

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 46 Years

A Message from Our President

The creatures were stirring, and the Sloop Club was at its magical best, all full of colored lights, music and good cheer at our annual Holiday Sing. The fire in our new wood stove kept us cozy and warm as we sang the night away with our wonderful musicians. We left the lights up, so you can enjoy them again at the January meeting!

As we move into winter, the Woody is tucked into its winter berth in Haverstraw Marina, the docks and moorings have all been pulled with the help of our new mooring tender, the "Love Me Tender," and the fish once again have their harbor to themselves, as peace settles over the river.

We lost our dear friend and Woody Captain, Tom Baldino on October 15. Marcia hosted a beautiful Remembrance Celebration for him in November at the clubhouse. Tom was loved by all who had the wonderful good fortune to have known him, and will be greatly missed.

December brought two of our other favorite winter events: Little Boxes and the Eberle Holiday Party Fundraiser, both merry and bright. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make all these events, and our whole year together, so successful and full of joy.

Join us in January as we once again raise our glasses, our hearts, hands and voices, to a New Year of peace and harmony on Earth.

Happy Holidays to all our friends near and far-
Susan

Inside this issue:

Holiday cheer, tucking in the Woody, art for the Woody's sake, and much more.....



Photo by Jean Noack

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Thursday, January 2, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, January 3, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

Name _____ Street Address _____

City _____ State ____ ZIP _____ - _____ Phone _____ - _____ - _____ Email _____

Membership donation \$ _____ Renewal ____ New Member ____ Save Our Sloop Fund donation \$ _____

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.

Newsletter format (check one): Printed E-mail Please consider e-mail it saves money and paper.

Additional Members at this address _____ Email _____

_____ Email _____

Would you like information on Clearwater Membership? I would like to help with _____

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

Link to Online Renewal: <http://beaconsloop.org/Join.html>

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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Jim Birmingham, Patrick Gallagher,
Tom LaBarr, Ben Mazer,
Steve Schwartz,

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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, December 6, 2019, recorded by Gail Moran

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The meeting opened with the song "Well Does the World Go"
Susan welcomed all, including one new person.

Thank you to James Malchow and Ken Miller, who inserted the wood stove insert into the fireplace. The room was warmer than usual.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Aaron Verdille. See the info elsewhere in the newsletter.

Giving Tuesday

A donation page was set up in November by Tom LaBarr. He reported that the Sloop Club received \$3,239 on it. We hope that we will be one of the groups that Facebook matches.

50th Anniversary Paperweight

Tom showed it to all. It is for sale for \$50, ½ of which will go to the Sloop Club. The default color is ice blue but other colors can be special ordered. Tinya requested acknowledgement be given for the use of Pete Seeger's drawing.

Woody Nickles

Konstantin Doren announced that returnables can go the Fishkill Redemption Center. Tell them it is for the Beacon Sloop Club and they will save the receipt, which can be cashed in monthly. Alternatively, you can bring clean returnables to the GMM meeting and Konstantin will take them to the Redemption Center. He is aiming for \$50 per month.

Little Boxes

Susan asked all who helped to stand up and they were thanked.

Holiday Sing

Sunday, December 15 from 5 to 8. Aaron read a list of performers. You can bring finger foods or beverages for the pot luck. There will also be a collection for St Andrew's food pantry. Tonight we passed a hat for them and got \$400.

Lecture Series

Alan Thomas said the first event is Thursday, January 16 – Betsy Gartwith will give a talk on the history of Clearwater. It will be at the Scenic Hudson Red Barn. The series is aiming to be the 3rd Thursday of each month. He has flyers. There are many people who might speak depending on schedules.

Harbor Report

Jim Birmingham said some of the removed docks are on the lawn and others on Long Dock waiting for Donnie White to pick them up. There is one dock that will need about 10 people to move it out of the way. See Jim.

Woody Report

Jim B. said the boat is in Haverstraw Marina. The frame is mostly up but there is no cover on it. A notice will be sent out regarding the next work party.

Environmental Committee

Tom LaBarr gave a report on recycling in Beacon. It is printed elsewhere in the newsletter. He encouraged us to be careful on what we recycle because putting in the wrong thing can contaminate the whole batch. He gave tips of where to recycle certain products such as rechargeable batteries and textiles, and he discussed proper composting. It was interesting and people had many questions.

Holiday Party

David & Maggie's annual party is this Sunday. They will provide meat. Bring side dishes or desserts. Judith Tulloch will perform. Should be great!

Voting

A motion was made to vote by voice and was approved. We voted and elected Susan Berliner, president, Vince Farine, vice-president, Tom Elliot, secretary and Aaron Verdille, treasurer.

Clearwater

Greg Williams thanked the BSC for support in so many ways and invited us to their open boat work party tomorrow. We thanked him in return for CW's support.

Membership

December is a good time to renew membership. All were encouraged to do so.

Riverpool

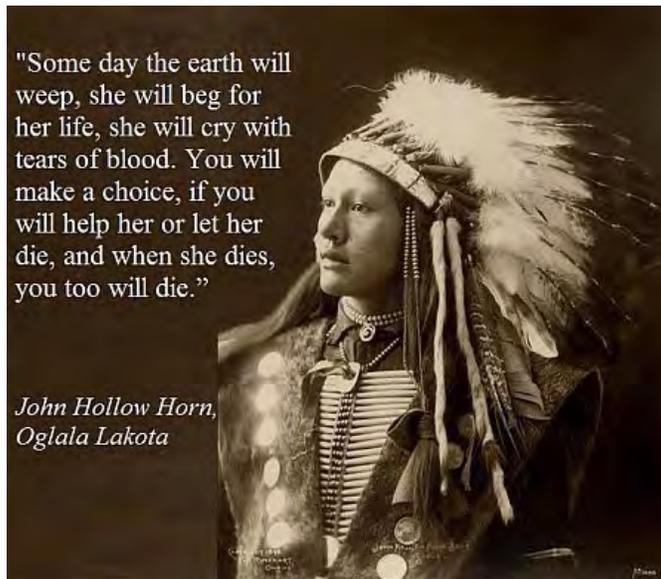
The annual meeting is December 15 at the Stony Kill Environmental Center. The annual fundraiser swim from Newburgh to Beacon is July 25. They also have a Riverpool at Beacon Youth Alliance, which is a place for youths to get together with others. Alan said they are on the cusp of another stage as they establish connections with other organizations.

MLK Parade

The 7th annual MLK Parade, which was founded by Pete Seeger is coming up. The snow date is President's Day. It includes an essay contest. January 4 will be the day to judge the essays at the Eberle's house. Greg shared that Michael Myers offered to provide a free concert at the Town Crier and to promote the parade.

Announcements

- Dec 9 – free concert – 5PM in front of Met Life Building
- Nora – organizing a delegation to Cuba in February. She also has a box of bulbs to share.
- Michael Burnet has an apartment for rent – 10 minutes away, overlooks the river, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. \$1800/month.
- Mary Poppins saw the movie Dark Waters – re Dupont – frightening but recommended. She also shared a holiday message from her talking bear toy.



Sailing to 51, Together

Once upon a time, on the banks of the (then heavily polluted) Hudson River, a small group of youngsters and oldsters gathered to celebrate the very first arrival of the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater and welcome its intrepid captain and crew, who had just sailed from the Harvey Gamage Shipyard in South Bristol, Maine, down the east coast, around the Battery, and up the Hudson to our very own Beacon, New York.

The HRS Clearwater, a very unlikely undertaking in 1969, became the flagship for an environmental movement that would transform the Hudson. This fairytale-like 106 foot wooden boat, and that environmental movement and all it has accomplished, is one of the great legacies of Pete and Toshi Seeger, who inspired an abundance of people to make it happen. Pete and Toshi helped navigate the Clearwater for over 40 years.

The small band of welcomers became the Beacon Sloop Club, with many impressive accomplishments of its own and with over 250 members today. We were very fortunate to have Pete and Toshi continually active in the Sloop Club, constantly demonstrating how working together, having fun, and making our local world a better place all go hand in hand.

Pete kept the two complementary organizations tied loosely together, going from one to the other. The Sloop Club bylaws actually mandate a minimum number of Clearwater members and many Sloop Club members are longtime Clearwater members and volunteers. For those new to the Sloop Club, I encourage you to become familiar with Clearwater and consider membership.

As both organizations head into their 51st year, much remains to be done. Let us keep our enthusiasm and energy high and remember we accomplish more together.

Rosemary Thomas



Environmental Education

Tips to Recycle Right:

Keep recyclable items loose in the bin; do not use plastic bags;
Do not recycle single-use cups and plates, condiment packages, coffee pods, stirrers, straws, paper napkins;
Return rechargeable batteries to retail recycling locations;
Compost at home or send yard trimmings and food scraps to a local or municipal composting program;
Donate dishware, mirrors, glassware and ceramics if in good condition;
Donate textiles if in good condition;
Do not recycle any type of rope, hose, or twine; and
Return needles to appropriate collection locations.
 Visit DEC's [Household Sharps website](#) for more information.

DEC urges the public to "keep it out when in doubt," as contamination in the recycling supply chain reduces the quality of recyclable materials. For more information [contact your local recycling coordinator](#) or visit the DEC website for information and resources on the "[Recycle Right NY](#)" [campaign](#).

Over the last three decades, to help maintain sustainability in the recycling industry, New York State has invested more than \$242 million in recycling grants through the State's Environmental Protection Fund to support municipal waste reduction and recycling programs with recycling infrastructure, equipment, collection vehicles, local education and outreach programs, and municipal recycling coordinator salaries. Targeted funding and focus over the last several years include food recovery, food waste collection and organics recycling, as well as electronic waste recycling. Other programs designed to encourage waste diversion in New York include stewardship programs like the electronic waste reuse and recycling act, the rechargeable battery recycling law, mercury thermostat collection act, and the drug take-back law, as well as the lead-acid battery recycling law and the bottle bill.

Recycling is required by law in New York to decrease the amount of waste sent to landfills and combustors, slow the rate of the extraction of raw materials from the earth, decrease greenhouse gas emissions, and reduce litter.

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Environmental Education cont'd

Study of NYS Bottle Bill Expansion

To help evaluate potential impacts, DEC tasked the Pollution Prevention Institute (P2I) to produce an [impact study of the expansion of the bottle bill](#) (PDF) to include wine and liquor containers. The study finds that using existing redemption rate values for containers under New York's current bottle bill, expansion to include wine and liquor containers would increase the recycling rate of these bottles by approximately 65 percent. And in addition, that while there would be additional upfront and ongoing costs to the wine and liquor industry, local recycling programs would benefit financially from the removal of wine and liquor bottles from curbside recycling by not having to collect and process this material. In addition, New York State would gain revenue through unclaimed deposits. To conduct the study, P2I reviewed other U.S. "bottle bills" and laws covering wine and liquor sales, reviewed proposed bottle bill expansion legislation from the 2019 New York State Legislative, gathered information from stakeholders to help assess potential impacts, identified the scope of the potential expansion to wine and liquor bottles, completed a high-level cost / benefit analysis, and assessed current available capacity to use more recycled glass.

NYS Bag Reduction Act

To assist in achieving the state's waste reduction goals and keep our land and waterways cleaner, the New York State Bag Reduction Act will take effect on March 1, 2020. This act prohibits the distribution of plastic carryout bags by retailers in New York State and is expected to significantly reduce the nearly 23 billion plastic bags currently used each year by New York residents. Get more [consumer information on the plastic bag ban](#).

New York Recycles Day recognizes the benefits of waste reduction, recycling, and buying products made with recycled content and promotes these practices in homes, businesses, schools, and more. For additional information [visit DEC's recycling webpage](#).

**Fine Art, and Nothing Ticky-Tacky in sight...
Little Boxes 2019**



Meanwhile upstairs....

Clearwater Winter Open Boat

January 11, 2020 @ 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Hudson River Maritime Museum Barn
50 Rondout Landing, Kingston NY 12401

Free Winter Open Boat celebration in the barn at the Hudson River Maritime Museum with potluck food, music, and kids activities. Sloop tours will be included.

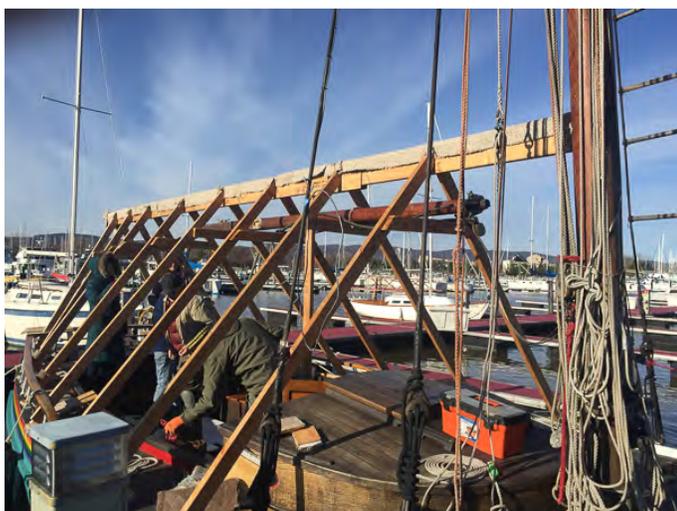
The Woody Report



The Woody is safely down in Haverstraw for the winter. Our hearty crews have been working hard to tuck her away under her cozy blue tarp.

There is still quite a bit to do, as we have had to work around the weather. So, stay tuned; there are many more opportunities to join a work party. Keep an eye on facebook.

Did I mention that you don't actually have to be a regular crewmember to help? It's a great way to learn about the boat and develop new skills. If you think you might want to become a sailor, winter is a great opportunity to meet people and learn about the boat. It's the time when people from all the different crews come together. Also, while most of the work will be done in Haverstraw, we have much to do in Beacon: work on the boom and spars, organizing our storage, etc.



50 Years Later: A History of the Building of the Sloop Clearwater w/ Betsy Garthwaite

**Thursday January 16
7:00 PM**
Scenic Hudson's River Center
(Long Dock Park, Beacon)

A Free Event



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. On Thursday January 16th at 7:00 pm The Beacon Sloop Club's 2020 Winter Lecture Series Presents: *50 Years Later, A History of the Building of the Sloop Clearwater w/ Betsy Garthwaite*

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Designed by naval architect Cyrus Hamlin, and built by the Harvey Gamage Shipyard in South Bristol, Maine, the sloop Clearwater is a replica modeled after cargo vessels that sailed the Hudson River in the 18th and 19th centuries. With their large sail area and shallow draft, they were designed specifically for the variable winds and depths of the Hudson River. For more than a century sloops were the primary conveyance for goods and passengers traveling between Manhattan and the interior.

You may think you know the story, but there is much more than most people know. Betsy separates fact from myth based on meticulous research.

Come hear the story of our "Mother Ship".

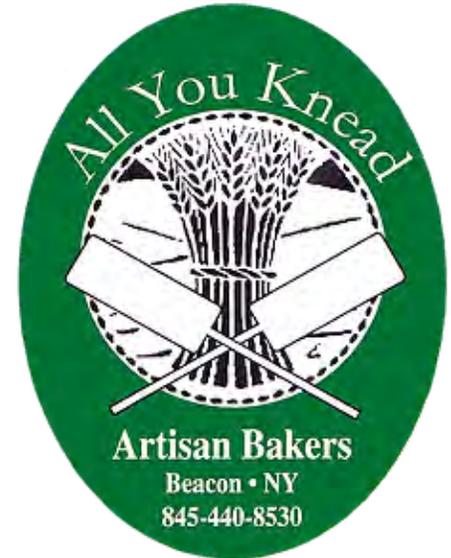
Treasury Report - October

4:45 PM
11/24/19
Cash Basis

Beacon Sloop Club, Inc.
Profit & Loss
October 2019



	<u>Oct 19</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants - Other	560.00
Total Contribution, Gifts, Grants	560.00
Gross Sales of Inventory	65.00
Investment Income	
Interest-Checking	4.84
Interest-Money Market	9.41
Total Investment Income	14.25
Membership	
Snailmail	75.00
Total Membership	75.00
Pumpkin Festival	
Chili & Soup	800.00
Pies	1,394.00
Pumpkins	260.00
Vendor	1,410.00
Total Pumpkin Festival	3,864.00
Special Event	
Little boxes fundraiser	
Door and/or canvas	83.48
Total Little boxes fundraiser	83.48
Total Special Event	83.48
Total Income	4,661.73
Gross Profit	4,661.73
Expense	
Bank Expense	
Change in Investment Value	233.80
Total Bank Expense	233.80
Facilities	
Festival	302.84
Harbor	187.71
Utilities	37.32
Total Facilities	527.87
Other Expenses	
Insurance - Liability, D and O	14,956.00
Website	50.97
Total Other Expenses	15,006.97
Pumpkin Expense	
Advertizing	42.00
Apples & Cider	65.91
Chili & Soup	222.70
Eco products	383.71
Park Fee	400.00
Pies	389.03
Police	473.50
Pumpkins	200.00
Sanitation	225.00
Total Pumpkin Expense	2,401.85
Special Events Expenses	
Little boxes	30.73
Total Special Events Expenses	30.73
Total Expense	18,201.22
Net Ordinary Income	-13,539.49
Net Income	-13,539.49
Opening Cash Balance 10/1/19	\$88,721.81
Closing Cash Balance 10/31/19	\$75,182.32
BSRF Opening 10/1/19	\$12,725.62
Contribution	\$500.00
Change in Investment value	\$156.90
B & S Rozinsky Fund 10/31	\$13,382.52



WOODY NICKELS

Go to the Fishkill Redemption Center and tell them to put your deposit proceeds in the Beacon Sloop Club envelope. Ask for a receipt.

A&A Redemption Centers
794 Rt. 52 Fishkill
(across from Fishkill recreational center)

Open 7 Days:
Monday-Saturday: 9:30-5:30
Sunday: 10:00-4:00

www.bottlecannereturns.com

Containers Accepted:

They accept all soda and beer bottles and cans, water bottles, and other beverage cans, and all store brands of New York State returnable bottles and cans. They do not accept Gatorade, Snapple, vitamin water, ice teas, Powerade, or juice bottles. (Please make certain all your containers are NY State returnable.)

Count Them Before You Come In:

You can save time by counting your cans and bottle before you go to the center. Put them in a clear bag labeled with the quantity.

Please rinse all your containers!

Current Calendar



Executive Committee meeting, Thur., Jan. 2, 7:00pm. At David Eberle's.

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting, Jan. 3— potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m

Clearwater Volunteer Maintenance Days, every Saturday until March 28, 9:00 am, Hudson River Maritime Museum Barn, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston NY

MLK Day Student Essay Review, Sat. Jan. 4, David Eberle's.

Clearwater Winter Open Boat, Jan. 11, 3:00 – 6:00 pm, Hudson River Maritime Museum Barn, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston NY

Winter Lecture Series: 50 Years Later, a History of the Building of the Sloop Clearwater w/ Betsy Garthwaite, Jan. 16, 7:00 pm, Scenic Hudson's River Center, Long Dock Park, Beacon

MLK Day Singing Parade, Mon. Jan. 20, Springfield Baptist Church, Beacon



Anyone wishing to join a Woody crew can contact any captain or Jim Birmingham to sign up. No experience is required. We will train you.

Congratulations to Our 2020 Club Officers

President	Susan Berliner
Vice President	Vince Farina
Treasurer	Aaron Verdile
Secretary	Tom Elliot

Most people's memberships are due in January. Please consider renewing.



Happy
and
Safe
Holidays
to
All

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