

Keel-hauler's Ka-news

JULY, 2026



President's Message From Robin Shell

As summer rolls along, things have been a little quieter on the water than usual, but that doesn't mean our members haven't been staying active.

Tuesday evenings continue to feature roll practice sessions, giving paddlers a chance to sharpen their skills, build confidence, and stay connected with fellow club members. Whether you're learning your first roll or fine-tuning a reliable combat roll, it's great to see paddlers getting time in the water.

Wednesday on the Water continues each week at Lock 29. These relaxed gatherings are a perfect opportunity to spend an evening paddling, catching up with friends, and enjoying the summer weather. If you haven't made it out yet this season, there's still plenty of time to join us.

Looking ahead, one of the highlights of the paddling season is right around the corner. Week of Rivers with the Carolina Canoe Club is coming up soon, and many members are preparing for a week of great rivers, great paddling, and great company. We hope everyone traveling south has safe adventures and plenty of stories to bring back.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our Summer Picnic on the LoYo, August 8–9. The weekend promises paddling, food, camping, and fellowship with fellow Keel-Haulers. It's always one of the club's favorite summer gatherings and a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and welcome new faces.

While summer is still in full swing, we're already beginning to think ahead to the holiday season. We are currently looking for ideas and potential venues for this year's Holiday Party. If you know of a location that could accommodate the club, or if you have suggestions for activities, entertainment, or catering, we'd love to hear from you. Please reach out and share your ideas so we can make this year's celebration one to remember.

As always, thank you to everyone who continues to volunteer, organize trips, lead activities, and support the club. Even during the slower months, it's the people of Keel-Haulers who keep our paddling community strong.

See you on the water!

Robin Shell, President, 216-482-6100

Veep's Views
By Jacki Zevenbergen

I've really appreciated the great organizers who have made this spring full of wonderful trips! As we move into summer, we will be focusing more on trips on bigger water and dam release rivers.

The first weekend in June, TRPC held the Slip Clinic with many KHCC members participating and Michael Duvall organized a trip for the Savage release. We partnered with CPC for a weekend on the Upper New River organized by Mary Spikowski. That same weekend Ed Bachtel organized a Slip Trip on Sunday and the following weekend we had another Slip trip organized by Ted Hess on Saturday. This past weekend Moneen McBride with Burning River Adventures organized a cleanup on the Cuyahoga and new member Karl Schmidt of Fall Line River School organized a trip on the Lower Yough. The schedule has been robust thanks to all of the great organizers!

In addition to all of the scheduled trips, we have had many members getting together for impromptu trips.

I'm currently at Week of Rivers in North Carolina with other KHCC members. Today, Toni Waltman, Ronda Kuhadja and I had a great time at a local stream cleanup. Things are a little dry here, but we've heard wonderful tales of exciting trips on the area's rivers including the Cheoah, Ocoee, Pigeon, Hiawassee, and French Broad. The Greenbriar Creek may have been in today and some members headed to the Little River. We have more of the week ahead of us than behind us, so I expect to hear more as the week continues.

We have quite a few events on the July calendar. These include trips on the Lower Yough and New River Dries and some easier trips on the Middle Yough, Kokosing and portage lakes. We also have 2 Cuyahoga River cleanups scheduled in July.

Please consider helping us on the water or in our booth for the Blazing Paddles event in Cleveland, Ohio. Contact me for the booth or Tim Eberling for on the water.

Please check the schedule if you're looking for a trip and/or consider organizing a scheduled trip in August.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1iRGtZinVPHOzy-tfEbs3OfR3s93VSBp3ULA6l3gQoM8/edit?usp=sharing>

Jacki



KHCC members at the FoCR River Rat Revelry. Picture taken by a FoCR Board member.



CPC KHCC Upper New River trip. Picture taken by Steven Cole.

Keel-hauler Treasurer's Report
June 28, 2026
From Michael Duvall

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River People
Find your rivers. Find your people.
From Michele Crum

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Find your rivers. Find your people.

Whitewater has always been about more than rivers. It's about community, adventure, learning, and sharing experiences with the people who make every trip memorable. That's why we're excited to introduce **River People**—a free app built by paddlers, for paddlers.

Whether you're looking for your next run, checking conditions before you leave home, connecting with your crew, or logging an unforgettable day on the water, River People brings everything together in one place.

Find Rivers Faster

Browse your favorite runs or discover new ones using powerful map-based search tools. Filter by difficulty, features, distance, and current runnable status to quickly find rivers that match your interests and skill level. Heading somewhere new? Let River People help you discover what's running nearby. Exploring areas with limited cell service? Download river information ahead of time so maps, access details, hazards, and key river data remain available even when you're offline.

Stay Informed

Access river maps, gauge data, weather forecasts, hazards, accident information, directions, and more. Set custom river-level alerts and dam-release notifications so you never miss the conditions you're waiting for. Paddlers can also report hazards and incidents to help keep the community informed.

Connect With the Community

Follow your friends, clubs, organizations, and favorite rivers. Share photos, videos, and trip reports through the Beater Feed, receive event updates, and stay connected through direct messaging. Organizations can sync existing calendars directly into River People, making it easy for paddlers to discover club outings, festivals, races, and training events all in one place.

Track Every Run

Use Live Run mode to record your trip with GPS tracking while automatically capturing river, weather, and timing data. Add photos, notes, and personal milestones to create a detailed logbook of your paddling journey during or after your run.

Keep Learning

Explore a curated video library featuring instruction from experienced paddlers covering everything from foundational strokes to advanced whitewater skills.

River People is our love letter to the whitewater community—a place to discover rivers, share experiences, celebrate achievements, and help one another paddle smarter and stay informed.

River People is available now for FREE on iPhone and Android. Download it, explore, and let us know what you think.

Find your rivers. Find your people.

River People was created by Keel-Haulers Domenic Bentz and Meesh Crum

**Kokosing River Trip
July 5, 2026
Trip Leader: Josh Adam**

<https://facebook.com/events/s/-kokosing-river-group-paddle-s/1017103761008202/>

Please respond to this Facebook event if you plan to attend so we can estimate group size and coordinate shuttle arrangements. Trip Leader: Josh Adam

Any updates regarding the trip, including river conditions, weather, meeting logistics, or schedule changes, will be posted in this event.

Kokosing River Group Paddle – Sunday July 5th! 🛶,

Join us for a paddle on one of Ohio's most scenic rivers!

📅 Saturday ⌚ Meet Time: 10:00 AM

📍 Put-In: Kokosing Scenic River Water Trail – Millwood Access
11640 Bridge St., Howard, OH

📍 Takeout: Kokosing/Mohican Confluence Access

(Where the Kokosing and Mohican Rivers meet, off Route 715)

🚗 Shuttle Plan: We'll meet at the put-in at 10:00 AM and coordinate shuttle logistics based on the final group size. The plan will likely be to leave as many vehicles as practical at the takeout and consolidate riders before launching.

📌 Trip Details: • Approximately 8–10 river miles

- Expect 4–6 hours on the water
- Bring a properly fitted PFD
- Pack water, lunch/snacks, sunscreen, and any personal river gear
- Participants are responsible for determining whether this trip is within their skill level

Hope to see you on the water!

Lake to Lake Paddle Challenge August 22, 2026

The 5th Annual Lake to Lake Paddle Challenge is a timed paddle craft challenge for all skill levels. The event will be held on the class 1, Shenango River Water Trail. There is a guaranteed water release at Pymatuning Dam to help create ideal paddle conditions. Participants have the choice of a 15 Mile Sprint Challenge Competitive Class or a 15 Mile Adventure Challenge. A post-challenge awards ceremony with food and refreshment vendors will take place at the Finish Line.

<https://sites.google.com/laketolakepaddle.com/home>

Upcoming River Cleanups From Burning River Adventures

Saturday, August 22nd, River Clean Up Registration-- KENT Section (Tannery to Middlebury)
8am-Noon

[River Clean Up Registration-- KENT Section \(Tannery to Middlebury\) | Paddle The River](#)

Monday, September 21st, River Clean Up Registration-- Water Works to River Front Park,
12Noon-3pm,

[River Clean Up Registration-- Water Works to River Front Park | Paddle The River](#)

Yough River Float Trip Fundraiser for Indian Creek Valley Trail From Mountain Watershed

July 19th from 9am-3pm. Hazelbaker's River Trips, Layton, PA. Sign up by July 12th.

More information and sign up here: [Yough River Float Trip - Mountain Watershed Association](#)

Please volunteer to Lead a Trip! By Jacki Zevenbergen

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1iRGtZinVPHOzy-tfEbs3OfR3s93VSBp3ULA6l3gQoM8/edit?usp=sharing>

Please review this proposed schedule and reach out to me or Cliff to volunteer to organize at least 1 trip during 2026. We could especially use organizers for pre-planned, weekend Slip, LOYO and

Stony trips. In addition to myself and Cliff, there are plenty of members who will mentor you through the trip organizer process if you are new to organizing. Please pay it forward to the club for the support you received as a new boater or the subsidized training you received from the club.

Jacki vpkeelhaulers@gmail.com or **Cliff** cwire64@sbcglobal.net

Purple = release, Red = event, Black = Trip

Contact Info - use FB messenger unless noted otherwise. Contact Jacki at vpkeelhaulers@gmail.com if organizer does not respond to messenger.

June , July	27-6	Week of Rivers CCC (NC)		Jacki Z
July		Upper Yough (All Mon, Fri, Sat)	32	Expert level
July		Wednesdays on the Water (Lock 29 beginner WW)	11	Doug Waltman
July	4,5	Cheat Canyon	26	Expert level
July	4,5	Cheat Narrows (WV) or Casselman (PA)	18	
July	4,5	LOYO	23	
July	5	Savage	26	Expert level
July	5	New River Dries Release (Tentative)	32	Expert level
July	5	Kokosing	Flatwater	Josh Scott
July	7, 21	Munroe Falls Lake Roll Sessions	Flatwater	Brian Smart
July	10	Cleanup SMP Valley View to CVA	Akron	Moneen McBride Cuy Valley Adv
July	11,12	Cheat Canyon	26	Expert level
July	11,12	Cheat Narrows (WV) or Casselman (PA)	18	
July	11,12	New River Dries Release	32	Mike Gillam
July	11,12	Stony Release	21	
July	11,12	LOYO	23	Mary Spikowski
July	11,12	Middle Yough	12	
July	12	Munroe Falls Lake Kayak Soccer	Flatwater	Brian Smart
July	14, 28	Indigo Lake Roll Sessions	Flatwater	Doug Waltman
July	17-18	Blazing Paddles	Flatwater	Tim Eberling
July	18	New River Dries Release (Tentative)	32	Expert level - needs organizer
July	19	Middle Yough	12	Ted & Wendy Hess
July	19	LOYO	23	Dave Roush
July	21 (Tues)	LOYO	23	Matt Fredmonsky
July		Upper New		
July		New River Gorge	26	Expert level - needs organizer
July	25,26	Stony Release	21	
July	25,26	LOYO	23	CPC Mary?

August		Wednesdays on the Water (Lock 29 beginner WW)	11	Doug Waltman
August		Upper Yough (All Mon, Fri, Sat)	32	Expert level - needs organizer
August	1,2	Turkey Bash		TRPC
August	4,18	Munroe Falls Lake Roll Sessions	Flatwater	Brian Smart
August	7	Ladies Day	23	Jacki Zevenbergen
August	8	Summer Picnic OhioPyle		Jacki Zevenbergen
August	8,9	LOYO	23	
August	9	Loop or LOYO - easy lines	23	Brianna Wiser
August	9	Middle Yough	12	Meesh Crum
August	8,9	Stony Release	21	Not likely to have water
August	11	Indigo Lake Roll Session	Flatwater	Doug Waltman
August	15	Whiskey Island Paddle fest		
August	15,16	LOYO	23	
August	15,16	Upper New		
August	15,16	New River Gorge	26	
August	22	Cleanup Tannery to Middlebury	Kent	Moneen McBride Burn Riv Adv
August	22,23	Stony Release	21	Not likely to have water
August	22,23	LOYO	23	Dave Roush
August	22,23	Middle Yough	12	
August	22,23	Upper New		
August	22,23	New River Gorge	26	Expert level - needs organizer
August	29	Rescue Practice at Slippery Rock Creek	13-21	Jacki Zevenbergen
September		Wednesdays on the Water (Lock 29 beginner WW)	11	Doug Waltman
September		Upper Yough (all Fri and Monday plus first 2 Saturdays)	32	Expert level - needs organizer
September	5,6,19,20	Stony Release	21	
September	11-14	Upper Gauley Release	33	Expert level - needs organizer
September	11-14	Lower Gauley Release	27	Expert level - needs organizer
September	12,13	LOYO	23	
September	12,13	Middle Yough	12	
September	18-20	Upper New		
September	18-20	New River Gorge	26	Expert level - needs organizer
September	17-21	Upper Gauley Release	33	Expert level - needs organizer
September	17-21	Lower Gauley Release	27	Expert level - needs organizer

September	17-20	Gauley Fest		
September	21	Cleanup Waterworks to River Front	Cuy. Falls	Moneen McBride Burn Riv Adv
September	26	Savage	26	Expert level - needs organizer
September	26,27	Upper New		
September	26,27	New River Gorge	26	Expert level - needs organizer
September	25-28	Upper Gauley Release	33	Expert level - needs organizer
September	25-28	Lower Gauley Release	27	Expert level - needs organizer
October		Upper Yough (first 2 Fri and Monday plus first saturday)	32	Expert level - needs organizer
October	2-5	Upper Gauley Release	33	Expert level - needs organizer
October	2-5	Lower Gauley Release	27	Expert level - needs organizer
October	3,4,17,18	Stony Release	21	
October		Slip		
October		Annual Election		
October	10,11	Fall Colors Trip - WV (Gauley, NRG, Upper New)		Harlie and Seth
October	10,11	Upper Gauley Release	33	Expert level
October	10,11	Lower Gauley Release	27	Expert level
October	12	Holiday Paddle		
October		LOYO	23	
October		Middle Yough	12	
October	17,18?	Upper New		
October	18	New River Gorge - Bridge Day	26	No Club Trip
October	17,18	Upper Gauley Release	33	Expert level - needs organizer
October	17,18	Lower Gauley Release	27	Expert level - needs organizer
October		Slip		
November	7,8	Tohican Release		Doug Waltman with Lehigh Club
November		LOYO	23	
November		Slip	13-21	
November	21	Holiday Party		

Cleveland Amateur Boatbuilding and Boating Society

<https://cabbs.org>



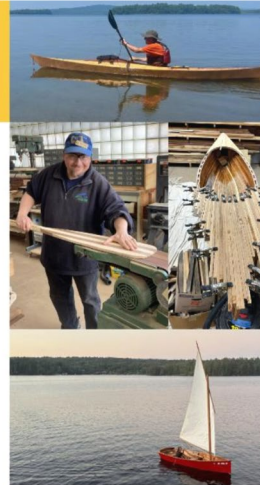
Cleveland Amateur Boatbuilding and Boating Society

Founded in 1967 the Cleveland Amateur Boatbuilding and Boating Society (CABBS) provides a focal point for the small boat community in northeast Ohio. Through monthly meetings, summer on-water events, and a well-equipped workspace, CABBS brings together small boat enthusiasts of all types.

LEARN | CABBS operates a workspace near downtown Cleveland which serves as a forum where members meet fellow enthusiasts, share information, find guidance and learn of resources for projects. We offer classes in topics like paddle and oar making and fiberglass repair.

BUILD | The CABBS workspace houses a woodworking shop that qualified members can use. There is also fee-based space members can use to build their own boat.

ENJOY | CABBS offers summer on-water events at locations throughout northeast Ohio. Members enjoy the camaraderie of small boat enthusiasts and have an opportunity to see a variety of small craft in action.



July Trips and Events Calendar of Events — Keel-Haulers Canoe Club

1 JUL, WED

KHCC continued presence at WOR (July 1st through July 5th)

Wednesdays on the Water, Weekly beginner runs on the Cuyahoga, now through September 30th, Organized by Doug Waltman

5 JUL, SUN

Kokosing River Group Paddle – Saturday! , 11640 Bridge St., Howard, OH

7 JUL, TUE

5 – 7pm, Munroe Falls Roll Practice, 521 S River Rd, Munroe Falls, OH 44262, USA

8 JUL, WED

Wednesdays on the Water, Weekly beginner runs on the Cuyahoga, now through September 30th, Organized by Doug Waltman

10 JUL, FRI

Cleanup Cuyahoga River, SMP Valley View to CVA – Akron, [AKRON: Cuyahoga River Clean Up | OpenTrailCollective](#)

11 JUL, SAT

LOYO trip - KHCC and CPC (Day 1/2)

Stony Release (Day 1/2), 10am

New river Dries/ new river gorge (Day 1/2)

New River Gorge National Park, 7:30 – 10:45pm

Portage Lakes Fireworks w/ out the gridlock traffic paddle. Nimisila launch pavilion

12 JUL, SUN

LOYO trip - KHCC and CPC (Day 2/2)

Stony Release (Day 2/2)

New River Dries/ new river gorge (Day 2/2), New River Gorge National Park, 1 – 3pm

Kayak Soccer @ Munroe Falls, 521 S River Rd, Munroe Falls, OH 44262, USA

14 JUL, TUE

5 – 7pm, Indigo Lake Roll Session, 4300 Riverview Rd, Peninsula, OH 44264, USA

15 JUL, WED

Wednesdays on the Water, Weekly beginner runs on the Cuyahoga, now through September 30th, Organized by Doug Waltman

18 JUL, SAT

Blazing Paddles, 10:30am, Lower Yough Trip with Dave Roush (Day 1/2), Lower Yough Boater Lot

19 JUL, SUN

Lower Yough Trip with Dave Roush (Day 2/2), Lower Yough Boater Lot

Middle Yough Trip

21 JUL, TUE

LOYO trip

5 – 7pm, Munroe Falls Roll Practice, 521 S River Rd, Munroe Falls, OH 44262, USA

22 JUL, WED

Wednesdays on the Water, Weekly beginner runs on the Cuyahoga, now through September 30th, Organized by Doug Waltman

25 JUL, SAT

Stony Release (Day 1/2)

26 JUL, SUN

Stony Release (Day 2/2)

12 – 5pm, Scouts on the Water, 521 S River Rd, Munroe Falls, OH 44262, USA

28 JUL, TUE

5 – 7pm, Indigo Lake Roll Session, 4300 Riverview Rd, Peninsula, OH 44264, USA

29 JUL, WED

Wednesdays on the Water, Weekly beginner runs on the Cuyahoga, now through September 30th, Organized by Doug Waltman

31 JUL, FRI

2pm, Raid Erie (Day 1/3), St Hazards Resort, [HOME | Raid Erie](#)

1 AUG, SAT

All day, Raid Erie (Day 2/3), St Hazards Resort, [HOME | Raid Erie](#)

TRPC Turkey Bash (Day 1/2), [Turkey Bash 2026 | TRPC](#)

2 AUG, SUN

Raid Erie (Day 3/3), St Hazards Resort, [HOME | Raid Erie](#)

TRPC Turkey Bash (Day 2/2), [Turkey Bash 2026 | TRPC](#)

2025-2026 Club Officers

President:	Robin Shell	Clevelandkeelhaulers@gmail.com
VP:	Jacki Zevenbergen	VPkeelhaulers@gmail.com
Secretary:	Meesh Crum	
Treasurer:	Michael Duvall	

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

Membership: \$20 per year. Membership Chairman: Rachel Faber, membershipkeelhauler@gmail.com

New memberships, renewals, change in address or phone, mail to the Treasurer: Keel-hauler Canoe Club, 2215 Atkins Ave, Lakewood, OH 44107.

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KHCC WEB PAGE URL: www.keelhauler.com

Please consider writing a trip report, an article, or sending a photo for the next newsletter! The deadline for the August 2026 issue of the newsletter is 7/23/2026. Please send articles and/or pictures to: Kelly Miller at peetzaguy@aol.com.

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July 2026

Kelly Miller, Editor

