

Keelhauler's Ka-news JUNE, 2016



Next Club Meeting is on Tuesday, June 14th

Program:

First Summer Outdoor Get Together

At Hinckley Lake by the boathouse has a nice setting where paddling is possible.

There are picnic tables.

Bring a boat and share with other kayakers.

Bring something to eat and share with the squirrels. Meet about six or so and stay as long as you want.

[Map to Hinkley Boat House](#)

The July 12th Meeting will be a Club Picnic at [Huntington Beach- Bay Village, OH](#)

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Karl M. Nelson



Someone has said that people do not like two things: change and things staying the same.

I have been dealing with a great deal of change the past four months. And would really like things to have remained the same.

The hospital I worked for in Canton lost \$20 million in 2015. The Board told them they had to be \$20 million in the black in 2016. At the end of January they came and told me my position had been eliminated. *We need your badge and keys. Go home. Don't come back.*

I have had several phone interviews and two on-site interviews [both out-of-state] but no offers.

My wife and I have decided to downsize and move to Birmingham to be near kids and grandkids. We have realtors coming by this week. We are emptying the basement. Stuff is going to the church garage sale. Things that need to be fixed are being fixed. Things that need painted are being painted.

We will put the house on the market in the next week or so. Once sold we will pack and leave. We may be going to Birmingham in mid-June on a scouting mission.

There will be a Lower Yough Farewell Tour at a date to be determined depending on how things go--bring Kleenex.

**Keelhauler Meeting Minutes
Marcia Karchmer, Secretary
May 10, 2016**

Keelhauler Canoe Club Minutes: 5/10/16: 7:30pm.

Present: 20 members + 2 guests: Bob and Kathy

Old business: John Kobak: membership is up to 269, highest in 8 years.

Sam Reynolds gave his Treasurer's report.

New Business: Membership agreed to support The Portage Foundation Headwaters Adventure Race in July, 2016 at Buchert Park, Portage Park District with a \$100 donation per Board recommendation. Also, to donate \$100 to Lorain Co. Metroparks for supporting the Vermilion Race.

The Cheat River Race was moved to Narrows due to high water. Our team of five Keelhaulers also paddled the Laurel Fork.

Program: John Kobak showed a video of the history of the Upper Yough since the first run in 1959. Thank you, John!

Next Meeting: June 14: location and program to be determined. Whiskey Island site has not been well attended.

July 12: Picnic and Boating: location to be determined. Silver Lake may not be possible.

Program ideas are needed. A program chairman would be welcome!
Meeting ended at 9pm.

Marcia Karchmer, Secretary

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

**Keelhaulers' Canoe Club
Treasurer's Report - May 22, 2016**

CD 0402	\$2, 277.83
CD 1077	\$2, 275.40
CD 4709	<u>\$2, 255.05</u>
CD'S (3)	\$6, 808.28

Checking \$4, 896.56

Total \$11,704.84

**Cheat Race 2016 – Record High Water
By Jim Hunt**

The 21st running of the Cheat River Race was one for the record books. The race is normally run in the Cheat Canyon the night before Cheat Fest with a water level between 1.5 and 5.0 feet. This year, starting Thursday, the racers were warned by the race organizers that very high water was likely and to check back in with them on Friday at 10:00 am for a update before running shuttle. By Friday am the water was well over 7 feet and still rising fast. By noon they informed the racers that the race, if held, would be in the Cheat Narrows and to meet at 4:20 for an update.

By the 6:00 pm race time, the water level was 7.85 feet and 12,300 cfs at Albright. None of Team Keelhaulers had ever been on the

Narrows above 6,000 cfs, so this was a major level increase and consideration of not racing was discussed.

The race was to be held starting in Rowlesburg, WV and finishing at the new FOC takeout about a mile below the normal Narrows takeout - about 7 miles total with 4 miles of that being flat water. Jim Hunt, Cliff Wire and Michael Duvall all scouted the entire race course and determined - we can do this. A quick call to Debbie Avallone to tell her "we all agree you can do this!" and we were ready to go along with Bill Warble.



Team Keelhaulers:

Debbie Avallone, Michael Duvall, Jim Hunt, Cliff Wire, Bill Warble
missing from photo

There were 81 racers, 13 of whom were woman. Of the 81, 26 were from Liquid Adventures Kayak School. This is down from more like 120-140 racers in a normal water level Cheat Race. The race organizers: Garrett Thompson, Rick Gusic and JJ got us all shuttled and upriver for a river bank Lemans start. Team Keelhaulers all picked creek boats for the big water safety factor except Bill who was in a downriver race boat.

And, we were off paddling in a group of 4 except for Bill who was going fast with the race boats. Lots of current in the flat water. Once the rapids started, there were Grand Canyon size wavetrains and lots of strange eddies and few monster holes. The sight of rescue volunteers on shore was an indication that things were about to get really exciting. Calamity Rock was the big rapid on the run but had a decent line thru it - glad we scouted it. We were running sweep for the race since Stubby is dog slow, and except for Bill, we all stayed upright and in our boats for the entire race. The winning time was 35:54 minutes with our group finishing in the rear at about 51:00 minutes.

We did have a prize winner as Debbie Avallone riding Stubby took 2nd place in Woman's Class D. From Debbie: Ok, there were only two women in Class D. Thanks to the KH crew for sacrificing their race times to see that the poky Stubby & I had a good, safe run.

We all had fun, and once the run was over, were glad we raced. How often do you get to run the Cheat Narrows at Grand Canyon flows.

June	For More Trips - Check our Message Board			
6/2,9,16,23,30	Thursday Rolling Practice at Nimisila Reservoir (OH) - 5:30-7:30PM But call Dennis first		Dennis Dukeman	330-858-6270
6/4	River to Lake - Luau - Sea Kayak Trip (OH) Rocky River to Lake Erie followed by a potluck dinner	FW/SK	Mark Spang	440-522-0520
6/4	(5) Savage River (MD) - Scheduled Dam Release	26	April Hollis	703-915-6382
6/4,5	TRPC Slippery Rock Clinic Application Membership in KHCC or TRPC REQUIRED Registration ends when the classes are filled or May 21	13-19	Joe Marksz	216-533-0604
6/4,5	(4) Stonycreek River Release (PA)	21	Dave Roush	440-623-9035
6/11	(1) Cuyahoga River, Peninsula to Boston Mills (OH)	SK/FW	Ann Corey	330-858-4841
6/11	(1) Licking River (OH)	FW	Tom Kaylor	901-219-4236
6/11,12	(5) New River (WV)	27	Dave Herron	513-681-4075
6/11,12	Mark Hanna and Carl Schneider Memorial Swiftwater Clinic (WV) More Information Limited to 10, Register early only \$90/person		Joe Marksz	216-533-0604
6/14	Club Meeting - Hinkley Boat House	SK/FW	Dave Roush	440-623-9035
6/17,18	Upper Yough (MD) First Saturday Release	32	Bill Warble	412-651-0112
6/18,19	(4) Lower Yough (PA) Get Permit	23	April Hollis	703-915-6382
6/18,19	(2) Middle Yough (PA)	12	Jim Sollosi	412-496-8672
6/18,19	(4) Stonycreek River Release (PA)	21	Needs organizer	
6/24,25	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Michael Duvall	216-513-5921

2016 Club Officers

President: Karl Nelson 330-497-2483
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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
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Please consider writing a trip report or article for the next newsletter! The deadline for the **July issue of the newsletter is **6/23/16**. Please remember that articles should be sent to Kelly Miller (Laubaugh) at peetzaguy@aol.com.**

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