

Keel-hauler's Ka-news

JUNE, 2025



President's Message From Robin Shell

Happy June everyone!

Slip fest is over. Cheat fest is over. Stony Rendezvous is over. (Thank you, Andi and Mike, for organizing KHCC at this event, for coordinating everything and planning a great potluck.) It's a good thing we have Week of Rivers to look forward to. Week of Rivers is through the Carolina Canoe Club and for 2025 it is June 27 – July 6. You need to be a member of CCC to participate. You can find more information here: <https://www.carolinacanoecub.org/content/week-rivers/>. Our very own Jacki Zevenbergen is the clinic coordinator! Thank you Jacki, for all that you do!!!!

Outdoor weekly roll practices (at Indigo Lake and Munroe Falls Lake) will be starting up soon, along with Sunday outdoor soccer and Wednesdays on the Water (beginner friendly paddles). Doug Waltman has volunteered to head up Wednesdays on the Water, so if you have any questions, reach out to him.

We have volunteer opportunities coming up as well. Blazing Paddles Paddlefest (Saturday July 19) will need safety boaters (hit up Tim Eberling for details) and Scouts on the Water on July 27 and Public Training Day on August 10 (hit up Brian Smart for details).

If you or someone you know needs instructions on rolling, please give us as much time as possible to let the appropriate people know.

Lastly for this month, don't forget about our two swift water rescue classes. We are all responsible for everyone's safety. One way to do this is by making sure all parties in your group are accounted for. If you're in a large group, find a buddy and always keep your eye on them. Another way to do this is by taking one of the SWR classes. (www.tinyurl.com/swf2025 or www.tinyurl.com/h2odreams) They are both filling up but we do still have spots available. If you were to take either of these classes elsewhere, the cost would be much higher. The Keel Haulers are subsidizing these classes.

I hope to see you all at TRPC's slip clinic!

Robin Shell, President

**Keel-hauler Treasurer's Report
May 28, 2025
From Anthony Lazzaro**

Checking Total \$ 7473.70

Gorge Dam Removal Project Update

We're excited to share that the Gorge Dam removal project, also known as Free the Falls, will continue into the next phase.

Summit Metro Parks expects to close the Highbridge Trail Area of Gorge Metro Park (1270 Front St., Akron) beginning June 2, 2025, while a U.S. EPA contractor prepares to remove the built-up sediment behind the dam. Other remaining areas of Gorge Metro Park are expected to close later this summer and will remain closed for several years during the project.

For more information, visit <https://ow.ly/sA9H50VJMfW>

[City of Akron, Ohio - Mayor's Office](#) [Mayor Don Walters](#) [Ohio Lake Erie Commission](#) [Ohio EPA](#) [Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro](#) [Summit County Council](#) [The University of Akron](#) [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#)
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SUMMITMETROPARKS.ORG **Gorge Dam removal project continues - Summit Metro Parks**
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CCC Week of Rivers Update From Jacki Zevenbergen

The dates are Friday, June 27 - Sunday, July 6. Smokey Mountain Meadows Campground in Bryson City, NC is the hub of the event. There will be a great lineup of clinics, activities and presentations this year at WOR. Be sure to join or renew your CCC membership ASAP so you stay updated on the latest info as it's released. The clinic schedule will be out next week, and you will need to be a CCC member to participate. Clinic spots will go quick. This will also get you on the membership lists for CCC discounts at local retailers.

Get your lodging now to maximize your choices.

Here is a tentative release schedule for June 27-July 6 (the last time I checked - be sure to confirm)
Middle Ocoee (MO)# hours, Upper Ocoee (UO)# hours, Tuckasegee (T), Pigeon (P), Upper Nantahala (UN), West Fork Tuckasegee (WFT)

Friday 27th

MO6

Saturday 28th

UO6

MO10

T

P

Sunday 29th

UO5

MO10

Monday

MO6

Tuesday

T

P

Wednesday

UN 250 cfs, 4-7 pm

P

Thursday

MO8

T

P

Friday

MO8

Saturday 5th

WFT

UO8

MO10

T

P

Sunday 6th

UO5

MO10

P

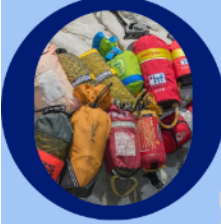
SAVE THE DATES!

Summer Picnic (and KHCC Meeting) August 8-10
Fall Colors October 3-5



**Mark Hanna & Carl Schneider Memorial ACA Swift
Water Rescue with Charles Duffy 2025**

[Mark Hanna & Carl Schneider Memorial ACA Swift Water Rescue with Charles Duffy 2025 — Keel-Haulers Canoe Club](#)



**Mark Hanna & Carl Schneider Memorial ACA
SWIFT WATER RESCUE**
With Charles Duffy

Friday, June 13 (6:00 PM) THRU
Sunday, June 15 (6:00 PM)

Breakneck Campground
1757 Cheeseman Road
Portersville, PA, 16051

Class Price: \$150.00





Full Details at
<https://tinyurl.com/SWF2025>

Any questions or concerns please email us at Clevelandkeelhaulers@gmail.com

**Keel-haulers Sponsored
Common Sense Swiftwater Rescue-H2O Dreams
Friday-Sunday, June 20th – 22nd**





**COMMON SENSE SWIFT WATER
RESCUE**

Friday, June 20(6:00 PM) THRU
Sunday, June 22 (6:00 PM)

Breakneck Campground
1757 Cheeseman Road
Portersville, PA, 16051

Class Price: \$150.00

Full Details at 

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**Summer Roll Sessions!
Roll Sessions, Clinics, and Practice — Keel-
Haulers Canoe Club**



**MUNROE FALLS LAKE
ROLL SESSIONS**

521 S River Rd, Munroe Falls, Ohio

**ROLL PRACTICE
Tuesdays, 5pm to 7pm**

May 27
June 10, 24
July 8, 22
August 5

**SCOUTS ON THE WATER
Maple Shelter
TIME??**

July 27
(Contingency Date:
July 26)
(Volunteers needed)

**KAYAK SOCCER
Sundays, 1pm to 3pm**

June 1, 29
July 13
August 5

**PUBLIC TRAINING
DAY
Maple Shelter
TIME??**

August 10
(Contingency Date:
Aug. 9)
(Volunteers needed)





INDIGO LAKE ROLL SESSIONS

4300 Riverview Road, Peninsula, Ohio

ROLL PRACTICE Tuesdays, 5pm to 7pm

June 3, 17
July 1, 15, 29
August 12, 26



June Trips **Calendar of Events — Keel-Haulers Canoe Club**

Sun Jun 1, 2025

All day Stonycreek - Scheduled Release

1pm - 3pm Kayak Soccer at Munroe Falls Lake

Where: 521 S River Rd, Munroe Falls, OH 44262, USA

Tue Jun 3, 2025

5pm - 7pm Indigo Lake Roll Sessions

Where: Indigo Lake

Wed Jun 4, 2025

5pm - 8pm Slip and Slice

Where: Eckert Bridge

Sat Jun 7, 2025

All day Savage Release

Sat Jun 7, 2025

Tue Jun 10, 2025

5pm - 7pm Munroe Falls Lake Sessions

Where: 521 S River Rd, Munroe Falls, OH 44262, USA

Wed Jun 11, 2025

5pm - 8pm Slip and Slice

Where: Eckert Bridge

Fri Jun 13, 2025

9am - 12pm Paddle the River and Summit Metro Parks River Cleanup-Cuyahoga River Valley
Section

Fri Jun 13, 2025 - Sun Jun 15, 2025

Where: Breakneck Campground

All day Swift Water Rescue-Must Register and pay online

All day Stonycreek - Scheduled Release

Sat Jun 14, 2025 - Sun Jun 15, 2025

Tue Jun 17, 2025

5pm - 7pm Indigo Lake Roll Sessions

Where: Indigo Lake

Wed Jun 18, 2025

5pm - 8pm Slip and Slice

Where: Eckert Bridge

Fri Jun 20, 2025-Sun Jun 22, 2025

All day H2O Swiftwater Rescue Class

Where: Breakneck Campground, 1757 Cheeseman Rd, Portersville, PA 16051,

Must have preregistered and paid online

Tue Jun 24, 2025

5pm - 7pm Munroe Falls Lake Sessions

Where: 521 S River Rd, Munroe Falls, OH 44262, USA

Wed Jun 25, 2025

5pm - 8pm Slip and Slice

Where: Eckert Bridge

Fri Jun 27, 2025 - Sun Jul 6, 2025

All day KHCC at CCC Week of Rivers

Where: Smoky Mountain Meadows Campground

All day Stonycreek - Scheduled Release

Sat Jun 28, 2025 - Sun Jun 29, 2025

9am - 3pm Mountain Watershed Association (Yough River Watershed) Family Field Day Cleanup,

Where: Laurel Hill State Park Beach, Copper Kettle Trail, Somerset, Pennsylvania, United States,
15501

1pm - 3pm Kayak Soccer at Munroe Falls Lake

Where: 521 S River Rd, Munroe Falls, OH 44262, USA

2024-2025 Club Officers

President:	Robin Shell	Clevelandkeelhaulers@gmail.com
VP:	Brian Smart	VPkeelhaulers@gmail.com
Secretary:	Meesh Crum	Secy@keelhauler.org
Treasurer:	Anthony Lazzaro	Treasurer@keelhauler.org

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

Membership: \$20 per year. Membership Chairman: Rachel Faber

New memberships, renewals, change in address or phone, mail to the Treasurer: Keelhauler Canoe Club, 34555 Chagrin Blvd Suite 250, Moreland Hills, OH 44022

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KHCC WEB PAGE URL: www.keelhauler.com

Please consider writing a trip report, an article, or sending a photo for the next newsletter! The deadline for the **July 2025 issue of the newsletter is **6/23/2025**. Please send articles and/or pictures to: Kelly Miller at peetzaguy@aol.com.**

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June 2025

Kelly Miller, Editor

