

RAPIDS SHOT FIRST TIME

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Challenging the rapids of the Waikato River in a rubber dinghy took steel nerves and called for all the luck in the world. No one had ever shot these New Zealand rapids before. Nobody did now. The rubber dinghy idea didn't pay off. In fact, they had to fight for their lives. Only inches below the raging surface, jagged rocks threatened death.

Undismayed, another lot had a try. This was just Saturday sport for young men who spend five days a week in Auckland offices. Quite a change.

Okay so far, but any resemblance between this lark and rolling down the river on a Sunday afternoon is co-incidental.

They made it. And made local history too; first men to shoot the Waikato Rapids.