

Keelhauler's Ka-news

☘ **MARCH, 2019**



Next Club Meeting Tuesday March 5th

Doors open at 6:30pm, Meeting at 7:00-8:30pm
at Cuyahoga Falls Public Library, Graefe Room.

2015 3rd Street, Cuyahoga Falls, OH

Parking between 2nd and 3rd Street. Use Exit 5 from SR8

Agenda items to include: Yearbook 2020, Committee to look at website, Summer meeting - long standing member recognition.
Paying for SWR, and Beginning Boater Clinics/trips.

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

President's Message From Mike Gillam



No report this month.

**Keelhaulers' Canoe Club Monthly Treasurer's Report
February 22, 2019
By Sam Reynolds**

CD 0402 \$2, 299.89

CD 1077 \$2, 296.77

CD'S (2) \$4, 596.66

Checking \$16,861.98

Total \$21,458.64

Yearbook Printing = \$1685.62

Yearbook Mailing = \$310.29

Many thanks to Jim Hunt and Michael Duvall!

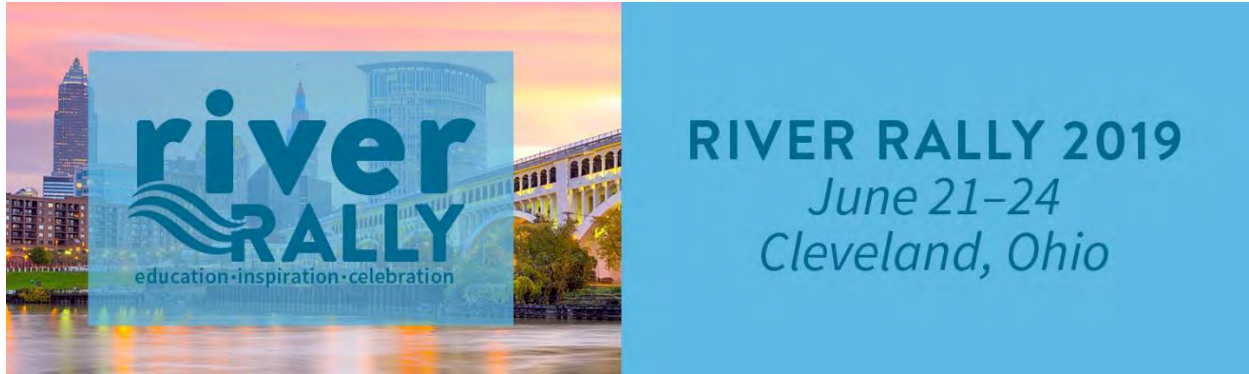
**50th Anniversary of the Cuyahoga River Fire
From Matt Fredmonsky**

Thursday, June 20th, is the Kent portion of the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Cuyahoga River fire. The Main St. bridge will be closed, and vendors, food trucks, etc., will be on the bridge. There will be a kayaker coming down the river to pass the torch (not like a real torch) to the next person who will then take it to Cuyahoga Falls. We are looking for kayakers to follow behind the "torch carrier" until they get to Kent. It is mostly a "for looks" type of thing, however having a group of kayakers all coming into the Main St bridge area is what we are after. The passing of the (fake) torch will happen and that kayaker will go down the river and take out at Summit St. (shhhh - don't tell!) Alex Bevan will be playing on the bridge from 4:30ish to 6:30ish then the Chardon Polka Band will be playing in the Plaza from 7-9.

See also: www.rockthelake.com/event/xtinguish-celebration and www.rockthelake.com

Simply wanted to give you a "heads up" we will be looking for people. Depending on rain/weather the river could be really cranking and at that point safety comes into play (wait - isn't it supposed to always be first and foremost?!) and the extra kayakers idea will be nixed. Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 1969 Cuyahoga River fire with a boat parade at dusk. To join the parade, email Peter Bode at Peter@westcreek.org.

**River Rally in Cleveland
From Jacki Gosselin Zevenbergen**



Join us! June 21 – 24, 2019 | Cleveland, Ohio

Hosted annually by River Network, River Rally provides an inspiring and energy-infused touchpoint for nonprofit groups from across the U.S. and beyond, as well as for agency and foundation representatives, industry innovators, philanthropists, academics, students, and community leaders. It includes over 70 learning opportunities, an awards ceremony, novel social events, and access to thought leaders and change agents.

River Rally 2019 takes place along the banks of the Cuyahoga River and marks the last time that river caught fire from unregulated pollution fifty years ago, a pivotal event that sparked the environmental movement that led to the establishment of the Clean Water Act. The River Rally 2019 program features speakers who will celebrate this and other clean-water victories while illuminating today's most urgent water topics.

For registration, the program, and more information: https://www.rivernetwork.org/connect-learn/river-rally/?fbclid=IwAR0vr5FILOMMNMI6fOKpw3Ym9phf_L_wfrFErDfbntJ1UJno4fZab8Bm1o

2019 Trip Schedule

Please review we NEED TRIP MORE ORGANIZERS PLEASE HELP

[2019 Trip Schedule](#)

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March	For More Trips - Check our Message Board			
3/2,16	KH Roll Session at Orange pool - 4:00-6:00 PM		Josiah Colvin	567-215-1390
3/3,10,17	KH Roll Session at Meyers Lake YMCA pool - 8:45 -10:45 AM		John Banach	330-606-5032
3/9,10	(3) Slippery Rock Creek (PA)	13-21	Needs organizer	
3/16-24	Spring Break Trip - TN, NC OR if there is good water in WV we can go there.	22-32	Dave Herron	513-681-4075
3/23	KH Roll Session at Lakewood pool - 3:00-5:00 pm		Mike Gillam	440-328-5547
April				
4/6	KH Roll Session at Orange pool - 4:00-6:00 PM		Josiah Colvin	567-215-1390
4/6,7	Tallahah - Cheoah GA, NC	30-34	Dan Yusko	330-472-8535
4/6,7	(4) Stonycreek River Release (PA)	21	Needs organizer	
4/6,7	(3) Slippery Rock Creek (PA)	13-21	Needs organizer	
4/TBD	(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
4/13,14	(3) N. Br. Potomac Release (MD)	18	Needs organizer	
4/13	(1) Grand River (OH)	6	Mark Spang	440-522-0520
4/19	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Needs organizer	
4/20	(4) Stonycreek River Release (PA)	21	Anne Kmieck	216-536-1905
4/20,21	(5) Middle Fork & Tygart (WV)	29	Needs organizer	
4/26	Upper Yough (MD)	32	Needs organizer	
4/27	(1) Grand River Race	SK/FW	Brian Davidson	440-358-7275
4/27,28	(3) N. Br. Potomac Release (MD)	18	Needs organizer	
4/27	Cuyahoga Falls Kayak Race (OH) Upper Gorge Limit 600 CFS 	28	Don Howdysshell	330-671-0825
	Click Image for official website & registration			

Boater Humor

Someone asked an anonymous boater about his c/ass IV comfort level and he answered something along the lines of I'm comfortable that I can usually find an eddy to swim to." Thus, the interviewer was inspired to offer this International Scale of River Difficulty:

Class I: Easy

Fast moving water with riffles and small waves. Swimming is pleasant, shore easily reached. A nice break from paddling. Almost all gear and equipment is recovered. Boat is just slightly scratched.

Class II: Novice

Straightforward rapids with wide, clear channels which are evident without scouting. Swimming to eddies requires moderate effort. Climbing out of river may involve slippery rocks and shrub induced lacerations. Paddles travel great distance downstream requiring lengthy walk. Something unimportant is missing. Boat hits submerged rock leaving visible dent on frame or new gash in plastic.

Class III: Intermediate

Rapids with moderate, irregular waves which may be difficult to avoid. Water is swallowed. Legs are ground repeatedly against sharp, pointy rocks. Several eddies are missed while swimming. Difficult decision to stay with boat results in moment of terror when swimmer realizes they are downstream of boat. Paddle is recirculated in small hole way upstream. All personal possessions are removed from boat and floated in different directions. Paddling partners run along river bank shouting helpful instructions. Boat is munched against large boulder hard enough to leave series of deep gouges. Sunglasses fall off.

Class IV: Advanced

Water is generally lots colder than Class III. Intense, powerful but predictable rapids requiring precise swimming in turbulent water. Swimming may require 'must' moves above dangerous hazards. 'Must' moves are downgraded to 'strongly recommended' after they are missed. Sensation of disbelief experienced while about to swim large drops. Frantic swimming towards shore is alternated with frantic swimming away from shore to avoid strainers. Rocks are clung to with death grip. Paddle is completely forgotten. One shoe is removed. Hydraulic pressure permanently removes waterproof box with all the really important stuff. Paddle partners running along stream look genuinely concerned while lofting throw ropes 20 feet behind swimmer. Paddle partners stare slack-jawed and point in amazement at boat which is finally pinned by major feature. Climbing up river bank involves inverted tree. One of those spring loaded pins that attaches watch to wristband is missing. Contact lenses are moved to rear of eyeballs.

Class V: Expert

The water in this rapid is usually under 42 degrees f. Most gear is destroyed on rocks within minutes if not seconds. If the boat survives, it is in need of about three days of repair. There is no swimming, only frantic movements to keep from becoming one with the rocks and to get a breath from time to time. Terror and panic set in as you realize your paddle partners don't have a chance in hell of reaching you. You come to a true understanding of the terms maytagging and pinballing. That hole that looked like nothing when scouted has a hydraulic that holds you under the water until your lungs are close to bursting. You come out only to realize you still have 75% of the rapid left to swim. Swim to the eddy? What #%~&*##* eddy!? This rapid usually lasts a mile or more. Hydraulic pressure within the first few seconds removes everything that can come off your body This includes gloves, shoes, neoprene socks, sunglasses, hats, and clothing. The rocks take care of your fingers, toes, and ears. That \$900.00 dry suit, well it might hold up to the rocks. Your paddle is trash. If there is a strainer, well, just hope it is old and rotten so it breaks. Paddle Partners on shore are frantically trying to run and keep up with you. Their horror is reflected in their faces as they stare at how you are being tossed around! They are hoping to remember how to do CPR. They also really hope the cooler with the beer is still intact. They are going to need a cold one by the time you get out! Climbing out of this happens after the rapid is over. You will probably need the help of a backboard, cervical collar and Z-rig. Even though you have broken bones, lacerations, puncture wounds, missing digits & ears, and a concussion, you won't feel much because you will have severe hypothermia. Enjoy your time in the hospital, with the time you take recovering you won't get another vacation for 3 years.

Class VI: World Class Not recommended for swimming.

2019 Club Officers

President: Mike Gillam 440-328-5547
VP: John Banach 330-606-5032
Secretary: Michael Duvall 216-513-5921
Treasurer: Sam Reynolds 330-962-5501

Meetings: Approximately 4 meetings per year. Please check website for next meeting time and location.

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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Please consider writing a trip report or article for the next newsletter! The deadline for the April 2019 issue of the newsletter is 3/23/19. Please send articles and/or pictures to: Kelly Miller (Laubaugh) at peetzaguy@aol.com.

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