

Keelhauler's Ka-news OCTOBER, 2018



Club Annual Election/Budget Meeting is Wednesday, October 10th

Cuyahoga Falls Public Library, Chambers Room.
Doors open at 6:30pm, Meeting at 7:30-8:30pm
2015 3rd Street, Cuyahoga Falls, OH.
Parking between 2nd and 3rd Street. Use Exit 5 from SR8.

The following is the Officer slate proposed to be voted on at the meeting:

President: Mike Gillian
Vice President: John Banach
Secretary: Rob Kirby
Treasurer: Sam Reynolds
Trustees: Steve Ingalls
Cliff Wire & Dave Roush have agreed to serve another year as Trustees.

Also, to be voted on is an update to our bylaws which was listed in last month's newsletter.

<https://www.keelhauler.org/images/BylawProposedChanges.pdf>

Please come to the meeting to vote on both the new Officer slate and the bylaw changes,
or email John Banach at j_banacka@hotmail.com with your vote.

Any questions? Contact John Banach 330-606-5032.

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

**It's that time again.....
From John Kobak**

All club memberships have expired on October 1st.

As soon as you can, please pay your **2019** 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 2018 password found on Pg. 20 of our 2018 yearbook or see the passwords sent out in our monthly e-mail. This e-mail also shows if you have already paid for 2019.

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> For 2018 our club had 316 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

President's Message From John Banach



Hello KeelHaulers,

I cannot believe that October is days away. Where does the time go? I feel like weeks go by in a blink of an eye. Just another good reminder to slow down and go with the flow. Well, as much as I can I guess.

But I've also heard that time fly's while you're having fun. I hope that all of you have been out there paddling as much time as you can. Lately, many areas of P, MD, and WV have been blessed with great boating conditions. And as you know, some areas of the country have received record breaking amounts of rain and flooding. I guess that we should always remember to count our blessings. And maybe say a paddle prayer for the victims of hurricane Flo.

So, I'm praying for a warm, wet, paddling friendly Fall. It is my favorite time of the year to paddle. Every tree becomes a beautiful flower. The views I can enjoy from my boat become almost indescribable. I'm squirming in my chair just thinking about it. Get out and enjoy it however you can.

I just thought about the fact that this is the last newsletter that I will write as your President. As you are probably aware, I will be stepping down from being your club president. My work and family schedule make it challenging to tackle all needed presidential responsibilities. However, I will be taking a different position. With your vote, I will be your VP. I still want to remain on the board, stay active in club activities and events, and support the new president anyway I can. Two years as your President has gone by really quickly. Shoot, there's time flying by again. But I have had a memorable time as your president. For that I like to thank every member I've met or communicated with. This club is certainly something special. Im excited for the Club and our members in 2019. Under the leadership of Mike Gillam, I know this club will shine brightly for years to come.

So, thank you all for working with me these past two years. I look forward to serving the club in my new position. And for many more years to come.

All the best,

John C Banach

**Treasurer's Report
By Sam Reynolds**

**Keelhaulers' Canoe Club Monthly Treasurer's Report
September 23, 2018**

CD 0402	\$2, 296.52
CD 1077	<u>\$2, 294.08</u>
CD'S (2)	\$4, 590.60
Checking	<u>\$19,191.09</u>
Total	<u>\$23, 781.69</u>

**Keelhauler's Canoe Club
FY 2018 Year End Report
10/1/2017-9/30/2018**

INCOME

Membership Contributions	
Conservation	192.05
Dues	6,031.83
TOTAL Membership Contributions	6,223.88
NEO Paddlers Network Income	0.00
Vermilion Race Income	
Refreshment Stand	149.00
Registration Fees	836.56
TOTAL Vermilion Race Income	985.56
C.F. Cleanup/Cruise	11000.00
TOTAL INCOME	18,209.44

EXPENSES

Club Meeting/Donation Expense	
Facility Fees	300.00
Cuy. Falls Race Support	1,706.32
Refreshments	84.72
Special Reserv/Donation/Marketing	350.00
TOTAL Club Meeting Expense	2,441.04
Conservation Expense	2,750.00
Internet	
Network Website and Domain	50.97
Paddlers' Network	0.00
TOTAL Internet	50.97
Postage and Filing Fees	28.05
Vermilion Race Expense	
Awards	0.00
Donation	0.00
Insurance	180.00
Membership	30.00
Miscellaneous	166.90
Postage	41.64
Refreshments	79.00
TOTAL Vermilion Race Expense	497.54
Yearbook Expense	
Bulk Mailing Permit & Handling	293.79
Postage and Software	64.02
Printing	1686.53
TOTAL Yearbook Expense	2044.34
TOTAL EXPENSES	7811.94

OVERALL TOTAL **10,397.50**

CD (2) value as of 9/30/18 **4590.60**

Mike Gillam will present the draft FY-19 budget at the October meeting at the Cuyahoga Falls library. The Keel Hauler President will request approval of the new budget at that meeting.

**Team Old Guy:
Sentimental Journey to the Lower Yough
By Karl Nelson**

In what passes for winter in Alabama, I decided I needed to see my long-time KHCC and TRPC friends. I decided that the August Slacker Day-Ladies Day-Picnic Day would be the best time for good weather and good levels. I emailed a few folks about a pre-party paddle on the Wednesday before.

Day 0 (Tuesday, 14-Aug-2018): Leaving Alabama—I packed the truck the night before so all I had to do was load the cooler and slide it into the space I left. It was pretty full back there. I had decided that for that long I would take the tent and the 6-inch blow up bed for comfort.

I left at 08:00 EDST. Scooted through Chattanooga. Cruised through Knoxville. As I entered Virginia, I saw a single sign regarding the construction on I-77N. I got off at Abingdon, VA and took the detour to Bluefield, WV. As an aside, a trip to Abingdon is worth it. There is the Barter Theater. There are great eats at 128 Pecan. There is a 17-mile mountain bike ride from the top of Mt Rodgers back to Damascus. I crossed the New River Gorge. I resisted the temptation to drive down to Fayette Station and motored onto Summerville. Checked into a Sleep Inn at 18:00 EDST and got calories at Bob Evans. Filled the truck at Sheetz and crawled between the sheets.

Day 1 (Wednesday, 15-Aug-2018): Arrival at Lower Yough—I left Sleep Inn after a breakfast of waffles at 06:30 EDST and headed for the Boater's Change House. Plan A: Paddle the Lower Yough which was changed to Plan B: Paddle the Casselman. That was changed to Plan C—Paddle the Lower Yough which was changed to Paddle the Casselman. Arrived at the Boater's Change House at 09:30 EDST and watched the river come up and up and up. Bruce and JW had put together a crew. Vern and Dave drove over from Carlisle, PA. Sam Reynolds and Chuck McDowell (the only kayakers that day) came from Ohio. John and Mary—a C2 duo from Madison, WI were also there. I hadn't seen them in 17 years. They had given a clinic at the races back in 2001 when I competed in the Ramcat Races. I think there were 9 boats on the river. We finished up with dinner at the Shepherds Restaurant outside Confluence. That was yummy.

Day 2 (Thursday, 16-Aug-2018): Slacker's Day (AKA Give your Boss the Bird and Go Paddle)—More friends gathered at the Boaters Change House. I did go and see Dana while we gathered. Eventually we made our way down the river. I could tell I had not paddled anything this difficult since the 2016 Farewell Tour. Eventually we made it to the Railroad Beach for lunch. I had my traditional out-of-boat experience at Pinball-Dimple. I eventually made it to shore on river left with my pants still on. On the hike down to Swimmer's I did see two copperheads warming themselves under the rocks.

Day 3 (Friday, 17-Aug-2018): Ladies Day—It was a dark and gloomy day. Not even the "beauties" could drive away the fog and rain. We could tell the Estrogen Fleet had passed Dartmouth--the nipple on Titty Rock was fully erect. The boys had fun at Camel-Walrus boofing the Walrus and making the move into the hidden eddy to the right of the mainline. I tripled my number of swims from Day 2: usual line at Pinball-Dimple; sideways at second hole at Double Hydraulic but with off-side on the wave; and bottom of River's End. The only good thing about the rains was we had to eat inside at the Stone House—darn.

Day 4 (Saturday, 18-Aug-2018): June was glad to see me, but she still charged me for a bus token. Dave and I were showing a relative newbie down the far right-side of Entrance. This is what Chuck Singer called the splash-clunk-splash-clunk line. He came out of his boat and lost his paddle. I was able to catch the paddle and make it to river right. After Newbie, boat and paddle were reunited, Dave and the Newbie were able to ferry over to the staging eddy above Cucumber. I was too far into the suck to make it. I tried to ferry over into familiar territory when a rock sprang forth and tipped me over. UFFDA. Some days you paddle the river. Some days the river paddles you. There are several nice things about finishing the Loop take out: (1) Ice cream; (2) Hot shower; and (3) a nap—and all before another fabulous Tall Oaks Picnic.

Day 5 (Sunday, 19-Aug-2018)—After breakfast at Curt’s, I bid farewell to friends, packed up my tent and headed back to Birmingham. I’m counting the days until I make another sentimental journey to the Lower Yough. But I will rest after two days!

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

October	For More Trips - Check our Message Board		Time to Pay Dues	
10/5,6	Upper Yough (MD) Last Saturday Release	32	Needs organizer	
10/6,7	(4) Stonycreek River Release (PA)	21	Anne Kmieck	216-536-1905
10/5,6,7,8	(5) Lower Gauley & Upper Gauley (WV) Camping at Battle Run	27-33	Hugh Barrow	864-680-2529
10/10	Club Annual Election Meeting		John Banach	330-606-5032
10/13	(2) Middle Yough (PA)	12/SK	Steve Ingalls	216-371-8250
10/13,14	(4) Lower Yough (PA) Fall Color Trip Get Permit	23	Dave Roush	440-623-9035
10/13,14	(5) Lower Gauley & Upper Gauley (WV)	27-33	Needs organizer	
10/20,21	(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	Josiah Colvin	330-671-0910
11/10,11	(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	Chuck McDowell	330-477-1086
12/12	Club Holiday Party at Hines Hill Map		John Banach	330-606-5032
January	2019			
1/1	New Year's Day paddle on the (4) Lower Yough (PA)	23	Brent Hendren	330-414-2063

2018 Club Officers

President: John Banach 330-606-5032
VP: Don Howdyshell 330-671-0825
Secretary: Rob Kirby 330-322-6634
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 NOVEMBER 2018 issue of the newsletter is 10/23/18. Please send articles and/or pictures to: Kelly Miller (Laubaugh) at peetzaguy@aol.com.

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