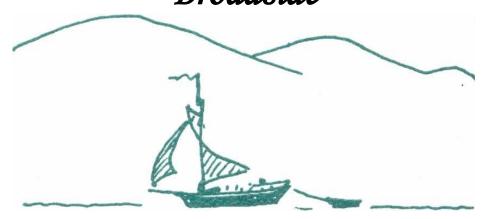
# Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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### Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 48 Years

#### A Message from Our President

As the snow swirls above and the tomcod spawn below, the Sloop Club basks in peaceful harmony with the river. February is our time for taking stock, reflecting on our past year and preparing for the months to come. With more and more inoculations happening, we are hoping for live festivals, potlucks and Woody sails this summer. Meanwhile, we have a number of exciting Zoom events coming up for you, including wonderful lectures, Woody Sailors meets, the Clearwater Gala, and our First and Possibly Last Annual Beacon Sloop Club Spout Out! Haikootenanny (see the article on page 2). Join us and stay connected to your Sloop Club friends. See you online!

For The River, Susan

#### Inside this issue:

Marching for justice virtually, haikootenanny explained, hippopotami, shrooms, and much much more.....





NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Tuesday, February 23, 6:00 p.m. NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, March 5 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

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

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Woody Scheduling:

Susan Berliner

#### **Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting**

Minutes, February 5, 2021, recorded by Tom Elliott

**Ken Miller** sang "Quiet Early Morning" for us and Susan called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. She asked us to join her in a moment of silence in memory of departed friends, Jake Hval and Matt Reddy.

**Treasurer's Report:** Aaron shared the Profit and Loss Report for December 2020, which is in the newsletter, below. Susan thanked Aaron for his report.

Clearwater Environmental Report: Manna Jo Greene told us Clearwater is preparing to go to Washington in mid-to-late March to brief the new congress on environmental issues. Topics include combating the misconception that nuclear energy is a clean energy source needed to "bridge" the change from fossil to clean, renewable energy production, and the importance or safe decommissioning and permanent spent fuel storage. Clearwater is looking for help in supporting the \$4,500.00 cost of this effort. Manna told us it is still time to call for public hearings in NY on the Entergy to Holtec Indian Point ownership transfer. There is still a chance to block it, since the NYPSC has not signed off on it yet, and hearings could bring out the necessary information that might overturn the NRC approval. Manna also told us about Scenic Hudson's proposed alternative to a new fracked gas plant at Danskammer Point; a battery storage facility that could service larger solar farm production in the mid-Hudson Valley. This effort would help meet the 2030 and 2040 renewable energy goals set by the state and provide jobs and tax base. She encouraged BSC members living in Beacon to talk to town leaders about how this might aid development of more solar there. She also told us that Clearwater is looking to participate in a round table on low impact hydroelectric as part as part of the renewables mix. In response to attendee requests, Manna added links to articles and reports to the meeting chat an said ENews will be sharing key articles on Tuesday for those who want details. Susan thanked Manna Jo for all her work.

Clearwater Goings On: Steve Staane thanked everyone for attending the January Webinar Series. There were 75-100 attendees each night to hear from a very diverse and good group of presenters. He reminded us that the virtual Gala is coming on March 4th. He told us that Professor Karl Coplan (Pace Environmental Litigation Clinic) will receive the 2021 Spirit of the Hudson Award, and the Beacon Sloop Club the 2021 Lifetime Contribution Award during the event. Also, Robin Bell, Columbia Professor of Geophysics, will be onhand and will run a break-out session during the event. Musical guest Gordon Bok will share a video and a song or two from the Clearwater's maiden voyage. Buy \$20.00 tickets or \$250 Captain's Circle tickets at Clearwater.org/events/gala-2021. In boat news, Clearwater will be re-hiring crew in March and is still searching for an education leader, whose position will now be called program director. Please send good candidates their way. Also, there is a CW board meeting on Tuesday where findings from the strategic plan process will be presented. Susan thanked Steve for his news saying it is always wonderful to have him with us.

Woody Report: Captain Steve reported that there will be no spring sailing classes this year. He is doubtful that there will be a guest sailing program this summer, given the pace of vaccine distribution. We probably will bring the Woody back to Beacon for the summer for limited crew and training sails, which will help keep maintenance up along with sailing skills and new captain training.

Harbor Report and Sailor's meeting: Susan told us that there had been a zoom Sailor's meeting last month, organized by James Malchow. James said that the event was intended to be social, getting sailors together online who have not been in contact for some time. The event was well received, and he plans to hold another one in the near future. It is open to all sailors and sailor's friends, so if you would like to be on the email list to receive the link, send a request to James at jpmalchow@gmail.com. Susan went on to tell us that Jim Birmingham has moved south and will not be able to fill the role of harbor coordinator. Kip Tourraine, though, has his finger on the pulse of the harbor and is with us still.

Winter Lectures: Alan thanked all who attended his talk on Africa last month and told us that the speaker for February 18<sup>th</sup> will be Alisa Javitz of Sugar Shack Mushrooms, speaking on *The Future of Fungi*. The March lecture will be about the racing sloop, Eleanor. April and May speakers are still being worked on. Susan thanked Alan for his report and for his excellent talk on African fauna.

**Building Report:** Susan asked if anyone could take on the job of going to the clubhouse on Red Flynn Drive to clean up the entry walks after a snowfall. Matt Bowen said he could and would go there the next day around 10:00 a.m. Alan Thomas said he would meet him there to help. Thanks, Matt and Alan.

MLK Walk: Bonnie Champion reported that the January 18<sup>th</sup> MLK Virtual Birthday event was dreamy, with love and peace as its theme and at its core. She gave huge thanks to Matt Bowen for running the zoom webinar event, and to Springfield Baptist Church members and singers and the many performers and speakers who made the event special. Susan thanked Bonnie for the inspiring program. Matt told us he has a 25 gigabyte MP4 file from the event that needs editing and is looking for someone with those skills to help.

Rise Up Spouting! A Haikootenanny: Susan described a new fundraising event this spring to benefit Clearwater. The event is a virtual Haiku competition that will take place on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Authors donate \$20.00 to submit a haiku (a seventeen-syllable poem arranged in three lines). Poems will be read online and winners in four categories will receive prizes. Read all the details here in the newsletter.

**Announcements: Susan** announced the club now has a Clearwater Ambassador Page that you can use to make donations to Clearwater and can now accept Venmo payments for donations and sales. **Matt Bowen** announced that it is Matt Tether's birthday next month on the 5<sup>th</sup>!

With no further announcements, Susan wished us all a happy Ground Hogs Day, and the Circle of Song began, led by Ken Miller.

#### Rise Up Spouting!

How has your year been going? Be honest. Perhaps you've spent your days in quiet contemplation at the river's edge? Made meat pies of your neighbors? Fomented a bloody putsch on the steps of Capitol Hill? No matter! Now's your chance to come clean and help raise much needed funds.

It's easy! In 17 elegant syllables, compose a haiku illuminating your personal journey over the past 10 months.

Never written haiku? You'll love it! Anyone can do it - that's the beauty. Simply unburden your soul in exactly 17 syllables, divided into three lines: first line - 5 syllables, second line - 7 syllables, third line - 5 syllables. If you can howl it, you can write it.

Send \$20 to the Beacon Sloop Club, or register through Brown Paper Tickets, and email your tiny masterpiece to <a href="mailto:tomelliott789@gmail.com">tomelliott789@gmail.com</a> - all by Wednesday, April 7th. Then join us online Sunday, April 11th at 5:00 for a festive Spout Out! Haikootenanny. Everyone will have an opportunity to read their haiku to an adoring assemblage of like-minded spirits who will then vote on their favorites. Democracy lives!

Will your haiku be soaring and rapturous? Brilliant beyond words (but not beyond 17 syllables)? Deplorably funny? Stranger than brushing your teeth in the river? How about someone else's teeth? There will be prizes for all levels of decompensation.

Winners of the People's Choice Vote in each category will receive an historic one-of-a-kind Clearwater face mask, suitable for wearing or framing, lovingly hand crafted from sweaty old Revival tee shirts, hopefully washed, as well as the worshipful veneration of your truest soulmates.

But wait! There's more! All entrants will receive an official voucher for a free slice of future Pumpkin Fest pie, which, let's face it, you will have probably made yourself.

Be brave! Join the noble ranks of your fellow haikooligans and spout forth! Spout fifth! Spout sixth! For a one time additional \$5, you can write as many haikus as your heart can bear (but submit no more than 5). That's \$25, and two full months of rollicking, rip roaring, non-stop solitary fun! What are you waiting for? All entries are due by email on April 7th.

Sound expensive? It is expensive! But the entire proceeds from this event will go to our Help Clearwater Stay Afloat initiative to provide a free sail to an underserved school right here on our leg of the river.

Come join the turpitude! If you want to attend, but not compose (or be composed) the event is free to members. You will still have the opportunity to redeem yourself by donating if you choose.

The best part is...everyone wins. You'll have a fun, mind expanding evening with good friends, and the joy of giving 50 local schoolchildren the gift of an amazing, life changing experience on the Hudson River.

Help make history! Zoom on down to the First and Possibly Last Annual Beacon Sloop Club Spout Out! Haikootenanny Google Meet on Sunday, April 11th at 5:00. You'll receive the link in your email.

Scrive on!!!





Marching, Singing and Staying Warm, Covid Style

We would like to thank Bonnie Champion, Matt Bowen, the members of the Springfield Baptist Church and everyone else who participated in the Virtual Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration.

It was a wonderful tribute to the man and his vision in a year when it was most needed. You only have to watch the news to see why coming together and affirming our commitments to justice sends a powerful message and shows our community at its best.

Thank you again. Hopefully we will take it to the streets again next year.

Stay warm, stay safe, stay committed!



#### **Hudson Valley Environmental Related News**

-A 23-mile segment of the 750-mile-long Empire State Trail is now open in Putnam, which is built alongside an unused Metro-North railroad line. This trail connects Manhattan north to Canada or west to Buffalo (see map). It is now the longest multi-use state trail in the country open for walks, running, or biking. The trail intersects with the Appalachian Trail so can travel also south to Georgia or north to Maine. This addition to what is called the Duchess Rail Trail in Hopewell Junction connects either south 89 miles to Manhattan's southern tip, or if go north it leads across the Walkway Over the Hudson, and cities north. For more information: empiretrail.ny.gov

(Putnam County News 1/6/21 and The Highlands Current 1/8)

-1/10/21 The monthly meeting of the Marbletown Environmental Conservation Commission and Climate Smart Communities Task Force (ECC) was held. A goal of this group is to reduce harmful emissions and increase energy efficiency by recommending strategies for use in Marbletown. Due to this group and others, Marbletown has increased renewable energy use from 12% to 30%. Eric Stewart Town Board member and liaison between the town and ECC said during the meeting that our country has spent 20 billion on the aftermath of past natural disasters, 2020 saw record heat, and cyclone events, there is an increase of ticks due to climate changes and this is a moral call for us, a call to protect our children.

To see the ECC's 10 Money Saving Plan toward 100% Renewable Energy and their other activities visit: <a href="https://www.marbletown.net/ECC">www.marbletown.net/ECC</a>

The city of Newburgh won a forty thousand dollar grant to improve their environment. Chacal Thomas, Chair of the Conservation Advisory Council, said "This grant will go a long way toward the re-greening of Broadway, our main business district, which has been virtually devoid of trees for many years." The grant money will prepare 20 empty tree pits for planting along Broadway. The NY DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) awarded the City of Newburgh the grant, chosen from 154 submissions statewide, as part of the DEC's Urban and Community Forestry Program (Newburgh on line 2/21).

-Regarding Danskammer's Article 10 application: In January, the State's Public Service Commission (PSC) has, for the second time, requested Danskammer to submit more information about its proposed expansion. Also, supplemental information has been requested of Danskammer, for the fourth time, by the NY State DEC. In the meantime, Danskammer had agreed to pay the Marlboro school district \$700,000 over the lifetime of its four-year Community Benefit Agreement, and the Town of Newburgh is receiving \$200.00 annually until 2024.

Under the umbrella of Food and Water Watch, more than 30 activist organizations signed on to a letter asking the state to deny this project. (Times Herald Record 2/22/21. Lana Bellamy).

Let's hope money doesn't talk and Danskammer takes a walk out of this area. In the meantime, Scenic Hudson after an amazing investigation, has proposed that the Danskammer site be used for the storage for solar and wind power energy (Mid-Hudson Times 1/7-18/21 Mark Reynolds).

-On 2/24, there will be a free online free webinar sponsored by Riverkeeper "A Just Transition to 100% Renewables in New York." The webinar will discuss how communities, workers, neighborhoods that are most at risk for dirty energy will transition to renewables by energy projects, and future legislation. Speakers include: NY Senator Pete Harckham, Peekskill Council member Vanessa Agudelo, Courtney Willims of SEnRG( Safe Energy Rights Group), Carlos Garcia of NYC-EJA (the NYC Environmental Justice Alliance, a non-profit, linking grassroots organizations from low-income neighborhoods and communities of color in their struggle for environmental justice), and Aneta Voronkova of Pratt NYPIRG (The New York Public Interest Research Group Fund). This group is a non-partisan, nonprofit, which examines important issues, produces studies, and engages New Yorkers in public education campaigns designed to produce policies that strengthen democracy, enhance the rights of consumers and voters, and protect the environment and public health (NYPIRG website).

-The Hudson River Environmental Society & Hudson River Foundation Hudson River Symposium have joined to present the first of a five-part series about the life and stressors on the Hudson River fish life. The first presentation will be: February 25, from 1:30 to 3:30pm online. It is a free. The stressors on Hudson Valley fish to be discussed include climate change, offshore commercial fishing, dams, invasive species, etc. The series continues through March.

Submitted by: Nora Gallardo Beacon Sloop Club member



#### A Few Follow-ups to the January Lecture

Several people have contacted me with additional questions, mostly about the delta. I'm not an expert but would sum it up this way: Angola holds the key to the region. All the major rivers have their source in the highlands. After 40 years of civil war, it is poised for rapid population growth and development. The establishment of the KAZA TFCA is a hopeful sign but not in itself sufficient for long-term sustainability.

I almost titled the talk "Of Time and Rivers Flowing". Deep in the delta you get a glimpse into a time when man was not the dominate species and feel the weight of the future hanging over it.

The National Geographic's "Into the Okavango" is available on Amazon Prime. If you don't have access, I recommend "The Bush Boyes of the Okavango" on YouTube: <a href="https://youtu.be/\_6C16QdFuSg">https://youtu.be/\_6C16QdFuSg</a>



#### BEACON SLOOP CLUB WINTER EDUCATION SERIES

# The future of fungi: Food, medicine, material and more w/ Alisa Javits



## Thursday February 18 7:00 PM

#### The Virtual Beacon Sloop Club

Join Zoom Meeting ID: 84707414753 Password: 894235 (US) +1 408-638-0968 Passcode: 894235



An overview on mushrooms and all that they offer our kitchens, culture and planet. We will discuss how mushrooms grow, methods of cultivation, and their many uses: nutrition, medicinals, therapeutics, environmental remediation, renewable resources and the unknown.



Alisa is a farmer, maker and an artist, she has been farming for over a dozen years. Her farming career began in small scale organic salad and flower growing. Over the last five years she began her studies in the world of mushroom cultivation and started her mushroom farm in 2018, Sugarshack Mushrooms in New Paltz, NY (an uninvited guest on the stolen indigenous lands of the Esopus tribe).

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#### The History and Restoration of the Eleanor: w/ Louise Bliss Thursday March 18

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Join Louise Bliss as she shares some of her experiences sailing on the Hudson River and the story of restoring Eleanor, an exemplary example of Clinton Crane's race-about style sloop of the early 1900s or, the Golden Age of Sail.

Louise is member of the Hudson Athens Lighthouse Preservation Society and subsequently president, president of the Hudson River Historic Boat Restoration & Sailing Society Inc, president of the Hudson River Lighthouse Coalition; the first one, a member of the Hudson Power Boat Club and the Roe Jan Boat Club.

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#### **Treasury Report - December**

# The Beacon Sloop Club, inc. Profit and Loss

December 2020

		Total	
Income			
Contribution, Gifts, Grants		500.00	
Food Pantry donation		1,555.00	
Legacies and Bequests		30.00	
Network for Good		500.00	
Year End Appeal		2,445.00	
Total Contribution, Gifts, Grants	\$	5,030.00	
Gross Sales of Inventory		22.53	
Investment Income		38.11	
Interest-Checking		2.25	
Interest-Money Market		5.66	
Total Investment Income	\$	46.02	
Membership			
Paypal		455.00	
Snailmail		710.00	
Total Membership	\$	1,165.00	
Other Revenue			
Harbor Mooring Fee		250.00	
Total Other Revenue	\$	250.00	
Total Income	\$	6,513.55	
Gross Profit	\$	6,513.55	
Expenses			
Bank Expense			
Paypal		47.76	
Total Bank Expense	\$	47.76	
Facilities			
Utilities		139.50	
Total Facilities	\$	139.50	
Donation			
Food Pantry		1,476.00	
Total Donation	\$	1,476.00	
Website		19.37	
Total Other Expenses	\$	1,495.37	
Total Expenses	\$	1,682.63	
Net Operating Income	\$	4,830.92	
Net Income	\$	4,830.92	
Opening Cash Balance 12/1/2020	\$	94,933.83	
Closing Cash Balance 12/31/2020	\$	99,764.75	
Change in Investment Value	\$	363.18	
Total Balance 12/31/2020	\$ \$ \$	100,127.93	
Unrestricted	\$ \$ \$	76,390.24	
Restricted (total)	\$	23,374.51	
B & S Rozinsky Fund 12/31/2020	\$	18,633.28	
Board designated funds	\$	5,002.34	





#### **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.bottlecanreturns.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 except 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!

#### In Memoria



Matt Reddy, a valued volunteer and friend, passed away on Dec. 1, at the age of 85. He was the owner of Poughkeepsie Pest Control in Highland.

In recent years you could find him staffing the ticket booth with Nora Kiely.

Mat is survived by his three sons, Matthew, Andrew and David. Our condolences go out to Matt's family and to Nora. He will be missed.

#### **Current Calendar**

The future of fungi:
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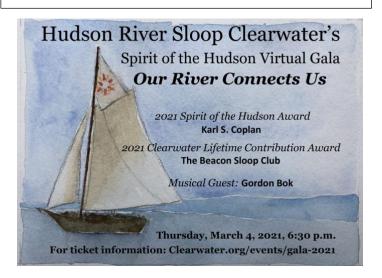
**BSC Executive Committee Meeting** 

Tuesday, February 23 6:00 – 8:30pm Meeting ID

https://meet.google.com/bcr-vgwc-pak

Join by phone

(US) +1 662-502-2773 PIN: 481 767 331#



#### **Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting**

Friday, March 5 ⋅6:30 – 10:00pm

Join with Google Meet

meet.google.com/onm-gkfs-hrc

Join by phone

+1 803-587-8953 PIN: 802 049 943#



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





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

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