

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving Hudson River with Pride for 37 Years

A Message from Our President:

The days have become cool and clear. This can only mean – the Pumpkin Festival is drawing near. Contact Dave Eberle or come to our next meeting (Oct 1st) to volunteer. This is our last festival of the season, so come join the fun.

September features Woody sails during The Ramble on Sept 19th (contact Mary Schmaltz) and BSC participation in Spirit of Beacon Day on Sept 26th including a parade and table (contact Kevin Haydon).

Thank You to everyone who made the Corn Festival a success. The corn was picked that morning, then boiled in our big kettle for exactly 3 minutes. The result was sweet and delicious. Besides raising some needed funds, everyone had a great time.

Kudos to Woody captains and crew for the sails at the Garrison Arts Festival. I'll always remember seeing the soggy crew returning to Beacon and even though it rained all the way back, the reports of the mist on the Hudson highlands made it sound like an enviable trip.

A big round of applause for Gigi, and anyone who helped, for painting our beloved clubhouse!! It is much appreciated.

On a more serious note: we've seen the voice of the people have some positive effects this year with the saving of Stony Kill, rethinking of the TOD, and the State Senate voting for a moratorium on hydro-fracking. So please stay informed on the issues and make your views known.

Rosemary

Inside this issue:

Corn Festival, salvage operations, a busy month ahead, and much, much, more....



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS Tuesday, September 21st, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, October 1st 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

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Amount Enclosed \$ _____ . _____ Renewal ____ New Member ____ How did you hear of us? _____

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

Newsletter format(check one): Printed E-mail 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 waived.

Mail to: Beacon Sloop Club P.O. Box 527 Beacon, NY 12508

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 and newsletter are accessible from the web: www.beaconsloopclub.org.

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Please submit articles for the Beacon Sloop Club Broadside by the 1st Monday after the Friday general meeting each month (early submissions are much appreciated)

to acthoma@yahoo.com

**Input requiring scanning must be in 1 week in advance
 To: Alan Thomas PO Box 430, Hughsonville, NY 12537**

Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting Minutes, September 3, 2010

Michael Scolnick led the assembled company sitting outside in yet another beautiful summer evening sunset in song and introduced Claudine Craig who called the meeting to order. She welcomed new visitors from Campbell Hall, Brooklyn and Middletown.

Treasurer's Report, Sarah Elisabeth. Sarah reported that the Corn Festival netted \$2,855.30. The current Treasurer's report is elsewhere in the Broadside. Sarah has set up the new laptop with QuickBooks and antivirus and a new era in BSC accounting has begun. Claudine gave Bonnie Champion great kudos for having done a wonderful job of organizing the Corn Festival.

Woody Guthrie, Jim Birmingham. The Woody was very busy this month what with the BSC Corn Fest and the Garrison Art Festival in late August along with the evening sails. A leak was discovered within the last couple of weeks. A sprung plank on the starboard forward hull was the cause. It was repaired at White's Marina.

Building Committee, Claudine Craig. Gigi Fris and Alice Vaughan have proceeded with the cleaning and painting of the interior of the Club house. Work on the patio will proceed after more planning.

Grants/Development, Claudine Craig. The Hudson River Fund has come forward with a \$10,000 grant for repairs on the cockpit of the Woody and another has been offered by the Coyote Foundation though the amount is not available.

Announcements.

Judy & John Allen celebrated the 25th anniversary of their meeting at the Sloop Club under the tree beside the front door. The membership sang "happy anniversary" and also wished Judy well on the Sept. 10th opening of her play at the Depot Theatre in Garrison.

Tom LaBarr presented a recap of the Beacon Deserves Better view of the City of Beacon's outlook on the TOD project and the regular meeting schedule for BDB. (<http://beacondeservesbetter.com>).

David Sager, 42nd State Senate District Candidate presented his credentials to the Club and asked for member support. He has been especially active (and successful) in helping to bring the moratorium on gas hydro-fracturing in New York.

David Rocco, former project manager for the Walkway, is now working on the Beacon Fire tower. He has organized local ironworkers to install steel reinforcing, saving the group about \$15,000. There is a press event scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 10:30am. He has invited local non-profits to join the Fire tower at the base of Mt. Beacon for the announcement. Dave also noted that Saturday, Oct. 2 is the 1-year anniversary of Walkway over the Hudson and hopes that all will turn out for the celebration.

Joyce Hanson announced two free programs and a contra dance event for tug and barge week in Cold Spring (9/4-5).

Mark McCarroll passed the hat to support the patio.

Bonnie Champion thanked all the volunteers for the Corn Festival.

Beverly Dykeman, a three-sloop club member, announced events at two sister clubs, <http://riverlovers.org> and <http://www.ferrysloops.org/>.

Kara, a student affiliated with Greenpeace, encourages members to join her in opposition to BP's Beaufort Sea drilling through a letter-writing campaign, Students Against Disastrous Drilling (<http://members.greenpeace.org/blog/grassroots/2010/09/>). You can join her at Zuzu's to write letters.

Gloria Waslyn announced that because of personal health issues, Tony Angel has temporarily suspended his Spirit Journey (<http://spiritjourney25.wordpress.com>). She passed along his gratitude to the Club for its donations and to Alan and Rosemary Thomas for their personal generosity.

Mary Schmalz reminded the Club of the September 19 event with the Club as part of the 11th Annual Hudson River Ramble (<http://www.hudsonrivervalleyramble.com/>).

The 9th Annual **Kingston Bluestone festival** will be Sunday, Oct. 3 at the Kingston Maritime Museum. Artists are welcome to bring their work and participate. There are no hanging fees for the artist exhibits (<http://kingstoncitizens.org>)

Cecilia St. King led the Club in a rendition of an original song in anticipation of her concert at the Club, 7pm, Sept. 11th. <http://www.myspace.com/ceciliastkingmusic>

Decisions and motions recorded at the Executive Meeting, August 24, 2010

1. Voted to approve up to \$1500, if needed, to replace the pontoon boat.
2. Voted to get Woody budget for winter repairs in earlier. Request was to bring a draft to the next exec meeting.
3. Voted to let Dan Einbender and up to 15 Rivertown Kids use the Sloop Club building Wednesdays from 4:00 to 6:00PM to rehearse. The children and their families must be members of the Sloop Club. At least two adults must be present. The children are not to use the back patio or docks.
4. Voted to have Exec Committee send a letter to the Mayor stating we should be represented, as a club, on the TOD committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Vane Lashua



Irwin Silber, founding editor of Sing Out magazine passed away in Los Angeles September 8th at the age of 84. He was a key figure in the 1960s folk renaissance. He also published more than a dozen books, wrote for several other publications and produced folk music concerts.

Annual Clearwater Sail

This year's event was on August 21st which coincided with the first day of the Garrison festival. So first, a big thank you to the captains and crew who supported the Woody instead. Our volunteers, who enjoyed a great sail on the Clearwater, were on hand for a very special event as Pete joined us along with Lorre Wyatt, producer Richard Baron and a crew for the filming of Pete's new song.



Photos by Wally Cox and Rosemary Thomas

Thank you to Captain Nick Rogers and the Clearwater crew for a great sail! We hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did!

Harbor Update

The solar light to mark the harbor has been identified but not yet purchased. Vents for the shed were purchased. Thefts from the docks continue to be a problem. The latest item was a set of oars. We are encouraging people to report incidents to the Beacon Police.



Through a great team effort the pontoon boat was recovered from the harbor following its sinking. There were two holes in the front and one in the back of one pontoon. The harbor team is looking into repair options. We have about one month to find a solution before fall clean up of the harbor.

The Sloop Club has taken in a total of \$4650 in fees and memberships so far this year from harbor services. Harbor management is a key component of the club's current mission. If you can help out this fall please contact Chris Ancliffe or Kip Touraine.

The Sustainability Center
 at
Honey Locust Farm House
Saturday, October 2, 2010
6:00 PM
A Fundraiser Featuring
Pete Seeger
 and
 a screening of the film
For the Next 7 Generations
"the momentous journey of
thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers"
\$25.00
The Beacon Sloop Club
 (little brown house on the West Side of Metro-North)
 Further information - Sarah Elisabeth - (917)682-4114
 sage467@mac.com

Assemblypersons Frank Skartados and Sandy Galef will hold a forum at 6:30-8:30 PM on October 6 at the Newburgh Free Library.

The Forum will explore ways to make progress on the goals of the state's recently-released "Estuary Action Agenda", which may be viewed at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/4920.html>.

Woody Report

On August 26th the Thursday night crew was surprised to find water visibility flowing into the bilge and had to cancel the scheduled guest sail. The boat went up to White's on Friday and Kip and Tom Baldino found a sprung plank on the starboard side which was patched up. They brought the Woody back on Monday morning. What great response time to get us back to public sails. The captains are leaving the electric pump on in the bilge at night and monitoring the situation carefully, so let's hope we are good for the rest of the season.

We have the Ramble, the Woody dinner cruise, and the Pumpkin Festival coming up soon.



A very wet crew returning from the Garrison Arts Fair



You never know what you will see on a woody sail. The Tuesday night crew and guests were treated to an up close and personal encounter with the new Willis Avenue bridge on its way down river to New York City (Photos by Wally Cox)



Sound Bites by Gigi Fris

Mona and Jim Birmingham: Mona and Jim met in High School and have been together ever since. They were married at 21 and spent time in long Island, Block Island and Killington where Jim performed folk, rock and jazz as a solo artist and with a duo for several seasons.



Mona received 2 degrees from the Fashion Institute of Technology and worked in NYC for many years in the fashion industry. After realizing the music industry was not exactly what he thought, Jim got into computers to earn a living but continues to play and write. They have 3 children ranging in age from 17 to 26.



Mona, who after receiving her Bachelor's degree from the New York School of Interior Design was working as an Interior Designer in NYC and noticed a sign at the Beacon train station looking for crew to sail on the Woody Guthrie. Jim, who was working in northern New Jersey and missed regular sailing since moving to the Hudson Valley, jumped at the chance. His first sighting of the Woody Guthrie was as Captain Rich

Gallagher brought the boat over to the long dock on the south side of the Harbor. His first reaction was, look at this pirate ship. Jim started sailing with Captain Rich on Wednesday's in June of 2004 while Captain Tom Baldino was on an extended vacation. When the crew said Captain Tom was coming back he said, "who is Captain Tom."

Jim is now a Woody Captain and Chairman of the Woody Sailors Committee. He started sailing on the Connetquot River on the south shore of Long Island at the age of 11 and he and Mona sailed for many years together on their 18' Hobie Catamaran that is still in the family with his brother Kevin who originally got him into sailing. They have their own 26' Grampian sloop named North River Wind which is kept on a mooring at Beacon. They both enjoy sailing and hope to do some extended excursions back to Block Island in the future.



The time has come to move beyond eco-elitism to eco-populism.-Van Jones: *The Green Collar Economy: How One Solution Can Fix Our Two Biggest Problems*

Corn Festival

The weather was a little bit threatening but it kept the heat away and the rain held off until the very end of the Festival so we had a good steady crowd. Bonnie Champion did a wonderful job as a first-time coordinator.

Our volunteers out did themselves as usual, from set-up, to breakdown, cooking and serving corn, selling chili, peaches, t-shirts, cups, raffle tickets, performing, recycling, running the educational and children's areas, sailing, husking, etc. etc..so many important jobs and so many willing hands made it a great Festival.

We sold over 1000 ears of corn by 4:00 and went through 25 gallons of chili. Alice Vaughn who coordinated the chili booth for the 2nd year in a row would like to thank, Carol Pauli, Barbara Joslyn, Joann Weber, Aimee LaBarr, Alan Thomas, and David Cohen, for making chili. Special thanks go to David who never took a break from noon to 5 and Gigi and Kevin for providing the grill that allowed the team to keep three pots going.



Several people contacted me with the solution to the "What is wrong with this picture?" puzzle in last month's issue. **The answer:** the Woody's topsail is upside down. Thank you again to Ben Mazer for the photo.



The EPA hearing on hydraulic fracturing has been rescheduled for Monday, September 13 and Wednesday, September 15. For more information, [Environmental Protection Agency's Announcements](#).

The New York State Senate passed the Thompson Moratorium (S.8129-B) with a vote of 48 to 9 but the NYS Assembly still needs to act.

We feel strongly that more time is needed to assess the environmental, health, and infrastructural impacts and determine appropriate regulation and inspection regimes. So please consider calling your New York State Assembly representative and asking them to support the Sweeney (A.11443-B) bill calling for a moratorium on hydro-fracking in New York until **May 15, 2011**, for contact info: <http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/>

You can also contact co-sponsors [Assembly Energy Chairperson Kevin Cahill](#), and [Robert K. Sweeney](#)

Clearwater is sponsoring a petition to thank the Assembly Majority Leader Sheldon Silver for co-sponsoring this bill and urge him to convene a special session of the Assembly on September 15th to address this urgent issue and pass the **Sweeney Moratorium Bill (A.11443-B)**. [Click here to sign the petition](#).

For more information please go to www.frackaction.com.

"Towards a Zero-Waste Dutchess-- To Save Millions and Create Ten Times More Jobs"!!...Forum

Neil Seldman, President of the D.C.-based Institute of Local Self-Reliance (<http://www.ILSR.org>) and Shabazz Jackson of Greenway Environmental Services (<http://www.GreenwayNY.com>)
Weds. Sept. 15th at 5:30 pm at Vassar College
Rockefeller Hall Room 200:

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HARMONY HALL

SLOATSBURG, NY

SEPT. 19, 2010, 1-7 PM

www.FriendsOfHarmonyHall.org

Submitted by Sarah Elisabeth							
August 24, 2010							
BSC General Fund	Amount	Membership	Woody & Small Boats	Festival & Event	Newsletter	Harbor	Clubhouse
Membership	145.00	120.00		25.00			
Royalty (Power of Song)	5.70			5.70			
Donation (Thursday Sail, Bristol Meyers)	200.00						200.00
Grant (IBM)	1,000.00		1,000.00				
Vendor	1,290.00			1,290.00			
Festival (Corn)	2,855.30			2,855.30			
Post Office Box	(96.00)						(96.00)
Newsletter	(168.00)				(168.00)		
Newsletter (April)	(145.24)				(145.24)		
Staples	(96.34)						(96.34)
T-Shirts	(535.00)			(535.00)			
Plates	(219.18)			(219.18)			
Laptop, Anti-Virus, Quickbooks	(889.96)						(889.96)
Festival Miscellaneous	(15.96)			(15.96)			
Festival Corn and Miscellaneous	(299.63)			(299.63)			
Total Monthly Income and Expenses (-)	3,030.69	120.00		3,106.23	(313.24)		(882.30)
OPENING BALANCE	56,946.37						
CLOSING BALANCE	59,977.06						



Appalachian Trail walk for the homeless, and for the environment.

Tony Angel has been forced by injury and illness to end his trek for now in Rutland VT. After two weeks recovering from pneumonia he wisely decided not to go on. More details are available at:

<http://spiritjourney25.wordpress.com/>

Donations can be made to the Tony Angel Homeless Fund through;

Family of Woodstock
Attn: Tony Angel Homeless Fund
16 Rock City Road
Woodstock, NY 12498

Questions? Contact us at spiritjourney25@gmail.com

Every Sunday Farmers Market
 at the Beacon Waterfront 10-4pm
Simply Valley
All Local Hudson Valley Products
 Sprout Creek Farm Cheeses
 (Toussaint and Ouray Cheese)
 Fresh made Lamb, Mushroom Spring Rolls
 Fresh Made Pasta
 Mario's Brick Oven Bread
 Mary Finger Organic Free Range Eggs
 Special Large Quantity orders call 845-562-0192

Nature's Pantry
 142 Route 17 K
 Newburgh, N.Y. 12550
 (845) 567-3355

Mon to Fri 9 A.M. to 7 P.M.
 Saturday 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.
 Sunday 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Fax (845) 567-3356

Assemblyman Kenneth Zebrowski
and

Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffee

In cooperation with the Hudson River Watershed Alliance
 Invite you to a Community Forum
 On the Future of the Hudson River and its Watershed

September 29, 2010

6:30-9:00 pm

Nyack Library: 59 South Broadway, 10960

**Provide your input, and participate in a conversation
 about the**

**2010-2014 Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda
 with**

**Fran Dunwell NYSDEC Hudson River Estuary
 Coordinator**



Now on 106.5 in Beacon !

Current Calendar

Executive Committee meeting, Tues. September 21st 7:00 p.m., at the BSC clubhouse

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

Farmers Market every Sunday, 10-4 p.m., At the Ferry Dock , Beacon , NY

PLANET BLUE WITH CHRIS RUHE and Tonia Shou on radio station WVKR 91.3 FM, Every Mon., 5 to 6 p.m.

FOLLOW THE RIVER lecture series Weds., Sept.15, 7:00 p.m. at Hudson River Maritime Museum at 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston. (845) 338-0071

2010 WATERSHED SCIENCE & TECHNICAL CONFERENCE, Wed., Sept. 15 - 16, Thayer Hotel, West Point. for details and registration <http://nywea.org/meetings/Docs56/2010WatershedConf.pdf>.

DIALOGUE: GET SMART ABOUT WATER Thurs., Sept. 16, 7:00 p.m., BIRE CEIE, mheintzman@bire.org, www.bire.org.

FOUR FISH AT THE CARY INSTITUTE, Fri., Sept. 17, 7:00 p.m., Cary Institute auditorium, 2801 Sharon Turnpike, Millbrook, N.Y. (845) 677-7600 x 121, freemanp@caryinstitute.org, www.caryinstitute.org

Hudson Valley Ramble Sails on the Woody, Sunday. September 19th, noon-5:00pm, at the Beacon Waterfront

Clearwater Annual Membership Meeting, Sunday, September 19, 2010, 8:30 am – 1:00 pm, Clearwater office, 724 Wolcott Avenue, Beacon, NY



Free Sails on the Woody Guthrie, weeknights beginning in June, 6:00pm , at the clubhouse.

MID-HUDSON SIERRA CLUB BIG ANNUAL TAG SALE Sat., Sept. 25 (raindate 9/26), 9am-3pm, , Mulligan's Irish Pub's lot, Rt 376 between Po'k & Wappingers, bibis@juno.com, 338-0300.

Spirit of Beacon Day, Sunday, September 26th, 11:00am-4:00pm, Main Street, Beacon

Community Forum On the Future of the Hudson River and its Watershed, Wednesday, September 29, 6:30-9:00 pm, Nyack Library: 59 South Broadway, Nyack, NY

Stony Kill Farm Harvest Festival, Saturday, October 2, Noon to 5:00 PM, Stony Kill Environmental Center, Route 9D, Wappingers Falls

2nd Saturdays in Beacon, Saturday Oct. 9 6:00 pm – 9:00pm, Main St, Beacon

Beacon Sloop Club Pumpkin Festival, Sunday Oct. 17, noon-5:00 pm, at the Beacon Water Front

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