

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Message from Our President:

Much is happening this year – most good, with some rocky spots. One big rock in the river is the decision by our insurers not to renew us after October 1, 2007 for reason of “excessive claims.” It appears that the City of Beacon and its insurer have convinced our insurance carrier that we are solely responsible for the ramp and harbor in Beacon. Therefore, the City is accepting no responsibility to pay claims that may be awarded to the fellow who is suing for injuries sustained in 2005 when he fell on the ramp. I am pursuing this with our insurance broker, but it would be very helpful to have some legal support. If any of you can help, or if you know of a lawyer who would work with us pro bono or for a minimal fee, I would be most grateful. This is no small matter. Without insurance, the Beacon Sloop Club will have to cease all festivals, harbor activities, and Woody sails after October 1. Essentially, the Club would cease to exist.

On happier notes: We are about to have a great Corn Festival. We owe a big thanks to Denisha Goodman for volunteering to head this festival. Give her your support. Saul Rozinsky is heading up the Alternative Energy Festival coming up September 23. Saul has set the food theme for this festival as **APPLES**. Please contact Saul or me if you can help with the preparation of apple-based goodies. Saul and I are working with Jane Shumsky to round up as many renewable energy\alternative energy firms and organizations as we can to attend this event. You can help by steering such organizations our way. This festival coincides with the Ramble – both the Woody sails that day and the Go Zero Kayak Race are Ramble-listed events.

John

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS TUESDAY, August 28th, 7:30 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, September 7th, at 7:30 p.m.

Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

BSC Membership Form

Name _____ Street Address _____

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Amount Enclosed \$ ____ . ____ Renewal ____ New Member ____

Are you a Clearwater member? ____ Would you like information regarding a Clearwater membership? ____

Would you prefer to receive your newsletter in printed format or in e-mail format? _____

Please include your e-mail address if you want your newsletter e-mailed to you.

Membership suggested donation \$25.00. Minimum of \$10.00. Please give more if you can afford it!
If you can't afford the minimum, the fee may be waved.

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The **Beacon Sloop Club Broadside** is the official monthly newsletter of the **Beacon Sloop Club, Inc.**

The **Beacon Sloop Club, Inc.** is a non-profit, volunteer environmental education/action and sailing organization dedicated to cleaning up the **Hudson River** and its environs. Our main focus is the **Beacon, Fishkill and Newburgh** area.

Members meet the first Friday of every month at the **Sloop Club Building** located just across from the Beacon train station. Look for the building with the Norway spruce tree growing out of the roof! A potluck dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.; bring a covered dish to share and your own place setting. The general meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and lasts about an hour or so. The meeting is followed by a sing-along.

The Beacon Sloop Club is now accessible from the web: www.beaconsloop.org, or www.beaconsloopclub.org.

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**Please submit articles for the for the
Beacon Sloop Club Broadside
by the 1st Monday after the Friday general
meeting
to lindab@usadatanet.net**

Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2007

John McLaughlin presided.

Michael Scolnick, Pete Seeger, Kurt Hauck, Larry Lewman and Ingrid Heldt led the Opening Music.

Treasurer's Report: **Linda Beatty**, the Treasurer, reported that the month of July has kept the organization's funds at an even level.

Woody Guthrie: **John McLaughlin** reported that the Woody is in the water and will be sailing on Sunday, in connection with the **Annual Swim**, from 10 am - 4 pm. The Woody will also be part of the other festivals, including the new Alternative Energy Festival. However, she is slowly taking in water, a problem that will be dealt with in the fall. The Executive Committee approved a new answering machine for Susan Berliner to facilitate the taking of reservations.

Corn Festival: **Claudine Craig** reported that the park area south of the Beacon Sloop Club will be arranged as in the previous year, that the music has been booked and a stage setup crew is needed. Spoons and plates will be compost-able, while the vendors will have to take out what they bring in. To avoid the use of an expensive dumpster, it was also suggested to have volunteers inform the public about separating the garbage. Volunteers are also needed as corn sellers and shuckers. **Tom LaBarr** suggested inviting the kids to corn shucking contests with prizes such as T-shirts.

Building Committee: **Pete Seeger** reported that he needs about six to eight people to volunteer to attend a meeting in September. Among other things, the Multrum will be discussed. It has to be emptied once a year now and cleaned about once a month by as many volunteers as possible. He also discussed building a small shed in the back of the Sloop Club to contain many items such as festival signs, which are now stored at his house.

River Pool and Annual Swim: **Alan Zollner** announced that the pool has been opened to the general public. He invited as many people as possible to come to Riverfront Park in Beacon this weekend to see the pool in the water and tell as many people as possible about it. The **Annual Swim** from Newburgh to Beacon will be on Sunday, August 5, at 12:40. \$25,500 has been raised for the **River Pool** by this event so far.

Clearwater and Beacon Sloop Club

Environmental Committees: **Dan Einbender** reported that educational materials are being assembled in one or more resource boxes, which will go out with the Woody on all of its sails.

Instructional material will be on laminated sheets explaining the history of the Clearwater, the environment, the Sloop Club, Beacon, as well as chemical testing and other subjects. He encourages writers to contribute environmental material and stated that a DEC grant exists for this purpose.

Maryellen Healy (Mel) is heading the Clearwater Committee that is planning the annual meeting to be held at the Beacon Sloop Club on September 29th. The committee meeting will be on Sunday morning, before the Annual Swim, at 10 a.m. Mel and her husband Vinnie and many of their friends are providing the entertainment for the swimmers and their guests at the swim.

Alternative Energy Festival: **Saul Rozinsky** reported that the music is lined up and companies and individuals in the alternative energy business will be invited to participate, including an individual who has built a water heating system for the pool at the local Y, Rich Gottlieb of Sunnyside Solar, and Buddy Damian, who put solar plates on Ron Bel's roof. Our own solar trailer will be there too, of course, and apples were suggested as a possible food theme. Everyone in the audience was encouraged to contact people they know who deal with wind power, solar power, bio fuels. Saul ended his speech with, "Good planets are hard to find - we're trying to save this one."

Newsletter: **Linda Beatty** reported that **Susan Konvit** had printed the last issue and that the move to electronic newsletters is well under way. Present and past issues can be viewed at www.beaconsloopclub.org. **John McLaughlin** reported that we intend to send PDF versions to members who have provided their e-mail addresses. This will probably begin in September. He encouraged more members to give their electronic addresses to **Tom LaBarr**. However, it will still be possible to obtain physical copies, and **Vane and Randy Lashua** have volunteered to print and mail this month's copy.

Tom LaBarr reported that in the past groups of Cree Indians and Inuits had prevented **Hydro Quebec's** building of a dam in the eastern part of Hudson's Bay. Such a dam would have flooded acres of their habitats and removed them from their lands. Now, twenty years later, the same thing was intended for the Rupert River, the last untouched river in Canada. The Indians will provide press releases, and a motion was passed to add the Sloop Club's name to them to show support for the cause.

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General Meeting Minutes (continued)

John McLaughlin reported that he just received a letter stating that all **insurance coverage** had been cancelled as of October 1 for the Beacon Sloop Club, due to "excessive claims." He stated that there had been one recent claim involving a kayaker who was injured on the docks in 2005, and that the City of Beacon's insurance company may carry part of those damages. Past claims were a number of years ago, and the allegations of the insurance companies do not seem well founded. He will contact our insurance broker to challenge this action.

John McLaughlin brought up that the Sloop Club gives an annual donation to **Clearwater**. A motion was carried to present a gift of \$1000 at the joint **Annual Meeting** on September 29, as it had been done the year before.

Pete Seeger stated his opinion that Clearwater and the Sloop Club today didn't have the racial diversity that he had encouraged and enjoyed in the past. He encouraged ideas for changing the present racial makeup, including the possibility of an all-day-Saturday stage for gospel choirs at all future Revival events. He would ask some of the local black churches for their feedback. **John McLaughlin** added that he'd enjoy more Latin participation also.

Pete and **Dan Einbender** encouraged all present to support **Mel Healy** with the annual Clearwater meeting. Call her at 845-744-5483 to volunteer.

Ron Bel requested that the Strawberry Festival tent be replaced, as it is worn and in unsafe condition, and it was agreed to look into this.

David Cohen of the **Mid Hudson Progressive Alliance** announced that they meet every first and third Saturday and have run a series of movies on global warming and other "movies that matter." They'd be open to new ideas.

Mary Schmalz also announced various local activities, including several summer concert series, flea markets and the Hudson River Valley Ramble on September 22 and 23, part of the Hudson River Valley Greenway.

Submitted by Ingrid Heldt

Executive Committee Meeting July 24, 2007

The meeting was held at the Beacon Sloop Club with President McLaughlin presiding.

There was discussion of the failure to get the June\July minutes transcribed into the June\July

issue of the Broadside. Fran has been ill, and it is not clear if she will submit these minutes. Fran indicated that she does want to continue as Secretary.

Kip Touraine reported that the intake of water in the Woody has slowed to a level that will allow her to be kept at Beacon and sailed regularly. The exact location of the leak is not clear and will have to be dealt with when she is hauled out at the end of the year. Kip reminded the Committee that the dinner sail raffle winner will be announced at the Corn Festival, so little time remains to sell tickets.

Jim Birmingham is working on updates to the website, including arranging for our provider to set up a mass-mailing client to enable efficient delivery of the Broadside to the members.

There was discussion of Woody scheduling problems. Susan Berliner is working on this, and the Executive Committee voted to authorize John McLaughlin to purchase a new digital answering machine to replace a unit that fails on occasion, losing all data. There is an offer from our web master Jim Birmingham and other web savvy sloopers to set up a Woody scheduling module on the web site.

There was discussion of the Corn Festival, and Tom Baldino will be the point person to obtain the corn. Denisha Goodman had a schedule conflict and could not attend the meeting, but she did see to it that we had feedback regarding her needs.

There was brief discussion of a request received from PROTECT to support the Cree Indians in the James Bay region of Canada to stop the destruction to be caused by damming of the Rupert River by Hydro-Quebec. In the 1990's the Beacon Sloop Club supported a successful effort by this group to stop a similar project. The matter will be brought to the general membership for a decision.

Pete Seeger and John McLaughlin brought the condition of the Multrum to the attention of the Committee. The Clivus people have been contacted and asked to meet with us regarding this aging facility. Pete indicated that a solar-powered fan might well take care of some of the odor problems, as other fans seem to fail. Pete, John, Peter Rosenberg, Kurt Hauck, and Sue Altin have volunteered to help clean out the Multrum this year. John indicated that Marie Young has been ill and not able to keep up with scheduling regular cleaning of the bathroom.

John McLaughlin

BEACON SLOOP CLUB TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY 2007

Submitted by Linda Beatty on August 3, 2007

		<u>Woody</u>	<u>Straw.Fest.</u>	<u>Misc.</u>
7/1/2007 Account Balance	\$ 25,871.00			
7/6/2007 - Hat sales	\$ 105.00			\$ 105.00
7/6/2007 - T-shirt sales	\$ 60.00			\$ 60.00
7/6/2007 - Donation	\$ 5.00			\$ 5.00
7/2007 - Memberships	\$ 185.00			\$ 185.00
7/2007 - Strawberry Fest vendor fees	\$ 383.00		\$ 383.00	
7/22/2007 - City of Beacon - Park deposit returned	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00	
7/2007 - Woody donations	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00		
7/24/2007 - Sail class	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00		
7/24/2007 - Woody raffle	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00		
Total Income	\$ 1,563.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 683.00	\$ 355.00
EXPENSE				
6/11/2007 - Bank fee	\$ 4.75			\$ 4.75
7/3/2007 - Refund of vendor fees for 4th of July	\$ 70.00			\$ 70.00
7/6/2007 - James Goergen - Oak for Woody Guthrie	\$ 55.35	\$ 55.35		
7/6/2007 - John McLaughlin - Reimbursement: Revival posters & brochure	\$ 46.17			\$ 46.17
7/6/2007 - John McLaughlin - Reimbursement: Woody maintenance	\$ 966.84	\$ 966.84		
7/10/2007 - Charities Bureau Fee for 2006	\$ 50.00			\$ 50.00
7/18/2007 - Spirit of Beacon Day - Reserve space for booth	\$ 15.00			\$ 15.00
7/20/2007 - Linda Beatty - Reimbursement: Ink, envelopes, postage	\$ 42.86			\$ 42.86
7/21/2007 - Tom Baldino - Reimbursement: Small boats supplies	\$ 36.75			\$ 36.75
7/21/2007 - Royal Carting Service - Strawberry Fest. trash removal	\$ 165.60		\$ 165.60	
Total Expenses	\$ 1,453.32	\$ 1,022.19	\$ 165.60	\$ 265.53
7/31/2007 Account Balance	<u><u>\$ 25,980.68</u></u>			

BEACON SLOOP CLUB TREASURER'S REPORT
Report for May 2007

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Woody</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Festivals</u>	<u>Misc.</u>
5/1/07 Total in Sloop Club Account	\$ 16,001.73					
<u>BSC General Fund</u>						
4/1/07 Total of BSC General Fund	\$ 18,122.68					
Income:						
5/07 - Membership	\$ 352.00					\$ 352.00
5/07 - Vendor fees	\$ 1,770.00				\$ 1,770.00	
5/24/07 - Harbor fees	\$ 750.00					\$ 750.00
5/24/07 - Merchandise (3 hats, 3 T-shirts)	\$ 90.00					\$ 90.00
5/24/07 - Shad Fest chili sales	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	
5/24/07 - Stroeber refund on materials for bldg. roof	\$ 24.97			\$ 24.97		
	\$ 3,086.97			\$ 24.97	\$ 1,870.00	\$ 1,192.00
Expenses:						
3/9/07 - Bank fees	\$ (10.20)					\$ (10.20)
4/10/07 - Bank fees	\$ (25.24)					\$ (25.24)
4/07 - correction of errors in April statement	\$ (679.98)					\$ (679.98)
5/4/07 - Kurt Hauck - reimbursement of expenses for bldg. work	\$ (85.14)			\$ (85.14)		
5/14/07 - John McLaughlin - reimbursement for birthday cake	\$ (32.99)					\$ (32.99)
5/22/07 - Tony Monahan - reimbursement, harbor expenses	\$ (261.65)					\$ (261.65)
5/22/07 - Tom LaBarr - reimbursement, newsletter postage	\$ (123.00)					\$ (123.00)
5/24/07 - Herring Sanitation - Earthday portable toilet	\$ (150.00)				\$ (150.00)	
	\$ (1,368.20)			\$ (85.14)	\$ (150.00)	\$ (1,133.06)
Total General Fund Income & (Expenses) for Month	\$ 1,718.77					
4/30/07 Total of BSC General Fund	\$ 19,841.45					
<u>BSC Woody Fund</u>						
4/1/07 Total of Woody Fund	\$ (1,350.77)					
Income:						
4/30/07 - Swiss Bank grant by wire transfer	\$ 2,475.00	\$ 2,475.00				
5/7/07 - Sail class	\$ 600.00		\$ 600.00			
5/24/07 - S.O.S.	\$ 249.99	\$ 249.99				
5/24/07 - Woody donation	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00				
	\$ 3,824.99	\$ 3,224.99	\$ 600.00			
Expenses:						
5/7/07 - Repayment of loan in full	\$ (5,000.00)		\$ (5,000.00)			
5/14/07 - John McLaughlin - reimbursement, maintenance items	\$ (294.67)		\$ (294.67)			
5/22/07 - S.O.S. - mailing sweatshirts	\$ (37.25)		\$ (37.25)			
5/24/07 - White's Marina - maintenance items	\$ (77.17)		\$ (77.17)			
	\$ (5,409.09)		\$ (5,409.09)			
Total Woody Fund Income & (Expenses) for Month	\$ (1,584.10)					
4/30/07 Total of Woody Fund	\$ (2,934.87)					
Total General Fund and Woody Fund	\$ 16,906.58					
5/31/07 Total in Sloop Club Account	\$ 16,906.58					

Environmental Education Report

by Edmund Fitzgerald and family

Salutations from the BSC Seine Netting and River Life Education Committee. A successful presentation and exhibition was performed at the June Strawberry Festival. We were assisted in the day's events by new volunteers and first time seine netters Victor and Sarah. Numerous exhibits of Hudson River plant and animal life were displayed to the public in tanks and trays and under magnification. An exhibit of Hudson River litter and debris was also displayed and showed the need for a Bigger Better Bottle Bill legislation to be passed in New York State. The seines, performed throughout the day, brought forth an abundance of White Perch (*Morone Americana*). An American Eel (*Anguilla Rostrata*) escaped during one of the seines, but later a fisherman donated an American Eel that was fouled on their line for display. At the end of the day everything was returned to the river except for the litter and a Triop (*Triops Longicaudatus*), also known as Tadpole Shrimp, that was an example of vernal pond life on loan from Edmund IV. In early June, Beacon Harbor saw the arrival of spawning Asian Carp (*Cyprinus Carpio*) and blooming European Water Chestnuts (*Trapa Natans*). At low tide during the slack current the Carp could be observed thrashing about in the shallows within the mats of water chestnuts. Both are considered non-native and invasive species and have been residents of the Hudson River since the Nineteenth Century and have certainly found a habitat to thrive in. Also, in June a non-native crustacean and possible invasive threat was found in the Hudson River near the Tappan Zee Bridge. The Chinese Mitten Crab (*Eriocheir Sinensis*) can live in salt or fresh water, and its carapace (shell) grows approximately 4 inches wide. They are brown and olive in color with eight sharp pointed walking legs and two white tipped claws that have hairs that resemble mittens. Should you discover any of these crabs, please remove them from the river and follow the directions detailed on the Internet at <http://www.dec.state.ny.us/35888.html> or call NYS Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources Hudson River Fisheries Unit at 845-256-3171. Our Environmental Committee is also working on putting together a reference book of 8-1/2 x 11 laminated pages. Each page would be devoted to a single subject and would use minimal text, images, and graphics to detail important or thought-provoking facts, in order to stimulate dialogue or enlighten the reader. The subjects will be varied from river history, river flora and fauna, our sloops, and environmental issues. The pages can then be used by a crew member as a primer for a presentation, as a reference during discussions, or to pass around for crew and guests to peruse during a sail. It would be something we could build on as we go along and

should be a good starting point in resurrecting our education program. We encourage all those interested in creating a subject page or identifying resources for such pages to contact a committee member. Be well and be environmentally conscious.

Clearwater 2007 Annual Gathering Seeks Volunteer Help

We're looking for volunteers to make the Clearwater Annual Gathering on Saturday, September 29th at the Beacon Sloop Club happen. Whatever time you have to help, whether it is a lot or a little, will be appreciated. We need some volunteers now who want to help plan, and we'll need plenty more volunteers on the day of the Gathering. To volunteer, please contact Mel (Maryellen) Healy, the team coordinator at 845-744-5483 8a.m.-8p.m. or mhealy@frontiernet.net, or 1213 Burlingham Rd., Pine Bush, NY 12566.

Agenda being planned: There will be a mix of music and discussion throughout the day. Our new Executive Director, Jeff Rumpf, will be introduced at a lively meeting of the outgoing board. It is time for the election of new board members; so a board candidate Q&A session will be held. Lunch is stone soup and potluck. There will be a SCC/MWT (Sloop Club Congress / Ways to Work Together) workshop on Pete Seeger's topic about expanding and diversifying our membership (see August minutes of Sloop Club meeting, P. 4). Pete will point out that we are not as diverse as we would like to be, and he will propose that we have a special place at the June Revival where every year there is a circle of folks singing gospel songs. He will be looking for people to help implement this idea and for people with other proposals to make to help increase diversity. There will be a workshop to increase opportunities for member participation in Clearwater. Artwork from school children and the newly created Ed Box for onboard the Woody Guthrie will be on display. The Woody will be at the dock, available for inspection of the new deck and conversation about program. There will be a Circle of Song tent where family music and activities will take place until lunchtime. During lunch, the Circle tent will turn into a round robin and later will be a Hudson River Sloop Singer Reunion until the meeting closes.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Gathering,
Eric Marshall
Vice President, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater

First Ever Alternative Energy Festival

The Beacon Sloop Club will be holding its first-ever Alternative Energy Festival on Sunday, September 23, 2007. The location will be the parking lot and park just south of the clubhouse. Right now we are rounding up folks who have some information to share about renewable energy. We hope to have displays on a range of topics and products including solar water heating, photovoltaic systems, wind power, geothermal energy.

If you know of anyone who would like to participate as a vendor or exhibitor, please call Saul Rozinsky at 845-496-5617. We are keeping the table fee very reasonable for this festival, since the goal is to get the green energy message out from as many sources to as many potential users as possible.

The topic is new, but this is a BSC festival; so there will be good food and fine music as well.

See you on the 23rd of September.

Woody Report

World-renowned saxophonist Paul Winters has been scheduled to do an all night sail on the Woody Guthrie on September 24. This sail, arranged by BSC member Susan Konvit of the Arts Alliance in Cornwall, will enable Paul to get a feel for the river at night. He requested this sail to help him in writing music for the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's discovery of the Hudson River. Paul has met with Pete Seeger regarding this project.

We realize that many Woody Sailors would love to make this sail, but to accommodate Mr. Winter's needs, only crew approved by Captain Ben Mazer will be permitted on the boat that night, and preference will be given to his regular crew. Susan and Mr. Winters have requested that the number of persons on the boat be quite limited.

Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.

From Zen Sarcasm, "The Rules of Life"

Beacon Sloop Club Participates In the Hudson River Valley Ramble

On Sunday, September 23, the Beacon Sloop Club will participate in the Hudson River Valley Ramble by offering a sail on the Woody Guthrie. Guests may sign up at the Sloop Club on that day, first come first served. The sails of approximately one hour's duration will be ongoing from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., weather permitting.

Mark McCarroll will exhibit his Hudson Valley photography work at the clubhouse from noon to 5 p.m.

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Please Renew

Current Calendar

Executive Committee meeting, Tuesday,
August 28th, 7:30 p.m.

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday
of the month: next meeting September 7th –
potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m.

African Drumming Classes with Kazi Oliver
Fridays at 7 p.m. except the 1st Friday of the
month at the BSC.

Farmers Market every Sunday, 10-4 p.m., at
BSC.

Hudson River Valley Ramble, Sunday,
September 23. Sail on the Woody for an hour
(10 a.m. to 4 p.m., sign up at the clubhouse).
Exhibition of Hudson Valley photography by
Mark McCarroll at the clubhouse, noon to 5
p.m.

**Beacon Sloop Club's first ever Alternative
Energy Festival**, Sunday, September 23, noon
to dusk. Food. Free music.

Clearwater Annual Meeting, September 29 at
Beacon Sloop Club site (more information
inside, Page 6)

**Vigil for Peace every Saturday from 12-2 p.m. at the intersection of Rts. 9 and 9D opposite
Staples and at the corner of the South Hills Mall.**

Details of calendar events may be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

For more info about the BSC: www.beaconsloop.org, or www.beaconsloopclub.org