

FLOTSAM 2 , August, 1981.
AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY UNDERWATER CLUB.

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CLUB MEETINGS are held in the 'Club Rooms', mezzanine floor of the Rec. Centre on Mondays at 1 P.M.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to elect a new committee will be held on Wednesday 16th September at 7.30 pm in BIO (under main Library)

The Advanced Scuba Course is now underway.

Basic Certificates will soon be with those who have not.

Michelle's on to something big in Christchurch but she is missing the action & the guys (almost). Hurry back beautiful, Ewan is lonely.

A.U.U.C. 20th Birthday Celebrations.

1981 is the 20th year the Auckland University Underwater Club has been in existence. A party is planned and will be held on Friday 18th September in the Student Union. Further exciting details will follow!!

Colin MacDonald has resigned as Treasurer

THE LITTLE BARRIER TRIP

The Saturday morning of our departure came up not so bright and not so sunny - ideal weather for sitting and waiting for our main party to come and pick us up. I was sure that Andrew had told us not to be late... but the mind does play funny tricks, doesn't it?

Still, better late than never and we set off, eagerly anticipating great diving and the chance to sample a fine vintage of Ewans' infamous boysenberry wine. After a little coaxing, we even managed to persuade Andrew to recount his stunning (for him) debut on the Pukekohe racecourse. And then he wanted to drive the minibus...

Anyway we were all in great spirits and remained so for the rest of the weekend. (Is Drambuie a great spirit?)

Saturday afternoon, when we arrived at Leigh, had developed into the sunny weather we had all hoped for. The siève, oops, tent went up in double quick time and we all went for a relaxing wander around the rock pools and our guest star Doctor Jacques Kelly treated us to an advanced coastal marine biology lecture while Brian revealed to us the mysteries of sponge biochemistry and earned a double whiskey.

Then most of us plunged into the icy briny to be greeted as usual by the snapper and crayfish that never cease to frustrate the pothunting diver at Goat Island as they gaily swim up to meet you or wave their feelers, daring you to pick them from their rocky homes and sacrifice your diving gear and freedom. I personally feel the Fisheries Department should declare an open season on Goat Island for the duration of our next freshers camp. We poor hungry students would appreciate an iodine rich supplement to our meagre diets.

After a great dinner, cooked to cremation, oops, I mean perfection, we set off for an enjoyable, if relatively quiet night at Leigh Pub. Come to think of it, perhaps the dinner wasn't so great - it didn't seem to settle one hundred percent in a couple of our members.

Yes, Sunday was great until dusk, when the wind blew and the rain rained and the tent leaked. Consequently the Little Barrier Trip on Monday was a "negative" as our skipper informed us. The battery of the mini-bus was also a negative and later a write-off, so we would have had trouble getting to the wharf at the 7:30 deadline anyway. So Brian raced into Leigh for a new battery while Michelle and Kirsty decided to have pups.

Eventually we got rolling with the aid of a push, and decided to settle for a cray dive just out of Leigh Harbour. Ewan and I got to the reef and decided to gear up. I was going great guns when I realised Ewan hadn't moved at all. It's not easy, he'll tell you, to gear up without mask or snorkel and fins. It's not easy to tell Brian he has to go all the way back in and

get Ewan's mask, snorkel and fins. Good thing we weren't out at Little Barrier when the gear was missed.

It was a crayless dive for all but Mike, highlighted by the comical figure of Ewan big-game hunting an undersized John Dory. Then it was push-start the mini-bus, break camp, and off on our merry way homeward.

A good weekend, with mediocre but very enjoyable diving and, as always, first class company.

Mark Armstrong

POOR KNIGHTS TRIP

We left Auckland on Sunday afternoon and reached the Sea Breeze Motel in Ngunguru late Sunday evening after an eventful drive down. (see Terry v.d.H. for details)

There were five units in all, four grotty little ones and one palace compared to the others (probably used for the 4-star rating) which was situated underneath Mrs La Krapes house (hereafter referred to as Mrs La Craps).

That night was spent quietly without incident.

On Monday morning we got down to the boat (the 'Tamure!'), fifteen of us plus the skipper, and chugged off towards the Knights at 8.30. There were large swells all the way over and not everyone escaped without a hurried trip to the back of the boat (name withheld).

We went along the northern side of the islands and dropped anchor in a fairly sheltered cove. Everyone that was diving buddied up and jumped over the side. The water was not cold, as expected, and the visibility was excellent, by this time the swells had ceased and the sun was shining brightly.

The days diving went well, we only managed to lose one diver and spent fifteen minutes playing 'spot-the-diver'. (see Terry v.d.H. for details)

When the boat got back we unloaded her and took off to the pub which was deserted. An interesting game of pool followed with the proviso that the losers dropped their trousers (vulgarity abounds) Barrie, ever the sporting loser, willingly obliged (adding colour to the evening no doubt.)

After a few rounds we headed back to the motel for a hearty meal. Being a Monday night we sat down to watch some good programmes but the nights viewing was rudely interrupted by a thud at the door! In leapt Andrew Daddy (alias Lady Godiva minus horse, hair and other attributes) and sidekick Wayne wearing one sock each (no prizes for guessing where!) Wayne went off not long after to change his attire. Meanwhile Andrew, intent on mischief was running around the back lawn of the motel with a bucket of water to throw on some hapless individual, still wearing his sock (and defying the laws of gravity) Mrs La Craps was chasing him saying "I'll have that, I'll have that", meaning we presumed, the bucket of water, but it didn't improve matters much when Andrew started to give her his sock.

A lecture was later delivered by Mrs La Craps and the price of our stay

was decidedly hiked.

Another late night , leaving us in tip-top condition for the next days diving.

We ended up returning to the Poor Knights on the Tuesday, even though we were scheduled to go to the Hen and Chickens, as the previous days diving was so good.

The boat was loaded at about 8.45 and we were just about to cast off when Terry B. came screaming round the waterfront at about 50 mph and threw himself on board. On the way over, although there was an absence of swells, the back of the boat was still frequented. (see Terry v.d.H. for details) We were accompanied part of the way by a school of dolphins. The day passed uneventfully good dives had by all, and not a single diver lost. (see Terry v.d.H. for details)

The weather was fine for most of the day but gradually deteriorated on the way back and got very rough, wet and cold. More dolphins appeared but left us after a short distance.

Once back at the wharf the Tamure was unloaded for the last time and the occupants homeward bound.

TRIPS

Gt Barrier Expedition 15th - 16th August on Pegasus. Is filling up fast. Get along to the 10th August Club meeting with \$55 if you want to come.

Marlborough Sounds Trip

August 22 and 23. Leaves from Wellington. Cost \$100. Contact Terry 687-361

Bland Bay Blitz

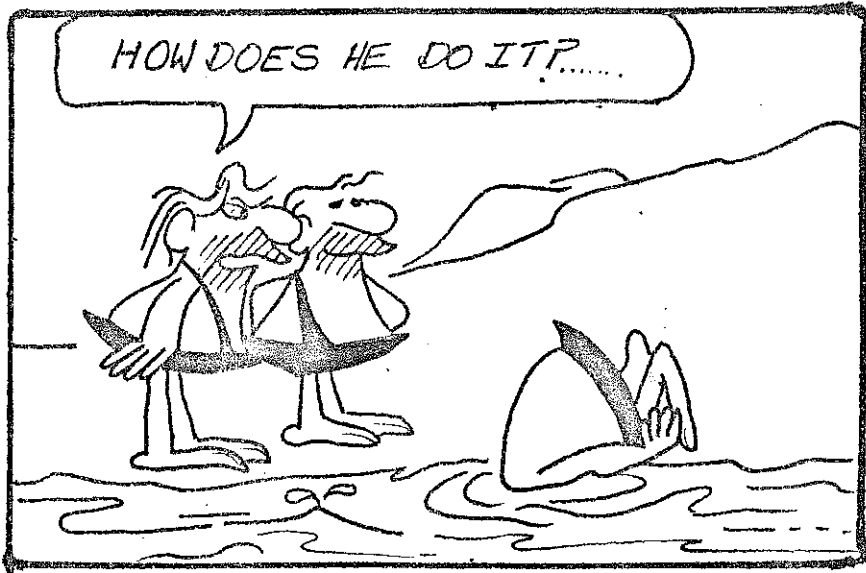
Last week of the August Holidays 29th to 4th September. Camp at Bland Bay. Cost for food and transport c.255. Air extra. Non divers welcome. Ring Brian 779285 before 15th August if you want to come.

THE CLUB RAGE 26 June

The club rage or should we call it a whisper? was attended by 100's of club members and friends who had discovered the formula of invisibility so their presence was not noticed.

At the door stood a wee man weilding a green felt pen with the intention of scarring everyone for life. Inside was plenty of booze, food and good music with a slight lapse towards the end of the evening when we were forced to listen to reggae by some tasteless person. A good time was had by everyone and we hope that the next one will be as good or better.

Frith

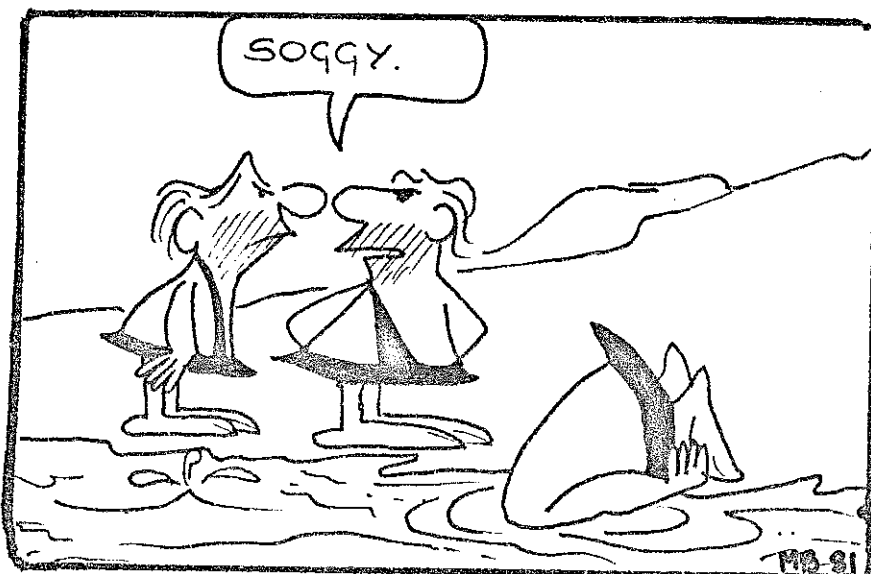


20th Birthday Party
 Friday
 September 18th



ANNUAL
 GENERAL
 MEETING

Weds
 September 16th
 BIO



TRIPS

Gt. Barrier

August 15 + 16th

Marlborough

Sounds

August 22 + 23rd

BLAND BAY CAMP

August 29th
 to Sept 4th

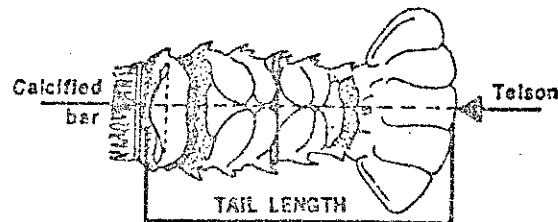
AUGUST 1978

Copies of the Rock Lobster Fishing Regulations are available at small cost from Government Bookshops at Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. The following notes are not a complete summary of the regulations, but may prove helpful if you are going lobster (crayfish) fishing. Throughout these notes the words "lobster" and "crayfish" have the same meaning.

1. It is unlawful to sell any lobster taken by amateur, or pleasure, fishermen.

2. LENGTH: Lobster tails are measured -

- (a) In the middle straight line along the ventral (or belly) surface with the tail laid flat.
- (b) Measurement is from the after side of the first calcified bar to the tip of the telson. The points of measurement are as illustrated below:-



3. PROTECTED LOBSTERS

Certain classes of lobster are protected under the regulations and must be returned immediately to the water alive and unharmed. These are:

- (a) Female lobsters carrying external eggs, and all lobsters which are in the soft shell stage.
- (b) Packhorse lobsters (also known as packhorse or green crayfish) with tails less than 216 millimetres $8\frac{1}{2}$ " in length.
- (c) Spiny lobsters (also known as spiny or red crayfish) with tails less than 152 millimetres in length. 6"

4. QUOTAS: The daily limit catch is -

- (a) Six lobsters per person; or
- (b) A total of thirty lobsters where five or more persons are associated together.
- (c) No person or persons may take, possess, or convey, more than the limit quantity on any one day.

S-H-I-M-L-I-N-G-I-S-T-I-F

8. SMELLFISH

(a) Not more than the following number of shellfish of the species listed may be taken, brought ashore, conveyed, be on board or landed from any boat, or be in possession on any one day.

One Person -

Paua	Scallops	Mussels	Kina (Sea Eggs)	Tuatua	Pipis	Cockles
10	20	50	50	150	150	150

Two or More Persons Associated Together:

No. of Persons in Association	Paua	Scallops	Mussels	Kina (Sea Eggs)	Tuatua	Pipis	Cockles
2	20	40	100	100	300	300	300
3	30	60	150	150	450	450	450
4	40	80	200	200	600	600	600
5 or more	50	100	250	250	750	750	750

- (b) Scallops - Scallops must not be less than 100 mm across the greatest diameter of the shell and must not be opened below high water mark. Scallops may not be taken during the closed season, which extends from 15 February to 14 July each year.
- (c) Oysters - Are protected and must not be interfered with in any way.
- (d) Toheras - A separate leaflet containing information on the Toheras Regulations is available from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.
- (e) Paua - Ordinary paua must not be less than 125 mm in greatest diameter across the shell and yellow foot paua must not be less than 82 mm. Paua may not be shelled below high water mark.
- (f) Pipis - Kati Kati Harbour - No metal instrument may be used for taking pipis and no vehicle of any kind may be driven across the tidal lands or waters west of a line drawn from Te Ho Needs to Miers Head.
- (g) Underwater Breathing Apparatus - No person may use underwater breathing apparatus while taking paua or mussels or have paua or mussels on board any boat or vehicle in or on which there is any underwater breathing apparatus. The term "underwater breathing apparatus" does not include snorkel.

Bland Bay Camp
29 Aug. - 4 Sept.

