

Keelhauler's Ka-news



JANUARY, 2018



Our Next Club Get-Together is to be announced...

Contact: [John Banach](#) 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 and happy holidays to all my fellow Keel-Haulers. Just a quick shout out and huge thank you to all of the club members who have experienced, shared, learned, instructed, have been humbled, and laughed this past year. That is what makes this club great. You do. I am very happy to welcome in 2018. I'm sure I'll be on the Lower Yough on New Year's day.

We just wrapped up our Holiday Potluck dinner. If you missed it, well than you really missed it. Great turnout and beautiful venue. A wonderful gathering of friends, families, and fellow paddlers. I'll be booking the same spot for next December. And I'll make sure we all get plenty of notice beforehand.

Don't forget to check the role session schedules. Canton Sunday is off for 12/24 but back on for 12/31. We still need someone to step up and make sure the Lakewood pool sessions are handled well and that there is instruction if needed. Please let me know if you are interested.

Not much more to say other than Happy Holidays to all of you. May the season bring you happiness and New Year bring us blessings. And maybe Santa can bring some rain, too...

Merry Christmas Everyone.

John Banach

Treasurer's Report By Sam Reynolds

Keelhaulers' Canoe Club Monthly Treasurer's Report December 20, 2017

CD 0402	\$2, 289.84
CD 1077	<u>\$2, 287.41</u>
CD'S (2)	\$4, 577.25
Checking	<u>\$21, 411.73</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$25,988.98</u>

Merry Christmas and the best paddling in 2018!

Keelhauler's Minutes By Rob Kirby

Our last club meeting was a get-together on December 19th, and was a potluck dinner at the Hines Hill Convention Center in Cuyahoga Valley National Park.



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

Club Membership Report From John Kobak

For the past 10 years our club's membership has remained steady at 305 +/- 5. At the beginning of each calendar year we seem to lose about 60 members. Some rejoin, but some obviously have not found what they are looking for in a club. This year we had even more new members join but we now have less paid up members for 2018 than we had in 2017.

We say we are interested in Whitewater, Sea Kayaking, Flat Water and Canoe Camping. But we basically just have organizers interested in WW paddling. The same people lead these trips year after year. Each year I ask our newer paddlers who are interested in other kind of trips to step up and try organizing just one trip. Pick a date, pick a trip and review information to make sure it is a good time of year to have the trip. Family trips used to be popular and we now have a lot of young kids in the club. We had big Southern WW trips and trips out to CO and even ID that attracted a lot of paddlers. Why doesn't anyone try to take over and organize one of these trips now? Read about all the fun we had on those trips:

<http://www.keelhauler.org/khnews/index.htm#2>

Let our trip organizer, Joe Boyd joebtravels@yahoo.com know as soon as possible. The yearbook goes to print in 2 weeks. Take a look at our tentative schedule, pick a trip without a leader or suggest a new trip. <http://www.keelhauler.org/khcc/tripschedule18.htm> Maybe more members will find new friends interested in the same kind of activity and we won't lose as many members each year.

Many new members feel that our club members are more experienced and won't accept them. Actually the opposite is true. We sign up 60 new members every year who all need help and advice. Our experienced paddlers love sharing their paddling knowledge and are always very open to helping paddlers of all skill levels. If you meet someone that enjoys our trips, invite them

to join the club. We have members from 22 states that enjoy paddling with our friendly members. Carry a business card, print yourself from this link: http://www.keelhauler.org/images/KHCC_Cards.pdf or carry a club application with you.

John Kobak – Membership Chairman

Grand Canyon Conservation From Jim Hunt

GCPBA President's Letter - December 2017



Greetings All,

Time to catch up on what's been happening. As many of you know, the Navajo had a council meeting on the Escalade project in November, and I am happy to report that the vote was 16-2 against. This doesn't signal the project's end, it is just the latest defeat for the developers. This project will never be fully dead and we may need to fight more battles. GCPBA contributed financially to Grand Canyon Trust in 2016 and 2017, which allowed them to continue their public outreach throughout the Navajo Nation.

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Roger Clark and Grand Canyon Trust for taking the lead in helping the Navajo People determine what is in their own best interest. Additionally, Helen Howard of our Board took 14 Navajo Elders to the Council meeting in Window Rock so they could register their opposition to the project. Helen did this on her own time and money ... Thank You, Helen!

On Dec. 3, 2017, GCPBA's Vice President, John Vrymoed, filed a complaint with Grand Canyon National Park regarding the Hualapai River Runners doing an upriver run. John's group took pictures and videos of two Hualapai motorized craft about three miles upstream from Diamond Creek. As is well known, all upriver traffic, starting from Separation Canyon to Lee's Ferry, is prohibited. In 2014, the Hualapai asked then Superintendent Uberuaga for approval to run trips upriver. The request was withdrawn before the Superintendent could respond. I have spoken with other boaters who tell me they have seen upriver runs as well. If any of you have any pictures, video or direct eyewitness accounts of upruns, please forward them to me at gcpbemail@gmail.com with as much detail as possible and I will forward them to the appropriate NPS personnel.

This is a serious issue and is related to the recent posting of the “No Trespassing” signs at National Canyon by the Hualapai. The core issue being the disputed boundary of tribal lands, which affects all river runners. GCPBA has written to the Park expressing our concerns and have asked them to enforce the long standing historic high water mark as the boundary. The Hualapai maintain that boundary extends to the middle of the river. The Board is following this issue closely as it not only concerns the Hualapai but other issues as well, such as the Navajo Escalade project. We will keep you informed on future developments regarding this issue.

It must be noted that the River District has started river patrols once again and will continue them into the foreseeable future on a regular basis. I have been informed that on the first patrol there were a number of citations written for no PFD worn while on the river, campfires built directly on the beach with no firepan or blanket, drinking while boating (we are awaiting clarification of the circumstances of the citations), and several for drug possession and drug paraphernalia possession. All permit holders should be aware of the rules, regulations, and laws that govern their trip and assure that all of them are followed by all trip participants. There is no excuse for not taking proper safety precautions and for not protecting the Canyon that we all love so much.

I hope everyone enjoys reading our Facebook page and I encourage you to share your thoughts, videos, pics, or whatever else you feel is appropriate. It is a great source of knowledge and positive energy. I trust that everyone had a great Thanksgiving and wish all of you a great Holiday Season..... and, may we all get the trip we want in 2018.

Rich Harter, Grand Canyon Private Boaters Association President
Visit our website www.gcpba.org or we are on Facebook –
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1424392787831584>

Keelhauler Bridge Day Photography By Matt Fredmonsky

Keelhauler photographer extraordinaire Jeff Macklin captured some great photos—when does he not?—on a club trip to run the New River Gorge and Lower Gauley River in late October. The weekend coincided with Bridge Day on the New and the final release of the year for the Gauley. Below are a few captions to highlight just some of the awesome moments from the weekend. If you want to check out Jeff’s complete galleries from 2017, [click here](#). All photo credits are Jeff Macklin.



Phil Raber, Victor Kopyev and Nick Conway explore a hydro cave on the New River Gorge on Bridge Day.



Mark Poljak leads Nick Conway through a rapid on the New River Gorge on Bridge Day. The level was about -1 feet.



Mark Poljak catches a surf on the fly at the top of Fayette Station rapid on the New River Gorge.



Bridge Day on the New River Gorge is a sight to behold! Hundreds of people watch it from the deck of the Gorge Bridge, but the best views are found on the water below.



One of the countless people who jumped off the Gorge Bridge on Bridge Day is caught in a temporary freefall.



Phil Raber boofs his green boat on Upper Mash rapid on the Lower Gauley during the last scheduled whitewater release of the year.



Jen Raber eyes her line through a rapid on the Lower Gauley.



Pam Poljak on the Lower Gauley during the final whitewater release of 2017.



Victor Kopyev charges through Canyon Doors rapid on the Lower Gauley.

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

The tentative Keel-Hauler 2018 Trip Schedule is now online. This schedule will be continually updated. Please contact Our Trip Organizer to add, correct, or volunteer to lead any trips listed. Joe Boyd 740-632-6725

January	Trip/Event	RR	Organizer	Phone #
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	(3) Slippery Rock Creek (PA)	13-19	Brent Hendren	330-414-2063
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

2018 Club Officers

President: John Banach 330-606-5032
VP: Don Howdysshell 330-671-0825
Secretary: Rob Kirby 330-322-6634
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. Sometimes changes, so please check website.

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

Membership Chairman: **John Kobak**
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Please consider writing a trip report or article for the next newsletter! The deadline for the FEBRUARY, 2018 issue of the newsletter is 1/23/18. Please send articles to Kelly Miller (Laubaugh) at peetzaguy@aol.com.

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