

Keelhauler's Ka-news AUGUST, 2015



Next Club Meeting Saturday, August 15 at 6:30 PM
at Tall Oaks Campground near Ohiopyle, PA

Program: Picnic in PA

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

We'll be doing something different this month, instead of a Tuesday club meeting, the meeting will be Saturday, August 15. This is the same weekend as the club Yough trips but the Ohiopyle Falls Festival will be held 8/22/15. There will be an opportunity for all types kayaking and canoeing. Yough Lake for the flatwater paddlers, Middle, Lower & Upper Yough depending on your skill level for paddlers. There are also beautiful biking & hiking paths for those that choose not to paddle in the area. Saturday evening at 6:30 pm will be a Potluck Picnic Dinner at Tall Oaks campground for members, family and friends. You do not have to camp here to join the picnic.

The club will supply hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, tableware and soft drinks. Members should bring appetizers, salads, vegetables and desserts according to your last name.

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

[Jim Hunt](#) . . . 330-335-5203 is the Skip Work Day organizer on the Lower Yough for Thursday, 8/13
[Debbie Avallone](#) . . . 440-835-2547 is the Ladies Only Day organizer on the Lower Yough for Friday, 8/14
[Jim Hunt](#) 330-335-5203 is the Upper Yough trip organizer for Friday & Saturday 8/14, 8/15
[Karl Nelson](#) 330-497-2483 is the Lower Yough trip organizer for Saturday & Sunday 8/15, 8/16
[Mark Spang](#) 216-999-4329 is the Middle Yough trip organizer for Saturday & Sunday 8/15, 8/16

More details to follow on our Message Board.

Meeting/Dinner Questions? - Call 330-497-2483 or e-mail - [Karl Nelson](#)

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

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

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AVAILABLE!!
BY John Kobak**

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**MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT
By Karl M. Nelson**



The rain in Spain falls mainly on the plains.

The rain in Maryland falls mainly on the Yough.

And that is why I'm not a poet.

The last time the Lower Yough was under 2 feet was on June 13th. There was a real possibility the Intro to the Lower Yough trip was not going to take place. However, the river gods smiled on us and we had another fun weekend.

Silver Lake

The club had its traditional summer picnic at Silver Lake. Bob Bair brought the hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages. Kobak expertly grilled some hamburgers. Since he doesn't permit hot dogs on his grill, I scorched some hot dogs over the charcoal. There were a plethora of pasta salads for all to enjoy. And the rain gods stormed up until several hours before the picnic; but then the sun came out and everyone there had a good time catching up with old friends. A few brave souls ventured out onto the strange currents of Silver Lake.

Lower Yough Intro Trip/Middle Yough

Mid-July is the time for the newbies to be introduced to the Lower Yough. Anxious eyes followed every up and down of the Ohiopyle gauge. A few brave souls found their way to Tall Oaks campground. We had the area around the large pavilion near the flushies. There had been rain earlier in the week and the ground was squishy.

I was leading the Middle Yough trip. Bob Wondrak (K1), Sue Lan Ma (K1), Mary Ann Roberts (Rec K1) and I (OC-1) were joined by Fran Hoven (OC-1) in the Ferncliff parking lot after he launched his flotilla down the Lower Yough at 3.04 feet. After swapping boats around we headed over Sugarloaf Mountain to the Ramcat rapid. It had been 15 years since I had been there, but with a little help using Google Earth to scout out the route, we all made it to the put-in. After unloading the boats, we eventually started down the river. Mary Ann started smiling at Ramcat and didn't stop until Sunday afternoon.

We stopped for lunch at Victoria Falls. We sat in the Middle Yough equivalent of the Devil's Pool and watched the boats drifting by.





We may have created a monster. Mary Ann did great on the Middle Yough. She was then talked—and it didn't take much—into running the Loop in a ducky. At the Loop take out, she was talked—and it didn't take much—into finishing the river. She grinned all the way.

August Trips

There are a number of trips scheduled for August. There is the *Turkey Bash* on the 1st and 2nd. In mid-August, we have the *Lower Yough Four-Day Marathon*. There is the *Slacker's Trip* on

Thursday the 13th with Jim Hunt; Ladies Day on Friday the 14th with Nurse Debbie; and the Saturday and Sunday trip with yours truly. Camping reservations have been made at Tall Oaks at the large pavilion near the flushies. It is also close to the ice cream in the office. Watch the message board for meeting times.

On Saturday evening there will be potluck picnic at the large pavilion—think Silver Lake on steroids—with plenty of tables for food and eating. Check the web site for what to bring. We know Dave Roush will stop at Curt’s for coconut cream pie for dessert. Get your slice of pie BEFORE you get your hamburger or hot dog.

**Treasurer’s Report
By Pam Poljak**

**Keelhaulers Canoe Club
Treasurer's Report, 25-July-2015**

CDs (3)	\$6,773.90
Checking	<u>\$4849.34</u>
Total	\$11623.24

For Sale:

Men’s Downhill Parabolic Skis in excellent condition: Dynastar Speed 63 Carve Autodrive with Marker M72 Bindings and Look Poles 9017 Limited Series. – \$90

Men’s Ski Boots: Tecnica +10 Power Adjustable, Size 27.5 – Top of the Line – Worn 6 times & in excellent condition. – \$80

Women’s Downhill Parabolic Skis in excellent condition: Dynastar Speed 63 Carve Autodrive with Marker 5.2 Bindings and Tech 10 Pro Poles. – \$90

Both skis are sharpened, waxed, and ready to hit the snow.

Roger & Vivien Dennerll, vdennerll@roadrunner.com, or 419-734-4022.

KEELHAULER FEATURED in *AMERICAN WHITEWATER*

Some of you may wish to check out my article in the July/August issue of *American Whitewater*. It's titled "Learning to Handle a Polynesian Dugout Canoe" and is based on my decades of Pacific Islands research. In 2007-08, I spent nine months with people from Taumako, a remote island in the southeastern Solomons. My project was focused on inter-island voyaging and navigation. But I also spent a good deal of time learning about everyday activities, including fishing and local travel, as islanders moved about to visit relatives or work in their vegetable gardens. That required learning how to paddle, pole, and sail a wooden dugout canoe. Some of the skills I had developed over years of handling canoes and kayaks on North American lakes and rivers proved transferable, but in many ways I found myself in uncharted territory. The article compares the handling of dugouts with the plastic, fiberglass, and aluminum boats that are familiar to most of us. Thanks to KH webmaster, John Kobak, interested readers may access a PDF of the article at: <http://keelhauler.org/images/Handling%20a%20Dugout.pdf>. I'm indebted to *American Whitewater* and its editor, Ambrose Tuscano, for permission to share the article.

SYOTR,

Rick Feinberg

(Pictures all taken by Rick except for the first one)



Rick running Triple Drop on Slippery Rock Creek in July, 2014.
Photo by Tessa Ramsey.



Young boys demonstrating how it should be done.



Madlyn and Peter at the helm of a sailing canoe



Taunako canoes at sunset, spearfishing for garfish



Basil Tavake demonstrating Taumako's surf while fishing on the Reef in 2008.



Basil & Madlyn sailing dugout canoe

American Whitewater Hydroproject Request

Dear American Whitewater Affiliate Clubs,

The hydropower industry is behind two bills in Congress that are really bad news for rivers, and we need your help to stop them.

The "Hydropower Improvement Act" in the Senate (S. 1236) and the "Hydropower Modernization Act" in the House aim to take us back to the days of unchecked dam building, and open the door for hydropower companies to roll back almost 30 years of success in restoring flows to rivers impacted by hydropower dams.

The bills gut the tools of the Federal Power Act that American Whitewater and our partners have used to restore flows at hydropower projects across the country, like the Cheoah (NC), Tallulah (GA), Deerfield (MA), Yuba/Bear (CA), Chelan (WA), Bear River (ID) and countless others.

If your club enjoys restored recreation flows at hydropower projects or is concerned about the threats of new hydropower on your favorite rivers, you're in a good spot to help American Whitewater stop these bills.

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO!

1) Contact your Senators and Representatives.

We've made this easy. Here's a sign-on letter opposing these bills that your club can join. Currently there are 95 organizations, clubs and businesses signed on (including a few AW Affiliate Clubs already...thanks!) Will you join us? Please let Megan Hooker know if yes. We'll take sign-ons until the bills go to mark-up, which hasn't been scheduled yet. If you need to get approval within your club, you've likely got time.

You can also always reach out to your Senators and Representatives on your own, which we encourage you to do either way.

2) Help spread the word!

We're looking for clubs to carry the message through op-eds and opinion pieces in your local and regional newspapers. We can help you craft your message. Contact Megan if you're interested.

You can also help us spread the word on social media. Keep an eye on AW's Facebook and Twitter feeds, and share!

These bills are some of the most dangerous pieces of legislation for rivers that we've seen in over 10 years. Thanks for signing onto the opposition letter, writing an op-ed, or both! Together, we can protect our rivers for many more great days out on the water!

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August	For More Trips - Check our Message Board			
8/1,2	(4) TRPC Turkey Bash at Lower Yough Turkey Bash 2015 Info & Forms KHCC members same as TRPC	23	Joe Marksz	216-281-1517 216-533-0604
8/6,13,20,27	Thursday Rolling Practice at Nimisila Reservoir (OH)- 5:30-7:30PM but call Dennis first		Dennis Dukeman	330-858-6270
8/8	Portage Lakes Paddle (OH)	SK/FW	David Johnson	330-305-1565
8/8,9,22,23	(4) Stonycreek River Release (PA)	21	Needs organizer	
8/13	(4) Lower Yough - Skip Work Day (PA) Get Permit	23	Jim Hunt	330-335-5203
8/14,15	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Jim Hunt	330-335-5203
8/14	(4) Lower Yough - Ladies Only Day (PA) Get Permit	23	Debbie Avallone	440-835-2547
8/15	Club Meeting at Tall Oaks		Karl Nelson	330-497-2483
8/15,16	(4) Lower Yough (PA) Get Permit Call before Thursday at noon.	23	Karl Nelson	330-497-2483
8/15,16	(2) Middle Yough (PA)	12/SK	Mark Spang	216-999-4329
8/21,22	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Michael Duvall	216-513-5921
8/28,29	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Needs organizer	

2015 Club Officers

President: Karl Nelson 330-497-2483
VP: Dave Roush 440-623-9035
Secretary: Donna Homberg 440-236-8360
Treasurer: Pam Poljak 440-268-9194

Meeting Place: Middleburg Heights Recreation Center, 15700 Bagley Rd, 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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KHCC WEB PAGE URL: www.keelhauler.org

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Please consider writing a trip report or article for the next newsletter! The deadline for the **September issue of the newsletter is **8/23/15**. Please remember that articles should be sent to Kelly Miller (Laubaugh) at peetzaguy@aol.com.**

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