



CANOE'S NEWS

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What a great year we've had with some fantastic successes amid the challenges of a full and busy year. Looking back over the year we have good cause to celebrate the results of all our national and international competitors. We had some awesome results at World Champs with Ben Fouhy 9th in K1 1000m, Steven Ferguson and Darryl Fitzgerald 10th in K2 1000m and of course our Olympic qualifiers Erin Taylor and Lisa Carrington in the K2 500m and Lisa our new World Champion in the K1 200m.

Our juniors achieved well at the Czech Nationals and had a great experience at the Junior World Champs

World Marathon Champs saw 2 gold medals, a silver and 2 bronzes go to the Masters Keith Alderson, Glen Muirhead, Matt Blundell and Ben Bennet in their age divisions, as well as Ben Fouhy coming 6th in the Open men. Ben also won the Australian Marathon title and the NZ titles were won by Ben (open men) and Marianne Archer (open women). Ben also won the NZ Surf Ski champs held in Auckland in April with Katie Pocock who won the open womens division for the 10th year in a row. Teneale Hatton finished 2nd in the Nelo 10km Champs held in Portugal in August after a gruelling World Champs.

We were chocka with events throughout the year at home too! We held a very successful ICF Oceania Championships in conjunction with our Canoe Sprint Championships in February. At this event we also qualified 11 of our Officials to ICF Continental level – a great achievement and one that has had a significant impact on the quality of our regattas. A big thank you to that wonderful group of people who give so freely of their own time to improve the racing for all of our members.

For the first time we joined with the King of the Harbour Ocean Surf Ski race and held our National Surf Ski Champs as well as working with the State Beach Series in Auckland.

Mana Kayak Racing Club hosted a great Marathon Nationals in April and we held the first annual 10km series which was hosted by various clubs around the country and culminated in the 10km Champs in September. We ran three development camps – two in the North Island and one in the South Island - with requests already flooding in for more. We held two Blue Lake regattas as well as one in the South Island on Lake Ruataniwha. What a very busy year it's been, and so much more is coming up in 2012.



The excitement for 2012 will, of course, be the London Olympics and it starts with the build-up at Oceania Champs in March where some of our squad still intend qualifying for the Olympics and where we're also sending a squad of Juniors and U23s. What a nail-biter that's going to be.

We look forward to bringing you the news and happenings of 2012, and in the meantime wish you all a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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Upcoming Events

Jan – Feb 2012

- 2 Jan - Hawkes Bay Kayak & Rowing Picnic Regatta
- 17-19 Feb – CRNZ Canoe Sprint Champs
- 24-26 Feb - South Island Surf Ski Champs

FOR MORE INFO GO TO **EVENTS**
ON THE WEBSITE
www.canoeracing.org.nz



At Christmas, all
roads lead home.

Marjorie Holmes

Lisa Carrington wins Maori Sports Award

Congratulations to Lisa Carrington who was honoured by the Maori Sports Awards in Auckland on Saturday 3rd December for her achievements in kayaking, winning the Maori Senior Sports woman of the Year Award, as well as being recognised for a World Championship title.

Lisa qualified the K1 200m for the 2012 Olympics by winning gold at the ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships in Szeged in August this year, as well as qualifying the K2 500m with team mate Erin Taylor.

The male winner of the same category was Piri Weepu, who also won overall Maori Sports person of the Year. Other winners can be viewed on the Awards web-site: www.maorisportsawards.co.nz



Halberg Award Nominees Announced

The Halberg Award nominees were recently announced with canoeing featuring in two categories. Lisa Carrington has been nominated as the Westpac Sportswoman of the Year and George Thomas has been nominated for the Halberg Trust Disabled Sports person of the Year for para-canoeing. Finalists will be announced in the New Year and Award recipients will be announced at the Westpac Halberg Awards on 9 February 2012 at SkyCity, Auckland. This is fantastic profile for our sport and we congratulate Lisa and George on their nominations and wish them luck in becoming Award recipients.

Coaches Oceania 2012

We are calling for expressions of interest for the following roles:

- Open Coach
- Under 23 Coach
- Under 19 Coach

Team Configurations are likely to be:

Open : 12 athletes, 2 coaches, 1 manager.

U23 : 5 athletes, 1 coach, 1 manager

U19 : 8 athletes, 1 coach, 1 manager

Key Information

- Voluntary role but expenses covered
- Travel dates likely to be 27th Feb and return 5th March
- Racing at Penrith Sydney, 2nd to 4th of March 2012
- Working with athletes selected by the CRNZ Selectors
- Working as independent units, as above.
- The manager in each unit is the team leader.

Please email your expression of interest to Grant Restall indicating your preferred role. No CV or explanation is necessary.

Email: grant.restall@canoeracing.org.nz Closing date: 20th December

Surveys

We'd love your feedback on a couple of issues and have set up some quick surveys online. Please take 5 minutes to complete these to help us get things right.

Communications:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VHVQST9>

Blue Lake Regattas:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MDXFLPP>

Please note, we are also asking for feedback on additional sprint regattas in the survey, so if you want to have your say here is your opportunity!

Inaugural CRNZ Sports and Recognition Awards 2012

Saturday 18 February 2012, Holiday Inn, Rotorua

The first CRNZ Sports and Recognition Awards will be held on Saturday night of Nationals in February 2012. The cost per person will be approx. \$40.00 and this includes a full buffet dinner and dessert. It will be a great night out and you can say you were at the **first ever** Canoe Racing Awards. Book a table early to ensure you sit with your team. Tables of 8 or 10 can be booked. Finalists for the awards will be announced in the new year.

Contact Karen 04 902 1206 or Karen.simpson@canoeracing.org.nz.

Canoe Sprint Championship 2012 will be held at Lake Tikitapu, Blue Lake, Rotorua 17-19 February 2012. Entry details will be published on the web site in the new year.

Blue Lake 2 – Race Report



The Blue Lake 2 Regatta was held on Lake Tikitapu in Rotorua over the weekend on calm lake conditions, but with more than a little rain. 128 competitors in 6 age groups competed across 62 different events with 23 paddlers making the trek up from the South Island, hot on the heels of the South Island Regatta held at the end of October. This made for a pretty tight schedule but some excellent skills from our Officials team kept things ticking along smoothly all weekend.

We were lucky on Saturday with the forecast never quite reaching it's wet potential and the day staying largely dry and war. However the downpour of rain on Sunday meant some shivery athletes on the water, but it did little to dampen their competitive spirit with many athletes well aware of the implications of this regatta on future selection to the Oceania Championship being held in Penrith, Sydney in March 2012. Oceania is also an Olympic qualification event so competition there will be hot.

The Open Men and Women set the standard for some very close finishes, particularly in the 200m events on Sunday, and even in the longer distances on Saturday.

Both the Open Women K1 500m and 200m were close contests between Erin Taylor, Teneale Hatton and Rachel Dodwell (all from North Shore) who finished with only split seconds between them, the outcome being anyone's guess. So it was to the camera for the calls that gave the 200m to Teneale in 44.80 then Erin 44.83 and Rachel 44.93 ... So close! The 500m flipped to give Erin the first place in 1.59.34, Teneale 2nd in 2.00.87 and Rachel 3rd in 2.04.48. Lisa Carrington who recently qualified the K1 200m for the Olympics when she won the event at the World Champs in Szeged, was missing this weekend while she attended the Maori Sports Awards. Congrats must go out to her for winning the Senior Maori Sports woman of the Year Award. Well done Lisa!

The Open Men had a decent sized field of 25, and results were equally close with less than a second between the top 3 in the 200m – Steven Ferguson (North Shore) won in 38.46, Darryl Fitzgerald (Poverty Bay) 2nd in 38.7 and Liam O'Loughlin (Arawa) 3rd in 38.87 seconds.

The 1000m saw Ben Fouhy, recently returned from a great World Marathon Champs where he placed 6th, taking the lead spot in a time of 3.49.08 followed by Steven Ferguson 3.51.47 and Darryl Fitzgerald 3.52.09. It's a real treat to see these powerful paddlers tackle this distance where a close finish is not always guaranteed, but these athletes never disappoint.

The K2s saw Marianne Archer (Mana) and Teneale Hatton (North Shore) dominate the 500m which they were well pleased with having never paddled together before the day. Their time of 1.55.36 was closely followed by Rachel Dodwell and Jamie Lovett in 1.56.67 with the rest of the field quite a jump behind them.

In the 200s the tables were turned with Rachel and Jamie winning in 40.69 and Marianne and Teneale placing 2nd in 42.60. The Men were pretty bedraggled by the time their K2 came around near the end of Sunday, but Steve Ferguson and Darryl Fitzgerald (strong hopefuls for Olympic qualification at Oceania) took the win in 34.82 followed closely by Troy Burbidge (Waitara) and Liam O'Loughlin (Arawa) in 35.26.

The U23 field was another hotly contested one with the 200m featuring two Arawa paddlers in 1st and 2nd: Steven Drabble and Ryan Quickenden respectively, with Jamie Banhidi of North Shore just short in 3rd by less than half a second. The 1000m saw young Jasper Bats of Poverty Bay putting his body on the line. He was suffering from a back injury but decided it was guts for glory in this race, although it meant he had to withdraw from his other races subsequently. However he was pleased with his win in 4.24.68, some 4 seconds ahead of Alex Fort 4.28.10 with Steve Drabble in 3rd, 4.32.06.

Injuries seemed to be the order of the day, with Scott Bicknell (Hawkes Bay) also on a back injury, Daniel Peacock (Otago) who was hit by a car while riding his bike, and Martyn McDowell (Mana) all having to scratch last minute, and none too happy about it after training so hard for this event!!!

The U23 women weren't so injury ridden and the top three placings went to the same women in both the 200m and 500m. In the 200m it was Kayla Imrie (Mana) 1st, Jamie Welch (North Shore) 2nd, and Kate Johnston (Arawa) 3rd; whereas the 500m placed Jamie 1st, Kayla 2nd and Kate 3rd. The Under 19 paddlers featured the Junior World Champs competitors who showed that their training, and their international experience, paid off. The Under 19 men had some stand-out paddlers with Alex Fort (Arawa) placing 1st in both the 200m and 1000m followed by team mate Zac Quickenden in both distances. This certainly made the trip up from the South Island worth it! Third place was nabbed by 2 North Shore paddlers – 200m by Andrew Roy and the 500m by Jack Wilson. The K2s were a mixed bunch of results with the Poverty Bay crew of Henry Ellingham/Jarrold Fitzgerald (Poverty Bay) winning first in the 500m, Andrew Roy /Jack Wilson 2nd, and Jake Allen/Kurtis Imrie (Mana) 3rd. The 200m result saw Andrew and Jack taking first, Henry and Jarrod 2nd and Poverty Bay's Patrick Looney and Nick Te Puni 3rd.

The U19 Women's K1 200 saw Aimee Fisher (Hawkes Bay) taking 1st in 48.31 closely followed by Danielle Currie (Arawa) in a split second call of 48.88, and Jenny Fidow (Arawa) 3rd. The 500m was a similar story with Danielle Currie 1st, Aimee Fisher 32nd and Kim Thompson (Poverty Bay) 3rd. The K2s featured these girls again, the 500m giving the Hawkes Bay combo of Aimee Fisher and Rishan PoChing (who paddled for Samoa in her age group last Oceania Champs) placing 1st, Danielle Currie and Jenny Fidow 2nd and Poverty Bay's Eve Pinfod/Kim Thompson 3rd. A turn in the tables saw the 200m results placing Danielle and Jenny in 1st, Aimee/Rishan in 2nd, and Eve/Kim again in third.

Our younger age groups were represented really strongly at this regatta and as usual Poverty Bay's young guns were a force to be reckoned with. However Hawkes Bay, Waitara, Arawa and Mana also brought good contingents of juniors with some surprising results.

First placings went to:

Tyros WK1 200, 500 and 1000m newcomer Tess Allen, Mana
Tyros MK1 200, 500 and 1000m Reeftahn Brown-Terekia, Poverty Bay
U14 MK2 200 and 500m Hayden Phelps/Quaid Thompson, Poverty Bay
U14 WK1 500m Britney Ford, Poverty Bay
U14 MK1 200 and 500m Quaid Thompson, Poverty Bay
U14 and U16 WK2 200 and 500m Britney Ford/Courtney Hoskin, Poverty Bay
U16 WK1 200m Kim Thompson, Poverty Bay
U16 WK1 500m Rebecca Cole, Waitara
U16 MK2 200 and 500m Kurtis Imrie, Mana/Sam Roy, BOP
U16 MK1 500m Kurtis Imrie, Mana
U16 MK1 200m Taris Harker, Arawa



The Masters K1s were dominated by Glenn Muirhead who recently placed 3rd in his age group at Marathon World Champs in Singapore, Glenn winning both the 200m and 1000m.

For full race results go to the website <http://canoeracing.org.nz/Home-1/News/Archive/2011/Blue-Lake-2-Race-Report>
Link to results is at the bottom of the report.

THANK YOU

A special thank you to our wonderful group of charitable and gaming funders who have made our events, development camps and tours possible, as well as helping with overheads and equipment in 2011.

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Mana Community Grants
Four Winds Foundation*

*Pub Charity
First Sovereign Trust
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PHOTOS

We're looking for good kayaking / surf ski photos for our photo library. Please forward any you are happy to share to Anneliese in the office.

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**Christmas is a necessity.
There has to be at least one
day of the year to remind us
that we're here for something
else besides ourselves.**

~Eric Sevareid

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Welcome to our new Administrator



We welcome our new administrator to the Auckland office as we sadly farewell Debbie who leaves to spend more time with her young son.

Anneliese is currently completing a Bachelor of Arts double major in Social Anthropology and Psychology and is due to finish this in 2012. In 2013 she will begin the Honours programme in Social Anthropology. If all goes well with the Honours programme she will continue into a Masters in Social Anthropology in 2014.

Anneliese works 4 days a week, Tuesday – Friday, 9am – 2pm, so make sure you say hi when you call the office.

Hawkes Bay Kayak and Rowing Picnic Regatta 2012

Monday 2 January 2012, Farndon Park, Clive

This popular annual event is a fun family day out on the river at Farndon Park, Clive for kayakers and rowers. Always a stunning day and lots going on to entertain the family. Race briefing 10.30am, racing starts 11.00am. Entry \$20 per person.

The full flyer and event entry details are on the website under "Events". **Contact Details:** Pip Pearse, phone 06 873-5447 or email h.p.pearse@xtra.co.nz



A note from the CEO

It has been a busy year and I wish to thank everyone for all that you have contributed to our sport. Whether you are an athlete, coach, manager, parent, official, staff member, board member, sponsor, or supporter, everyone does their bit to make our clubs, camps, regattas, tours etc such a success.

I would like to particularly thank the Selectors - Steve, John, Terry and Gordon, Team Managers - Grant, Anne and Terry, HP Coaches - Gordon, Grant, Ferg, Gavin and Leigh, Barb - Chair of the Officials Committee, Alan - Chair of the Sprint Committee, Tracy Wilson for assisting us with sponsorship and the Board who voluntarily take on the responsibility of governing CRNZ.

Thanks to everyone who attended the Club Presentation and Feedback session. We presented a lot of information and received some valuable feedback which will assist the CRNZ team with future improvements.

This week I was in Dunedin and took the opportunity to visit OUSA Kayak Club where Brendon O'Neill was kind enough to show me their facilities and equipment. It is through the efforts of Brendon and others that this club has been established and made great progress. And because we continue to have so many passionate kayaking people our number of clubs keeps growing and we now have 15 member clubs.

A special thank you to our sponsor Orca who have gone out of their way this year to meet the needs of the largest tours ever to GP2, Junior World Championships and Marathon World Championships at no cost to CRNZ. Without this support some costs would have had to have been passed on to athletes and our teams wouldn't have looked nearly as good.

Special thanks to my team Karen, Grant, Gordy, Anneliese and Scotty and Debbie who have sadly left us. You do a fantastic job and I enjoy working with you all.

I am looking forward to 2012, further successes and building on the progress we have made. My note would not be complete without a mention of our first woman World Champion Lisa. Lisa represents all of CRNZ values including professionalism and commitment to success. She is a great role model for all our athletes and our sport.

I wish you all and your families a very Merry Christmas and a relaxing New Year. And I look forward to seeing you all again in 2012.

Regards Paula Kearns CEO