

Keelhauler's Ka-news

♥ FEBRUARY, 2017



Next Club Get-together is To be determined...

after the Pool sessions

Program: No meetings or programs until the March 14th meeting
in Middleburg Heights.

Roll Session or Meeting questions?

For more Pool information contact Josiah Colvin

karmannghia_68@hotmail.com 330-671-0910

For more Meeting information contact John Banach

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

**New Keelhauler Facebook Page
From John Kobak**

[Join - Try - Comment](#)

It is a closed group and anyone has to ask permission to join.

President's Message By John Banach



Hello and Happy New Year my fellow Keel Haulers.

I hope that you all had a wonderful and happy holiday season. Who would have thought Mother Nature would be so forgiving this year. Hopefully you have been able to get out and enjoy the unseasonably warm weather. Whether boating, hiking, sightseeing, or what have you, enjoy it while it lasts.

It's looking to be a very promising year for the club. As of today, we have over 250 active members. And growing. That is the most active members to start a new year in over ten years. So congratulations to all of us. I can't wait until we get to 300. But it's a group effort. Spread the word that at 50 years young, the Keel Haulers are stronger than ever. There are lots of good events going on this winter and lots to look forward to this spring. The indoor roll practice sessions have been well attended hits so far. At the Sunday Canton sessions, we've averaged 16 people each day. A few days we hit or almost hit 20. The roll practice has been great but the soccer sessions have been epic as usual. And we all have the lumps and bruises to prove it.

At the Saturday Orange session, we had about 15 show, ages 5 to 75. Short boats and long. Beginners and experts all sharing the pool. Working together and having fun. And that's what it's all about.

Having missed the first Lakewood Saturday, I am looking forward to seeing many new and old faces this Saturday. If you live in NE Ohio, and don't have Saturday plans, come get in your boat and join us. You won't regret it.

The winter will be over soon (I hope) and spring will bless us with warmer weather and bigger river flows. But I'm sure it will also bring some late season snow storms too. So I won't put away my shovel.

But, before we know it, we'll all need to prepare for not one, but two races. The Vermilion and the Cuyahoga Falls kayak races. Two completely different races, yet so much fun to participate in or volunteer. Please keep a look out for posts on the website for upcoming race information from Jon Reising on the Vermilion and Don Howdyshell for the Cuyahoga Falls kayak race. I'm so excited for both and I am hoping for great turnouts to each.

Finally, I would like to say Happy Birthday to John Kobak who turned 80 this month. I still cannot believe it. This is the guy who helped lead me down the Upper Yough a few months ago. The guy who still has more energy than most folks I know. And the guy who continues to put his blood, sweat, and tears into this club. Always hoping and trying to make it the best it can be for each and every member.

Thank you John for paving the way for so many of us. Most of us would not be reading this if you had not spent so many countless years putting in the work to keep so a club fun, fresh, and valuable to its members. So thank you John. You definitely deserve to be highly recognized.

Till we talk again next month, enjoy yourselves. I hope to see you whether on the river, in a pool, or over a pint. Enjoy yourselves and enjoy the new and fresh start in 2017. And let's all not worry so much. We're Keel Hauler's.. We can handle anything and still have smiles on our faces.

Thank you.

**Keelhaulers Minutes
January, 2017
By Marcia Karchmer**

No meeting, no minutes. Roll sessions are scheduled. See the Keelhauler website. Happy New Year!

Marcia Karchmer, Secretary

**Monthly Treasurer's Report
2016 Year End Report and
the 2017 Approved Budget
By Sam Reynolds**

Keelhaulers' Canoe Club Treasurer's Report January 23, 2017

CD 0402	\$2, 283.18
CD 1077	\$2, 280.75
CD 7367	\$ 00
CD'S (3)	\$4, 563.93
Checking	<u>\$12,063.75</u>
Total	<u>\$16,627.68</u>

CD 7367 expired and \$2,259.13 was transferred to checking.

On January 19,2017, the Board decided to renew CD's 0402 and 1077 in 2017.

**FY 2016 Year End Report
10/1/2015-9/30/2016**

INCOME

Membership Contributions	
Conservation	260.00
Dues	5,458.32
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TOTAL Membership Contributions	5,718.32
NEO Paddlers Network Income	491.90
Vermilion Race Income	
Refreshment Stand	38.10
Registration Fees	649.04
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TOTAL Vermilion Race Income	687.14
Yough Reservations Income	0
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TOTAL INCOME	6,897.36

EXPENSES

Club Meeting Expense	
Facility Fees	620.00
Multimedia Rental	100.00
Refreshments	262.07
Special Reservations	190.00
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TOTAL Club Meeting Expense	1,172.07
Conservation Expense	2,250.00
Spec. Donation/Portage Park Dist.	100.00
Internet	
Network Website and Domain	374.61
Paddlers' Network	349.80
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TOTAL Internet	724.41
Postage and Filing Fees	36.05
Vermilion Race Expense	
Awards	0
Donation*	100.00
Insurance	142.50
Membership	30.00
Miscellaneous	74.33
Postage	2.30
Refreshments	38.65
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TOTAL Vermilion Race Expense	387.78
Yearbook Expense	
Bulk Mailing Permit & Handling	290.93
Postage and Software	98.36
Printing	1582.01
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TOTAL Yearbook Expense	1971.30
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TOTAL EXPENSES	6641.61
OVERALL TOTAL	255.75
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CD (3) value as of 9/30/16 6816.94

*Contains donation to Lorain Metro Park for 2016 Race

**FY 2017 Year End Report
Final Approved Budget**

Category Description	FY 2014 Actuals	FY 2015 Actuals	FY 2016 Budget	FY 2016 Actuals	FY 2017 Budget
ASSETS					
CHECKING balance at start of FY	\$5,312.46	\$5,906.02	\$5,401.67	\$5,733.46	\$5,733.46
CD (3) balance at start of FY	\$6,763.61	\$6,771.33	\$6,774.00	\$6,816.94	\$6,816.94
INCOME					
Conservation	\$40.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$260.00	\$260.00
Dues	\$5,024.00	\$5,659.00	\$5,762.06	\$5,458.32	\$5,458.00
Reservations*	\$68.00	\$88.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$80.00
Vermilion Race	\$849.00	\$612.00	\$612.00	\$687.14	\$687.00
Pool session deposit refund	\$84.00				
NEO Paddlers' Network Income		\$200.00	\$200.00	\$491.90	\$500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,065.00	\$6,619.00	\$6,714.06	\$6,897.36	\$6,985.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$18,141.07	\$19,296.35	\$18,889.73	\$19,447.76	\$19,535.40
LIABILITIES					
EXPENSE					
Conservation Donations	\$2,225.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
Internet Access	\$100.00	\$117.00	\$117.00	\$323.64	\$0.00
Internet Domain	\$48.00	\$33.00	\$33.00	\$50.97	\$51.00
Marketing					
Library			\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Meeting Hall	\$550.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$770.00	\$770.00
Paddlers' Network			\$350.00	\$349.80	\$350.00
Cuy. Falls Race					\$400.00
Postage and Supply	\$201.00		\$250.00	\$36.05	\$200.00
Refreshments		\$104.00	\$100.00	\$262.07	\$300.00
Vermillion Race	\$300.00	\$1,605.00	\$500.00	\$387.78	\$388.00
Yearbook Expense	\$1,822.00	\$1,844.00	\$1,844.00	\$1,971.30	\$1,971.00
Yough Reservations-Intro	\$240.00		\$80.00	\$40.00	\$80.00
Spec. Donation/Portage Park Dist.	\$75.00	\$75.00		\$100.00	\$100.00
Multimedia Rental		\$200.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$5,561.00	\$6,828.00	\$6,524.00	\$6,641.61	\$7,160.00
OVERALL TOTAL	\$12,580.07	\$12,468.35	\$12,365.73	\$12,806.15	\$12,375.40
Donations		FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Budget	FY 2016 Actuals	FY 2017 Budget
American Whitewater		\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Friends of the Cheat		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Friends of the Crooked River		\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Grand Canyon Private Boaters Association		\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
American Rivers		\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
West Virginia Rivers Coalition		\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
River Network		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Nature Conservancy		\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Mountain watershed Assoc.-Yough Defense Fund		\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
TOTAL		\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00

1. The FY17 budget was approved by the Board on Thursday, January 19, 2017.
2. The Board also approved to renew CD's 1077 and 0402 which expire in 2017.

Vermilion River Clean Up And Vermilion River Race By Jon Reising

March 19th, Vermilion River Clean up

Please come and help clean up the river for the Vermilion River race that will take place next Sunday March 28th. Call or email me if you can help with this.

March 26 2017, 49th Annual Vermilion River Race

We have 16 classes to race in so come and participate in Information is on the Keel Hauler home page. Please take a day and come and race/help with this event that the club has sponsored for the last 47 years. **Please check Rules & Application for change in classes and rules.** We have added a new class for you **Stand Up Paddle Boarders**. Be sure your Ohio boat registration is up-to-date. **Water level is critical**, the race will only be held on this section of the river if the [USGS Gauge](#) is between 2.8 to 6 feet. If it's too low, the race will be moved downstream to start and finish at the South Street Boat Launch Ramp on West River road in Vermilion. If it's too high it will be scheduled for April 2, 2017.

Jon Reising mnmsguy@yahoo.com
440 967 9507

Keelhauler website link for information, entry forms, etc.
<http://www.keelhauler.org/khcc/vermil.htm>

**49th Annual Keel – Haulers
Vermilion River Canoe & Kayak Race
March 26th 2017**
(High water date is April 2nd 2017)



This is the club's 49th annual race, one of the oldest in the US. The rapids are an easy class 1.
The race is appropriate for novice to expert racers as well as recreational and sea kayaks. We encourage families and small groups who want to race together. This race is a great opportunity to shake the cob webs off your muscles and get ready for the paddling season.

**Registration opens @ 9:00 a.m.
Shoepfle Gardens, Birmingham Ohio
Contact information: 440-967-9507
mnmsguy@yahoo.com**

South Carolina Legal Decision Protects Right To Float! From Jim Hunt

posted July 15, 2016 by Kevin Colburn - AW

Paddlers have successfully helped to defend the public right to float rivers and streams in South Carolina. In a decision released late last week, a South Carolina court rejected an attempt to privatize a section of the South Fork of the Saluda River known as Blythe Shoals. The Court ruled that the entire river - rapids and all - is navigable and shall remain open to recreational paddling. This is great news for South Carolina river enthusiasts!

When a landowner sued the State of South Carolina and the upstream landowner Naturaland Trust in late 2013, American Whitewater and the local Foothills Paddling Club joined the lawsuit to help defend the right to float. Nathan Galbreath served as our pro bono counsel with assistance by Jeff Harris, both of the law firm Nelson & Galbreath, LLC.

Nathan and Jeff coordinated the collection of numerous videos of people paddling Blythe Shoals at various levels and presented them to the Court as evidence with signed affidavits by the paddlers. When the landowners acquired an affidavit claiming the river was impossible to navigate in a canoe, AW's Kevin Colburn and canoeist Chris Loomis made a video of a nonchalant canoe descent. As it turned out, creating and submitting paddling videos as evidence was an effective strategy. The Court decision cited this evidence as definitive proof of navigability.

The Court also upheld and reiterated over a century of case law that ensures navigability does not depend on commercial use, vessel size, two-way travel, actual use, ease of use, safety of use, use at all water levels, or use of all reaches. Instead, the Court clearly found "the standard for navigability rests on the potential for any public use, be it commercial or recreational."

While this case may be appealed, we certainly hope it is not. Recreational use of rivers is a deeply valued and valuable tradition in South Carolina and nationwide. Responsible enjoyment of our public rivers is fully compatible with private property rights, and serves to connect countless citizens of all ages with nature in a healthy way. Our public rivers are the best, lowest cost, and biggest trail system in the United States, and it is in the public interest to maintain access to them. As always, we encourage paddlers to be extremely respectful of private property and courteous as we use public access areas, roads, and rivers.

We'd like to thank everyone who chipped in, including our pro bono legal team at Nelson & Galbreath, the State of South Carolina and Naturaland Trust who stood up for public recreational rights, all the paddlers that submitted evidence of their Blythe Shoals descents, the Foothills Paddling Club, and of course paddlers that support our work on projects like this through membership and donations.

The South Fork of the Saluda remains open to paddling!

2017 – Southern Release Dates By Jim Hunt

February

2/25: Cheoah @1000 8am-12pm, 600 12pm-5pm (note 2/26 is @ 200cfs)

March

3/25: Cheoah @ 1000 8am-4pm

3/26: Cheoah @ 600 12am-12pm, 300 12pm through 3/27

April

4/1: Tallulah

4/2: Tallulah

4/8: Tallulah, & West Fork Tuckasegee @250 10am-4pm

4/9: Tallulah, & West Fork Tuckasegee @250 10am-4pm

4/22: Cheoah @ 1000 8am-4pm

4/23: Cheoah @ 1000 8am-2pm, @850 2pm-4pm

4/28: Cheoah @ 1000 8am-4pm

4/29: Cheoah @ 1000 8am-2pm, @850 2pm-4pm (note 4/30 is @ 300cfs)

4/29: Nantahala Cascades / Upper @ 250 10am-4pm

4/30: Nantahala Cascades / Upper @ 350 10am-4pm

May

5/6: Cheoah @ 1000 8am-4pm

5/7: Cheoah @ 1000 8am-2pm, @850 2pm-4pm

5/13: Cheoah @ 1000 8am-4pm

5/14: Cheoah @ 1000 8am-2pm, @850 2pm-4pm

5/20: Cheoah @ 1000 8am-4pm

5/21: Cheoah @ 1000 8am-2pm, @850 2pm-4pm

June

6/10: West Fork Tuckasegee @250 10am-4pm

6/16: Nantahala Cascades / Upper @ 250 4pm-7pm

July

7/1: West Fork Tuckasegee @250 10am-4pm

7/7: Nantahala Cascades / Upper @ 250 4pm-7pm

7/8: Cheoah @ 1000 8am-4pm

7/9: Cheoah 1000 8am-2pm, @850 2pm-4pm

7/14: Nantahala Cascades / Upper @ 250 4pm-7pm

7/22: West Fork Tuckasegee @250 10am-4pm

August

8/11: Nantahala Cascades / Upper @ 250 4pm-7pm

8/12: West Fork Tuckasegee @250 10am-4pm

8/26: West Fork Tuckasegee @250 10am-4pm

September

9/9: Cheoah @ 1000 8am-4pm

9/23: Nantahala Cascades / Upper @ 300 10am-5pm

9/24: Nantahala Cascades / Upper @ 425 10am-3pm, @250 3pm-5pm

October

[None]

November

11/4: Tallulah, & Cheoah @ 1000 8am-4pm

11/5: Tallulah

11/11: Tallulah

11/12: Tallulah

11/18: Tallulah

11/19: Tallulah

Indoor Pool Sessions for 2017

Link to roll session information:

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

For more Pool information contact:



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For Sale

Priojon Yukon Expedition sea kayak (german made). 14' 9". HTTP hull, watertight holds. Includes; paddles, cockpit cover, spray skirt, throw bag, deck compass and rudder. Very good condition. \$625.00.

Don Winton, Chardon, Ohio. 440 285 2371

**Start to plan to be a 2017 trip organizer -
Pick a trip from last year or one in red. Contact: Joe Boyd
at 330-858-6270 or joebtravels@yahoo.com**

February				
2/4,18	KH Roll Session at Orange pool - 4:00-6:00 PM		Josiah Colvin	330-671-0910
2/5,12,19,26	KH Roll Session at Meyers Lake YMCA pool - 8:45 - 10:45 AM		John Banach	330-606-5032
2/11,25	KH Roll Session at Lakewood pool - 3:00-5:00 pm		Glen Baker	216-403-7820
2/18	Club Get-Together at the Fox & Hound Restaurant in Mayfield Hts after roll session at 6:30 PM, everyone welcome.		John Banach	330-606-5032
March				
For More Trips - Check our Message Board				
3/4	KH Roll Session at Lakewood pool - 3:00-5:00 pm		Glen Baker	216-403-7820
3/11	KH Roll Session at Orange pool - 4:00-6:00 PM		Josiah Colvin	330-671-0910
3/11,12	(3) Slippery Rock Creek (PA)	13-19	Brent Hendren	330-414-2063
3/12-19	Southern Rivers - TN, NC OR if there is good water in WV we can go there.	22-32	Dave Herron	513-681-4075
3/14	Club Monthly Meeting at Middleburg Hts		John Banach	330-606-5032
3/19	(1) Vermilion River Cleanup (OH)	SK/FW	Jon Reising	440-967-9507
3/26	(1) Vermilion Race (OH) 	SK/FW	Jon Reising	440-967-9507
Alternate Date 4/2				
April				
For More Trips - Check our Message Board				
4/1,2	WV Class V Creeking	>30	Needs organizer	
4/8	(1) Little Beaver (OH)	SK/FW	Doug Lyons	740-317-7007
4/8,9 4/29,30	(3) Cheat and Potomac South Branch watersheds. Be sure to contact Steve for river choice, like Potomac, Stonycreek, Casselman, Dry Fork, Upper Big Sandy or Little Sandy rivers	18	Steve Ingalls	216-371-8250
4/8,9	(4) Stonycreek River Release (PA)	21	Needs organizer	
4/11	Club Monthly Meeting at Brick House Tavern, 581 Howe Ave, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221		John Banach	330-606-5032
4/14-21	(4) Easter Southern Rivers Trip TN,NC,SC,GA	22-32	Needs organizer	
4/15	(3) Slippery Rock Creek (PA)	13-19	Mark Spang	440-522-0520
4/15,16	(3) N. Br. Potomac Release (MD)	18	Needs organizer	
4/16 or 4/23	(1) Grand River (OH)	SK/FW	Andy Gross	216-321-9284
4/21	Upper Yough (MD)	32	FIFO Trip	440-554-1383
4/22	Cuyahoga Falls Kayak Race (OH) Upper Gorge Limit 600 CFS 	28	Don Howdyshell	330-671-0825
Click Image for official website & registration				
4/22,23	(5) Middle Fork & Tygart (WV)	29	Needs organizer	

2017 Club Officers

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

Meeting Place: Middleburg Heights Recreation Center, 15700 Bagley Rd, second Tuesday of each month
Doors open at 7:00 P.M., meeting starts at 7:30 P.M.

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

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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 **March issue of the newsletter is **2/23/17**. Please send articles to Kelly Miller (Laubaugh) at peetzaguy@aol.com.**

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