

Keelhauler's Ka-news



DECEMBER, 2017



Our Holiday Potluck Dinner Get-Together is December 19th.

Location, time, and program to be announced...

Contact: [John Banach](#) about the dinner 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 fellow KH's.

Time flies when you're having fun. I guess that I've been having too much fun because all of a sudden November is over. Boy do I have to get my butt in gear. So much to do and so little time. We had a fabulous past few weeks up in Northeast Ohio. Periodic rain followed by warmer weather. Then followed by typical cold dry weather. But from all the chatter online, it seems many of us have been able to get out and paddle. Although I'm sad to see the foliage no longer in the trees, there is definitely something majestic about a crisp and cold late Autumn paddle. The sounds are different. The smells are different. It's a new blessing for the senses. As long as you dress appropriately, I highly suggest getting out in your boat whenever possible. Go join a group

or start your own. Be it a slow meandering river, a beautiful and scenic Lake, where your favorite stretch of Whitewater, it's all a different experience this time of year. Make sure you get out and enjoy.

A couple of things worth mentioning to all of you. First off, Jim Hunt is working on the 2018 yearbook. So, we need to finalize any and all trips for next year. If you have any ideas for new trips that you would like to lead or would like to see take place, please let us know. There has been talk about flatwater trips, especially overnights. I think this is a fabulous new way to incorporate newer, younger paddlers and have more family-friendly excursions. But, of course I'd hope to see evened season paddlers join in as well. Be sure to email Joe Boyd if you are interested in putting a trip together.

Also, worth mentioning is make sure you pay your dues. Oh my gosh, did he really just say that? Yes, I did, it's only 20 bucks. But your dues keep the club running and allow us to donate funds to more and more worthwhile causes.

Lastly, I have been struggling to clear up my schedule for the Christmas potluck dinner and get together. Due to personal and work scheduling conflicts, the first couple Tuesdays of December are already booked for me. So, I will start planning a get together for Tuesday, December 19. Yes, better late than never. Time snuck up on me, so I do apologize again. I will have everything set up within the next few days and will post on both the website and Facebook. Please stay tuned and trying to free up your schedule if at all possible. My apologies for not having this locked up any sooner. I've been working more hours than usual with longer weekly travel, going through an ugly and messy divorce, and managing two kids at home. Oh, and trying to paddle if I ever get free time. I do appreciate your understanding. But come January 1, I'm thrilled to start the new year off right and to have much more free time to work on club events. I'm also excited knowing we have tremendous club enthusiasm from our seasoned and new members. I see 2018 as another breakout year for our club. So, stay tuned, stay active, stay involved, and paddle as much as you can.

Thank you once again for allowing me to be your club president.

John Banach

Treasurer's Report By Sam Reynolds

Keelhaulers' Canoe Club Monthly Treasurer's Report

November 24, 2017

CD 0402	\$2, 289.84
CD 1077	<u>\$2, 287.41</u>
CD'S (2)	\$4, 577.25

Checking \$23, 038.05

Total \$27, 615.30

Paid members for 2018=212, Total for 2017 & 2018=322.

Kudos to V.P. Don Howdyshell and volunteers for the Cuyahoga Cruise and Cleanup earning \$11,000 for the club!

Keelhauler's Minutes By Rob Kirby

There was no meeting in November.

Crooked River Discount

Friends of the Crooked River really appreciates the steady support we've received from the Keelhauler Canoe Club over many years!

Last night, the board unanimously approved a **\$10.00 discount off** of our 2018 regular membership (normally \$25) from **now until January 31st for KHCC members**. During this time, KHCC members can click "the other button" at <http://focr-membership.squarespace.com/> to join us for 2018 at the \$15 price. Another link is to click [Check the Other Button](#) and write in the \$15.00.

Please share this with all of the KHCC members! I also hope you will encourage all members to "like" our Facebook page and follow us so they see our events, news about the dam removals and other advocacy.

Thanks,

Jacki Zevenbergen, FoCR Trustee

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

Putting Kayak Camping on the Agenda By Dr. William “Chip” Everland

There’s something about kayak camping ... or canoe camping, if that’s how you float.

What kind of boat, and what kind of activity, has been a moving target for me, starting with fishing boats in the brackish rivers and small ponds where I grew up on the East Coast. By the time I entered my 40s and living in Ohio I bought a canoe to try out canoe camping, something I’d always wanted to do. Canoe camping – floating or lazily paddling down a river for days on end, maybe casting a line here and there, taking a swim, and then camping on an island or the shoreline – now that sounded like the life. I had visions of Huckleberry Finn and Jim floating down the Mississippi River, having adventures.

After a few years paddling the canoe, I invested in a touring kayak, and canoe camping for me became kayak camping. Later I picked up a “crossover” kayak better suited to the rapids I was encountering on my trips. That led me to my dominant water passion right now: whitewater kayaking as main course rather than side dish.

But I don’t want to totally give up the kayak camping. I try to do one 3-4 day trip each spring or early summer, mostly traveling to West Virginia. But, I’ve also done trips on Ohio rivers. And this past summer I spent a few days paddling around South, Middle, and North Bass Islands in Lake Erie, with overnight primitive camping (by permit) on North Bass Island.

Yes, there’s still something about kayak camping. You know that, once you leave the put in, you’ll be out in nature for several days – and there’s no turning back. It’ll be a few days before you have to run shuttle again or think about traffic. Your boss can’t call and demand you get work done, or tell you to show up at the office the next day. You’re effectively unreachable – free. You can move and act more in accordance with natural rhythms than the clock. Oh, and you can fall asleep to the lullaby of the river gently babbling nearby, as I often do in my hammock camping gear.



Unlike backpacking, when kayak camping your boat will carry your load with little extra effort on your part. You don’t have to carry water or worry about finding it on the trail; it’s right under you! You can bring a few extras with you that wouldn’t come along on most backpacking trips. (I’ve come to like bringing a small chair to sit in while watching the campfire, and a couple of beers for each night that I chill in the river once I get to camp – no cooler required!) And, you can easily put miles behind you. A leisurely pace can take you 12-15 miles per day with just a modest flow. On the other hand, you do have to pay attention to waterproofing (especially down gear and clothing), and think more about volume than weight (big sleeping pads are hard to handle).

Pick the right river and you can spend your paddling time enjoying views of rolling hills or towering cliffs. Pick the right river – and time of year – and you can enjoy a calm float or miles and miles of intermittent Class I, II, or III rapids. Pick the right river and you can spend your time fishing for trout or bass or pike. Pick the right river and you can go a day or more without ever gliding under a bridge or hearing the traffic from a road. Pick the right river and you can stop most anywhere in your path and camp in National Forest property along the shoreline. Pick the right river and you can make the trip anything from a quick overnighter to a week long adventure.



I've done trips on the Mohican River in Ohio, and that's fine. I know there are some places in Western Pennsylvania (Juniata and Allegheny Rivers) and throughout Michigan. Indiana is an option too. But, I think the best river options for my style of kayak camping are in West Virginia. You can easily plan a calm moving water trip on the Cheat River from Parsons down to Rowlesburg, which is roughly 40 miles and takes a couple of days. Want to end with some more exciting whitewater and extend the trip by another day? Keep paddling through the

Cheat Narrows, taking out just above Cheat Canyon. You could also start higher up the Cheat watershed, beginning on Shaver's Fork or the Black Fork above Parsons (they merge to form the Cheat River at Parsons) if there's enough water.

You can plan out a really long trip on the Greenbrier River further south in West Virginia. A few years ago, I paddled from Durbin to Marlinton, which is close to 45 miles. That section has mild rapids – mostly Class I but a little Class II – but it is very remote and quite beautiful. And, you can keep paddling all the way down the Greenbrier for scores more miles. If you have enough time – think a full week – you can paddle it all the way down to the New River.



Or how about a trip on the South Fork of the South Branch of the Potomac River? Start in the "Smoke Hole" and paddle 25 miles down to Petersburg, WV. For most of the trip, you'll enjoy complete isolation from bridges, roads, traffic, and houses due to the 1000 foot deep gorge



you're paddling through most of the way. The only way through the Smoke Hole is by boat, traveling on the clear water through some Class I, II, and III rapids here and there (especially in the first five miles before you pass Big Bend). If 25 miles isn't far enough for you – really, that's just a two day trip if you paddle straight through – you can keep paddling past Petersburg at least

another 25 miles into Romney, trading the cliffs and seclusion for rolling hills, farmland, small towns, and fish camps while still retaining Class I and Class II- water and great smallmouth fishing.

I suspect that I'm not the only one in Keel Haulers who, while floating through the Doldrums on the Lower Yough, thinks "Boy, I love the whitewater, but it's also nice just floating through here and enjoying the scenery." Am I the only one who thinks, upon arrival at the takeout – almost any takeout – "Boy, I wish I could just set up my tent and stay here rather than having to drive back home or to a campground, only to drive back to the river to run shuttle again so I can start paddling tomorrow morning." You can skip that hassle with kayak camping. Spend your night on the river, instead of your mornings and afternoons driving to and from it.

Keel Haulers has been good to me in this, my first year as a member. Many kind people – a big shout out especially to Katie and Joe Boyd – have helped me build some basic whitewater skills and shared their knowledge of rivers with me. I truly appreciate that. I thought sharing some information to help folks plan their own kayak camping trips – maybe even organizing a trip next year for somewhere in West Virginia – would be a good way for me to give back.

Yes, you'll have to poop in the woods. Yes, even if you choose rivers with whitewater there will be a lot of flat water paddling. Yes, many of the trips you could do are season or rain-dependent, and so it's hard to make firm plans. You may have to do trips early in the season to find water where you want to paddle, and put up with rainy weather and cool temps. Yes, it's a long drive to get to most of the rivers I've described compared to the Slip or Yough. And, the shuttles for a 45 mile run do take a long time; often it's worth the money to pay an outfitter to shuttle you to avoid backtracking. But man,



are the trips you get out of it worth it.

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Sea Kayaking Information By Moneen McBride

Hello Everyone! I am Moneen (Moe) McBride the club's 2018 Recreational and Sea Kayaking Chair.

It is amazing our club members have such a wide variety of skill sets and such a passion for paddling! Recreational kayaking is such a great aspect of the sport since all ages can enjoy it typically regardless of their skill set! This is a sport that we can start with our young children and they get to enjoy the outdoors while making fun family/friends memories along the way! Most people think living in Ohio sucks, but really it doesn't! Our state has many great opportunities worth exploring!

In 2017, for Flat water/Sea kayaking trips we had the Vermillion Race, Little Beaver, Grand River, Kokosing River, Cuyahoga River (Peninsula to Boston Mills), Licking River, The Headwaters Adventure Race, and Canoe & Kayaking Orienteering Race at Walborn Reservoir.

We will be definitely looking to do a handful more recreational trips in 2018 that are fun and family oriented! Here a couple that we are considering adding: The Mahoning River, Cuyahoga River (Middle Section with a picnic and sections of the Valley) and The Crooked River Commute (Cuyahoga River) to the Burning River Festival in Cleveland. Do you have some other areas you would like to paddle? Please let us know!

If you use Facebook and have not already joined the KHCC Facebook page, please do so! It is an easy way to get in touch with other club members in our private group! We have the opportunity with our recreational kayaking/canoing opportunities to demonstrate to our local communities that kayaking is a safe, fun and family oriented sport!

Hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas & Happy New Year!! Can't wait to get on the water with you in 2018!

Moneen

**October Fall Color Lower
Yough Trip
By Dave Roush**

The hardest part of organizing a trip is arranging nice weather. Well, this year the weather was spectacular! Accordingly, the trip was well attended. We had over 20 paddlers on Saturday and almost 20 on Sunday.

It was great to see old friends on the water. Sherie Sanzenbacher paddled her kayak. Ritch Kovach was in a shredder with Kate Koskoros. Rob Hammond joined us, he has moved back into the area.

With such an experienced group there was no carnage on the river but a lot of impressive paddling. The excitement had to wait for dinner. Though Stonehouse advertised Bar-b-Que in the parking lot, they were only serving inside. All had good food and good times. Things got better when Steve Ingalls was surprised by a home-made birthday cake (thanks Sherie) and song that included the entire wait staff. The customers got into it all congratulating Steve as he exited the restaurant and patio. It was fun!

**Bridge Day
By Matt Fredmonsky**

Bridge Day on the New River is something to behold. Most experience it from the deck of the New River Gorge Bridge about 900 feet above Fayette Station rapid. The lucky few witness it from the water after finding their own adrenaline rush paddling down amongst the rapids of the gorge.

Keelhaulers Phil and Jen Raber kindly organized a trip on the gorge on the Saturday of Bridge Day 2017, helping a few other club members navigate the crowds and closed roads to enjoy a 70-degree, partly sunny day—unusual for late October but welcome all the same.



Our view on Bridge Day 2017 from Fayette Station rapid on the New River Gorge.

The trip started with some unique navigating along Keeney Creek. A brief mountain hike, some bushwhacking and a jump across a remote Amtrak line led us down to a little-used put-in just below Middle Keeney. We climbed in our boats and dropped right into Lower Keeney. The level was approaching -1 foot, but nonetheless it was still the biggest rapid of the day. Low water, but we still enjoyed all the play opportunities.

Sooner than we expected, we were at Fayette Station witnessing the impressive show. Every few seconds a new jumper would leap from the bridge, open their chute and spend the next 30 to 60 seconds floating down to Earth. The good jumpers hit the bullseye on the takeout beach. A few unlucky souls splashed down and had to be fished out by safety boaters with some impressive horsepower. We watched for a while and then made the 4-mile flat water paddle to the takeout. Fayette Station Road was closed, making it impossible to use the normal takeout below the bridge. If you can, a good option is to leave a car the night before at the alternate takeout—access to this is closed on the evening before Bridge Day—on river right below the gorge bridge.

The day ended with a trip to dinner and a stop to visit the Summersville Dam—paying homage to the source of the Gauley River release we would experience the next day—at sunset before returning to Ray's to rest up for day two. The first day definitely did NOT end somewhere around 10 p.m. with Nick, Phil and Jen expertly changing the water pump on a shuttle vehicle in the parking lot of a busy truck stop.

Day two started with breakfast at Biscuit World, a scenic trip over Gauley Mountain, courtesy our tour guide and photographer extraordinaire Jeff Macklin, before setting shuttle for the Lower Gauley. Ryan Laughlin joined the rest of the group, which included Mark and Pam, Nick Conway, Victor Kopyev and Matt Fredmonsky. Nick, Ryan and Matt were all making their first descents of the Lower Gauley, and what a group to be a part of! Phil, Jen, Mark and Pam all have countless Gauley runs and know the river well. They provided the perfect amount of guidance, support,

encouragement and of course solid lines to keep us all smiling with no issues. No one swam, and there were less than a handful of combat rolls. Props to Nick who, despite being a first-timer, was fearless. He put on a nice display with a rodeo ride in 5 boat hole, side-surfing his Mamba, rolling, coming back up in the hole, spinning around and finally carving out toward the center of the river and floating down with a big grin.



Nick battling in 5 boat hole on the Lower Gauley river.

The rest of the run was sprinkled with huge wave trains, some nice playboat moves from Mark, impressive attainments from Phil in his green boat and otherwise happy paddlers. Trying to describe the beauty of the remote gorge with mere words would be a futile effort. Canyon Walls! The best way to describe it is to say it is a river experience like few others, one every paddler should work toward. The Gauley River offers arguably the biggest whitewater east of the Mississippi, and the last release of the season—with its sunny skies and 70-degree temperatures—did not disappoint.



Thanks to Phil I had a great line going through Koontz Flume on the Lower Gauley.

What impressed me the most about this West Virginia weekend, particularly the day spent on the Lower Gauley, was the way our trip leaders so graciously took the time to introduce the first-timers to the run. What a wonderful act of kindness! Not many of these rapids can be scouted easily, if at all, and some pose quite serious hazards—including deadly undercuts and pin hazards. Without good beta, this run can yield terrifying consequences if you can't find the right line or end up swimming. We were all thankful for their input. It truly impressed upon me the fact that kayaking has a great tradition of passing on knowledge from one generation to the next. And trips like these are like a master class in navigating big water with all the challenges a river can offer. It was a privilege to paddle with and learn from some great kayakers. I think it's fair to say that myself and the others look forward to the day that we might be able to impart that kind of wisdom to more new whitewater paddlers as they ramp up their own journeys down the river.

Cascade Valley River Cruise and Picnic Photos From Moneen McBride





**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

**CALL FOR PHOTOS
By Jim Hunt**

The Keelhaulers 2018 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 the total photos in the 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

Indoor Pool Sessions for 2017-2018

We will have four pool locations near Cleveland, OH - East ([Orange](#)), West ([Lakewood](#)) & South ([Canton](#) or , [Akron](#))

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 - 2017-18

Four sessions are scheduled for this Winter, Saturday afternoons 1/27, 2/10, 3/3 & 3/17 - 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 **Josiah Colvin** karmannghia_68@hotmail.com or 330-671-0910.

Lakewood High School Pool Roll Sessions - 2017-18

Five sessions are scheduled this Winter, **12/16, 1/20, 2/3, 2/17, 3/10 - 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, 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 - 2017-18

Sessions are now scheduled for **every Sunday starting Mid December to the end of February** 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 will remain as in the past, first hour roll practice second hour kayak soccer.

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 or 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 [Map to Akron U Pool](#) The pool is near E. Buchtel Ave Exit off of SR 8.

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

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.

The tentative Keel-Hauler 2018 Trip Schedule is now online. This schedule will be continually updated.

Please contact Our Trip Organizer to add or correct any trips listed.

Joe Boyd 740-632-6725

January				
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
1/27	KH Roll Session at Orange pool - 4:00-6:00 PM		Jimi Gaddis	567-215-1390
February				
2/3,17	KH Roll Session at Lakewood pool - 3:00-5:00 pm		Glen Baker	216-403-7820
2/4,11,18,25	KH Roll Session at Meyers Lake YMCA pool - 8:45 -10:45 AM		John Banach	330-606-5032
2/10	KH Roll Session at Orange pool - 4:00-6:00 PM		Jimi Gaddis	567-215-1390

2017 Club Officers

President: John Banach 330-606-5032
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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. Sometimes changes, so please check website.

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

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