

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Message from Our President:

The upcoming Alternative Energy Festival is an important new addition to our festivals. Early in the year when the festival schedule was being set, several of you asked why we were not scheduling a recycling festival, held in September in the past. Well, recent recycling festivals had seemed to involve much work, low turnout, and much leftover "stuff" which mostly ended up in the dump, as Goodwill would not touch it. Thus was born an Alternative Energy Festival. The name for the future is not set in stone. It's name might become a Clean Energy Festival--or a Green Festival--or an Apple Festival (there's a record apple crop in New York this year).

Saul Rozinsky stepped up and is heading the Alternative Energy Festival effort, and he deserves our support. There is a great lineup of speakers for the E-tent, and a fine array of musical performers. Jane Shumsky has arranged a marvelous children's area, and many are preparing apple-based pies, fritters, and cider to fill the food area (ya can't hold a festival without food!) – AND, most of all, the theme is perfect for our Club. **September 23, Alternative Energy Festival**--come out and help. It is not too late for new participants; so, if you know a suitable firm or group, contact Saul (845-496-5617) and let's have a good turnout of people and displays.

John McLaughlin

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS TUESDAY, September 25th, 7:30 p.m.
NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, October 5th, at 7:30 p.m.
Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

BSC Membership Form

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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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meeting each month
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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting Minutes September 7, 2007

Pres. John McLaughlin presiding.

CIRCLE OF SONG: Sue Altkin, Kurt Hauck, Ingrid Heldt, Mike Scolnick and Pete Seeger, along with special guest singers Marieli Loewenthal, Kayla Wisner and Dwayne Thomson, children from the Chester Bruderhoff Community, began the BSC meeting with music and lyrics to *My Peace, My Peace*.

Pres. McLaughlin asked for volunteers to work at the table at the Sept. 30th *Spirit of Beacon Day* on Main Street. A warm welcome was also extended to new members and guests.

There was some discussion about the BSC insurance carrier who has refused to renew the club's insurance, which will terminate on Oct. 1, 2007. Phyllis Newham, Saul Rozinsky, along with our president and other members, have been investigating other insurance companies.

Woody Report: Capt. Kip Touraine, head of the Woody Sailors, submitted his report stating that seventy guests sailed on the Woody at our August 12, 2007, Corn Festival. At the two-day Garrison Art Festival, 140 people sailed on the Woody. A class from Mt. St. Mary will sail on the Woody on Sept. 22nd. The Woody will participate in the Hudson Valley Ramble by offering sails on Sept. 23rd. On Sept. 29th, the Woody will be on the Newburgh side of the river for sails during the Arts Alliance Water Festival and will receive a \$300 honorarium from the Alliance as a donation to our education fund.

Woody raffle ticket sales grossed \$1,130 and netted \$1,055.

Capt. Touraine has scheduled a BSC Sailors' Meeting for Oct. 6 at 10 a.m. One request made by Capt. Touraine is that someone else head the Woody Sailors. A special thank you was extended by Capt. Touraine to Mary Schmalz for her help with the raffle, Jame Goergen for all of his woodwork on the boat and to Susan Berliner for scheduling sails aboard the Woody.

Ron Bel brought up the need for a new Strawberry tent, which was confirmed by Pres. McLaughlin. We need a 25'x 30' tent strong enough for river winds.

Corn Fest: The August Corn Festival was a success, with all corn being sold out by 4 p.m. Ron Bel reported that \$90 was made from his peach salad. A \$1,600 profit was reported from the festival. President McLaughlin extended his thanks to Denisha Goodman for all her work in putting the festival together. Alternative Energy Festival, Sept 23, 2007: Saul Rozinsky will head this festival and invited interested participants to the Sept. 11 (Tuesday) Coordination Meeting at 6:30p.m. Saul noted that in Sept. and Oct.

been responsible for solar-powering the stages at our festivals as well as other river events. Exhibitors from as far as Vermont will participate in this year's festival. Solar Grids/Panels and Geo Thermo Energy will be presented. The NFA Award-Winning Solar Car that won the race from Dallas, Texas, to N.Y. will be on display. High school advisor and county legislator Chris Eachus will be there with his students to answer any questions. Ron Bel will be making his delectable apple fritters for this event. At the request of Saul, BSC members volunteered to bake apple pies to sell. Apple cider will be sold.

The Environmental Tent will host environmentlists Shabazz Jackson, Pete Seeger and Andy Revkin. there will also be a special kiddies' area.

Pres. McLaughlin noted that next year this festival will be a part of the Hudson Valley Ramble.

Hudson Valley Ramble: Mary Schmalz reported that the Ramble will be held on three consecutive weekends with a total of over 160 events which begin on Sept. 15th and end Sept. 30th. She passed out Ramble booklets and advised people how to get on the Ramble mailing list. The website is www.hudsonrivervalley.com/ramble/. Our Woody will provide sails from Beacon for the Ramble on Sept. 23rd.

BSC Building Maintenance: Sue Altkin, Vice President, mentioned that both she and Pres. McLaughlin spent two hours cleaning the Club, which seems to have become a dumping ground. She also thanked Capt. Touraine for taking recyclables on a regular basis after meetings. It was noted that MTA commuters bring their garbage to the Club trash cans outside, which adds to the problem. The new combination to the Multrum is 010.

Plans were briefly discussed about building a shed for BSC festival items that are now stored on members' home property. Sue along with Treasurer Linda Beatty are initiating an *UNsung HERO AWARD* for those BSC members who so tirelessly give of their time and who are not officers or committee heads. Nominations can be sent to either Sue or Linda. More info to come in the next newsletter.

Pumpkin Festival will be held on Oct. 14th with pies baked on Oct. 13th.

Multrum Cleaning Day set for Sun., Oct. 21, at 9 a.m. The activity will be followed by an elegant pot luck meal. Bring your candles and finest dishes.

Ron Bel volunteered to paint the multrum and has already made a new toilet seat holder. Thanx, Ron

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General Meeting Minutes (Cont'd from Page 3)

BSC Annual Clearwater Sail is scheduled for Sat., October 13th from Beacon at 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Member Bonnie Finkenauer offered to be in charge of the sign-up sheet. She can be reached at 845-255-6436.

Woody Educators Needed for Sails: Dan Einbender, Clearwater musician and educator, along with Woody sailor Edmund Fitzgerald suggested that BSC members volunteer for Educator Training Sessions to be held this winter so that our Woody sail guests can be taught about the river by our own educators. Dan has a book containing valuable info about the Hudson Valley Ecology.

RiverPool : Cindy Cowden reported that the River Pool was a huge success, with as many as 100 people in one day using the rainbow water delight. The pool is scheduled to be taken out of the water and dismantled on Sat. 9/8 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

She also noted that the wooden box with vials for testing the water and some discs, stored in the Clubhouse, has disappeared. Anyone knowing its whereabouts, please inform Pres. McLaughlin.

Dance Anyone? Contra dance organization help needed by Walter Castle at 845-838-3806. St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Beacon wants to initiate the contra dancing events on the 1st Sat. of each month. Those interested, please contact Walter.

Clearwater Annual Sloop Membership Meeting is set for Oct. 29th at the Beacon Settlement Camp. Mel Healy announced that there will be a shuttle from Metro North, food and camaraderie.

Volunteers are also welcome to help and see that events run smoothly. If you can help, call Mel at 845-978-3180, or e-mail her at mhealy@frontiernet.net.

Clearwater Sails have room for more. Anyone who wants to organize a group aboard the sloop should contact the Clearwater office for a bargain price.

Dan Einbender will Sing Children's Songs, Sept. 15th at the Howland Center, 3 p.m.

Mike Scolnick will instruct in a lunch and teach singing at the Blauvelt Library on Tues., 9/18 at 12 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by Fran Sansone

Volunteers are needed to make the Beacon Sloop Club's first Alternative Energy Festival a success. If you are able to contribute some time on Sept 23, please call Saul Rozinsky at 845-496-5617.

Executive Committee Meeting

BSC Clubhouse, August 28, 2007, at 7:30 pm.

Gene Grobstein reviewed our insurance status and said he was informed by our present broker that they were not interested in helping us to obtain future insurance coverage. He gave the group some guidance about how insurance companies can function and react when clients are sued. There was a good deal of discussion and Saul Rozinsky, Phyllis Newham, and Kip Touraine agreed to follow up on some leads that we have for future coverage, and John McLaughlin agreed to provide them with the information needed by any interested brokers or companies.

Kip gave an overview of Woody activities, including an exciting passage through the narrows at Storm King on the way down to the Garrison Arts Festival. He is calling a meeting of the Woody Sailors for October 6 at 10:30 a.m. for elections and planning.

There was discussion of the Alternative Energy Festival. Mary Schmalz was concerned that the Ramble was not being sufficiently featured and the group agreed that our flyers and other materials should clearly state that the festival was being held in conjunction with the Ramble and GoZero Kayak Race. Next year we will seek to be a listed Ramble event. Several speakers and participants were discussed and the overall arrangement of the festival was discussed with Saul Rozinsky, taking the lead in coordinating activities.

Linda Beatty reported that she has recruited volunteer Vane Lashua to print the Broadside newsletter. His wife Randy has consented to fold and mail out the completed newsletters. Vane will also set up a mass mailing so that the electronic newsletters will go directly to the members as well as being posted on the web site.

Sue Altkin gave a thorough building report and plans a building cleanup on September 15 and 16th. A long-range plan is needed to allow for additional storage at the club and assure continued upkeep and proper usage of the clubhouse. Kip Touraine has agreed to assist with regular removal of trash and recyclable materials from the building.

Vickie Raabin brought a suggested a Christmas Season activity to the Committee. This might involve participation of members in a song activity and an activity built around discussions of various belief systems to be held at the Howland Center. The Committee felt the song activity might interfere with our annual winter sing, but members might well be interested in participating in the discussions or presentations of belief/moral systems.

Danny Einbender reported that he has arranged for the club to have 48 slots on Clearwater on October 13. Signup will be initiated at the September meeting. Thanks were extended to Dan for getting this set up for us.

Phyllis Newham reported that we have a display slot for Spirit of Beacon Day.

Respectfully submitted, John McLaughlin

BEACON SLOOP CLUB TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 2007

Submitted by Linda Beatty on September 7, 2007

		<u>Woody</u>	<u>Corn Fest.</u>	<u>Misc.</u>
8/1/2007 Account Balance	\$ 25,980.68			
INCOME				
8/8/07 - Woody donation	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00		
8/8/07 - Membership	\$ 25.00			\$ 25.00
8/8/07 - Vendor - Earthday	\$ 35.00			\$ 35.00
8/14/07 - Corn Fest - Corn	\$ 771.00		\$ 771.00	
8/14/07 - Corn Fest - Chili	\$ 80.00		\$ 80.00	
8/14/07 - Corn Fest - Fruit salad	\$ 90.00		\$ 90.00	
8/14/07 - Corn Fest - Soda & water	\$ 218.25		\$ 218.25	
8/14/07 - Corn Fest - Memberships	\$ 120.00		\$ 120.00	
8/14/07 - Hats & T-shirts	\$ 320.00		\$ 320.00	
8/29/07 - Refund of registration fee for Woody	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00		
8/29/07 - Donations	\$ 650.00			\$ 650.00
8/29/07 - Woody raffle	\$ 770.00	\$ 770.00		
Total Income	\$ 3,194.25	\$ 885.00	\$ 1,599.25	\$ 710.00
EXPENSE				
8/7/07 - Beacon P.O. Box fee	\$ 92.00			\$ 92.00
8/8/07 - Corn Fest - Corn	\$ 232.00		\$ 232.00	
8/16/07 - James Goergen - Small boat parts	\$ 75.90			\$ 75.90
8/18/07 - Refund of vendor fee	\$ 35.00			\$ 35.00
8/28/07 - Strawberry Fest reimbursement - J. Shumsky	\$ 8.00			\$ 8.00
8/28/07 - Corn Fest - Bowls & spoons - T. LaBarr	\$ 219.80		\$ 219.80	
8/28/07 - Corn Fest - Butter & plastic bags - S. Altkin	\$ 118.10		\$ 118.10	
8/28/07 - Ron Bel - Toilet seat covers	\$ 35.95			\$ 35.95
8/28/07 - Central Hudson - Building electric	\$ 54.19			\$ 54.19
7/17/07 - Deposit slips printed	\$ 35.75			\$ 35.75
7/26/07 - Returned check	\$ 50.00			\$ 50.00
Total Expenses	\$ 956.69		\$ 569.90	\$ 386.79
8/31/2007 Account Balance	<u>\$ 28,218.24</u>			

Environmental Education Committee Report

by The Fitzgerald Family

In August River Life exhibits were presented at the River Swim and the Corn Festival. Seining was performed at the former Long Dock site with surprising success. An assortment of White Perch, young of the year Herring, Silversides, Dace, Bass, and Sunfish were collected and displayed. Also on display were macro-invertebrates, Elvers (immature American Eels), as well as some Mud and Blue Crab specimens. Questions were answered, details were described, and experiences were shared. At the end of the day they were all returned to the river. Prior to the August 14th weeknight guest sail, a seine was performed that yielded a large (6 inch carapace) soft shell Blue Crab (*Callinectes Sapidus*). The crab was displayed to the guests, and its condition was explained. Crabs have a hard outer covering or shell called an exoskeleton, which they must shed to grow. Over the average lifetime a Blue Crab will molt and shed its shell approximately twenty times. The shell splits along the back, and the Blue Crab actually backs out of its former shell. Perhaps you have

seen these abandoned exoskeletons along the shore. It then increases its size by approximately 1/3 by absorbing water and expanding its new soft shell. The soft shell then hardens in approximately 2 to 3 days. While in this soft shell stage even its claws are soft, making it susceptible to predation. It therefore tends to remain in shallows or in beds of submerged aquatic vegetation during this period. The water is displaced as the crab grows within its shell and eventually the process begins anew. The scientific name for the Blue Crab is *Callinectes Sapidus*, meaning "beautiful swimmer that tastes good." These are just a few details of a true Hudson River native. If you would like to learn more about the Blue Crab, please visit your local library or visit this website http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/fish_marine_pdf/crabbrochure.pdf. Our next River Life celebration will be at the Alternative Energy Festival on September 23rd. Come join us if you can; but, if you can't, at least be a good friend to your rivers and watersheds. These creatures deserve a healthy habitat. Don't we all?

Editorial: On the Conservation of Human Beings—A Call for Humanity

This year we have had a number of extra activities, leading to lots more work for volunteers than in previous years. The Treasurer tells me, for example, that she will have made out twice as many checks by the end of this year as were made out last year. Probably lots of the Sloop Club's volunteers have encountered comparable recent increases in our duties, and many of us may be feeling it as overload, especially those who haven't been allowed a voice in deciding whether we think speeding up and expansion is a good idea. What do you think?

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The Beacon Sloop Club is an organization involved with conservation of environmental resources. But one of the Club's most important resources, human beings, also need to be conserved in order for our environmental goals to be reached. Humans come in all sizes and shapes, colors, sexes, and they have all kinds of different temperaments, needs, capabilities, ways of doing things and many different viewpoints. We all pitch in together to make our activities happen. Nobody here gets paid. We all give freely of ourselves for an ideal--because we believe in what we are doing. The Beacon Sloop Club is totally and completely dependent on the good will of those who donate their time, effort and money on behalf of what we are trying to accomplish.

I have heard it said that there is a lot of change going on. Is change just for the sake of changing and expanding and being more like the rest of the world a good thing? Wouldn't it be wiser to keep some things the way they were? The world becomes more and more a place where power and money drives everything, and more and more those without power and money don't count. There are many things about the Sloop Club's original ideas and cherished ideals that don't need to be changed. In fact, we would do well to "conserve" those ideals too. Things like valuing the contribution of the doing of the most mundane of duties and honoring those who courageously take those duties on without complaint so that the Beacon Sloop Club can keep going. Sweeping the floor. Cleaning the multrum. Making food. Mailing the newsletter. Trying to keep vendors happy in the heat of a festival. Boiling corn in the heat of a festival. Doing anything in the heat of a festival. Mending things. Fixing the roof. Taking the trash home with them. I'm sure there are many other things that I haven't thought of. Perhaps these people do get thanked once in awhile for their contributions, but have you really considered the fact that the Sloop Club needs all of these people just as much as it needs a President or a Treasurer? No, I mean really considered. Furthermore, each and every one of these people is entitled to feel valued, to get his or her opinions heard too about what goes on at the Club and what course the Club takes for the future, his or her individual problems and frustrations listened to human-to-human and help from the whole given toward solving them, and his or her preferences taken into consideration as a part of the whole of the Sloop Club, which is what they are. Part of the whole that is the Beacon Sloop Club, without which the Club cannot exist.. Linda Beatty, Editor

"Let no one assume that the smallest social act of goodness is wasted upon society at large. The growing good of the world is partly (if not largely) dependant upon the seemingly unhistoric acts of those who live (perhaps) uncelebrated lives."
- Chaim Stern
Quote thanks to Sue Altkin.

What's Lurking in the Basement?

Poking around in the cellar last week I rediscovered that shelf of rusty, dusty cans filled with yucky toxic stuff. The whole lot and plenty more was just begging to be hauled off to someplace where I am not living.

Coincidentally, the very next day an e-mail crossed my screen from our Dutchess County Exec., Mr. Steinhaus, alerting me that there are upcoming HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL days at the Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency in Poughkeepsie. The dates are OCT 6 and NOV 3.

Dutchess County residents must register and schedule an appointment by calling the DCRRA 845-463-6020. There is a \$5.00 fee to bring items.

Here's what they WILL TAKE: containers marked "Warning: Hazardous," "Flammable," "Poisonous," "Corrosive," photo chemicals, non-latex driveway sealer, pool chemicals, creosote, kerosene, turpentine, stains, varnishes, strippers, thinners, gas/oil mixture, brake fluid, auto fluids, pesticides, fungicides, chemical fertilizers, adhesives, resins, solvents, oil- and lead-based paints (but not latex), mercury devices, button cell batteries for watches and hearing aids, compact fluorescent lights and fluorescent tubes. Also, Electronic Equipment: computer monitors, CPU's modems, CRT's, terminals, laptops, keyboards telephones, video games, DVD players, stereos, answering machines, scanners, TV's, VCR's, etc.

WHEW!! Keep reading, there's more. Bins will be available for junk mail, commingled bottles and cans, white paper and magazines. There is no charge to use these bins.

Here's some highlights from the list of what they WILL NOT TAKE: ammunition, explosives, radioactive materials and toasters.

There's lots more; so be sure to discuss your trash with DCRRA when you call.

Dutchess residents only, please.

Yours for a joyous fall cleaning,
Phyllis Newham

AND HOW, YOU MAY WONDER, DID THE AUG. 24 SAIL WITH PAUL WINTER GO?

August 24 the Friday night crew of the Sloop Woody Guthrie had the pleasure of taking out for a three hour sail Paul, Chez, Keetu and Kaiya Winter as well as four other guests, including Susan Konvit and Simon Gruber.

Captain Ben Mazer wishes to thank his crew--Ingrid Anderson, Steve Feyl, Tony Acquisto, Beverly Dyckman, Aaron Havens and Susan Galiardo--for an outstanding job.

We sailed from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. This was the first time the guests had been sailing on the Hudson River; so it was an adventure to them. The wind was good; so we were able to sail against the current to Pollepel Island, where we turned around and headed back to the harbor. On the way back we had a moment of silence so all could experience the sounds of the river. Back on the dock the guests helped furl the main sail. The guests enjoyed their "beautifully peaceful experience of being out on the Hudson." (Photos can be viewed on the BSC website.)

Captain Ben Mazer

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Save the Date:

Here's another opportunity to see the pictures and hear some music from Mel and Vinnie's trip to New Orleans last February with Feel Good Tour:

"New Orleans Today"

October 13, 2:20 p.m.

Howland Cultural Center,
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Bring your own documents, photos, family stories & traditions, or any other evidence related to the history of slavery, antislavery, and the Underground Railroad in Dutchess Co. (A scanner and document camera will be available so that you can hold on to your own originals.) Display: exhibits on the antislavery cause and African Americans in Dutchess before the Civil War. For more information: Rebecca Edwards, 437-5675; Lorraine Roberts, 297-5578; or Jim Mandracchia; 855-5099.

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LITTLE VICTORIES



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Current Calendar

Executive Committee meeting, Tuesday, September 25th, 7:30 p.m.

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting October 5th – 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.

Beacon Sloop Club's first ever Alternative Energy Festival, Sunday, September 23, noon to dusk. Food. Free music. Sails on the Woody 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., exhibition of Mark McCarroll's photography at the Clubhouse, noon to 5 p.m. in conjunction with Hudson River Valley Ramble activities.

Clearwater Annual Meeting, Saturday, September 29, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Please note: Location has been changed to the University Settlement Camp (Beacon Campus) on 9D in Beacon.

Woody Sailors' Annual Meeting, Saturday, October 6, 1000 hrs. at the Sloop Club. Elections & winter planning.

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