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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 48 Years

A Message from Our President

Sloop Club summer is in full swing! The Woody is sailing, Corn Fest is coming, and we'll be the press boat in the upcoming August 4 Danskammer Flotilla action to protest the reopening of Danskammer as a fracked gas facility.

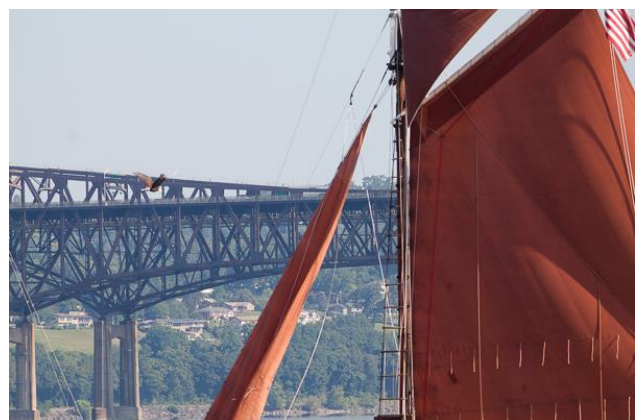
Congratulations to RiverPool for another successful River Swim, and to all our members who swam, kayaked, sailed and helped out on land.

You are all invited to come on down and help out at Corn Fest on August 15 - our first Festival since 2019! It's a great way to make new friends and celebrate the magnificent Hudson!

See you at the river,
Susan

Inside this issue:

Celebrating Woody and our volunteers, Corn Festival returns, Danskammer, , and much, more.....



Can you spot the eagle checking out the Woody?

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Tuesday, August 24, 6:00 p.m.

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

Name _____ Street Address _____

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

Household Membership donation \$ _____ Renewal _____ New Member _____

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,
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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, July 2, 2021, recorded by Tom Elliott

Ken, Rob, and Wayne sang “May the Circle be Unbroken, and Susan Berliner opened the meeting at 7:36 pm, welcoming all. She asked if there were any first-time visitors, and David told us he and Phoenix and Dot have been in Beacon for a year, arriving from Brooklyn. Susan also asked if any members were here for the first time since the Covid shut down, and Wayne came in saying, “yes,” and donated \$100 to the club. Thank you, Wayne!

Treasurer’s Report: Aaron shared the Profit and Loss Report for May 2021, which is in the newsletter, below.

Nora Kiely Memorial Strawberry Celebration: Susan told us that the Celebration dedicated to Nora Kiely’s memory held on June 13 was a wonderful success, with an excellent Circle of Song, and delicious food featuring local strawberries and homemade biscuits. She told us donations made to in Nora Kiely’s memory two months ago and those taken in at the event equaled expenses.

Woody and Harbor Report: Captain-in-Training James reported that training sails have been going this past week Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and Fridays. There was also a reunion sail by Wednesday’s crew, as Jim Birmingham was in town, picking up his boat. James said guest sails could be scheduled for as early as next week Thursday, with Captain Tom’s crew. Susan is the person who will schedule any guest sails again this year. Tom reported that silt build up in the harbor likely will restrict some sails at low tide this year. He also told us he is willing to serve as captain on Wednesday nights, weather permitting, and that more crew members are needed for Friday night’s crew. See Tom if you are interested.

Woody Guthrie Birthday Party: Volunteers are invited to celebrate Woody Guthrie’s birthday on Saturday, July 10 at 4 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Sandwiches will be provided along with water, seltzers, and beer. This is an event designed to thank BSC volunteers for all the dedicated work they do each year.

Danskammer Flotilla: will be held in the river directly across the river from Chelsea on August 4 at 1:00 pm. This event will include the Woody sailed by Captain Tom and crew, many kayakers, and possibly the Clearwater. The purpose of the event is to send a message through media coverage to Governor Cuomo and the legislature that the idea of expanding and reactivating the Danskammer as a full-time fracked methane plant is a bad idea, out of sync with NY’s 2040 energy plan, and instead support Scenic Hudson’s plan to build two green energy battery storage farms on the property, but above the flood line. This plan can be viewed on Scenic Hudson website, John of the Chelsea Yacht Club says kayakers will put in there about 1 hr. and 30 mnts. ahead of the event. He asks everyone to please stay off lawns and not block driveways.

Wayne offered a little more on the Danskammer Gas Plant issue, saying the issue of union jobs at the plant is offset by jobs created by the battery storage farms, and any jobs that would be created for a gas plant will at best be temporary. This project benefits Wall Street, not local people, it is for the few, not the many.

Corn Festival: The August 15 Corn Festival will be our first full-blown corn festival in over a year, with vendors, displays, music, and lots of sweet corn. We will need many volunteers and some of our equipment needs a make-over. The signs we use to mark cans for recycling, etc. need to be re-made, and the cans themselves need repainting. Asked who could help, Keith, Mary, Nancy, Ellen, Patricia and Tom Elliott said they would. A date will be determined.

Clearwater Update: There is a board meeting next week Tuesday, either live or on Zoom. The Virtual Revival was a success, with needed funds raised. Clearwater is hanging on nicely for now, and public sails have begun. Dates and departure locations are on the website at clearwater.org. Also, Susan said a Sloop Club sail is being planned for a date in September.

Environmental Report:

July is New York Plastic Free Month, which reminds us to stay away from single-use plastics whenever you can. Betty asked how we can replace plastic garbage bags, and Tom LaBarr said to try paper grocery or lawn bags. He had some other ideas for us, including buying items in larger sizes to avoid unnecessary packaging and to bring your own containers for leftovers when you go out to dine. Don’t buy ready to eat frozen meals because of the plastic packaging inside the box. Try to avoid using plastic storage bags. Tom said he is looking into replacing compostable flatware with reusable stainless steel at our festivals because they cost only a little more and can be washed and reused many times. Wayne pointed out that some compostable packaging contains micro plastics, so be careful of those, too. He suggests pressing local government officials for the use of glass and metals to aid in true recycling.

Announcements:

Gail Moran told us she likes a new laundry detergent, “Earth Breeze,” that works well, but comes in strips you put in the washer, so no heavy plastic bottle is needed. Rachel added there is a business in Cornwall that sells bulk liquid detergent, so bottles can be reused. They have Castille and other soaps, too.

Alan Zollner told us of a product called a Cora Ball, which you put in with your wash, picks up micro plastics so they can be placed in the garbage, sending them to the landfill rather than into the river.

Alan said River Swim is July 24 and will be an early morning event. The Woody will be supporting, and kayakers will be able to put in at Scenic Hudson’s Long Dock Park ramp as usual. It is a one-mile swim from Newburgh to Beacon Harbor Long Dock. He told us a good way to support Beacon River Pool is to sponsor a swimmer with a \$10 gift. Alan said five more volunteers are needed, one on the Newburgh side and four in Beacon. Tell Rachel if you can do it. Volunteers must be fully vaccinated. All will receive a T-shirt.

With no further announcements, Susan adjourned the meeting at 8:34 pm, and the Circle of Song began.

Hudson Valley Environmental Related News

-Bravo to Clearwater's Manna Jo Greene and Scenic Hudson's Hayley Carlock on their June 21, "Danskammer Overview" webinar. It was a clear and informative presentation available on the Clearwater's Environmental site and YouTube. The webinar explains the background of Danskammer, and the ongoing research by Environmental groups on how this plant could be replaced by a site for battery fuel storage, waterfront access, solar storage, and other interesting findings.

-The non-profit group "Everyday People Initiating Change" (EPIC) has selected the City of Newburgh to provide technical assistance for the replacement of all residential lead service lines. Newburgh, like 11,000 other U.S. communities, have these types of service lines. The corrosion by the substances in water causes the release of lead and has been linked to kidney damage and children's learning disabilities.

EPIC believes since its inception in 2017, that "innovation and speed are central to broadening efforts to conserve wildlife, restore special natural places, and deliver people and nature with the clean water they need to thrive" (Mid-Hudson Times 7/1/21 & EPIC website).

-A Trump era E.P.A. decision that eliminated water source pollution protection was struck down by our present administration. The restored rule "grants states and Native American tribes the authority to block pipelines and other energy projects that can pollute rivers, streams, and other waterways." (Matthew Daly, A.P. 5/28/21 Times Herald-Record).

-Because of its acceptance into the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP), more Federal funding will be available for Newburgh to clean up contamination from the toxic chemicals used in firefighting foam at Stewart Air National Guard base, that seeped into the near-by streams and then into Washington Lake. The foam contained PFAS, thought to cause cancer, low birth weight, and other health issues. Stewart is the first Air National Guard base to be accepted into the DERP funding program, made available only in 2020. Prior to this date, the Trump administration had eliminated all National Guard bases from this program. The funding will be available by the end of September 2021. New Windsor filed a lawsuit on May 10th to recover millions spent to mitigate the contamination of their water from the same Stewart foam. (M.Randall, 5/20/21 Middletown Times Herald Record)

-The May 1st 10th annual "River Sweep" of debris (begun by Scenic Hudson and continues by Riverkeepers) have been tabulated and can be found on the River Keepers website. The article, which includes a color graph of where and what was found, written by Cory Watanabe, shows that single use beverage plastic bottles, cigarette butts, bottle caps and plastic food wrappers, are on the top of the list of what was picked near miles of NY shorelines.

Submitted by:
Nora Gallardo, Beacon Sloop Club Member

Corn Festival Call for Volunteers August 15

We need people to help with:

Set-up of tents, stages, etc

Vendor set-up, Husking

Corn serving, Chili

Earth Care

Take down and cleanup

Membership and Merchandising

And

Many, Many, More tasks

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Please come out and support the community and the Sloop Club and have a little fun down by the riverside.



Celebrating Woody Guthrie's Birthday and our Volunteers



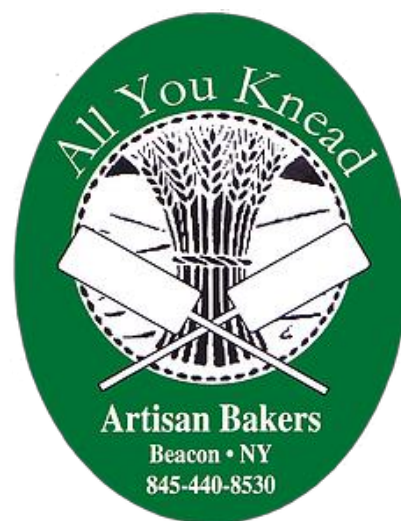
Thank you to all who came celebrate all things Woody, sing his songs, and enjoy our beautiful River.

A very special thank you goes to the Guthrie Family for donating CDs, books, and other Woody related items to our raffle.



The Beacon Sloop Club, inc. Profit and Loss - May 2021

		Total
Income		
Contribution, Gifts, Grants		450.00
Amazonsmile Foundation		17.80
Lecture Series donations		15.00
Legacies and Bequests		305.00
Total Contribution, Gifts, Grants	\$	787.80
Investment Income		9.60
Interest-Money Market		8.42
Total Investment Income	\$	18.02
Membership		
Paypal		135.00
Snailmail		275.00
Total Membership	\$	410.00
Other Revenue		
Harbor Mooring Fee		2,150.00
Total Other Revenue	\$	2,150.00
Special Event		
Haikootenanny		3,451.00
MLK essay contest - donation		15.00
Total Special Event	\$	3,466.00
Total Income	\$	6,831.82
Gross Profit	\$	6,831.82
Expenses		
Bank Expense		
Paypal		4.17
Total Bank Expense	\$	4.17
Facilities		
Utilities		29.47
Woody Maintenance		167.39
Total Facilities	\$	196.86
Other Expenses		
Website		19.37
Total Other Expenses	\$	19.37
Total Expenses	\$	220.40
Net Operating Income	\$	6,611.42
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Opening Cash Balance 5/1/2021	\$	108,475.51
Closing Cash Balance 5/31/2021	\$	115,086.93
Change in Investment Value	\$	150.87
Total Balance 5/31/2021	\$	115,237.80
Unrestricted	\$	84,506.34
Restricted (total)*	\$	30,580.59
B & S Rozinsky Fund 5/31/2021	\$	20,615.15
Board designated funds	\$	5,002.71



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!

The Beacon Sloop Club's
Corn Festival

Free Admission

Sun. Aug. 15
12-5

Music,
Crafts,
Food



A Tradition Returns

Pete & Toshi Seeger
Riverfront Park, Beacon

Current Calendar

BSC Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 24
6:00 – 8:30pm
At the Clubhouse



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.

Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting
Friday, August 6 6:30 – 10:00pm
At the clubhouse

Wednesday, August 4th
12pm at Chelsea Public Boat Ramp



Flotilla to Stop Danskammer



Join the sloops *Clearwater* and *Woody Guthrie*, sailboats, canoes, & kayaks as we take to the water to protect our environment and stop a new fracked gas plant from being built on the shore of the Hudson.

12 noon- Paddlers arrive, unload, park, and launch by 1pm. Followed by a press conference and rally near the public boat ramp in the Hamlet of Chelsea.

RSVP & more details here:
bit.ly/flotillatostopdanskammer



Upcoming Clearwater Public Sails

NYC, August 8th

<https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/clearwater/items/268525/?full-items=yes>

Details of calendar events may be found elsewhere in the newsletter.
For more info about the BSC: www.beaconsloop.org, or www.beaconsloopclub.org