



Classic and Wayne Cretney Memorial  
8<sup>th</sup> November, 2015  
**29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Sunny and Windy



On a less windy day



**Race Report:**

Maps: Baring Head, Fitzroy Bay and The Old Pump Shed

Location: Wainuiomata, Wellington East Harbour



## Planners' Report

If you thought Wellington was windy, you were wrong! It doesn't compare to Baring Head where it howls 70% of the time. The wind certainly made up for the 'Not-so Winter' Classic being held in November instead of winter.

There were many positive comments which was pleasing. There was also a good turnout for on-the-day courses so all in all there were over 90 orienteers.

I apologise for what might seem to be hiding the controls – on Saturday it was just as windy as Sunday and I had to tie most of the controls down behind bushes making them a little harder to find.

Here were some comments:

- 'Many thanks for today. Nice area, good map and great courses!' - Malcolm Ingham (1st M50)
- 'Long courses are usually boring but this was interesting' - Bill Edwards (1st M40 Wayne Cretney Memorial)
- 'Have to come back here again' (Royce Mills)
- 'My map blew away from me' Graham Fortune (1<sup>st</sup> Men's Veteran) he was able to finish by following his wife around who was on the same course.
- 'Hard running into the wind'
- 'The wind was bad but at least it was warm'
- 'No time to really check the view but I'll make sure I spend some time looking when I pick up controls - (Greg Thurlow 2nd M40)
- 'Could hardly stand up, nearly blown backwards'
- 'No trouble climbing up the hill to the trig as the wind was pushing me'

- 'Going against the wind up the coast was hard work' (Winners Rogaine) - they did have one advantage though as all controls maybe were easier to find as they were all out of the wind on the South side.

- 'Very scenic'

- 'Beautiful scenery'

- 'Couldn't finish (had to limp home) - fell over and knocked my knee on a rock in rough grass near lighthouse' Paul Dalton

Everyone tired, some a bit bruised and a bit battered.

'Really enjoyed the course. Liked the mix of tourist controls. Amazing coast. I'll be back there diving next w.e.' Murray Hughes

There were reasons for 'tourist' controls:

- I like having one or two scenic controls – and for this area I think people would be disappointed not seeing the view from the trig, and not seeing the lighthouse up close.

- Guidelines for good course planning recommend that there should be some easier controls (or having a few easier controls with higher points in a rogaine). This is to break your rhythm, force competitors to change pace and make planning your course harder.

To paraphrase Kenny Rogers:

*You've got to know when to go slow,*

*Know when to jog,*

*Know when to run.*

*When you're sittin' at the table*

*There'll be time enough for analysing your route choices*

*When the event is done.*

*Cause every competitor's a winner,*

*When the event is done.*

In my mind a great area and a real asset to the Wellington club.

Thanks to the Regional Park management and private landowners for letting us run on this special place.

Thanks again to Alan for doing a lot of the organisation and sportident and to the many club members who helped out.

A big thanks to my wife Ning for the scrumptious lunch she slaved away creating for a few days and to a lesser extent, my son Everett for helping out. A comment made to me: 'I don't know how you are not fat' – believe me I have to work hard at keeping the weight down from the fabulous meals I get cooked for me and its getting a lot harder as I get older. At this event my family had to get up early and wait right until the end when all controls were picked up.

Thanks also to the control collectors – picking up controls only took about 1.5 hours instead of the 2 days it took me to get all the controls out (it is always awkward carrying seven distinct items with your two hands and backpack - hauling standard, flag, SportIdent holder, SportIdent, map, pencil and car key. I only lost one pencil, and one flag which almost flew away to the South Island but I miraculously found it ten minutes later perched on the edge of a cliff. I planned on Saturday 10 minutes per control, with 62 controls meant most of daylight. It only took 590 minutes but a fair amount of that was ensuring that all controls were tied down and secure. I am still amazed that none blew away. I spent 5 minutes despairing at the pivot control where there was no cover and the gales at this spot make it one of the windiest holes in the universe. Not strictly legal, but I'm sure you enjoyed the novel control lying face down with the sportident dug into the ground. On this map, I was able to drive over grassland to many areas – the ground was dry due to the wind, and I still remember the ranger driving all over the place in the middle of winter. That wind sure sucks out all the moisture.

If anyone wants a printed map, please email me, or print off your own copy from the map links below.

Until the next time,  
Bryan Teahan.



Did you enjoy getting lost in the climbing boulders?



Anyone see this impressive cactus near a control?

## **Maps and Courses**

Winter Classic Results:

<http://www.winterclassic.co.nz/wc/Resultsclassic2015.htm>

Team Explorer Rogaine Results:

<http://www.winterclassic.co.nz/wc/Rogaine2015.htm>

Splits:

[http://www.winterclassic.co.nz/wc/splits\\_2015.htm](http://www.winterclassic.co.nz/wc/splits_2015.htm)

Courses:

[http://www.orienteingresults.com/O/NZOF/WinterClassic/maps/2015\\_gallery.htm](http://www.orienteingresults.com/O/NZOF/WinterClassic/maps/2015_gallery.htm)

## About the Area

For some bedtime reading:

<http://www.wcl.govt.nz/wellington/streetspart2chap2.html>

Consider the directorate of May, 1840: -

NEW ZEALAND COMPANY

GOVERNOR:

Joseph Somes.

DEPUTY.GOVERNOR:

Hon. Francis Baring, M.P.

Here we see at a glance the origin of the names of Somes Island, Baring Head, Hutt River and Ward Island (q.v.).

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nzbound/placenames.htm>

Baring Head was named after the Hon. Francis Baring, M.P. one of the members of the society first called the NZ association founded by Edward G. Wakefield. in 1837.

[https://www.google.co.nz/search?sourceid=navclient&aq=&oq=%c3%96rua-pouanui+meaning&hl=en-GB&ie=UTF-8&rlz=1T4GGNI\\_en-GBNZ546NZ547&q=%c3%96rua-pouanui+meaning&gs\\_l=hp...0.0.2.1276241.....0.6yhUAe2DeYk](https://www.google.co.nz/search?sourceid=navclient&aq=&oq=%c3%96rua-pouanui+meaning&hl=en-GB&ie=UTF-8&rlz=1T4GGNI_en-GBNZ546NZ547&q=%c3%96rua-pouanui+meaning&gs_l=hp...0.0.2.1276241.....0.6yhUAe2DeYk)

Baring Head is known as Orua-Poua-nui, meaning the place of the den, or retreat, of Pouanui. It is very close to the entrance of Te Whanganui-a-Tara (the great harbour of Tara), and it is held that the harbour was first discovered by Kupe, who had a role in naming parts of it. He was probably also the discoverer of Baring Head.

<http://www.gw.govt.nz/baring-head-orua-pouanui/>

Detailed information about the park from the Greater Wellington Regional Council.

Baring Head/Orua-pouanui is home to a number of unique ecosystems within its boundary.

The beach and coastal escarpment provide a habitat for birds such as the banded dotterel, many lizard species, and rare invertebrates (eg, spider, moth and cicada species). Cushion plants, spinifex and sand tussock are also found here.

The Wainuiomata River is an important native fish habitat and the lower reaches are a spawning habitat for inanga. The nationally endangered plant tororaro (*Muehlenbeckia astonii*) is also found near the river.

<http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/Commercial/Shipping-safety/Aids-to-navigation/Lighthouses-of-NZ/Baring-head-lighthouse.asp>

Technical details about the lighthouse.

<http://www.baringhead.org.nz/>

Friends of Baring Head.

<http://climbnz.org.nz/nz/ni/wellington/baring-head>

Bouldering invented at Baring Head.

## Emails

**Peter Wood:** Thank you very much for the event. Excellent map and course and great views, and really pleased to have gone to an area I haven't visited before.

**Ann Kendon:** Thanks for all your hard work organising this event. At the finish you asked us for our rogaine route.

Team - Ann Kendon & Jo McKenzie

Route - 117,118,119,121,158,159,126,127,128,155,156,157,154,153, 152, 151, 150,149,148,147,146,145,133,134,133,135,136,137,131,116,130,144,160,142,141,143,140,139,138,107,108,109,110,113

We were really pleased with the route. First time in a while that we agreed we wouldn't have changed anything. The decision to do it that way round was deciding that getting down to the beach at the lighthouse might be easier to find the track going down than up. Also we wanted to get 160 from the top.

**Beverley Holder:** Thank you for putting so much effort in and once again turning on a really professionally run event. I loved going to Baring Head as it is not somewhere I had been before and it is great to have the new area mapped as well. Many many thanks!

**Gillian Ingham:** thank you so much for the Winter Classic/Wayne Cretney - I thoroughly enjoyed it - really different terrain yet again.

## Quotes

Anytime I feel lost, I pull out a map and stare. I stare until I have reminded myself that life is a giant adventure, so much to do, to see.

[Angelina Jolie](#)

There's no map to human behaviour.

[Bjork](#)

Map out your future - but do it in pencil. The road ahead is as long as you make it. Make it worth the trip.

[Jon Bon Jovi](#)

I travel without barely any luggage. Just a second set of underwear and binoculars and a map and a toothbrush.

[Werner Herzog](#)

It was one of my dreams as a child, growing up in my little village with my cousins. We used to walk together, and I used to say, when you look at the world map, 'This town is there, that town is there, that river is there.' I used to say, 'One day, I'm going to travel these places.'

[Jimmy Cliff](#)

True navigation begins in the human heart. It's the most important map of all.

[Elizabeth Kapu'uwailani Lindsey](#)