

Keelhauler's Ka-news MAY, 2018



Next Club Get-Together 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

No report this month.

Treasurer's Report, Vermilion Expense Report, and Updated Club Budget By Sam Reynolds

Keelhaulers' Canoe Club Monthly Treasurer's Report April 24, 2018

CD 0402	\$2,293.16
CD 1077	<u>\$2,290.72</u>
CD'S (2)	\$4,583.88
Checking	<u>\$17,851.78</u>
Total	<u>\$22,435.66</u>

The Trustees approved the revision of club budget to add the Cuyahoga Falls Race to line 23 in order to support the race with \$100.00, and the marketing line was changed to add \$800. for the president to purchase various marketing materials to pass out at our activities. Line 17 was not changed, but an additional conservation donation was approved to provide \$500 to the Cheat River road and parking project. The Vermilion Race was the last race for **Jon Reising** and his team including **Hank Annable Carl and Donna Homberg, and Bob Bair** to name a few. It was sentimental in many ways including the ongoing discussion of days past and reflection of the paddling impact of Chuck Singer. As listed in the report, the funds earned were in the plus for the club at \$488.02.

**Expense Report from the 50th Annual Vermilion River Race
Submitted by Jon Reising, Race Director**

Donation for food from racers	\$149.00
Food purchases	<u>\$79.00</u>
Total	\$70.00

Received application fees from racers:

Checks	\$156.00
Cash	<u>\$434.00</u>
Sub-Total	\$590.00
 Pre-Paid Pay Pal (PayPal fee subtracted)	 <u>\$246.56</u>
Total fees paid by racers	\$836.56

Fee for USCA Insurance	\$3.75 per racer
<u>X48 racers</u>	
Total due for insurance	\$180.00

Expenses Jon Paid

PJ Sanitation	\$85.40
Prepaid USCA Insurance	\$62.50
Yearly Race Sponsor Fee	\$30.00
Office supplies	\$81.50
MetroParks shelter res.	Gratis
Postage before race	\$5.63
Mailing metals to winners	\$36.01
<u>Balance due USCA insurance</u>	<u>\$117.50</u>
Reimbursement - Jon Reising	\$418.54

Total Revenue(Food+Fees)	\$906.56
Total Costs	<u>\$418.54</u>
Funds Earned	\$488.02

Category Description	FY 2015 Actuals	FY 2016 Actuals	FY 2017 Budget	FY 2017 Actuals	FY 2018 Budget
ASSETS					
CHECKING balance at start of FY	\$5,906.02	\$5,733.46	\$5,733.46	\$8,893.59	\$8,893.59
CD (2) balance at start of FY	\$6,771.33	\$6,816.94	\$6,816.94	\$4,574.57	\$4,574.57
INCOME					
Conservation	\$60.00	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$114.70	\$115.00
Dues	\$5,659.00	\$5,458.32	\$5,458.00	\$6,225.44	\$6,225.00
Reserv./C.F.Cleanup/Cruise	\$88.00	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$11,000.00
Vermilion Race	\$612.00	\$687.14	\$687.00	\$1,165.88	\$1,166.00
Pool session deposit refund					
NEO Paddlers' Network Income	\$200.00	\$491.90	\$500.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$6,619.00	\$6,897.36	\$6,985.00	\$7,806.02	\$18,806.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$19,296.35	\$19,447.76	\$19,535.40	\$21,274.18	\$32,274.16
LIABILITIES/EXPENSE					
Conservation Donations	\$2,250.00	\$2,350.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00
Internet Access	\$117.00	\$323.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Internet Domain	\$33.00	\$50.97	\$51.00	\$50.97	\$51.00
Marketing					\$800.00
Library		\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Meeting Hall	\$600.00	\$770.00	\$231.19	\$0.00	\$231.00
Paddlers' Network		\$349.80	\$350.00	\$179.88	\$180.00
Cuy. Falls Cleanup/Cruise/Race			\$1,038.81	\$1,038.81	\$4,400.00
Postage and Supply		\$36.05	\$200.00	\$176.72	\$200.00
Refreshments	\$104.00	\$262.07	\$300.00	\$159.42	\$300.00
Vermilion Race	\$1,605.00	\$387.78	\$388.00	\$493.91	\$700.00
Yearbook Expense	\$1,844.00	\$1,971.30	\$1,971.00	\$1,947.36	\$1,950.00
Yough Reservations-Intro		\$40.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Special Donation/Portage Park Dist.	\$75.00		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$500.00
Multimedia Rental	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$6,828.00	\$6,641.61	\$7,160.00	\$6,897.06	\$12,062.00
OVERALL TOTAL	\$12,468.35	\$12,806.15	\$12,375.40	\$14,377.12	\$20,212.00
American Whitewater	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Friends of the Cheat	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Friends of the Crooked River	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Grand Canyon Private Boaters Association	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
American Rivers	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
West Virginia Rivers Coalition	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
River Network	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Nature Conservancy	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Mountain Watershed Assoc.-Yough Defense Fund	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
TOTAL	\$2,250.00	\$2,350.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,250.00

The 2018 Vermilion Race Results By Jon Reising

Class	Racer(s)	Time	Position
Class 0 - No Class Assignment			
	Hull, Thomas & Gonzalez, Anthony	1:48:15	1
Class 2 - C-2 Mixed/Women			
	Ryan, Matthew & Ryan, Marianne	1:54:26	1

Class 3 - C-2 Men's Standard			
	Parker, James S. & Parker, James G.	1:31:23	1
	Arndt, Eric & Arndt, Daniel	1:32:56	2
	Arndt, Andrew & Yorks, A.J.	1:44:00	3
	Ryan, Jacob & Ryan, Adam	1:57:01	4

Class 4 - C-2 Men's Senior			
	Piepenburg, Michael & Piepenburg, Dwayne	2:02:04	1

Class 5 - C-2 Over_Under			
	Ryan, Mark & Ryan, Lucas	DNF	

Class 6 - C-1 Canoe			
	Schmidt, Eric	1:57:22	1

Class 7 - K-1 Junior <16			
	Zuck, Abigail	1:57:05	1
	Banach, John D	2:00:56	2

Class 8 - K-1 Short Men <11.5'			
	Dohanos, Lee	1:27:53	1
	Rogers, John	1:32:38	2
	Nahorn, Matthew	1:33:53	3
	Anderson, Chad	1:34:53	4
	McBride, Brad	1:35:37	5
	Buschur, Zach	1:38:41	6
	Parker, James S.	1:39:44	7
	Smith, Steven	1:40:57	8
	Gillam, Mike	1:47:02	9
	Smith, Cory	1:47:54	10
	Gibbons, John	1:51:38	11
	Zigon, Alex	2:00:32	12
	Banach, John C	2:00:55	13

Class	Racer(s)	Time	Position
Class 9 - K-1 Short Women <11.5'			
	Curran, Colleen	1:27:50	1
	Homberg, Donna	1:55:45	2
	Courtright, Christine	2:01:11	3

Class 10 - K-1 Men <14.5'			
	Fedor, Nicholas	1:26:27	1
	Morgan, Kevin	1:28:35	2
	Smith, Anthony	1:33:47	3
	Duvall, Michael	1:36:03	4
	Ollom, Timothy	1:44:01	5

Class 11 - K-1 Women >11.5'			
	Thompson, Leslie	1:23:58	1
	Grimes, Katie	1:33:56	2

Class 12 - K-1 Senior >49, <14.5'			
	Kobak, John	1:29:06	1
	Johnson, Michael	1:47:24	2
	Smith, Alan	1:48:13	3
	Simmons, James	1:48:51	4

Class 13 - K-1 Long Men >14.5'			
	White, Joe	1:12:41	1

Class 14 - K-1 Long Senior >49, >14.5'			
	Baird, Robert	1:31:27	1

Class 15 - K-1 Senior Women >49, >11.5'			
	Bethea, Erin	1:28:24	1
	Simmons, Karen	1:36:21	2

Class 16 - Standup Paddleboard			
	Hauck, Jonathan	2:10:07	1

The 50th Annual Vermilion River Race was held on April 8th. We had 50 people and 41 boats participating this year. Thank you for coming out on our alternate date to race on the Vermilion River. I believe this is the first year we had at least one entrant in each of our classes. The best time for the day was posted at 1 hour 12 minutes 41 seconds, a great time for such a low water level. At race time level was 2.97', 265 cfs. with water temp at 42°F and Air temperature 31°F. Without the many volunteers that help, the race would not happen. So, my sincere thanks to those of you that take the time to help me give those that enjoy the race so much to come out and give themselves the opportunity to paddle on the Vermilion and have a little competition.

Jon Reising - Race Chairman

Chuck was in my kayak By John Kobak

Everyone knows I'm not really a racer, but for over 40 years Chuck Singer and I used to compete in the annual Vermilion River Race. Chuck almost always beat me. Since he died 5 years ago I quit competing in our annual race. But this year's race was the 50th annual and possibly the last race on this river run by our club.

I had not planned to race, I hadn't brought my paddling gear or roof racks back from our cabin in WV. I hadn't been in my kayak since last October. I kept in shape over the winter in FL biking and paddling our canoe. So I put the old Subaru racks back on my Outback, found some pile clothing, no dry or wet suit and an old repaired paddle and PFD.

The night before the race I had a dream about Chuck. But he was not paddling but had a camera in his hands. On Sunday morning I was loading my boat on my car in the garage. The side door blew shut from the wind, I heard a large bang and saw my old Perception kayak fall off the wall, where it had been for a least a year. Oh no, Chuck wants to paddle and come along. I decided not to bring the kayak for him, he could paddle with me.

Most of you know I lost my vision in my left eye totally so I have no depth perception and really can't see well with the good eye. But I figured I remembered most of the fast lines, from paddling at least 50 times in the past 50 years. I like to be the first boat in the race so no one gets in my way but several usually pass me motivating me to paddle harder.

As I approached the first turn in the race I realized I knew where to go but was having a hard time seeing and negotiating past the hundreds of shallow rocks along the way. I then felt, how the heck am I missing all those rocks that I can't even see. I felt Chuck was helping with the lines, I kept asking him which way next and picked up the pace. Where were the boats behind me, I could follow their lines if they passed me. Every time I looked back I didn't see anyone, so Chuck & I just kept paddling hard. Finally near the end a sea kayak was catching up, I figured maybe the slow kayaks behind me got passed by that fast paddler, so I paddled even harder. As I neared the finish I saw it was Erin Bethea who was following using my lines to get down the river, she won her class.



And believe it or not I won my class and had a better time than 84% on the other boats. I thanked Chuck for the help and figured he deserved the medal getting me down the river as fast as he used to paddle. Of course I won't mention that the competition this year was not as good as in years past but for being 81 years old, I still had a hell of a day.

I would especially like to thank Jon Reising, Chucks best friend and race chairman. As usual the club volunteers did a great job running the race.



Ohiopyle State Park
April 21st, 2018
By Charlie Walbridge, submitted by Jim Hunt

Ohiopyle State Park Updates River Regulations

posted March 30, 2018

by Charlie Walbridge



This past fall American Whitewater met with Ohiopyle State Park managers to discuss possible updates to their whitewater paddling regulations. The first topic was to change the rules governing raft sizes at different water levels to recognize the capabilities of self-bailing rafts. Shorter self-bailing boats will now be allowed to run the river at high water. Some small changes to the regulations will make Ohiopyle Falls more accessible to paddlers. A change in the way the gauge is interpreted should make the falls "legal" on more days.

Although whitewater paddlers are only one part of the vast public that visits the park, every effort was made to accommodate them while avoiding user conflicts and safety hazards. Special thanks goes to Ken Bisbee, Ohiopyle State Park Operations Manager and John Hallas, a former Ohiopyle State Park Operations Manager who is now Director of State Parks.

New Regulations for Self-Bailing Rafts on the Lower Youghiogheny River

The following wording will be used in determining whether a watercraft would be permitted to launch:

Lower Youghiogheny

3 Feet to 4:

Self-bailing rafts with a minimum length of 8 feet shall be permitted. All rafts shall be of durable material and construction suitable for class III to IV whitewater use. If rafts are not self-bailing, 11.220 requirements for the appropriate water level will apply.

4 feet and above:

Self-bailing rafts with a minimum length of 12 feet shall be permitted. All rafts shall be of durable material and construction suitable for class III to IV whitewater use. If rafts are not self-bailing, 11.220 requirements for the appropriate water level will apply.

Middle Youghiogheny:

3 feet and above:

Self-bailing rafts with a minimum length of 8 feet shall be permitted. All rafts shall be of durable material and construction suitable for class III to IV whitewater use. If rafts are not self-bailing, 11.220 requirements for the appropriate water level will apply.

Private Boater Ohiopyle Falls Access Guidelines

Effective 4/1/2018

Changes for 2018 are underlined

1. **Prior to launching for each falls run, all boaters must register** at the Lower Youghiogheny Launch Window on SR 381 **unless otherwise posted**. A launch permit, governed by the private boater quota reservation system, is required during applicable periods. Boaters may register for more than one run at a time.
2. **Water Level must be below 1.9 feet** on the USGS Gage at the Lower Youghiogheny Launch in Ohiopyle. Although the gage can be read to the hundredths, for the purposes of falls access only the tenth's column will be calculated. (1.89 would be considered as 1.8)
3. **Using the Lower Youghiogheny Launch to take-out is prohibited.** The falls becomes the first rapid in the loop and boaters shall continue down river and take-out either at the Loop Take-Out on Ferncliff or Bruner Run Take-Out.
4. **Runs over the falls will be permitted:** April 1st through the weekend before Thanksgiving with the last permit issued or sold prior to end of the posted office hours. Last run of the falls must be made so that boaters will be off the river prior to sunset.
5. **Access (put-in) will be from the river right shore only (Ferncliff side).** Boaters access the river right put in via Ferncliff trail. The put-in is marked with a sign and is located downstream of the buoy line anchor points. Access will be prohibited from the Falls Day-Use Area (river left) except during Falls Running Events governed by Special Activities Agreements.
6. **Boaters are prohibited from running Ohiopyle Falls alone** (solo boater/party of one). Minimum group size is three. 2nd or 3rd boaters do not have to run the falls and is/are included for the

minimum group size for providing safety from shore (above or below) or boat (below) the falls. Shore safeties shall wear a PFD, helmet and have a throw bag to effectively execute a rescue.

7. **Only single and double occupancy kayaks and canoes** designed and fully outfitted for whitewater use are permissible. Unguided Liveries/Rental Craft are prohibited. Rafts are prohibited.
8. **Boaters may scout the falls from beyond the warning signs** during open hours but must wear PFD and helmet at all times.

Please contact Our Trip Organizer to add, correct, or volunteer to lead any trips listed. [Joe Boyd](#) 740-632-6725

May	For More Trips - Check our Message Board			
5/4	Cheat Mass-Occurrence Team Race (WV) Online Preregistration-Ends 5/2/18	26	Cliff Wire	440-439-6541
5/4,5,6	Upper Yough (MD) or Big Sandy or Tygart (WV) Be sure to contact Dave for river choice.	32	Dave Herron	513-681-4075
5/4,5,6	Cheat Fest Weekend (WV) http://cheatfest.org/ Festival Camping & Parking Info Read your options carefully.	18-26	Needs organizer	
5/6	(3) Cheat Narrows (WV)	18	Phil/Jen Raber	330-827-7063
5/5,6	(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
5/12	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Needs organizer	
5/12,13	(3) Cheat Narrows (WV) or Casselman (PA)	18	Chris Mockbee	304-914-5546
5/12,13	(5) Intro to the Cheat Canyon (WV)	26	Anne Kmieck	216-536-1905
5/12,13	(3) Cheat Narrows (WV) or Casselman (PA)	18	Chris Mockbee	304-914-5546
5/18-20	(4) Stonycreek Rendezvous (PA) 	21		
5/19	28th Annual RiverDay Events Friends of the Crooked River (OH) 		Nichole	216-241-2414 x307
5/19	Cuyahoga River (OH) Middlebury Rd. in Kent to Water Works in Cuyahoga Falls, River Day Clean-Up	SK/FW	Moneen McBride	330-969-2628
5/19,20	(3) N. Br. Potomac Release (MD)	18	Cliff Wire	440-439-6541
5/19,20	(4) Lower Yough (PA) . Get Your Permit Here	23	Michael Duvall	216-513-5921
5/25,26	Upper Yough (MD)	32	John Kobak	440-554-1383
5/26	(3) Slippery Rock Creek (PA)	13-19	Ann Corey	330-858-4841

2018 Club Officers

President: John Banach 330-606-5032
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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:

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Please consider writing a trip report or article for the next newsletter! The deadline for the
JUNE, 2018 issue of the newsletter is 5/23/18. Please send articles and/or pictures to:
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