

Keelhauler's Ka-news OCTOBER, 2017



**Next Club Meeting October 10th
BrickHouse Tavern at 581 Howe Ave,
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221**

Meet/Greet at 7:00 PM, Meeting is at 8:00 PM.

**Program: Election: Be sure to attend the meeting so
we can vote on this year's Officers.**

The Board has put together this proposed slate:

**President - - - - - John Banach
Vice President - - - - Don Howdyshell
Treasurer - - - - - Sam Reynolds
Secretary - - - - - Open
Trustee 2016-2018 - - Cliff Wire
Trustee 2017-2019 - - Dave Roush
Trustee 2018-2020 - - Open**

Plus, we have lots of news and events to discuss and we need as much input from you all as possible. Topics will be more lake and flat water paddle trips, overnight paddle trips, river repair and cleanups, club sponsorship, and much more.

Contact: John Banach if you have any questions . . .
Call 330-606-5032 or email John Banach

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

President's Message From John Banach



Hello to all my fellow Haulers. Can you believe that October is on our doorstep? Time is flying by faster than I can handle. So, I'd better catch up...

There is a lot going on as we head into the Fall season. And our club has more than a lot going on.

To start, we have our qtr'ly meeting on Tuesday October 10th at the Brickhouse Tavern in Cuyahoga Falls. It's a great little venue where we can have our own private space to have a small bite and beverage, and conduct needed Keel-Hauler business. We have a few club positions open. And we need interest in filling them.

Marcia Karchmer has stepped down from her secretary position. Thank you so much for you all that you have done Marcia. I have been approached by a replacement. But let me know if you might have interest.

Jim Hunt will be stepping down as Conservation chair. Please contact Jim, myself, or any trustees if you might have interest in filling his spot. Jim will continue to be the yearbook editor. That is a busy enough job as it is. Thank you, Jim, for your hard work and dedication to this wonderful cause.

Also, we need organizers for the Orange and Lakewood sessions. I just received dates. But we need dedicated members to be there each session. I'll post dates on the website. As for the Canton Sunday sessions, Robby Kirby and I will co-tackle this position.

OK, it's late. Still lots to do. So, before I go I'll leave you with this... The Keel-Hauler meetings are essential to running the club properly. And we need current and longtime member input and meeting participation to accomplish that. Please try and attend the Oct 10th meeting. Mark it on your calendar. I look forward to seeing you there.

See you soon.

John Banach

**Membership Renewal
By John Kobak**

It's that time again....

All club memberships have expired on October 1st. As soon as you can, please pay your 2018 membership dues. As you may know I go south for 5 months starting in November. I would ask all of you to mail your check today or pay on-line by the end of the month. This ensures that your name will be listed in our new yearbook/roster. It doesn't matter when you pay; all memberships expire on September 30th. Mail your check to:

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

You can pay \$20 using Paypal to save yourself time & postage. Use this link to pay: <http://keelhauler.org/EZPay.htm> To renew your membership you do not have to fill out a new application, you only need to send your dues payment and any changes to your membership information.

You can review your current membership listing, using this link: <http://keelhauler.org/khcc/members.htm> User Name: "dir" and the current 2017 password found on Pg. 20 of our 2017 yearbook or see the passwords sent out in our monthly e-mail. This e-mail also shows if you have already paid for 2018.

If you need to change any of your membership information, you can use this form: http://keelhauler.com/khcc_registration.htm

Please encourage any of your non-member paddling friends to join/rejoin the club. The club offers a lot to paddlers of all skill levels. Send them this link:

<http://www.keelhauler.org/khcc/khcapp.htm> Last year our club had 315 paid memberships, the most in the past ten years.

Also, all WW paddlers should join **AW**, the one organization that fights to remove dams and provides river access. Our members can get a \$10 discount, just note you are an Affiliate Club Member. <https://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/Membership/join-aw>

John Kobak

**Keelhauler's Minutes
By Marcia Karchmer**

There was no meeting in September. There will be a meeting, as planned, on October 10 at 7pm at the Brickhouse Tavern, 581 Howe Ave., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221. John would like to know who is planning to come. It is an important meeting, with several officers and board members to be elected! We hope that some of you will want to become officers. The club is expanding and growing, establishing more of a presence in NE Ohio. Come and be part of it!!

Marcia Karchmer, Secretary

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

Keelhaulers' Canoe Club Treasurer's Report
September 24, 2017

CD 0402	\$2, 288.50
CD 1077	<u>\$2, 286.07</u>
CD'S (2)	\$4, 574.57
Checking	<u>\$8, 833.59</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$13,408.16</u>

Save the Date Reminder By Don Howdysell

Sept 30th AND Oct 1st Riverfront Pkwy
Cuyahoga Falls ~ River Cleanup! Please Read!

Sept 30th Saturday ~ City Sponsored Cleanup for National Public Lands Day. Starts at 9am at River Front Park (Across from Acme) and ends at 12:30 with Lunch at Water Works Park. The City is dropping off a dumpster for us on Riverfront Pkwy and I ask all paddlers to join me for the river boardwalk cleanup just south of Burntwood Tavern.

Oct 1st Sunday 2PM~ additional cleanup starting at 2pm and ends whenever you need to leave. I will be conducting additional cleanup to fully utilize the dumpster the city will have placed for us on Riverfront Pkwy. Meeting place is under the Portage Trail bridge, south of Burntwood Tavern where the last river takeout is located. I will have refreshments available.

Things to bring:

- River shoes-preferably to protect your ankles
- Perishable clothes- a lot of the trash is rubber, it's black, and it stains
- Working gloves-I will have some available, but if you have your own, bring them
- Sunscreen
- Change of Dry clothes & Towel
- Positive attitude & smiles 😊

I know this is a lot to ask and it's a lot of cleaning and hard work. We're running out of nice weekends to get this type of thing handled and the city is giving us dumpsters again. 😊👍

If you can make both days, Awesome!! If you can only make one day, still awesome!! Have any questions, comment below!

If you can make it on SUNDAY, Please let me know with a quick comment so I can plan ahead with supplies and refreshments. donh458@gmail.com or 330-671-0825.

There was a phenomenal turn out last year. Support from Burning River Adventures, and the Keel-Haulers Canoe Club made sure it was a huge success! The canoe trash barges make things much easier!

Thanks for Reading and spread the word!



Still need trip organizers – Pick a trip in red. Thanks!

Contact: Joe Boyd at 330-858-6270 or joeboyltravels@yahoo.com

October	For More Trips - Check our Message Board		Time to Pay Dues	
10/6,7	Upper Yough (MD) Last Saturday Release	32	John Kobak	440-554-1383
10/7,8	(4) Stonycreek River Release (PA)	21	Anne Kmieck	216-371-8250
10/6,7,8,9	(5) Lower Gauley & Upper Gauley (WV) Camping at Battle Run	27-33	Needs organizer	
10/10	Club Annual Election Meeting at Brick House Tavern		John Banach	330-606-5032
10/14,15	(4) Lower Yough (PA) Fall Color Trip Get Permit	23	Dave Roush	440-623-9035
10/14,15	(5) Lower Gauley & Upper Gauley (WV)	27-33	Needs organizer	
10/21,22	(4) Stonycreek River Release (PA)	21	John Banach	330-606-5032
November	For More Trips - Check our Message Board		Pay Dues Now	
11/4	(3) Slippery Rock (PA)	13-19	Needs organizer	
11/11,12	(4) Lower Yough (PA)	23	Katie & Joe Boyd	740-632-6725
December	For More Trips - Check our Message Board		Last Chance to Pay Dues	
12/2	(3) Slippery Rock (PA)	13-19	Needs organizer	
12/13	Club Holiday Party at TBD		John Banach	330-606-5032
January	2018			
1/1	New Year's Day paddle on the (4) Lower Yough (PA)	23	Brent Hendren	330-414-2063



