and a bit about deaf culture make sure to sign up.

Beginners A trip focusing solely on solidifying skills in a whitewater kayak. Beginners Trip is a great way to progress towards your goals, expect more details once we are back at Uni.

Club dinner Much warmer than the water is getting, our socials are going to sort you out!

Keep an eye out; training, trips and socials you won't want to miss out!

Notable Firsts

Laureen - Wero G2 Cert, after two weeks of boating!

JDoc - Jef's Joy!

Franz - Wero Cert and pushing into G3!

Isaac the Med student - Wero Cert and pushing into G3!

Moe - First Trip Lead, and such a good one!

Notable Swims

Starting with the contentious deck pulling at Puhoi it didn't get much better as ACam swam out of the front of a duo (no thanks to my miscommunication). Getting through to Ani and Mohaka we now have a number of eligible members out on the water and crushing it.

See you out there,

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