

Keel-hauler's Ka-news JANUARY, 2024



Next Keel-hauler meeting to be announced...

**Keel-hauler Christmas Party
and Meeting Announcements
December 16, 2023**

Photos Taken By Kristen Walters Magg







Meeting Announcements from Brian Smart

Common Sense Swift Water Rescue with H2O Dreams 2023

2024 Dates: June 7th-9th

Cost: \$150 for KHCC members

Location: Slippery Rock Creek at Cheeseman Farm Breakneck Campground

1757 Cheeseman Rd, Portersville, PA 16051 : [Google Map](#)

Information : [H2O Dreams Class Information](#)

Details:

In order to qualify for this course, you must have been a KHCC member for a minimum of one full year.

Note: Only the first 12 applications submitted with payment will officially be registered. All remaining applicants will be waitlisted. Refunds will be issued for those not accepted into the class.

Registered Participants will be notified of their acceptance and will receive camping & course details. Campground fees and meals are not included.

Sign Up Coming Soon!

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

2024 Date: May 3rd-5th

Cost: \$150

Location: Slippery Rock Creek at Cheeseman Farm Breakneck Campground

1757 Cheeseman Rd, Portersville, PA 16051 : [Google Map](#)

Details:

This event is open to anyone - Club membership is encouraged but not required. The first 20 applications submitted with payment will officially be registered. All remaining applicants will be waitlisted. Refunds will be issued for those not accepted into the class.

Registered Participants will be notified of their acceptance and will receive camping & course details. Campground fees and meals are not included.

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Slip Fest 2024 Dates are set! Please meet the leadership team!

Festival Director	Brian Smart
Assistant Festival Director	Rachel Faber
Race Director	Matt Pascal
Assistant Race Director	Martin Wick
Swap Meet Director	Kristen Walters Maag
Safety Director	Seth Anderson
Start and Timer Director	Annaleigh Koch
Registration Director	Andrea Morgan
Human Relations	Ted Moore

As we get closer to the date our directors will be looking to build their teams, if you are interested in helping in any capacity, please email clevelandkeelhaulers@gmail.com or reach out to the directors personally.

More Details Coming Soon!

**2023 Membership Wrap-up
By John Kobak-Membership Chairman**

We ended up the 2023 calendar year with **391 family memberships**. This is **20 less** members than last year. The most we ever had was **417** members in 2001. Our average number of members/year is **327**.

There are still **65** members who have not rejoined the club for 2024. But we already have **70** members who have paid their dues in advance for 2025, taking advantage of the special price. We usually sign up about 60 new members each year. I hope our club keeps providing reasons for all these paddlers to rejoin the club each year.

We offer our members a way to join but not be listed on any of our on-line rosters, in case they are concerned with security. So if you do not want your membership information listed in our password protected yearbook directory or in any of our other on-line directories, send me an e-mail to membership@keelhauler.org - [Do Not List my Name anywhere](#)

Take a look at your membership information using this link, let me know if you want any corrections made. membership@keelhauler.org

https://www.keelhauler.com/s/yearbook24_pw.pdf

Use our New 2024 Membership Password

Our membership password **has changed for 2024**, and is shown in the monthly e-mail sent. Make a note of the password; it will remain the same for all of 2024. I usually update this roster once a month to make it easy to find new members.

John Kobak – Membership Chairman

Keel-hauler Treasurer's Report From Anthony Lazzaro

CD 0402	\$2,322.61
<u>CD 1077</u>	<u>\$2,322.54</u>
CD'S (2)	\$4,645.15

Paypal	\$ 100.00
<u>Checking</u>	<u>\$9,619.15</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$14,364.30</u>

Roll Sessions Update

Visit our website for up-to-date roll session information:

[Roll Sessions, Clinics, and Practice — Keel-Haulers Canoe Club \(keelhauler.com\)](http://keelhauler.com)

Need help?

The Keel-haulers Club has a **roll instructor** that will work with students on learning the kayak roll. If you are interested in this service, **you must email us** at clevelandkeelhaulers@gmail.com and we will work to get him there to work with you personally. We request that you are or become an active paid club member to take advantage of this service.

Also, please thoroughly clean all gear and boats, inside and out, including around/under flotation bags. We MUST keep the pool water clean, or we may lose the use of these facilities.

Thanks!

Keel-hauler Trip Planning 2024 [Calendar of Events on our website](#)

Want to plan a trip? Please read the Organizer's Responsibilities then use the "Add Event" button to submit a new event! [Calendar of Events — Keel-Haulers Canoe Club \(keelhauler.com\)](http://keelhauler.com)

2024 Club Officers

President:	Brian Smart	330-809-7409
VP:	Ted Moore	330-608-9456
Secretary:	Jennifer Hughes	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: John Kobak**

New memberships, renewals, change in address or phone, **temporarily** send to: Kelly Miller, 701 Forrest Ave, Geneva, IL 60134

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KHCC WEB PAGE URL: www.keelhauler.com

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Please consider writing a trip report, an article, or send a photo for the next newsletter!
The deadline for the **February 2024 issue of the newsletter is **1/23/2024**. Please send articles and/or pictures to: Kelly Miller (Laubaug) at peetzaguy@aol.com.**

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Kelly Miller, Editor

