

Keelhauler's Ka-news NOVEMBER, 2013



Next Club Meeting Tuesday, November 12th

Doors open at 7:00 PM, Meeting is at 8:00 PM.
*at Middleburg Hts Community Center
16000 E. Bagley Rd*

Program: TBD & Annual Election of Officers

[Map to Middleburg Hts Meeting](#)

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Michael Duvall



Gauley season has come and gone, the Fall colors trip on the Lower Yough was a great hit, and we even had a little snow in Cleveland so that means it is time to start working on next year.

ELECTIONS were NOT held at the October meeting because we did not have enough members present. We need members to show up at the next meeting on November 12th and vote. We need to show our appreciation to all our officers and chair persons past and present for all their hard work.

TRIP SCHEDULE April Hollis has once again volunteered for the position of trip scheduler for the coming year. Let's all help her out, step up and take some trips. Don't wait to be asked, contact her

and with your ideas. We need all types of trips from sea kayaking to canoe trips on easy rivers as well as the white water trips. Our thanks to all those that organized trips over the years, that's what makes this club one of the best in the country.

POOL PRACTICE Thanks to Marius Asipauskas and Jeff Cramer we will have lots of pool sessions again this year. I know that I need to work on my roll because I had a few swims this past season and I'm not the only one, I saw a few others swim this year but I'm not and going to name names. See the schedule for pool sessions under the instructions tab on the home page.

Be safe and I'll see you on the river,

Michael

Minutes from the October 8, 2013th Keelhauler Meeting by Donna Homberg

10 people present.

Welcome Pete Costello from Twinsburg as a new member.

Main business was the election of new officers but 15 are needed for a quorum so this was postponed until next month. Future trips and trip leaders discussed. Reported a good turnout for river running this past month with 20-30 paddlers.

No one has called for what I thought was a dry bag left at the Silver Lake Meeting but now I understand it is a 'paddle float'. Please notify if you are missing this piece of gear so it can be returned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Program was a video on surfing on Lake Erie called Out of Place. Surfing starts in November throughout the coldest months. Pretty impressive footage featuring some hardy, robust, young men. Available at the Cuyahoga Library upon request.

2014 Membership Dues are Overdue

All club memberships have expired on October 1st. Most people have renewed their membership. But if you haven't gotten around to it, **do it today**. Since I will not be around to get your check until December 21st please pay \$21 on-line using Paypal.

<http://keelhauler.org/khcc/PaypalPay.htm>

You can use any credit card or a Paypal account.

OR

If you still want to mail a check please send a \$20 check for your **2014 Membership Dues**

To:
Keel Haulers Canoe Club
1649 Allen Dr
Westlake, OH 44145-2506

To check whether you have paid or not, check this updated file:

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User Name: "dir" and the current 2012 password found on page 20 of our yearbook or in our monthly newsletter e-mail. If the last column by your name says 3 and not 4, then you are not recorded as paid for 2014.

John Kobak - Membership Chairman

TRIP SCHEDULE

I am about to begin work on the trip schedule for 2014 so please pitch in by volunteering to organize a trip or two in the coming year. We need all types of trips including sea kayaking, trips on easy rivers, and whitewater trips. There are Upper Yough, Middle Yough trips, and North Branch trips that could use an organizer. In addition, flatwater trips are badly needed.

Anyone interested in organizing a trip should please let me know by Dec. 15 so I can get it into the schedule in the yearbook. It's a lot of fun and our great event schedule is a benefit to our membership, and the main reason we have so many out-of-state members in the club! Thanks again to trip and pool session organizers past and present!

April Hollis
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Fall Color, Yough Trip by Dave Roush

The Fall Color Yough trip was very popular. There were 24 boaters on the Lower Yough trip both Saturday and Sunday. I believe Steve Ingalls Middle Yough trip had an additional 8 on Saturday. Certainly Ohiopyle was overrun by folks from Ohio (lovingly embraced as FIFOs by the locals). On Saturday we had a very experienced group and only had three newbies. While we broke into two groups, with all of the experience on the river there were very few swims and more than enough help when needed. Even the swims were entertaining, we were even treated to synchronized swimming. The memorable moments occurred off the river. Let me elaborate.

Steve and I had previously agreed to meet for dinner at Curt's. Some of our group were finishing dinner upon arrival, so the staff was a little annoyed by us taking over the back room and rearranging the furniture in a table reminiscent of the last supper paintings. As more and more people arrived, still more tables were added. The annoyance seemed to transform into mild panic as they realized that they had a lot of hungry boaters on their hands and the hope that maybe, just maybe, they would make some money. As tradition has it we ordered chocolate cake with a candle in

it for Steve Ingalls. Steve played along great turning red and acting surprised as we all sang happy birthday! We were all surprised to learn it really was close to his birthday.

Many of us camped at Tall Oaks in the field. While I didn't do a head count, Les was beaming having a good weekend closing a disappointing year. We had one campfire, literally ringed twice with boaters enjoying the ambiance. Early into the evening some anonymous boaters broke out some homemade apple pie moonshine (complete with cinnamon sticks) in Mason jars. It wasn't long until they were guzzling it and passing it around. Most of us had the good sense to taste it, and pass it along. Our newbies thought they would also guzzle. This went on late into the night.

The next morning I got up to assess the damage. One of our newbies complained about having a "migraine" all night, another said he felt much better after forcing himself to throw up at 5:00 AM. I never did see the third. When I checked on the moonshiner, he said he wasn't doing well. He said he spent the entire night on all fours just holding onto the earth!

After breakfast I went to check in with Amos and June. Amos is really laid back. It is hard to imagine anything really upsetting him. Well you can imagine my surprise seeing steam coming out of Amos's and June's ears. They were still upset Sunday from an incident that happened Saturday afternoon. Apparently some river guides had asked the rangers if they could have a wedding near the falls. Because of the construction the rangers turned down their request. Ignoring this a limo and a bunch of cars pulled into the parking lot in front of the temporary put-in, into the construction area and just took over. When told they couldn't park there by June and Amos they said "OK" then locked the doors and walked off. They just took over for about 30 minutes. They totally occupied the landings leading to the temporary put in for the ceremony and pictures. A former cop directed all the commercial boaters and kayakers to put in where the Meadows empties into the Yough. Amos and June felt TOTALLY disrespected. As they were telling the story, they were MAD.

Forgive me, but I can't let go of an opportunity like this. I have 24 boaters headed down there to buy shuttle passes. Of course I tell all 24 kayakers to ask June and Amos about the nice wedding yesterday. Later when we headed down to put on Amos is watching. He looks at me and says "you son of a bitch". Now this was their last work day. I'll probably get over it before next season.

BTW: our moonshiners did paddle Sunday, but the newbies never did make it.

| November | For More Trips - Check our Message Board | | Pay Dues | |
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| 11/2 | (3) Slippery Rock (PA) | 13-19 | Pat Guzowski | 216-780-5734 |
| 11/12 | Club Monthly Meeting at Middleburg Hts | | Dennis Dukeman | 330-699-2916 |
| 11/09 | KH Roll Session at Orange pool - 4-6:00 PM | | Marius Asipauskas | 216-200-6321 |
| 11/17, 24 | KH Roll Session at Meyers Lake YMCA pool - 8:45 -10:45 AM | | Doug Lyons | 330-402-6909 |
| 11/17, 23 | KH Roll Session at Lakewood pool - 8:30-9:45 PM | | Marius Asipauskas | 216-200-6321 |
| December | For More Trips - Check our Message Board | | Last Chance to Pay Dues | |
| 12/7 | (3) Slippery Rock (PA) | 13-19 | Cliff Wire | 440-439-6541 |
| 12/10 | Club Holiday Party at Middleburg Hts Community Center | | Dennis Dukeman | 330-699-2916 |
| 12/1,8,15 23,30 | KH Roll Session at Meyers Lake YMCA pool - 8:45 -10:45 AM | | Doug Lyons | 330-402-6909 |
| 12/7 | KH Roll Session at Orange pool - 4-6:00 PM | | Marius Asipauskas | 216-200-6321 |
| 12/14, 28 | KH Roll Session at Lakewood pool - 4:30-6:30 pm -15th, 3:00 to 5:00 PM - 29th | | Marius Asipauskas | 216-200-6321 |

2013 Club Officers

President: Michael Duvall 216-521-0094
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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**
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Please consider writing a trip report or article for the next newsletter! The deadline for the **December issue of the newsletter is **11/24/13**. Please remember that articles should be sent to Kelly Miller (Laubaugh) at peetzaguy@aol.com.**

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