

Keelhauler's Ka-news



JANUARY, 2018



Our Next Club Get-Together is to be announced....

Contact: [John Banach](#) if you have any questions . . . 330-606-5032
All meetings are open to guests. Invite a prospective member!

President's Message From John Banach



Hello and happy holidays to all my fellow Keel-Haulers.

Just a quick shout out and huge thank you to all of the club members who have experienced, shared, learned, instructed, have been humbled, and laughed this past year. That is what makes this club great. You do. I am very happy to welcome in 2018. I'm sure I'll be on the Lower Yough on New Year's day.

We just wrapped up our Holiday Potluck dinner. If you missed it, well than you really missed it. Great turnout and beautiful venue. A wonderful gathering of friends, families, and fellow paddlers. I'll be booking the same spot for next December. And I'll make sure we all get plenty of notice beforehand.

Don't forget to check the role session schedules. Canton Sunday is off for 12/24 but back on for 12/31. We still need someone to step up and make sure the Lakewood pool sessions are handled well and that there is instruction if needed. Please let me know if you are interested.

Not much more to say other than Happy Holidays to all of you. May the season bring you happiness and New Year bring us blessings. And maybe Santa can bring some rain, too...

Merry Christmas Everyone.

John Banach

Treasurer's Report By Sam Reynolds

Keelhaulers' Canoe Club Monthly Treasurer's Report December 20, 2017

CD 0402	\$2, 289.84
CD 1077	<u>\$2, 287.41</u>
CD'S (2)	\$4, 577.25
Checking	<u>\$21, 411.73</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$25,988.98</u>

Merry Christmas and the best paddling in 2018!

Keelhauler's Minutes By Rob Kirby

Our last club meeting was a get-together on December 19th, and was a potluck dinner at the Hines Hill Convention Center in Cuyahoga Valley National Park.



Vermilion River Race By Jon Reising

The 50th Annual Vermilion River race is going to be advertised as the final year. If there are any club members that seriously want to take over being race chair and all the responsible of organizing, timing, scoring and so on please let either Hank Annable or Jon Reising know before January 1, 2018. We have been doing this all these years and feel it is fine to stop at 50. Otherwise, the race application and all information regarding the 2018 race will have a notice stating this will be the last year for the race. To all of the club members who have helped Hank and I for these many decades, we hope you will come and bid a fond farewell to the race even if you do not paddle one last time.

Jon Reising, 440-967-9507
Hank Annable, 440-775-4953

Club Membership Report From John Kobak

For the past 10 years our club's membership has remained steady at 305 +/- 5. At the beginning of each calendar year we seem to lose about 60 members. Some rejoin, but some obviously have not found what they are looking for in a club. This year we had even more new members join but we now have less paid up members for 2018 than we had in 2017.

We say we are interested in Whitewater, Sea Kayaking, Flat Water and Canoe Camping. But we basically just have organizers interested in WW paddling. The same people lead these trips year after year. Each year I ask our newer paddlers who are interested in other kind of trips to step up and try organizing just one trip. Pick a date, pick a trip and review information to make sure it is a good time of year to have the trip. Family trips used to be popular and we now have a lot of young kids in the club. We had big Southern WW trips and trips out to CO and even ID that attracted a lot of paddlers. Why doesn't anyone try to take over and organize one of these trips now? Read about all the fun we had on those trips:

<http://www.keelhauler.org/khnews/index.htm#2>

Let our trip organizer, Joe Boyd joebravels@yahoo.com know as soon as possible. The yearbook goes to print in 2 weeks. Take a look at our tentative schedule, pick a trip without a leader or suggest a new trip. <http://www.keelhauler.org/khcc/tripschedule18.htm> Maybe more members will find new friends interested in the same kind of activity and we won't lose as many members each year.

Many new members feel that our club members are more experienced and won't accept them. Actually the opposite is true. We sign up 60 new members every year who all need help and advice. Our experienced paddlers love sharing their paddling knowledge and are always very open to helping paddlers of all skill levels. If you meet someone that enjoys our trips, invite them

to join the club. We have members from 22 states that enjoy paddling with our friendly members. Carry a business card, print yourself from this link: http://www.keelhauler.org/images/KHCC_Cards.pdf or carry a club application with you.

John Kobak – Membership Chairman

Grand Canyon Conservation From Jim Hunt

GCPBA President's Letter - December 2017



Greetings All,

Time to catch up on what's been happening. As many of you know, the Navajo had a council meeting on the Escalade project in November, and I am happy to report that the vote was 16-2 against. This doesn't signal the project's end, it is just the latest defeat for the developers. This project will never be fully dead and we may need to fight more battles. GCPBA contributed financially to Grand Canyon Trust in 2016 and 2017, which allowed them to continue their public outreach throughout the Navajo Nation.

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Roger Clark and Grand Canyon Trust for taking the lead in helping the Navajo People determine what is in their own best interest. Additionally, Helen Howard of our Board took 14 Navajo Elders to the Council meeting in Window Rock so they could register their opposition to the project. Helen did this on her own time and money ... Thank You, Helen!

On Dec. 3, 2017, GCPBA's Vice President, John Vrymoed, filed a complaint with Grand Canyon National Park regarding the Hualapai River Runners doing an upriver run. John's group took pictures and videos of two Hualapai motorized craft about three miles upstream from Diamond Creek. As is well known, all upriver traffic, starting from Separation Canyon to Lee's Ferry, is prohibited. In 2014, the Hualapai asked then Superintendent Uberuaga for approval to run trips upriver. The request was withdrawn before the Superintendent could respond. I have spoken with other boaters who tell me they have seen upriver runs as well. If any of you have any pictures, video or direct eyewitness accounts of upruns, please forward them to me at gcpbamail@gmail.com with as much detail as possible and I will forward them to the appropriate NPS personnel.

This is a serious issue and is related to the recent posting of the "No Trespassing" signs at National Canyon by the Hualapai. The core issue being the disputed boundary of tribal lands, which affects all river runners. GCPBA has written to the Park expressing our concerns and have asked them to enforce the long standing historic high water mark as the boundary. The Hualapai maintain that boundary extends to the middle of the river. The Board is following this issue closely as it not only concerns the Hualapai but other issues as well, such as the Navajo Escalade project. We will keep you informed on future developments regarding this issue.

It must be noted that the River District has started river patrols once again and will continue them into the foreseeable future on a regular basis. I have been informed that on the first patrol there were a number of citations written for no PFD worn while on the river, campfires built directly on the beach with no firepan or blanket, drinking while boating (we are awaiting clarification of the circumstances of the citations), and several for drug possession and drug paraphernalia possession. All permit holders should be aware of the rules, regulations, and laws that govern their trip and assure that all of them are followed by all trip participants. There is no excuse for not taking proper safety precautions and for not protecting the Canyon that we all love so much.

I hope everyone enjoys reading our Facebook page and I encourage you to share your thoughts, videos, pics, or whatever else you feel is appropriate. It is a great source of knowledge and positive energy. I trust that everyone had a great Thanksgiving and wish all of you a great Holiday Season..... and, may we all get the trip we want in 2018.

Rich Harter, Grand Canyon Private Boaters Association President
Visit our website www.gcpba.org or we are on Facebook –
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1424392787831584>

Keelhauler Bridge Day Photography By Matt Fredmonsky

Keelhauler photographer extraordinaire Jeff Macklin captured some great photos—when does he not?—on a club trip to run the New River Gorge and Lower Gauley River in late October. The weekend coincided with Bridge Day on the New and the final release of the year for the Gauley. Below are a few captions to highlight just some of the awesome moments from the weekend. If you want to check out Jeff's complete galleries from 2017, [click here](#). All photo credits are Jeff Macklin.



Phil Raber, Victor Kopyev and Nick Conway explore a hydro cave on the New River Gorge on Bridge Day.



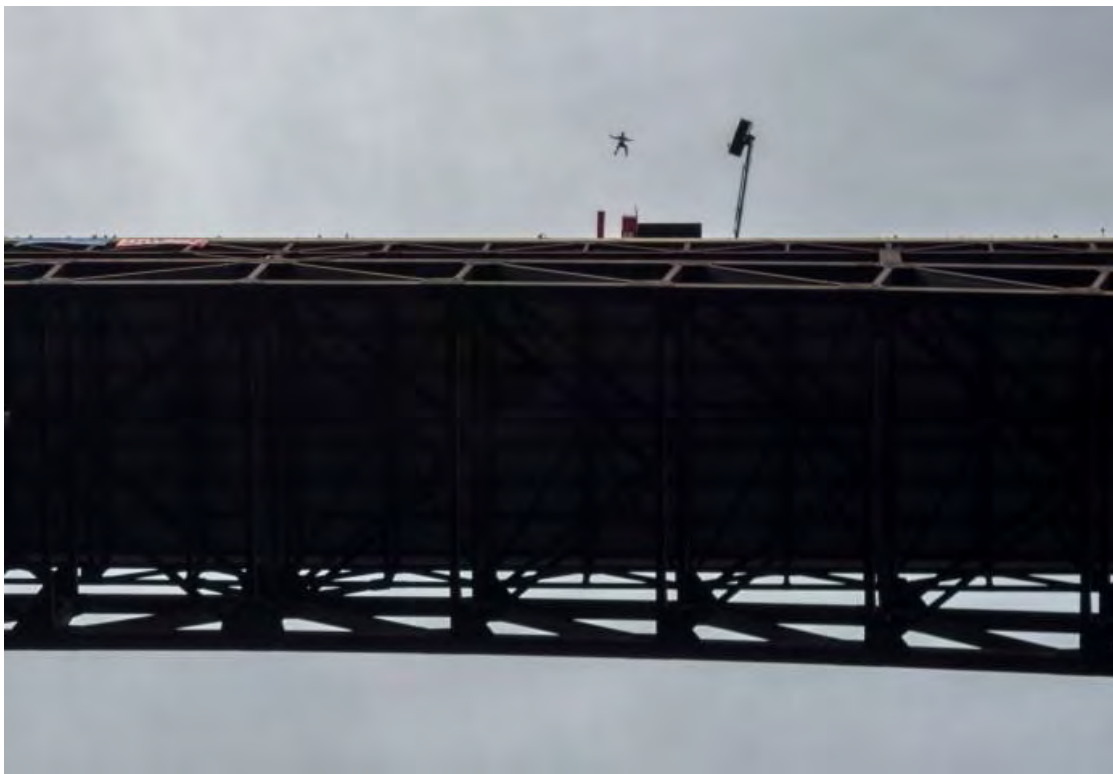
Mark Poljak leads Nick Conway through a rapid on the New River Gorge on Bridge Day. The level was about -1 feet.



Mark Poljak catches a surf on the fly at the top of Fayette Station rapid on the New River Gorge.



Bridge Day on the New River Gorge is a sight to behold! Hundreds of people watch it from the deck of the Gorge Bridge, but the best views are found on the water below.



One of the countless people who jumped off the Gorge Bridge on Bridge Day is caught in a temporary freefall.



Phil Raber boofs his green boat on Upper Mash rapid on the Lower Gauley during the last scheduled whitewater release of the year.



Jen Raber eyes her line through a rapid on the Lower Gauley.



Pam Poljak on the Lower Gauley during the final whitewater release of 2017.



Victor Kopyev charges through Canyon Doors rapid on the Lower Gauley.

2018 Membership Dues are Overdue

By John Kobak

All club memberships end on October 1st each year. Our club now has over 300 family memberships in 22 states. But only about half have renewed their 2018 membership so far. So, if you haven't gotten around to it, **DO IT TODAY!**

I will be traveling and unable to receive your check after November 7th. You can use any credit card or a Paypal account and renew using this link: <http://www.keelhauler.org/EZPay.htm> --- OR---

If you still want to mail a check, please send a \$20 check for your **2018 Membership Dues** to our Treasurer at:

Keel Haulers Canoe Club
1174 Karla Dr
Clinton, OH 44216

Remember if we don't get your check by 12/01, you may not be listed in the 2018 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 2017 password found in our monthly newsletter e-mail. If the last column by your name says 7 and not 8, then you are not recorded as paid for 2018.

John Kobak – Membership Chairman

The tentative Keel-Hauler 2018 Trip Schedule is now online. This schedule will be continually updated. Please contact Our Trip Organizer to add, correct, or volunteer to lead any trips listed. Joe Boyd 740-632-6725

January	Trip/Event	RR	Organizer	Phone #
1/1	New Year paddle on the (4) Lower Yough (PA)	23	Brent Hendren	330-414-2063
1/7,14,21,28	KH Roll Session at Meyers Lake YMCA pool - 8:45 -10:45 AM		John Banach	330-606-5032
1/20	KH Roll Session at Lakewood pool - 3:00-5:00 pm		Glen Baker	216-403-7820
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FEBRUARY, 2018 issue of the newsletter is 1/23/18. Please send articles to
Kelly Miller (Laubaugh) at peetzaguy@aol.com.

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Location: The Brick House Tavern

Brickhousetavernandtap.com

581 Howe Ave, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221

(330) 920-6244

Time to be announced.

Topics: Upcoming Club Activities

Contact: John Banach if you have any questions . . . 330-606-5032

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President's Message From John Banach



Hello and happy 2018 my fellow KeelHaulers.

I do hope that you are all getting excited for another fabulous paddling season. The weather has been very favorable (at times) so I'm sure quite a few of us have already been out once or

twice. Or more. I haven't paddled outside as much as I have hoped to. But I am living vicariously through those of you who are. So please keep it up.

I'd like to start off by thanking all of you who have been coming to the roll sessions. Either Orange, Lakewood, or Canton. Canton Sundays have been a constant flow of many new and old faces each week. I am super happy to see all of the ladies taking advantage of the indoor practice time. You ladies rock. I'm super pleased to see the new young little rippers getting in on the action, too.

We have lots of club trips and activities coming up in the next few months. So, I think it is time to schedule another meeting. Please mark down Wednesday February 21st on your calendar. I really like the venue at Brick House Tavern for our meeting, so the plan is to have it there. Burger, beer, and well-run club discussions. Topics needing attention are the Vermilion Race, trip Schedule, the Cuyahoga Falls race, and more club functions and ideas to draw more club interest. You know, the usual stuff. I think our meetings are fantastic. I'm sure those who attend will agree fully. I ask that those who have not been to one in some time to try and make it.

Lastly, I'd like to wish paddler Ryan Flick all the best and for a speedy recovery. Ryan is a young and skilled local Ohio paddler who was in a terrible accident. He was out a few weeks back on Tinkers Creek with other paddlers, including a few KeelHaulers. While making a portage, he was struck by a train. But by the grace of the paddling gods, he survived and is recovering. Let's all say a little personal prayer and wish him well. On the flip side of this horrible accident, Ryan will always have a paddling story that trumps all others. So, kudos Ryan. And get well soon.

Just a few thank yous before I leave you. They are always important, and you folks deserve the recognition. I truly thank all of the long-standing club members who continue to show us young bucks (yeah, I'm a young 41) how it's done. We appreciate your trip leading skills and knowledge we only pretend to have. Thank you to the current board and officers. Without you I'd screw everything up. We need you. Shoot, I need you. Lol. You are the engine that keeps driving this club.

Lastly, a thank you to KeelHauler members for being part of this fantastic club. It is what you make it to be. I crave your club thought and interest on how to make it better. I want us all to have the best time we can, while we can. Always consider becoming a trip leader, a club officer, or wonderful steward of our love for all things paddling. Thank you, Thank you, and Thank you.

I hope to see many of you in a few weeks. And for all else, I hope to see you on the water.

All the best,

John Banach
President

**Treasurer's Report
By Sam Reynolds**

**Keelhaulers' Canoe Club Monthly Treasurer's Report
January 24, 2018**

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Conservation and Yearbook Checks will be written before next month's report.

**Mark Your Calendars...
The 50th Annual Vermilion Race
By Jon Reising**

March 25th 2018: 50th Annual Vermilion River Canoe and Kayak Race.

Sponsored by the Keel Haulers Canoe Club. Race will start at 10:30 a.m. at Schoepfle Gardens in Birmingham unless river conditions do not allow it. This is 7.8 mile race down to Mill Hollow Metro Parks. There are 15 different class to race in.

It takes about 25 people to put the race on and it will be greatly appreciated if you could come and help put on the last Vermilion River Race. Yes, this will be the last year that the club will be doing this. For all of those that have been members for decades why not come and say hello to Hank A, Carl & Donna H, Jim B, Marcia K, John K, Bob B, Phillip T and all the rest of us that have given time to put this on for what will be the 50th time.

Contact Jon Reising for more information 1-440-967-9507 or mnmsguy@yahoo.com

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Registration opens @ 9:00 a.m.

Schoepfle Gardens, Birmingham Ohio

Further Information contact

1-440-986-0822 or mnmsguy@yahoo.com

Good News for the New River Dries From Jim Hunt

Decision Reached On Restoration Of The New River Dries! (WV)

January 5, 2018 by Kevin Colburn - AW



River enthusiasts will soon have new paddling opportunities on West Virginia's New River. Federal regulators issued a new 47-year license for the dam that dewateres the spectacular 5.5-mile New River Dries in the final days of 2017. The license requires significant new recreational and environmental enhancements in a river reach that has suffered from water withdrawals for well over half a century. American Whitewater played an active and leading role in securing these outcomes. The hallmarks of the new federal license include:

Increases in the minimum stream flow from 100cfs to flows ranging from 150 to 300cfs depending on the season. While a small increase, this measure will significantly increase the quantity and quality of aquatic habitat.

- Nine new scheduled whitewater releases each year: two in March and seven in July and August. These flows will offer scenic Class III+ paddling opportunities and restore important natural flow variability that will benefit river organisms.
- A new 1-3 day online flow prediction service for the Dries, as well as ongoing funding of a stream gage. This measure will help paddlers take advantage of the nearly 80 days annually when sufficient water spills over the dam to support paddling, and improve safety for all visitors to the Dries.

- River access improvements at the Cotton Hill Bridge put in, which will serve as the primary put in and trailhead for paddlers.
- A new portage trail around the Hawks nest Dam, which will allow paddlers to launch upstream at the confluence of Mill Creek and portage into the Dries.
- A new public take out to meet the long-term recreational needs of paddlers.

The dam owner is required to consult with American Whitewater and outfitters and submit formal plans for providing releases and access within six months. Releases are to begin immediately upon approval of the plans by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, likely in 2019. As with any federal decision, appeals could cause delays.

American Whitewater sought significant improvements on this beautiful stretch of river at every stage of the multi-year relicensing effort. This effort was made extremely challenging because a nearby alloy manufacturing plant relies upon the unusual frequency of power the dam generates. When the State of West Virginia mandated only three whitewater releases we appealed, and secured an additional six days of releases in the state permit. Unfortunately, under intense political pressure to keep the New River dry by federal lawmakers, the FERC chose not to require releases in addition to those required by the state. If someday the alloy plant no longer needs the power, the flow regime will be reconsidered.

While not the grander outcome we had hoped for, the new license will usher in a new and much better era on the New River Dries. Paddlers will enjoy nine new releases, improved access, and much better flow information. Summer releases will likely draw intermediate paddlers from around the region, and paddlers will take advantage of spring flows more often. The higher base flows and pulse flows should be great for aquatic health and the fishing should improve. There will be improved hiking opportunities, and climbers will enjoy the new access areas too. American Whitewater staff will be actively involved in the planning for releases over the next year and beyond. Thanks to all the paddlers who got involved in this project and who supported our work on it. And a special thank you to Bobby Bower who spoke up for the river's commercial rafting potential. See you all on the river!

**2018 KHCC Yearbook
From Jim Hunt**

The Yearbook is complete and is at the printer. Thanks to all who submitted photos and other input. I expect you will see the Yearbook in your mailbox during the last two weeks of February.

Please remember that the yearbook is mailed bulk rate and will not be forwarded to any other address. So, e-mail John Kobak at keelhauled@yahoo.com if your correct new address is not current with the club.

Jim Hunt, Yearbook Editor

Ohiopyle Upcoming Proposed Changes From Janice Matthew

The plan for changes at Ohiopyle (21 pages) can be found at www.spcregion.org. Paddlers should read this! Enter into the search "sr 381 pedestrian access and safety improvements".

Save the Date – Paddle for Heroes From Moneen McBride

Paddle For Heroes will be hosting a fundraiser at Ariel-Foundation Park in Mount Vernon, Ohio. Address is 10 Pittsburgh Ave., Mount Vernon. The goal of this fundraiser is to raise approximately \$30,000 for a handicapped accessible kayak launch at the park. The launch will help those with disabilities, including seniors, children and others that have physical limitations get back in the water. The afternoon will be filled with live music from Adam Taylor, Kokosing River Surf Club, and Six Miles To Nellie. Food will be provided by Trucking Delicious, and local craft beer and wine will be available. There will be several guest speakers from area veteran's organizations. Tickets are \$20.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/paddle-for-heroes-benefit-tickets-42162684725>

Be Aware of Your Paddling Environment By Matt Fredmonsky

Unfortunately, it's a sad commentary on the United States that our American rivers and their watersheds are some of the most polluted areas of our country.

Fortunately, there are smart, caring and dedicated people who are working to restore our nation's waterways. Because combined sewer overflows and polluted former mine sites, like in two of our club's most popular paddling destinations, remain cause for concern when it comes to the water quality of our paddling environments.

Whether we're a day-tripper, weekend warrior or own a getaway cabin, we should care about the environments we visit to paddle in as much as the people who live their year-round. At the very least, we should stay educated and up-to-date about happenings in our paddling communities.

Here are two recent developments in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, home to Stonycreek and the annual Stonycreek Rendezvous, and Minden, West Virginia, which is nestled on the edge of the New River Gorge.

[This Town is So Toxic, They Want it Wiped Off the Map](#)

Polluted, closed mine site leaks toxins into tributary of New River in West Virginia.



A fall day on the New River. Photo credit: Jeff Macklin



Paddlers below Showers Rapid on the Stonycreek during the 2017 StonyFest. Photo credit: Jeff Macklin

[For Cash-Strapped Johnstown, Sewer System Overhaul Comes with Hefty Costs](#)

Economically stressed community struggles to pay for sewer improvements to address water quality.

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Membership Report By John Kobak

We finished 2017 with a record number of memberships = 334

As we go into 2018 we already have 270 paid members, which is 14 more at this point than 2017.

Our officers located in Summit County are bringing in all the new young members, assuring that the club will continue for another 50 years.

I thought it would be interesting to see what the club membership now looks like.

Couples – 164 =	328
Individual Men =	83
Individual Women =	23
Children =	115
Total members =	549

We have members located in 20 states. Take a look at our membership by location with this link:
<http://keelhauler.org/khcc/memb/khcity.pdf> which requires a password with USER NAME: **dir**

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Yearbook Printing and Distribution=\$1980.32, Conservation Donations=\$2250.00, and Christmas Party Rental and Supplies=\$384.72.

The Keelhaulers healthy checking account balance was increased by \$9,293.68 due to the Cuyahoga River Cleanup directed by V.P. Don Howdysshell and facilitated by many Keelhauler volunteers. Kudos to Don and volunteers and thanks to the grant from the Summit County MetroParks.

Keel-Haulers Help To Protect U.S. Rivers

Each year the Board of Trustees votes that the Keel-Hauler's Club support specific river conservation organizations. The following organizations were approved by the Trustees and checks were sent early in February:

American Whitewater-\$600
Friends of the Cheat-\$500
Friends of the Crooked River-\$300
Grand Canyon Private Boater Association-\$150
American Rivers-\$150
West Virginia River Coalition-\$150
River Network-\$100
Nature Conservancy-\$150
Mountain Watershed Association-Yough Defense Fund-\$150

Through our collective effort, \$2250.00 will be used to protect our rivers.

Thank you.

Sam Reynolds, Treasurer

**The 50th Annual Vermilion Cleanup
and Race
By Jon Reising**

March 18th 2018 - Vermilion River Clean Up. We will meet at 10:00 at Schoepfle Gardens in Birmingham to paddle the river and check for strainers and such. I will not be able to paddle this year due to health issues. If no one else is able to paddle and assure me that the section of river that is used for the race from Birmingham to Mill Hollow is safe for novices to paddle then the race will be moved to Vermilion and held there no matter what the river level. I regret having to do this, but my body will not allow me to cut trees out of the river let alone paddle a kayak right now.

Jon Reising, 440-986-0822

March 25th 2018 - 50th Annual Keel Haulers Vermilion River Canoe and Kayak Race and Registration opens at 9:00 am, first boat goes off at 10:30. Depending on conditions of the river we will have the race start in Birmingham Ohio at Schoepfle Gardens and finish at Mill Hollow park 7.8 miles downstream.

We hope many of the club members we have not seen in years come out and help us wish a very fond farewell to what has been a part of the canoe club since the second year of the club's existence. This will be the Last Year for the race as Hank Annable and I, Jon Reising, have accepted that we can no longer do this and no one else has stepped forward to take on the running of the race. We truly do hope to see dozens of those of you who have helped us in the past come and say hello.

Jon Reising, 440-986-0822

2018 KHCC Yearbook

Thank you to Jim Hunt for another great yearbook!

Style

By Louis Geltman

For participants in a sport where peeling out at the top of a rapid almost inevitably results in arriving at the bottom, kayakers seem surprisingly indifferent to matters of style. Things can go pretty badly awry, and onlookers might roll their eyes at a particularly bad line, but someone would have to be radically over his head before anyone would be likely to say anything about it. In other sports, this is not the case. Compare surfing: at the world's stoutest breaks, a surfer with only a few months or even a few years of experience would have virtually no chance of catching and making a wave. Nevertheless, even a surfer with all the skills to ride waves at Hawaii's Pipeline would be blocked from catching waves, mocked, maybe beaten, if he were surfing with bad style or acting in a way that put other people at risk. For kayakers, though, bucking up to run something huge, even if it isn't done with much grace, is a lot more likely to get attention and praise than putting down a pretty line on some anonymous class III. Kayaking is not surfing, and few people, if any, would want to see aggressive, territorial behavior find its way onto the river. But is that behavior meeting some social needs in surfing that are going unmet in kayaking?

If there is a place where kayaking's collective lack of social controls is being tested, it might be the Green River in North Carolina. For how steep it is, the Green is an unbelievably forgiving run. But that forgiveness is routinely being tested by huge crowds of paddlers, some seemingly lacking the basic skills to run any river safely. In June, a [video](#) was posted on YouTube showing some gut wrenching lines on the Narrows: one paddler takes a header off Gorilla, another misses the eddy on the lip of Sunshine (a class III move at most) and drops off the center backwards, another paddler swims in the class III runout. Two of the Southeast's best (and best known) paddlers, Isaac Levinson and Pat Keller, posted comments, in a discussion that meandered from Facebook to [BoaterTalk](#) to the YouTube [comment section](#), calling out the video as an example of dangerous and unacceptable behavior. The callout was unusual, but it was the reactions that were perhaps more telling in what they reveal about attitudes in the sport, as well as the mentality that our collective indifference to matters of style, technique, and safety have helped to bring about with regard to how a paddler progresses in the sport.

One paddler in the YouTube comments section wrote, "I don't know who died and made Pat and Isaac god, but they sure are a bunch of dumb shits!!! Tell me that they came out of the womb paddling class 5. Everyone has to start somewhere..." Much has been made about how advances in equipment and technique now enable paddlers to run whitewater in a season or so that once might have taken a career to achieve, but for paddlers who took up the sport in an earlier era, the implications of comments like that are jaw dropping: for some portion of the paddling population, the Green is now regarded as a place to start, and taking hair raising crashes as a stepping stone. That

mentality has serious implications, though, for everyone's safety and for the ability of new boaters to progress in the sport.

It is often suggested that the genesis of surfing's aggressive attitude towards loose behavior in the lineup is the fight for scarce resources in an inherently dangerous environment, and it may be that changes in the sport of kayaking are pushing toward a similar dynamic. While growth in kayaking participation overall has largely plateaued, creeking is gaining in popularity, and moderately difficult runs like the Green are starting to see crowds that wouldn't have existed a decade ago. But while a crowd of marginal paddlers at your local playspot is annoying, crowds on class V whitewater are undeniably dangerous.

That danger manifests itself in a way that is perhaps unique to kayaking, and in a way that might account for some antagonism toward boaters insistent on paddling over their heads. In kayaking, there are a lot of ways that things can go wrong. Most of them, though, lead to a brief and urgent window during which another boater can step in and potentially save someone's life. A pin, a swimmer being recirculated, a long swim threatening a flush drowning... in all these situations, urgent action can be the difference between life and death. And in all these situations, too, that urgent action is likely to call on someone else to immediately put his own life at risk. In the surf, outside of the unique dynamic of tow-in surfing, someone getting beat down is basically on his own. If someone falls climbing, there's either someone standing at the end of the rope, or there isn't. But in kayaking, when someone is in trouble, someone has to act, boldly, and immediately.

One of the most admirable characteristics of the kayaking community is this: when someone is in trouble, anyone present will step up and in an instant put his or her own life at risk to save a complete stranger. On a more pedestrian level, paddlers are almost always there for each other when it comes time to help someone who's swam or unpin a boat, even if it isn't a life threatening situation. When someone is paddling over his head, he undercuts that dynamic, both by being much more likely to need help and by himself probably lacking the necessary skills to help someone else. Even when it doesn't entail undue risk, stopping for an hour to deal with unpinning a boat or helping a swimmer across the river interrupts the flow of the run and of the day; nevertheless, most kayakers value being a part of a community where helping out is the norm and wouldn't want to see the river become an environment where people callously blow by other boaters who could use a hand. If kayakers have to choose between preserving the all-for-one safety ethos on the river or preserving the everybody-come-along vibe in the parking lot, I think most people would unquestionably pick the former.

It seems at times, as well, that the community's willingness to accept a high level of carnage as normal has led to some mistaken ideas about how paddlers progress in the sport. Contrary to YouTube commenter opinion, most top kayakers did not start kayaking on the Green River Narrows. "I started kayaking when I was 10, and I started paddling more frequently when I was about 13," Rush Sturges explained to me. "I ran my first real Class V when I was 14 years old. Leading up to that run (it was Cherry Creek Proper) I was running a LOT of Class IV. I ran the local grade IV section on the Cal

Salmon many times that Spring and Summer to prepare. I was very nervous before putting on the river. I had certainly hyped up what Class V was going to be like, and when I finished the run, I walked away with a smile on my face. Rather than being at the edge of my limits on the run, I was actually super solid and didn't miss a single boof.... I personally am thankful I spent as much time and effort [as] I did on Grade III and IV before finally stepping my game up. I was super fortunate to grow up around competent kayakers, and I think that had a lot to do with it. I didn't even have a swim until I was 20 years old on Upper Cherry Creek. I'm not trying to brag by saying that, just pointing out that time spent preparing on easier stuff is time well spent when you decide to raise the bar."

The best athletes in any sport are often those that started young, but consider this possibility: maybe in addition to all the other benefits of beginning at a young age, kayakers who start early turn into better boaters because they are often forced by someone—a parent, an older mentor—to paddle easy whitewater longer than they might want to or really need to. As John Weld put it, "When you're 13 years old, you're going to the Lower Yough whether you like it or not." It truly is a common experience of the best paddlers that, whether through the influence of an older mentor, a lack of good or consistent whitewater, slalom racing, or some other factor, these paddlers have put in a lot of time working on hard moves on easy water.

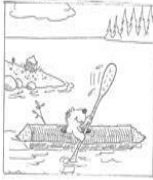
More than just putting in time on easy whitewater, learning new skills requires pushing it hard on easy whitewater all the time, and it may be that this is an easier mindset to adopt for younger paddlers (**for example**). It isn't just a matter of "feeling comfortable" on easier water before taking the next step; it's about consistently pushing it on easier water—taking the hardest lines, catching the smallest eddies, boofing every rock; learning to make judgments about what moves are makeable and which aren't; and learning to deal with the repercussions of missed judgments in whitewater with less consequence than in class V. That sort of learning is hard to achieve in a setting where a paddler is basically hanging on for his life. Pat Keller explained the steps he took to get better when he was starting in the sport this way: "[C]linics clinics clinics, slalom, clinics clinics clinics, foamies.... freestyle freestyle freestyle, clinics clinics clinics (you get the picture).... Every step on the way up that ladder is important. Take time to know with each one if you are ready to proceed. Willing is easy, knowing is what's hard." Runs like the Green are undoubtedly a key step towards becoming a solid boater, but there are surely quite a few steps to be taken before a new boater gets there. "[T]he Green has become the Mecca of honing the skills to become a solid creek boater," Pat says. "More and more paddlers are climbing that ladder of skill, and the Green is certainly a cherished step for all those who take it. But it must be climbed to with much respect for the dangers along the way."

All of this is a lot less sexy than just "firing it up," though. Your Facebook friends are going to be a lot less impressed with that attainment it took you a month to finally make on the Lower Yough than they are with a picture of you rolling over the lip on Metlako. But paddling better, not just paddling harder water, is something that takes time. And taking beatings on difficult whitewater in the hope that one day the beatings will stop is not, for most paddlers, a viable path to success.

For most paddlers who've been in the sport for a while, the advantages of encouraging new boaters to progress incrementally seem obvious: fewer incidents to deal with, better safety on the water for everyone, fewer risks to access because of events on the river leading to negative attention or calls to search & rescue, a stronger sense of community. The less obvious issue is how, as a community, to achieve that. Most paddlers are understandably (and commendably) reluctant to insert themselves into other people's risk taking decisions. As Rush puts it, "My gut feeling is that if someone is putting on the river with you, it's his or her responsibility to know if that run is suitable for them. However, I am not afraid to tell someone that they should evaluate their skills before putting on a run, or ask them what types of similar runs they've done previous. Ultimately, kayaking is up to the individual and there is NO ego when it comes to making sure you are as safe as possible on Class V."

It may be that the changes the community needs are as simple as recognizing your friends when they draw creative lines on the river or paddle well rather than just "going big." Inclusion in the Rider of the Year competition of a "Best Line" category, recognizing "styled lines" alongside categories like Drop of the Year could be a step in that direction. A few less high-fives for surviving sketchy lines and being willing to encourage friends to take a step back when needed probably wouldn't hurt, either.

In the end, the idea is to encourage community by cutting down on the sort of behavior that makes stronger boaters want to abandon weaker ones to fend for themselves or discourages new boaters from sticking with the sport. Hopefully we can all encourage up and coming boaters to progress in the sport safely and incrementally without resorting to slashing tires in the parking lot. Then again, maybe surf-style aggression is on the way, whether we like it or not.

March	For More Trips - Check our Message Board			
3/3,17	KH Roll Session at Orange pool - 4:00-6:00 PM		Jimi Gaddis	567-215-1390
3/4,11,18	KH Roll Session at Meyers Lake YMCA pool - 8:45 - 10:45 AM		John Banach	330-606-5032
3/10	KH Roll Session at Lakewood pool - 3:00-5:00 pm		Matt Demaline	216-529-4081
3/10,11	(3) Slippery Rock Creek (PA)	13-19	Brent Hendren	330-414-2063
3/10-18	Southern Rivers - TN, NC OR if there is good water in WV we can go there.	22-32	Dave Herron	513-681-4075
3/18	(1) Vermilion River Cleanup (OH)	SK/FW	Jon Reising	440-967-9507
3/25	(1) Vermilion Race (OH) Sunday March 25th 2018  Click picture for poster -- Alternate Date 4/8	SK/FW	Jon Reising	440-967-9507

Please contact Our Trip Organizer to add, correct, or volunteer to lead any trips listed. [Joe Boyd](#) 740-632-6725

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Please consider writing a trip report or article for the next newsletter! The deadline for the **APRIL, 2018 issue of the newsletter is **3/23/18**. Please send articles and/or pictures to: Kelly Miller (Laubaugh) at peetzaguy@aol.com.**

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Next Club Get-Together to be announced...

Contact: [John Banach](#) if you have any questions . . . 330-606-5032

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

President's Message From John Banach

Hello to all my fellow Haulers.

Can you believe that April is on our doorstep? Time is flying by faster than I can handle. So, I'd better catch up... There is a lot going on as we head into the Spring season. And our club has more than a lot going on.

Many of us were ready for the Vermilion Race this past weekend. Unfortunately, because of high winds in the area, the call was made to postpone the race to April 8th. Hopefully the schedule change does not hurt the attendance. Let's all pray for warm weather and good rains. Jon Reising still needs volunteers for the race day. So please contact Jon if you are able and willing to lend a hand. I guarantee it will be fun for all. Let's try and get a good club presence this year.

Speaking of races, the Cuyahoga Falls race is coming up April 21th. Mark it on your calendar if you haven't done yet. Don Howdysheill and his race crew have been putting in the hours to make the 3rd annual race a flawless success. Keep an eye out for posting on both the Website and FB pages for updates.

The club will once again be a CF race sponsor. Part of our sponsorship allows us to put up a tent. Just like we did last year. I think it is important to show our presence and hopefully attract new members. I also need members to help me during the day working the tent. I need outgoing KH members to be ambassadors of our club and sport. To talk about our club, our trip schedule, equipment, hand out flyers and stickers, and more. Last year I had limited help once the race began so I'll be asking this time for club members to sign up for certain time slots to

work the tent. I also plan to once again bring all types of kayaks, canoes, and equipment for kids and adults to touch, try on, and try out...On land of course. "Touch a Yak" was very popular last year so why mess with a good thing...

No meeting this April. I think everyone has a lot on their plate right now. So, I do not see a reason to pull everyone together during the work week. So just keep an eye out for any updates on the races, club functions, trip schedules, etc.

Thank you all again for keeping our club active and fun. We could always use more participation, more trips, and more instruction for novice paddlers looking to improve their skills. Hopefully we can all give back to the club and get more out of it at the same time. And please reach out to me if you have any ideas that could help improve the club or make it more attractive and fun. I look forward to seeing many of you over the next month.

SYOTRS,

John Banach

Treasurer's Report By Sam Reynolds

Keelhaulers' Canoe Club Monthly Treasurer's Report March 23, 2018

CD 0402	\$2, 292.48
CD 1077	<u>\$2, 290.04</u>
CD'S (2)	\$4, 582.52

Checking	<u>\$18, 044.77</u>
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Total	<u>\$22, 627.29</u>
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The 50th Annual Race By Jon Reising

The race has been postponed to Sunday, April 8th, due to high winds. Race volunteers are still needed if you can help! Please contact Jon Reising at mnmsguy@yahoo.com or 440-967-9507.

Slip Trip-8 feet

By Matt Fredmonsky

Most trips to the Slip aren't worth writing home about. But this spring the river was running at 8 feet on the mill gauge and was too tempting to pass up.

A few of us were considering running the upper section, but after looking at the gnarliness of the slide at Kennedy Mill we opted to just run the lower section by putting in at Eckert Bridge. While setting shuttle, we saw the river just a few feet beneath Harris Bridge and had to scout for some relatively calm eddies to get out of our boats!



Slippery Rock Creek at Harris Bridge, the takeout for the lower Slip from Eckert to Harris.

With the mill gauge at 8 feet, the Wurtemberg gauge was reading 6,400 cfs. The force and size of the water in some sections was easily comparable to any of the big water runs east of the Mississippi. Huge waves, eddy lines that would reach up and grab your stern and monstrous holes were the order of the day.



A solid group of paddlers tackled the lower Slip at 8 feet. From left are Jason, "Pot," Sarah, Don, Chuck, Tyler, Josiah, Javan, Jeremiah, Dan, Matt and Nick with Chad chilling with his Gatorade.

At Eckert Bridge, the water level reached to the bottom of the stairs leading to the top of the bridge. The beach was under about 4 feet of water making for a raucous eddy. A few paddlers walked up to run Martin's Ledge, the last rapid of the upper section and were thoroughly soaked when they pulled in to the eddy as the rest of the group put on.



This is what the Slip looks like at 8 feet.

The run was mostly huge wave trains that ran for a few hundred feet. The holes were easily avoidable for the first two-thirds of the paddle. It wasn't until the last roughly quarter-mile, when things are getting spicy even at 4 feet, that you had to pay attention.



Boat-swallowing wave trains for days on the lower Slip at 8 feet.

The last stretch leading to the takeout had some waves that were comparable to Lower Staircase on the Lower Gauley. These were river-wide waves that were easily 8 feet to 10 feet tall. This is where it got sketchy, because you had no idea what was over the next wave. Everyone had to scout from the peak of the wave to see if there were holes, or how the next few waves were breaking, and then you had to start making your move as you slid down into the trough and started getting catapulted up the next wave. It was epically unexpected for one of the tamest whitewater runs in the area at normal flows.



Almost at the takeout, the waves calmed down to about 6 feet or so.

There were less than a few combat rolls despite quite a few playboaters. One unfortunate soul had a righteous swim after getting thrown into a hole behind a monster wave, rolling up and getting tossed into another hole. All their gear was recovered despite the intense speed of the current.

3rd Annual Cuyahoga Falls Kayak Race April 21st, 2018



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Good News for Water Quality By Matt Fredmonsky

Brecksville Dam demolition project set to begin in fall after environmental OK

Updated Mar 20, 4:24 PM; Posted Mar 20, 4:23 PM



Fishermen like to cast their lines into the pools at the bottom of the spillway, but environmentalists say the removal of the dam will improve the quality of the water and the health of the fish. (James F. McCarty/The Plain Dealer) <="" data-path="/metro/index.ssf/2018/03/brecksville_dam_demolition_pro_1.html" data-widget="counter">

By **James F. McCarty**, The Plain Dealer, jmccarty@plaind.com

BRECKSVILLE, Ohio - The long-awaited demolition of the Brecksville Dam has cleared its final hurdle and could be completed by the end of this year, the Ohio EPA and the National Park Service announced Tuesday.

A newly-released final environmental assessment determined that the dam's removal would have no significant impact on the health of the Cuyahoga River, allowing the deconstruction work to begin as soon as this fall, weather permitting.

The demolition of the 8-foot tall, 183-foot-long dam is expected to improve water quality, oxygen levels and river flow, while providing an inviting habitat for fish species not seen upriver in decades, such as walleye, Northern pike, steelhead trout, white bass and potentially even sturgeon.

By removing the dam, state environmentalists will take a major step toward returning the Cuyahoga to a fully functioning riparian ecosystem, flowing freely from its source in Geauga County to its mouth at Lake Erie. Only the 60-foot-tall Gorge Dam, which spreads 420-feet-wide at the Akron-Cuyahoga Falls border, will remain as an obstacle to a free-flowing, dam-free river after the Brecksville Dam is brought down.

A public hearing on the Gorge project, estimated to cost \$70 million, is scheduled for Thursday at North High School in Akron.

The Brecksville Dam project will include the installation of a pump that will divert as much as 13 million gallons of river water per day to the adjacent Ohio & Erie Canal, thus preserving the cultural and historic significance of the canal as a part of Cleveland's Industrial Valley. The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District will operate the system.

Bill Zawiski, an environmental supervisor with the Ohio EPA in Twinsburg, said previously that the demolition project is not expected to be complicated or expensive.

Zawiski previously worked to demolish dams in Cuyahoga Falls, Kent and Munroe Falls.

How Long to Paddle class V? By Jon McAnuity

A number of recent threads on the Upper G., creeking close calls, how long before paddling class V?, play boat vs creekboat design, etc. have me cogitating so I thought I'd throw out some of these thoughts to be considered. Indigenous natives are commonly renowned for their survival abilities under what may be fairly forbidding or rigorous year-round conditions. Arctic natives, desert dwellers, etc., are often looked to as laudable examples of surviving in the wild successfully using only your own abilities and wits to augment minimal available technological resources. In the book "Into the Wild", Krakauer describes the end of the life of Chris McCandless, a romantic adventurer who ventured into the wilds of Alaska equipped with a small caliber rifle, little food and his own resourcefulness. After several months, McCandless died due

to the culmination of the effects of a series of seemingly inconsequential and unrelated decisions. Chris McCandless, in his own way, was attempting to recreate the primitive man experience and went into the bush knowing that he was taking a calculated risk and that he may not return if things did not go well. However, the one thing that Chris McCandless did not consider and most noticeably lacked was a background of local native lore.

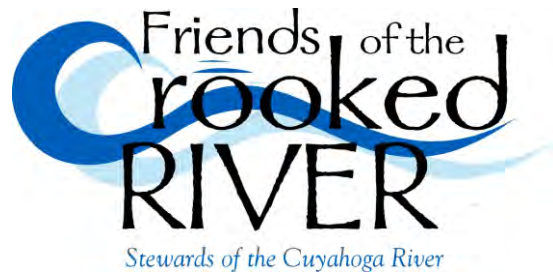
Native lore (as I am using it here) is the cumulative knowledge of successful and unsuccessful survival strategies passed on to the youth of an indigenous tribe in a hundred different ways. The accumulation of this lore occurs while a native in a hostile environment is growing up and is presumably protected to some degree by their sheltering elders. Direct instruction, bits and pieces of knowledge gleaned from overheard conversations around the fire, legends passed down over generations, traditions in hunting and food gathering practices, and personal experiences during the youthful learning curve for comparison against the background knowledge gained from the successful elders of the tribe all combined to provide skills, knowledge and the instincts required to avoid the subtle missteps which killed Chris McCandless.

Hard water boating has many similarities to surviving in a hostile local environment. Once you commit to the river you are in a physical environment which is impervious to your manipulations. The river doesn't care if you are on it or not. The river is a force. Thus, a paddler must have the physical and mental skills to control their fate in this potentially hostile environment. The truly athletically gifted and motivated paddler can, particularly with today's boat designs, rapidly advance in the physical skills of boat control. However, the paddler that goes from ground zero to class V in a period of months is similar to Chris McCandless in that they lack the "native lore" that will keep them from making the many small missteps that can result in disaster.

There is another analogy to this in surgery. I teach surgery to veterinary students, and perform surgery on client animals, for a living. A skilled surgeon can make a complicated procedure appear deceptively simple. A very talented student could potentially closely mimic the moves made in a given procedure and thus give the appearance of being an advanced surgeon. However, no two procedures, similar to sequential runs on a given river, will progress the same. As the student repeats a procedure, small variances in what is done will creep in. The experienced surgeon will know where the limits of the envelope are so that any variances in technique will remain within these boundaries and the procedure will be completed successfully time and time again. The talented student will not know where the boundaries of the envelope reside and will eventually blunder into these limits and cause a complication. This will occur because the student has not had sufficient time learning or being mentored enough to have acquired the necessary "native lore".

The connection to paddling hard water is obvious. No matter how many days you might paddle over a couple of months you will not run into enough variances of your runs under different conditions of water levels, fatigue, glare, type of runs, cold, altitude hypoxia and on and on to acquire the innate sense of where the boundaries of the envelope resides. In class V paddling, the boundaries are dangerous, possibly fatal. Having the physical skills to make the moves is not enough. A paddler needs to be aware of the vagaries of chance that can induce variances in their runs. They need to be able to at least try to predict the potential for these variances and be able to change plans accordingly, often in an instant. Each and every factor which can affect where you and your boat may end up is an opportunity for a small misstep which may or may not lead to a series of events culminating in injury or tragedy. These factors include everything about the boating experience boat design choice, other equipment, repertoire of paddle strokes, special moves for various conditions, strength, ability to use the water, efficiency of

motion to prevent fatigue over long paddles, nerve, etc. The list of relevant factors is long and often situation specific. Having the physical skills is mandatory. However, more subtly, having the ingrained “native lore” to make the correct judgments 100% of the time is just as necessary. In paddling, “native lore” includes the foreknowledge of how each discernible factor may affect your boating and also, whenever possible, an intimate knowledge of the hazards of a specific river. For exploratories, having a broad base of experience comprising your “native lore” will allow you to best judge the risks of a particular river or rapid while scouting. For me, it is the necessary physical skills combined with an experience-based “native lore” that makes for a long and joyous paddling lifetime. This is why my answer to “how long to paddle class V?” is 3 years, not 3 months.



Friends of the Crooked River Present 2018 River Rat Revelry

Our Annual Gathering

When: Thursday, April 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m., Program begins at 7:00 pm,

Where: Lions Lodge

641 Silver Lake Avenue

Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223

Program: The Gorge Area: Growing a Park, Understanding History

Megan Shaeffer, Cultural Resource Specialist, Summit Metro Parks,

Snow Lake, Saved for Conservation

Ken Schneider, The Nature Conservancy

Also: Canal Diversion Dam Update

Find out where we've been and what's in store for the Cuyahoga River and its friends. Sewers, Dams, WaterTrail, Programs and Projects

Share Cuyahoga cheer with fellow river rats.

*Music: **The Acoustic Blues of Paul Pira***

Light refreshments will be served: Bring a dish to share and your own table service

Contact: Elaine Marsh 330-666-4026 or email ohgreenway@gmail.com

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There will be a **special meeting for members** prior to the program at the River Rat Revelry at Lion's Lodge, 641 Silver Lake Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223 at 6:45 PM. The purpose of this meeting is finalize the election of Board of Directors. No other business will be considered. If you wish to participate, please be there. See ballot email for more information.

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4/7,8	(3) Slippery Rock Creek (PA)	13-19	Josiah Colvin	330-671-0910
4/7,8	(3) Cheat and Potomac South Branch watersheds. Be sure to contact Steve for river choice, like Potomac, Stonycreek, Casselman, Dry Fork, Upper Big Sandy or Little Sandy rivers	18	Steve Ingalls	216-371-8250
4/7,8	(3) N. Br. Potomac Release (MD)	18	Needs organizer	
4/8	(1) Vermilion Race (OH) Sunday March 25 th 2018  Click picture for poster	SK/FW	Jon Reising	440-967-9507
4/8	(1) Little Beaver (OH)	SK/FW	Doug Lyons	740-317-7007
4/10	Club Monthly Meeting at Brick House Tavern, 581 Howe Ave, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221		John Banach	330-606-5032
4/14	(3) Slippery Rock Creek (PA)	13-19	Mark Spang	440-522-0520
4/20	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Needs organizer	
4/21	Cuyahoga Falls Kayak Race (OH) Upper Gorge Limit 600 CFS  Click Image for official website & registration	28	Don Howdyshe	330-671-0825
4/21,22	(3) N. Br. Potomac Release (MD)	18	Needs organizer	
4/21,22	(5) Middle Fork & Tygart (WV)	29	FIFO Trip	440-554-1383
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President's Message From John Banach

No report this month.

Treasurer's Report, Vermilion Expense Report, and Updated Club Budget By Sam Reynolds

Keelhaulers' Canoe Club Monthly Treasurer's Report April 24, 2018

CD 0402	\$2, 293.16
CD 1077	<u>\$2, 290.72</u>
CD'S (2)	\$4, 583.88

Checking	<u>\$17,851.78</u>
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Total	<u>\$22, 435.66</u>
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The Trustees approved the revision of club budget to add the Cuyahoga Falls Race to line 23 in order to support the race with \$100.00, and the marketing line was changed to add \$800. for the president to purchase various marketing materials to pass out at our activities. Line 17 was not changed, but an additional conservation donation was approved to provide \$500 to the Cheat River road and parking project. The Vermilion Race was the last race for **Jon Reising** and his team including **Hank Annable Carl and Donna Homberg, and Bob Bair** to name a few. It was sentimental in many ways including the ongoing discussion of days past and reflection of the paddling impact of Chuck Singer. As listed in the report, the funds earned were in the plus for the club at \$488.02.

Expense Report from the 50th Annual Vermilion River Race
Submitted by Jon Reising, Race Director

Donation for food from racers	\$149.00
Food purchases	<u>\$79.00</u>
Total	\$70.00

Received application fees from racers:

Checks	\$156.00
Cash	<u>\$434.00</u>
Sub-Total	\$590.00
Pre-Paid Pay Pal (PayPal fee subtracted)	<u>\$246.56</u>
Total fees paid by racers	\$836.56

Fee for USCA Insurance	\$3.75 per racer
<u>X48 racers</u>	
Total due for insurance	\$180.00

Expenses Jon Paid

PJ Sanitation	\$85.40
Prepaid USCA Insurance	\$62.50
Yearly Race Sponsor Fee	\$30.00
Office supplies	\$81.50
MetroParks shelter res.	Gratis
Postage before race	\$5.63
Mailing metals to winners	\$36.01
<u>Balance due USCA insurance</u>	<u>\$117.50</u>
Reimbursement - Jon Reising	\$418.54

Total Revenue(Food+Fees)	\$906.56
Total Costs	<u>\$418.54</u>
Funds Earned	\$488.02

Category Description	FY 2015 Actuals	FY 2016 Actuals	FY 2017 Budget	FY 2017 Actuals	FY 2018 Budget
ASSETS					
CHECKING balance at start of FY	\$5,906.02	\$5,733.46	\$5,733.46	\$8,893.59	\$8,893.59
CD (2) balance at start of FY	\$6,771.33	\$6,816.94	\$6,816.94	\$4,574.57	\$4,574.57
INCOME					
Conservation	\$60.00	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$114.70	\$115.00
Dues	\$5,659.00	\$5,458.32	\$5,458.00	\$6,225.44	\$6,225.00
Reserv./C.F.Cleanup/Cruise	\$88.00	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$11,000.00
Vermilion Race	\$612.00	\$687.14	\$687.00	\$1,165.88	\$1,166.00
Pool session deposit refund					
NEO Paddlers' Network Income	\$200.00	\$491.90	\$500.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,619.00	\$6,897.36	\$6,985.00	\$7,806.02	\$18,806.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$19,296.35	\$19,447.76	\$19,535.40	\$21,274.18	\$32,274.16
LIABILITIES/EXPENSE					
Conservation Donations	\$2,250.00	\$2,350.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00
Internet Access	\$117.00	\$323.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Internet Domain	\$33.00	\$50.97	\$51.00	\$50.97	\$51.00
Marketing					\$800.00
Library		\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Meeting Hall	\$600.00	\$770.00	\$231.19	\$0.00	\$231.00
Paddlers' Network		\$349.80	\$350.00	\$179.88	\$180.00
Cuy. Falls Cleanup/Cruise/Race			\$1,038.81	\$1,038.81	\$4,400.00
Postage and Supply		\$36.05	\$200.00	\$176.72	\$200.00
Refreshments	\$104.00	\$262.07	\$300.00	\$159.42	\$300.00
Vermillion Race	\$1,605.00	\$387.78	\$388.00	\$493.91	\$700.00
Yearbook Expense	\$1,844.00	\$1,971.30	\$1,971.00	\$1,947.36	\$1,950.00
Yough Reservations-Intro		\$40.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Special Donation/Portage Park Dist.	\$75.00		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$500.00
Multimedia Rental	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$6,828.00	\$6,641.61	\$7,160.00	\$6,897.06	\$12,062.00
OVERALL TOTAL	\$12,468.35	\$12,806.15	\$12,375.40	\$14,377.12	\$20,212.00
American Whitewater	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Friends of the Cheat	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Friends of the Crooked River	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Grand Canyon Private Boaters Association	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
American Rivers	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
West Virginia Rivers Coalition	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
River Network	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Nature Conservancy	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Mountain Watershed Assoc.-Yough Defense Fund	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
TOTAL	\$2,250.00	\$2,350.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,250.00

The 2018 Vermilion Race Results

By Jon Reising

Class	Racer(s)	Time	Position
Class 0 - No Class Assignment			
	Hull, Thomas & Gonzalez, Anthony	1:48:15	1
Class 2 - C-2 Mixed/Women			
	Ryan, Matthew & Ryan, Marianne	1:54:26	1

Class 3 - C-2 Men's Standard			
	Parker, James S. & Parker, James G.	1:31:23	1
	Arndt, Eric & Arndt, Daniel	1:32:56	2
	Arndt, Andrew & Yorks, A.J.	1:44:00	3
	Ryan, Jacob & Ryan, Adam	1:57:01	4

Class 4 - C-2 Men's Senior			
	Piepenburg, Michael & Piepenburg, Dwayne	2:02:04	1

Class 5 - C-2 Over Under			
	Ryan, Mark & Ryan, Lucas	DNF	

Class 6 - C-1 Canoe			
	Schmidt, Eric	1:57:22	1

Class 7 - K-1 Junior <16			
	Zuck, Abigail	1:57:05	1
	Banach, John D	2:00:56	2

Class 8 - K-1 Short Men <11.5'			
	Dohanos, Lee	1:27:53	1
	Rogers, John	1:32:38	2
	Nahorn, Matthew	1:33:53	3
	Anderson, Chad	1:34:53	4
	McBride, Brad	1:35:37	5
	Buschur, Zach	1:38:41	6
	Parker, James S.	1:39:44	7
	Smith, Steven	1:40:57	8
	Gillam, Mike	1:47:02	9
	Smith, Cory	1:47:54	10
	Gibbons, John	1:51:38	11
	Zigon, Alex	2:00:32	12
	Banach, John C	2:00:55	13

Class	Racer(s)	Time	Position
Class 9 - K-1 Short Women <11.5'			
	Curran, Colleen	1:27:50	1
	Homberg, Donna	1:55:45	2
	Courtright, Christine	2:01:11	3

Class 10 - K-1 Men <14.5'			
	Fedor, Nicholas	1:26:27	1
	Morgan, Kevin	1:28:35	2
	Smith, Anthony	1:33:47	3
	Duvall, Michael	1:36:03	4
	Ollom, Timothy	1:44:01	5

Class 11 - K-1 Women >11.5'			
	Thompson, Leslie	1:23:58	1
	Grimes, Katie	1:33:56	2

Class 12 - K-1 Senior >49, <14.5'			
	Kobak, John	1:29:06	1
	Johnson, Michael	1:47:24	2
	Smith, Alan	1:48:13	3
	Simmons, James	1:48:51	4

Class 13 - K-1 Long Men >14.5'			
	White, Joe	1:12:41	1

Class 14 - K-1 Long Senior >49, >14.5'			
	Baird, Robert	1:31:27	1

Class 15 - K-1 Senior Women >49, >11.5'			
	Bethea, Erin	1:28:24	1
	Simmons, Karen	1:36:21	2

Class 16 - Standup Paddleboard			
	Hauck, Jonathan	2:10:07	1

The 50th Annual Vermilion River Race was held on April 8th. We had 50 people and 41 boats participating this year. Thank you for coming out on our alternate date to race on the Vermilion River. I believe this is the first year we had at least one entrant in each of our classes. The best time for the day was posted at 1 hour 12 minutes 41 seconds, a great time for such a low water level. At race time level was 2.97', 265 cfs. with water temp at 42°F and Air temperature 31°F. Without the many volunteers that help, the race would not happen. So, my sincere thanks to those of you that take the time to help me give those that enjoy the race so much to come out and give themselves the opportunity to paddle on the Vermilion and have a little competition.

Jon Reising - Race Chairman

Chuck was in my kayak

By John Kobak

Everyone knows I'm not really a racer, but for over 40 years Chuck Singer and I used to compete in the annual Vermilion River Race. Chuck almost always beat me. Since he died 5 years ago I quit competing in our annual race. But this year's race was the 50th annual and possibly the last race on this river run by our club.

I had not planned to race, I hadn't brought my paddling gear or roof racks back from our cabin in WV. I hadn't been in my kayak since last October. I kept in shape over the winter in FL biking and paddling our canoe. So I put the old Subaru racks back on my Outback, found some pile clothing, no dry or wet suit and an old repaired paddle and PFD.

The night before the race I had a dream about Chuck. But he was not paddling but had a camera in his hands. On Sunday morning I was loading my boat on my car in the garage. The side door blew shut from the wind, I heard a large bang and saw my old Perception kayak fall off the wall, where it had been for a least a year. Oh no, Chuck wants to paddle and come along. I decided not to bring the kayak for him, he could paddle with me.

Most of you know I lost my vision in my left eye totally so I have no depth perception and really can't see well with the good eye. But I figured I remembered most of the fast lines, from paddling at least 50 times in the past 50 years. I like to be the first boat in the race so no one gets in my way but several usually pass me motivating me to paddle harder.

As I approached the first turn in the race I realized I knew where to go but was having a hard time seeing and negotiating past the hundreds of shallow rocks along the way. I then felt, how the heck am I missing all those rocks that I can't even see. I felt Chuck was helping with the lines, I kept asking him which way next and picked up the pace. Where were the boats behind me, I could follow their lines if they passed me. Every time I looked back I didn't see anyone, so Chuck & I just kept paddling hard. Finally near the end a sea kayak was catching up, I figured maybe the slow kayaks behind me got passed by that fast paddler, so I paddled even harder. As I neared the finish I saw it was Erin Bethea who was following using my lines to get down the river, she won her class.



And believe it or not I won my class and had a better time than 84% on the other boats. I thanked Chuck for the help and figured he deserved the medal getting me down the river as fast as he used to paddle. Of course I won't mention that the competition this year was not as good as in years past but for being 81 years old, I still had a hell of a day.

I would especially like to thank Jon Reising, Chucks best friend and race chairman. As usual the club volunteers did a great job running the race.



Ohiopyle State Park
April 21st, 2018
By Charlie Walbridge, submitted by Jim Hunt

Ohiopyle State Park Updates River Regulations

posted March 30, 2018

by Charlie Walbridge



This past fall American Whitewater met with Ohiopyle State Park managers to discuss possible updates to their whitewater paddling regulations. The first topic was to change the rules governing raft sizes at different water levels to recognize the capabilities of self-bailing rafts. Shorter self-bailing boats will now be allowed to run the river at high water. Some small changes to the regulations will make Ohiopyle Falls more accessible to paddlers. A change in the way the gauge is interpreted should make the falls "legal" on more days.

Although whitewater paddlers are only one part of the vast public that visits the park, every effort was made to accommodate them while avoiding user conflicts and safety hazards. Special thanks goes to Ken Bisbee, Ohiopyle State Park Operations Manager and John Hallas, a former Ohiopyle State Park Operations Manager who is now Director of State Parks.

New Regulations for Self-Bailing Rafts on the Lower Youghiogheny River

The following wording will be used in determining whether a watercraft would be permitted to launch:

Lower Youghiogeny

3 Feet to 4:

Self-bailing rafts with a minimum length of 8 feet shall be permitted. All rafts shall be of durable material and construction suitable for class III to IV whitewater use. If rafts are not self-bailing, 11.220 requirements for the appropriate water level will apply.

4 feet and above:

Self-bailing rafts with a minimum length of 12 feet shall be permitted. All rafts shall be of durable material and construction suitable for class III to IV whitewater use. If rafts are not self-bailing, 11.220 requirements for the appropriate water level will apply.

Middle Youghiogeny:

3 feet and above:

Self-bailing rafts with a minimum length of 8 feet shall be permitted. All rafts shall be of durable material and construction suitable for class III to IV whitewater use. If rafts are not self-bailing, 11.220 requirements for the appropriate water level will apply.

Private Boater Ohiopyle Falls Access Guidelines

Effective 4/1/2018

Changes for 2018 are underlined

1. **Prior to launching for each falls run, all boaters must register** at the Lower Youghiogeny Launch Window on SR 381 **unless otherwise posted.** A launch permit, governed by the private boater quota reservation system, is required during applicable periods. Boaters may register for more than one run at a time.
2. **Water Level must be below 1.9 feet** on the USGS Gage at the Lower Youghiogeny Launch in Ohiopyle. Although the gage can be read to the hundredths, for the purposes of falls access only the tenth's column will be calculated. (1.89 would be considered as 1.8)
3. **Using the Lower Youghiogeny Launch to take-out is prohibited.** The falls becomes the first rapid in the loop and boaters shall continue down river and take-out either at the Loop Take-Out on Ferncliff or Bruner Run Take-Out.
4. **Runs over the falls will be permitted:** April 1st through the weekend before Thanksgiving with the last permit issued or sold prior to end of the posted office hours. Last run of the falls must be made so that boaters will be off the river prior to sunset.
5. **Access (put-in) will be from the river right shore only (Ferncliff side).** Boaters access the river right put in via Ferncliff trail. The put-in is marked with a sign and is located downstream of the buoy line anchor points. Access will be prohibited from the Falls Day-Use Area (river left) except during Falls Running Events governed by Special Activities Agreements.
6. **Boaters are prohibited from running Ohiopyle Falls alone** (solo boater/party of one). Minimum group size is three. 2nd or 3rd boaters do not have to run the falls and is/are included for the

minimum group size for providing safety from shore (above or below) or boat (below) the falls. Shore safeties shall wear a PFD, helmet and have a throw bag to effectively execute a rescue.

7. **Only single and double occupancy kayaks and canoes** designed and fully outfitted for whitewater use are permissible. Unguided Liveries/Rental Craft are prohibited. Rafts are prohibited.
8. **Boaters may scout the falls from beyond the warning signs** during open hours but must wear PFD and helmet at all times.

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5/12,13	(3) Cheat Narrows (WV) or Casselman (PA)	18	Chris Mockbee	304-914-5546
5/12,13	(5) Intro to the Cheat Canyon (WV)	26	Anne Kmieck	216-536-1905
5/12,13	(3) Cheat Narrows (WV) or Casselman (PA)	18	Chris Mockbee	304-914-5546
5/18-20	(4) Stonycreek Rendezvous (PA) 	21		
5/19	28th Annual RiverDay Events Friends of the Crooked River (OH) 		Nichole	216-241-2414 x307
5/19	Cuyahoga River (OH) Middlebury Rd. in Kent to Water Works in Cuyahoga Falls, River Day Clean-Up	SK/FW	Moneen McBride	330-969-2628
5/19,20	(3) N. Br. Potomac Release (MD)	18	Cliff Wire	440-439-6541
5/19,20	(4) Lower Yough (PA) . Get Your Permit Here	23	Michael Duvall	216-513-5921
5/25,26	Upper Yough (MD)	32	John Kobak	440-554-1383
5/26	(3) Slippery Rock Creek (PA)	13-19	Ann Corey	330-858-4841

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President's Message From John Banach

Dear Keel-Haulers,

Can it be? Is it really almost June? Where has the time gone? Well I'm sure most of us have been keeping very busy. We've been blessed with all fabulous Spring. Lots of long rains and high flows. Followed by long warm and even hot days. Mother Nature wasn't ready to make up her mind until only a few weeks ago. But alas, there is always something fun to do no matter what the weather. Spring was filled with high water, great races and festivals, and great paddling overall. I heard so many great stories and read wonderful posts about the events. From the Cuyahoga Falls Kayak Race, to the Cheat race and Cheat Fest. Stonycreek Rendezvous, and more. I hope we can continue to see more write ups and post more about the travels and paddles. As we transition into warmer months and shed our dry suits, gloves, and thermals, always remember how fortunate we are to enjoy what nature has provided us.

Now I start to get excited when the flows lower, and the water and air temps get warmer. It allows so many more types of paddlers to enter the water. For some club members, we haven't stopped paddling all year. For many others, now is the start of their paddling season. Or seasons. So welcome back to your sport. I hope you all have many fantastic journeys and trips over the late spring and Summer months.

Speaking of trips, make sure you check out the trip schedule. There is so much going on each weekend. But I know more club members are planning outings that they haven't posted about. Please do. I'm always asked about more trips of all types and to have trip leaders step up. So please contribute where and when you can. This club is what we make of it. So why not make it f*cking fun and cool. Yeah, I just said that. Why not, it's true...

Also, with the summer low flows, we also have some river clean ups coming up. I might enjoy these the most. Certainly, they are the most rewarding. It's always amazing what a few determined people can accomplish in just a day or two. Please help out and contribute where you can. Our rivers and bodies of waters need our constant help.

With that I'd like to ask all of us to always remember to be stewards of our wonderful sport of paddling. Whether kayaking, canoeing, SUP, sea and lake, and river camping, please remember this. Our club exists on one level because of our passion for what we get to do. With that passion, please pass along your knowledge and skills to others. Of course, to those within the club. But remember to always reach out to others if you think it is warranted or beneficial. We had a recent local incident where some unskilled and unprepared rec boaters almost meet their fate if not for a local club board member being at the right place at the right time. He saved them and their gear. And for certain saved one gentlemen from certain drowning. These boaters didn't know what they were doing and were not prepared with the right equipment. I know we can't all be superman or superwoman. Or a hero at a moment's notice. But if we can offer any bit of advice to another or reach out if you see something not right or not safe, please do it. So, what if they get offended. Maybe they'll thank you. Maybe they'll understand right away or maybe later on. Or maybe never at all. But at least you made an effort because of your passion and respect for what we do. So, to all members, have fun this next month. Paddle when you can. Be safe, push your limits, and help out others as well.

Thank you once again for being members of such a wonderful paddling club. You are what makes this club what it is. I could not be more proud to be a part of it all.

All the best Keel-Haulers.

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John Banach

Treasurer's Report By Sam Reynolds

Keelhaulers' Canoe Club Monthly Treasurer's Report May 28, 2018

CD 0402	\$2,293.82
CD 1077	<u>\$2,291.38</u>
CD'S (2)	\$4,585.20

Checking	<u>\$17,986.60</u>
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<u>Total</u>	<u>\$22,571.80</u>
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West Branch of Rocky River Gauge By John Kobak

Good news for local Paddlers. There is a fairly new gauge on the Sprague Rd Bridge of the West Branch of the Rocky River in Olmsted Township. This is the same place we have our painted gauge. So if anyone has run the river and remembers what the painted gauge read, we could look up the new electronic gauge for the same date and time and check the correlation. If I had to guess it looks like if you subtract 5.75' from new gauge reading you get the painted bridge gauge reading, https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/uv?site_no=04201400

Ocoee Update From Jim Hunt

Ocoee Decision Signed - Releases To Continue! (TN)
posted May 16, 2018 by Kevin Colburn - AW



Earlier today, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) released their decision and accompanying final analysis regarding the future of dam releases on the wildly popular Ocoee River. TVA decided to provide a flow schedule nearly identical to the current schedule on both the Middle and Upper

Ocoee. Doing so will foster the robust recreation-based economy that relies on the river, and will protect existing ecological and recreational values.

The decision green-lights agreements under which, starting in 2019, TVA will provide 15 years of releases similar to the current schedule with a 15-year renewal likely, the state will pay TVA \$11.78 million for the releases, and outfitters will help the State cover management costs through a licensing fee of up to 10%. This is a unique arrangement. The agreements will not apply fees or restrict access to private boaters, and do not cover a beloved week of current releases each fall known as "secret week."

Early in the process American Whitewater and others requested that TVA consider providing the fall week of releases outside of the agreements, for their recreational, economic, and potentially their ecological value. TVA considered this option but did not recommend it in their Draft Environmental Assessment. In response, American Whitewater filed joint comments with the Southern Environmental Law Center again requesting that the fall week of releases be included in future management. We are delighted that the final decision includes this recreationally valuable week of flows. In their decision TVA states:

"Although TVA would bear the fractional cost associated with the replacement power generation for these five release days, those minimal costs were determined to be outweighed by the economic benefits to the community that the release days provide."

This is a game-changing shift in perspective for TVA, who has always required compensation for flow releases regardless of their high public value. We appreciate TVA's willingness to reconsider their ability to release water for recreational and economic benefits. You can see the final resulting schedules below:

- On the upper Ocoee, there will be no change to scheduled releases.
- On the middle Ocoee, the release schedule will be the same as the current schedule. Under limited circumstances (addressed in the final EA), TVA would consider requests for changes to the release schedule.

We'd like to thank some key individuals and organizations who helped out on this project. Sam Evans, Laura LaFleur, and Anne Passino at the Southern Environmental Law Center brought top notch legal and policy analysis to our collaborative work on the TVA decision process. Brian Bivens worked expertly on behalf of the outfitters to create a viable path forward for releases. Staff from TVA, the State of Tennessee, the US Forest Service, and the Outfitters all worked for years to reach agreement. NRS provided American Whitewater with direct support for this project.

Thanks all. Enjoy 15 more years on the Ocoee River!

Stay Safe
By John Kobak

I've noticed that we have a lot of new kayakers that lack the years of paddling experience required to have seen all the bad things that can happen, or they lack the rescue skills that are required to paddle more difficult runs. If you have never taken a rescue class, our club has one coming up in a

few weeks. See this link and contact Joe ASAP as class fills up every year.

http://www.keelhauler.org/khcc/Swiftwater_Clinic_2018.pdf

Looking back at some old newsletters I came across this funny report that may give some people a clue what can happen. The good thing is that they had 3 paddlers, which I think is a minimum to paddle any rivers greater than class III. Please stay safe, we have already lost 2 expert paddlers this year in the SE. I think in the last one if they had an extra paddler or more the death may have been prevented.

A Rainy Day with the Stooges!

This is actual account of a day on the river. Only the names have been changed to protect the obtuse.

The section of the Little Cuyahoga featured in this account is runnable after a heavy rain but keep in mind it rises and falls quickly. Depending on the level, you may experience class II to class IV features. Caution must be used due to the high probability of river wide strainers and push of the current. Water quality is yuck yuck at best.

Larry, Curly, Moe and Shemp met at the put in for the class III-IV (at this level) section of the Little Cuyahoga River. While Larry, Curly and Moe scouted an area that is very prone to wood collection and very sparse of eddies, Shemp drove home to pick up his spray skirt that he had forgotten (1st sign of a bad day coming!).

The group put on about 8:45 for what should have been a fifteen minute run down about a mile and quarter section of the Little Cuyahoga River. This stretch is primarily class II flush interrupted by two significant rapids. The first rapid is about 200 yards into the run and is immediately following a double arch railroad bridge. The bridge must be run through the river left arch. Coming out of the arch start preparing for a fun 90 yard class III-IV rapid (Riverside Rapid) consisting of three distinctive class III ledges.

This stretch had only been run by Moe and Shemp a few times prior (and never at this level) so they cautioned Larry and Curly that they really didn't know what was ahead so stay alert for wood and look for eddies at choice opportunities. About a third of the way into Riverside Rapid, Shemp and Moe eddied out with the idea that they would take a peek at the middle hole before dropping into it. Larry and Curly apparently surprised by the unexpected move flew by heading right toward an unavoidable hole. At lower levels the hole is sticky but punchable and yet capable of handing out a beating to the intrepid but unprepared paddler. Moe and Shemp weren't sure what the day's level would bring but it looked like they were about to find out at Larry and Curly's expense. Fortunately, the hole had transformed into more of a huge wave and allowed the newbies to pass unharmed. When Moe and Shemp caught up with Larry and Curly at the bottom of Riverside Rapid, their huge (holy s..t) smiles and wide eyes clearly projected the message that they were thrilled by the experienced.

Larry, Curly and Moe had earlier scouted the next (and only other significant) drop ahead. Shemp, aware of the increase rise in flow, and who was also running probe, decided to eddy out and have a look for himself. Following a few minutes of Curly proclaiming that he would man the camera and Larry and Shemp promising to be ready with throw ropes for any needed extraction, Moe tucked tail and walked the 4' drop lovingly referred to as Bus Stop. Normally our trip would have ended

about 100 yards down river but with the flow so high we decided there may be a few play spots further downstream and decided to reset shuttle for another couple miles. Shemp stayed with the boats and Larry Curley and Moe set shuttle. When we returned to the boats, Shemp informed us that he needed a ride back to the put in where he had left his truck and PFD. Geez he just ran a mile of flush without a PFD. (2nd sign that a bad day was in the making)!



Back in their boats it was agreed that it would be ok for the newbies to probe and lay claim to this first decent. They were cautioned to stop high of any wood they encountered as eddies were still likely to be scarce. Larry was running probe as the group approached what looked to be a river wide strainer. It appeared that Larry was picking out an appropriate eddy when suddenly he was pinned about two feet from shore and was leaning on his paddle in what seemed to be a desperate bottom brace. (As you may have guessed this also blocked our path to what might have been slack enough water to pull into in order to portage the strainer). As Moe came along side Larry he noticed that Larry was not pinned by an underwater obstruction but instead by a 1 inch thick tree limb that was wedged between Larry's helmet strap and his temple (3rd sign of a bad day in the making!). Larry is skewered, so to speak, by a limb in a fairly strong current and a mere 15 feet above a river wide strainer, and of course no eddy in sight!

Moe who was stunned by Larry's situation felt helpless as he back paddled in search of a sheltering eddy. Unable to assist Larry for now, Moe quickly committed to hit the wood in what he hoped was its weakest area. After a few tense seconds of entanglement (4th sign of a bad day in the making), Moe managed to break through just as Curly crashed through on his left. Shemp meanwhile had managed to catch a micro eddy just above Larry's position but soon found himself being flushed out and toward Larry's boat. With a determined sweep and power stroke combo, Shemp managed to avoid hitting Larry's boat which would have only caused more injury and danger to Larry's circumstance. Shemp then negotiated the wood, flipped and rolled up and joined Moe in an eddy. Shemp sensing Moe's agitated concern yelled that Larry had managed to break the limb that was caught under his helmet strap but that he wasn't sure if Larry was able to get out of his boat or safely to shore before the strainer. Moe and Shemp power ferried across the river and scrambled up the bank to where Larry was last seen. Larry was calmly sitting on shore scouting a route thru the wood while a stream of blood dripping down his cheek. Moe was telling Larry to forget about running the strainer when Curly arrived announcing that he had flipped coming out of the strainer and lost his boat (5th sign of a bad day in the making).

The group designed a plan calling for Curly to walk back up to Shemp's truck and drive ahead of his boat. The other stooges would continue down river and hopefully find the boat before the planned take out. When Larry, Shemp and Moe arrived at the take out they found Shemp's truck but no

Curly or boat. Assuming that Curly decided to walk down river in search of his boat. Moe wrote a note and left it on Curly's windshield telling him that they would continue down river and would meet him at Akron Peninsula Road. As they were ready to jump back in their boats a jogger ran up to them and handed Shemp his truck key. The jogger explained that Curly had located his boat but was suffering from a severe cramp and asked us to drive to his location and to be sure to bring a rope. Since neither Larry, Moe or Shemp recognized the place as described by the jogger, they decided that one of them would drive and two would paddle. Moe headed up to his truck and as he pulled onto the road there was Curly. Moe accelerated but Curly was able to jump out of the way. Curly told Moe to follow him to the site of his pinned boat and off they drove. When Curly and Moe arrived, Curly's boat had worked itself loose (**6th sign** of a bad day in the making) and was again drifting down river. Curley ran to his car and drove to the next bridge crossing while Moe waited for Shemp and Larry to inform them of the new plan. The boat was only 8 minutes in front of Larry and Shemp and Moe predicted that they would catch the boat before it passed the footbridge at the Valley View Golf Course. Moe told the Shemp and Larry that he and Curly would meet them at Akron Peninsula Bridge.

Moe caught up with Curly at the AP Bridge. Moe decided to bring his boat down to the river so he would have it handy in case Larry and Shemp had not yet caught up with Curly's boat. In preparation for the boat rescue, Moe asked Curly for a carabineer which was quickly dropped into the river (**7th sign**). Luckily Curly had a second bineer that attached his camera to his PFD. Equipped with the bineer, throw bag and boat, Moe hikes a 100 yards up stream and climbs over the fence and towards the river twenty feet below. Moe falls down and drops his boat which bounced perfectly through the shrubs and rocks and launches itself into the river (**8th sign**). Curly sees what has happened and starts to run down river in search of a strategic location to retrieve the drifting boat. Unfortunately Moe has the throw rope and knows Curly will need it. Moe in an all out run desperately tries to catch up to Curly. When Moe gets to a section of the tow path submerged by the rising Cuyahoga, splash he wipes out inadvertently allowing 6 feet of the rope to work itself out of the bag. Moe jumps up tripping on the trailing rope, picks himself up stuffing the rope back into the bag as he runs. Moe thinking his boat has caught an eddy (and wondering if his boat could catch an eddy without a paddler why had the group had so much trouble earlier) yells to Curly that his boat has eddied out.

Curly runs back upstream arriving just in time to see Moe's boat enter the flow on the opposite side of the river. Moe hands Curly the throw rope and Curly is again off in hot pursuit. Moe approaching a fence decides to swim after his boat instead of wasting time (mostly energy) running around the long fence. Needless to say, his boat quickly out distances him especially as his spray skirt snags a log causing him to waste more energy pulling against the current in order to free himself. Curly sees the boat drifting close to shore and prepares to toss the throw bag into the cockpit. As he makes his throw, the rope which had been poorly stuffed back into the bag by Moe just minutes earlier, snags and pulls the bineer from Curly's hand (**9th sign**). Now Curly is faced with the throw rope floating away, the boat floating away and Moe swimming towards him. Curly utters a few choice expressions and leaps into the water retrieving the rope and the boat and climbs out just as Moe floats up and says throw me the rope I am too tired to swim the next 4 feet. Breathing heavy but feeling good that we were over that chase we reached for a cell phone to call the other boaters and at that time discovered that when Curly had jumped into the river his camera which was no longer secured by the borrowed bineer had floated out of his PFD pocket and was gone (**10th sign**). Moe suggested they retrace their steps but Curly was done and was sure it was useless, so they made their way back upstream to the cell phone and learned that Curly's boat had been overtaken and rescued at the Golf Course and that they were to pick up the Larry and Shemp at the Club House. Moe now that all was good was pumped and excitedly telling Curly that

this was the most fun he had on the river in a long time. Curly was less enthused and looked at Moe questionably but offered an obliging "sointently" grunt of affirmation as his smile widened.

Now off to re-group over a cold beer at the Club House. When Moe and Curly joined Larry and Shemp in the parking lot of the Club House what was up to now a GREAT day finally turned Bad....

The Club House was closed!!

June	For More Trips - Check our Message Board			
6/2	Little Beaver Creek to Ohioville Borough Boat Launch (OH)	SK/FW	Moneen McBride	330-969-2628
6/2,3	(4) Lower Yough (PA) Get Permit	23	Alison Gillam	440-328-5547
6/2	River to Lake - Luau - Sea Kayak Trip (OH) Rocky River to Lake Erie followed by a potluck dinner	FW/SK	Mark Spang	440-522-0520
6/2	(5) Savage River (MD) - Scheduled Dam Release	26	Needs organizer	
6/2,3	TRPC Slippery Rock Clinic Application Membership in KHCC or TRPC REQUIRED Registration ends when the classes are filled or May 20	13-19	Joe Marks	216-533-0604
6/2,3	(4) Stonycreek River Release (PA)	21	Dave Roush	440-623-9035
6/9	(1) Cuyahoga River, Peninsula to Boston Mills (OH)	SK/FW	Ann Corey	330-858-4841
6/9,10	(5) New River (WV)	27	Needs organizer	
6/16,17	Swiftwater Rescue Clinic (WV) More Information Limited to 10, Register early.		Joe Marks	216-533-0604
6/15,16	Upper Yough (MD) If no release on Saturday, another good creek run.	32	Bill Warble	412-651-0112
6/16,17	(4) Lower Yough (PA) Get Permit	23	April Hollis	703-915-6382
6/16,17	(2) Middle Yough (PA)	12	Jim Sollosi	412-496-8672
6/22,23	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Michael Duvall	216-513-5921
6/23	Cuyahoga River (OH) Fred Fuller Park in Kent to Water Works Park in Cuyahoga Falls	SK/FW	Moneen McBride	330-969-2628
6/29,30,7/2	Upper Yough (MD) or another local IV-V run	32	Jim Murtha	614-282-3293
6/30,7/1	(4) Stonycreek River Release (PA)	21	Matt Fredmonsky	330-289-0388
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7/7	Black Fork River Canoe & Kayak Race (OH) 	SK/FW	Walt Markwell	330-807-6337
7/10	Club Picnic possibly at Silver Lake (OH)		Robert Kirby	330-322-6634

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Please consider writing a trip report or article for the next newsletter! The deadline for the **JULY 2018 issue of the newsletter is **6/23/18**. Please send articles and/or pictures to: Kelly Miller (Laubaugh) at peetzaguy@aol.com.**

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Our Next Club Get-Together is on 8/18

at Tall Oaks Campground Pavilion near Ohiopyle, PA

Program: Potluck Picnic in PA

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

More details to follow.....

Contact: [John Banach](#) if you have any questions . . . 330-606-5032.

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

President's Message From John Banach



Hello to all my fellow Keel Haulers.

Can you believe that July is on our doorstep? Summer is here in full affect. Make sure you check out the club trip schedule as there is a lot going on over the next few months. But if you feel like scheduling your own little paddle excursion, please post it on the website and our FB page too. Our members are always looking to get out and paddle with friends.

I am excited for the upcoming July 4th. Wishing all of you a safe and fun holiday. I'll be bringing my kayak with me on my trip to the NJ coast. Ocean waves are calling my name. Where will you be paddling this holiday? We would love to have you share your paddling adventures in our next monthly newsletter.

Please mark your calendar for our club picnic and our next club meeting on August 18th at Tall Oaks campground Ohiopyle, PA. This will be a very important meeting as we will be discussing the officer slate for 2018/2019, budget, our need for more trip leaders, and the current and future goals of the club.

On that note, I will not be seeking another term as our club president. I will proudly finish out my term until this October. It has been my great pleasure and honor to serve in this roll. Unfortunately work, family/kids, and lack of time has made it a challenge to do what is necessary to benefit the club. And the beauty of our club is that there are always qualified members ready to step up and lead and fierce and fun bunch. I plan to keep a very active roll with the club and contribute as a trip leader, winter roll sessions, and instruction.

With that, I want to say the club has never been stronger. Our current membership is at a decade high. And our club funds never stronger. We are in a great place and it is all due to you, our members.

Thank you all for all of your club contributions. You are what makes this club great. We have the best members of any paddling club out there. I hope to see you out there.

John Banach, Keel Hauler Club President

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Keelhauler Meeting Minutes June 26, 2018



Welcome.

Officers: John Banach, Don Howdyshell,

Trusties: Mike Gillam, Cliff Wire, Dave Roush

Members: 18

Guests: 2

Treasurer Report Balance: \$22,674.35

Trustees view of club's future: Need to work on 2019 slate for next meeting.

Chair Reports: Recap of Cuyahoga Falls Kayak Race

Clean ups-River Clean up day on Public Lands Day

Pool sessions 2018/19

Conservation donations

Rec/sea kayak trips

Instruction- how do we form a better instruction program

John Kobak reported we have 299 - 2018 members, and 6 - 2019 members.

1. KHCC website update- Motion to have Moneen McBride to form a web committee made. She will poll members via Facebook and the website for input on things to add to the new updated site. Reformatted and mobile user friendly. Second, and passed.

2. Motion made to apply for Federal non-profit status at a cost of \$60 made.
Second, voted and motion passed.

New Business: Need to reach out to active members for interest in 2018/19 chair positions that may be open.

Better meeting locations.

More board meetings as required by bylaws.

More write ups needed for the newsletter.

Stoney Release, June 2nd and 3rd By Dave Roush

This is going to be short as there is not much to report. The weather forecast was rain, rain, rain. Some paddlers were hesitant to come.

In addition, there were lots of options. The Slip clinic, Savage and LY were all running. Even so we had 8-10 paddlers each day. The weather was generally very good. While we did get some rain, it never interfered with getting (un)dressed or camping. There were very few other paddlers on the river, so we could play all we wanted. In fact, Saturday we played so much we got behind the bubble which made pipeline rapid and 14 eddy more challenging.

As always BIG KEN was very, very accommodating at Camp Q. Keel Haulers benefits from the great relationship he has with Ben's Creek club.

There were no notable incidents (a trip organizer's desired outcome). The big take away is: YOU MISS A LOT OF GREAT PADDLING IF YOU LISTEN TO THE WEATHER MAN.

Friends of the Crooked River From Jacki Zevenbergen

Hi River Friends,

We are trying something new for the summer picnic this year. The picnic will be held on a Saturday afternoon, August 25th, at Camp Hi. We will kick it off with an optional beginner 2 mile paddle. You will be able to rent a canoe or kayak from Camp Hi for \$15 per person (including all gear) and a shuttle will be available for \$7.50 each for those who have their own boats!

FoCR will provide burgers and dogs for dinner for members and their guests in the pavilion next to our beloved crooked river. We will have games for the kids – both large and small :)

More details and a way to RSVP will be coming soon. Please save the date!

Jacki Z.

Jackie Zevenbergen, jackizeven@gmail.com

Gorge Dam Demolition By Matt Fredmonsky and John Kobak

Gorge Dam demolition and cleanup moves ahead with new agreement



This view of the Gorge Dam spanning the Cuyahoga River between Akron and Cuyahoga Falls was taken from the Goodyear blimp. The dam has impeded smooth river flow for more than a century. (Thomas Ondrey/Plain Dealer file photo)

By James F. McCarty, The Plain Dealer
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AKRON, Ohio - A working group of government and environmental officials on Thursday unveiled the second phase of a four-part plan to remove the Gorge Dam from the Cuyahoga River in Summit County.

The cooperative agreement will create a plan to manage the removal of tons of contaminated sediment that has accumulated behind the dam for more than a century, as well as other studies related to habitat restoration for the river after the dam is removed.

The Friends of the Crooked River, a grassroots group dedicated to supporting the river, has called the 400-foot wide, 60-feet tall dam an "obsolete hunk of concrete" and the single greatest unresolved water quality problem on the Cuyahoga River.

The Gorge Dam and the Brecksville Dam are the final two impediments to a free-flowing Cuyahoga River between Akron and Lake Erie.

The Gorge Dam crosses the Cuyahoga River in the Gorge Metro Park on the border between Akron and Cuyahoga Falls, creating a mile-long pool of water and drastically changing the river's chemistry.

"This is the best possible news," said Elaine Marsh, a watershed specialist with the Summit Metro Parks and facilitator for the Gorge Dam Removal Stakeholder Committee.

"To us it's like the checkered flag at the start of a race. We've been lined up for years, and now we're ready to take off and head toward the finish line," Marsh said.

This second phase of the project is being funded by a \$750,000 state grant obtained by the city of Akron, which will be matched by funds from the Great Lakes Legacy Act, a pool of money designated for environmental cleanup projects when the source of the pollution cannot be identified or is unable to help pay.

The bulk of the \$70 million project, \$57.5 million, will be spent on phase three, sediment removal. The rest will be spent on the final phase, demolishing and removing the dam, according to estimates by the Ohio EPA.

"This signing is the next step forward in this important project that will return the Cuyahoga River to a vibrant and free-flowing river," said Craig Butler, director of the Ohio EPA, in a prepared release.

The other partners in the project include the U.S. EPA, the city of Cuyahoga Falls, Summit County, Ohio Edison, and the Friends of the Crooked River.

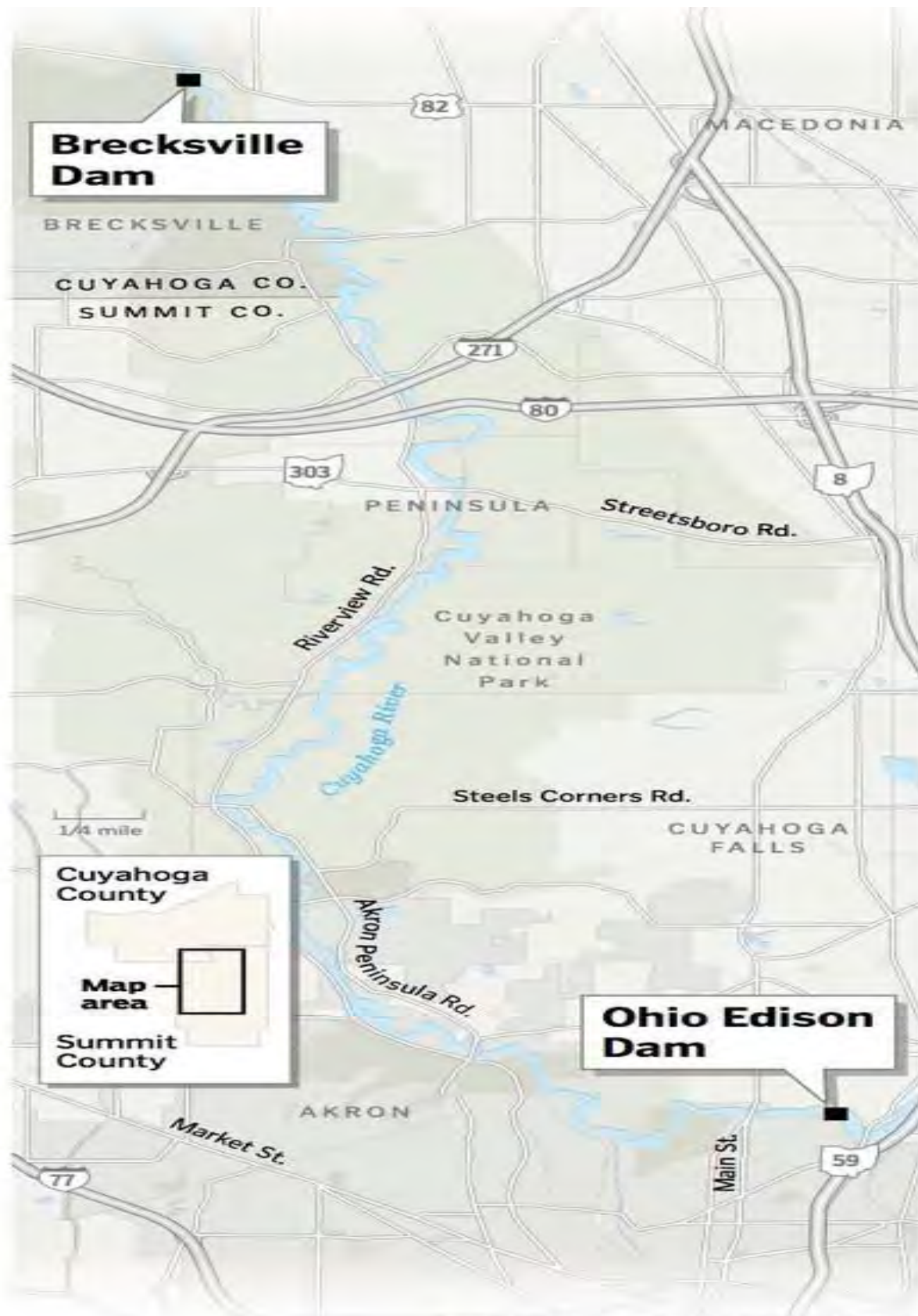
The dam acts as a barrier to migratory fish, obstructs the flow of the river, prevents the river's natural ability to clean itself, and enables accumulation of algae, which reduces oxygen and kills fish, the group said.

EPA officials are encouraged by water quality improvements since the removal of dams in Kent, Munroe Falls and downtown Cuyahoga Falls, and they expect the same benefits from the removal of the Brecksville Dam in 2019, and the Gorge Dam at an undetermined future date.

Improvements to the river's water quality downstream won't be immediate, but they surely will come eventually, said Jane Goodman, executive director of the Cuyahoga River Restoration group.

"Just like when they took down the three other dams, the removal of the Gorge Dam will allow the river to flush out areas that need to be flushed with more water coming through more quickly," Goodman said.

"Eventually, the river will settle into a normal flow from the rapids in Cuyahoga Falls to the Cleveland shipping channel. Most importantly, fish will have pure passage from Lake Erie to all of the upriver sections and tributaries for breeding."



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7/14,15	(4) Lower Yough (PA) Intro weekend - Call Fran for Permit	23	Fran Hoven	216-375-3718
7/14	Headwater Adventure Race in Mantua Village (OH) Run, Bike & Paddle 	SK/FW	Kristi Kato	440-231-2311
7/27,28	Upper Yough (MD) - Paddle Fri, Sat Race & Festival is Saturday, 6 hr release. Race Check in: 9 AM - 12 PM at Wilderness Voyageurs in Friendsville, MD. Entry Fee : \$30 Race classes: All boats welcome! Race classes will be determined by the number of entrants Start Time: 4 PM at Gap Falls Post Race: Prizes and party at Wilderness Voyageurs following the event	32	Doug Smith	419-270-0132
7/21	Cuyahoga River (OH) Brecksville to Rockside Rd	SK/FW	Moneen McBride	330-969-2628
7/21,22	(5) New River (WV)	26	Needs organizer	
7/22	Canoe & Kayak Orienteering Race Walborn Reservoir - Alliance, OH 	SK/FW	Bob Boltz	330-928-8635
7/20,21	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Needs Organizer	
7/28,29	(4) Lower Yough (PA) Get your own Permit	23	Sam Reynolds	(330) 962-5501
7/29-8/4	Playboating on Ottawa River (Canada) A passport or card required An play boat trip- Water level dependent	27-32	Jim Murtha	614-282-3293

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Next Club Meeting Saturday, August 19 at 6:30 PM
at Tall Oaks Campground Pavilion near Ohiopyle, PA

Program: Picnic in PA

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

This has become our most popular meeting of the year. The meeting will be Saturday, August 19. This is the same weekend as several different club Yough trips. There will be an opportunity for all types of kayaking and canoeing. Yough Lake for the flatwater and sea kayakers, and the Middle, Lower & Upper Yough depending on your skill level for our river paddlers. There are also beautiful biking & hiking trails in the area for those that choose not to paddle. Saturday evening at 6:30 pm will be our Potluck Picnic Dinner at Tall Oaks campground for members, family and friends. The large pavilion has been reserved. You do not have to camp here to join the picnic. Those who wish can camp around the pavilion.

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

Weekend Scheduled Trips-Contact the trip organizer, don't just show up.

- [Jim Hunt](#) 440-537-8713 is the Skip Work Day organizer on the Lower Yough for Thursday 8/17
- [Debbie Avallone](#) 440-835-2547 is the Ladies Only Day organizer on the Lower Yough for Friday 8/18
 - [Jim Hunt](#) 440-537-8713 is the Upper Yough trip organizer for Friday 8/18
 - [John Pratt](#) 307-871-3081 is the Upper Yough trip organizer for Saturday 8/19
- [John Banach](#) 330-606-5032 is the Lower Yough trip organizer for Saturday & Sunday 8/19,20
- [Mark Spang](#) 440-522-0520 is the Middle Yough trip organizer for Saturday & Sunday 8/19,20

Meeting/Dinner Questions? - Call 330-606-5032 or e-mail - [John Banach](#)

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

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

President's Message From John Banach



Hello to all my fellow Keelhauler's. Welcome to Midsummer. My hope is that each and every one of you have been enjoying yourself to the fullest. We've had favorable weather conditions all across the Midwest. Sun and rain, sun and rain, repeat, repeat. Even as we approach August 1 there are still swollen rivers each weekend. The lakes and meandering rivers have offered up so much beauty thanks to mother nature that we all get to enjoy. Make sure you take in every sight, every smell, and every reflection off the water as you would every breath you take. Following up with past present and future events, I am never more excited as we head into late summer and early fall.

Our club picnic was still a success even though we had a last-minute change of venue and some stubborn rain in the area. But it turned out to be absolutely wonderful and I look forward to having another picnic there next year. We could not have had better hospitality and a more beautiful venue. Although we had early heavy rain storms in the area, it cleared up just before the picnic started and we still had a great showing of all different types of boaters of all ages. In my mind, it was an absolute success. [In my opinion, my favorite and maybe the most important weekend of the summer is the August Tall Oaks picnic and club meeting.](#) Oh, and we plan on kayaking/rafting/camping all weekend too. If there's one event not to miss, it is this one. Check the website for details.

We have many more exciting weekends ahead on many different rivers of all levels. Make sure you check out the scheduled trips on the website. Also, make sure you keep an eye on our Facebook page for impromptu local paddling and surf sessions. It's a great way to coordinate with other paddlers on your smart phone and other devices.

One thing I need attention and interest in is board and club chair positions opening for next year. We have several long-standing members stepping down from their positions and I need everyone's support to keep this club functioning as the well-oiled machine it has been for over 50 years. We will be discussing what chair and board positions are open for next year at our Tall Oaks picnic next month. I really hope we get many members at the meeting during the camp-out picnic. We need your input, your ideas, and your thoughts to make the changing of the guard done with the care and devotion of all year's past. Who's ready to join me and help run our club?

On that note, I am always humbled and thankful to be in the position I am with our wonderful club.

I'm still learning on the job and trying to balance life, work, family, and paddling, just like everybody else. I'd also like to ask each one of you to take the necessary time following your interests and passions during the late summer months. Enjoy every minute you can and count every blessing your given. Breathe deeply, paddle harder, and live stronger.

Thank you again.

John Banach

**Monthly Treasurer's Report
By Sam Reynolds**

**Keelhaulers' Canoe Club Treasurer's Report
July 23, 2017**

CD 0402	\$2, 287.14
CD 1077	<u>\$2, 284.71</u>
CD'S (2)	\$4, 571.85
Checking	<u>\$8, 164.60</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$12, 736.45</u>

**Keelhauler's Minutes
July 11, 2017
By Marcia Karchmer**

July 11: Pot luck was held at Silver Lake (!), with 21 people attending. Bill Miller cooked—thank you, Bill! Fine food, boating and camaraderie was shared by all. No business meeting was held. Look at the newsletter for August pot luck at the Yough. Have a great summer on the water!!

Marcia Karchmer, Secretary

Special KHCC Membership Prices From John Kobak

Special KHCC Membership Prices are now available

It's nearing the end of our membership year. Tell your friends if they join now they can Save 50%
Instead of \$20/membership for 2017, they pay only **\$10**

Now the real bargain

If they also pay for next year - 2018
Instead of \$40/membership for 2017-18 they pay only **\$26**
They just fill out our

On-Line Registration Form

And their payment options will be displayed.

All existing members can start paying their 2018 dues now.

Pay your 2018 Dues

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

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

User Name: "**dir**" and the current 2017 password found on pg 20 of our 2017 yearbook or see the passwords sent out in our monthly e-mail.

Ohiopyle Over The Falls Festival 2017 Canceled From Barry Adams, Falls Festival Coordinator

The organizers of the Ohiopyle Over The Falls Festival, along with its partner, American Whitewater, have decided not to hold the event in 2017. The primary reason for the cancellation is after 17 years of holding this event, the goal of getting access to the Falls had been accomplished in 2010. The event continued hoping the initial Private Boater Ohiopyle Falls Access Guidelines would be modified after the pilot period. Unfortunately, guideline modifications to date have been limited. In 2016, event organizers were required to move the event past Labor Day, creating conflicts with other opportunities for the paddling community. In addition, the event was postponed due to high water in 2016.

On August 20, 2017 once again there will be a spectacular event at Valley Falls State Park on the Tygart River in West Virginia. There will be a clinic on how to run a waterfall and plans are on the

way to also have a race. Once again, the State Park will support this event and Corps of Engineers will adjust the water to an appropriate level for paddlers. Spectators are also welcome.

Midwest Canoe Symposium From Elaine Mravetz

Registration is now open for the Midwest Canoe Symposium!

Instruction for beginners through advanced canoeists, Instructor Updates for Canoe, also classes in Canoe Poling and SUP. Info here: <http://freestylecanoeing.com/midwest-canoe-symposium/>

Run For It Support FOC's Team at the Run For It! 5K race

Help FOC bring home the cash at the [Tucker Community Foundation's](#) annual Run for It race. This year's 5K race and 2K walk is Saturday, September 23rd in Davis, West Virginia during the Leaf Peeper Festival.

It's fun and easy. You can enjoy a walk around the scenic town or join the competitive 5K race. **No matter the pace, every step helps our cause.** FOC is looking for runners, walkers, and sponsors. More than [100 cash awards](#) - with over \$80,000 up for grabs - will benefit our organization's mission.

Help FOC Make a Big Splash!

Be a sponsor. Just Give Us 5! \$5 that is, to help us reach our sponsorship goal of \$1,500. In the fundraising world, there is no better return on investment, for every \$5 you donate we have the chance to turn it into \$15! Download the [donation form](#) below and submit to the Tucker Community Foundation.

If you are looking to add a little adrenaline rush to your donation or would like to participate in the 2K walk, you are welcome to join on our team as a true Friend of the Cheat! Download the [race registration](#) below and join the FOC squad. Before you come down, check out the course [map](#) and read Executive Director Amanda Pitzer's [interview](#) in the Tucker Community Foundation Annual Report.

For team sponsors:

For online donations: <https://raceroster.com/events/2015/4874/run-for-it/charity/donate>

For paper donation form: <http://www.tuckerfoundation.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/2015-RFI-Team-Sponsor-Request.pdf>

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Need trip organizers - Pick a trip in red.
Contact: Joe Boyd at 330-858-6270 or joeboyltravels@yahoo.com

August	For More Trips - Check our Message Board			
8/2-8/6	Playboating on Ottawa River (Canada) A passport or card required An play boat trip-Water level dependent	27-32	Jim Murtha	614-282-3293
8/4,11,18,25	Thursday Rolling Practice at Nimisila Reservoir (OH)- 5:30-7:30PM But call Organizer first		Needs organizer	
8/4,5	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Michael Duvall	216-513-5921
8/5,6	(4) TRPC Turkey Bash at Lower Yough Turkey Bash 2017 Info & Forms KHCC members same as TRPC Application deadline: July 22, 2017	23	Joe Marks	216-281-1517 216-533-0604
8/11,12	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Annelies Layton	412-867-9628
8/12,13	(4) Lower Yough (PA) Get Permit	23	Josiah Colvin	330-671-0910
8/12,13,26,27	(4) Stonycreek River Release (PA)	21	Needs organizer	
8/17	(4) Lower Yough - Skip Work Day (PA) Get Permit	23	Jim Hunt	440-537-8713
8/18	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Jim Hunt	440-537-8713
8/18	(4) Lower Yough - Ladies Only Day (PA) Get Permit	23	Debbie Avallone	440-835-2547
8/19,20	(4) Lower Yough (PA) Get Permit Call before Thursday at noon.	23	John Banach	330-606-5032
8/19,20	(2) Middle Yough (PA)	12/SK	Mark Spang	440-522-0520
8/19	Upper Yough (MD)	32	John Pratt	307-871-3081
8/19	Club Picnic at Tall Oaks (PA)		John Banach	330-606-5032
8/25,26	Upper Yough (MD)	32	John Pratt	307-871-3081
September	For More Trips - Check our Message Board		Time to Pay Dues	
9/1	Upper Yough (MD)	32	John Pratt	307-871-3081
9/2,4	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Jim Murtha	614-282-3293
9/2,3,4	(5) New River Gorge (WV)	27	Phil/Jen Raber	330-827-7063
9/8,9,10	MIDWEST CANOE SYMPOSIUM Camp Butler Peninsula (OH)	FW	Elaine Mravetz	330-321-4132
9/8,9,10	I will coordinate all Camping at Battle Run for Lower & Upper trips (WV)	27-33	John Kobak	440-554-1383
9/8	(5) Lower Gauley (WV)	27	Jim Hunt	440-537-8713
9/9,10	Upper Gauley (WV)	33	Needs organizer	
9/9,10	(5) Lower Gauley (WV)	27	Phil & Jen Raber	330-827-7063

2017 Club Officers

President	John Banach	330-606-5032
VP:	Don Howdyshell	330-671-0825
Secretary:	Marcia Karchmer	440-773-4132
Treasurer:	Sam Reynolds	330-962-5501

Meeting Place: Middleburg Heights Recreation Center, 15700 Bagley Rd, 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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Keelhauler's Ka-news

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Next Club Meeting is October 9th

Annual Election Meeting, location and time: TBA

The following is the Officer slate proposed to be voted on at the meeting:

President: Mike Gillian

Vice President: John Banach

Secretary: Rob Kirby

Treasurer: Sam Reynolds

Trustees: Steve Ingalls

Cliff Wire & Dave Roush have agreed to serve another year as Trustees.

Also to be voted on is an update to our bylaws which is listed later in this newsletter. Please come to the meeting to vote on both the new Officer slate and the bylaw changes, or email John Banach at j_banacka@hotmail.com with your vote.

Any questions? Contact John Banach 330-606-5032

President's Message From John Banach



Hello again folks. I hope that all of us have been having a wonderful summer. Even though school has started for most, there is still plenty of summer paddling to happen. Be it on the weekends I guess.

Unless you're retired, not working, not in school, or work in the paddle sports industry. If any of those apply to you, I am very jealous.

August, like most months has flown by too fast. But my favorite event happens in August. The Tall Oaks picnic down near Ohiopyle, PA. This year was no let down. Some club members started showing up on Wednesday. And more and more wondered in over the weekend. We had trips scheduled on the Lower, Middle, and Upper Yough. Plenty for any type of paddling you prefer. I strolled in Friday afternoon and decided to set up camp and prepare for the next day's picnic. Rather than to jump on the river for some quick laps. I knew that there would be plenty of paddling over the weekend. Jim Hunt led the skip work day on Thursday. Debbie Avallone led the Ladies day on Friday. And Dave Roush and Mark Spang lead both Saturday and Sunday on the Middle and Lower Yough. The weather was typical. Sun, rain, clouds, repeat... But the water levels were great. Even a tad bit on the fun and pushy side.



I ran the lower Y on Saturday. We had over 18 paddlers with us in our group. Quite a bit but we didn't get in each other's way at all. We had several novice paddlers in our group and all safely made the 5-hour trip down the Lower. I know that Mark's group had a similar great two days. We need more paddlers on the middle next year. So, let's start promoting.



OK, after a long Saturday on the river, it was time for the picnic. All you could eat and drink and more. I lost count at 37 members. Plus, kids and dogs. I could not have been happier with the turn out. So, thanks to all who showed and participated. During the picnic, we held a club meeting. Topics discussed where the changes to the 2019 board slate and positions needed to be filled. Plus, changes need to be voted on regarding some of the club bylaws. All stuff you'll see in the Sept letter. So, the picnic calmed down around 9pm. That's when the rains came. The sound knocked most people unconscious quickly. It was a long day but a fabulous one.

Sunday am rise and shine and what to do and what to paddle. Someone came up with an idea to paddle the Adventure Sports Center International course (ASCI) in McHenry MD. A group of about 10 or so headed that way. And it did not disappoint one bit. It was amazing at the challenges it did bring. Although nothing of dangerous consequence, the course quickly zapped me of my energy. Some of the squirliest eddies I've been in. Each was like a mini whirlpool. But it was a fabulous experience I think everyone should try at least once. But if you're going to be paddling a kayak, make sure you're at that comfort level. There is rafting there as well if it's not your cup of tea.

OK, it's time to go to work. Yes, dreaded work. But that's ok, the weekend will be here before I know it. Thanks again for being members of our fabulous club. If you cannot find what you're looking for here, you're not looking hard enough. But as with anything, we can always be better, offer more instruction and advice. We can always be more inclusive. Always have more fun and make more smiles and memories. September is approaching and we all know what that means. YUP, more fun days of paddling. And BIG water days too.

See you on the river folks.

John Banach

Treasurer's Report By Sam Reynolds

Keelhaulers' Canoe Club Monthly Treasurer's Report August 23, 2018

CD 0402	\$2, 295.84
CD 1077	<u>\$2, 293.40</u>
CD'S (2)	\$4, 589.24
Checking	<u>\$18,405.88</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$22, 995.12</u>

Board/Trustee Meeting Minutes By Dave Roush

Updating Keel Hauler Bylaws:

The Board is recommending updating our bylaws. The updates are modest but important. A vote will be taken at the October meeting. You can also vote by sending an email to John Banach at j_banacka@hotmail.com before the October meeting.

The changes are as follows:

- Extending participation in club activities to other clubs- Our bylaws specify that club activities are limited to club members. However, we have developed reciprocal relationships with Three Rivers and Ben's Creek. We participate in their clinics/activities and they participate in ours. The change provides for this.
- Voting via email- In practice we have encouraged voting via email, though the bylaws do not provide for it. We are updating the bylaws to specifically provide for this.
- Meeting Quorums and calling special meetings- The bylaws called for a minimum of 15 members to make a quorum and conduct business. Given the smaller meeting attendance, the bylaws are being updated to require only 10 members to conduct business.
- Allowing Officers to serve four (4) years instead of three (3). Keel Haulers is a nonprofit in Ohio, but not recognized as one by the IRS. Sam Reynolds, our treasurer is working on this but will not complete it by 9/30/18. Sam has agreed to serve another year to complete this important project. We are proposing amending the bylaws to allow for Officers to serve four years.

A complete set of the revised by laws appears below:

Keel Haulers By-Laws

ARTICLE I

Memberships in said corporation are subject to the following qualifications:

1. Club membership is open to any person (18 years and over) or family group sharing the interests and purpose of this organization;
2. Said person or family group must be current in club membership dues;
3. Said person or family group must be in good standing with the club; and
4. Members must sign a Mutual Agreement for Protection from Liability.

Two levels of membership are recognized by the Club: 1) a "Full Member" is an individual member or family member 18 years of age or older; and 2) an "Associate Member" is a family member under 18 years of age.

All meetings are open to guests and the public. Participation in Club activities is limited to members or members of affiliated clubs whom Keel Haulers has a reciprocal relationship.

ARTICLE II

Membership dues shall be set by the Board of Trustees, subject to the approval of Members as set forth below and shall be payable October 1 of each year. Where such payment is not made on or before January 1 of the following year, the member's name shall be dropped from the membership roster. Persons joining the Club after August 1 of any year will be required to pay a year's dues and shall be a member in good standing for a full year from the next immediate October meeting.

The annual dues may be changed from time to time by a majority vote of the Full Members present, provided a notice of the proposed change in dues has been published in the previous month's Newsletter.

ARTICLE III

Voting privileges shall be extended to all members 18 years of age or older.

Votes may be made in-person at the meeting, through a proxy (see Article VIII below), or submitted via email.

ARTICLE IV

Eligibility to be an Executive Officer of the Corporation or a Trustee of the Corporation shall be limited to any member 18 years of age or older.

ARTICLE V

The fiscal year as adopted shall be the year beginning October 1 and ending September 30. All financial records shall be examined each year prior to a new term for Treasurer by an appointee of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VI

The annual meeting of the Members for the election of Officers, Trustees, and the transaction of other business shall be held at the regularly scheduled business meeting in October of each year.

If a vacancy occurs in any office it will be filled by a majority vote of the Full Members present.

Special meetings may be held at such times and places as may be ordered by the Board of Trustees, or by a petition (giving the object) signed by at least 10 members.

ARTICLE VII

Quorum

At all club meetings, 10 Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A quorum must be present to transact business.

ARTICLE VIII

Proxies

A Member may, through a written proxy, authorize another to vote for him at all club meetings, but the person so authorized must himself be a Member, and such proxy must be filed with the Secretary before the person authorized thereby can vote there under.

A member may also vote via email prior to the meeting, with the email sent to the Secretary or so designated Trustee.

ARTICLE IX
Powers of the Board of Trustees

The corporate powers, property, and affairs of the Corporation, subject to the limitations contained in the General Code, the articles or regulations, shall be exercised, conducted, and controlled by the Board of Trustees, who shall consist of the four elected officers, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three elected trustees, each of whom shall be a Member of the Corporation, and each of whom shall be a citizen of the United States.

The election of Trustees shall take place at the annual meeting of the Members in October of each year, or as required, filling vacant office.

The Board of Trustees may elect their own Chairman.

Trustees shall be elected for three (3) year terms and shall continue in office until their successors are elected and qualified.

ARTICLE X
Executive Committee

The Board of Trustees may appoint an Executive Committee of not less than three members from their own number, who shall have charge of the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation in the interim between the meetings of Trustees, with power general to discharge the duties of the Board of Trustees, but not to incur debts greater than \$100 (one hundred dollars); excepting for current expense, unless specially authorized. They shall at all times, act under the direction and control of the Board of Trustees and shall make report to the same of their acts, which shall form parts of the records of the Corporation.

ARTICLE XI
Officers Term and Compensation

The executive officers of the Corporation to be elected by a vote of the General Membership, shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Such officers shall be elected for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified. Officers and Trustees shall be limited to no more than four (4) consecutive terms of office in any one office. Newly elected officers' terms shall commence in November.

No compensation of remuneration in form or substance shall incur to any executive officer for services rendered.

The President and the Treasurer shall not be related persons.

ARTICLE XII
Duties of the President

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of Members, to sign the records thereof, and in general to perform all the duties usually incident to such office, or which may be required by the Members or Trustees. The President shall appoint all committees and approve all payments as designated by the Membership. It shall also be the duty of the President to file or have filed with The Secretary of State, of the State of Ohio, a continuation statement by the month of October of each fifth year commencing in 1996. This statement perpetuates the Corporation Charter and reaffirms the active status of the Statutory Agent.

ARTICLE XIII
Duties of the Vice-President

It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform all the duties of the President, in case of the latter's absence or disability. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to keep a current inventory of all Club equipment.

ARTICLE XIV
Duties of the Secretary

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep an accurate record of the acts and proceedings of the Members and Trustees, give all notices required by law and by the Members and Trustees, and keep the Corporate record book; on the expiration of his/her term of office, shall deliver all papers, and the property of the Corporation in his/her hands to his/her successor or to the President; and in general to perform all the duties usually pertaining to the office. The Secretary shall also conduct all business and correspondence of the Club. A Membership Chairman shall assist the Secretary in keeping a complete list of Members.

ARTICLE XV
Duties of the Treasurer

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies of the Club, shall keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures, keep proper books of accounts, and issue checks for all payments approved by the Membership. On the expiration of his/her term of office, deliver all books, papers, and property of the Corporation in his/her hands to his/her successor or to the President.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to file, or have filed by a knowledgeable party, any Federal Income Tax returns which may be due each year by the fifteenth day of the fifth month following the close of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE XVI
Order of Business

At the club meetings the order of business may include:

1. Financial report or statement.
2. Reading of minutes of previous meeting and acting thereon.
3. Reports of Trustees and Committees.
4. Chair Reports.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New or miscellaneous business.
7. Trip Reports.
8. Adjournment of formal meeting.
9. Program.

ARTICLE XVII
Regulations Amended, Etc.

These Regulations may be repealed, amended, or changed by the assent thereto of a two-thirds majority of the Full Members present at a meeting held for that purpose plus votes submitted in advance to the Secretary or designated trustee, notice of which has been published in the previous month's newsletter.

CODE OF BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ARTICLE I
Meetings of Trustees and Quorum

The regular meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held from time to time except at least annually at a time and place chosen by the President, and special meetings may be held at the call of the Chairman and (s)he shall call the same on the written request of two (2) Trustees. At all meetings a majority of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE II

This code of By-Laws for the Board of Trustees may be amended or repealed, or a new one adopted, at any regular meeting of Trustees or at any special meeting called for the purpose, by an affirmative vote of five (5) of all Board Members.

It's that time again.....
By John Kobak

All of our club memberships expire on October 1st. As soon as you can, please mail a \$20 check for your 2019 membership dues.

To:
Keel Haulers Canoe Club
1649 Allen Dr
Westlake, OH 44145-2506

Or pay your membership dues using this Paypal link.
<http://keelhauler.org/EZPay.htm>

You can review your current membership listing, using this link:
<http://keelhauler.org/khcc/members.htm>

User Name: "dir" and the current 2018 password found on Pg. 20 of our 2018 yearbook or see the passwords sent out in our monthly e-mail. If you need to change any of your membership information, use this on-line form: http://keelhauler.com/khcc_registration.htm

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.

Lower Yough, August 16th to August 19th By Dave Roush

While we had four days of paddling (Slacker Day through Sunday), this trip report will be brief. Each day was well attended, averaging between 15-20 boaters counting the ladies that paddled separately on Friday (ladies day). Each day the LY was approaching 3 ft, more water than usual this late in the season.



Thursday, August 16th, Most of the Skip Work/Slacker Group

Of course, we welcomed Karl Nelson who made a 12 hour drive from AL to paddle with us. It was great to see him. Since he came all that way it seems only appropriate to feed him to the wolves. The funniest incident occurred on Friday. Now we all know Karl is a big man, 200+ pounds. He flipped at Dimple rapid, which led to a swim. Now a little kayak towing a big man through white water is a lot of work. I was surprised that Karl was not kicking as he was being towed. I yelled to kick. He answered he couldn't because his pants were around his ankles. Now the big man's pants were acting like a big parachute collecting another 100+ pounds of water to try to drag to shore. The reward for getting him to shore was seeing him struggle to get his pants back on. Something still causing me nightmares.....

The only other notable take-away was at Double Hydraulic. Everyone who tried to run the squiggly-wiggly line flipped. I mean it even flipped a Jackson Karma end over end, I didn't know it could do that! The second hydraulic became a major wave. I mean it looked 10 feet tall. Only Jim Murtha tried to surf it, but it didn't let him on!



Thursday, Liz at Swimmers



Saturday at lunch (About 25-30 Keelhaulers)



Saturday below Cucumber

Ladies Day, August 17, 2018
By Debbie Avallone

Ladies Day 2018 was a pleasant quiet affair of 5 lovely ladies, good company and great paddling. Our great day wrapped up with fresh showers and ice-cream. Ahhh, just perfect!

So You Want to Learn White Water Kayaking or Canoeing... By Cliff Wire

Where to start.

Find and join local club or a club near the rivers you want to boat.

Cleveland's paddling club: Keelhaulers Canoe Club

www.keelhauler.org

Pittsburgh

<http://threeriverspaddlingclub.com>

Toledo

<http://www.toledorivergang.com/>

Columbus Outdoor Pursuits

<http://www.outdoor-pursuits.org/>

We all go to the same rivers. We also have several members in the Wash. DC and Cincinnati, OH areas among others as they are no further from the rivers than Cleveland, just the other side of the rivers in WV, PA & MD. The Keelhauler Links site: <https://www.keelhauler.org/khcc/khcres.htm> will also help you find other clubs in your area.

Instruction

Cleveland & Pittsburgh have a neighborly policy that can be beneficial for the beginner: Slip Clinic & Turkey Bash instruction classes. Being a member of either group gets you the membership rate.

Research the web sites for classes – be willing to drive a few hours for a couple of weekends to take the classes.

Mark your calendars for the first two weekends in June for the Slip Clinic until the actual dates are posted.

Repeat for August for the Turkey Bash. Details are posted when the Pittsburgh club sets the calendar. It will also be found on the Keelhauler web page message board:

<https://keelhauler.org/phpBB2/viewforum.php?f=2> Once details are posted, sign up. And then you can free the other weekend up for other stuff like family reunions and the like.

Other teaching resources:

I have no personal knowledge of these classes, but list them as a resource, and have heard good things from folks who have attended.

Riversport kayaking classes

<http://www.riversportonline.com/>

Ohiopyle Trading post

<http://www.ohiopyletradingpost.com/whitewater/kayak-lessons>

Wilderness Voyageurs

<http://wilderness-voyageurs.com/adventures/white-water-kayak-instruction-beginner/>

Madawaska Kanu Centre – several friends have gone here & praise it highly

<http://owl-mkc.ca/mkc/>

Nantahala Outdoor Center

<https://noc.com/lessons-training>

Check out this page for more information.

<https://www.americanwhitewater.org/>

Traveling Weekends

Once you start, this is a lifestyle choice as well. You can't do this twice a year and expect to be competent. It is quite common to spend 6 or more weekends from mid-March through Memorial day (peak season) on the water. Some may be day trips in that time frame depending on your proximity to the river. Cleveland to Slippery Rock is a day trip.

To give you an idea of where you could go in the course of a year:

Ohiopyle, PA, Bloomington, MD, Summersville, WV, Hollsopple, PA, McConnell's Mill St. Park (New Castle), PA, Fayetteville, WV, Friendsville MD, Confluence, PA, Albright, WV, Rowlesburg, WV, Hendricks, WV, Elkins, WV. Some are exactly where you will be going, others are 1-10 miles from the river launch/finish points, but are the nearest town.

Map out these places. If they are too far for you, you may not be cut out for the WW lifestyle. Once you join a club and make friends, you can find car pooling partners.

Plan on camping. These tend to be small towns w/o motels, etc. and the hotels available are too far away from the river. Tents are great things if you can't sleep in your car. A 2 inch thick Thermarest is a wonderful thing with a Styrofoam Ridge Rest to go with it.

High Quality vs Low Quality events

Some commentary, not mine, but to be aware of. I post this to give you some perspective you may not be aware of. I hadn't thought of it until it was presented to me.

Yes, it's your favorite cousins/niece/nephew/grandparent - graduation/birthday/etc. – you'll get about 5-10 minutes of “Hi, how you doing, congrats, what school are you going to, etc.” with 200+ other folks. You can make it up another weekend if that person is really that important.

To be blunt – if your family reunion/picnic/birthday party is more important than this class, you probably don't want to learn white water kayaking. I understand the conflicts, but putting the classes off another year really just puts you another year behind. Yes, I know, grandma may not be here next year. Then make a special trip the following weekend/month to really get in that visit.

Ohio boat registration.

Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources requires registration for all boats used on Ohio waters by citizens of Ohio. Else they will bust you with fines. I Don't know the rules for out of state guests. Registration costs \$20-25 at your local marine supply store. This requires that you place a sticker & the OH number on

both sides of your boat. The OH numbers are 6 or 8 digits & 2 inches tall, plus the sticker is 2x2in. Or you can use the mail in registration for \$25 for hand powered craft. This is a single sticker you place on the rear deck of your kayak. In either case, the registration lasts for 3 years expiring March 01 of the 3rd year. <http://www.dmv.org/oh-ohio/boat-registration.php> I've been "tested" twice, and once the officer saw my up to date sticker and that I had a PFD, it was "Have a nice day" and other pleasantries. I have heard about expensive stories (fines) for Ohioans who haven't registered boats.

I'm told Pennsylvania requires registration if you use boat launch ramps. They respect the out of state registration. Check your state for particulars.

Buying a Kayak

Use the club web sites above: Keelhauler's: <https://www.keelhauler.org/khcc/khcads.htm>

Craigslist for your wide area, approx. 300mile radius or driving limit.

Facebook – "Western Pennsylvania White water gear swap" and some other groups.

Don't buy a new boat, not worth the cost. Find a used one you can resell once you master basic skills and decide you really want to continue with the sport. There are many old school boats out there for \$100-300 – Perception Pirouette/Pirouette S, Corsica S, Overflow among others. You can resell for what you paid. Stay away from the small (approximately 18in x 29in) cockpit design (Perception Dancer/Mirage, Dagger Crossfire) (They have gone away for safety reasons – harder to exit in a rush/emergency). If you find a Perception Proline Dancer, you struck gold! It has the large (approximately 19in x 33) cockpit. If you are a small woman/child, the old style Dancer could work, but still isn't the first choice.

Also stay away from play boats/rodeo boats that have a low volume with a "duck bill" bow/stern. They have a much steeper learning curve. Make those your 2nd boat. You will also be looking at new school Creek Boats or River Running kayaks. Old school (90's) kayaks tend to fall into the River Runner category. Some reading on boat types. <http://www.paddling.net/guidelines/showArticle.html?71>
<http://community.nrs.com/duct-tape/2014/05/23/choose-whitewater-kayak/>

Many models come in Small/Large or Small/Medium/Large sizes. Some sizes are based on volume (in gallons) displacement: 55, 65, 75. Others are in Lengths: 7.5, 7.8, 8.1 of feet.

Do some research on the manufacturer's website once you find something. The sizes are designed for the height/weight of the paddler. They aren't iron clad, but a guideline. Go with the larger boat if your ht/wt is borderline.

Somebody gave you this letter, talk to them about a boats suitability when you find one.

Some folks poo-poo old school boats. Ignore them. You need to get a boat to get started. After your first year of learning you can then get a new/shiny modern boat. Your first boat usually isn't the one you'll want to keep anyway, so get a cheap one. And once you show up and gain basic skills, many folks will let you try their boat at a lunch spot for a for mile on the river. They may want to try yours as well. A good way to demo a boat.

Transporting your kayak. Buying a Roof Rack

Check out the Thule & Yakima web sites for your make/model of car, then search for the part numbers online at other stores/Amazon/eBay/etc. for better pricing. I've found great deals on eBay & Craigslist. Also, your local sports clubs – Cleveland Triathlon Club, Cleveland Touring Club, etc. They carry bikes and

other gear on their racks, not kayaks, but the same racks. Folks are always selling stuff. New car among the reasons.

There are two parts to this – the foot gear/mounting brackets & the cross bars.

Get the widest cross bars you can not to exceed the width of your car – the width of the mirrors. 52In is the minimum width bars you really want. 58In is awesome. I personally prefer Thule over Yakima. Thule has rectangle bars while Yakima has round. The stackers on Yakima tend to “fall” from vertical when a boat isn't attached and rest on your roof. If you have a pickup with a cap over the bed, you can also mount 2x4's and use those. Both manufacturers are starting to come out with more aerodynamic bars – Wing shaped, so be willing to get those.

Something to think on: It is not very fair to have a car that only carries your own boat, you need to be able to help out on a shuttle by carrying your paddling partners' boats as well. My first car was a 4door VW Jetta sedan, I could carry 4 boats on my 52” rack and drove it for 10 years.

September	For More Trips - Check our Message Board		Time to Pay Dues	
9/1-3	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Jim Murtha	614-282-3293
9/1-3	(5) New River Gorge (WV)	27	Phil/Jen Raber	330-827-7063
9/7	(5) Lower Gauley (WV)	27	Jim Hunt	440-537-8713
9/8	Mahoning River (OH)	SK/FW	Moneen McBride	330-969-2628
9/8,9	(5) Lower Gauley (WV)	27	Phil & Jen Raber	330-827-7063
9/8,9	Upper Gauley (WV)	33	Needs organizer	
9/14-16	Lower & Upper Gauley (Festival Weekend) (WV)	27-33	Cliff Wire	440-439-6541
9/15	(2) Shenango River Fall Fest (PA)	12/SK	Hugh Clark	0
9/15	(2) Middle Yough (PA)	12/SK	Steve Ingalls	216-371-8250
9/15,16	(4) Lower Yough(PA), Get Permit	23	Chuck McDowell	330-477-1086
9/22,23	(5) Lower Gauley (WV)	27	Katie & Joe Boyd	740-632-6725
9/22,23	(5) Upper Gauley (WV)	27-33	Needs organizer	
9/29	(5) Savage River (MD) - Scheduled Dam Release	26	Needs organizer	
9/29,30	(5) Lower Gauley (WV)	27-33	Needs organizer	
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Non- Commercial advertising is free to all members. To place an ad, send the information the way you want it to appear. Please write or call when item is sold. It will appear for 2 months unless canceled. Commercial ads may be submitted by club member's owned businesses four times each year with a maximum of four lines of copy per ad.

Please consider writing a trip report or article for the next newsletter! The deadline for the
OCTOBER 2018 issue of the newsletter is 9/23/18. Please send articles and/or pictures to:
Kelly Miller (Laubaugh) at peetzaguy@aol.com.

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Club Annual Election/Budget Meeting is Wednesday, October 10th

Cuyahoga Falls Public Library, Chambers Room.
Doors open at 6:30pm, Meeting at 7:30-8:30pm
2015 3rd Street, Cuyahoga Falls, OH.
Parking between 2nd and 3rd Street. Use Exit 5 from SR8.

The following is the Officer slate proposed to be voted on at the meeting:

President: Mike Gillian
Vice President: John Banach
Secretary: Rob Kirby
Treasurer: Sam Reynolds
Trustees: Steve Ingalls
Cliff Wire & Dave Roush have agreed to serve another year as Trustees.

Also, to be voted on is an update to our bylaws which was listed in last month's newsletter.

<https://www.keelhauler.org/images/BylawProposedChanges.pdf>

Please come to the meeting to vote on both the new Officer slate and the bylaw changes,
or email John Banach at j_banacka@hotmail.com with your vote.

Any questions? Contact John Banach 330-606-5032.

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

**It's that time again.....
From John Kobak**

All club memberships have expired on October 1st.

As soon as you can, please pay your **2019** 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
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You can pay \$20 using Paypal to save yourself time & postage.

Use this link to pay: <http://keelhauler.org/EZPay.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.

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

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

User Name: "dir" and the current 2018 password found on Pg. 20 of our 2018 yearbook or see the passwords sent out in our monthly e-mail. This e-mail also shows if you have already paid for 2019.

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

http://keelhauler.com/khcc_registration.htm

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. Send them this link: <http://www.keelhauler.org/khcc/khcapp.htm> For 2018 our club had 316 paid memberships, the most in the past ten years.

Also, all WW paddlers should join **AW**, the one organization that fights to remove dams and provides river access. Our members can get a \$10 discount, just note you are an Affiliate Club Member.

<https://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/Membership/join-aw>

John Kobak

President's Message From John Banach



Hello KeelHaulers,

I cannot believe that October is days away. Where does the time go? I feel like weeks go by in a blink of an eye. Just another good reminder to slow down and go with the flow. Well, as much as I can I guess.

But I've also heard that time fly's while you're having fun. I hope that all of you have been out there paddling as much time as you can. Lately, many areas of P, MD, and WV have been blessed with great boating conditions. And as you know, some areas of the country have received record breaking amounts of rain and flooding. I guess that we should always remember to count our blessings. And maybe say a paddle prayer for the victims of hurricane Flo.

So, I'm praying for a warm, wet, paddling friendly Fall. It is my favorite time of the year to paddle. Every tree becomes a beautiful flower. The views I can enjoy from my boat become almost indescribable. I'm squirming in my chair just thinking about it. Get out and enjoy it however you can.

I just thought about the fact that this is the last newsletter that I will write as your President. As you are probably aware, I will be stepping down from being your club president. My work and family schedule make it challenging to tackle all needed presidential responsibilities. However, I will be taking a different position. With your vote, I will be your VP. I still want to remain on the board, stay active in club activities and events, and support the new president anyway I can. Two years as your President has gone by really quickly. Shoot, there's time flying by again. But I have had a memorable time as your president. For that I like to thank every member I've met or communicated with. This club is certainly something special. Im excited for the Club and our members in 2019. Under the leadership of Mike Gillam, I know this club will shine brightly for years to come.

So, thank you all for working with me these past two years. I look forward to serving the club in my new position. And for many more years to come.

All the best,

John C Banach

Treasurer's Report By Sam Reynolds

Keelhaulers' Canoe Club Monthly Treasurer's Report September 23, 2018

CD 0402	\$2, 296.52
CD 1077	<u>\$2, 294.08</u>
CD'S (2)	\$4, 590.60
Checking	<u>\$19,191.09</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$23, 781.69</u>

**Keelhauler's Canoe Club
FY 2018 Year End Report
10/1/2017-9/30/2018**

INCOME

Membership Contributions	
Conservation	192.05
<u>Dues</u>	<u>6,031.83</u>
TOTAL Membership Contributions	6,223.88
NEO Paddlers Network Income	0.00
Vermilion Race Income	
Refreshment Stand	149.00
<u>Registration Fees</u>	<u>836.56</u>
TOTAL Vermilion Race Income	985.56
<u>C.F. Cleanup/Cruise</u>	<u>11000.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	18,209.44

EXPENSES

Club Meeting/Donation Expense	
Facility Fees	300.00
Cuy. Falls Race Support	1,706.32
Refreshments	84.72
<u>Special Reserv/Donation/Marketing</u>	<u>350.00</u>
TOTAL Club Meeting Expense	2,441.04
Conservation Expense	2,750.00
Internet	
Network Website and Domain	50.97
<u>Paddlers' Network</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL Internet	50.97
Postage and Filing Fees	28.05
Vermilion Race Expense	
Awards	0.00
Donation	0.00
Insurance	180.00
Membership	30.00
Miscellaneous	166.90
Postage	41.64
<u>Refreshments</u>	<u>79.00</u>
TOTAL Vermilion Race Expense	497.54
Yearbook Expense	
Bulk Mailing Permit & Handling	293.79
Postage and Software	64.02
<u>Printing</u>	<u>1686.53</u>
TOTAL Yearbook Expense	2044.34
TOTAL EXPENSES	7811.94

OVERALL TOTAL	10,397.50
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CD (2) value as of 9/30/18	4590.60
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Mike Gillam will present the draft FY-19 budget at the October meeting at the Cuyahoga Falls library. The Keel Hauler President will request approval of the new budget at that meeting.

**Team Old Guy:
Sentimental Journey to the Lower Yough
By Karl Nelson**

In what passes for winter in Alabama, I decided I needed to see my long-time KHCC and TRPC friends. I decided that the August Slacker Day-Ladies Day-Picnic Day would be the best time for good weather and good levels. I emailed a few folks about a pre-party paddle on the Wednesday before.

Day 0 (Tuesday, 14-Aug-2018): Leaving Alabama—I packed the truck the night before so all I had to do was load the cooler and slide it into the space I left. It was pretty full back there. I had decided that for that long I would take the tent and the 6-inch blow up bed for comfort.

I left at 08:00 EDST. Scooted through Chattanooga. Cruised through Knoxville. As I entered Virginia, I saw a single sign regarding the construction on I-77N. I got off at Abingdon, VA and took the detour to Bluefield, WV. As an aside, a trip to Abingdon is worth it. There is the Barter Theater. There are great eats at 128 Pecan. There is a 17-mile mountain bike ride from the top of Mt Rodgers back to Damascus. I crossed the New River Gorge. I resisted the temptation to drive down to Fayette Station and motored onto Summerville. Checked into a Sleep Inn at 18:00 EDST and got calories at Bob Evans. Filled the truck at Sheetz and crawled between the sheets.

Day 1 (Wednesday, 15-Aug-2018): Arrival at Lower Yough—I left Sleep Inn after a breakfast of waffles at 06:30 EDST and headed for the Boater's Change House. Plan A: Paddle the Lower Yough which was changed to Plan B: Paddle the Casselman. That was changed to Plan C—Paddle the Lower Yough which was changed to Paddle the Casselman. Arrived at the Boater's Change House at 09:30 EDST and watched the river come up and up and up. Bruce and JW had put together a crew. Vern and Dave drove over from Carlisle, PA. Sam Reynolds and Chuck McDowell (the only kayakers that day) came from Ohio. John and Mary—a C2 duo from Madison, WI were also there. I hadn't seen them in 17 years. They had given a clinic at the races back in 2001 when I competed in the Ramcat Races. I think there were 9 boats on the river. We finished up with dinner at the Shepherds Restaurant outside Confluence. That was yummy.

Day 2 (Thursday, 16-Aug-2018): Slacker's Day (AKA Give your Boss the Bird and Go Paddle)—More friends gathered at the Boaters Change House. I did go and see Dana while we gathered. Eventually we made our way down the river. I could tell I had not paddled anything this difficult since the 2016 Farewell Tour. Eventually we made it to the Railroad Beach for lunch. I had my traditional out-of-boat experience at Pinball-Dimple. I eventually made it to shore on river left with my pants still on. On the hike down to Swimmer's I did see two copperheads warming themselves under the rocks.

Day 3 (Friday, 17-Aug-2018): Ladies Day—It was a dark and gloomy day. Not even the "beauties" could drive away the fog and rain. We could tell the Estrogen Fleet had passed Dartmouth--the nipple on Titty Rock was fully erect. The boys had fun at Camel-Walrus boofing the Walrus and making the move into the hidden eddy to the right of the mainline. I tripled my number of swims from Day 2: usual line at Pinball-Dimple; sideways at second hole at Double Hydraulic but with off-side on the wave; and bottom of River's End. The only good thing about the rains was we had to eat inside at the Stone House—darn.

Day 4 (Saturday, 18-Aug-2018): June was glad to see me, but she still charged me for a bus token. Dave and I were showing a relative newbie down the far right-side of Entrance. This is what Chuck Singer called the splash-clunk-splash-clunk line. He came out of his boat and lost his paddle. I was able to catch the paddle and make it to river right. After Newbie, boat and paddle were reunited, Dave and the Newbie were able to ferry over to the staging eddy above Cucumber. I was too far into the suck to make it. I tried to ferry over into familiar territory when a rock sprang forth and tipped me over. UFFDA. Some days you paddle the river. Some days the river paddles you. There are several nice things about finishing the Loop take out: (1) Ice cream; (2) Hot shower; and (3) a nap—and all before another fabulous Tall Oaks Picnic.

Day 5 (Sunday, 19-Aug-2018)—After breakfast at Curt's, I bid farewell to friends, packed up my tent and headed back to Birmingham. I'm counting the days until I make another sentimental journey to the Lower Yough. But I will rest after two days!

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11/10,11	(4) Lower Yough (PA)	23	Katie & Joe Boyd	740-632-6725
December	For More Trips - Check our Message Board		Last Chance to Pay Dues	
12/2	(3) Slippery Rock (PA)	13-19	Chuck McDowell	330-477-1086
12/12	Club Holiday Party at Hines Hill Map		John Banach	330-606-5032
January	2019			
1/1	New Year's Day paddle on the (4) Lower Yough (PA)	23	Brent Hendren	330-414-2063

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Please consider writing a trip report or article for the next newsletter! The deadline for the NOVEMBER 2018 issue of the newsletter is 10/23/18. Please send articles and/or pictures to: Kelly Miller (Laubaugh) at peetzaguy@aol.com.

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Keelhauler's Ka-news



NOVEMBER, 2018



Next Club Meeting is a Holiday Party....

December 11th at Hines Hill Conference Center, Located at 1403 West Hines Hill Road, Peninsula, OH 44264 in Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

<https://www.conservancyforcvnp.org/experience/space-rental/meetings-retreats/hines-hill-campus/>

[Map](#)

Program: Potluck

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

A-E: Salad or Vegetable

F-L: Bread or Appetizer

M-R: Dessert or Fruit

S-Z: Main dish or Casserole

The club will supply beverages, plates and plastic ware.

Meeting 5:30-6:30, Dinner after meeting- 8:00ish

Congratulations, and Thank You to our new slate of Officers!

Club Annual Election Results

President: Mike Gillam

Vice President: John Banach

Secretary: Michael Duvall

Treasurer: Sam Reynolds

Trustee 2016-2019: Cliff Wire

Trustee 2017-2019: Dave Roush

Trustee 2019-2021: Steve Ingalls

Also, the change to our bylaws was passed. [Read about changes here.](#)

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

President's Message From Mike Gillam



Happy Fall!

October was election time and the new slate of officers was voted in. I went from Trustee to President. The other Officers are: Vice President John Banach, Treasurer Sam Reynolds, and Michael Duvall will be taking on the responsibilities of Secretary. Trustees are: Cliff Wire, Steve Ingalls, and Dave Roush. A big thanks to them for stepping up and helping the club. In addition to those above, we have a number of people who volunteer their time and energy chairing our various committees. Make sure you give them a "thanks" when you see them.

The next couple of months are trip scheduling time. If a trip is to be included in the yearbook, trips need to be scheduled by the end of the year. Speaking of trip scheduling, we are looking for a Trip Scheduling Chair. If you are interested in this position, shoot me an email or give me a call. Remember, anyone can organize a trip, it's easy just pick a date and a river you are familiar with. You don't have to be an expert paddler, if you need help, just recruit a few more experienced paddlers to help. A quick post on the Keel Hauler FaceBook page or KH Message Board asking for help should do the trick. If you organized a trip in the past just let me know that you will be able to do it again this year. Trips of all levels are needed, flatwater and whitewater. For those who are interested, multi day Southern or Western trips have been hugely successful in the past. Lake Erie day paddles and overnight trips (islands) are other ideas.

Keep in mind that our 2019 club meetings are scheduled for: Spring (optional meeting, date tbd), July (Tall Oaks to coincide with Yough intro trip), October, and December. Exact dates/place will be advertised at a later date. We have been having some really good discussions and some great ideas have been voiced. I look forward to working with members and implement these ideas. If you are in the area, please try to attend our meetings, we are looking for your thoughts. If you are not in the area, please feel free to email thoughts/ideas to me at mikegillam61@gmail.com. Along those lines, I hope to get a survey emailed to members in the beginning of November. This will help the Board prioritize our work for the next couple of years. Have a great Fall paddling season and Happy Thanksgiving!

Mike

**2019 Membership Dues are Overdue
From John Kobak**

All club 2018 memberships ended on October 1st. Our club now has over 300 family memberships in 22 states. But only about half have renewed their 2019 membership so far. So, if you haven't gotten around to it,

DO IT TODAY! I will be traveling and unable to receive your check after November 7th.

You can use any credit card or a Paypal account and renew using this link: <https://www.keelhauler.org/EZPay.htm>

OR If you still want to mail a check please send a \$20 check for your **2019 Membership Dues** To our Treasurer at:

**Keel Haulers Canoe Club
1174 Karla Dr
Clinton, OH 44216**

Remember if we don't get your check by 12/10 you may not be listed in the 2019 Yearbook & Roster.

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

<https://www.keelhauler.org/khcc/memb/khint.pdf> This file is password protected for your security.

User Name: "dir" and the current 2018 password found in each monthly newsletter e-mail. If the last column by your name says 8 and not 9, then you are not recorded as paid for 2019.

Thanks

John Kobak – Membership Chairman

**Keelhaulers' Canoe Club Monthly Treasurer's Report
October 25, 2018
and FY Budget for 2019
By Sam Reynolds**

CD 0402	\$2, 297.18
CD 1077	<u>\$2, 294.74</u>
CD'S (2)	\$4, 591.92

Checking \$20, 188.53

Total \$24, 780.45

1. The draft FY19 Budget was approved at the October 10, 2018 meeting.
2. Final discussion regarding Webpage Development (\$3000), Educational Training including boat purchases (\$2500), Film Festival support (\$1000), and Cuyahoga Cleanup/Cruise (\$1706) will occur at the next Trustee meeting.
3. Other suggestions such as increased Conservation donations will also be discussed.

Category Description	FY 2016 Actuals	FY 2017 Actuals	FY 2018 Budget	FY 2018 Actuals	FY 2019 Budget
ASSETS					
CHECKING balance at start of FY	\$5,733.46	\$8,893.59	\$8,893.59	\$19,191.09	\$19,191.09
CD (2) balance at start of FY	\$6,816.94	\$4,574.57	\$4,574.57	\$4,590.60	\$4,590.60
INCOME					
Conservation	\$260.00	\$114.70	\$115.00	\$192.05	\$192.00
Dues	\$5,458.32	\$6,225.44	\$6,225.00	\$6,031.83	\$6,031.00
Reserv./C.F.Cleanup/Cruise	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$0.00
Vermilion Race	\$687.14	\$1,165.88	\$1,166.00	\$985.56	\$0.00
Pool session deposit refund					
NEO Paddlers' Network Income	\$491.90	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,897.36	\$7,806.02	\$18,806.00	\$18,209.44	\$6,223.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$19,447.76	\$21,274.18	\$32,274.16	\$41,991.13	\$30,004.69
LIABILITIES					
EXPENSE					
Conservation Donations	\$2,350.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,250.00
Internet Access	\$323.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$375.00
Internet Domain	\$50.97	\$50.97	\$51.00	\$50.97	\$51.00
Webpage Development					\$3,000.00
Marketing			\$800.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Education/Training/Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Meeting Hall	\$770.00	\$0.00	\$231.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Paddlers' Network	\$349.80	\$179.88	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cuy. Falls Cleanup/Cruise/Race		\$1,038.81	\$4,400.00	\$1,706.32	\$1,706.00
Postage and Supply	\$36.05	\$176.72	\$200.00	\$28.05	\$100.00
Refreshments	\$262.07	\$159.42	\$300.00	\$84.72	\$85.00
Vermillion Race/Film Festival-19	\$387.78	\$493.91	\$700.00	\$497.54	\$1,000.00
Yearbook Expense	\$1,971.30	\$1,947.36	\$1,950.00	\$2,044.34	\$2,050.00
Yough Reservations-Intro	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Special Donation/Portage Park Dist.		\$100.00	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$600.00
Multimedia Rental	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$6,641.61	\$6,897.06	\$12,062.00	\$7,811.94	\$14,267.00
OVERALL TOTAL	\$12,806.15	\$14,377.12	\$20,212.16	\$34,179.19	\$15,737.69
Conservation Donations:					
American Whitewater	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Friends of the Cheat	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Friends of the Crooked River	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Grand Canyon Private Boaters Association	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
American Rivers	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
West Virginia Rivers Coalition	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00

River Network	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Nature Conservancy	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Mountain Watershed Assoc.-Yough Defense Fund	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
TOTAL	\$2,350.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00

**Keelhauler Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2018
By Michael Duvall**

Keelhauler meeting October 10, 2018
Cuyahoga Falls Library

Meeting opened by President John Banach

John presented brief explanation of some of the proposed changes to bylaws

Proxy voting by email

Quorum change from 15 to 10

Trustee and officer term limit changed from 3 years to 4

VOTED AND PASSED

John presented the officers slate for next year

President - Mike Gilliam

Vice President – John Banach

Secretary - Michael Duvall

Treasurer – Sam Reynolds

Trustee - Cliff Wire 2016-2019

Trustee - Dave Roush 2017-2019

Trustee – Steve Ingalls 2019-2021

VOTED AND PASSED

New business – Many suggestions voiced however no motions or votes

Increase conservation donations by \$8000

Kids race

Kids training

Buy equipment

Reduce number of printed Yearbooks

Mike Gilliam took over as presiding officer

Treasurer's report and new budget presented by Sam Reynolds

Mike explained proposed new spending of outreach program and web site changes however those individual items need to be defined and will still require a vote.
VOTED AND PASSED

Allison Gillam presented her school program “Outdoor Activates and Literature” which included taking students kayaking and other outdoor trips.

Motion and second - To provide \$650 which was the cost of kayak trip on Black River.
VOTED AND PASSED

Library closing –Meeting adjourned

Ohiopyle News Submitted by Jim Hunt

Reprinted from the TribLive and written by [Renatta Signorini](#) | Monday, Sept. 24, 2018

Ohiopyle pedestrian tunnel, other projects to move forward



Edgewood resident Shannon Tressler walks with her daughter Frankie, 4, while Tressler's husband, Mike, carries their 8-month-old daughter Indie on Friday along Meadow Run in Ohiopyle State Park.

PennDOT plans to forge ahead with plans to build a pedestrian tunnel in Ohiopyle, despite opposition during a February [public meeting](#)

Fall Colors Trip Report By Dave Roush

Well, the weather did not cooperate, so the LY trip was moved to the Slip. We were way early this year for much color.

On Saturday we (3) were joined at Rose Point by 3 Keel Haulers who reside in MI. They wanted to paddle with us to Eckhert bridge, where they were meeting 7 students from U of MI paddling club. They then wanted to paddle down to Armstrong. The students spanned the range of very competent (2), to some without a roll. While none learned a roll that day, they were great waiting for bow rescues, learning eddy turns, and how momentum is your friend.....just keep paddling!



Sunday, we had 8 from Ohio, 3 from PA, and the MI group all starting from Rose Point. While we attempted to break into groups, the groups became elastic. Once again, the students shot up the learning curve taking advice and bow rescues, all while sharing lots of smiles!

There were no note-worthy incidents, other than the MI group left with as many students as they came with. The trip leaders racked that up to a successful trip!



Good paddling!



If You're Going to be Stupid, You Have to be Tough...
From John Kobak
By Vin Davis

Vin Davis, a close friend and Keel-Hauler, wrote this story about his near-death experience on the Chattooga River last week.

I first want to thank John Tempest and JP for saving my life. Now if you're interested, I going to tell you how I escaped death twice in one day.

Last Saturday I was kayaking on the Chattooga River Section IV. I have run this river over 400 times. It was a beautiful day. We're the first group on the river because John needed to get home early. John named this day, Uneventful Day on the River. River is running at a great level. 1.7 on the bridge gauge. A fun but intense level. Everything is run-able but very pushy. We get down to Woodall Shoals. Woodall has a class 5 hole and the rest is pretty much class 3+. John is going far right to the cheat line. I hate the cheat line, so I decide I'm going to catch the eddy up top and run the right side of the hole. I have probably done this line 100 times.

As I get ready to go, JP is coming into the eddy. So, I stop so we don't collide. I'm at the edge of the pour over, and decide to just slide over the edge. I hit a rock at the bottom of the hole and get bounced left towards the meat of the hole. I thought I had cleared the hole and was just fine. About that time the hole grabs my boat and starts pulling me into the hole. I'm back paddling with all my might. Only to realize I'm losing this fight. So, I decide I have to go into the hole. Now when I was younger, we'd play Woodall at lower water levels, so I know how to get out of the hole. But this isn't a lower water level. This is a mean nasty hole with a backwash of probably 10 feet. So, I surf the hole to the left side of the hole where I know water is coming out of the hole. The front of my boat hits the wave that is going downstream and spins my bow to the right. The hole grabs the back of my boat and pulls me back into the hole. The back hits the waterfall and it stands me straight up in the air. Now I know this is a good thing. I have to ride this wheelie out of the hole. I get about half way out and I turn over. I immediately roll up. The current turns me over again. I try to roll up again only to get window shaded. Now I know I'm not coming out of this hole in my boat, it's just too sticky. So, I decide I need to wet exit. As I tried to grab my release handle, I can't reach it. Then I realize the hole has pulled me out of my boat. I pop up and think I'm out of the hole. I'm facing upstream towards the hole. My boat that is eight feet long is between me and the pour over. So, I try to push off my boat to escape the hole. Only to realize the hole is pulling me back into the meat of the hole. So, I take a deep breath because I don't know when I'm going to get chance to breathe again. Now I'm sucked into the hole. I'm tumbling around. I don't know what's up and what's down. I just know I have to go deep to catch the water going out of the hole if I was going to live.

Now JP and John see that I'm in trouble. They jump out of their boats and try to get a rope to me. According to them, they never saw me come up for air.

I realize that I can't get deep because of the aerated hole and my life jacket. So, I try to take off my life jacket so I can get deep. No success. I'm trying to get another breath of air, but my face never clears the surface of the water. So, I just have to keep on fighting. The hole has pulled me back into the meat of the hole and beside the rock that the water is poring over. Good I finally know where I am. I try to ball up to go deep again. All I do is tumble. I'm talking to myself and say I guess this is it. I go limp to take the rest of my beating. About that time I feel the hole release me. I'm out of the hole. So, I say to myself, you have to fight to survive. I pull my head up to get a breath of air.

Now I'm in the main current of Woodall Shoals. I realize that the hole has pulled my neoprene bathing suit off to my ankles. I'm about to lose my bathing suit. So, I reach down and grab the bathing suit with my right hand. Now it time to let the beating begin on all the rocks. I'm trying to get into an eddy so I can catch my breath. No luck, I'm going down stream and the river owns me. As I'm holding onto my bathing suit I'm butt naked and going through

the next 400 yards of class 3+ rapids. I come to the next deep hole and I know I'm going over so I take a deep breath and go deep into another hole. Luckily, I went deep and came right out of this hole and kept going down stream. Now the shoals are starting to get shallow, so I'm hitting lots of rocks. I know that I have to be very careful about standing up or I'm going to get foot entrapment. I tried to stand up and felt my foot go between two rocks. So, I face down stream to release my foot. The water is getting shallower.

So, I get my feet facing downstream. I'm bouncing off all the rocks butt naked. There's a lot of rough moss on those rocks, lol. Finally, I come to a stop. The beating is finally over.

Now I'm trying to catch my breath, but my chest is killing me. I'm trying so hard to breath. I have a lot of pain in my chest. I'm gasping for air with each breath. I'm having a heart attack but don't know what a heart attack feels like. JP has now caught up to me. He runs up the river and crosses the river in a tough current to make sure I'm ok. As he holds onto me, I'm still trying to catch my breath. He makes sure I'm ok. I tell him I'll be fine, go get my boat. John makes it to me and tells me they're going to take care of me. I'm now struggling to get my bathing suit on but the current keeps pulling it off of me. For those that don't know, I had both of my knees replaced 13 and 11 months ago, so it's hard for me to stand up. I finally struggle to my feet to put my bathing suit back on. I have to sit down to catch my breath. As I'm sitting there I just can't seem to stop hurting. Finally, John tries to help me out of the river. He walks in front of me while I hold onto his life jacket. We make it across but immediately I have to sit down. I'm out of breath and my chest is killing me. We finally make it to the bottom of the rapid where my boat is. At this point, JP informs me that I don't have a skirt. So, I know this is where I get out. My chest is killing me but now I can breathe.

I convince the guys to go to the lake to get the truck and come back for me. They have about four miles of whitewater and two miles of flat water to get to the truck. We decide that there should be more people turning up since we are the first to get on the river that day. They paddle off, going to get some transportation.

Now I'm breathing a little easier, so I decide to walk up to Woodall Shoals hole and see if my skirt pops out. I'm having a tough time walking but am determined to find my spray skirt. As I'm walking up, I see a ranger. I think, I should ask him to take me to the hospital. He has a radio. He asks me if I'm fine. I'm embarrassed that I just swam Woodall. So I tell him I'm fine. I'm not. I now have a plaque blocking the flow in my heart but I'm still in denial that I'm having a heart attack. He says the rafts will be here in a few minutes and they can help me if I need help. I make it to the hole to look for my skirt. No sign of the skirt. I watch the rafts run the cheat on the far right side of the river and to the end of the rapid where they takeout and come up to the waiting bus in the parking lot. I'm thinking I need to ask them for help but still too embarrassed to admit I swam Woodall.

I make it back to my boat. I have to lie down in the sand. Some kayakers paddle up. Immediately they ask if I'm OK. I tell them I swam Woodall. They say that must have been ugly. I acknowledge that it was real ugly. Shane offers to take my boat up to the parking lot for me. I said no, my friends will be here in a minute to help me. It's been over an hour since JP and John left. I knew it would take them about two hours to get back to me. Shane carries up his friend's boat to the parking lot. They offer to take me to the hospital. I said I'll be alright. Twenty minutes later Shane returns. I tell him, I hate to bother you, but would you carry my boat up for me. He was happy to help. He grabs my boat and paddle. I ask him if I can have my paddle, so I have a walking stick. He says no problem. He walks off caring my boat.

Now it's about a half a mile uphill the whole way to the parking lot. I don't think I can make it, but I have to try. I'm taking baby steps to get up the hill. I get about 100 yards and I have to sit down to catch my breath. I get back up and try to go to the top of the hill. I begin coughing. Now I start to throw up. I know I'm in trouble. I think when I get home I need to Google heart attack to see if throwing up is a symptom. Shane makes it back to me. I ask him if I can hold onto him to get up the hill. Some more kayakers are coming up the hill. They offer to take me to the hospital. I assure them I'm fine. My buddies will be here in a minute. I make it to the top of the parking lot and lay down by my boat. Everyone is extremely nice to me and offer to help me. I say I'm okay.

Finally, JP and John arrive. They put my stuff in the truck. We get in the truck and I start to cry. I tell the guys I don't want to be a problem to them, but will they please take me to the hospital. We make a plan for John to drive my car and JP will follow us to the hospital. John and JP live in the opposite direction of Clayton, Ga. We go to the put in and grab my car. I help the guys tie my boat onto my car so we can go.

I haven't been to the hospital in Clayton in over twenty years. So, we start going to the place we thought the hospital was. We can't find the hospital. They have built a new hospital and we don't know where it is. Finally, after looking for 40 minutes we find the hospital.

They take me back immediately to a room. They're hooking me up to all types of machines. JP explains to them that I almost drowned. The doctor looks at me for a few minutes and leaves. The nurses start to give me pain medicine. My chest is killing me. They tell me to put this pill under my tongue to dissolve. On the second pill I look at the nurse and asked is this nitro. She says yes. I said so I'm having a heart attack. She says she has to get the doctor. The doctor returns and says, you're having a heart attack. Turns around and leaves. The nurse is talking about moving me to Gainesville, Ga. I start to cry. I know I can't drive to Gainesville and no way I can survive in an ambulance. The nurse goes out of the room to get the doctor. I can hear her yelling at the doctor to get back in there and explain to me what is going on. I'm scared and don't know what is happening. The doctor comes in says we're life flighting you to Gainesville. Turns around and walks out of the room. So, I turn to the nurse and said this will be my first helicopter ride. Not exactly the ride I had in mind. It takes about 30 minutes to get me to NE GA Medical Center. They take me right into the Cath lab. There the doctor is able to take out the blockage and insert a stint. I asked the Cardiologist if this was the widow maker. He said I don't like that term but yes, I'm lucky to be alive.

There are a lot of funny stories that happened at the hospital that I'll share later. If you read the whole story, I hope I didn't bore you to death.

I am a very lucky man that God was looking after me last Saturday. I didn't listen to him. He kept sending help to me that I kept turning down. If you're going to be stupid, you have to be tough. I was pretty stupid.

Enjoy every moment. We never know when it will be our last.

What is Really on Your Head?

By Jim Mazzola



WHITE WATER HELMET CERTIFICATION.....WHAT IS IT AND IS IT REALLY UP TO SNUFF?

If your PFD couldn't keep you afloat, would you do something about it? My guess is probably yes..... So what if your white water helmet wasn't as safe as you think it is? Would you do something? Read on to get some valuable insight into our whitewater CE EN 1385 certification and what it really means from a protection standpoint.

Consider these facts about the current CE EN 1385 white water certification

- They are only rated up to Class IV Rivers. The stated philosophy when the standard was created was that 'more deaths occur due to drowning than from head injuries'. The source of data supporting that conclusion was not openly available that I could find.
- There haven't been any appreciable changes since its inception in 1997. Ask yourself this; have we as paddlers pushed the limits in the last 2 decades with faster and more acrobatic boats and descending tougher and tougher rivers? Of course! So why shouldn't helmet safety improve also?
- There are many new styles of whitewater boats since the standard was created like white water canoes and stand up paddle boards. I think the exposure of these paddling styles is something to consider.

- White water helmets are subjected to the lowest impact velocity (i.e. lowest drop height) of any helmet on the market today. This includes simple EPS (Expanded Polystyrene) bicycle helmets and industrial 'bump' type helmets with nylon suspension.
- The certification does not test the chin guard. Other sports activities that have a chin guard present are tested as part of their certification.
- No current manufacturer that I could find of whitewater helmets, offers any type of face protection like a cage or impact bar. Many facial injuries to the cheeks, eyes, noses, and teeth are a result of helmets that don't have adequate facial protection. Worse yet, many injuries occur due to the chin guard's excessive deflection.

Sanctioning bodies of other sports from football to baseball and hockey ALWAYS consider the potential intrusion of 'likely encountered' objects like balls and equipment when considering protection of the users. That does not appear to be the case with paddling activities with them limiting our protection to Class IV Rivers.

I don't place the blame on our manufacturers on this limited protection, rather the sanctioning body that specifies the limits of protection our gear must withstand. I suspect if a newer more stringent certification came to be, our manufacturers would step up and design and produce such equipment. That, however, is probably years off even if we could get the ICF (International Canoe Federation), or the ACA (American Canoe Association) to propose a revision to the current certification. It's because of the above deficiencies in white water helmet design that I decided to seek out a safer solution that still met or exceeded all the whitewater requirements. In searching for a more protective helmet I investigated all the available sports helmets with chin guards and/or face guards. Those include football, baseball, hockey, snowboarding, alpine (downhill skiing), downhill mountain biking, BMX, motorcycle, and lacrosse.

My search ended in the sport of Lacrosse, for a number of reasons. The first being they were one of the few helmets besides hockey that had integrated face guards already in their helmet designs. Second, I have actually seen paddlers on the Ocoee with them on, so I'm not really starting this trend but rather shedding some light on why others have already gone that way. I think these helmets go a lot further in protecting us as paddlers than what is currently available.

I wanted a helmet that kept all the good features our whitewater helmets have but none of the bad.

Feature	White water	Lacrosse
Meets or exceeds current WW certification	==	↑
Occipital adjustment	==	==
Closed Cell foam construction	==	==
Ability to talk and be understood	↓	↑
Able to hear	↓	↑
Vented helmet	↓	↑
Face guard	↓	↑

Legend

== Equal to the current CE EN 1385 standard

↑ Better than current standard or added feature

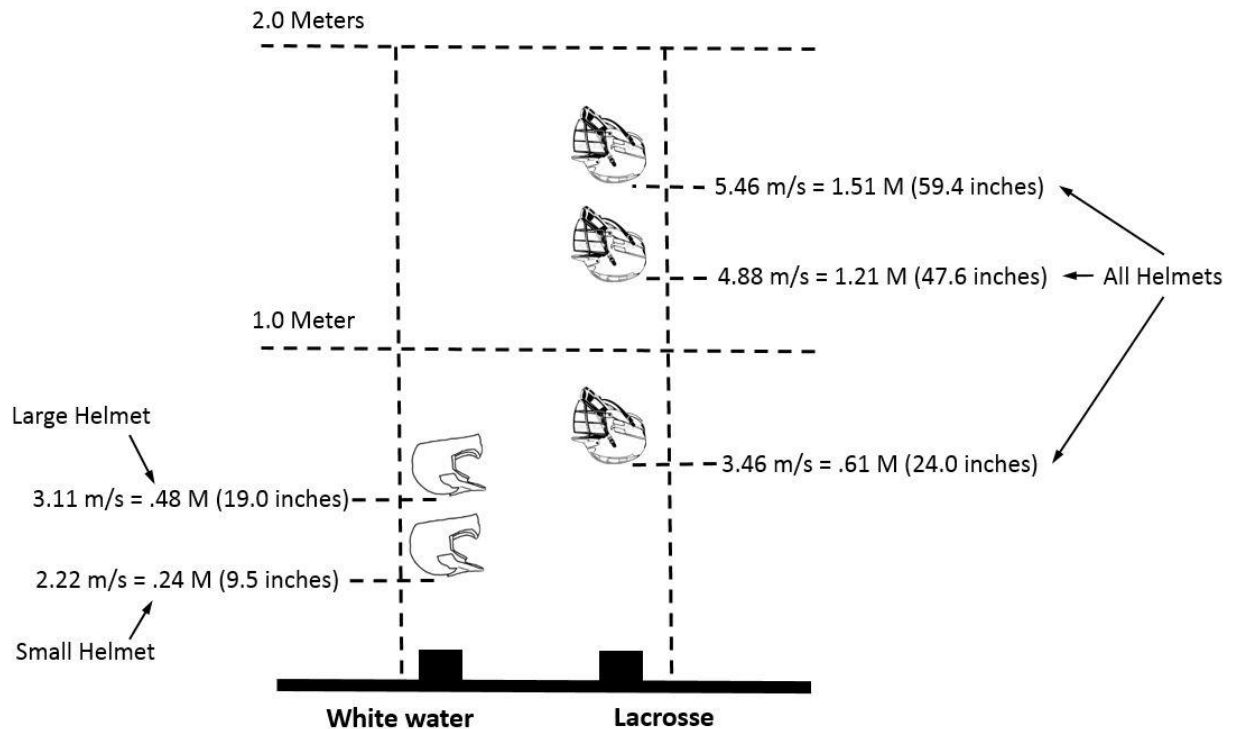
↓ Less than current standard or an undesirable feature

TECHNICAL ASPECT OF TESTING:

Injuries to your head occur when the impact force transmitted from a blow exceeds 250g-300g's. This seems to be the universally recognized limit of transmitted impact velocity to your brain inside your helmet. All helmet tests, regardless of the sport or activity, appear to utilize this limit as the pass/fail threshold to avoid concussions.

THE DROP TEST:

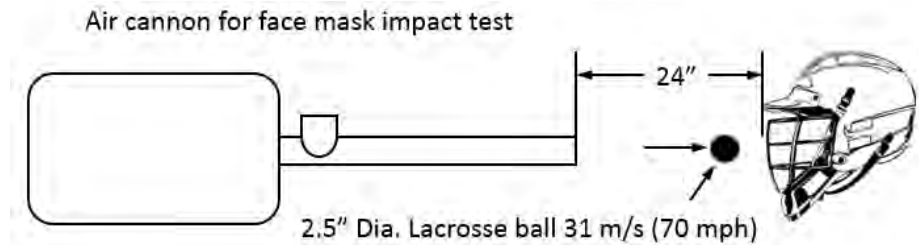
In both the CE EN1385 white water certification and the NOCSAE ND041 Lacrosse certification, helmets are subjected to drop tests at specified velocities and locations around the helmet. These velocities are stated in m/s (meters/second) followed by the miles per hour. The higher the velocity, obviously the higher the impact force. The whitewater helmet is dropped at only one velocity per helmet size. 2.22 m/s (5.0 mph) for a small to 3.11 m/s (7.0 mph) for a large with velocities and sizes in between. All sizes of Lacrosse helmets are dropped at 3 distinct velocities, 3.46, 4.88 and 5.46 m/s (8.0, 10.7, and 12.2 mph). To put this into perspective look at the picture below.



The whitewater test is actually so low that helmets with mini cell foam will pass the drop test shown above. They would not meet the higher drop heights of the Lacrosse helmet. It's pretty clear that the Lacrosse helmets are subject to both a wider range of impact forces and a higher velocity than current whitewater helmets.

THE FACE MASK TEST:

The test for faceguards involves projecting a 2.5" diameter solid rubber Lacrosse ball directly into the face mask at 31 m/s (70 mph)!



It's these increased test requirements that make the Lacrosse helmet a more suitable alternative for both higher class rivers and most importantly, to do a better job of protecting the users from facial impact and lacerations. That's not to say that you will be impervious to any injury, but you stand a better chance of minimizing injury due to the additional face guard and robust chin guard protection.

It's also worth noting that the Lacrosse helmets have a ratcheting adjustment occipital brace much like many whitewater helmets. Lacrosse helmet also utilizes a chin cup rather than a simple strap. This keeps the helmet in place more securely than a single under chin strap.

There are a few different manufacturers of Lacrosse helmets. STX Rival, Warrior, and Cascade. I decided on a Cascade S, which is their top of the line model AND as I mentioned earlier, the NEWEST Lacrosse helmet released by helmet manufacturers. The price point is under \$300, so it's in line with the top of the line white water helmets today. You can however, get models for less than half that price too.

There are plenty of folks who have told me that because the helmet isn't 'white water certified', it is inferior. That simply isn't true. It's actually quite the opposite! You have to dig deep into the actual tests and the performance numbers. Understanding the procedures and results makes you a better informed consumer.

Here's a picture of the three manufacturers helmets.



My personal thoughts: I've paddled with the Cascade helmet a total of three times so far. I'm not a stranger to a full face helmet as I currently have a SWEET Rocker FF. I'll admit the first hour or so it felt a bit more claustrophobic with the guard. After an hour or two it felt very comfortable. I thought the face guard right in front of me would be distracting.....but you simply don't see it, at least I don't. The first benefit was that Cascade just released this design (2017) so it's a NEW product on the refresh cycle of lacrosse helmet manufacturers. One other benefit that drew me to the Cascade was the top bar on the face guard is squished flat so it isn't blocking your view

as much as a full round bar. Albeit very minimal but it is a feature no one else has. I thought the chin cup would have been hard to get used to, but it wasn't. I actually like it better than the plain strap WW helmets have. Attaching the chin cup strap snap is a little different but I did accomplish it using gloves. Plus, as I noted, you can actually talk and be understood with this helmet. This was a huge detriment to my current helmet. Rolling with the helmet is a bit different. I notice a ton of water pouring out, due to the increased openness of the helmet design. This makes it cooler in the summer, but I might have to put a neoprene cap on for the winter, we'll see. The other downside is the mass of the helmet. It does weigh a little more for a comparable arrangement (**1100 grams** (2 lbs. 6 oz.) -vs- Sweet Rocker FF 740 grams (1 lb. 10 oz.) + Shred Ready add-on face guard 200 grams (7 oz.) = **940 grams** (2 lbs. 1 oz.) That's a 160 gram or 5 oz. increase. BTW, that's the weight of a deck of cards! The other downside is nose plugs.....You need two hands to put them on through the mask. Because the Cascade S is a 'One size fits most', it will likely not fit EVERYONE. I was surprised though at how adjustable it was with the occipital adjustment and the differently sized side chin padding. Cascade does make a model that supports a range of head sizes, as do the other manufacturers listed above. They also make youth sized helmet with all the same features so getting my wife or other 'small peoples' heads fitted to one shouldn't be a problem. One area of my equipment that needs modifying is my drink! Like any full face, getting a drink is tough. I need some sort of straw in my bottle to squirt it into my mouth. So, I'm on the hunt for something that works. One additional benefit is the Cascade (and the others) are 100% customizable from a color standpoint. You can even get anything from robin's egg blue to metallic red or gold! Overall, I am very pleased with how it fits and the assurance it gives me knowing if something did happen and I face planted on the river bed or a rock OR took it in the kisser from some wayward paddlers paddle, I'd be protected. I'm sure many of you can relate to the latter. At least I shouldn't be in any danger of needing facial reconstruction or a dentist appointment.



So now you have the whole story, what you do with it is up to you.

SYOTR,
 Jim Mazzola – kb8ymf
 jim.mazzola@gmail.com
 ACA# 44061375
 Date: 19OC18

November	For More Trips - Check our Message Board		Pay Dues Now	
11/4	(3) Slippery Rock (PA)	13-19	Josiah Colvin	330-671-0910
11/10,11	(4) Lower Yough (PA)	23	Katie & Joe Boyd	740-632-6725
December	For More Trips - Check our Message Board		Last Chance to Pay Dues	
12/2	(3) Slippery Rock (PA)	13-19	Chuck McDowell	330-477-1086
12/12	Club Holiday Party at Hines Hill Map		John Banach	330-606-5032
January	2019			
1/1	New Year's Day paddle on the (4) Lower Yough (PA)	23	Brent Hendren	330-414-2063

CALL FOR PHOTOS!
by Jim Hunt



Attention all photographers.

The Keelhaulers 2019 Yearbook is being compiled and your photos are needed. Photos of boating, club activities, and outdoor landscapes are welcome.

Photos should have been taken at 300 dpi or greater in density and be 1 mb (or larger) or so in file size. The actual dimensions of the photos are not critical. Color or black & white are welcome. With each photo submit: what river/rapid (or landscape or event), who is in the photo, and who took the photo.

Photos can be submitted by e-mail to: jhunt4115@yahoo.com but please limit each e-mail to about 5 mb in size. If you want to submit a bunch of photos, burn them on a CD and mail them to:

Jim Hunt
275 Tolbert St
Wadsworth, OH 44281

Photos are needed by early December. E-mail me at the above address with any questions.

Jim Hunt, Yearbook Editor

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President: Mike Gillam 440-328-5547
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Secretary: Michael Duvall 216-513-5921
Treasurer: Sam Reynolds 330-962-5501

Meetings: Approximately 4 meetings per year. Please check website for next meeting time and location.

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

Membership Chairman: John Kobak
440-871-1758
1649 Allen Dr.
Westlake, OH 44145

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Please consider writing a trip report or article for the next newsletter! The deadline for the DECEMBER 2018 issue of the newsletter is 11/23/18. Please send articles and/or pictures to: Kelly Miller (Laubaug) at peetzaguy@aol.com.

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NOVEMBER, 2018



Keelhauler's Ka-news

DECEMBER, 2018



Next Club Meeting is a Holiday Party....

December 11th at Hines Hill Conference Center,
Located at 1403 West Hines Hill Road, Peninsula, OH 44264
in Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

[Map](#)

Hines Hill Campus

Program: Potluck

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

The club will supply beverages, plates and plastic ware.

Doors open at 5:00. Meeting 5:30, Dinner after meeting- 7:30

A-E: Salad or Vegetable
F-L: Bread or Appetizer
M-R: Dessert or Fruit
S-Z: Main dish or Casserole

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

President's Message From Mike Gillam



Now that the Holiday Season is well underway, I am sure we are all starting to get busy! As typical Ohio weather, we are having an ice age one week, and tropical weather the next. Never fear, it won't be long until the cold is here to stay and those who enjoy playing on frozen water will be happy.

In this newsletter, I have included the results of the Keel Hauler survey. We had almost 130 responses! I want to thank each of you for your great ideas and suggestions, and we will take all of them into consideration as we begin planning activities for 2019 and beyond. In addition, the Trustees met and discussed the survey results, how we might plan for the future, and to develop a budget for 2019. I have included in this newsletter, both the meeting notes (not a detailed accounting of each discussion) and our 2019 draft budget. Keep in mind that our discussion and planning is not for one year at a time, but looking at our club at least 2-3 years down the road.

Draft Budget- The draft budget has been included in the newsletter and will be voted upon at the December meeting. Keep in mind that our bylaws now allow voting by email, so after reviewing the meeting notes and then the draft budget, if you want to vote on the budget by email, please send that vote to me by December 7. E-mail - mikegillam61@gmail.com

Trip Planning - We are still looking for someone to volunteer. Until that happens, I will be handling these duties. In addition, we can always use more trip leaders. Remember that you do not have to be an expert on a river to lead a trip, just enjoy paddling and like to have some fun! If you are interested in leading a trip, please email me ASAP. Also, if you visit the Keel Hauler website and the Google Calendar, you will see that all of our scheduled roll sessions are added and as trips are scheduled, they will be added to the Google calendar. You can export this calendar to your personal calendar simply by clicking on the (+) on the bottom right hand corner of the club calendar.

Trustee Meeting - The following are the brief notes from our meeting. There was a lot of very good discussion, some historical perspective of what the club has done/tried in the past, and how that might influence what we do in the future.

Web page Development: Draft allocation amount will remain as is. We will continue discussion on how new web page will be advantageous, additional costs, implementation, etc...At this time we are not

spending any money on web page, but will continue detailed discussion (Chloe present?). John has been trying to get some help for the last few years, to no avail. He is using a platform that newer web pages do not use, so there is a concern that once John does not continue with web page, we will be left with nothing. Continuing investigation is a matter of preparing for the future.

Education/Training: Money as allocated will remain. A lot of good discussion about how to use. SWR was a priority by survey, as was some intermediate/clinic. Decision was to investigate SWR courses, ACA level 4 training for members. In addition, beginning paddler trips will be developed.

Cuyahoga Falls Race: After talking with Don who said he will not need any financial help, the decision was to remove the \$1706.00 budgeted for the race. \$700 of the (\$1706) should be transferred to Marketing, raising the Marketing budgeted amount to \$950.00. Remaining \$1006.00 (in race budget) should be returned to general fund.

Film Festival money remains as budgeted, and more info will be forthcoming.

Hope to see you at the December Holiday meeting!

Mike

**Keelhaulers' Canoe Club Monthly Treasurer's Report
November 24, 2018
and FY Budget (revised) for 2019
By Sam Reynolds**

CD 0402 \$2, 297.87

CD 1077 \$2, 295.42

CD'S (2) \$4, 593.29

Checking \$21, 817.84

Total \$26, 411.13

Category Description	FY 2016 Actuals	FY 2017 Actuals	FY 2018 Budget	FY 2018 Actuals	FY 2019 Budget
ASSETS					
CHECKING balance at start of FY	\$5,733.46	\$8,893.59	\$8,893.59	\$19,191.09	\$19,191.09
CD (2) balance at start of FY	\$6,816.94	\$4,574.57	\$4,574.57	\$4,590.60	\$4,590.60
INCOME					
Conservation	\$260.00	\$114.70	\$115.00	\$192.05	\$192.00
Dues	\$5,458.32	\$6,225.44	\$6,225.00	\$6,031.83	\$6,031.00
Reserv./C.F.Cleanup/Cruise	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$0.00
Vermilion Race	\$687.14	\$1,165.88	\$1,166.00	\$985.56	\$0.00
Pool session deposit refund					
NEO Paddlers' Network Income	\$491.90	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,897.36	\$7,806.02	\$18,806.00	\$18,209.44	\$6,223.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$19,447.76	\$21,274.18	\$32,274.16	\$41,991.13	\$30,004.69
LIABILITIES					
EXPENSE					
Conservation Donations	\$2,350.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,250.00
Internet Access	\$323.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$375.00
Internet Domain	\$50.97	\$50.97	\$51.00	\$50.97	\$51.00
Webpage Development					\$3,000.00
Marketing			\$800.00	\$250.00	\$950.00
Education/Training/Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Meeting Hall	\$770.00	\$0.00	\$231.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Paddlers' Network	\$349.80	\$179.88	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cuy. Falls Cleanup/Cruise/Race		\$1,038.81	\$4,400.00	\$1,706.32	\$0.00
Postage and Supply	\$36.05	\$176.72	\$200.00	\$28.05	\$100.00
Refreshments	\$262.07	\$159.42	\$300.00	\$84.72	\$85.00
Vermillion Race/Film Festival-19	\$387.78	\$493.91	\$700.00	\$497.54	\$1,000.00
Yearbook Expense	\$1,971.30	\$1,947.36	\$1,950.00	\$2,044.34	\$2,050.00
Yough Reservations-Intro	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Special Donation/Portage Park Dist.		\$100.00	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$600.00
Multimedia Rental	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$6,641.61	\$6,897.06	\$12,062.00	\$7,811.94	\$13,261.00
OVERALL TOTAL	\$12,806.15	\$14,377.12	\$20,212.16	\$34,179.19	\$16,743.69
Conservation Donations:					
American Whitewater	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Friends of the Cheat	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Friends of the Crooked River	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Grand Canyon Private Boaters Assoc	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
American Rivers	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
West Virginia Rivers Coalition	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00

River Network	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Nature Conservancy	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Mountain Watershed Assoc.-Yough Defense Fund	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
TOTAL	\$2,350.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00

Has Your Membership Expired? From John Kobak

Your monthly password e-mail will warn you if this is your last newsletter. Our club's 2018 membership year ended on October 1st. There are still a few members who have not paid their 2019 dues.

Please try to pay your \$20 on-line using Paypal. You can use any credit card or a Paypal account and renew using this link: <http://www.keelhauler.org/EZPay.htm> OR

If you still want to mail a check, please send a \$20 check to our treasurer for your **2019 Membership Dues**

**To: Keel Haulers Canoe Club
1174 Karla Dr
Clinton, OH 44216**

To check 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 2018 password found in our monthly newsletter e-mail. If the last column by your name says 8 and not 9, then you are not recorded as paid for 2019.

Jim Hunt is completing the **2019 yearbook & Roster** and there is no reason for you to have incorrect information or not even be 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

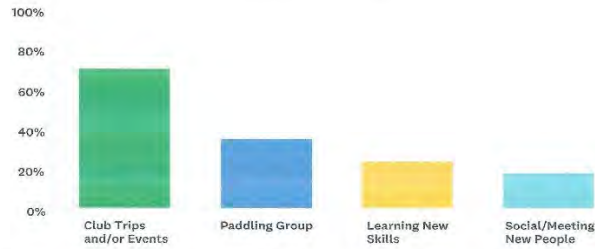
Note: Your information spans 2 pages. Only paid-up members will be listed in the yearbook, the cut-off date for new yearbook is 12/24/18.

John Kobak – Membership Chairman
[Where in the World is Kobak Now](#)

Keelhauler Survey Results From Mike Gillam

Q1 What is most positive aspect of being a Keel Hauler?

Answered: 120 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES

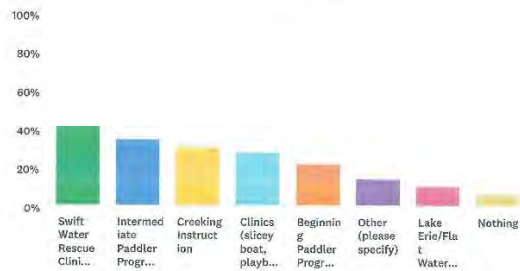
Club Trips and/or Events
Paddling Group
Learning New Skills
Social/Meeting New People
Total Respondents: 120

RESPONSES

70.00% 84
35.00% 42
23.33% 28
17.50% 21

Q2 Which 2 of the following would be of most interest to you as a paddler? Club Priorities...

Answered: 120 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES

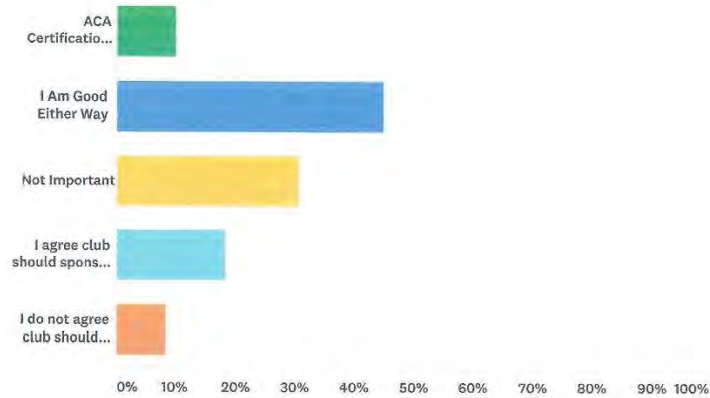
Swift Water Rescue Clinic(s)
Intermediate Paddler Progression
Creek Instruction
Clinics (slippy boat, playboating, waterfalls)
Beginning Paddler Progression Program
Other (please specify)
Lake Erie/Flat Water/Canoing Trips
Nothing
Total Respondents: 120

RESPONSES

40.83% 49
34.17% 41
30.00% 36
27.50% 33
21.67% 26
13.33% 16
10.00% 12
5.83% 7

Q3 How important is ACA certification when offering a clinic/Club sponsor member for certification (member would be expected to offer clinics).

Answered: 120 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES

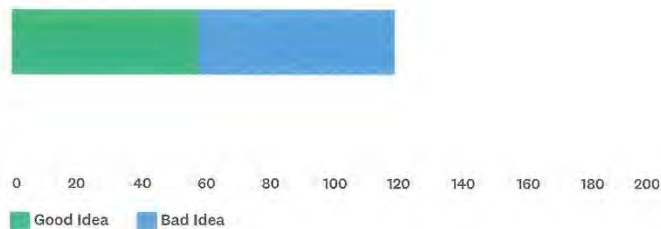
ACA Certification is Important
 I Am Good Either Way
 Not Important
 I agree club should sponsor member for ACA certification
 I do not agree club should sponsor member for ACA certification
 Total Respondents: 120

RESPONSES

10.00% 12
 45.00% 54
 30.83% 37
 18.33% 22
 8.33% 10

Q4 What are your thoughts on the club purchasing boats and equipment (whitewater, sea, SUP), etc... in order to offer kayaking experiences non kayakers/future club members?

Answered: 119 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES

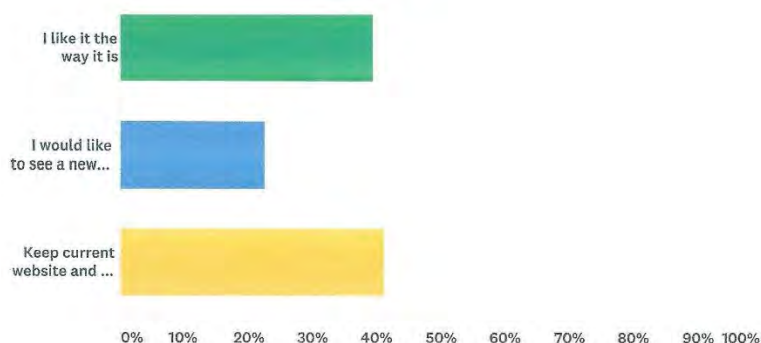
Good Idea
 Bad Idea
 Total Respondents: 119

RESPONSES

48.74% 58
 51.26% 61

Q5 What are your thoughts on the current website?

Answered: 119 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES

I like it the way it is

I would like to see a new website (@club cost)

Keep current website and FB page

Total Respondents: 119

RESPONSES

39.50%

22.69%

41.18%

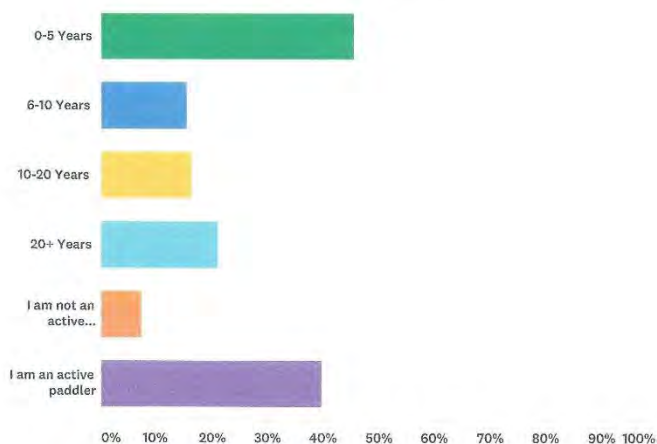
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Q6 How long have you been a member of Keel Haulers? Active paddler or Not Active paddler?

Answered: 123 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES

0-5 Years

6-10 Years

10-20 Years

20+ Years

I am not an active paddler/stopped paddling but still a member

I am an active paddler

Total Respondents: 123

RESPONSES

45.53%

15.45%

16.26%

21.14%

7.32%

39.84%

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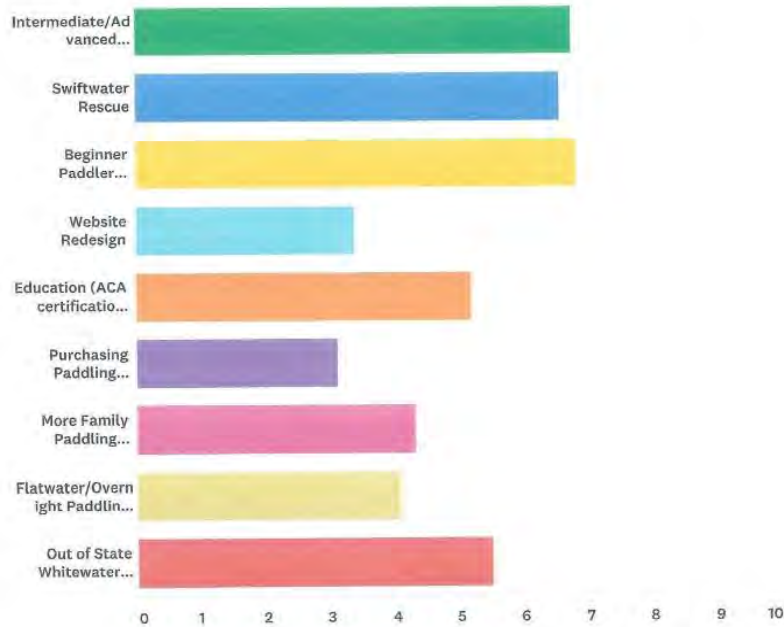
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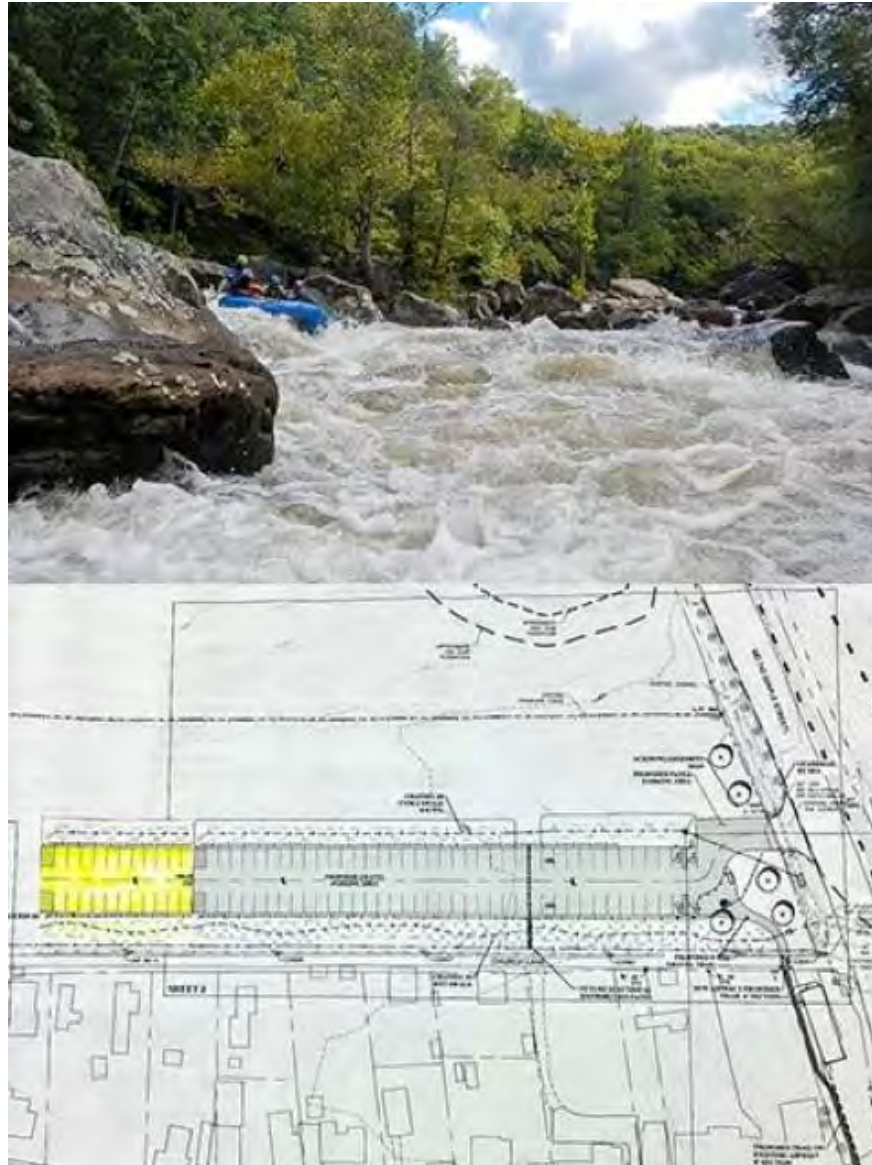
Q7 Please rank what you think should be club priorities.

Answered: 117 Skipped: 6



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL	SCORE
Intermediate/Advanced Whitewater Skills Clinics (play, waterfalls, etc.)	23.36% 25	19.63% 21	18.69% 20	14.95% 16	9.35% 10	6.54% 7	2.80% 3	1.87% 2	2.80% 3	107	6.76
Swiftwater Rescue	12.04% 13	25.00% 27	25.93% 28	9.26% 10	12.04% 13	9.26% 10	1.85% 2	3.70% 4	0.93% 1	108	6.50
Beginner Paddler Progression	28.32% 32	23.01% 26	16.81% 19	11.50% 13	5.31% 6	0.00% 0	6.19% 7	2.65% 3	6.19% 7	113	6.82
Website Redesign	5.94% 6	3.96% 4	4.95% 5	4.95% 5	9.90% 10	5.94% 6	13.86% 14	23.76% 24	26.73% 27	101	3.36
Education (ACA certification, Wilderness First Aid, et)	6.60% 7	7.55% 8	10.38% 11	19.81% 21	18.87% 20	13.21% 14	15.09% 16	5.66% 6	2.83% 3	106	5.11
Purchasing Paddling Equipment	5.94% 6	0.99% 1	2.97% 3	4.95% 5	4.95% 5	17.82% 18	9.90% 10	21.78% 22	30.69% 31	101	3.11
More Family Paddling Activities	2.88% 3	4.81% 5	6.73% 7	11.54% 12	14.42% 15	17.31% 18	28.85% 30	8.65% 9	4.81% 5	104	4.31
Flatwater/Overnight Paddling Trips	4.76% 5	6.67% 7	6.67% 7	10.48% 11	6.67% 7	17.14% 18	14.29% 15	23.81% 25	9.52% 10	105	4.01
Out of State Whitewater Trips	15.89% 17	11.21% 12	9.35% 10	13.08% 14	17.76% 19	12.15% 13	5.61% 6	3.74% 4	11.21% 12	107	5.50

**Support Sustainable Upper Yough (MD)
Access Parking
Posted by: Evan Stafford on American Whitewater**



American Whitewater has worked closely with the State of Maryland and the Town of Friendsville to maintain and improve access to the Upper Youghiogheny River since we started maintaining the Sang Run Access in 2001. We raised \$25,000 in 2012 as a down payment on the parking lot in Friendsville that paddlers use today. Buoyed by this gift, the Town successfully raised \$160,000 more to complete the project. The result – hundreds of paddlers whose cars used to line the highway for a half-mile have a safe place to park and change clothes. The town now views the river running community as an important ally in their planning, which is a wonderful change from 20-30 years ago.

American Whitewater relies on voluntary contributions to fund construction and maintenance. We've had help from "super volunteers" like Don Millard, who cuts the grass in both Sang Run and Friendsville. As well as the hundreds of paddlers who contributed to the parking lot in Friendsville and donated at the access fund box at Sang Run. Thanks to these gifts of time and money there is no charge to use either facility. And we want to keep it that way!

Now the Town of Friendsville needs our help to finish the hardened part of the parking area. Some people are now parking on grass, which is not a long-term solution. The Town has raised \$18,000 towards the work, matched by \$2000 from town funds. They would like to raise \$8,000 from the paddling community.

A single new parking space costs \$750. Can you help us? To chip in [DONATE](#) to American Whitewater today and put "Upper Yough Access 2018" in the comments box. Especially you guys who weren't around to donate six years ago, when the project began! Each gift also strengthens our relationship with the town and gives us more credibility with county and state government. Please help. Every little bit counts!!

**Very Sad News
Submitted by John Kobak**



Karen Sue Reising (nee Edwards), 65, of Vermilion, died Wednesday, November 21, 2018 at Warren Memorial Hospital after a sudden illness. She was born July 25, 1953 in Orrville, OH and had been a Vermilion resident for the past 41 years.

Karen was a Keelhauler member, and the wife of Jon Reising, a member since he was a teenager. Jon has been the Vermilion Race Chairman for a number of years, and Karen and the whole family helped put on the race.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. at the United Church of Christ Congregational, 990 State St., Vermilion, OH

44089. Reverend Melinda Quellhorst will officiate. Inurnment will follow at Brownhelm Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions to Vermilion Community Music Association, P.O. Box 175, Vermilion, OH 44089 or Save the Boundary Waters, P.O. Box 625, Ely, MN 55731 (make checks out to Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness). Online condolences may be made at: www.riddlefuneralhome.com.

Cuyahoga Sought for River Trail Designation By Matt Fredmonsky

An effort is under way to designate an official state water trail along nearly the entirety of the Cuyahoga River.

The Cuyahoga River Water Trail, a volunteer group, is working to establish an Ohio Water Trail designation spanning from the scenic headwaters portions in Geauga County through Kent, Cuyahoga Falls, Akron, the Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and onward to Lake Erie.

By designating a state water trail, numerous public access areas, including put-in and take-out points, would be labeled with signage along the entire length of the trail. The effort to earn the state designation has been ongoing since 2011 and has included numerous public meetings. The work will culminate in January with a review by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to determine if the water trail status will be granted.

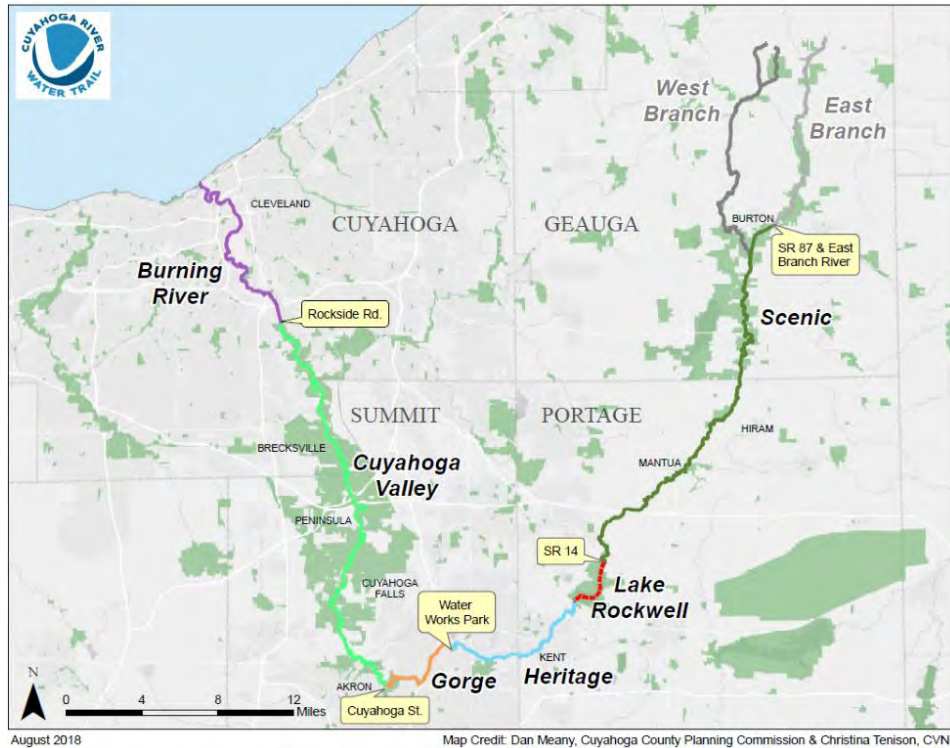
The trail would consist of five sections:

- Scenic – spanning from Burton Township, Geauga County, to Lake Rockwell, which is a no-paddle zone;
- Heritage – downstream of Lake Rockwell to Cuyahoga Falls;
- The Gorge – Both upper (Sheraton section) and lower (Gorge Metropark) gorge sections;
- Cuyahoga Valley – Akron through the CVNP
- Burning River – urban section through Cleveland to Lake Erie

Myself and Keelhauler President Mike Gillam recently met with Andrea Irland, who is leading the effort and also works for the National Park Service in the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program. Irland provided us with an overview and asked the club for both support of the effort and to consider an informal partnership on stewardship efforts within the Cuyahoga River watershed, which we hope to be able to share more on through the club in the future.

The club enthusiastically supports this water trail designation, and we will be sending a letter of support to the ODNR requesting the designation. Dozens of “stakeholder” partners have already been working to support this effort, including numerous municipalities, property owners and parks organizations along the river.

If you have questions about the water trail designation, please reach out to myself or Mike. For more information, visit the Cuyahoga River Water Trail website.



CALL FOR PHOTOS!
by Jim Hunt

Attention all photographers.

The Keelhaulers 2019 Yearbook is being compiled and your photos are needed. Photos of boating, club activities, and outdoor landscapes are welcome.

Photos should have been taken at 300 dpi or greater in density and be 1 mb (or larger) or so in file size. The actual dimensions of the photos are not critical. Color or black & white are welcome. With each photo submit: what river/rapid (or landscape or event), who is in the photo, and who took the photo. Photos can be submitted by e-mail to: jhunt4115@yahoo.com but please limit each e-mail to about 5 mb in size. If you want to submit a bunch of photos, burn them on a CD and mail them to:

Jim Hunt
275 Tolbert St
Wadsworth, OH 44281

Photos are needed by early December. E-mail me at the above address with any questions.

Indoor Pool Session Information 5 Pool Locations

Roll Instruction: Please use [KHCC Message Board](#) to find persons willing to provide instruction. The forum is also a good place to find folks with loaner kayaks and gear

Sea kayak rescue practice: Clean Sea Kayaks are welcome at both Lakewood and Orange High School pools

For more information contact **John Banach** j_banacka@hotmail.com 330-606-5032

Orange High School Pool Roll Sessions - 2019

Four sessions are scheduled for this Winter, Saturday afternoons 1/19, 3/2 & 3/16. 4/6 - 4 PM to 6 PM
Enter the pool area through West pool deck doors starting at 3:50pm. 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 \$7 per person per session (\$6 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. [Map to Orange HS](#)

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 the Hotline at 216-556-4659 and our [Message Board](#).

For more information contact **Jimi Gaddis** jimigaddis@gmail.com 567-215-1390

Lakewood High School Pool Roll Sessions - 2018-19

Five sessions are scheduled this Year, **11/24, 12/15, 12/29, 1/5, 2/2, 3/23 - 3:00 to 5:00 PM**

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(Door #15), 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. [Map to Lakewood HS](#)

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 Lakewood Pool information contact Matt Demaline - Aquatics Manager

Matt.Demaline@lakewoodcityschools.org -- 216-529-4081

Meyers Lake YMCA Pool Roll Sessions - 2018-19

Sessions are now scheduled for **every Sunday starting Mid December to the end of March** for Meyers Lake YMCA Pool in Canton, OH.

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. Turn 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.

Meyers Lake YMCA

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 me (or designated person) at the end of each session. Please remember **helmets are required**.

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

New this year: **Some Sunday's will have Kids' Clinics.** The Y agreed to allow us the pool from 8:30-11:30am on kids' days. For active members and families only. 2019 club dues must be current. Or I ask

you become a member for one year. Single or family yearly is only \$20. The usual \$7 per adult YMCA fee as for all Sunday classes if you plan to get in the water, too. All kid gear and instruction is free. I have 6 kid WW boats, kid paddles, pfd's, helmets, and kid skirts if needed. Also boats for young teens too. But, **I need to know a week in advance of each Sunday** on who will need to borrow equipment. I will also need to know your child's swimming ability and comfort level in a pool. Ages 4+. Contact John Banach for availability or for any questions. (contact info below)

8:30 to 10:30 on these days: 12/16, 12/30, 1/6, 1/13, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/24, 3/3, 3/17

8:30 to 10:30 on **Kids Clinic days: 12/23, 1/20, 2/17, 3/10** Then Soccer from 10:30 to 11:30.

Cancellation Policy

Please check the Keel-Haulers [Message Board](#) the morning of a session, a post will be there in the event the YMCA needs to cancel.

For more information contact John Banach j_banacka@hotmail.com . . . 330-606-5032

Akron University Pool Roll Sessions

Open kayaking sessions to learn basic kayaking skills on Tuesday nights from 8:00-10:00 pm
All boats, PFDs (life jackets), and paddles are provided. No experience is required. But you may bring your own, see below.

Cost is free for students, faculty/staff and rec members, and \$10 per session for non members.
Please arrive on the ONAT pool deck at the start time.

See [Akron U Pool Information](#)

Directions to Pool

Pool is near E. Buchtel Ave Exit off of SR 8.

[Map to Akron U Pool](#)

For more information contact Manager of Outdoor Adventure jident1@uakron.edu . . . 330-972-7357

Cleveland State University Pool Roll Sessions

Open kayaking sessions to learn basic kayaking skills or rolling practice

Sat. January, 13 from 9:30 - 11:30 am

Sun. February, 25 from 10-Noon

Sat. March, 10 from 10-Noon

Sat. April, 14 from 10-Noon

Sat. May, 19 from 10-Noon

Cost is \$5 for CSU students and Rec Members and \$10 for Non-members. You can sign up here: [Sign-up Information](#)

Various kayaks and equipment will be available for use for anyone who needs it.

If these dates don't work for you, I can make a specific open paddle or instructed skills clinic for a group or individuals!

For more information contact Chris Davey c.j.davey@csuohio.edu . . . 216-802-3210

General Pool Rules

The sessions are unstructured, providing plenty of time to practice at your own pace. There is no formal instruction. However, there are always club members on hand who are happy to demonstrate and provide assistance to other club members. If you want help with your roll, just ask a club member. Hand paddles will be available for learning hand rolls.

To maintain a good relationship with the Orange & Lakewood, Canton or Akron, there are a few rules to observe:

1. **All boats must be clean.** Remove the air bags and wash the boat, inside and out. Do this at home. Dirty boats are not allowed in the pool.
2. Sessions are open to the general public. For those interested, club membership forms will be available at the door. Annual club dues are only \$20 per family. Click to [Join Our Club](#)
3. The roll session at Orange High School is preceded by an Open Swim session. If you arrive early, please wait outside the building with your boats until the Open Swim session ends at 4:10 PM. Please bring in boats through the back emergency exit, which will open at 4:10 PM.
4. Please sign in and pay the lifeguard/manager upon entering the pool. **Please bring exact change.**
5. We must avoid damage to the facilities and especially the pools' tiled surfaces. Remove metal rudders from sea kayaks. Do not bring aluminum canoes. **Do not launch off the deck of the pool** -- enter your boat while it is sitting in the water.
6. The pool becomes crowded. In the interest of safety, neither free swimming nor diving is allowed. All children under the age of 18 must be supervised at all times by a paying adult.
7. **Helmets will be required**, whether you are in a boat or standing in the water helping someone. This is for your own safety.

December	For More Trips - Check our Message Board		Last Chance to Pay Dues	
12/2	(3) Slippery Rock (PA)	13-19	Chuck McDowell	330-477-1086
12/11	Club Holiday Party at Hines Hill Map		John Banach	330-606-5032
January	2019			
1/1	New Year's Day paddle on the (4) Lower Yough (PA)	23	Brent Hendren	330-414-2063

2019 Club Officers

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Secretary: Michael Duvall 216-513-5921
Treasurer: Sam Reynolds 330-962-5501

Meetings: Approximately 4 meetings per year. Please check website for next meeting time and location.

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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Please consider writing a trip report or article for the next newsletter! The deadline for the JANUARY 2019 issue of the newsletter is 12/23/18. Please send articles and/or pictures to: Kelly Miller (Laubaug) at peetzaguy@aol.com.

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