

Keelhauler's Ka-news



DECEMBER, 2015



Next Club Meeting Wednesday, Dec 9th.
*at the Middleburg Hts Community Center,
16000 E. Bagley Rd.*

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

Program: Club Christmas Party and Potluck Dinner

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

A-E: Main Dish or Casserole

F-L: Salad or Vegetable

M-R: Bread or Appetizer

S-Z: Dessert or Fruit

The club will supply beverages, plates and plastic ware.

[Map to Middleburg Hts Meeting](#)

All meetings are open to guests.

Invite a prospective member!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Karl M. Nelson



December is the time when we pause to reflect on the year that has just past. In 2015, there were over 300 Keelhaulers living in 12 states. In 2015, the Keelhaulers had at least 110 scheduled trips plus who knows how many just because the sun was shining and we could. In 2015, the Keelhaulers had trips on 20 different rivers (or sections of rivers). This doesn't include the Week of Rivers, Southern River Trips, or trips to Costa Rica. These trips take place because someone volunteers to organize the trip. Unfortunately, that no good kayaker *Organizer Needed* is still leading more than his fair share of trips. If you have been on a trip, you can organize a trip. Let Dennis Dukeman know the trips you would like to organize. Many of those from states far and wide join the Keelhaulers because of the extensive trip schedule. All of them stay because of the class of paddlers who gather at the campfires. December is also the time when we make resolutions for the New Year. I resolve to not have any out-of-boat events until April.

KEELHAULER MEETING MINUTES
From Marcia Karchmer, Secretary
November 10, 2015

Attendance: 13

New Members: 1: Carl Fazio: interest in canoeing.

Chair reports: John Kobak: membership: 300 total members; 200 paid.

New Business:

Board Meeting: 11/12/15:7pm: Holiday Inn Independence, OH.

Vermilion Race: Jon Reising to organize it until the 50th anniversary. His hope is that the Metroparks will take it over.

New younger members are needed. The new website has not brought in much interest in the club. Marcia suggested contacting Scott Patton, who teaches high schoolers to paddle whitewater on the Yough: she will do this next year. Scott is from Pittsburgh.

Pool sessions have already started in Canton: Sunday A.M.: Lakewood sessions begin in January.

New river sports store in Avon, OH: Cabella's and new LLBean store in Legacy Village, Beachwood, OH.

Donna and Carl Homberg's grandson, Tom Piros, has a new video out: Ohio Whitewater Class VI.

Trip reports: None.

Program: none: need for program suggestions.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Christmas Party: (Second Tuesday spot had already been reserved.) Middleburg Hts. Recreation Center: Pot luck.

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

**Keelhaulers' Canoe Club
Treasurer's Report - November 22, 2015**

CD 0402	\$2, 273.87
CD 1077	\$2, 271.44
CD 4709	<u>\$2, 251.10</u>
CD'S	\$6, 796.41
Checking	<u>\$8, 813.24</u>
Total	<u>\$15,609.65</u>

**Has Your Membership Expired?
From John Kobak**

Our club's 2015 membership year ended on October 1st.
There are still a few members who have not paid their 2016 dues.

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

Since I will not be around to get your check until December 17th 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://keelhauler.org/thanks.htm>

OR

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2016 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 2015 password can be found on page 20 of our yearbook or in our monthly newsletter e-mail. If the last column by your name says 5 and not 6, then you are not recorded as paid for 2016.

Jim Hunt is completing the **2016 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 12/26/15.

John Kobak - Membership Chairman

[Where in the World is Kobak Now](#)

50 YEARS OF THE KEEL-HAULERS

continued.....

PADDLING WITH THE KEELHAULERS IN THE 1970s by Dean Norman

I joined the Keelhaulers Canoe Club in the fall of 1971 when I moved more or less permanently to Cleveland. My kids, David and Susan, kayaked with me on many club trips from 1972 thru 1975. In those years the Vermilion River was always high enough to run from Birmingham to Mill Hollow on race day. On one clean-up day the week before the race, the river was extremely high. Hank Annable stood on the bank smiling and shaking his head. He knew the river better than anyone, and was not going to paddle. We should have taken his advice. There was no way we could do any clean up, so it was just a fun paddle. The kayakers had a fun day, but open canoes swamped in the waves. Some canoes not only swamped but went to the bottom and were held there by the current until days later. Fortunately no paddlers were hurt.

I lived for two years in Los Angeles (1969-71) and joined the Valley Canoe Club. It was then my kids and I got into kayaks and C-1s, and paddled on the Kern River and Kings River. I brought a Tom Johnson designed Bronco kayak with me when I moved to Cleveland, and Chuck Tummonds got permission from Tom Johnson to make Bronco kayaks for himself and several Keelhaulers members. Many years later my beat up and roughly patched Bronco kayak was purchased by Andy Gross at a Keelhaulers auction. He used it to teach kayaking in a swimming pool at Cleveland State.

Tom Johnson designed the first widely manufactured poly kayak, the River Chaser, in 1974 or 1975. These indestructible boats (which sometimes destructed from plastic fatigue) led to the new techniques of bouncing off of rocks rather than avoiding them. Perception soon made a much better plastic kayak, and Keelhaulers quit making their own kayaks from fiberglass. By 1976 most Yough river guides began using River Chasers which could take more frequent rock beating without repairs.

Chuck Tummonds was very interested in kayak slalom racing for his daughter Cathy. Chuck designed a slalom practice race course on his property on the Upper Cuyahoga River. He took Cathy and my daughter Susan to many slalom races. Cathy became so skilled she probably would have won a national championship and been on the U.S. Team for international races. But she dislocated a shoulder while paddling in Colorado one summer, and had to give up kayaking completely as the shoulder continued to hurt for a year or more.

Susan qualified once for the U.S. Team and paddled at a World's championship in Wales. One year she failed to qualify for the U.S. Team, but got lucky and won the national championship. The U. S. women's team members decided to skip the national race, because they thought Linda Harrison would just beat them all again as she had for about five years in a row. But Linda had stopped practicing that summer, and Susan with one good run managed to make the best score.

Donna Bergland, a chemistry professor at Wooster College, presented a slide show of her Grand Canyon trip at a club meeting. In the fall of 1975 Donna led a Keelhaulers trip on the Gauley River. Most of us had not paddled the Gauley before, so she led us through every rapids. I tried to get near the head of the line each time to be sure to follow the route she was selecting. Everyone except Donna carried around Iron Ring Rapids. It didn't look difficult, but there were said to be iron rods below the surface that could hurt you if you capsized.

At Pillow Rock rapids we all watched Donna show the route. She punched through two hydraulic waves at the start, and then stroked hard to center and right to finish the run rather easily. Then I watched our best paddlers fail to punch through the hydraulic waves. They got caught, surfed a while before tipping over, then rolled up and were washed to the left against the pillow rock. Some leaned toward the rock, some braced away from the rock...all of them tipped over. Then

they rolled up again and got washed against a second pillow rock and capsized and went down the final chute upside down. Then they rolled up again and paddled into the eddy to watch the rest of us take our medicine. Chuck Singer carried his kayak up along the left bank to try it again, and tipped and rolled three times again in his second run.

It was too hard to carry around this rapids, so I was resigned to taking my bath and hoped I could roll up three times and avoid a swim. Then I saw a C-1 paddler, Loren Schafer, take a route in the center through a maze of rocks in shallow water. When he came out of the maze he was downstream of the two hydraulic waves that caused the trouble, so he could easily paddle hard to the right as Donna had done and make the run look easy. I took that route and had the same success. I would rather survive than be brave. Donna was a very strong paddler to be able to punch through the waves that stopped everyone else.

I met Donna again at a restaurant in Salmon, Idaho, in 1976. I had gone there to paddle the Middle Fork and Main Salmon rivers with Dr. Walt Blackadar and his son and daughter. Donna often spent summers in the West paddling whitewater with people she had met there. The next year I read a sad story that Donna died in a western river. She took a practice run prior to a downriver race...alone...and got pinned in a rapids. The racing paddlers found her the next day. Donna was usually a cautious paddler, but apparently she was overconfident that day to paddle the river alone in the late afternoon.

Dr. Walt Blackadar died the same year by getting pinned under a downed tree on the North Fork of the Payette River in Idaho. He was paddling with a group, but the river was too turbulent for other paddlers to help him where he was pinned. Walt was a fearless paddler, because he hardly ever missed a roll. He would drift sideways into big hydraulic waves that he knew would capsize him, and calmly roll up after he washed out of the wave. But he admitted that he was not good at negotiating tight technical routes in narrow rivers, and didn't paddle much in that kind of river. Two legends of our sport lost their lives in mistakes they didn't usually take. Something for all of us to think about when we paddle whitewater.

But before the Keelhaulers there was the Madhatters Canoe club which I joined in 1966. I only paddled one trip with them on the Upper Cuyahoga and met George and Helen Hazelett at that time. Don Roper may have been on the trip also. I did attend part of a 2 or 3 day New Year's party held by the club, which was feasting and drinking and telling tall tales.

From 1968 to 1971 I was gone from Cleveland, so I missed the birth of the Keelhaulers club. Hank Annable should tell us about this. A story I heard was that on canoe camping trips the Madhatters members (some of them) would stay up late at the campsite, drinking and singing and beating on the bottoms of overturned canoes to sound like Indian tom toms. Some people on those trips wanted to go to sleep when it got dark, and have energy to paddle rapids the next day. Cattaraugus

Creek in New York was a favorite canoe camping river, and at high water the rapids can be challenging for open canoes.

There was a club meeting with arguments and a vote on whether or not it should be lights out and quiet when it got dark, and a majority voted for lights out and quiet.

Then the trustees of the club said it was in the club constitution that the trustees could overrule any vote of members, and the singing and drinking and canoe beating was an indispensable tradition of the club. So several members who wanted quiet time after dark, quit the Madhatters and formed the Keelhaulers Canoe Club.

I was told that the first kayak in NE Ohio was paddled by Father Patrick McGuckin. When he entered the Madhatters Grand River Race, they made him use a single bladed paddle. His double bladed paddle was thought to be an unfair advantage over all the others who were paddling canoes. There were no separate categories in that race so everyone was competing against everyone else no matter what kind of boat you paddled.

Don Roper told me how the first Keelhaulers kayakers learned the Eskimo roll. No one knew how to do it, so they went to a swimming pool and read a book. Then everyone got into their boats and thrashed around unsuccessfully. Eventually one person shouted "I did it!" They all stopped to watch him do it again, and then imitated his stroke.

When I first paddled Slippery Rock Creek, Don Roper told me how to run one rapids. "Go left, and then go right, and then down the middle. Or maybe it's the other way around. Well, just watch me." So I watched Don go left and go right...or maybe it was the other way around...and then he went over the last drop and I couldn't see him. But I saw him wave his paddle in the air three times. I wondered what that signal meant? When I met Don below the rapids, he explained his paddle signal. "I turned over in the last drop. So I rolled up, and rolled up so strong I went over on the other side. I use an extended paddle roll, and couldn't get my paddle adjusted to brace after a strong roll. Tipped and rolled three times."

In spring of 1967 I took photographs at the start of the Madhatters Grand River Race, and met Ralph McCarty. He and his son were paddling a wood canoe that leaked a lot. He said the beautiful canoe had been on a famous expedition filmed by Lowell Thomas, so he wanted to paddle it even though they had to stop and tip it up to drain it several times during the race. It was a big snow storm that day. Driving on the shuttle was treacherous, and lots of paddlers got wet on the river. It made good photos, and I wrote a photo article that the Plain Dealer Magazine printed the following year. The Madhatters said it snowed every time they held this race in the first few years

In spring of 1967 Ralph McCarty and Father McGuckin took me and my daughter and our new Labrador puppy on a white water adventure on the Cheat River

Narrows. My canoe half filled with water in each rapids, and the puppy would be swimming in the canoe before we bailed it out. We carried around Calamity Rock. Then I finally told Ralph I was going to quit before the next rapids and haul my boat up to the road. My daughter and I were exhausted, and if we tipped we would not be able to help ourselves. It turned out we had just come thru the last rapids, so we didn't have to quit. Ralph McCarty is famous for his enthusiasm which often exceeded his judgment and skill. He never should have let me and my daughter paddle that day without wet suits.

Bob Marietta told how Ralph led trips on the Yough when he founded Mountain Streams and Trails with rubber ducky kayaks instead of rafts. Ralph told a group of first time paddlers how to run Entrance Rapids...which is sort of complicated. Finally he stopped describing how to run the rapids, and said, "Just follow me!" Then Ralph capsized in the first wave and swam the rapids, while everyone in the group came through without tipping over. Someone should tell some more McCarty stories.



Cartoon by Dean Norman

From John Kobak:

I propose that each month under this same 50 year title, [Old time Club Members](#) or anyone else, post a story from the old days. Please send Kelly a story each month and keep this going until next spring.

WV Flood of 1985 – 30 Years ago From John Kobak

During the last week of October 1985, weak winds over the United States, south of 40 degrees latitude, allowed a late-season tropical storm named Juan to meander along the Gulf of Mexico coast. On Thursday, October 31, the weakening Juan moved north, leaving abundant moisture over the Southeast.

On Sunday, November 3, another storm formed in southeastern Georgia. This new storm was now in position to tap the moisture left in the atmosphere by Juan. Occasional rain fell over West Virginia on November 3. By the predawn on Monday, November 4, a large area of rain began to form from western North Carolina north to southern West Virginia. This rain continued to strengthen while shifting northeast toward Elkins and Petersburg by late morning. The storm center moved slowly north, reaching the Lynchburg, Virginia, vicinity by nightfall. The circulation around the storm pulled additional moisture from the Atlantic coast, and the winds blowing up the eastern slopes of the Appalachians augmented rain totals. These factors kept the heavy rains falling into Monday night. Rainfall rates of three to six inches in 12 hours were observed over the headwaters of the Potomac, Greenbrier, and Little Kanawha rivers. These same rainfall rates affected an even larger percentage of the Cheat, Tygart Valley, and West Fork river basins.

In response to the rain, many head-water rivers rose rapidly with the onset of darkness that Monday evening. Severe flooding took place overnight. After midnight, the rain became lighter, but by then, fatal flooding was under way. The 24-hour rainfall amounts, ending near dawn on Tuesday, November 5, were four to eight inches from the Covington and Roanoke area of Virginia northward, to include the area from Clarksburg to Petersburg in West Virginia. The low clouds and light rain that fell during the day on November 5 did not affect river crest heights, but did hamper rescue operations from the air.

The Cheat and Greenbrier rivers crested at record levels. Record water heights were also seen on portions of the Tygart Valley, Little Kanawha, and West Fork rivers, and on the North and South Branches of the Potomac. At Parsons, the Cheat River crested 10 feet above flood stage and four feet higher than the previous record from July 1888. At Glenville, the Little Kanawha River crested 13 feet above flood stage and about two feet higher than the March 1967 flood. At Philippi, the Tygart Valley River crested nearly 15 feet above flood stage and around four feet higher than the previous record stage. At Moorefield, the South Branch of the Potomac River crested about 10 feet above flood stage and nearly four feet higher than June 1949, the previous record.

In West Virginia, 47 people were killed in the flood of 1985. Pendleton and Grant counties had the most fatalities. Towns such as Parsons, Rowlesburg, Philippi, Marlinton, Glenville, Petersburg, and Moorefield were severely damaged. The upper James and Roanoke rivers in neighboring Virginia also had fatal record flooding. In the aftermath of this flood, cleanup and recovery efforts were greatly aided by an unusually mild November.

Here are some YouTube videos about the flood.

ABC News Peter Jennings Nov 1985 Potomac River Flood

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oilTvtgysH0>

Rowlesburg WV Potomac Cheat River Flood Tom Brokaw Nov 1985

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-ZRF7xolL8>

Ted Kennedy Visits West Virginia Flood Victims

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEi2_encDw0

WV Flood 1985 Federally Activated WVARNG 3664th

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6bOEx103IE>

West Virginia Public Broadcasting on Flood of 1985

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=whyDA3sbuwU>

The Great West Virginia Flood Of 1985

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pNnheDXAIOA>

Interview with Charlie Walbridge, effects of the 1985 flood on the paddling the Cheat Canyon.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vKD1rivhcRY>

Big Nasty, Black Saturday the Next Spring - 1986

<https://vimeo.com/117990973>

Upcoming Roll Sessions

See website link for the most up to date information.

<http://www.keelhauler.org/Instruction/#pool>

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**Grand Canyon National Park Revises
Policy on Un-Used Private Permits
From Jim Hunt**

From: Grand Canyon Private Boaters Association:

The Grand Canyon Private Boaters Association would like to extend our thanks to Grand Canyon National Park Superintendent Dave Uberuaga for an important adaptive management change he made early this year to the Colorado River Management Plan. This change is very meaningful to noncommercial Grand Canyon river runners seeking a permit to launch a river trip.

GCPBA requested that unused noncommercial river trip launch dates during a year be rescheduled, rather than lost. We wrote to the Park:

"We would like to discuss and perhaps develop a method for rescheduling unused noncommercial trips. With the 2006 CRMP, noncommercial river runners achieved long awaited gains in the number of trips allowed to launch. They are very valuable to us and highly sought after, as every year's river trip lottery application data shows. Unfortunately, sometimes for reasons beyond their control, permit holders must cancel their trips. Sometimes these trips cannot subsequently be awarded to anyone else to use on the original launch date. Unused noncommercial river trip launches, for any reason, perhaps could be placed back on the launch schedule, on dates later in the same year, chosen at the River Office's discretion so that the Trips At One Time parameter is not exceeded."

Clearly Superintendent Uberuaga heard us and other members of the public, and he approved and implemented the following change early in 2015. The announcement from April 3, 2105, says:

"Up to 20 unused noncommercial launches (last minute cancellations) will be added to the subsequent year's list of available dates and made available through lotteries to the public. Launches will be scheduled in the subsequent year near the date of the original planned launch. Noncommercial launches canceled more than 30 days in advance will continue to be distributed through a lottery system for the original launch date. This change will apply to last minute cancellations and no-shows."

Immediately upon approval unused five launch dates from March, 2014, onward were added to the 2015 launch calendar. Eleven unused 2015 dates have been added to the 2016 launch calendar. Launch dates that are canceled from now through the end of 2015 and remain unused will be released in a future lottery. All unused dates

that were rescheduled to the next year were offered in secondary lotteries, including the one that ended October 15, 2015.

This is expected to go on indefinitely. Further details of the implementation of the plan to reschedule unused launch dates will be coming soon.

GCPBA greatly appreciates Superintendent Uberuaga, River Permits Program Manager Steve Sullivan, and other Park personnel for hearing our suggestions and implementing these changes. We look forward to continuing our relationship with the park and encouraging further improvements and opportunities for private boaters to enjoy "the trip of a lifetime" on the Colorado River through Grand Canyon.

Hydropower Legislation Seeks to Undermine the Clean Water Act on its 43rd Anniversary
From Jim Hunt

From: American Rivers

October 18, 2015 marked the 43rd anniversary of the Clean Water Act. This bedrock environmental law has been protecting our waters since 1972. A few years before, the Cuyahoga River in Ohio had caught fire - for the 13th time! - at last moving Congress to act decisively to clean up the nation's rivers and streams. The Clean Water Act has brought us a long way since then, but its full implementation and enforcement are still needed as there are currently 43,180 impaired waters in the United States that need rehabilitation.



Unfortunately, the Clean Water Act is constantly under attack by corporate interests, and their allies in Congress, seeking to weaken the law's protection of

rivers, streams, and wetlands. The latest attack comes in the form of H.R. 8, the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act. H.R. 8 contains provisions in its hydropower section that would undermine the Clean Water Act. It would allow large utilities to ignore state and tribal requirements under the Clean Water Act that dams meet water quality standards. This dirty water language would benefit a small number of huge corporations that are afraid that their dams, built many decades ago, might now have to meet the Clean Water Act's modern standards.

For example, H.R. 8 would allow Exelon Corporation to avoid meeting its responsibility to clean up the Chesapeake Bay, which is why this provision is opposed by Maryland's Republican Administration. It also could allow Pacific Gas and Electric to avoid doing its part to meet water quality requirements on rivers that have been impaired by California's historic drought, which is why the State of California strongly opposes the bill. If this provision is enacted, the burden for protecting these and other important bodies of water will fall disproportionately on other users of the river, but especially agricultural producers and municipalities.

Hydropower licenses are issued for up to 50 years. Hydropower facilities that are coming up for relicensing now were first constructed before the Clean Water Act and virtually all modern environmental laws were in place. It is during relicensing proceedings that the public gets the opportunity to ensure that dam owners make the necessary changes to comply with the Clean Water Act and other modern laws. The opportunity to mitigate for the damage to the environment, while still providing reliable electricity, only arises once in a generation or two.

This bill is an unprecedented assault on our nation's rivers and the people and wildlife that depend upon them. Its passage would end the balance in hydropower licensing, instead tipping the scales in favor of huge utilities and against taxpayers. If you care about the Clean Water Act, as well as irrigation, Native American treaty rights, wildlife, recreational fishing, commercial fishing, whitewater boating, water quality, municipal water supply, fire safety, flood control, or any other purpose other than generating power, then you should urge your Representative to vote NO on H.R. 8.

KHCC Trip Schedule 2016 **By Dennis Dukeman**

The Keelhauler's Trip Schedule is one of the most important things the club has to offer to everyone. It provides a paddling progression for beginners and intermediate paddlers and there are many trips for the more advanced crowd such as the Upper Yough and Upper Gauley (in season) to name a few. The Trip Schedule

also attracts new members, thus helping grow the club. Trips not only create a dialogue between paddlers young and old but provide a place to learn new skills, hone existing ones and challenges oneself while participating in the best sport ever.

Being a Trip Organizer is very important and I encourage anyone who is interested to Step Up. It's easy, rewarding and fun. Just think about all of the trip leaders that organized trips that you were on and some of those trips you may never forget. Your trip may become an annual favorite, many of them do. This is an opportunity to get more active in the club today, sign up!

But what we are really missing are flatwater trips on our river schedule. FLATWATER paddlers could help make our schedule even better for newer paddlers. Rivers like the:

Ashtabula
Conneaut Creek
Grand
Chagrin
Upper Cuyahoga
Cuyahoga below Kent
Vermilion
Mohican
Kokosing
Little Beaver
French Creek
Or anywhere else

These are all easy and scenic rivers. All you need is to find out how to get to the put-in and take-out. NO EXPERIENCE necessary. These rivers are where you can learn your paddling strokes, eddy turns and ferrying techniques. See this ODNR Guide <http://watercraft.ohiodnr.gov/paddlenorthernohio> to these rivers. The smaller rivers are able to be paddled in March - May, some of the larger watersheds can be paddled any month.

If you would like to talk about being a Trip Organizer before you make the Jump to Light Speed please call or email me. 330-858-6270 / ddukeman@neo.rr.com

I would like to thank all of the Trip and Event Organizers from this past year your time is greatly appreciated. We have many members who continue year after year, but it takes new leaders to keep the ball rolling... Please contact me to discuss any trip ideas and or questions you may have. That's help make 2016 a great paddling year. I hope to hear from you...

Thank you,
Dennis Dukeman

January	2016			
1/1	New Year's Day paddle on the (4) Lower Yough (PA)	23	Brent Hendren	330-414-2063
1/03	KH Roll Session at Orange pool - 4-6:00 PM		Dave Roush	440-623-9035
1/3-10	Costa Rica Week of Rivers, 7 day all-inclusive See Joe's Information or Costa Rica Rios		Jeff Cramer	330-245-6252
1/4,11,18,25	KH Roll Session at Meyers Lake YMCA pool - 8:45 -10:45 AM		Jeff Cramer	330-245-6252
1/17,24	KH Roll Session at Lakewood pool - 3:00-5:00 pm		Karl Nelson	330-497-2483

THE RULES OF KAYAKING

- RULE #1 DO NOT DIE.
- RULE #2 SEE RULE #1.
- RULE #3 PEOPLE ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN BOATS.
- RULE #4 WHEN IN DOUBT, DON'T.
- RULE #5 STRAINERS ARE NOT YOUR FRIENDS.
- RULE #6 UNDERCUTS ARE BAD.
- RULE #7 SMILE FOR THE CAMERA.
- RULE #8 THE RIVER IS STRONGER THAN YOU ARE.
- RULE #9 BRING A HOT THERMOS BETWEEN LABOR DAY AND MEMORIAL DAY
- RULE #10 IF YOU SCOUT, BRING A THROW ROPE AND CAMERA.
- RULE #11 DON'T PADDLE WITH PEOPLE THAT DON'T CARRY THROW ROPES.
- RULE #12 HAVE YOUR KEYS AT THE TAKEOUT.
- RULE #13 IF IT'S NOT FUN, DON'T DO IT!
- RULE #14 HANDROLLS ARE A LAST RESORT, NOT FIRST.
- RULE #15 MAKE SURE SOMEONE HAS A WATCH.
- RULE #16 NEVER LET A NEW PADDLER GO FIRST OR LAST.
- RULE #17 NO RIVER IS "TOO EASY" UNLESS YOU CATCH EVERY EDDY AND SURF EVERY WAVE.
- RULE #18 CHERISH EVERY RIVER TRIP, NO TWO ARE THE SAME.
- RULE #19 SAVE THE PERSON WITH THE KEYS OR THE COFFEE FIRST.
- RULE #20 SCREAMING IN TERROR IS A WASTE OF GOOD OXYGEN.
- RULE #21 NO MATTER HOW FRIENDLY THE RIVER IS, YOU ARE NOT THE RIVER'S FRIEND.
- RULE #22 RIVERS DON'T CARE!
- RULE #23 ALWAYS HAVE AIRBAGS!
- RULE #24 WHEN IN DOUBT, PADDLE, PADDLE, PADDLE!
- RULE #25 THANK THE POOR SOULS WHO RETRIEVE ALL YOUR LOST GEAR.

2016 Club Officers

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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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Please consider writing a trip report or article for the next newsletter! The deadline for the **January issue of the newsletter is **12/20/15**. Please remember that articles should be sent to Kelly Miller (Laubaugh) at peetzaguy@aol.com.**

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