

# Keelhauler's Ka-news MAY, 2015



## Next Club Meeting is Tuesday, May 12th

at Middleburg Hts. Community Center  
16000 E. Bagley Rd

Doors open at 7:00 PM, Meeting is at 8:00 PM.

**Program:** River Rescue Video

[Map to Middleburg Hts Meeting](#)

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

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT By Karl Nelson



Certain events mark the changing of the seasons. The arrival of spring in some parts of the country is heralded by the flowering of the Bradford pear trees, followed by the redbud and dogwood accompanied by the fragrance of honeysuckle wafting through the open window. In other parts of

the country, moving a baseball game because of snow and the fragrance of skunks accompanies the buzzards returning to the neighborhood [where do they return from?]

Some people celebrate spring with a trip to the Cheat Fest or StoneyFest. Others celebrate spring with trying to fit into last years PFD—which for some reason is a just a tad tighter than last year. It also means roadtrips to the river. Please do not listen to the audiobook *Insane City* by Dave Barry on the way to river. It is hard to keep the vehicle between the lines when you are laughing so hard you pee your pants.

May will mark the end of the spring season of meetings at the Middleburg Heights Community Center. Last month I mentioned *Heads Up! River Rescue for River Runners*. We're going old school with VHS tape (copyright 1993) featuring safety gurus Les Bechdel, Glenn Carlson, Jim Segerstrom and Charlie Walbridge.

Remember that the club did not purchase permits for the June-July-August Lower Yough trips. You can get a season permit and reserve a launch time [Saturday at 10:00; Sunday at 9:00] now or you can wait until closer to the trip date and snag a permit then.

**KEELHAULER MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 14, 2015 at Middleburg Heights**  
**Recreation Center**  
**Respectfully submitted**  
**by Donna Homberg**

17 people in attendance

Unfinished Business

Thank you, Jon Reising and company for the superb management of the 47th Annual Vermilion Race. Sounds like next year the race will be on the River with enough water and faster times. Jon will be there and so will we!

**Treasurer's Report**  
**By Pam Poljak**

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

<b>CDs (3)</b>	\$6,773.90
<b>Checking</b>	<u>\$4299.92</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>\$11073.82</u></u>

**New Ohiopyle Reservation  
Instructions  
By April Hollis**

**Ohiopyle - Lower Yough boating permit reservations**

1. Go to: [Direct Link to Ohiopyle River Reservations](#)
2. Select "**Enter Date**" under Whitewater Hard Boating
3. Enter Date, Number of Tickets, Click Find Tour Times
4. Pick a **starting time** that is available & number of tickets
5. **Enter payment** information

John Kobak has changed all of the internal links on all of our Lower Yough trips on our schedule to these new instructions: <http://www.keelhauler.org/khcc/tripschedule.htm#Y>

**Conservation  
By Jim Hunt**

**FROM AMERICAN WHITEWATER**

Dear River Lovers,

Last week, we let you know that the Department of Energy is still pursuing its goal to double hydropower in the U.S. by 2030. Reaching this goal would require damming just about every last reach of freely flowing river, and the hydropower industry is eager to help meet it. We can meet our energy needs without damming another river, and we need your help to spread the word- #NoNewDams.

The list of river basins targeted for new hydropower projects is long, and includes treasured whitewater rivers across the country that we all love. Doubling hydropower production would require rolling back bedrock environmental laws that protect these rivers. Please help us spread the word that this is unacceptable.

**How You Can Help**

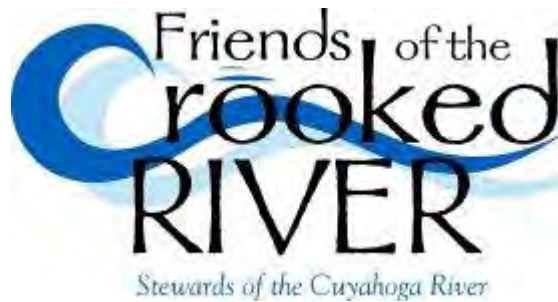
If you use social media, post photos of your favorite U.S. rivers with #NoNewDams and tagging @U.S. Department of Energy and @American Whitewater on Facebook, and @Energy and @AmerWhitewater on Twitter and Instagram. Name the river, the state it's in and include a message about keeping it freely flowing and what you love about it.

For more info on why doubling hydropower just doesn't make sense, click [here](#).

Let's stop a new era of dam-building in its tracks. Help us show the Department of Energy that rivers have value beyond hydropower, and that we will not stand for a vision of damming every river! #NoNewDams

Thanks for taking action!

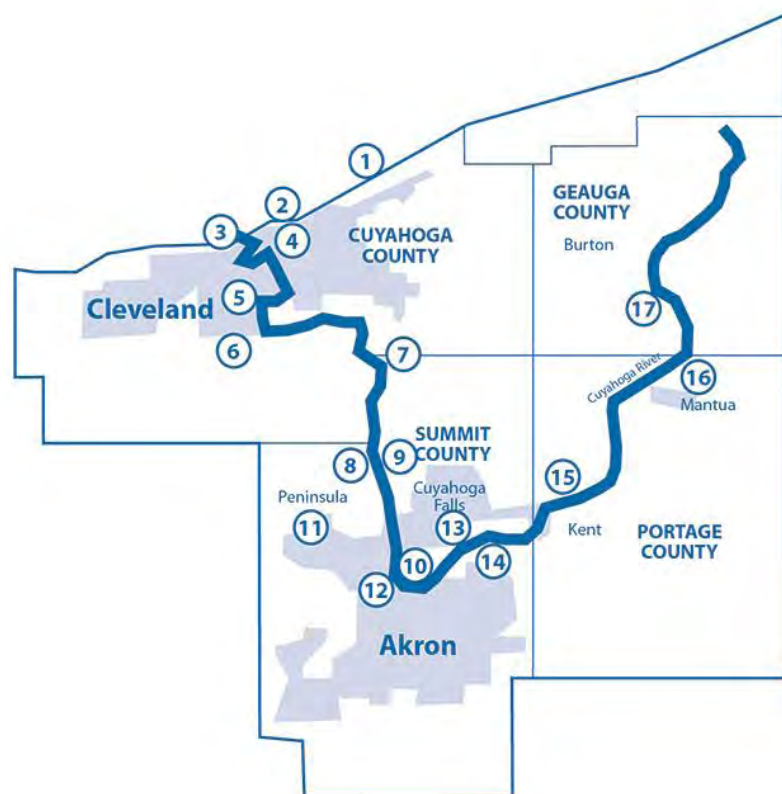
## 25<sup>th</sup> Annual River Day – May 16, 2015



Join Friends of the Crooked River for a day filled with river based activities. The celebration covers 4 northeast Ohio counties, the length of the Cuyahoga River, and most of the events are free. There are too many things to list, so see the following link or contact:

Elaine Marsh at [ohgreenway@gmail.com](mailto:ohgreenway@gmail.com).

<http://www.crookedriverday.org/events.html>



Please consider writing a trip report or article for the next newsletter! The deadline for the **June** issue of the newsletter is **5/23/15**. Please remember that articles should be sent to Kelly Miller (Laubaugh) at [peetzaguy@aol.com](mailto:peetzaguy@aol.com).

## **Kayaking Tours and Classes By Marcia Karchmer**

Cleveland Metroparks Outdoor Recreation Opportunities is offering a Cuyahoga River Tour--Kayak on May 9 and a Cuyahoga River Tour-Canoe on May 19. Also a LaDue Reservoir Kayak Tour on May 26. Boat, equipment included: all are \$40.

They will have Kayaking 1 & 2 lessons: Flat-water Fundamentals on June 27 at Hinckley Lake: \$75, boat and equipment included. Go to Cleveland Metroparks.com, or call 216-341-1704. Cut-off to register without a late fee is 8 days prior to the trip/lessons.

More Kayak trips: Lorain Co. Metropark: Contact Ruth at: [ruthdnp@gmail.com](mailto:ruthdnp@gmail.com).

5/20 Nimisila Reservoir Float: bring your own boat.

June: LCM Park:

6/13: Kent to Cuyahoga Falls: club led float on the upper Cuyahoga River.

6/30 Paddling Night at Findley Lake.

## **Slippery Rock Training Clinic June 6-7 By Joe Marksz**




Due to the cooperative relationship between Three Rivers and Keelhauler Clubs, members can participate in the Slippery Rock Training Clinic without having to become a member of both Clubs. Although it makes a lot of sense and many of us are.

There are adult classes for every ability level as well as separate classes for kids up to 16. There's also been classes for canoe the last number of years that have been quite popular. We camp at Breakneck Campground right there in the park. If you are at all interested in getting some good training and improving your skill level (aren't we all) then you should seriously take advantage of this. It's really a great time. If you are a high intermediate on up please consider signing up to assist in teaching. No experience necessary and you get a free dinner Saturday night. You can help an experienced instructor or just safety boat if you want. This weekend is really a lot of fun and you will come away with some new skills as well as some new paddling buddies.

You can read about the weekend and download the necessary forms at the link below. Just indicate that you are a paid member of Keelaulers on your registration form. REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS: MAY 16

<http://threeriverspaddlingclub.org/club-events/>

Contact me if you have any questions about the registration process or Clinic. REMEMBER... DEADLINE IS MAY 16

May	For More Trips - Check our <a href="#">Message Board</a>			
5/2,3,30,31	(4) Stonycreek River Release (PA)	21	<a href="#">Needs organizer</a>	
5/1	<a href="#">Cheat Mass-Occurrence Team Race</a> (WV)	26	<a href="#">Cliff Wire</a>	440-439-6541
5/2	Upper Yough (MD) or Big Sandy or Tygart (WV)	32	<a href="#">Bill Warble</a>	412-651-0112
5/2,3	(4) Upper Big Sandy, Little Sandy, Cheat Narrows (WV)	18-23	<a href="#">Jerry Spence</a>	614-561-3198
5/2,3	<a href="#">Cheat Fest Weekend</a> (WV) 	18-26	<a href="#">Needs organizer</a>	
5/3	(3) Cheat Narrows or (5) Canyon(WV)	18 or 26	<a href="#">Phil/Jen Raber</a>	740-498-7063
5/9-10	(3) N. Br. <a href="#">Potomac Release</a> (MD)	18	<a href="#">Mark Spang</a>	440-522-0520
5/9,10	(5) Intro to the Cheat Canyon (WV)	26	<a href="#">Jim Hunt</a>	330-335-5203
5/9,10	(5) Cheat Canyon, Cranberry or Upper Meadow (WV) Be sure to contact Dave for river choice.	26	<a href="#">Dave Herron</a>	513-681-4075
5/12	Club Monthly Meeting at <a href="#">Middleburg Hts</a>		<a href="#">Karl Nelson</a>	330-497-2483
5/15	Upper Yough (MD)	32	<a href="#">Needs organizer</a>	
5/15-17	(4) <a href="#">Stonycreek Rendezvous</a> (PA) 	21	<a href="#">Dennis Dukeman</a>	330-858-6270
5/16	<a href="#">RiverDay 2015 Events</a> Friends of the Crooked River (OH) 		<a href="#">Elaine Marsh</a>	330-328-3909
5/16,17	(4) Lower Yough (PA) <a href="#">Get Permit</a>	23	<a href="#">Michael Duvall</a>	216-513-5921
5/23	(3) Slippery Rock Creek (PA)	13-19	<a href="#">Ann Corey</a>	330-858-4841
5/23	Portage Lakes Paddle (OH)	SK/FW	<a href="#">David Johnson</a>	330-305-1565
5/23,24	(3) N. Br. <a href="#">Potomac Release</a> (MD)	18	<a href="#">Cliff Wire</a>	440-439-6541
5/24,25	Upper Yough (MD)	32	<a href="#">John Kobak</a>	440-871-1758 440-554-1383
5/30	(4) Lower Yough (PA) <a href="#">Get Permit</a>	23	<a href="#">Sabine Iben</a>	440-543-4969
5/30	(5) Savage River (MD) - Scheduled Dam Release	26	<a href="#">April Hollis</a>	703-915-6382



## 2015 Club Officers

President: Karl Nelson 330-497-2483  
VP: Dave Roush 440-623-9035  
Secretary: Donna Homberg 440-236-8360  
Treasurer: Pam Poljak 440-268-9194

Meeting Place: Middleburg Heights Recreation Center, 15700 Bagley Rd, on the 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**  
**1649 Allen Dr.**  
**Westlake, OH 44145**

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KHCC WEB PAGE URL: [www.keelhauler.org](http://www.keelhauler.org)

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Congrats Cole!

