

Keelhauler's Ka-news JANUARY, 2014



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Michael Duvall



The December meeting was our Holiday Party Potluck Dinner. I want to thank everyone that attended and brought some great dishes. I think everyone had a good time and enjoyed seeing some of the people they paddled with this past year.

Hope everyone had a great holiday but now it is time to make your New Year's resolutions like hitting more pool secessions and making plans to take advantage of the instructional opportunities like Slip Clinic and Turkey Bash.

Jim Hunt has the yearbook ready to go to press so if you want to receive this great reference book with the trip schedule, membership list and lots of information on many of our most popular rivers you better make sure to pay your dues.

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Be safe and I'll see you on the river,

Michael

Grand Canyon August/September, 2013

By Kelly Miller

If you would like two weeks of solitude with about 17 of your new "closest" friends, no way out once your boat has set sail (although John Greer and Doug Smith contemplated daily about the easiest way out), and staring at the beautiful canyon walls while using the outdoor "groover" every day, then this is the trip for you. I have to say that the Grand Canyon kicked my behind a little bit, but I really am looking forward to going back again!

Brent and I left 3 days after we got both kids off to college and met John Greer and Doug Smith in Las Vegas. That part of our trip was smooth, and a bus met us to take us to the canyon to meet up with the other 6 paddlers, 4 rafters, and 5 river guides running the rafts. One of our fellow paddlers also rode the bus with us from the airport. His name was Aries, a paddler from Hong Kong. He was very quiet, although anyone was quiet compared to us four. The bus promptly broke down on the way to the canyon, the battery dying at a gas station which put us about two hours behind and causing us to miss the group orientation and meeting the rest of the group until the next morning. We did have our own orientation with Guy and Liam, the guides from Small World Adventures, and Larry from Moki Mac. They gave out the rental boats, dry bags, etc. for our trip. We then promptly headed to dinner, the beer store, and then to bed where there was a picture of the huge Lava rapid hanging over it.....



Setting off on our adventure.....



John, Doug, Brent, and me getting ready to leave

A quick plug for Small World Adventures and Moki Mac.... I know most Keelhaulers do their own trips, but these guys were absolutely wonderful. The food was fantastic..... huge pork chops, steaks, ribs, pad thai, salmon, salad, and awesome breakfasts. All we had to do every day was help unload the rafts which we did in an assembly line manner when we quit for the day, and then we relaxed! They did everything else. They knew all of the river lines, and had beautiful hikes planned each day. A few of the guides had been down the river over 100 times. Every morning we were woken to the call and smell of "HOT COFFEE!"



The boys sliding down the natural slide at Shinumo Wash



Our daily dinner assembly line

I am not going to go through the whole trip play by play, but I will say the following about the trip..... Brent hand paddled the whole canyon. The whole thing. Poor John Greer had all of the problems with the creepy crawlies. Scorpions, ring tails, mice, you name it. They all liked him. Doug Smith entertained everyone with his stories. I had the most swims. Less than a hand full, but more than a couple. Not my proudest moments, and the rental kayak and I just couldn't bond. I guess I should have gotten out a lot more this year prior to the trip. Everyone else did awesome.



One of John's friends...



A ring tail trying to steal some leftover brownie

The rain that hit Colorado and then started to flood the state hit us as well. With about 5 days left in our trip, it started raining and the temperature changed and got colder. The ladies in the raft were not happy campers. It was hard for them to keep warm with getting pelted by the cold water and not having the sun to keep them warm. The first night of this after everyone had settled into their tents for the night, it started raining again. I woke to what I thought was the sound of a train coming through the canyon. After waking Brent, we got out with our headlamps to find a huge waterfall flowing off the canyon wall right into our camp and creating a small river between our tent and several others. Luckily, someone had thought to move the kayaks before they were washed away, and the noise and excitement kept everyone awake for a bit.



Brent and John in Redwall Canyon



Brent and Doug in Elves Chasm



Camp at South Canyon, mile marker 32

The next day was Lava which you will see at the end of Brent's video. Afterward was a pina colada party. I had no idea there was such thing as a gas powered blender.

A link to Brent's video of the trip:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/a1ojpa01wv2yks0/Grand%20Canyon%20SWA.m4v>

As our trip was coming to an end, it continued to rain. Nothing dried at night, and every day we were putting on wet clothes. We even passed a helicopter, and I could see the tears in the eyes of the women in the raft as they considered whipping out a credit card and begging for a ride. They were freezing. At least in the kayaks, we had dry tops and half of our bodies we covered. The kicker came as Larry from Moki Mac called in to confirm our pickup at the take out. The Diamond Creek takeout road was washed out, and it had to be arranged that we would be picked up by jet boat the following day, but we would have to paddle another approximately 15 miles downstream. Everyone was tired, but set off, and the miles flew by with the bonus rapids.



Brent



John and Doug scouting Lava

After one more night of camping, we were met by the jet boat for a ride back to the new take out. We split from our new friends, and Brent, John, Doug and I headed for Vegas where I for one took 3 showers that night! Everything we owned was covered in sand, and was pounds heavier from being wet.



John in Deer Creek Canyon



Kelly in Elves Chasm



Doug and John enjoying a night game of chess



Doug jump roping with a raft line



Me

Most people are only able to just look down from the rim which is inspiring on its own, but I got a view of the Grand Canyon most will never see. I know I was glad to get out of the canyon that last morning, but this was a trip I won't ever forget!



Our whole group



Me, Brent, Doug and John



John and Doug



Brent

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1/5,12,19,26	KH Roll Session at Meyers Lake YMCA pool - 8:45-10:45 AM		Jeff Cramer	330-245-6252
1/18	KH Roll Session at Orange pool - 4-6:00 PM		Marius Asipauskas	216-200-6321
1/18-25	Costa Rica Week of Rivers, 8 day all-inclusive \$1650 Just Reduced to \$1485 See Joe's Information For more information, see Costa Rica Rios		Joe Marksz	216-533-0604
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Be safe and I'll see you on the river,
Michael

The Annual Vermilion River Race

By Marie Blatnik

The Annual Vermilion River Race is a Keelhauler tradition, beginning with Hank Annable's conception way back when this gorgeous oak of a paddling club was still a cute little sapling. And once again, when this snowy, frozen-river winter weather breaks, the tradition lives on for the 46th year! If you're not already dusting off of your kayak and training for this race, you're already behind! Well, actually, that's ok. You can dust off your boat on the river. Just take more power strokes.

The race is set for March 30, 2014 on the eight-mile section of Class I-II water between the Schoepfle Gardens in Birmingham, Ohio, (Rt. 113, 14 miles west of Elyria, Ohio) to the bridge at the Vermilion River, Mill Hollow-Bacon Woods Reservation near the city of Vermilion. There will be food, racers, a good time, and hopefully water, too.

Look for the official race rules and registration form at

<http://www.keelhauler.org/khcc/vermil.htm>. Any questions or concerns can be directed to: Marie Blatnik, marie.blatnik.physicist@gmail.com, 216-956-2314.

ARE YOU READY FOR CLASS 5?

From John Kobak

Something to think about before the next paddling season. Read [Leland Davis's article](#) in the NRS series called Duct Tape Diaries. Surviving Class V is not the same as running it with style and grace. Try to improve your skills before taking on the next hard river.

REMEMBRANCE

CHUCK SINGER

Tribute to a friend and legend

By Sue Taft

Also printed in the January/February issue of American Whitewater

Chuck Singer was a father, husband, and companion, but it is Chuck, the paddler, that many may recall as friend and mentor. Chuck was very much a legend in his time as evidenced by the outpouring of sadness, love, and loss from the paddling community when news of his death spread. As one paddler noted, "There was no more generous and decent spirit than the one this great and humble man brought to everyone he met and everything he did."

Chuck truly embodied the spirit and essence of whitewater boating. He lived a life that often revolved around his passion—being on water, but notably, being on whitewater. He never got over his enthusiasm from his earliest intro to whitewater on a Keel Hauler trip in 1971 to his death when he should have been getting ready for yet another trip (which would have made more than a dozen) on the Grand Canyon. Chuck died on the scheduled put-in day, May 5. When asked what the worst thing about kayaking was, he responded, "When it's over."



Picture courtesy of Ohiopyle Adventure Photography

Described as a scruffy-looking hippie-type, Chuck often responded that he considered himself "ruggedly handsome." Yet scruffy was an apt description. He had long, scraggly hair and beard, and often wore mismatched, sun-faded or patched gear on the river. Style was of no concern to him; utility was. Chuck didn't even stylize his home-built fiberglass kayaks—he built them with no color, just semi-transparent resin and glass. He belatedly moved into the plastic era in 1985 when he ordered a multi-colored Perception Mirage, one where yellow and blue resins were added to the ends and then mixed during molding. Of course, the result was a middle section marbled with various shades of (some would say unappealing) green, perhaps inadvertently fitting for Chuck's somewhat unkempt river persona at the time.

But Chuck was more than just a kayaker. He was a consummate and gifted paddler. He paddled kayak, C-2, raft, and shredder— all exceptionally well. After his early retirement in 1991 at the age of 50, he guided for MS&T (Mountain Streams and Trails) in West Virginia and Pennsylvania endearing himself to fellow raft guides and customers alike. Many of his trips down the Grand Canyon were the result of invitations on private trips, not only because of his boating skills but because of his personality. Chuck was unpretentious and self-deprecating with a dry sense of humor. He got along with everyone and was particularly good at defusing tense situations. He was also the person you wanted along to handle unexpected circumstances, whether it was dealing with a life and death river crisis or jerry-rigging a solution for malfunctioning equipment.

Chuck readily shared his knowledge and expertise, not in the traditional instructional sense but in the eastern- style master sense. One kayaker observed that "Watching Chuck size up a rapid is like watching someone choose a piece of chocolate from an assortment box.... He actually stops dead and examines it, then works his way through the rocks like it's a maze, stopping completely at times

and rotating his boat 180 degrees, if required." Another noted that Chuck was one of the most generous kayakers giving to the paddling community more than money or things. "He gave his time and commitment to those of us who were learning to kayak, then he taught us to love and respect the river and nature, and most importantly, he taught us to live the good life!" Chuck was also pragmatic. In sharing early spring rivers with fishermen he would say, "Never anger ANYONE who can stick some sharp, pointing thingy in your body."



Chuck in the Cheat Race- Photo courtesy of Jim McNerney

When river runs dried-up in the summer, Chuck was often found sitting at Vulture Rock overlooking Dimple on the Lower Yough. Responding to a raft flip one day where a girl popped up entrapped—her head caught between the raft side ropes and tube—Chuck wearing nothing more than his river shorts, dove into the water, within seconds freeing the girl's head from the entrapment. His lanky body belied his strength, endurance, and skill. He carried a dive mask and often swam the river and eddies below Dimple using underwater rocks as hand holds in search of lost glasses, watches, and rings that he returned to their owners.

Chuck also paddled rivers in Central and South America, South Africa, Southeast Asia, New Zealand, and Australia—the more notable being the White Nile and Zambezi in Africa, Tully in Australia, Buller in New Zealand, Futaleufu, Bio Bio (before it was dammed), Upper Misahyakki and Upper Quijos in South America, and in Central America and Mexico, the Congrejal, Sico, Reventezon, Pacuare, Actopan, Micos, Naranja, Poscados and Tampaon rivers. Being unpretentious and frugal, he often avoided the typical tourist destinations, choosing instead memorable paddling vacations designed around low-cost travel and lodging, and blending in with local culture and customs. His travels were not about marking off rivers, countries, and continents from a list, but much more about absorbing culture and diversity, establishing himself as the perfect ambassador for paddlers wherever he went.

Many of us celebrated his life in our own way upon hearing of his death. The guides of MS&T celebrated his life with their own special party and paddle on the Cheat. His ashes were split between his two home rivers, the Vermilion in Ohio and the Youghiogheny where he had a cabin in the woods outside Ohiopyle. As one paddler succinctly put it, "If you look carefully the next time you paddle by Swimmers, you may see him surfing the wave while juggling some river rocks. His memory will remain in our hearts forever"...and always with a smile on his face.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Pam Poljak

KEELHAULERS INCOME AND EXPENSES

Category Description	FY 2012 Actuals	FY 2013 Actuals	FY 2014 Budget
INCOME			
Conservation	\$ 54.00	\$ -	\$ -
Dues	\$ 5,910.07	\$ 6,214.03	\$ 5,600.00
Interest	\$ 20.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 25.00
Rescue Weekend	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Reservations	\$ 18.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 240.00
Vermilion Race	\$,287.84	\$ 38.55	\$ 900.00
Uncategorized/Misc.	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL INCOME	\$,389.91	\$,139.58	\$,765.00
EXPENSE			
Club Promotion	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Conservation Donations	\$,725.00	\$ 2,225.00	\$ 2,225.00
Website/Domain	\$ 246.37	\$ 115.99	\$ 130.00
Library	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Meeting Hall	\$ 1,464.11	\$ 520.00	\$ 650.00
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Newsletter	\$ 514.86	\$ -	\$ -
Organization Dues	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Postage & Supply	\$ 172.14	\$ 100.00	\$ 250.00
Refreshments	\$ -	\$ 79.28	\$ 100.00
Rescue Weekend	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Vermilion Race	\$ 500.00	\$ 625.77	\$ 700.00
Yearbook Printing	\$ 1,342.82	\$ 1,382.42	\$ 1,400.00
Yearbook Postage	\$ 319.65	\$ 331.47	\$ 340.00
Yough Reservations	\$ 180.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 240.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 7,714.95	\$ 5,829.93	\$ 6,285.00
OVERALL TOTAL	\$ (325.04)	\$ 1,309.65	\$ 480.00

Checking Balance as of 1-Oct-2013	\$ 5,312.46
C/D Balances as of Jan 2013	\$ 6,763.61

CONSERVATION DONATIONS

	2012 Actual	2013 Actual
American Whitewater	\$ 575.00	\$ 575.00
Friends of the Cheat	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Friends of the Crooked River	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Grand Canyon Private Boaters Association	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
American Rivers	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00

West Virginia Rivers Coalition	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
River Network	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Nature Conservancy	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Portage Park District	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Upper Yough Parking Fund	\$ 500.00	\$ -
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March	For More Trips - Check our Message Board			
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3/8,9	(3) Slippery Rock Creek (PA)	13-19	Brent Hendren	330-414-2063
3/11	Club Monthly Meeting at Middleburg Hts		Michael Duvall	216-513-5921
3/16	(3) Cuyahoga River, Upper or Lower Gorge (OH) Water Level dependent	20-28	Needs organizer	
3/15-23	Southern Rivers - TN, NC	22-32	Dave Herron	513-739-5329
3/23	(1) Vermilion River Cleanup (OH)	SK/FW	Marie Blatnik	216-956-2314
3/30	(1) Vermilion Race (OH) - Alternate Date 4/6	SK/FW	Marie Blatnik	216-956-2314
3/29,30	WV Class V Creeking	>30	John Garcia Brent Laubaugh	440-777-6077 724-272-6944

How to print our 2014 Keel-Hauler Calendar

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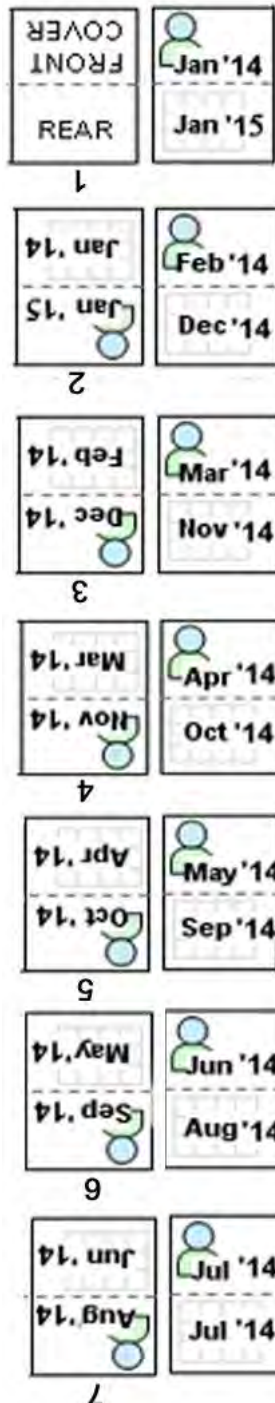


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You can then add staples to hold it together.

[Questions? - E-Mail Kobak](#)

Our 2014 Trip Schedule is posted on our website and will be updated regularly.

[Updated Trip Schedule](#)

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*Doors open at 7:00 PM, Meeting is at 8:00 PM.
at Middleburg Hts Community Center
16000 E. Bagley Rd*

**Program: Hank Annable will tell about his
Africa trip and show a short video.**

[Map to Middleburg Hts Meeting](#)

All meetings are open to guests.

Invite a prospective member!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Michael Duvall



Our February meeting after the pool practice at Orange HS was a great success with 18 members getting together at the Fox and Hounds. If you like these social meetings and have ideas for future locations, we are very interested in hearing from you. Be sure to thank your pool organizer Marius Asipauskas. Sunday roll practices in Canton also have kayak soccer matches thanks to organizer Jeff Cramer.

The VERMILION RIVER RACE is scheduled for March 30th. The Vermilion River race clean up is scheduled for March 23rd to make sure the river is clear of trees and strainers one week prior to the race. Much help is required for these events so contact Marie Blatnic if you can help.

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On March 8-9 Brent Hendren has the first trip on Slippery Rock Creek so this is your opportunity to get on moving water after all that pool practice.

Most of us have not been on a river for a few months so we need to double check our gear. I am not just talking about your spray skirt and dry top. Take out that throw rope and test your aim with a few tosses then stuff it back in the bag and secure it in your boat. Another item to check out is your first aid kit. Be sure everything is in good shape.

Be safe and I'll see you on the river,

Michael

A TREASURER UPDATE... **From Pam Poljak**

The Keelhauler Checking account has \$6244.44 plus we have \$6762.00 in CDs.

KEELHAULER MEETING MINUTES **FROM THE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 22, 2014** **by Donna Homberg**

The Keelhauler meeting this month was a Social Gathering after Roll Session at Orange High School Pool. We met at Fox & Hound Restaurant in Mayfield Hts. 23 people were in attendance for roll practice and later a time of sharing the latest news while having a bite to eat together. Ice jams from our local rivers will take some time to melt away and assess the damage to the parks. Mill Hollow is our planned take out for the Vermilion Race on the 30th of March.

March 30th; 46th Annual Vermilion River Race, OH **By Marie Blatnik**

The 46th Annual Vermilion River Race will be held this year in honor of one of Keelhauler's founding members, the late Chuck Singer. The rapids are an easy class I- II, and the race is appropriate for novice to expert racers as well as recreational and sea kayaks. We encourage families and small groups who want to race together. This race is a great opportunity to shake the cobs off your muscles and get ready for the paddling season. Attached is a Race Poster you can print & post at work or Gym.

46th Annual

Vermillion River Race

Come on Sunday, March 30th, 2014

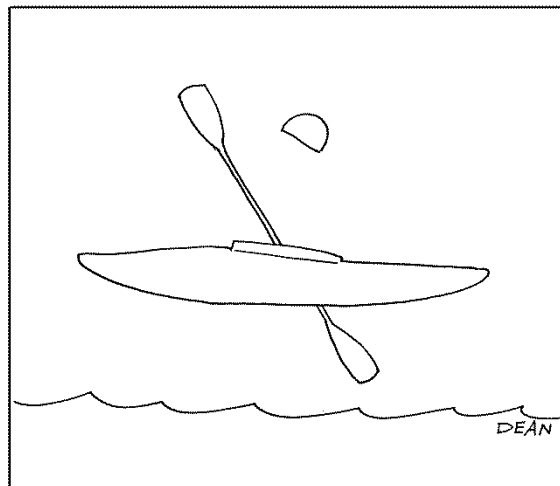
(High Water Backup Day is Sunday, April 6th, 2014)

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or

Contact Marie Blatnik

Email: egoot247@gmail.com Phone Number: (216) 956 2314



In Memory of Chuck Singer

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46th Annual Vermilion River Race

Sunday, March 30th 2014

(High water backup date April 6, 2014)

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Please Read All Information

The course is an eight mile section of the Vermilion River from the Schoepfle Gardens in Birmingham, Ohio, (Rt. 113, 14 miles west of Elyria, Ohio) to the bridge at the Vermilion River, Mill Hollow-Bacon Woods Reservation near the city of Vermilion. This very beautiful stretch of river can be challenging at different water levels.

WATER LEVEL

The race will be run over the designated course described above, if the reading on the USGS Gauge is 2.8 to 6 feet and the river is deemed navigable by the race officials. If less than 2.8 feet the race will be moved downstream to start and finish at the South Street Boat Launch Ramp on West River road in Vermilion. If the water level is deemed too high, the race will be canceled and held on the high water date. Because of the inability to predict the water level in advance, you may call **Marie Blatnik at: 216-956-2314** or check <http://keelhauler.org> for a race status the day before the race.

KNOW YOUR ABILITY

At this time of year the water is 40 degrees or less, in the event of boat upset, hypothermia is a very serious risk. It is advisable to wear a wet/dry suit or have a change of clothes in a waterproof bag tied to boat. A spray cover is a good idea. This is class I/II water.

Rules of the Race

1. EQUIPMENT

Boats for all classes except as otherwise noted shall be standard stock models of aluminum, plastic, wood, wood-canvas, or fiberglass construction. No alterations to the manufacturer's original measurements will be permitted. No movable controls are allowed - steering is limited to paddles only. No powered pumps or bailers are allowed.

Canoes – C1 and C2 classes

Paddles must be single-blade, of any type. Open canoes only, no closed boats.

Unrestricted

The canoe may be of any type, length, or width, except no Pro or ICF boats.

Standard

Length shall not exceed 18' 6". Minimum width shall be 14 3/8% of the length (.14375 times the length) at the 4 inch water line, measured within 12 inches of the center of the canoe.

Kayaks - K1 classes

Any type double-blade paddle is allowed.

One person Kayaks - (Slalom or cruising type). Shall have a length as specified by the class.

2. BOAT INSPECTION

Contestants entering in any of the classes agree by entering that their boat conforms to these rules. All boats must be inspected on the day of the race. The decision of the race officials as to conformance for any boat and/or equipment proposed for entry will be final. If you have any questions on your boat's eligibility, contact **Hank Annable at 440-775-4953**.

3. AGE

In all classes which have an age restriction, the paddler's age shall be considered to be the age attained as of the day of the race. Senior class boaters must be at least 50 years old on the day of the race. Senior classes include men and women.

4. ENTRY FEE & REGISTRATION

An entry fee of \$13 (\$17 on the day of the race) per person per event is required. Keel Hauler members may take a \$2 discount. On the day of the race, all contestants (including those who pre-registered) must stop at registration to get a starting number and registration form. Numbers will be assigned in numerical order. Each boat will be identified by this racing number **worn on the chest by the bow paddler**. Registration is open from **9 to 11:30 a.m.** Cancellation or failure to participate in the event forfeits the entry fee.

5. STARTING

An instructional meeting will be held at **10 a.m.** The race will start at **10:30 a.m. sharp!** All contestants will start individually at one minute intervals and will be racing against the clock. **Race starting will end at 12 p.m.**



The finish line will close at 2 p.m. Any person not finishing within 2-hours after starting will be posted as DNF

6. CLASSES – Read carefully there are changes from previous years

<i>Class</i>	<i>Description</i>
0	nonconforming class or race for time only- no award given
1	C2 Unrestricted (no Pro or ICF boats).
2	C2 Mixed and Women's.
3	C2 Men's Standard.
4	C2S Person Senior (Both 50 years or older) a handicap of 10 seconds per year per paddler over 50 will be deducted from the finish time.
5	C2 Over and Under Standard One contestant is 15 or under, the other is at least 18 years older than the first.
6	C1 One person open canoe, no measurements.
7	K1 Jr. Contestant must be 15 years old or younger.
8	K1 Short One Man Kayak 11.49 feet and under.
9	K1W Short One Woman Kayak: 11.49 feet and under.
10	K1 One Man Kayak: 11.5 to 14.49 feet.
11	K1W One Woman Kayak 11.5 feet and over.
12	K1S One Man Senior: 14.49 feet and under (50 years or older).
13	K1 Long One Man 14.5 feet and over and all downriver boats.
14	K1S Long One Person Senior: 14.5 feet and over and all downriver boats (50 or older).
15	K1WS One Women Senior Kayak: 11.5 feet and over (50 or older).

7. SAFETY

An approved vest-type life jacket (Personal Flotation Device, PFD) must be worn properly by each contestant throughout the race. **In each closed boat, the boater is required to wear a helmet.** Each boat will be subject to inspection for sufficient flotation. Each contestant is required to render assistance, if needed, to other contestants in trouble. Failure to comply with any of the safety requirements will result in disqualification. Boats may be checked by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for a current boat license and approved life jackets.

8. MULTIPLE RUNS

Each contestant intending to race in more than one class must arrive early and be prepared to start their first race by 10:30. Contestants must have transportation available and be ready to start their second run before the starting line closes. A starting time extension may be granted for multiple run racers if river conditions warrant and approved by the race committee.

9. CREWS & PORTAGE

Each crew must remain together and not substitute members after the race has begun. Once a crew starts an event, they must stay in the river bed. No trespassing will be allowed.

10. DISQUALIFICATION

Commonly accepted rules of good sportsmanship prevail. Intentional capsizing or damaging of an opponent's boat will result in disqualification. Any boat or team receiving assistance will be disqualified. If a team drops out of the race, they must report to a member of the race committee or be barred from future races. Any contestants interfering with officials at the start or finish line or at the scoring area, will be disqualified.

11. PROTESTS

Protests must be submitted in writing to the Protest Committee at the No. 2 Picnic Shelter within 30 minutes after posting time.

12. TRANSPORTATION

Each contestant must provide their own transportation between the start and finish lines.

13. PHYSICAL CONDITION

If doubt exists as to the adequacy of a contestant's physical condition, the race officials reserve the right to disqualify the contestant.

14. AMATEUR STATUS

These races are open only to amateurs, and no professional racers may compete for awards. Professionals may compete for time only.

15. AWARDS

Awards will be provided for the first three places in each class. Awards are donated by the Keel-Haulers Canoe Club, Inc. All awards will be given at 3 p.m. You should make arrangements for your award to be picked up if you're not still there. Awards will be mailed upon a request to the race chairman and receipt of proper postage.

16. FOOD

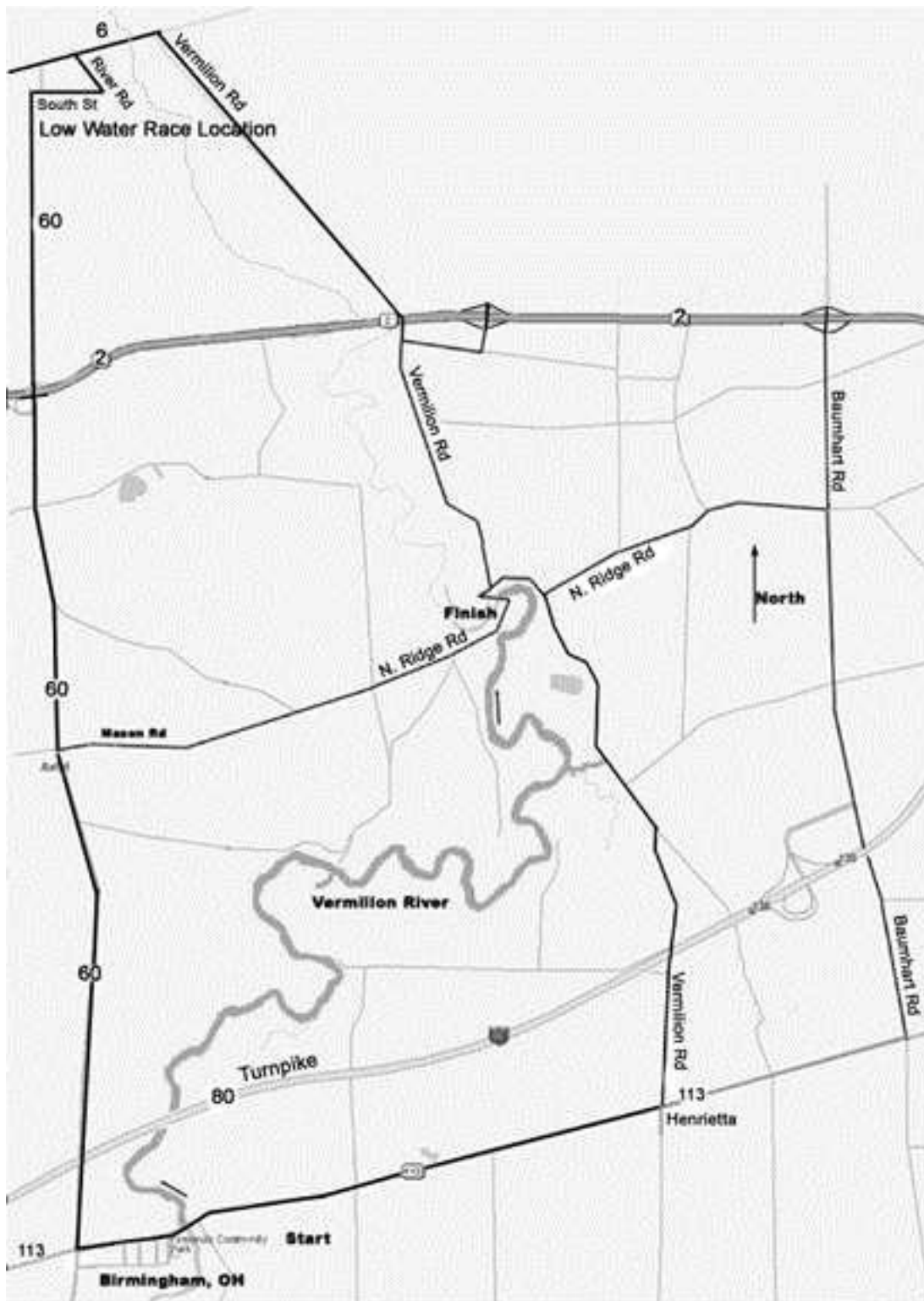
Hot food and refreshments will be available at the Picnic Shelter.

17. USCA SANCTIONING

The event is sanctioned by the United States Canoe Association (USCA).

18. FINAL DECISION

In any matter involving interpretation of these rules, acceptability of canoes and equipment, or of any dispute, the decision of the race officials will be final.



KEEL-HAULERS CANOE CLUB 46th ANNUAL VERMILION RIVER RACE APPLICATION

Sunday, March 30th, 2014, high water backup date April 06, 2014

Separate Application and Waiver of Liability forms must be filled out for each class you are racing in and then presented at registration.

Contestant (Please Print) Boat Manufacturer & Model _____

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Contestant #2 - if applicable Classes 1-5 (Please Print)

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Classes - - Check one

Read rules for details

- 0 _____ Non-conforming time only
- 1 _____ C-2 Unrestricted
- 2 _____ C-2 Mixed & Women
- 3 _____ C-2 Men's Standard
- 4 _____ C-2 Senior >49 Yrs.
- 5 _____ C-2 Over & Under
- 6 _____ C-1 One Person Canoe
- 7 _____ K-1 Junior < 16 Yrs
- 8 _____ K-1 Short, Men <11.5'
- 9 _____ K-1 Short, Women <11.5'
- 10 _____ K-1 Men <14.5'
- 11 _____ K-1 Women >11.5'
- 12 _____ K-1 Senior >49 Yr, <14.5'
- 13 _____ K-1 Long, Men >14.5'
- 14 _____ K-1 LongS, >49Yr, >14.5'
- 15 _____ K-1 Sr. Wm >49Yr >11.5'

EVERY OHIO BOAT MUST CARRY A REGISTRATION STICKER READING **2010** OR LATER. ALL ENTRANTS MUST SIGN THE WAIVER ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM.

Make checks payable to Keel-Haulers Canoe Club

Register and Pay Online at http://www.keelhauler.org/khcc/Vrace_Reg14.htm or

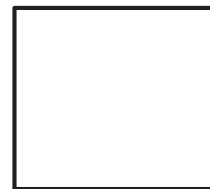
Return Registration Form, Waivers and Fee to:

Pam Poljak

21324 Meadows Edge Ln

Strongsville, OH 44149

Forwarding Service Requested



FIRST CLASS MAIL

_____ \$13 per person - - Pre-registration

_____ \$17 per person - - Race-day Registration

_____ \$6 per person - - Second Race Class

_____ \$-2 discount for Keel Hauler Members

Total Entry Fee \$ _____ Enclosed

MAIL TO:

Race Sponsor:

Keel Line Canoe and Kayak Supply

Located in Chesterland, Ohio the

Midwest supplier Kayak Race Gear and DB Design kayak paddles

440 488-7098 <http://www.keelline.com/>

If Speed is Your Game, see Keelline

Bib Number _____

Conservation News

There is a bill in the U.S. House that would separate the Great lakes from the Mississippi basin to stop invasive species. Consider writing your Congressman. Here are two links:

<http://www.boatingindustry.com/news/2014/02/07/u-s-house-bill-would-separate-mississippi-river-great-lakes-watersheds/>

<http://glmris.anl.gov/>

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703-915-6382 [E-Mail to April Hollis - apstylehollis@gmail.com](mailto:apstylehollis@gmail.com)

March	For More Trips - Check our Message Board			
3/1	KH Roll Session at Orange pool - 4-6:00 PM		Marius Asipauskas	216-200-6321
3/2	KH Roll Session at Meyers Lake YMCA pool - 8:45-10:45 AM		Jeff Cramer	330-245-6252
3/8,15	KH Roll Session at Lakewood pool - 3-5:00 PM		Marius Asipauskas	216-200-6321
3/8,9	(3) Slippery Rock Creek (PA)	13-19	Brent Hendren	330-414-2063
3/11	Club Monthly Meeting at Middleburg Hts		Michael Duvall	216-513-5921
3/16	(3) Cuyahoga River, Upper or Lower Gorge (OH) Water Level dependent	20-28	Needs organizer	
3/15-23	Southern Rivers - TN, NC	22-32	Dave Herron	513-739-5329
3/23	(1) Vermilion River Cleanup (OH)	SK/FW	Marie Blatnik	216-956-2314
3/30	(1) Vermilion Race (OH) - Alternate Date 4/6	SK/FW	Marie Blatnik	216-956-2314
3/29,30	WV Class V Creeking	>30	John Garcia Brent Laubaugh	440-777-6077 724-272-6944
April	For More Trips - Check our Message Board			
4/5	(3) Cuyahoga River, Upper or Lower Gorge (OH) Water Level dependent	20-28	Brandon Conrad	330-631-5199
4/5,6	(3) N. Br. Potomac Release (MD)	18	Needs organizer	
4/8	Club Monthly Meeting at Middleburg Hts		Michael Duvall	216-513-5921
4/12-18	(4) Southern Rivers Trip TN,NC,SC,GA Map - Detail map	22-32	Michael Duvall	216-513-5921

2014 Club Officers

President:	Michael Duvall	216-521-0094
VP:	Dave Roush	440-623-9035
Secretary:	Donna Homberg	440-236-8360
Treasurer:	Pam Poljak	440-268-9194

Meeting Place: Middleburg Heights Recreation Center, 15700 Bagley Rd, on the second Tuesday of each month
Doors open at 7:00 P.M., meeting starts at 7:30 P.M.

Membership: \$20 per year. New memberships, renewals, change in address or phone, send directly to
Membership Chairman:

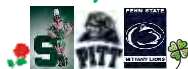
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KHCC WEB PAGE URL: www.keelhauler.org

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Please consider writing a trip report or article for the next newsletter! The deadline for the **April issue of the newsletter is **3/24/14**. Please remember that articles should be sent to Kelly Miller (Laubaugh) at peetzaguy@aol.com.**

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Keelhauler's Ka-news APRIL, 2014



Next Club Meeting Tuesday.

*Doors open at 7:00 PM, Meeting is at 8:00 PM.
at Middleburg Hts Community Center
16000 E. Bagley Rd*

**Program: Jim Hunt will present a slide show
about the club's paddling trip to Costa Rica
last January.**

**Another trip is being put together by Jeff Cramer for 1/03-10/2015, sign up
at the meeting.**

[Map to Middleburg Hts Meeting](#)

**All meetings are open to guests.
Invite a prospective member!**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Michael Duvall



VERMILION RIVER RACE MARCH 30TH - The clean up crew Marie Blatnik and Hank Annable and other volunteers ran the river on Saturday March 22nd and said that it was clear at that time and ready for the race. The race will take place on Sunday, March 30th. Let's hope we have enough water to run the section from Birmingham to Mill Hollow. We can use plenty of help with safety and important areas (contact Marie Blatnik 216-956-2314). Hope to see everyone there.

There is a Southern Rivers trip planned for April 12-18 which will hit many of the rivers and creeks in Southern Appalachia. The goal is to go find good water levels and warmer weather.

Keep an eye on the schedule for the next two months. Spring is peak season for paddling, April showers means the creeks are running. There are all kinds of trips this month; North Branch of the Potomac, Grand River, and Little Beaver are excellent for members that want class II fun. Middle Fork and Tygart WV trip with John Kobak is a unique trip starting on a small creek and finishing on a large Cheat size river.

Cheat Fest on the first weekend in May has something for everyone; choice of great rivers, music, vendors selling equipment and lots more. The Cheat race on Friday and we are always looking for more members to sign up for the race. You don't have to be fast, just be able to finish and the after party with free beer is great fun.

Be safe and I'll see you on the river,
Michael

KEELHAULER MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2014 minutes at Middleburg Heights Recreation Center

By Donna Homberg

17 people in attendance.

Treasurer's report read and approved. Checks to be mailed for Conservation as provided for in the budget.

Thank you to Jim Hunt for doing such a superb job on the Yearbook.

New Business: Upcoming Vermilion Race scheduled for March 30, 2014 with cleanup planned for March 23rd. Alternate date of April 6th planned. Race Chairwoman, Marie Blatnik plans to e-mail the poster to reprint and pass on along with the race form and rules. Hank Annable and Jimmy Botamer described the block ice that is jamming the river at Mill Hollow Park at this time. Thanks to Dean Norman for depicting the absence of a missing Chuck Singer in a kayak on our poster. It was commented that Chuck had participated in the past 23 years or more at the race.

No trip reports. Slippery Rock trip with Brent Hendren was March 8-9th.

Acknowledgment of Sue Taft's memoir on Chuck Singer as it appeared in the AW magazine in the Jan/Feb 2014 issue and reprinted for our Keelhauler newsletter.

Meeting was adjourned with light refreshments.

An excellent video presentation and pictures describing his African Safari by Hank Annable concluded the meeting for this month.

Cheat Fest Weekend! May 2nd through May 4th

Cheat Fest weekend is coming up which means plenty of paddling options. Join the Cheat race and contact race leader Cliff Wire. There are many other options listed thanks to the trip leaders below. Stop in at Cheat Fest and support Friends of the Cheat and local vendors.

5/2	Cheat Mass-Occurrence Team Race (WV)	26	Cliff Wire	440-439-6541
5/2,3	Upper Yough (MD) or Big Sandy or Tygart (WV)	32	Bill Warble	412-651-0112
5/3,4	Cheat Fest Weekend (WV)	18-26	April Hollis	703-915-6382
5/4	(3) Cheat Narrows or (5) Canyon(WV)	18 or 26	Phil/Jen Raber	740-498-7063
5/3,4	(3) N. Br. Potomac Release (MD)	18	Jerry Spence	614-561-3198

It's Cheat Fest's TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY!

Join us on **Saturday, May 3, 2014** to celebrate.



The annual Cheat River Festival is a celebration of new life, that which comes each Spring and the new life that can be found in the Cheat River watershed. "Cheat Fest" is FOC's main annual fundraiser which helps us advance our watershed projects and supports the organization's administrative costs. Rain or shine, Cheat Fest is always a good time!



The always popular climbing wall from Cheat River Outfitters. Photo by Dale Briggs Footage.

From **noon till 11:00pm on Saturday, May 3**, the festival grounds in Albright, West Virginia will once again transform into a haven for boaters, music lovers, and families. Bands from all over Appalachia entertain crowds with live music all day, while Fest goers browse the Art Market, learn about other non-profit organizations that share the FOC vision, bid on a great array of silent auction goods, buy from a variety of food and merchandise vendors, and above all, help support Friends of the Cheat. Another reason to love Cheat Fest: **kids under twelve are free!** This year, kids of all ages will congregate at the ever-growing kids tent from noon till 5:00pm for a host of hands-on activities. Plus, don't miss the chance to climb to the top: the always popular climbing wall is back!

Festival goers can test their athletic ability by participating in the [5K foot race](#) or the [Cheat Canyon "Mass-Occurrence" Downriver Race](#). The Cheat River Festival is always a great demonstration of public support for increased awareness and access to the Cheat River's outstanding natural and recreational qualities.



The Festival draws thousands of river, music, and art lovers to the shores of the Cheat on the first Saturday in May. Photo by Gabe DeWitt

Advance tickets will be sold online beginning in April. Stay tuned throughout the spring as we update this page with 2014 fest details.

Questions? Contact Festival Coordinator Emma Donovan at cheatfest@cheat.org or 304.441.1670.

You should have received your 2014 Yearbook & Roster by now. If you have not please e-mail me and give me your mailing address.

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Interesting Facts About Keel-Hauler Membership

By John Kobak

As our club nears its 49th anniversary I was looking at some interesting statistics about our membership.

2014 Members - 261 have paid, by the end of the year we should reach about 300 members as we have for the past 25 years.

28% of our members come from 14 states other than Ohio

<http://www.keelhauler.org/khcc/memb/khcity.pdf>

Why do we have so many out of state members? I think it is two things; We have the biggest trip schedule of any USA club, We offer class IV-V trips to all members, while other clubs reserve these for a close knit group of friends. We welcome and encourage new members to become more skilled by paddling with a friendly group of more advanced paddlers.

94% of our members are involved in WW paddling

But we are also interested in Flatwater - 30%, Wilderness camping - 28%, Sea Kayaking - 24%

<http://www.keelhauler.org/khcc/memb/WhitewaterPaddlers.pdf>

<http://www.keelhauler.org/khcc/memb/FlatwaterPaddlers.pdf>

<http://www.keelhauler.org/khcc/memb/CanoeCampers.pdf>

<http://www.keelhauler.org/khcc/memb/SeaKayakers.pdf>

Almost 100 members have been in the club 20 years or more. This link has the 20 members in our club the longest time. <http://www.keelhauler.org/khcc/longtime.htm>

Mark Hanna and Carl Schneider Memorial Swiftwater Clinic

Instructor: Charlie Walbridge

When: June 14 and 15, 2014

Where: Teter's Campground in Albright, WV.

Contact: joemarksz@gmail.com

Web: <http://charliewalbridge.com/>

Charlie Walbridge, American Whitewater's Safety Guru, will be conducting the Mark Hanna and Carl Schneider Memorial Swiftwater Rescue Clinic for KH and TRPC members during the weekend of June 14/15, 2014. It will cover the full gamut of safety instruction from group dynamics, self rescue, pin/broach recovery, strong swimmer rescue, etc. Refer to Charlie's Web Site for complete course details. The dry land portion of this 2 day Clinic will be held at Teter's Campground and the water portion will be held at an appropriate nearby river. We will stay at Teter's Campground and if energy/time permits, we will try to get a run in on the Cheat or Sandy during the weekend. The course will be limited to 10 participants so commit early if interested. Based on 10 people the cost will be \$90 per person.

Contact Joe Marks at joemarksz@gmail.com with questions or to lock in your spot.

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4/12-18	(4) Southern Rivers Trip TN,NC,SC,GA Map - Detail map	22-32	Michael Duvall	216-513-5921
4/12	(1) Grand River (OH)	SK/FW	Carl Kudrna	440-263-0451
4/13	(3) Slippery Rock Creek (PA)	13-19	Needs organizer	
4/12,13	16th annual Webster WW Weekend (WV)		Brent Hendren	330-414-2063
4/13	(1) Little Beaver (OH)	SK/FW	Doug Lyons	740-317-7007
4/19	(3) Cuyahoga River, Lower Gorge (OH)	20	Chris Kiehl	330-869-6549
4/19,20	(5) Middle Fork & Tygart (WV)	29	John Kobak	440-871-1758 440-554-1383
4/19,20	(3) N. Br. Potomac Release (MD)	18	Chuck McDowell	330-447-1086
4/20	(1) Grand River Race - Alternate Date 4/26	SK/FW	Brian Davidson	800-669-9226
4/26	(3) Cuyahoga River, Lower Gorge & Boater-X Race (OH)	20	Corey Spoores	419-308-1625
4/26,27	WV Class V Creeking	32	John Garcia Brent Laubaugh	440-777-6077 724-272-6944
4/27	(5) Cheat River Race Clinic (WV)	26	Cliff Wire	440-439-6541

Vermillion River Race Results

The Vermillion River Race took place on Sunday, March 30th in a blessing of sunshine and thawing after a snowstorm the night before. Low water held the race downstream in Vermilion, which excited those paddling fiberglass and disappointed those hoping for whitewater. Over 30 racers braced the cold water to compete for the coveted Keelhauler Vermilion Race medals. The race was a success due to those racers, and many behind the scenes hands that I am very grateful to. I would like to thank our Keeline kayak sponsor, Jon Maistros. I would like to thank Jon Reising for heading the anti-wood coalition as well as the group of paddlers who went with us to scout for strainers on the river. Also thank you to Bob Bair for single-handedly running the concession stand, to Pam Poljak for handling pre-registrations, registrations, and race computation, and her registration team. Thank you also to my timing team -- Hank Annable, Jim Botamer, and Philip and Hayden Thorne. Thank you to boat inspector Cliff Wire, who also helped me to set up the buoys for the downstream race, and to Michael Duvall who aided me with race organization and counsel before and during the race. Thank you also to my sweep boater, who has a name that I don't remember. This mysterious force of greatness also grabbed the race buoys and the end; thank you for that as well. It was an amazing race, and it came together due to all of these amazing people. I think Chuck Singer would've been proud of us.



2014 Vermilion River Race Results

Class	Description	Place	Bib	Time	Name	2nd Racer	Handi
1	C-2 Unrestricted Canoe						
		1	175	0:51:58	Oravec, Dave	Burt, Richard	
2	C-2 Mixed or Women Canoe						
		1	173	0:39:54	Masek, Dan	Masek, Sarah	
3	C-2 Men's Standard Canoe						
		1	172	0:48:56	Ulichney, Peter	Romanski, Dan	
		2	154	0:54:20	Wood, Scott	Wood, Mark	
4	C-2 Senior > 49 yrs old						
		1	162	0:44:14	Markwell, Walter	Williams, Al	03:10:
6	C-1 One Person Canoe						
		1	170	0:35:34	Conant, Skip		
		2	180	1:00:36	Carrion, James		
7	K-1 Junior < 16 yrs old						
		1	151	0:42:57	Piros, Tom		
8	K-1 Short Kayak < 11.5', Men						
		1	181	0:52:09	Duvall, Michael		
		2	152	0:55:20	Stoll, Mike		
		3	156	0:58:07	Homberg, Carl		
9	K-1 Short Kayak < 11.5', Women						
		1	157	1:02:55	Homberg, Donna		
10	K-1 Kayak < 14.4', Men						
		1	177	0:41:52	Rabatin, Jacob		
		2	167	0:45:51	Stoll, Mike		
		3	171	0:47:38	Skidmore, James		
		4	147	0:50:08	Kernohan, Mark		
		5	158	0:54:42	Koscho, Robb		
11	K-1 Kayak > 11.5', Women						
		1	166	0:52:19	Morse, Chris		
		2	169	0:58:04	Moore, Stephanie		

2014 Vermilion River Race Results

12	K-1 Senior > 49 yrs old, < 14.5'					
		1	178	0:41:55	Rabatin, Jacob	
		2	168	0:44:20	Herbert, Larry	
		3	165	0:44:50	McCrate, Kelly	
		4	174	0:56:44	Hull, Thomas	
13	K-1 Long Kayak >14.5', Men					
		1	161	0:35:25	White, Joe	
14	K-1 Senior > 49 yrs old Long Kayak > 14.5'					
		1	149	0:37:15	Mellblom, Peter	
		2	153	0:37:56	Widman, Richard	
		3	164	0:39:32	Rogers, John	
15	K-1 Senior Women >49 yrs old, >11.5'					
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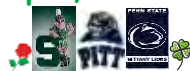
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Next Club Meeting Tuesday May 13th

Doors open at 7:00 PM, Meeting is at 8:00 PM.

at Middleburg Hts Community Center

16000 E. Bagley Rd

Program: History of the Cheat River Video

By Rick Gusic

Rick Gusic was a long time raft guide with MS&T compiling a lot of historic and entertaining film of the Cheat River.

Rick became the first filmmaker in the 19 year National Paddling Film Festival's history to win the Paddlers Choice Award twice.

[Map to Middleburg Hts Meeting](#)

All meetings are open to guests.

Invite a prospective member!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Michael Duvall



Vermilion Race was a success thanks to Marie Blatnik and her great group of volunteers. Unfortunately we had to hold the race on a flat section of the river but it was a cool sunny day to be on the water.

The Southern Rivers trip started very warm with good water but got rather cold and water was getting low. We did manage to hit some good rivers even if it was during some light snow.

Cheat River Festival is coming the first weekend in May. There will something for everyone, all levels of paddling as well as some great music. There is a down river race on Friday, but you can sign up for the race and paddle in a group if you don't want to race alone. The price of the race includes admission to the festival and a t-shirt, a great deal.

Don't forget the North Branch trips for those that are looking for some easier fun white water and Slip trips for those that want something closer to home. Also, there are more than 15 trips scheduled for May.

Instruction at all levels is available through Three Rivers Paddling Club with their Slip Clinic in June. If you are a member of our club or TRPC you can attend. There is a charge but it is a fun weekend. Experienced Keel Haulers should volunteer to help as instructors or safety boaters. Also Joe Marksz has a great Swift Water Rescue class held by Charlie Walbridge.

Be aware that in June, July and August the monthly meetings will be at outdoor locations. Our August meeting will be a barbeque at the Lower Yough.

Be safe and I'll see you on the river,

Michael

Keelhaulers Canoe Club Minutes, April 9, 2014

By Donna Homberg

Meeting at Middleburg Heights Recreation Center, called to order by Mike Duvall, president.

Welcomed guests, Karl & Hildegard Kraus, who were active in past years with their family.

Minutes approved as submitted in the April newsletter.

Financial report by our treasurer stands at \$10,629.37. Noted that donations were made to conservation organizations in March as listed in the 2014 budget.

Chair report by John Kobak stated that membership is up to 270 due in part to increased Pennsylvania paddlers that participate in the river trips as organized by the club.

Thanks to Marie Blatnik for organizing a great Vermilion Race. Weather was cold at 33 degrees but sunny. The race was held again on the lagoon due to the low water level. Floating ice was dodged in the river at times.

Please check the roster for future club trips and note that May 3rd is the Annual Cheat Fest. Discussion on the sketchy condition of the take out road.

Program was presented by Jim Hunt and participates that shared their great adventure on Costa Rican rivers. Another trip is planned for next year with only one opening still available!

CHEAT CANYON PRESERVED!

3800 acres/7+ miles of river purchased!

Friends of the Cheat is thrilled to announce that 3,836 acres of the iconic Cheat River Canyon have been purchased by The Conservation Fund and The Nature Conservancy for preservation, and ultimately, public use and enjoyment. Their action will protect a seven-mile stretch of the Cheat River, and most of the Canyon not already included in Cooper's Rock State Forest and Snake Hill Wildlife Management Area. Finally, after 20 years and a few unsuccessful attempts, the land will now be protected forever!

The Canyon has been a target for conservation since 1976. The Nature Conservancy has identified the Cheat River as one of the most ecologically intact rivers in the Central Appalachians. There are no dams in the Cheat River main stem and none of the watershed's major tributaries are dammed. The river is connected to a well-forested floodplain, and the vast majority of the watershed's headwaters are part of the Monongahela National Forest complex. Improvements in water quality over the past 20 years have resulted in a recovered fishery and fish can once again be found throughout the entire Cheat Canyon.

FOC is hopeful that this is a step towards reviving commercial interest in the Canyon's world-class whitewater, and, at some time in the future, re-opening the section of the Allegheny Trail that runs through the Canyon. The Allegheny Trail is 330 mile north-south trail through WV, which connects to the Appalachian Trail at the VA-WV border.

When complete, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources will manage all 3,800 acres as a component of its Wildlife Management Area system and as a complement to the complex of public recreation lands on the lower Cheat River.

This accomplishment is a landmark event for all parties involved over the last two decades. Kudos to the staff at The Conservation Fund and The Nature Conservancy, and specifically Rodney Bartgis and Beth Wheatley who have engaged FOC throughout this project's long, bumpy road. FOC looks forward to the next leg of this exciting journey.



Remembrance Time

By Donna Homberg

What happens when cleaning out old pictures? One option is to make a phone call to an old friend and take time to meet and reminisce. That is just what Sue White did (Jerry Zeman's exwife) when she called and asked if anyone was interested in the slides she had when they were taking so many pictures. The timing was perfect and I was able to make it a lunch date and a time to view the old slides and recognize old paddlers and the venue the slides were from. Many of the slides were of the Yough Race that the Keel-haulers sponsored every year. A week of preparation with gates strung across Dartmouth Rapid and state of the art score keeping (walkie talkies & runners). It was a fun time and many memories were made at that time for us and for the younger children. My son remembered Jimmy Waters and Ken Kaelin smashing ground meat under their armpits to make burgers. This actually was a trick of the eye they pulled on him but he believes it to this day. We also remember taping Ken Kaelin snoring in his van (it was so loud). Both of these paddlers have passed away within the last couple of years so these memories are special. Please know that your paddling friends are special in so many ways. Our paddling friends came to our son's wedding reception in the worst snow storm of the season. Many from our family took a bye on the event but they were there. AWA had an article in their latest issue remembering your old paddling friends. Very good reading and very true. So keep paddling and keep making those special memories.



May	For More Trips - Check our Message Board			
5/2	Cheat Mass-Occurrence Team Race (WV)	26	Cliff Wire	440-439-6541
5/2,3	Upper Yough (MD) or Big Sandy or Tygart (WV)	32	Bill Warble	412-651-0112

5/3,4	Cheat Fest Weekend (WV) 	18-26	April Hollis	703-915-6382
5/4	(3) Cheat Narrows or (5) Canyon(WV)	18 or 26	Phil/Jen Raber	740-498-7063
5/3,4	(3) N. Br. Potomac Release (MD)	18	Jerry Spence	614-561-3198
5/9-11	Black & Moose Fest , Lyons Falls (NY)		Angela Baldo	315-585-6274
5/10,11	(5) Intro to the Cheat Canyon (WV)	26	Jim Hunt	330-335-5203
5/10,11	(5) Cheat Canyon or Cranberry or Upper Meadow (WV) Be sure to contact Dave for river choice.	26	Dave Herron	513-739-5329
5/13	Club Monthly Meeting at Middleburg Hts		Michael Duvall	216-513-5921
5/16-18	(4) Stonycreek Rendezvous (PA) 	21	Dennis Dukeman	330-699-2916
5/17	RiverDay 2014 Friends of the Crooked River (OH) 		Elaine Marsh	330-328-3909
5/17,18	(4) Lower Yough (PA)	23	Michael Duvall	216-513-5921
5/24	(3) Slippery Rock Creek (PA)	13-19	Ann Corey	330-869-6549
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5/23,24	Upper Yough (MD)	32	John Kobak	440-871-1758 440-554-1383
5/24	Portage Lakes Paddle (OH)	SK/FW	David Johnson	330-305-1565
5/30,31	Upper Yough (MD) and/or Big Sandy (WV) No UY release on Sat	32	Needs organizer	
5/31	(4) Lower Yough (PA)	23	Sabine Iben	440-543-4969

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Next Club Meeting: Tuesday June 10th

*at Wendy Park
Near Edgewater Park on Lake Erie*

Program: No Program

Bring your kayak and paddle behind the breakwall to the mouth of the Cuyahoga and upstream as far as you have time for.
Or just have a nice after work get-together.

[Map to Wendy Park](#)

All meetings are open to guests.
Invite a prospective member!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Michael Duvall



First, Lots of good paddling trips have taken place in May. Please try to write a report for the July newsletter. Try to get your story to Kelly by 6/25/14.

Cheat Massocurance, a down river race was the opening event for Cheat Fest. The Cheat down river race had close to 150 boaters begin with a mass start and race approximately ten miles to the

finish. It was a little cool but the river was at a good level so everyone had a good time. Weather for the fest was great except for a few quickly passing showers. All the club members at the festival looked like they were having a good time.

Stonycreek Rendezvous sounded exciting with all the high water this year. Boaters were able to take advantage of some of the tributaries like parts of the Shade.

June starts off with two training classes, Slipper Rock Clinic put on by TRPC and a Swiftwater Rescue Clinic with Charlie Wallbridge organized by Joe Marks. These classes fill up early so if you didn't make the cutoff be sure to put it on your calendar for next year. There is no such thing as too much training. It looks like there will be a release on the Savage River in Maryland this month. Closer to home there is a trip on the Cuyahoga River and a Portage Lakes paddle. The Lower Yough trip on the 14 and 15th have reservations made by the club. See the online schedule for more trips and as always contact the trip organizer for final details.

Our next club meeting will be at Wendy Park. See online details. This year we won't have to fight Captain America to get there.

Be safe and I'll see you on the river,

Michael

Keelhaulers Canoe Club Minutes, May 13, 2014

By Marcia Karchmer for Donna Homberg

We welcomed guests: Phil and Katie Dudley and members: Ethan and Ashlee Kay.

Financial report: Club Treasury now totaling \$11,595.07.

Minutes were moved and seconded as printed in the newsletter.

Membership Chair: John Kobak, reported 265 members, a few more than last year.

Unfinished business: Buying a Video projector was discussed, but it is too expensive.

New Business: Upcoming trips: No. Branch of the Potomac; Lower Yough: 5/17- 5/18.
StoneyFest :5/16-5/18; Portage Lakes, Slippery Rock
and Lower Yough trips at end of May. Slip Clinic 6/7-6/8.

Trip Reports: John Kobak: Big Sandy; Mike Duvall: Southern Rivers trip (6 people went); Cheat Festival week-end (4 trips: Cheat Canyon, Cheat Narrows, Upper Yough, Big Sandy.)
Motion to adjourn meeting was moved and seconded.

We watched a video on the history or the Cheat River by Rick Gusik and Scott Patton.

Lost and Found.....

A coffee mug and men's black gloves were left at the Vermilion River Finish.
Call Donna at 440 236 8360.

Glory Days of Rafting on the Cheat

After watching the video at our last club meeting, I was exploring the internet and came across an interesting story by Charlie Wallbridge about the "Glory Days of Rafting on the Cheat". It's a little long but accurate.

This is the link to: <http://charliewalbridge.com/the-glory-days-of-cheat-river-rafting/>

If you didn't see the video at the meeting and have a fast internet connection try this link to:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lo6Lr5pDUxE>

Toledo River Gang Trip Report The Cheat River and Festival 2014 ♦ May 2 – 4, 2014 By Beth Grafiing

<u>Attendee</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Days Paddled</u>
Doug Smith	- Trip Coordinator/Paddler	- Fri, Sat, Sun
Jeremy Bonnough	- Student / Paddler	- Fri, Sat, Sun
Beth Grafiing	- Student / Paddler	- Fri, Sat, Sun
Jana Burkett	- Shuttle Runner	- Fri, Sat, Sun
John Garcia	- Keelhauler / Paddler	- Friday
Brent Laubaugh	- Keelhauler / Paddler	- Friday
Alan Watson	- Keelhauler / Paddler	- Friday



Traveling

Carpooling on Thursday evening allowed TRG members to take advantage of a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday paddle. Returning Sunday evening, attendees were happy to be home after a weekend full of whitewater boating and shower-less camping.

Weather / Water Levels

Weather was cool and crisp with the chilliest temperatures occurring Saturday morning. Sunshine was sporadic and showers spontaneously occurred Saturday afternoon and into the early evening. For the most part it was a dry and cool weekend. Although the Cheat River boasted a warmer water temperature than Slippery Rock Creek, dry suits / wet suits were still required for a pleasant paddle.

Surprisingly Saturday's festival grounds were not a mudfest - despite the periodic rain. On Sunday, Mother Nature kicked-up the wind a few notches. Amplified by the river's canyon, paddlers felt the 30+ mph guts of headwind. As hard as we paddled, at times, it still felt as if we were paddling in place.

Date	High	Low	Precip	Wind	Put On Time + Level*	Take Off Time + Level*
Fri., May 2	58°	50°	0.00	W at 11mph Gusts to 20mph	11:15am 12.99 FT, 2620 CFS	1:30pm 12.97 FT, 2590 CFS
Sat., May 3	65°	44°	0.02	SW at 16mph Gusts to 28mph	Noon 12.72 FT, 2280 CFS	3:00pm 12.66 FT, 2210 CFS
Sun., May 4	70°	50°	0.00	WNW at 19mph Gusts to 32mph	9:30am 12.41 FT, 1930 CFS	12:30pm 12.38 FT, 1900 CFS

*No calculation used for water levels; levels based on USGS's gauge at Albright station.

<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/usa/nwis/uv?03070260>

Accommodations

Doug Smith provided camping accommodations- where his West Virginia property allowed for plenty of room for tent camping. BYOTP - that's short for bring your own toilet paper. TRG attendees left indoor plumbing and modern accommodations at home. Who says outhouses are the wave of the past?

Activities

The Cheat River Festival provided something for everyone: from paddling gear at a discounted price to festival food, local artists and great music. Although the group missed seeing the down river race, we saw a few used boats for sale afterwards - which made us wonder if there were some sore losers.

Paddling: Day 1, Friday May 2

Doug Smith led Jeremy and Beth down the river. Keelhaulers John Garcia, Brent Laubaugh, and Alan Watson joined and provided much needed moral support. The water level flirted with the 3' marker when Jeremy and Beth paddled their Wavesport Fuse boats in the "biggest water" ever experienced.

The first rapid of the day, Decision, proved to be a good warm-up. With moderate holes on the left and right side of the river, this section was wide enough for a paddler to choose his/her own line. TRG members used river-reading skills to select the safest place to paddle. After some rock gardens, random rapids, and flat water, paddlers turned a corner only to find the biggest hole of the day: Big Nasty.

The rolling waves and periodic holes made the approach to Big Nasty challenging. Despite hitting the edge of Big Nasty backwards on river left, Beth survived the grips and didn't roll... until she crossed the eddyline. Jeremy also averted the grips of Big Nasty and finally understood the meaning of "big water".

After taking the left line at Cueball down a small shoot that reminded the paddlers of Frog's Back on the Lower Yough, Doug led Jeremy and Beth through a rapid named: Fist. Nicknamed "flipper" by Doug, the curly-cue wave tossed boats quickly if ran slightly off the line. Jeremy relentlessly hit his roll and disappointed the Keelhaulers - who were hoping to see carnage. No swims day 1.

Paddling: Day 2, Saturday May 2

The second day, Beth won the award for most rolls on the Cheat Canyon. Doug counted more than 14 rolls as Beth paddled her Jackson Star (playboat) in big water for the first time. With Cheat Fest in full-swing, boat traffic was much heavier as kayaks (mostly creek boats), shredders, and rafts littered the river.

Jeremy and Beth had epic memories that day. Jeremy followed Doug and Beth through Big Nasty - and met Big Nasty: face-to-face. Despite the tugging and violent thrashing, Jeremy's PFD, helmet, and lungs all survived. After a few seconds of underwater torture, the notorious big hole kicked Jeremy out. His roll was met with a roar of cheers from spectators and fellow boaters.

Paddling ahead of the pack, Beth hugged the left-hand side of Coliseum too closely and got caught in the eddy at the top of the rapid. After a failed ferry attempt, she rolled-up on top a rock on river left and fell into a hole toward the bottom of Coliseum. No worries though - she was all smiles after making her roll in the swirly water below the rapid. Believe it or not, that stunt paled in comparison to what happened on the next rapid: Pete Morgan. Once again getting too close to the rock in the middle of the river (and not leaning forward), she did stern squirts along the rock before hitting a side-surf on Pete Morgan. Bonus points were awarded for inadvertent style.

Paddling: Day 3, Sunday May 4

Sunday, the river was quiet which allowed Doug, Beth, and Jeremy enough time for several attempts at 360 maneuvers on Typewriter. Jeremy seemed to be at home surfing the wave - it was hard to get him off! He earned style points for the most exquisite rendition of a 360.

As previously mentioned, the wind became a force to be reckoned with as paddlers had several stretches of headwind. Under Doug's suggestion, Jeremy and Beth reluctantly took turns leading the group through rapids. Although Beth didn't realize it, she led the group down Coliseum and Tear Drop. Everyone smiled at the end of High Falls - as everyone hit their line - no rolls necessary. No swims occurred all weekend and no boaters were harmed during the making of this trip report. ♦

Ragnar Trail Relay @ Big Bear Lake - June 12-15

Not a runner? Volunteer & raise money to protect the Cheat River!

The [Ragnar Trail Appalachians Race](#) is West Virginia newest trail race, covering a 15.7 mile loop through Big Bear Lake camplands in Hazelton, WV. Teams of 4 or 8 will run 24/7 for 120 miles, which takes an average of 22 hours to complete. Check out this [awesome video](#) about the extreme(-ly fun) race.

You don't have to be a hardcore runner to participate: [volunteer with FOC](#) and Ragnar will donate cash in support of our mission! Last year about a dozen volunteers helped with Team Check-In, Campground Assignments, and Parking which raised nearly \$1K in support of FOC's mission to restore, preserve, and promote the Cheat River watershed.

Volunteer shifts are available on Thursday, June 12 and Friday, June 13 and are about 5 hours. [Sign up today](#) and share this fun and philanthropic opportunity with your friends, co-workers, and students!

Memorial Day Weekend Paddle Fest By John Kobak

Lots of Keel-Haulers took advantage of the high water and warm weather over the long Memorial Day weekend.

Peggy & I headed down to our Beaver Creek cabin on Tuesday and found that the Monday rain had brought all the rivers in the area up. Some were even too high for a few days.

By Thursday I was ready to paddle. Dave Herron had come down to sell a kayak to a guy named Steve from Pittsburgh. We decided to meet at the Top Yough which was dropping fast but still had 400 cfs below Muddy Creek. Swallow Falls looked very rocky so Dave and I walked it but Steve ran the normal line. There was some wood blocking the normal route at the rapid above Muddy Creek and I found myself stuck in a small hole.

The rest of the run was good, the boof below Muddy is now open but there is a lot of wood in most of the rapids. One good thing was, the hole in Suck Hole was blocked shut which allowed you to use the eddy directly above it to make an easy ferry back to the left.

Friday's scheduled Upper Yough trip saw very few paddlers. John Pratt, David Herron, Brian Hart, Bob Book, Michael Duvall, and me were followed closely by Brent Laubaugh and John Garcia. Joe & Erick Marksz Paddled with Jim Murtha. All the paddlers had a good day at 2.4' Sang Run Gauge, 1080 CFS.

There was a least one group lead by Bud Chavez paddling the Cheat Canyon at 2' Albright Bridge on Friday.

Saturday is when the crowds came and club members were paddling everywhere.

On the Upper Yough I counted 23 Keel-Haulers paddling in 7 different groups and Bill Warble racing in a last minute boater Cross race.

There were groups on the Cheat Canyon both Saturday and Sunday.

Karl Nelson led at least 15 paddlers down the Lower Yough on Saturday & Sunday. The water level was about 3.7' dropping to 3.2'. There were paddlers there on Monday as well.

Chris & Ann Kiehl led more than 10 paddlers down the Slippery Rock on Saturday & Sunday as well.

Maybe Karl or Ann will write a short story about their trips.

I don't have any pictures but Jeff Macklin takes thousands of pictures on his trips. Here is a link to his 2014 whitewater photos that he posts for your enjoyment on Smugmug. It takes him a little while to upload them all. He has just finished posting the pictures from Michael Duvall's Southern trip in April. <http://jeffmacklin.smugmug.com/Whitewater/2014>

I counted at least 50 different paddlers that said they paddled on the weekend. It's good to see that everyone is out there enjoying our club trips.

June	For More Trips - Check our Message Board			
6/5,12,19,26	Thursday Rolling Practice at Nimisila Reservoir (OH) - 5:30-7:30PM but call Dennis first	20-28	Dennis Dukeman	330-699-2916
6/7	(5) Savage River (MD) - Scheduled Dam Release	26	April Hollis	703-915-6382
6/7,8	TRPC Slippery Rock Clinic Application Membership in KHCC or TRPC REQUIRED	13-19	Joe Marks	216-533-0604
6/10	Club Meeting - Wendy Park on Whiskey Island	SK/FW	Michael Duvall	216-513-5921
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6/14,15	(2) Middle Yough (PA)	12	Needs organizer	
6/20,21	Upper Yough (MD) First Saturday Release	32	Bill Warble	412-651-0112
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Next Club Meeting: Tuesday July 8th at Silver Lake

between Akron & Kent, OH

Program: Outdoor Meeting: Paddling & Pot Luck Picnic

Be sure to bring your boat and paddle around in the lake, kayaks can try roll practice. Bring your kids and bathing suits for the beach. Come any time after 5 PM. We will serve the picnic dinner from 7-7:30 pm. We can use the lake until about 8:30 pm. Additionally, there will be our annual race around the island. Try out someone else's boat or windsurfer.

Please bring a dish according to the first letter of your last name:

A-E: Potato or Macaroni Salad

F-L: Salad, Vegetable or Baked beans

M-R: Chips or Appetizer

S-Z: Dessert or Fruit

The club will supply hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, tableware, and soft drinks.

[Map to Silver Lake](#)

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Michael Duvall



Our next meeting in July will be an outdoor pot luck picnic at Silver Lake. See the meeting notice on line to see what you can bring. The club will be providing hamburgers and hotdogs. Although our long time member and resident of Silver Lake Jim Tyree passed away a couple years ago we were still able to get permission to use their facilities so be sure to thank any of the residents for their hospitality.

The Turkey Bash, a training weekend, is coming in August. There are classes for all levels of paddlers. See TRPC web site for details and an application.

If you have done the Upper Slip but have not done the Lower Yough, and think you are ready, July has the Yough Intro trip organized by Fran Hoven. This is an excellent opportunity because there will be many experienced boaters to help. Be sure to contact Fran early because there are only a limited number of permits available.

Be safe and I'll see you on the river,

Michael

Keelhaulers Canoe Club Minutes, June 11, 2014

This was an outdoor meeting, so no minutes were taken. Just fun.

The "Savage" brings out the savage in some Keelhaulers By April Hollis

Saturday's trip to the Savage showcased the brutal nature of some KeelHaulers as several attempted to sabotage each others' runs.

First, Nurse Debbie swam at the dam as she got back-end-ered and had her paddle ripped from her hands. She soon decided she didn't want to be the only swimmer. Deb latched onto Lisa's boat, guiding her into a rock and then flipping her over.

Brent was nice in the beginning of the day, letting April borrow his pocket rocket for her third run. But eventually he felt she was paddling it too well and needed to be brought down a peg. He tricked

her into following him through the left side of roadside rapid where he entered his boat and brought his bow down into her shoulder, resulting in her swim, sore shoulder and walk out.

While swimming, April was pissed off and decided Glenn didn't deserve to be having such an easy day. She grabbed onto his kayak and after several attempts to pull him into rocks, she was eventually successful at flipping him.

Saturday was Joris' first run of the Savage and he did a great job! As long as you avoid certain KeelHaulers, it is a continuous playground of relaxed action. Of note is that the dam on the Savage has changed since the last release. The notch on the left was cut out and draws much of the river, creating a nice tough with a large and flippy convergence of reactionary waves at the bottom. It's sort of like Kennedy rapid on the slip. There isn't enough water going over the dam for a clean boof, so expect to snag and fall off into the curtain if you boof.

The Cramer clan dazzled us down the river catching every eddy and nailing every boof.

The antics continued at that evening's campfire with a hoedown by Brent and April that became a musical roast of various members of the KeelHaulers. After that, Brent, Jeff, Kyle and Alex Cramer stumped several of the slower-witted members of the group with various childhood campfire games.

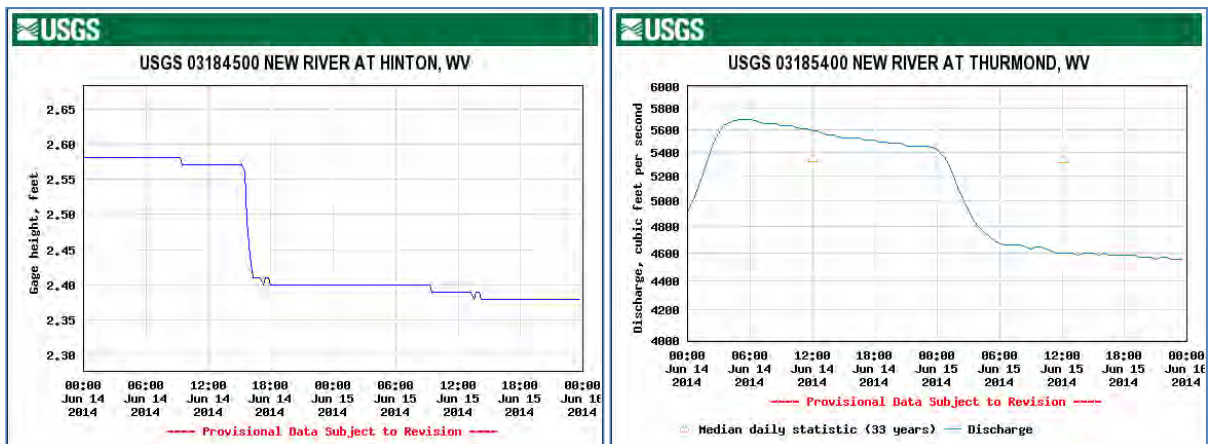
The New River Gorge – Saturday & Sunday June 14 & 15, 2014

By David Herron

The Paddlers

Phil & Jen Raber, Debbie Avalone, Glenn Wagner, David Herron, and on Sunday Jeff Kramer and Brian from the Stony Creek area.

The River Levels



The NEW RIVER GORGE	Fayette Station	Thurmond	Hinton
Saturday morning	2.80 ft	5660 cfs	2.58ft
Sunday morning	1.95 ft	4660 cfs	2.40 ft
Monday morning	1.82 ft	4510 cfs	2.33 ft

Here are the gauge readings courtesy of *American Whitewater*.

So, we had 5660 cfs on Saturday and then 4660 cfs on Sunday; Kobak's conversion gives these as just under 3' and just over 2' at Fayette Station.

And the weather was just beautiful: clear blue skies & warm sunny days for the entire weekend.

The Boating

There were very few people—kayakers and rafters too—on the river Saturday and just a handful more on Sunday. I think this was partly because we were ahead of the crowd, even though we put on around 11am both days.

Everybody had great lines and paddled well. We had one *out of boat experience* at Middle Keeney on Saturday, but both paddler and boat were recovered before dropping into Lower Keeney. Although the boat recovery took us right to the edge of dropping into Meat Grinder ☹

In my opinion, Middle Keeney was the hardest rapid both days; certainly on Saturday. Although both Lower Keeney and Double Z had more bite on Sunday. Dudley's Dip was in on Saturday, but I hit some rock on Sunday.

At these levels the New is a fun big water run, and all the rapids are fairly straightforward.

Tough Week for the McEwan's

By John Kobak

Most long time paddlers have heard of Jamie McEwan. In 1972 Jamie, then 19, won a bronze medal in C-1 Slalom at the Olympic games in Munich, Germany. That medal, the first won by an American, inspired many younger paddlers (including several future medalists) to train hard and become champions. He teamed up with partner Lecky Haller to win a silver medal in the C-2 slalom at the 1987 ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships in Bourg St.-Maurice. He and Haller placed fourth in the 1992 Summer Olympics.

In 1998, McEwan and his brother Tom were members of an expedition to run the Tsangpo Gorge, considered the "Mount Everest" of rivers. The expedition encountered unanticipated high water and

ended in tragedy when teammate Doug Gordon failed to boof a waterfall, missed his roll, and lost his life.

In 2009 Jamie was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma after suffering back problems. McEwan died on June 14, 2014. Here is a link to an article he wrote. [Taking Risks is Part of Life](#)

It is highly doubtful that any other paddler has had a greater positive influence on the DC-area kayaking community than Tom McEwan. A local hero, Tom and a friend were the first kayakers to run Great Falls in 1975. Though today Great Falls is run regularly by expert paddlers, at the time no one knew if a kayaker could take a kayak over a waterfall and survive. So if you ask anyone here in Maryland, we'll tell you that Tom ran the first waterfall ever run by a kayaker. More recently, Tom has spent decades teaching local kayakers how to paddle, and he continues to teach at his kayak school, Liquid Adventures. I've paddled with Tom in Mexico where he runs adventure trips each winter.

On Friday, June 20th while taking some kids down Fish Ladder section of the Great Falls, Tom flipped and sustained a major head injury according to Robert Goo. Gil Rocha was surfing at Portage and spotted Tom's boat and looked for the occupant who was pretty much under the water. Gill somehow spotted Tom and brought his head up enough so he could breathe and supported him as they drifted through Rocky down to wet bottom. They somehow got Tom to shore on the rock at wet bottom and called a helicopter. Liam and Jacob who were boating with Tom showed great composure in assisting with the rescue and kept a running dialogue with Tom in addition to monitoring his vitals until a helicopter arrived to evacuate him to a local hospital.



It sounds like it was a bad hit to his head and he has some fractures on his face and bleeding in his brain. He has had multiple cat scans and is in the ICU. The last I heard is that Tom is improving. Bleeding has stopped and he is lucid. Say a prayer for his recovery. Tom is 67 years old and still out paddles most younger paddlers.

Here is a video from a run on Center Lines and Fish Ladder from last year, which shows the difficulty of the run. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dDfdT6cWQLU>

Treasurer's Report By Pam Poljak

Keelhaulers Canoe Club Treasurer's Report, 12-Jun-2014

CD 0402	\$2,261.93
CD 3516	\$2,260.00
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Subtotal	\$6,763.93
Checking	<u>\$4,981.28</u>
Total	<u><u>\$11,745.21</u></u>

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7/4,5	Upper Yough or another local IV-V run (MD)	32	Jim Murtha	614-282-3293
7/6	(5) Savage River (MD) - Scheduled Dam Release	26	Michael Duvall	216-513-5921
7/8	Club Picnic at Silver Lake	SK/FW	Michael Duvall	216-513-5921
7/13	(1) Lake Erie Water Trail - Vermilion or Black portion	SK/FW	Needs organizer	
7/13	Canoe & Kayak Orienteering Race Walborn Reservoir - Alliance, OH	SK/FW	Bob Boltz	330-928-8635
7/18,19	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Joe Marks	216-281-1517 216-533-0604 C
7/19	Portage Lakes Paddle (OH)	SK/FW	David Johnson	330-305-1565
7/19,20	(4) Lower Yough (PA) - Intro weekend - permits	23	Fran Hoven	216-375-3718
7/19,20	(2) Middle Yough (PA)	12	Needs organizer	
7/25,26	Upper Yough (MD) - Paddle Fri, Sat Race & Festival is Saturday, 6 hr release, Race at 4pm Friendsville Days - Fri 6:00-10:00 PM, Sat 12-10 PM	32	John Kobak	440-871-1758 440-554-1383
7/26,27	(5) New River (WV)	26	Cecil Tickamyer	814-234-1062
7/26-8/9	Ottawa River (Canada) A play boat trip	27-32	Jim Murtha	614-282-3293

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July, 2014



Keelhauler's

Ka-news

AUGUST, 2014



Next Club Meeting Saturday, August 16 at 6:30 PM
at Tall Oaks Campground near Ohiopyle, PA

Program: Picnic in PA

All Levels of Paddling & Waterfall Running on the weekend with a Saturday night picnic!

We'll be doing something different this month. Instead of a Tuesday club meeting, the meeting will be Saturday, August 16th. This is the same weekend as the club Yough trips and Ohiopyle Falls Festival. There will be an opportunity for all types kayaking, canoeing or viewing. Yough Lake for the flatwater paddlers, Middle, Lower & Upper Yough depending on your skill level for paddlers. There are also beautiful biking & hiking paths for those that choose not to paddle in the area. Saturday evening at 6:30 pm will be a Potluck Picnic Dinner at Tall Oaks campground for members, family and friends. You do not have to camp here to join the picnic. The club will supply hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, tableware and soft drinks. Members should bring appetizers, salads, vegetables and desserts according to your last name.

- **A-F - Salad/vegetable/or baked beans**
- **G-L - Chips or Appetizer**
- **M-S - Dessert or Fruit**
- **T-Z - Potato/Pasta Salad**

[Jim Hunt](#) 330-335-5203 is the Skip Work Day organizer on the Lower Yough for Thursday 8/14
[Debbie Avallone](#) 440-835-2547 is the Ladies Only Day organizer on the Lower Yough for Friday 8/15
[John Kobak](#) 440-554-1383 is the Upper Yough trip organizer for Friday & Saturday 8/15, 16
[Karl Nelson](#) 330-497-2483 is the Lower Yough trip organizer for Saturday & Sunday
[Mark Spang](#) 440-522-0520 is the Middle Yough trip organizer for Saturday & Sunday
Saturday - Ohiopyle Falls Festival & Race [Contact Barry Adams](#) . . . 412-242-4562 for more information.
Sunday - We'll paddle Lower Yough again before heading home.

More details to follow on our Message Board.

Meeting/Dinner Questions? - Call 216-513-5921 or e-mail - [Michael Duvall](#)

[Tall Oaks Information](#)

[Tall Oaks Directions via new Mon-Fayette Turnpike](#)

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Michael Duvall



Our July meeting at Silver Lake was fairly well attended with 27 members. Special thanks to John Kobak and Jim Botamer for using their grills to cook all burgers and hotdogs. Also Bob Bair for supplying food and refreshments all year. The food was great thanks to everyone that brought a dish to pass.

Our next meeting will be a picnic dinner at Tall Oaks on Saturday August 16 after paddling. The club will provide hamburgers and hotdogs. Members are encouraged to bring a guest. This will be a very busy weekend with "give your boss the bird day" Thursday and Ladies day on Friday. Remember that anyone seeking more instruction, On 8/9-10 there is the TRPC Turkey Bash on the Lower Yough, Sign up by 8/4. Turkey Bash 2014 Info & Forms KHCC members same as TRPC.

Our membership and Officers terms expire on September 30 so be ready to renew your membership and volunteer to fill a role as Officer or Chair Person.

Be safe and I'll see you on the river,

Michael

KEELHAULER MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2014 minutes at Silver Lake

By Donna Homberg

Outdoor meeting this month at Silver Lake for a paddle time with a pot luck picnic.

17 in attendance.

The day was cloudy and rain possibilities but the skies were clear for this evening. No formal meeting but a nice time of sharing trips made within the last month and also past trips.

Two new guests introduced, Magena and Paul Bamford. Welcome and please come back again.

Rick Feinberg entertained us on his guitar with some really sweet music as the sun was setting. Thank you.

Treasurer's Report
By Pam Poljak

Keelhaulers Canoe Club
Treasurer's Report, 10-Jul-2014

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Paddling the Upper
Upper Yough 2014 ♦ July 18-19, 2014
By Beth Grafing

<u>Attendee</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Days Paddled</u>
Doug Smith	Trip Leader / TRG/ Keelhauler	Friday, Saturday
Beth Grafing	Student / TRG/ Keelhauler	Friday, Saturday
David Herron	Keelhauler	Friday, Saturday
John Greer	Keelhauler	Friday, Saturday
Brent Laubaugh	Keelhauler	Saturday
Kelly Miller	Keelhauler	Saturday

Well, I survived the Upper Yough, almost unscathed...almost...

Day one was a real challenge because I found warm-up ruffles and the "magnificent mile" overwhelming. As I watched Doug peel out of the eddy, almost instantaneously he was out of sight. How am I supposed to follow him and mimic his boat angle and paddle strokes if I can't see him? That section reminded me of "Eddy Hop" on the Lower Yough - but on steroids. There's a lot going on. There was a lot more water, pushiness, and swirliness that reminded me of a play park more than a river.

Fellow paddler Mark Warren described the Upper: "seems like every rapid there's a jumble of rocks - just avoid them and make a bouf". Within the first few miles, I found that description pretty accurate. Each rapid is technically challenging: I had to have the perfect stroke at the perfect time. For instance, the approach to Bastard isn't intimidating - per se. I could see the lines unlike other rapids that have distinct blind drops. Avoiding holes, it's best to make a bouf into an eddy before ascending the 'bastard' holes. But: miss the bouf, get sucked downstream and possibly into the hole. Hence, stroke timing is everything.

Mark went on to describe the experience as "overstimulation" and "sensory overload". During the Magnificent Mile, I saw what he meant. I had to paddle hard to make it into eddies. I couldn't just subtly finesse the boat like on other rivers.

The GoPro video showed what I did wrong at Triple Drop. After missing the eddy, I stayed right (the correct line) for the first two holes but found myself toward the center of the river for the final drop. The hole didn't look too bad; I mean it was half the size of Big Nasty on the Cheat. Since I missed the line, I squared-up to the hole and tried to punch through it. Alas, I didn't make it and the hole sucked me back in. I side surfed for a bit before flipping over. Luckily the hole didn't keep me long and I had enough sense when I rolled up to work my way river left - just in time to eddy out before National Falls.

I was able to catch my breath before National - which, as it turns out, was a much needed breath. I stayed left for the traditional line but I was too far left. I flipped but the infamous hole spared me and I experienced the first of four "sighs of relief" on the Upper. From what I'm told, the second sigh occurs naturally after Meat Cleaver, the third after Lost and Found, and the final sigh is after Double Pencil Sharpener (essentially the end).

We took the sneak route at Tommy's Hole and I attempted the bouf at Little Niagara. Zinger got me both days. Doug reminded me the second day that it doesn't look like much but your boat angle is important on the second wave. Kelly must've felt bad for me and all my rolls because she decided to cool off and roll at Zinger too. It was nice of her to keep me company underwater for a few seconds.

Doug said Gunbarrel would feel like a 10 foot drop - and it did. Pulling into an eddy close to boulders on the right felt a little awkward. After some thought I realized that on the Lower Yough we usually swing turns wide - like as in Rivers End - but the Upper Yough doesn't often provide that luxury.

In the calm eddy after Gunbarrel, I looked behind me and saw the intimidating rapid: Heinzerling. Looks can be deceiving because I nailed the line both days - which leads me to believe it's a little easier than it looks. Just point the nose of the boat onto the white foam and carry it around the rock - kicks you right out; be prepared for the swirly water though, gets me every time.

Remember those blind drops I mentioned? Meat Cleaver is an interesting rapid because it's all about the boat angle (are you picking up on a theme?). Bouf in the middle and make sure the right leg is up and your boat is aiming toward the right. Then, turn around and look at what's behind you. It's a lot to remember in the moment! Good thing I didn't meet the rocks on these rapids.

The second day, my angle was wrong on the bouf and I got sucked down a narrow channel on river left. Often times it's full of debris such as logs, making it a nasty sieve. Luckily, the channel was clear and I avoided getting out of my boat.

Three rapids I never heard about until I paddled the Upper Yough: Rocky I, Rocky II, and Rocky III. Each of them are progressively harder eddy-hop rapids. I rolled at these rapids a time or two. They reminded me of warm-up ruffles with a vengeance.

Lost and Found (a.k.a F*** Up Falls) is, to me, the last intimidating rapid. Day one I went over at the top right and scraped my helmet: all... the... way... down. That's the rapid that cleaned my clock. It's so shallow that in between banging my head on rocks, the camera knocked off my helmet and

started swinging into my face. My elbow pads also proved their worth. Did I mention I was upside-down? When I rolled up, the chaos didn't stop. As soon as I rolled up, I needed some power strokes to narrowly avoid other holes and rafts. The area below the rapid was busy with rafters and kayakers - as if people stuck around just to see the carnage. The only good thing about this rapid is that it's the last class IV rapid on the Upper - which is why I experienced my third sigh of relief.

Cheeseburger Falls and Backender took turns as my final insult. I made it through Cheeseburger the first day but forgot what to do the second day. If you mess up in the middle of Backender, the water pushes toward a 40-foot long rock below it. The camera died the first day, but Doug tells me my boat scraped along all forty feet of that rock before I finally rolled up.

Wright's Hole reminds me of Gap Falls because there's a giant "V" to follow all the way down - just avoid the hole. Like Wright's Hole, Double Pencil Sharpener and Luke's Final Insult weren't anything to write home about. I found the two miles of flat water - intermingled with boogie water - quite pleasant especially because I realized I paddled the Upper Yough two days in-a-row without swimming. And I've got the helmet scratches to prove it.

With the exception of a few minor bruises and scratches, the weekend went pretty well. The second day I could actually breathe and see the rapids (no tunnel vision)! I'm told I hold the record for most rolls (22) without a swim as well as the only person to roll unintentionally at Wait Rock.

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8/16	Club Meeting at Tall Oaks		Michael Duvall	216-513-5921
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8/22,23	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Michael Duvall	216-513-5921
8/29,30, 9/1	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Needs organizer	
8/29-9/1	Beaver River Fest (NY)	27-35	Needs organizer	



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Hi!

I am writing to you from The Volunteer Center in Sandusky. We need kayakers! The Rev 3 Triathlon is coming to Cedar Point the weekend of Sept. 6th & 7th! This is an opportunity for your members to raise funds for your club & have fun at the same time...

<http://rev3tri.com/cedar-point/volunteer-5/sign-up/>

Volunteer kayakers are needed to work various shifts. Each volunteer will receive a \$15.00 donation to their club or favorite charity.

This is the 5th year we have recruited volunteers for this race and it really is fun to work it. Please let me know if any of your members are interested and I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you,

Amy Porter

Executive Director

The Volunteer Center

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Keelhauler's Ka-news

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Next Club Meeting Saturday, September 9th

Doors open at 7:00 PM, Meeting is at 8:00 PM.

at Middleburg Hts Community Center
16000 E. Bagley Rd

Program: TBD

[Map to Middleburg Hts Meeting](#)

All meetings are open to guests.
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Michael Duvall



The last of our summer meetings was a big success. The August meeting was held at Tall Oaks Campground after Jim Hunt's "Skip Work Day" Thursday trip and Debbie Avallone's Friday's Ladies Day trip and Karl Nelson's monthly trip. We had burgers and hot dogs and roasted corn. The Yough Meeting had around 45 participants including half dozen new members. Of course all the picnics would not half as much fun without members bringing side dishes and desserts. Thanks to Jim Hunt for his help on the grill. Next year we will have the large pavilion and hopefully even more members.

September meeting will be back at Middleburg Hts on the second Tuesday, Sept 9. A slate of officers for the next year will be presented, however nominations from the floor are accepted.

Gauley season starts the first weekend after Labor Day. The Gauley has something for everyone. If you have done the Cheat at 3 feet or the New at any level then you are ready to do the Lower Gauley. After you have done the Lower a few times and want to step up to the 5 class V rapids and many more class IV rapids then try the Upper Gauley. Whichever section you choose to do we have a trip for you almost every weekend. Party animals will enjoy Gauley Fest on Sept. 20th.

WARNING watch your speed in Summerville and small towns like Gauley Bridge.

Be safe and I'll see you on the river,

Michael



It's that time again.....

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Or pay \$21 using Paypal. Use this link to pay:

<http://keelhauler.org/thanks.htm>

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<http://keelhauler.org/khcc/members.htm>

User Name: "dir" and the current 2014 password found on pg 20 of our 2014 yearbook or see passwords sent out in our monthly e-mail.

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Please encourage any of your non-member paddling friends to join/rejoin the club. The club offers a lot, to paddlers of all skill levels, at less than the price of a tank of gas to go paddling.

John Kobak

Slippery Rock By Andy Gross

Rick Feinberg of Brady Lake and Andy Gross of Cleveland Heights decided on a last minute outing to our beloved Slippery Rock on Tuesday, June 22 under ideal conditions: sunny, a few clouds, air temp around high 70s or lower 80s, river level 1.1' - we apologize up front for not posting, but it was really an ad hoc decision that morning. Fortunately, as we were ready to put on, we were joined by Luke Ramsey from the Steubenville area. We encountered a strainer around rapid #1 just south of Rt 422 bridge, we skirted it as we could not dislodge the big branch on river right. Rick and Luke are accomplished paddlers. I have done the Slip for the past 30+ years, but my roll is not bombproof, so these two good buddies (who may have been just a bit concerned) looked after me, one leading, other sweeping on the 14 rapids. We did Airport/Z without a hitch, then carried around the dam by the mill.

And then came the miracle mile or the gorgeous gorge-- and hoisting the banner of "it is better to be lucky than good" slogan Andy also did the next 7 big rapids. most of them Class II or III without a swim or an on-demand roll down to Eckert. All three of us "posed" for photo ops by Tessa (sp?), Luke's wife, who kindly crawled out on a rock by Triple Drop to take the pictures. Thanks for these fabulous photos, one of these is appended to this report. We really had fun, Luke and Rick expertly navigating and eddying out, while Andy pushed through each rapid, not fearful by now, but exhilarated and enthused. Rick and Luke did practice rolls at the start at the end, Andy chose to save the energy for when it was needed -- and gratefully, it was not. All in all, a super journey. He is not big on camping, so a day trip is his favorite choice even though the car travel to the Slip is a bit more than river journey (2+2 hours vs 3 hours) which violates an old and wise rule in the Club. A very special thank you note from Andy to John Kobak for the key tip: "Keep your paddle in the water all the time!" And, of course, keep the head down when rolling up, but this time, he did not have to use that. Andy is also grateful to Brent Hendren for finding a great boat, a Savage Skreem, in the Boston area a few years ago; sure beats his old Perception Matrix on a Class III creek.



Picture by Tessa Ramsey taken at Triple Drop. Boater is Andy Gross.

Treasurer's Report By Pam Poljak

Keelhaulers Canoe Club Treasurer's Report, 01-Aug-2014

CD 0402	\$2,263.25
CD 1077	\$2,260.84
CD 4709	<u>\$2,242.00</u>
Subtotal	\$6,766.09
Checking	<u>\$5,155.18</u>
Total	<u><u>\$11,921.27</u></u>

World Championships at ASCI
ICF Canoe Slalom World Championships in McHenry, Maryland
September 17-21, 2014



<https://www.deepcreek2014.com/events/event-calendar-provisional>

Damnation Movie
September 24, 2014

I want to share an invitation to a showing of DamNation Phil and I are hosting at the Capitol Theatre on Wednesday, September 24 at 7:00pm. I've included some more information below: If you are not familiar with the film, it has proven a substantial conversation starter around the use of dams in our country. Yvon Chouinard, the founder of Patagonia and renowned conservationist produced the film, and it has won awards at events such as the South by Southwest Film Festival and The Environmental Film Festival. You can learn more at <http://www.damnationfilm.com>.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Friends of the Crooked River.

As former whitewater raft guides, allowing rivers to run free is something very near to our hearts, and we would like to extend an invitation to the Keelhaulers to be part of this important event that will jumpstart the conversation throughout Northeast Ohio and beyond.

Let me know if you have any questions or if you'd be interested in being a part of the festivities that evening. Hope to see you soon!

Best,
Katie Dudley, KDudley Media
<http://www.kdudley.com>, 618-954-8257

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WW Canoe: Dagger 14' Caption - will handle up to Class 5 water depending on your skills, set up professionally for tandem or solo with 3 way saddle & fully equipped with thigh straps, knee pads, flotation bags - Yellow. Used only once before knees gave out - \$950

Meyers 12.5' Aluminum Boat with oars - \$250

Roger or Vivien Dennerll: 419-635-6914 or rdennerll@roadrunner.com

Cuyahoga Falls-Damn Dam on Hold

Conservation Update

By David Hill

It's not good news being released by the ABJ. It looks like it will be at least another year before those in charge can figure out how to proceed. BS!

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers analysis of Gorge Dam removal is derailed

By Bob Downing
Beacon Journal staff writer

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A plan to get the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to analyze removing a dam on the Cuyahoga River between Akron and Cuyahoga Falls has collapsed, at least for now.

The federal agency has rejected a proposal forwarded by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to provide a local match for the corps study on how to proceed with the Gorge Dam, EPA spokeswoman Linda Oros said.

That means that nothing will happen this year on the study, she said.

The EPA intends to huddle with the U.S. EPA and the corps to try to determine what kind of local project would be acceptable to the corps, she said.

The study is to be funded by a \$500,000 federal EPA grant, plus \$200,000 in cash or \$323,000 of in-kind services provided by the Ohio EPA and local partners.

That federal money is still available, Oros said.

The Ohio EPA announced last September at the State of the River symposium in Cleveland that the corps was kicking off the study, which was to take about 18 months.

That analysis was to have looked at how the dam might best be removed, what to do with it, how to manage the sediments behind the dam and where to put the sediments.

The study would also develop a flow model for what the Cuyahoga River would be like, if the dam were to be removed. It would provide a firm cost estimate for the dam removal for the first time and offer a number of detailed options.

But that never happened as the agencies involved wrangled over the contract with the local match.

The Ohio EPA had worked out a plan in which the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District in the Cleveland area would have paid for a new program to remove floating debris from the Cuyahoga River as part of the local match.

The corps ruled that the plan was unacceptable, officials said.

One person saddened by the delay is Gary Whidden of Cuyahoga Falls, a river advocate who wants to see the Gorge Dam come down.

"It's a major blow. We've lost another year and we're years behind where we should be on this project," Whidden said. "The money is there. The desire is there. The benefit is there. ... It's a shame that nothing is happening. It's very frustrating."

No decision has been made to remove the concrete dam, which is 68 feet high and 429 feet wide. But the Ohio EPA would like to see the dam in the Gorge Metro Park removed to boost water quality on the Cuyahoga River.

Estimates are that at least 832,000 cubic yards of sediment are behind the dam in the 34-acre reservoir that stretches 1.4 miles. The average sediment depth is 15 feet and the maximum depth is 28½ feet. That's enough to fill the Akron Rubber Bowl four times.

Tests of the sediments showed moderate levels of contamination but no major toxic problems.

Removing the dam could cost \$5 million to \$10 million with another \$15 million to \$20 million for sediments, according to preliminary estimates. But the volume of sediments is twice what had been expected and that is likely to boost the final cost estimate, officials have said.

Federal funds could cover 65 percent of the sediment costs. The local share could be covered with in-kind services and contributions from state, county and local agencies plus FirstEnergy Corp., which owns the dam.

Bob Downing can be reached at 330-996-3745 or bdowning@thebeaconjournal.com.

<http://www.ohio.com/news/local/u-s-army...bled=false>

September	For More Trips - Check our Message Board		Time to Pay Dues	
9/5	(5) Lower Gauley (WV)	27	Jim Hunt	330-335-5203
9/6,7	Upper Gauley (WV) - I will coordinate all Camping at Battle Run for Lower & Upper trips	27-33	John Kobak	440-554-1383
9/6,7	(5) Lower Gauley (WV)	27	Phil & Jen Raber	740-498-7063
9/6	(5) ASCI WW Course(MD) 11 am to 330 pm cost: \$24		Justin Keesey	740-827-1208
9/7	(5) Savage River (MD) - Scheduled Dam Release	26	Justin Keesey	740-827-1208
9/9	Club Monthly Meeting at Middleburg Hts		Michael Duvall	216-513-5921
9/13,14	(4) Lower Yough (PA)	23	Eric Tucker	216-570-6035 647-447-1195
9/13	(2) Middle Yough (PA)	12/SK	Steve Ingalls	216-371-8250
9/13,14	(5) Lower Gauley (WV)	27	Terry Markoff	440-543-4969
9/13,14	Upper Gauley (WV)	33	Joe Marks	216-533-0604
9/15-19	Upper Yough (MD) All week release for Worlds & Gauley Fest	32	Needs organizer	
9/17-21	World Championships at ASCI (MD) 			
9/19-21	Upper Gauley (Festival Weekend) (WV)	33	Cliff Wire	440-439-6541
9/20,21	(5) Lower Gauley (WV)	27	Terry Markoff	440-543-4969
9/26	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Needs organizer	
9/27,28	(5) Lower Gauley (WV) Camping at Battle Run, Bill will coordinate camping for both Upper & Lower paddlers.	27-33	Bill Miller	440-257-2970
9/27,28	Upper Gauley (WV)	33	Joe Marks	216-533-0604
October	For More Trips - Check our Message Board		Time to Pay Dues	
10/3,4	Upper Yough (MD) Last Saturday Release	32	Bud Chavez	513-703-4108
10/4,5	Upper & (5) Lower Gauley (WV)	27-33	Needs organizer	
10/11,12	(4) Lower Yough (PA) Fall Color Trip	23	Dave Roush	440-623-9035
10/11	(2) Middle Yough (PA)	12/SK	Steve Ingalls	216-371-8250
10/11,12	Upper & (5) Lower Gauley (WV)	27-33	Dave Herron	513-681-4075
10/14	Club Annual Election Meeting at Middleburg Hts		Michael Duvall	216-513-5921
10/17-19	MooseFest (NY)	27-30	Needs organizer	

2014 Club Officers

President:	Michael Duvall	216-521-0094
VP:	Dave Roush	440-623-9035
Secretary:	Donna Homberg	440-236-8360
Treasurer:	Pam Poljak	440-268-9194

Meeting Place: Middleburg Heights Recreation Center, 15700 Bagley Rd, on the second Tuesday of each month
Doors open at 7:00 P.M., meeting starts at 7:30 P.M.

Membership: \$20 per year. New memberships, renewals, change in address or phone, send directly to
Membership Chairman:

John Kobak, 440-871-1758
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Westlake, OH 44145

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Please consider writing a trip report or article for the next newsletter! The deadline for the **October issue of the newsletter is **9/24/14**. Please remember that articles should be sent to Kelly Miller (Laubaugh) at peetzaguy@aol.com.**

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September, 2014



Keelhauler's Ka-news OCTOBER, 2014



Next Club Meeting Tuesday, October 14th

Note: The date is wrong in our yearbook

**Club Annual Election Meeting - Program:
TBD**

Doors open at 7:00 PM, Meeting is at 8:00 PM.
at Middleburg Hts Community Center
16000 E. Bagley Rd

[Map to Middleburg Hts Meeting](#)

All meetings are open to guests.
Invite a prospective member!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Michael Duvall



OCTOBER 14 ELECTION MEETING. Be sure to attend the meeting so we can vote on this year's Officers. The board has put together a slate; President Karl Nelson,

Vice President Dave Roush, Treasurer Pam Poljak, Secretary Donna Homberg, Trustee Michael Duvall. If you cannot make the meeting please email Donna with your vote.

Gauley Season has been great this year including a few first timers, some upper and some lower, that all did very well. The first weekend started warm until a huge thunder storm hit while we were on the river. Festival weekend the weather was very nice with no rain the night of the festival. Unfortunately, no one I know won anything this year. But, there were a few deals to be had. Water levels were around 2800 cfs with next to nothing coming in from the Meadow or other side streams. There was even some new gravel added the Swiss takeout road to cross the tracks.

Be safe and I'll see you on the river,

Michael

It's that time again.....

All club memberships have expired on October 1st.

As soon as you can, please pay your **2015** membership dues.

As you may know I go south for 5 months starting in November. I would ask all of you to mail your check today or pay on-line by the end of the month. This ensures that your name will be listed in our new yearbook/roster. It doesn't matter when you pay; all memberships expire on September 30th.

Mail your check to:
Keel Haulers Canoe Club
1649 Allen Dr
Westlake, OH 44145-2506

You can pay \$21 using Paypal to save yourself time & postage.
Use this link to pay: <http://keelhauler.org/thanks.htm>

You can review your current membership listing, using this link:

<http://keelhauler.org/khcc/members.htm>

User Name: "dir" and the current 2014 password found in our monthly e-mail.

If you need to change any of your membership information, use this form:

http://keelhauler.com/khcc_registration.htm

To renew your membership you do not have to fill out a new application, you only need to send your dues payment and any changes to your membership information.

Please encourage any of your non-member paddling friends to join/rejoin the club. The club offers a lot to paddlers of all skill levels at less than the price of a tank of gas to go paddling.

John Kobak

KEELHAULER MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2014 at Middleburg Heights Recreation Center
Respectfully submitted by Donna Homberg

10 people in attendance

New member, Doug Hershman introduced, interested in canoe & white water paddling

Chair Reports

Membership is at 289.

August 18th was a board meeting where a slate of officers for the coming year was proposed.

Marcia Karchmer- Sea Kayaking Outing planned from Splash Zone in Oberlin

Trip Reports

Slippery Rock, Gauley, Upper and Lower, ASCI course in MD. Savage River, Lower Yough & Middle Yough. Check this month's newsletter for full reports & pictures.

Old Business-

New Business- Slate of Officers Presented for October Elections, Any suggestions from the floor accepted.

Conservation - Jim Hunt accepted - Requests posted updates or newsletters be forwarded to him. Suggested that a list of our annual donations to these organizations be reviewed and a request be emailed to them for this information.

Library - Cliff Wire accepted and would like to convert some of the older VHS to DVD. Monies

are available for this project and a possibility for future club program presentation.

Membership- John Kobak

Newsletter Editor -Kelly Miller accepted, requests a pluthera of articles. Can be short or large.

Newsletter Distribution

Pool Sessions East -Jeff Cramer

Pool Sessions West- Marius Asipauskas

Program

Safety-Joe Marks accepted

Sea Kayaking-Marcia Karchmer

Trip Schedule - April Hollis

Vermilion Race

Webmaster - John Kobak accepted

Refreshments - Bob Bair

Yearbook - Jim Hunt

Officers-

Karl Nelson-President

Dave Rousch- Vice President

Treasurer- Pam Poljak

Secretary - Donna Homberg

Trustees - Jim Hunt, Chuck McDowell, Mike Duvall

Discussion re the Vermilion Race Venue for a possible change to a section on the Cuyahoga River. Water Quality is an issue but further discussion is encouraged.

The Grand River

By Andy Gross

Trip #2: Marty Cooperman (a gung-ho cyclist, backpacker, hiker) who just returned from a lot of lake paddling at the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and Andy Gross, both of Cleveland Heights, wanted to make a Grand River trip for a long time. They noticed that the Grand is often either too high or too low. But on Wednesday, July 30, they caught the river at about 3.8', a pretty good level that some consider "upper runnable." Indeed, the few rapids -which are mostly Class I+ here at the most- were washed out, we are sure others would opt for slightly lower level. Still, it was a fun journey of about 1.5 hours from Harpersfield dam to Hidden Valley for us with lots of nice wave trains and spotting some wildlife. We shall strive to post next time we go. We noted that some young kayakers were rescued from the Chagrin river at Gates Mills on Monday, when levels all around NE Ohio were high due to heavy rain.

Sincerely, Andy

(Andrew Gross, CSU and Clev.Hts., still loving it!)

Treasurer's Report
By Pam Poljak

Keelhaulers Canoe Club
Treasurer's Report, 14-Sep-2014

CD 0402	\$2,263.93
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CD 4709	<u>\$2,242.00</u>
Subtotal	\$6,767.44
Checking	<u>\$5,906.02</u>
Total	<u><u>\$12,673.46</u></u>

Vermilion Race 2014 Report - Year To Date
By Pam Poljak
1/1/2014 through 9/9/2014

INCOME

Vermillion Race Income

Donation	150
Insurance Refund	98
Refreshment stand	11
Registration fees	732
<u>TOTAL VermRaceIncome</u>	<u>991</u>
TOTAL INCOME	991

EXPENSES

Vermillion Race Expense

Insurance	225
Postage	75
<u>TOTAL VermRaceExpense</u>	<u>300</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	300

OVERALL TOTAL	690
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Conservation
By Jim Hunt

Upper Cheat River Water Trail

In late 2013 the Friends of the Cheat in combination with Tucker County and the WV DNR established the Upper Cheat River Water Trail. This use had been a vision of the Friends of the Cheat for many years. Class I/II paddling lengths from 3 to 38 miles are available. The following are some excerpts from the website.



VISION

The vision of Friends of the Cheat's Cheat River Water Trail Committee, is to establish recreational water trails for non-motorized boaters in the Cheat River watershed.

The group's first focus is the Upper Cheat River Water Trail (UCRWT), a 40-mile recreational water trail between the towns of Hendricks and Rowlesburg, WV. This segment is Class I-II, family friendly and suitable for beginners, and its beauty and other notable qualities make it very popular for people with all levels of experience and varied interests.

The Upper Cheat River Water Trail travels through both Tucker and Preston Counties. It begins a bit upstream of Parsons. We are including a 3.19-mile leg of the Black Fork and a 1-mile leg of the Shavers Fork as options for starting locations – these are very popular put-ins for paddlers. The two Forks join just below Parsons to form the Cheat River.

WATER LEVELS

Listed below are some guidelines for water levels. They are all referenced from the Parsons Gage and measured in cubic feet per/second.

Less than 100: To Low for paddling

100-250: Water is crystal clear and beautiful. Great for hot summer days when getting out of your boat is fun. It will be necessary to get out of the boat and drag in through shallow areas. Recommend short trips. Wear appropriate footwear. Good for tubing.

250-500: At this level the river is still low and may require some dragging. The fish are biting in the deeper holes.

500-1000: A great water level. The potential still exists to get hung up on some rocks, learning to read the river really helps

1000-5000: The River is moving more rapidly, less paddling, more floating. Stay away from river banks to avoid (strainers) tree limbs and other hidden debris just under the surface of the water.

5000 and up – not recommended

MORE INFO and ACCESS POINTS

First Gauley Release ♦ September 5–7 2014

By Beth Grafiing

Attendee	Role	Lower Gauley	Upper
Doug Smith	Trip Leader / TRG/ Keelhauler	Friday, Saturday	Sunday
Alan Watson	Keelhauler	Friday	Saturday, Sunday
John Greer	Keelhauler	Friday	Saturday, Sunday
John Kobak	Keelhauler	Friday, Saturday	
Brent Laubaugh	Keelhauler	Friday	Saturday
Kelly Miller	Keelhauler	Friday	
Mark Warren	TRG / Keelhauler	Friday, Saturday	
Beth Grafiing	TRG/ Keelhauler	Friday, Saturday	Sunday

Weather / Water Levels

Weather was warm on Friday and Saturday, which provided a dilemma when deciding how to dress for the paddle. Water temperatures were a cool 62 degrees due to the release. Rain in the area provided cooler temperatures on Sunday morning. Good thing the checklist included dry tops!

Date	High	Low	Precip.	Put On	Take Off	Level
Fri, Sept 5	83°	63°	0	11:50a	4:30p	3100
Sat, Sept 6	82°	67°	0.5 in	11:30a	3:00p	3300
Sun, Sept 7	67°	60°	0.25in	8:40a	11:30a	2700

Paddling the Gauley



Doug Smith (left) and John Kobak (right) at the put-in for the Lower Gauley.

A group of us Keel Haulers camped atop the scenic view of the Summersville Lake during the Gauley's first release weekend. My plan was to paddle the Lower Gauley (for the first time) on Friday and Saturday before heading home on Sunday. But as we both know, things don't always go as planned...

Before I explain what happened at the Gauley, let me first tell you about my interesting month. When I shared a couple videos from my first weekend down the Upper Yough, three separate people suggested I buy a creek boat since I rolled 22 times. Seeing the river littered with creek boats, I also saw their point; it's safer to be upright. I did some research and bought a gently used 2013 Liquid Logic Stomper from fellow club member, Joe Marksz.

I eagerly paddled the new purchase on the Lower Yough twice (once with hand paddles). I took the hard lines and never rolled (with the exception of surfing and using hand paddles). I was convinced I was going to paddle it on the Upper Yough. When the time came, however, I was completely torn as to which boat to take. On the one hand, I might have better chance staying upright in the creek boat; on the other hand, I am comfortable with my trusty WaveSport Fuse (river runner/playboat).

After much deliberation I paddled the river and the result surprised me: a third of the rolls (four total). I had a great day on the river and was so happy to conquer my initial nerves. The best part was that I didn't need the creek boat to accomplish this; I paddled the Fuse as the Stomper sat on the sidelines.

On Gauley's first release weekend, I paddled my Fuse on the Lower and my confidence soared. Doug encouraged me to surf the wave just above five boat hole. Terrified, I was delighted to stay on long enough to pose for the camera and Five Boat Hole was forgiving.

Paddling the Lower was a pleasant change of pace, having paddled the Yough just a few weeks prior. The bigger water provided some great rolling waves that continue to give me butterflies.

The next day, half of the group paddled the Upper while Doug, Mark, John Kobak and I paddled the Lower again. This time, I wasn't prepared for what I saw when we approached the rapid Pure Screaming Hell. The once sunny river seemed to change instantly as an abundance of dark clouds rolled into the horizon. As the river increased its chaos, so too did the skies. Slicing through the shadows were bolts of lightning followed by loud cracks and rumbles of thunder. I thought to myself: is God trying to tell me to get off the river?

Good thing I kept my wits about me; our group caught the eddy behind purgatory where Doug so kindly pointed out "Hell Hole" as another thrash of thunder and lightning shook my heartbeat. During the flat water section, visibility decreased as water from the skies poured down. By the time the four of us reached the takeout, the weather calmed and birds sang as the clouds dissipated.

As we ate dinner that night, the group encouraged me to join them on the Upper the next morning. I was reluctant due to the hazards. While I debated the opportunity,

I knew it was my decision to make. Another decision resurfaced: which boat do I take?

The Upper Gauley was big and fast and pretty amazing, too. A few things surprised me about the river: Pillow was shorter rapid than I expected whereas Lost Paddle was by far the longest I've ever experienced. There was only one point on the river, when I looked up at the whitewater prepared to crest over top of me, when I said to myself: "holy macaroni." That moment occurred at Sweets Falls. I'm told it's an eight foot drop but it sure felt like fourteen.

Led by a talented group of paddlers, I claimed a handful of rolls. The weekend's adventure sent me home with a memento: a minor bruise, although my coworkers occasionally asked: "what's-up with the shiner?" It's hard to explain to them that I lost my balance on an inadvertent stern squirt against Postage Due Rock. When my boat eventually fell over top of me, I took a knuckle to the eye. I consider myself lucky to have a successful run down the Upper and Lower Gauley for the first time.

To answer the question in the back of your head, the Stomper collected dust and I paddled my trusty playboat/river runner again. Sure, the Stomper will have its day but for now the Fuse will bask in the back of my garage - with all its glory - all winter long. ♦

Upper Yough/Lower Gauley Video link: <http://youtu.be/66KtTk5yRQc>
Pure Screaming Hell Video Link: <http://youtu.be/kM7RvoxVc9k>

Sea Kayaking Update

By Marcia Karchmer

Lorain County Metroparks offers paddle stroke, wet exit and self-rescue training at their Oberlin Splash Zone pool in October and in the spring. Call 1-800-LCM-Park or look at the Lorain County Metroparks website: Arrowhead publication.

Cleveland Metroparks also offers this training in October, some trainings in the winter, and in the spring. Call their Outdoor Recreation office: 1-216-341-1704, or look in the Emerald Necklace Publication: Paddlesport and Boating section. Their Website is "clevelandmetroparks.com."

Also, Riversport, on the Middle Yough in Pa., at Confluence, offers kayaking lessons and may offer roll training.

World Canoe and Kayak Championships On the ASCI course in Maryland By Donna Homberg

The races were from the 17th to the 21st and **we were there** and had a great time. To see the power in these athletes was impressive. The gates on the ASCI course met all of the expectations of an expert kayak racer. To negotiate a gate after going through one of those ACSI drops isn't easy. Changing direction for an upstream gate under these circumstances is a challenge. Touching one gate is a 2 second penalty and missing it completely costs 50 which eliminates a paddler from the top 10 finalists.

The last World's we attended was in Metzanna, Italy when Brian our son made the U.S. team. The Gold medalist then was Richard Fox of Great Britain and gold medalist Myriam Jerusalmi of France. This event now 21 years later featured their daughter Jessica Fox as gold medalist for Australia in K-1 women. Richard is the trainer for the Australian team.

Another kayaker we must mention from the 1993 Worlds in Italy was Rich Weiss who was the silver medalist for USA. We enjoyed a dinner and talk together the night before as Brian's wife filled in for Rosi as hostess and friend. He later died in 1997 after going over a waterfall on the White Salmon River in Washington State. He left behind his wife Rosi and their soon to be born son, River. Everyone in the whitewater community knew he would have so much to contribute to the future of paddling. "He had a generous calming spirit that made him shine" said his fellow paddler Eric Jackson and Abbe Endicott, wife of Bill Endicott. None of us will ever get over his loss and the sadness from this time.

I share all this with you to reinforce the importance and lasting effect that your paddling experiences have on your life. For us to see our paddling friends from sometimes 25-35 years ago just warms our hearts. Whether it be from our first days paddling on the river, or the many trips we planned with friends, or the folks we came to know on the river, or the parents and kids paddling with our kids or the friends we meet up within our canoe club, or the gatherings we share together or even now as our grandkids are on the water; these are the times of our life. We love them and treasure forever all of our paddling friends. So if you think you can't make that eddy or that bouff, make it a point to see how some folks accomplish some of these moves. All this being said, the grandkids went to the Gauley for paddling and the Gauley Fest. The next generation moves on. Stay as long as you can and keep on. Even when the distance seems long, ninety-nine percent of life is just showing up.



Carl, Heather (granddaughter), Brian (son) & Donna Homberg

ASCI ICF Video : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ck56GPZsSM>

Another video of C2 Semifinals: Boat 20 is USA C2 team with Jamie McEwen's 21 year old son, Boat 8 is the German team that won the semi but got a 50 point penalty in the finals to lose even though they had the best time of day.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xO-5lyi5C-I>

Video of USA First Place winner in C1 - Fabien Lefevre:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ocOMOO4ZWc>

For Sale: WW Canoe: Meyers 12.5' Aluminum Boat with oars - \$250

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Gauley Fest 2014: Carnage, Cars, & Critters by Matt Muir

Gauley Fest. Four days of paddling. What fun! What a challenge! What a lot of work!

Over the last couple of years, I've moved twice and various job responsibilities have kept me away from the rivers. Living now in Eastern PA, I ran the Class-II Lehigh River in August. (Lehigh boaters are as jazzed about stepping up to the Lower Yough as the rumors say they are. We had, like, 20 people, and when I asked around if anyone was interested in carpooling to the Gauley, they had this bug-eyed look of fear, like a cheerleader asked to do math.) That was the extent of my whitewater over the last 17 months. So it was deemed appropriate (by me, if by nobody else) for me to go run the Upper Yough and the Gauley Marathon. What could go wrong?

Barry asked me if I thought it was a good idea for me to go marathoning if I were so out of practice. I responded, "Dear Mom, I promise I'll be good. I have Cliff Wire as a chaperone, and he's a responsible adult."

The dude's being helpful, a true friend, and I'm mocking him. Nice. (That's how I roll.)

Speaking of roll, I rolled in Zinger on Thursday. I never roll in that easy-ol' rapid. That was my only roll of the day. I felt...okay, but not 100%. Felt like I was being bounced around a lot. I cleaned the boof at National, though. Good day.

Also cleaning the National boof was Michael Duvall, who has become a go-to guy on the Upper Yough. He's run it well over a hundred times, and he'll lead you through tough or easy lines, dependent on your skill and need.

Also on the Upper were Kosmo Cramer, Casey Brown (who hadn't earned any Ratt Points in, like, forever), Hugh Barrow, Cliff Wire, and Annalies Layton.

After the Upper, Barry left his car at Kobak's Cabin and we carpooled to the Battle Run campground. Most other Upper-Youghers also headed to the Gauley, but Kosmo, Casey, and Annalies opted to stick around for another run of the Upper—and to go to ASCI to view the Whitewater World Championships. (Sounded like fun!)

Friday was a different story. After a very late start on the Lower (due to two paddlers' making a wrong turn to the river—you know who you are), I felt like a champ. One silly roll in a little rapid. No biggie. Our relatively large group of Barry, Cliff, Michael, Hugh, Erin Bethea, Drew Charness, Tanya Phantis, Brenda Benner, and Wookie, had only three swims, all recovered quickly; but we still got off pretty late—6+ PM, too late to effectively dry clothing in camp. Bummer. (Always take enough clothing so that you'll have something dry for the next day.) Far be it from me to name names, but the paddler who made a wrong turn from Fayetteville and was an hour late to the put-in knows who she is.

On Thursday and Friday evening, we got a visitor. Since it was dark, the photo is of unimpressive quality—but you get the idea.



Little Friend! I'm told that he actually got into my vehicle Saturday morning, as Erin and Barry were preparing for shuttle and Erin left the doors open. They opened all the doors, and the critter eventually wandered out. (No word on whether he liked the Louie Louie CDs in the car.) The real error they committed, was in not grabbing the camera and taking his pic in the car.

The Marathon went beautifully—for me. I felt totally on my game on the Upper. Cleaned Insignif, Pillow, LP, and Iron Ring. Didn't get exactly the line I was looking for at Sweet's, but I stayed upright.

Hugh flipped twice in early minor stuff and swam at Initiation (at the end—no danger), didn't feel on his game and walked out. He said the walk was very rough; he had to pulley his boat up some vertical stuff.

So for the Marathon, we were three—Cliff, Bill Warble in a *Green Boat*, and I—plus Tanya on the Upper. Tanya allowed a hole to typewriter her over into the Room of Doom and swam, and had rolls in a few other rapids (Iron Ring and Sweet's, at least), but otherwise did well. And she kept up with our pace.

My line at Iron Ring was good enough, that I grabbed a high eddy and got my camera out. Here's Cliff, way left of my line and trying to brace:



And here's the result. Yep, that's the bottom of his boat.



After leading the way at Sweet's, I was treated to the view of all three of my companions flipping and rolling there. Some folks say Sweet's is a crapshoot, but I think if you paddle aggressively and brace well, you should finish upright.

After bidding Tanya farewell at Wood's Ferry, we three continued at a brisk pace. We passed the Lower Group somewhere after Diagonal and reached Swiss at 3:30—by far the earliest Cliff or I have ever finished. Our pace was so good, we had no worries about a 45-minute lunch break at Koontz's. Cliff maintains that he did *not* fall asleep there (okay, whatever). I did get tired and/or complacent and had some goofy lines in minor rapids. Allowed Cliff to bounce me into a rock, flipped, and didn't make my roll. Eventually Warble gave me a bow rescue. Overall, a good day, despite that little screw-up. I was less tired after the Marathon than after the Lower on Friday! The Lower paddlers showed up soon afterwards, and we all motored to the campground, set gear to dry, and headed for the Fest.

For Sunday, Barry decided to assist in leading the Lower trip. That would mean driving to Swiss after my run, but that would be fine. Cliff set us all up for the Magic Shuttle, which enabled the Lower paddlers to drive to their putin, and the Upper boaters to pick up the cars that the Lower paddlers had left there, and drive home. Sweeeet. In order to make the numbers crunch properly, Cliff decided to run the Lower. Great guy, he took one for the team. Well, he'd gotten three Ratt Points already, so he had to count it a good weekend.

For the Upper, we had a sizable group: Michael, Tanya, Bill Warble, Bill Offutt, Casey, Kosmo, Robert Goo, Eric Ruhl, Neal Pennington, and Bob Book.

On that run, I figure the first order of business is to warn new or uncertain paddlers about the killer channel at Initiation. After I gave about five paragraphs too much info, Casey politely but firmly told me to shut my festering yap, as she was jazzed enough already.

In contrast to Saturday, I did not have a dry-hair day.

I had a great line at Pillow (again), making the high eddy on River Right, but flipped on the eddy line (must've been tired; would've braced through the same thing on Saturday or Friday) and took, like, five attempts to roll up. Michael Duvall said I scared him, as I was near the dangerous undercut rock. Good thing I didn't give up and bail...

Tanya had her own excitement. She swam at the bottom of Insignificant, despite having a good line. She also flipped on the Pillow and swam. She'd followed Robert, who insisted he'd given her a good line. Probably true, but had he given her an *easy* line? After that, she followed Michael Duvall and did fine—cleaning Iron Ring, for e.g.

A bunch of us finished Lost Paddle and saw that three paddlers were still upstream, somewhere between the second and fourth drop. After a long while, they came downstream. Turns out, Eric Ruhl had An Incident at Second Drop. "I got Five-Ohed," he beamed. He had a scratch on his face; his helmet was shot; his hand was taped up, and he said he'd seriously hurt his shoulder. (He did roll up.) He continued the run, but exercising due caution he walked Sweet's Falls. He took out at Mason Branch (he'd planned to, all along) and didn't look forward to the hike up the trail, as he had to carry his boat on his left shoulder. Hope he did okay.

Iron Ring is amazing. On a large river, 200 feet wide or so, the line is barely a foot or two wide. I managed to go a foot too far right, got blown over and rolled. Also rolled at Sweets—again, I had a good line, but let squirrely water paddlesnake me. I must have been tired, as I know that I was bracing through that same stuff on Saturday.

After I rolled at Sweet's (again, it took me like four roll attempts! Dang, gotta work on my setup and hipsnap.), I saw Baltimore Bill Offutt's green-colored boat upside down. He wasn't making his roll—onside, offside, onside, etc. I charged out as fast as I could and got to him for a bow rescue. When he came up, I saw it wasn't Bill Offutt; it was Bill Warble, in his Green Boat. So I guess that was karma/payback for the bow he'd given me the day before.

When I got to my vehicle, which I knew Barry would be leaving for me at Woods Ferry, I found the following note:

"Matt you a#####e you left your Louie Louie CD on and it killed your battery Dead! Hugh had to jump it but it was not easy. Do not be the last one out of Woods Ferry! Barry "If you need it, here it is. (Arrow drawn to AAA card, attached to the note.)

(Nice thought, that last bit, but I don't know how successful you'd be calling AAA from Wood's Ferry. Cell phone service, for one thing, is spotty in that area.)

Whoops. I showed it to everyone, including a few paddlers I didn't even know. People seemed to agree that an apology was in order.

The Lower on Sunday had Sabine Iben, Cliff, Barry, Dan from Columbus, Anne Kmieck, Bernie, and Bill Miller.

Barry had Dan following him on the Lower. He felt Dan wasn't reading water, so he told him to lead. Kid got totally munched in a hole at the bottom of Mash or somewhere. It was a brutal swim; he was still in the hole a while after his boat came out. Barry asked if he knew what he'd done wrong. "Yeah, I should've followed

someone." No, Dude, that's not the right lesson. I think he'll work on reading water from now on.

Barry was running the Lower (he didn't run the Upper on this trip), so I collected him at Swiss a little after 2 PM. (I resisted the urge to have Louie Louie blasting on the vehicle's sound system for Barry's entertainment.)

Didn't get to Kobak's cabin 'til after 6, a 4+ hour drive from home. Backing up to let Barry go first, I found out that I wasn't being extremely careful. The penalty was not too severe: a replacement for my (currently duct-taped) taillight cover only cost \$33.83, including shipping. Ever the charitable chap, I've decided not to sue Kobak for the damage.

Well, that's Gauley Fest from my perspective. Thanks to Cliff Wire for running a great trip, thanks to Barry Adams for putting up with ~8 hours in the car with me, and thanks to everyone else for their part in the fun!

A Request for Support from a neighboring club.....

The effort to have a whitewater park near Springville, NY, Scoby Dam on Cattaraugus Creek no longer meets federal requirements and needs to be updated. A plan has been developed by the Army Corps of Engineers and is now open for public comment. There is a window of opportunity to add betterments to the plan that would improve recreation on and around that section of Cattaraugus Creek. We have started a petition to show support for these betterments. The website for the petition and video of Scoby Dam is: <http://www.change.org/p/john-j-mills-we-want-a-betterment-added-to-the-springville-scooby-dam-fish-passage-project>. We are hoping that fellow whitewater enthusiasts would be willing to show their support for a whitewater park in Western New York (about an hour south of Buffalo).

Happy paddling,
Jeanne Langan, Zoar Valley Paddling Club

October	For More Trips - Check our Message Board		Time to Pay Dues	
10/3,4	Upper Yough (MD) Last Saturday Release	32	John Kobak	440-554-1383
10/4,5	Upper & (5) Lower Gauley (WV)	27-33	Needs organizer	
10/11,12	(4) Lower Yough (PA) Fall Color Trip	23	Dave Roush	440-623-9035
10/11	(2) Middle Yough (PA)	12/SK	Steve Ingalls	216-371-8250
10/11,12	Upper & (5) Lower Gauley (WV)	27-33	Dave Herron	513-681-4075
10/14	Club Annual Election Meeting at Middleburg Hts		Michael Duvall	216-513-5921
10/17-19	MooseFest (NY)	27-30	Needs organizer	

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Next Club Meeting Tuesday, November 11th

Club Meeting - Program: TBD

Doors open at 7:00 PM, Meeting is at 8:00 PM.
at Middleburg Hts Community Center, 16000 E. Bagley Rd

[Map to Middleburg Hts Meeting](#)

All meetings are open to guests. Invite a prospective member!

MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT **By Karl Nelson**



My interest in whitewater began at an early age. When I was five [Eisenhower was president], I saw a black & white TV show about rafting the Grand Canyon. I thought that would be fun.

Almost 35 years later, my wife signed me up for a whitewater canoe course at the University of Alabama-Birmingham and then went to visit her mother in Olympia, WA. When she came back, there was a big red Dagger Legend in the living room. My son and I managed to paddle it around the world without leaving the apartment. We progressed to the flat water creeks and class II rivers in Alabama and Tennessee. This was followed by canoe camping trips with the Boy Scouts. When my son went to college, I couldn't find anyone to paddle bow, so I made the transition to a solo canoe.

Eventually I ended up in Canton, OH and joined the Keelhaulers Canoe Club in 2000. After many trips down the Lower Yough—rarely without an out-of-boat experience—I told Sherie I would lead the August trip when she couldn't make it. Little did I know it would lead to my current position as club president.

The members of the KHCC in attendance at the club meeting at the Middleburg Heights Community Center on 14-October, as well as e-mail votes from those unable to attend, ratified the slate of officers for 2015. The current board includes:

President:	Karl Nelson	Trustee:2013-2015	Jim Hunt
Vice President:	Dave Roush	Trustee:2014-2016	Chuck McDowell
Treasurer:	Pam Poljak	Trustee:2015-2017	Michael Duvall
Secretary:	Donna Homberg		

These persons have volunteered to be stewards of the traditions of the Keelhauler Canoe Club. We will need the members of the Keelhauler Canoe Club to help us pass those traditions onto the next generation of paddlers of all kinds.

2015 Membership Dues are Overdue

All club memberships have expired on October 1st.

The club has almost 300 family memberships.

But, only about half have renewed their membership so far.

So, if you haven't gotten around to it, **DO IT TODAY!**

I will be travelling and unable to receive your check after November 10th.

You can use any credit card or a Paypal account and renew using this link:

<http://keelhauler.org/thanks.htm>

OR

If you still want to mail a check please send a \$20 check for your **2015 Membership Dues**

To:

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But remember if I don't get your check by 11/10/14 you may not be listed in the 2015 Yearbook & Roster.

To check whether or not I have received your renewal, check this updated file:

<http://www.keelhauler.org/khcc/memb/khint.pdf>

This file is password protected for your security.

User Name: "dir" and the current 2014 password found on page 20 of our yearbook or in our monthly newsletter e-mail. If the last column by your name says 4 and not 5, then you are not recorded as paid for 2015.

John Kobak - Membership Chairman

PHOTOGRAPHS NEEDED

Work on the 2015 Yearbook is starting. Photographs are always needed. If you have taken photographs this year that you think would be good yearbook candidates, e-mail them to me or send me a link to your online files. Note that at times I have problems receiving files via Apple Mail.

Photos need to be in .jpg format and be larger than 500 kb in file size. Generally photos from digital cameras are better than those from cell phones.

Make sure for each photo you also send me: who took the photo, who is in the photo, what river the photo was taken on, and what rapid/stretch it was taken on.

Jim Hunt

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KEELHAULER MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2014 at Middleburg Heights Recreation Center

Respectfully submitted by Donna Homberg

12 people in attendance

New member Bill Alford

Chair Reports

Membership - John Kobak-101 paid for 2015 and current membership is at 295 at this present time.

Yearbook - Please send pictures to Jim Hunt.

Unfinished Business

The slate of officers voted and accepted by a quorum vote.

President - Karl Nelson

Vice President - Dave Rousch

Treasurer - Pam Poljak

Secretary - Donna Homberg

Trustees - Jim Hunt, Chuck McDowell, Mike Duvall

New Business

Dave Rousch reported that every other weekend releases on the Stony will occur thanks to benscreekcanoecub.com that will pay for the overtime hours needed for the management of this reservoir. Check their webpage for release dates and donations to their Whitewater valve program.

Trip Reports

Jim Hunt reported on an additional 9 day Southern Rivers trip posted on the message board. This started with 4 people and increased to 9. They did the Upper Nantahala, Upper Green, the Ocoee (3X), Nolichucky and the New River.

Jim also reported on the Lower Yough Fall Colors trip with 23 paddlers on Sat. (4 canoes and 19 kayaks) and on Sun. with 19 boaters (1 canoe and 18 kayaks).

Carl Homberg commented on the World Canoe and Kayak Championships held at the ASCI (adventure sports center international) course in Deep Creek, Md. Impressive to watch the negotiation of gates and the expertise needed for a competitive course. He reviewed the club's involvement in the past with slalom racing on the Yough. Video of USA First Place ~~winner in C1~~ - Fabien Lefevre:

Last comments were to watch for impromptu Slippery Rock trips and future pool sessions at Orange and Lakewood Pools.

Meeting was adjourned.

CONSERVATION

By Jim Hunt

The Mountain Watershed Association is holding its annual fund raiser for the Yough Defense Fund on November 20th in Ohiopyle at the Falls City Pub.

This is a fund raiser mostly for legal work for protecting the Yough watershed from Yough Lake downstream. Most of the legal work involves coal mining and fracking near the river or tributaries. The cost is \$20 and there is also a silent auction. I have been to this event numerous times and there is good live music, lot of food, and plenty of items to bid on. If you can't attend but would like to donate, use the following link: <http://www.mtwatershed.com/give/>.

HOUSE BILL 1565

On October 22nd, Gov. Tom Corbett approved H.B. 1565 which changed DEP requirements for buffer zones along our most valuable streams and lakes, including wild trout streams. If you'd like to see who sponsored the bill, how it moved through the legislation, and who voted for changing what was known as The Clean Stream Law, go to <http://legiscan.com/PA/bill/HB1565/2013>.

Friendsville (Upper Yough) Parking Lot Update – from AW

By Jim Hunt

The Friendsville, Maryland paddler parking lot is being finished. This lovely town of 500 people is doing what it can to accomodate the hundreds of paddlers who arrive here for summer releases on the Upper Youghiogheny River. The project owes much to the vision and leadership of long-time resident Jess Whittemore and the support of Mayor Spencer R. Schlosnagle and Town Council. American Whitewater helped paddlers raise \$25,000 towards the lot and this "seed money" has helped attract over \$200,000 in grants! The project proved more difficult than expected; after one grant application was turned down the grass field was opened this past summer while the lot was redesigned and rolled into a different grant that included a number of improvements in town. This contouring and graveling work constitutes phase 1 of the parking lot project. Phase 2 - additional graveled spaces will be added when funding becomes available. We thank Friendsville for their persistence, and their ongoing support of Upper Yough whitewater boating.

Algonquin Adventure August 2014

By Lisa Brand

Adventurers:

Sue Taft; Lisa Brand and Eric Tucker; Harold and Elaine Marsh

Adventure:

Five of us set out in 3 canoes in Algonquin Park on a sunny cool breezy morning. We paddled and portaged from lake to lake, until we were deep in the wilderness. It was a whole lot of work but worth every step, and misstep, through boot-sucking mud, over thick gnarled tree roots, rocks, grass, sand and shrubs. For the first two nights we made camp on an island and had the lake all to ourselves. There was a perfect swimming rock jutting out over a point on the island into the water; we gave it a work out!

On the third day we portaged again, to another isolated lake, and had that lake all to ourselves too for the next few days. Well, not really. We shared the space with ospreys, owls, mergansers, moose, mice, martens (cute!) mosquitoes (not cute!) leeches (really not cute!), loons, wolves (howling at night). No bears. Only bears (swimming). Constant birdsong. Spectacular! Elaine and Harold had quite the ear, identifying many birds by their songs.

I had dehydrated and vacuum packed all our breakfasts and dinners; meals for 5 people for 6 days in the wilderness. We ate like royalty! My trusty rope with pulley (a much used gift from a friend years ago who put it together for me after I admired his on one of our kayak trips) kept our food hoisted and out of harm's way overnight, defying bears, raccoons and other hungry critters. Mice and chipmunk did manage to chew through some of our rope around camp one night, and once after dinner I watched as an army of ants took off with the crumbs from our corn bread. Bon appetit!

We explored squiggly rivers and creeks buried deep in marshland and had to carry our canoes over fallen trees. We did some acrobatics to accomplish that! We saw beautiful blue wild irises; a rainbow of delicate red, yellow, orange and white blossoms; and carnivorous pitcher plants. Bright lime-green inchworms slowly danced their way across our paths. We did our own dance, high stepping over piles of moose droppings. Eric and I gave a lift to a large orange spotted butterfly that stayed in our canoe for 1/2 hour, flitting back and forth between our sleeves. I think we offered it some wind protection. The wind was fierce at times and seemed to change with us as we changed directions. It always managed to smack us right in the face.

The whole week long I admired Sue's wood strip canoe with Kevlar interior, and perfectly pitched foot braces, which she finished making from scratch just prior to the trip. She's quite the craftsman. This was its maiden voyage and it performed perfectly! Now I covet another friend's bent shaft wood paddle with a precisely carved anatomic palm grip, which he urged us to borrow for the trip and which I now prefer over my T-grip straight shaft. Uh oh....I see some more gear in my future!

We packed up camp on the last morning with a fine wet mist reminding us what great weather we'd had all week. After a day of paddling, portaging and picnicking we returned to the put-in. Upon our return, cold (OK... sort of cool) beer and wine awaited us in the cooler in the car. Ahhhh - the end to a perfect adventure.

Did I say perfect? Well... that night at the campground we got drenched in a torrential rainstorm. Sue ripped open her cheap rain poncho that she had bought at the start of the trip and used it under

her sleeping bag so she wouldn't float away. Eric and I cuddled up, warm in our sleeping bags, with a plastic bag and towel under one end, not daring to peek out at the puddles. Harold and Elaine didn't manage to get their tent up before it was soaked inside and out, so they slept in their car. They drank a bunch of wine before they went to sleep and reported that it helped very nicely.

Longest portage: 1/3 mile. Maximum number of portages/day: 4. Most fun: infinite!

Saving Pennsylvania's bats

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Pennsylvania's bat populations need help. Decimated in recent years by the White-Nose Syndrome, population numbers of hibernating bat species are only a fraction of what they were a decade ago. Bats perform a critical pest control function for our environment, and their dramatic decline has tremendous financial implications. Our 3.8 million acres of state park, state forests and state game lands provide vital habitat to sustain bats, and a recent \$675,000 grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will help to support future conservation planning for bats on public lands in Pennsylvania. The grant, coupled with an earlier grant, will allow the Pa. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Pa. Game Commission to develop a conservation plan to address impacts to federally-listed bats in Pennsylvania from forest management practices on state park, forest and game lands. The agencies anticipate drafts will be available in summer 2015. The plan will cover forest management activities such as removing trees for regeneration, harvesting damaged trees, maintaining trails and roads and conducting prescribed fires, and it will outline how to effectively minimize and mitigate impacts on protected bats. More information on the Pennsylvania Habitat Conservation Plan is available [here](#). This [video](#), the *Race to Save Pennsylvania's Bats*, explains White-Nose Syndrome in detail.



Directions to all KH Roll Session locations are on the website under "Instruction".

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11/1	(3) Slippery Rock (PA)	13-19	Needs organizer	
11/8	KH Roll Session at Orange pool - 4-6:00 PM		Marius Asipauskas	216-200-6321
11/9,16,23,30	KH Roll Session at Meyers Lake YMCA pool - 8:45 -10:45 AM		Jeff Cramer	330-245-6252
11/11	Club Monthly Meeting at Middleburg Hts		Karl Nelson	330-497-2483
11/22	KH Roll Session at Lakewood pool - 3:00-5:00 PM, doors open at 2:45pm		Marius Asipauskas	216-200-6321

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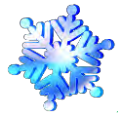
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**NOTE: DUE TO A SCHEDULING KERFUFFLE THIS IS A CHANGE IN
DATE FROM WHAT IS IN THE YEARBOOK AND TRIP SCHEDULE**

Doors open at 7:00 PM; dinner is at 8:00 PM

At Middleburg Heights Community Center, 16000 East Bagley Road

Club Meeting - Program: Christmas Party Potluck Dinner

A-E: Dessert or Fruit

F-L: Main dish or casserole

M-R: Salad or vegetable

S-Z: Bread or appetizer

The club will supply beverages, plates and plastic ware.

[Map to Middleburg Hts Meeting](#)

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Karl Nelson



HAPPY HOLIDAYS—I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving. As I write this several weeks before Thanksgiving, Linda and I are eagerly awaiting the arrival of daughter, son-in-law, and 4-year old grandson, Mark, for Thanksgiving.

Orange Pool Open House

Since becoming KHCC President, I have made more trips north of I-76 in the past 15 weeks than in the past 15 years. I accepted Sandra Andrew's invitation to help celebrate the reopening of the Orange pool after their renovations and improvements. They celebrated with a "first splash" as members of the swim and dive teams took the first plunge into the pool. The pool and diving well have been repaired and repainted, the locker rooms were renovated with new lockers, there is a new ADA accessible entrance, changing rooms and bathrooms, the old wooden truss roof that was becoming unsafe was replaced, and new bleachers were installed. I joined members of a local SCUBA club to show the Orange community how their pool was being used. I met Laura Guentner, Director of the Orange Community Education and Recreation; Sandra Andrews, Aquatics & Sports Coordinator; Edwin Holland, Orange School Superintendent and other OCER Commission members.

It has been sometime since I was last at the Orange pool, maybe 7-8 years. On the way back to Canton, I did miss the exit to 8 South. I didn't know I was lost until I was found when I got on I-77 South west of Akron.

KHCC Board Meeting

The next trip north of I-76 was to a Board meeting. A KHCC member had requested we consider a reduction in the membership dues and the \$1.00 PayPal fee for renewals. The Board decided a reduction in membership fees was not warranted. However, the Board agreed to waive the \$1.00 Paypal fee.

KHCC Christmas Meeting

Community Room C at the Middleburg Heights Community Center has been reserved for Wednesday, December 10 from 7-9 PM. This is not the date published in the 2014 trip schedule. The room was not available on December 9th.

Lower Yough Permits

Background: The club has obtained permits for the June, July and August trips. There was a time [Before JD; before Jordan and before Amos—the park rangers who guard the path to the river] when it was difficult to obtain permits. Paddlers without permits would routinely scramble to put on before 8:00 AM or wait until 3:00 PM to put on.

That is no longer the case. As Jack—the long-time shuttle bus driver—says: "Saturday is the new Thursday." There was only one day in 2014 when all the permits were purchased and not all of the KHCC permits were claimed this year.

The Board decided not to purchase launch permits for 2015. That should make it easier for trip leaders—they won't have to collect permit fees and send a check to the club.

Programming for Monthly Meetings

Programming for the monthly meeting is difficult. Please let me know of possible programs.

Michael and I had seen Anthony Smith's 2014 Ohio Whitewater Kayaking video [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dRQ4XcE3KGA&feature=youtu.be>] on the Paddler group on Facebook. I was able to get in touch with Tony and invited him to show his video at a meeting. Initially he was unable to make the November 10th meeting; however, I did have an e-mail from him that morning indicating he was available [Sorry there wasn't more advanced warning]

It was fun to have a young enthusiastic kayaker talk about his experiences on local rivers. He has basically gone from the Rocky River and Mohican to Tinker's Creek and the Sheraton Section since the snow melted. Hopefully, he will show up at one of the pool sessions and some of you more experienced boaters will show him how to roll.

HELP WANTED: Vermilion Race

Last year's coordinator is no longer in the area. If a passionate organizer is not identified by mid-December it will be necessary to cancel the race.

HELP WANTED: Instruction Webpage

Katie Dudley expressed an interest in maintaining the Instruction webpage. However, an opportunity presented itself last week. Katie and her husband are moving to West Virginia next month and she will not be able to commit to keeping up the instructional portion of the website for the next season. We are looking for a person to keep the Instruction page up-to-date.

Has Your Membership Expired?

Your 2014 membership ended on October 1st.
There are still a few members who have not paid.

Your monthly password e-mail will warn you if this is your last newsletter.

Since I will not be around to get your check until December 21st please try to pay \$20 on-line using Paypal.

You can use any credit card or a Paypal account and renew using this link:

<http://keelhauler.org/thanks.htm>

OR

If you still want to mail a check please send a \$20 check for your **2015 Membership Dues**

To:

Keel Haulers Canoe Club

1649 Allen Dr

Westlake, OH 44145-2506

To see whether you have paid or not, check this updated file:

<http://www.keelhauler.org/khcc/memb/khint.pdf>

This file is password protected for your security.

User Name: "dir" and the current 2014 password can be found on page 20 of our yearbook or in our monthly newsletter e-mail. If the last column by your name says 4 and not 5, then you are not recorded as paid for 2015.

Jim Hunt is completing the **2015 yearbook** and there is no reason for you to have incorrect information or not even listed in the new yearbook. Take a look at all your membership information using this link. http://www.keelhauler.org/khcc/memb/Members_Allfields.pdf

Note: Your information spans 2 pages.

Only paid-up members will be listed in the yearbook, the cut-off date for new yearbook is 12/26.

John Kobak - Membership Chairman

View our Mexican Trip Blog

<http://khemexico10.blogspot.com/>

PHOTOGRAPHS NEEDED

Work on the 2015 Yearbook is starting. Photographs are always needed. If you have taken photographs this year that you think would be good yearbook candidates, e-mail them to me or send me a link to your online files. Note that at times I have problems receiving files via Apple Mail.

Photos need to be in .jpg format and be larger than 500 kb in file size. Generally photos from digital cameras are better than those from cell phones.

Make sure for each photo you also send me: who took the photo, who is in the photo, what river the photo was taken on, and what rapid/stretch it was taken on.

Jim Hunt
jhunt4115@yahoo.com

KEELHAULER MEETING MINUTES **November 12, 2014** **Respectfully submitted by Donna Homberg**

10 people in attendance

Informal meeting followed with a review of a Keelhauler Board Meeting on November 3.

It was noted that the decision was made to waive the pay pal fee for dues after a request to review the balance in the treasury vs. annual membership fee. This request was made by a member of the club.

The Christmas Party has been rescheduled for Wed, Dec. 10th due to room availability at the Middleburg Heights Center. A pot luck is planned and all are encouraged to attend.

Lower Yough Permits will not be obtained in advance this next year d/t the reduced number of boaters on the Yough. The park office is able to accommodate boaters as they request to paddle/raft the river.

A Vermilion Race coordinator has not come forward at this time so please consider filling this position with the help and assistance from many past volunteers. There are many who continue to support this annual race and enjoy this jump into Spring time boating. The weather can be cold and the water level can be low but when the sun shines, it's a good paddle time.

Matt Muir will continue writing the Conservation Page from Philadelphia. Distance does not become an issue for this part of the Newsletter. Thanks,
Matt.

Orange Pool held an open house for the new renovations that were recently completed. Karl Nelson represented the Keelhaulers and the use of the pool for roll sessions.

Program was by Anthony Smith and very enjoyable. With the use of his Go-Pro Helmet Cam and narration along with music, we were able to paddle down the Black River, Mohican, Allegheny River, Tinkers Creek and the Rocky River. We also walked along the Towpath to the Cuyahoga River. Welcome anytime, Anthony.

Keelhaulers Canoe Club Treasurer's Report
8---Nov---2014
By Pam Poljak

CDs (3)	\$6,771.33
Checking	<u>\$5,906.02</u>
Total	<u>\$12,677.35</u>

NEWS FROM THE BIRMINGHAM CANOE CLUB

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[Nov. 5th Chattooga Decision from 4th Circuit Court of Appeals](#)

Mon Nov 10, 2014 9:53 am (PST) . Posted by:

["Lee Killinger" leekillinger](#)

Excerpt (link to full 31-page opinion is below):

In 1974, Congress selected the 57 miles of the Chattooga River (the "Chattooga" or the "River") and 15,432 acres of adjacent land for preservation under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (the "WSRA" or the "Act"), 16 U.S.C. § 1274 et seq. (2006). Since then, the United States Forest Service (the "Forest Service") has managed the Chattooga under the WSRA.

Prior to 2012, longstanding Forest Service policy allowed non-motorized rafting or "floating"¹ on the lower portions of the Chattooga, but prohibited the practice on the 21-mile northernmost section of the River (the "Headwaters"). In 2012, after a lengthy review, the Forest Service revised its management plan for the Chattooga to allow floating on most of the Headwaters during the winter months, when flows are highest and conditions are best.

American Whitewater, 2 Plaintiff-Appellant, argues that the revised plan does not go far enough and that the remaining limits on floating are inconsistent with the WSRA and arbitrary and capricious in violation of the Administrative Procedure Act

¹ We use the term "floating" throughout to refer to the class of hand-powered, river-going recreational activities that includes canoeing, kayaking, and whitewater rafting.

2 Together with several other not-for-profit hobbyist and interested individuals, "American Whitewater."

(the "APA"). 5 U.S.C. § 702 et seq. (2006). On the other hand, two intervening parties, Georgia ForestWatch ("ForestWatch"), a not-for-profit environmental group, and the Rust family (the "Rusts"), argue that the Forest Service's decision to allow any floating already goes too far. They contend that the WSRA prohibits any floating on the Headwaters whatsoever, and that the Forest Service violated the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA"), 42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq. (2006), in the course of reaching its decision.

> The district court rejected both sets of challenges and found that the Forest Service's revised plan "carefully balance[s] the wide-ranging interests advocated by the several parties and participants." *American Whitewater v. Tidwell*, 959 F. Supp. 2d 839, 860 (D.S.C. 2013) ("Tidwell"). We agree with the district court's well-reasoned opinion and affirm.

> <http://www.ca4.uscourts.gov/Opinions/Published/131960.P.pdf>
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Low Head Dams From Jim Hunt and Borrowed from American Whitewater.....

From American Whitewater:

Our latest research partner is Ed Kern, who is working towards a Masters Degree in civil engineering at Brigham Young University in Utah. His research models dam retrofit solutions to improve safety. The site contains a lot of useful information on dam hydrology.

Their web site is: <http://krcproject.groups.et.byu.net/>

Dangerous Currents at Low-head Dams

On 1-Aug-10 a couple were kayaking down the Jordan River south of Salt Lake City. Just after passing beneath the bridge at Winchester St. their kayak capsized. The couple tried to swim to safety, but by the time the fire department arrived, the couple had drowned. Their bodies were recovered less than 20ft from the point where their kayak had capsized. The couple had become trapped. They were not trapped by solid objects, but by a dangerous current present in the river. This dangerous current developed just downstream of a small drop less than 3ft high as seen in Figure 1. The water on the surface of the river just below the drop was not moving downstream, but was moving upstream, back toward the drop. Figure 2 shows a longitudinal view of this type of current; due to the recirculating nature of the current it is often called a "roller" or "hydraulic".



Figure 1 - A couple drown at this site in August 2010.

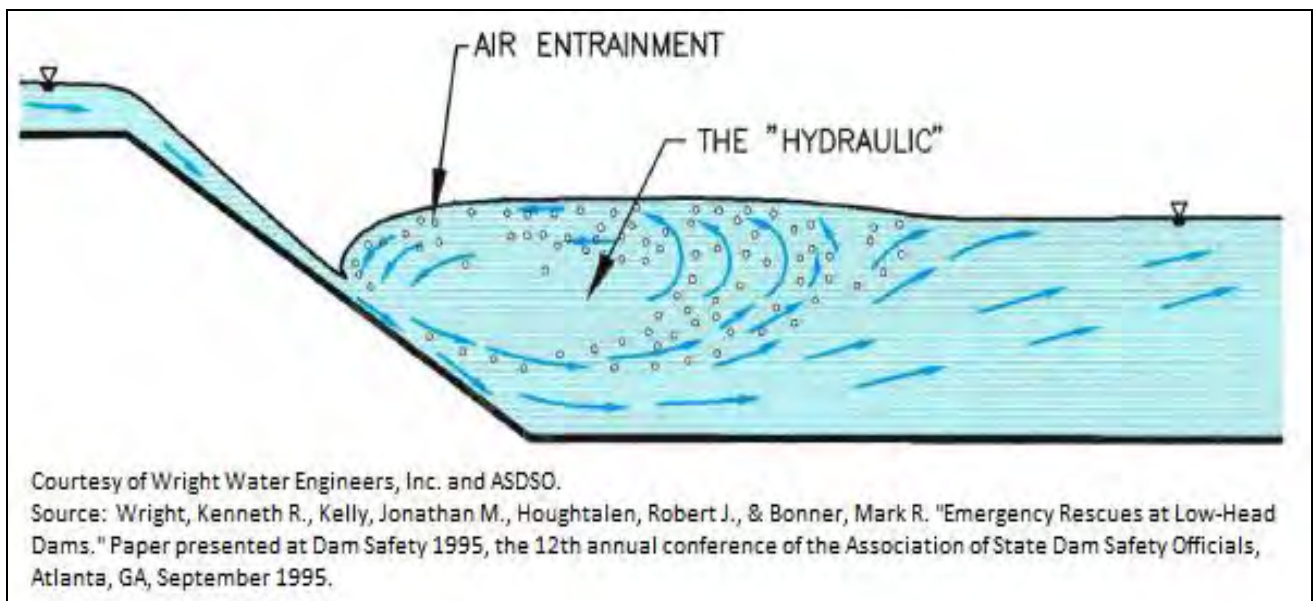


Figure 2 - Profile view of a "roller". Courtesy of Wright Water Engineers, Inc. and ASDSO.

An important phenomenon responsible for dissipating energy in a channel is the hydraulic jump. A hydraulic jump occurs in a channel when shallow, high velocity (supercritical) water meets slower moving (subcritical) water. The short and turbulent transition between the two water depths is called a hydraulic jump. An image of a hydraulic jump can be seen in Figure 3. When there is a large amount of excess energy in a channel it can be dissipated by a hydraulic jump. At many overflow structures, especially large ones, a stilling basin may be installed to control and confine the resulting hydraulic jump. At many smaller low-head structures stilling basins are not installed, as a result the hydraulic jumps near these structures may not be well controlled. If the high energy water flowing over a drop structure (headwater) can force the water away from the downstream

face of the structure, then a "fully developed" hydraulic jump can occur, much like the one in Figure 4. A fully developed hydraulic jump is relatively safe for human passage.



Figure 3 - A hydraulic jump in the lab. Flow moves toward the right.

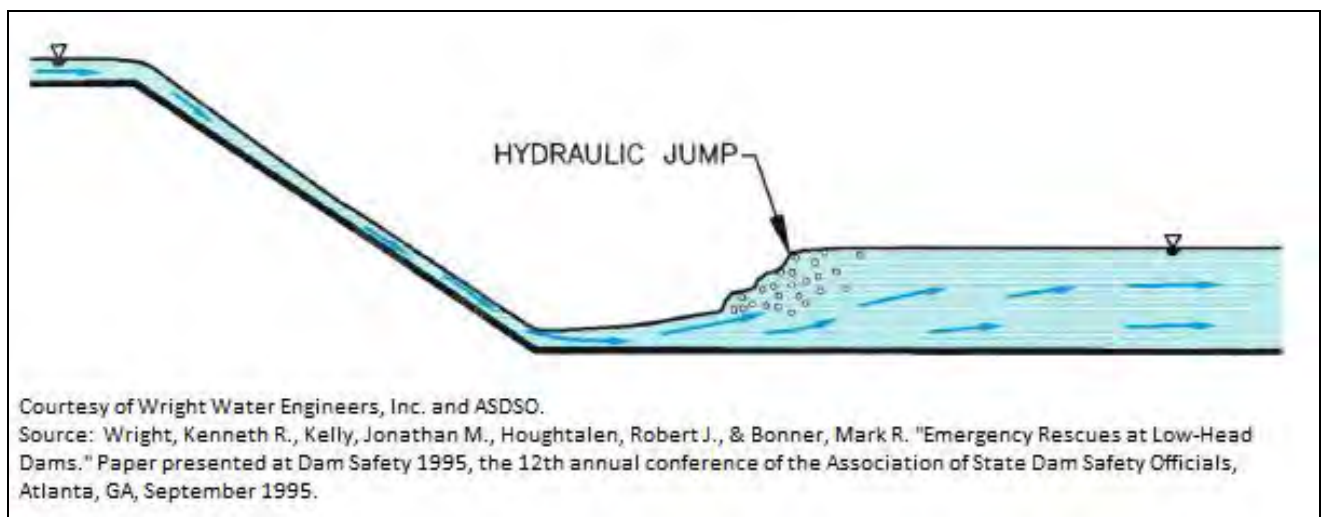


Figure 4 - Profile of a "swept out" hydraulic jump.

The current can become dangerous when the water downstream of the structure (tailwater) is too deep for a fully developed hydraulic jump to form. Figure 5 shows the situation where the current may pose a significant public safety hazard. This current occurs when the falling water, or nappe, meets a body of slow moving water and travels to the bottom of the channel. The water entrains a significant amount of air as it plunges to the bottom of the channel. Momentum causes the air entrained water to travel downstream along the bottom of the channel. Once the buoyant force of the entrained air can overcome the inertial forces of the water, it will begin to rise. The force of the rising air creates a strong current. By the time this current has reached the surface it may be a significant distance downstream of the drop structure. Some of this water that has been forced to the surface will double back toward the drop structure creating an upstream current on the surface of the water. This type of current is a "submerged" hydraulic jump. Energy is being dissipated, but the headwater does not have enough energy to push the tailwater away from the face of the structure.

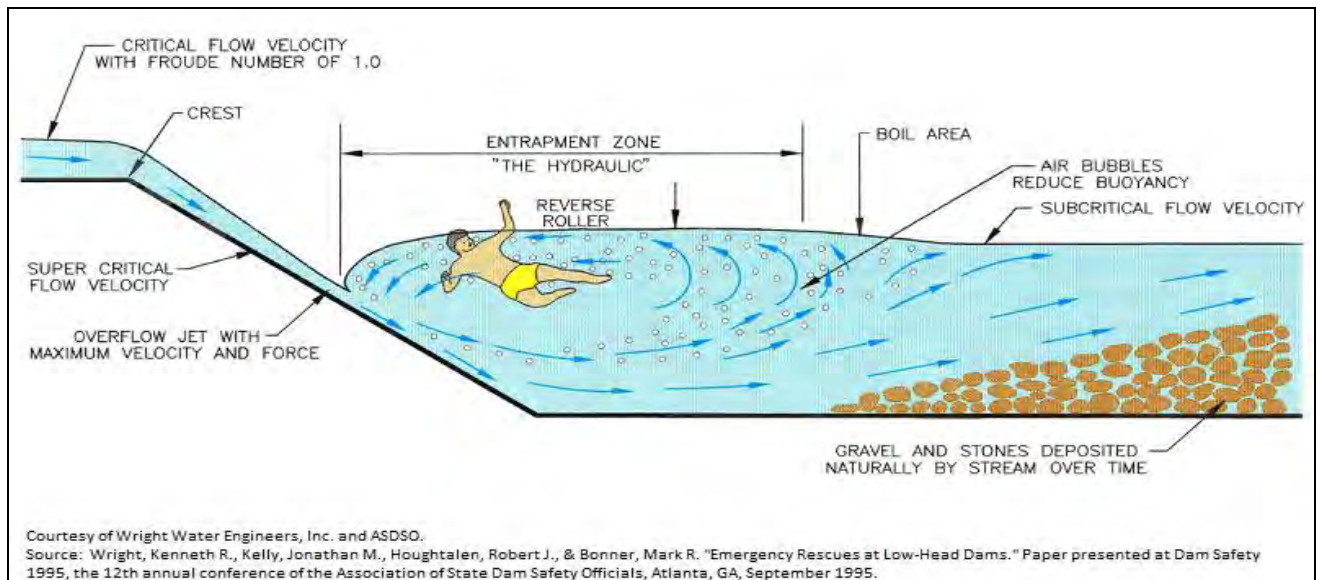


Figure 5 - Anything that floats may get trapped in a submerged hydraulic jump.

There are a myriad of ways to prevent a submerged hydraulic jump from forming, however most solutions have serious drawbacks. Some points to consider when designing a retrofit include: cost, safety, energy dissipation, scour, sediment deposition, variable flow, fish passage, effects on headwater depth, and ice passage. For example, the current at Winchester St. develops just downstream of a box culvert, so any changes to headwater depths would be unacceptable. To recommend mitigation measures for the dangerous current at Winchester St. on the Jordan River, a 1:23 scale model was built and tested by John Guymon in the BYU fluid mechanics laboratory. John's model revealed that an apparent scour hole and deposition zone immediately downstream of the structure contributed to the formation and strength of the submerged hydraulic jump as seen in Figure 6. When the deposition was removed in the model, it was found that a weakened submerged jump occurred. If the deposition was left in place and the scour hole filled, a fully developed hydraulic jump occurred right at the face of the structure in the model. Although a fully developed jump at the face of the structure would pass a human, it is sensitive to tailwater depth, and would be susceptible to developing a submerged jump with even minor changes in the channel. With the model scour hole filled and the deposition removed, a swept out jump occurred a safe distance from the face of the structure. If the scour hole were to be filled, the material would have to be grouted into place to prevent scour or foot entrapment. A picture of the model can be seen in Figure 7.

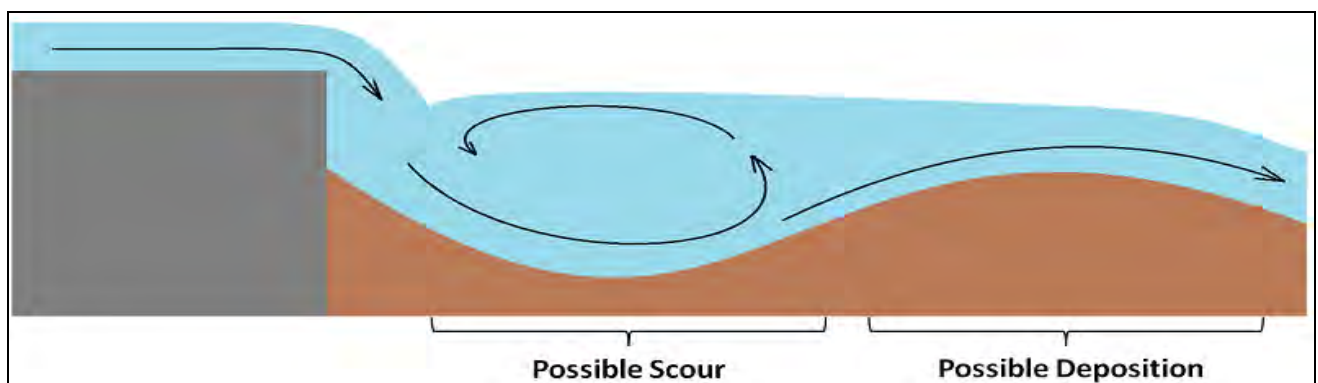


Figure 6 - Depiction of Scour and Deposition Zones.

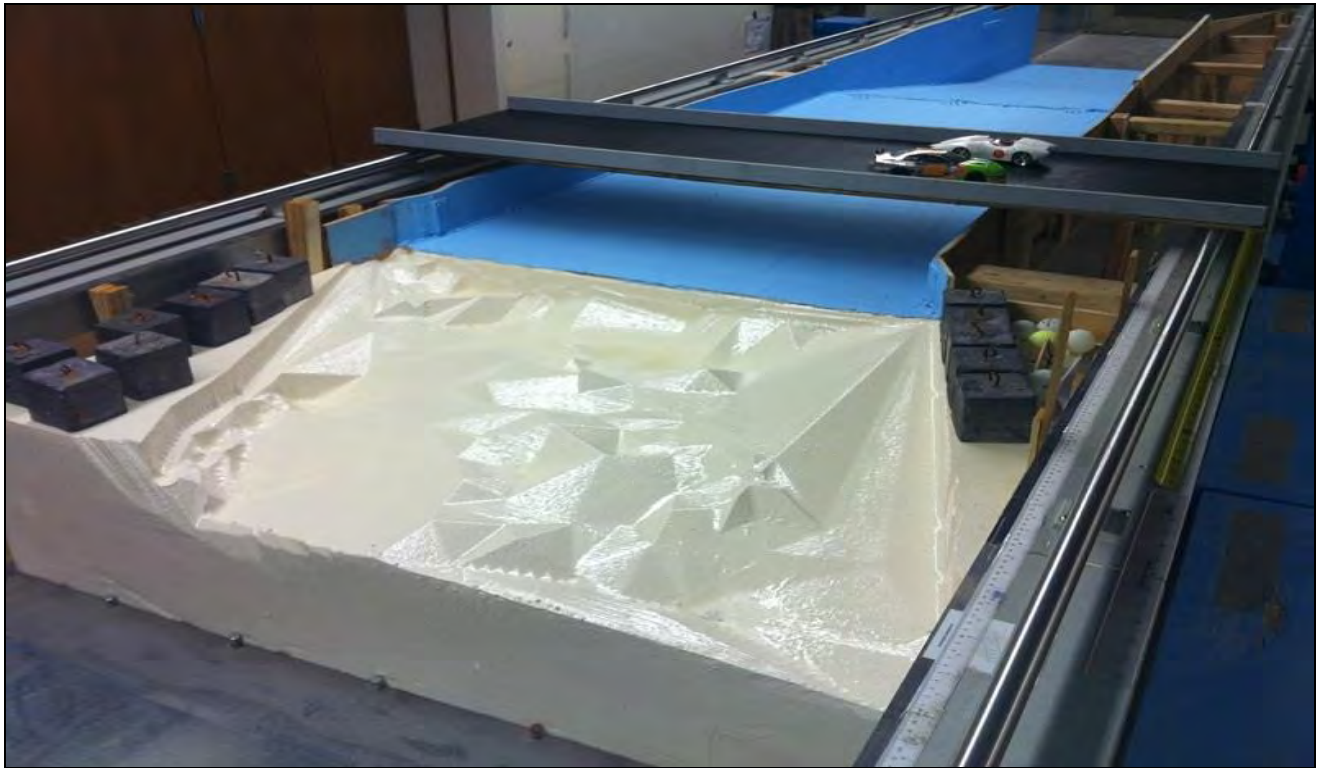
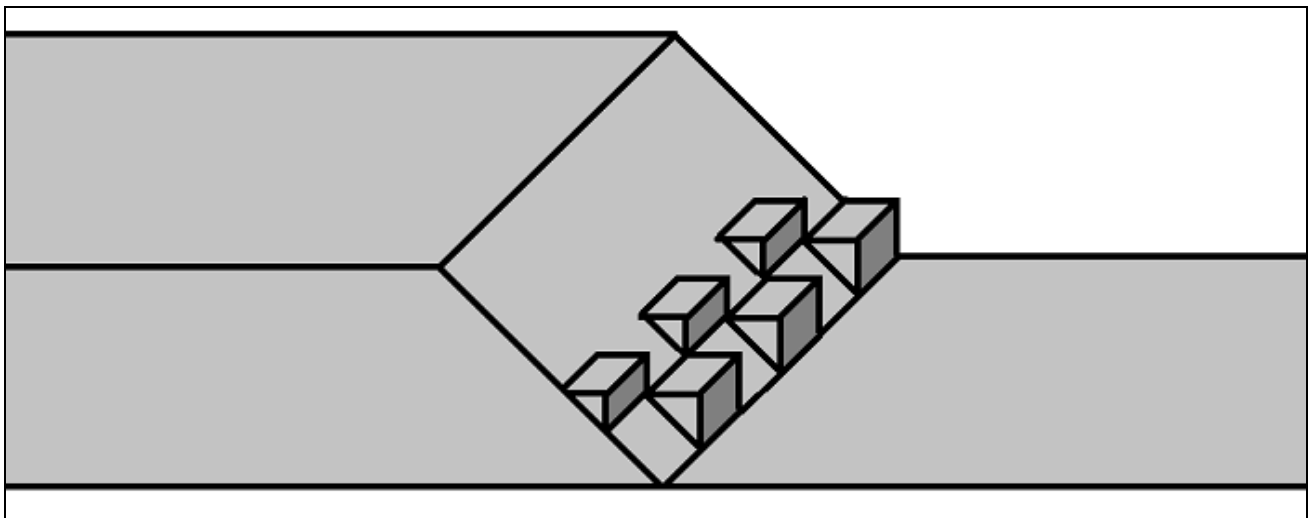


Figure 7 - 1:23 scale model of the drop at Winchester St. Flow Starts at the top right and flows toward the bottom left.

A promising solution that may be applied to any structure developing a submerged hydraulic jump is currently being developed and tested here at BYU. It is a design based on a crest modification used in the Northwest to safely pass juvenile salmon downstream; a lip is added to the spillway to redirect the velocity of the plunging nappe. A rough image of the concept can be seen in Figure 7. By nearly eliminating the downward velocity component in the plunging nappe, it may prevent air entrained water from traveling downstream along the bottom of the channel and prevent a boil area (Figure 5) from forming. It may also cause a swift downstream velocity along the channel surface, ensuring the safe passage of people.



❄️❄️ Happy Holidays! ❄️❄️

POOL SESSIONS

LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL POOL

Nov 22, 2014
Dec 20, 2014
Jan 17, 2015
Jan 24, 2015

Feb 14, 2015
Feb 28, 2015
Mar 07, 2015
Mar 15, 2015

The time of the sessions would be 3pm-5pm, doors opening no earlier than 2:45pm.

Saturday Pool time starts at 3:00 PM and ends promptly at 5:00 PM. Cannot enter the building until 2:50 PM. All must shower and be out of the building by 5:15pm. A charge of \$6 per person per session covers the use of the pool. Please remember **helmets are required**.

Directions to Lakewood High School Pool

Lakewood High School is at 14100 Franklin Blvd., the pool is located in the back of the High School, so entering at the Robinwood Ave. entrance is easiest, especially when coming from I-90. Exit from I-90 at the Bunts Rd./W 140th St. Exit and head north on Bunts to Madison Ave. Turn left on Madison Ave. and head one block to Robinwood Ave. Take a right on Robinwood Ave., which dead ends into the pool entrance. Kayaks should be brought through the delivery entrance/emergency exit, which is located just to the east of the Robinwood entrance. Pool staff will be stationed at the delivery entrance to assist you. Cannot enter the building until 2:50 PM.

Cancellation Policy

If Lakewood High School pool is closed, that information will likely be available on the pool's voicemail at (216) 529-4014 or see our Message Board.

For more information contact Karl Nelson [Karl.Nelson@aultman.com]

ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL POOL

Nov 8, 2014
Dec 6, 2014
Jan 3, 2015

Feb 7, 2015
Feb 21, 2015
Mar 2, 2015

Pool time starts at 4:00pm and ends promptly at 6:00pm. We must shower and be out of the building by 6:15pm. A charge of \$6 per person per session (\$5 for Orange School District residents) covers the use of the pool. **All participants at Orange MUST complete a [registration form](#)** with emergency contact information prior to entering the pool area. So print one and fill it out before you arrive.

Directions to Orange High School Pool

The Orange High School Pool is on the south side of Chagrin Boulevard, between Lander and SOM Center Roads. It is two miles east of the Chagrin exit off I-271 (which is just north of the I-271 and I-480 interchange). From I-271 take the Chagrin boulevard exit and head east. At the Lander Road turning circle stay on Chagrin Boulevard by taking the second road right. The school will be about one-half mile on the right side of the road.

The pool is in the west end of the building. You can see it through the two-story-high windows. Park along the west end of the building. There is a very wide concrete pad leading to a double set of glass doors on the pool deck. If you arrive early, drop your boats on the concrete pad and go inside and wait until we are permitted to bring boats into the pool area.

Kayak Roll Sessions

Work on your Eskimo roll in the comfort of our heated pool so you will be ready for the river this spring. Participants must bring their own boats (clean boats only, please) and gear. **Helmets are required** for anyone entering the pool. There are experienced boaters on hand to give pointers to new kayakers. Enter the pool area through West pool deck doors starting at 3:50pm. Participants must fill out a registration form & pay before being allowed to enter the water. Please bring exact change each day.

Cancellation Policy

If winter driving conditions are bad, the session may be canceled. When Orange Community Education and Recreation is closed, information is typically on local television and radio stations. We will also try to post closings on our **Message Board**.

For more information contact Dave Roush [rockyroush@gmail.com]

Meyers Lake YMCA Pool Roll Sessions

Sessions are now scheduled for every Sunday starting 11/9/14 to 2/22/15 for Meyers Lake YMCA Pool in Canton, OH. (11/9, 11/23, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22)

Sunday Pool Session start at 8:45am and end promptly at 10:45am. The YMCA has agreed to open the back door at 8:30am to allow us time to bring in our kayaks/gear.

A charge of \$5-\$7 per kayak/person per session should cover the use of the pool.

Directions to Canton Meyers Lake YMCA Pool

The Meyers Lake YMCA is located at 1333 North Park Ave NW in Canton. Easily located 1 mile west of I-77 using the 13th St exit (just south of Hall of Fame). Right on Park Street and you can't miss the YMCA on the building. If you see the lake on your right you have gone too far.

There are a few simple guidelines to follow. All boaters will bring their kayaks/gear through the back door. All kayaks and gear must be clean before getting to the YMCA. No seal launching. It is important that all kayaks are out of the YMCA building immediately after the session ends, take your kayak out the back door to the parking lot then proceed with showers and changing. Please pay Cosmo (or designated person) at the end of each session. Please remember helmets are required.

Format for the Canton Roll Sessions will remain as in the past, first hour roll practice second hour kayak soccer.

Cancellation Policy - check the Keel-Haulers Message Board the morning of a session, a post will be there in the event the YMCA needs to cancel.

December	For More Trips - Check our Message Board		Last Chance to Pay Dues	
12/6	(3) Slippery Rock (PA)	13-19	Cliff Wire	440-439-6541
12/10	Club Holiday Party at Middleburg Hts Community Center		Karl Nelson	330-497-2483
12/7,14,21,28	KH Roll Session at Meyers Lake YMCA pool - 8:45 - 10:45 AM		Jeff Cramer	330-245-6252
12/06	KH Roll Session at Orange pool - 4-6:00 PM		_____	
12/20	KH Roll Session at Lakewood pool - 3:00 to 5:00 PM		_____	

2014 Club Officers

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VP:	Dave Roush	440-623-9035
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Meeting Place: Middleburg Heights Recreation Center, 15700 Bagley Rd, on the second Tuesday of each month
Doors open at 7:00 P.M., meeting starts at 7:30 P.M.

Membership: \$20 per year. New memberships, renewals, change in address or phone, send directly to
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John Kobak, 440-871-1758
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KHCC WEB PAGE URL: www.keelhauler.org

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Please consider writing a trip report or article for the next newsletter! The deadline for the **January issue of the newsletter is **12/22/14**. Please remember that articles should be sent to Kelly Miller (Laubaugh) at peetzaguy@aol.com.**

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