



Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 49 Years

A Message from Our President

Friends,

As the New Year begins, I wish to acknowledge a debt of gratitude to officers Susan Berliner, Vince Farina, Aaron Verdile and Tom Elliot for guiding the Club through a most critical time in the face of a once-in-century crisis. They have smoothed the transition process and prepared us for the challenges to come.

A special note of thanks goes to Susan who has generously provided advice and wisdom, patiently answered questions, and gone over everything. The members of the Executive Board have also been extremely gracious in welcoming new officers. While other institutions are threatened by the headwinds of the pandemic, the Beacon Sloop Club perseveres.

As members arrived for the December 18th Holiday Sing, what to their wondering eyes should appear but a festively decorated clubhouse! Aaron had decked the hall with cheerful holiday lights. Neither wind, nor rain, nor cold, nor gloom of night could stop the merry revelers from spreading holiday cheer. A heart-felt thanks to all those who decorated, brought food, made music, and to all who listened and sang along.

David Eberle kicked off the holiday season by generously opening the doors of his beautiful home for a wonderful holiday party. There was plenty of delicious food, delightful music provided by the Judith Tulloch Band, and good cheer and conversation. David announced that many generous donations had been collected during the party.

Alas, the MLK parade has been canceled for another year. We set our sights on January 2023 when

we hope to bring our voices, our hearts and our '60's spirit to reignite a grand Beacon tradition.

Everyone in the Club is saddened to hear of the passing of Rene Vivo, beloved club member and friend of many.

Our thoughts are with Connie Hogarth and Betty Harkins. Betty has returned to Northern Westchester Restorative, and it is reported that she would enjoy receiving phone calls and visitors. We send our best wishes to Wayne Kocher and everyone else who is struggling with COVID. We keep all of you in our hearts.

A special thanks goes to Alan Thomas who expertly addressed all the technical challenges for a last-minute switch to remote for the January meeting.

Happy New Year in 2022!

Rob

Inside this issue:

Welcoming our new leadership team, ringing in the New Year, Sloop Club style, and much, more.....



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Tuesday, January 25, 6:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, February 4 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.

Woody Captains:

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

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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, July 7, 2022, recorded by Ivy Kogan

The Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting was held both remotely (virtual) and at the clubhouse on 01/04/2022; Robert May presiding as President, with Patricia Finnerty (Vice President), Ive Kogan (Secretary) and Aaron Verdile (Treasurer) in attendance as officers. The Board of Directors included Alan Thomas, Joyce Hanson, Steve Schwartz, Tom LaBarr, Susan Berliner, Rosemary Thomas, Vince Farina, Tom Elliot, Bonnie Champion and Betty Harkins in spirit. We were joined by 40+ remote members. Ken Miller began the meeting with a warm song. Rob May brought the meeting to order at 7:33p.m.

Treasurer's Report:

Aaron Verdile presented the November 2021 Profit and Loss Statement. The total balance of November 2021 was \$99,732.64. The total income for November 2021 was \$2,017.20. The total expenses for the month of November 2021 were \$2,820.39. The Net Operating Income reported was **(\$803.19)**.

Holiday Sing:

Susan Berliner spoke about the Holiday Sing. Susan thanked everyone who came to the event and the wonderful musicians who played. Susan stated that Aaron did a great job with sound and lights. All proceeds received from the Holiday Sing will be donated to Common Ground Farm. Aaron chimed-in and stated the money raised will be noted in the December report, and that the total received so far was approximately \$624.00.

Woody Report:

Steve Schwartz delivered the Woody Report. The Woody is at the Haverstraw Marina, and everything is okay. Steve hasn't heard of any issues. The new cable is in. Max Smith (Assistant Maintenance Coordinator) is doing an amazing job organizing and preparing for the spring. Steve stated there should be no excuse for people not to come down to the Marina in the spring and help get the Woody in the water for the sailing season.

Winter Lecture:

Alan Thomas presented the winter lecture series. On January 20th, Joyce Hanson is organizing a virtual video/documentary of the Story of Plastics. There will be a video link to watch the video, and afterwards a Zoom discussion for members who would like to participate. The event starts at 7:00 pm (link will be shared). On February 10th, Guy Davis is expected to come to The Beacon Sloop Club, as he would prefer to have an in-person performance. The Board of Directors is deciding if we will be holding a limited attendance event or planning to cancel due to the on-going pandemic. In April, we will host a DEC Eel program for kids; the event is scheduled to take place either on 4/2 or 4/23.

Building Report:

Vince Farina presented the building report. Vince Farina, Susan Berliner and a few members stopped the tree leak, then replaced and cleaned the light fixtures. Antony Tseng took two fire extinguishers for inspection. One requires a hydro the other was not a type that they service. Tom Labarr contacted Safeco., and they are waiting for parts

required for the upgrade to 4/5G. Steve Schwartz offered Japanese Maple wood, but it needs to be split. Steve will keep the wood at his home until needed.

Clearwater:

Steve Stanne presented the Clearwater report. Steve Stanne thanked The Beacon Sloop Club and David Eberle for the recent fundraising event held for Clearwater. The Clearwater boat is out of the water for the winter and receiving the necessary repairs for spring – located at Scarano Boat Building in Albany, NY. Exciting news: David Toman will serve as the new Executive Director; David served recently as the CFO at the Mohonk Preserve. On January 13th, at 6:30pm, there will be a virtual (remote) event – The Green Amendment: How it will change New York's Environmental Future. Clearwater is working on a strategic plan to be more sustainable and strengthen the organization for the future.

Environmental Report:

Tom Labarr stated for members to start planning their gardens. Tom Labarr emphasized the importance of growing food, as well as eating and shopping for local vegetables to reduce the carbon footprint. If you have any questions on how to set up a garden, Tom is available to speak.

Martin Luther King Parade:

Bonnie Champion presented on status but was having technical difficulties (Bonnie's audio was not working). Rob May announced that the Martin Luther King parade and meeting at the Salem Tabernacle are canceled on January 17th. Since children had already participated in the Martin Luther King essay, the review of the essays will be held at David Eberle's home on Sunday, January 10th.

Motion:

Aaron Verdile motioned the approval of the Budget presented at the December meeting. Gail Moran asked what the budget was before approving. The budget was confirmed as \$51,000. Gail second the motion and members approved the budget.

Announcements

René Vivo, a former member of the Beacon Sloop Club, passed away on December 25th. The Beacon Sloop club donated \$50.00 to René Vivo's family.

Joyce Hanson shared that The Beacon Sloop Club is still accepting donations for Common Ground Farm until January 31st. If members would like to donate, please make checks payable to The Beacon Sloop and in the memo (of the check) write "Common Ground Farm."

Hope asked if the Beacon Sloop Club would send a card to Connie Hogarth. She is not feeling well. Alan Thomas volunteered to send a card to Connie.

Ellen Kirscher asked if the sailing class will be offered soon. Rob May stated he will speak to James Malchow about the sailing class offering.

Allan Zollner shared that the Great Newburgh to Beacon Hudson River Swim will be held on July 30, 2022. The event will be held mid-morning (still deciding on time). Registration will be in the spring.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Rob May adjourned the meeting at 8:18pm.

Hudson Valley Environmental Related News



The Battle is not over as Danskammer Company has Appealed their DEC Air Permit denial

In early December, Danskammer Energy, LLC filed a request for an adjudicatory hearing after the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced on Oct. 27 that it had denied the Title V Air Permit for the \$500 million Danskammer Energy Center expansion project in Newburgh. The same day the DEC also rejected an air permit for the Astoria Gas Turbine Power project in Queens.

Appalachian Trail Hikers

Three former Newburgh Scout troop members (#4027), now adults, who use the nicknames Aqua Dog, Savage, and Trainer, walked the 2,100-mile Appalachian Trail which begins at Springer Mountain, Georgia and ends at the border of Maine. It took about five months (Orange County Post- Sentinel 11/19/21).

Walking even a few miles on any part of the Appalachian, or on many of the trails in the Hudson Valleys infects one with the beauty of nature; all need our continued protection.

Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries Provides Public Education

Located on Denning's Point Beacon, the Institute for Rivers and Estuaries, is part of the Hudson Valley campus of Clarkson University. Their main campus is in Potsdam. "The mission of the Institute is to conduct studies to find solutions for issues related to estuary and freshwater ecosystems throughout the Hudson Valley and across New York State."

Besides research, the Institute, provides education to college age students, the public and the younger population, as they sponsor programs for public school children. This fall, over 1,200 students from grades 5-12 were involved. The students were from the Beacon and Newburgh school districts. Educational programs included: live animal studies, ecological and Algonquin Civilization exhibitions (online Clarkson.edu/academics/Beacon).



Photos by Nora Gallardo

The Hudson Valley Repair Café

I arrived in December at 10a.m to the New Paltz United Methodist Church and was directed to their basement where tables were being set up by various skilled volunteers. There were sewing, wood repair, electrical and mechanical tables. I carried my lamp and a waffle iron given to me by my mother, that is over 60 years old, both broken. I watched in awe as an antique chair and very old slot machine were repaired, and of course my items. The young man who worked about 20 minutes, mainly on the waffle iron, has a job during the week, but volunteers at no charge on his days off. The cost of the service is "by donation only." Volunteers pinned on the walls several posters, one read: "If you do not agree with the phases of the moon, get a ladder and repair it" (An African Hausa joke). Another had words by Pete Seeger.

Originated in 2009 in the Netherlands, the reasons for a repair café were to reduce waste, overconsumption, and to avoid more pollution of our mother earth. In 2013, the first Repair Café in this area was started at the New Platz United Methodist Church. Our own Beacon Sloop member Anthony Tseng, in 2016, organized and ran a Beacon Repair Café at the Howland Cultural Center for three years. Green Beacon and the Beacon Housing Authority have expressed interest in starting the Beacon Café once again. Find the days and location of an area Café Repair at: www.RepairCafeHV.org

Submitted by: Nora Gallardo, Member of the Beacon Sloop Club



Joy and Music as the Holiday Sing Returned to the Beacon Sloop Club

With covid protocols in place, the Holiday Sing, a long Sloop Club tradition, returned to the clubhouse. It was a great chance to showcase the talents of our many musicians, explore the music of many faiths and cultures, and ring out a challenging year with song.

A huge thank you to Aaron, who not only served as MC and sound man, but decorated the clubhouse and started the fires as well. He's truly a man of many talents. Of course, we thank all those who performed, brought food, or just added their voices to the chorus as well.

It's also a Sloop Club tradition to collect donations at this event to provide support to those in our community who are nutritionally challenged.

If you missed the sing, we are still accepting donations for Our Holiday Common Ground Food Bank Fundraiser throughout January. Please make checks out to the Beacon Sloop Club - memo Common Ground Food Donation - and mail to The Beacon Sloop Club, PO Box 527, Beacon, NY 12508.



BEACON SLOOP CLUB WINTER LECTURE SERIES

Thursday February 10, 7:00 PM
An Evening with Guy Davis
At the Beacon Sloop Club



A Free Event

Join us for tales, stories, and songs of his times around Clearwater and Pete Seeger.



Guy Davis has spent his musical life carrying his message of the blues around the world, from the Equator to the Arctic Circle, earning him the title "An Ambassador of the Blues". His work as an actor, author, and music teacher earmark him as a renaissance man of the blues. What music and acting have in common, he explains, "is that I don't like people to see the hard work and the sweat that goes into what I do. I want them to hear me and be uplifted. And I want some little eight-year-old kid in the front row to have big eyes and say, 'Hey, I want to do that!'."

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A Free Event

Thursday January 20, 7:00 PM
Virtual Screening and Discussion
To Register and receive links

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lecture-series-the-story-of-plastic-post-viewing-discussion-tickets-243629591667>

Please view the film prior to the discussion.



Join Policy Director at Beyond Plastics Megan J. Wolff, Ph.D., MPH, for a discussion of the film and the "wedge" issue of the proliferation of plastic, drawing together so many of the problems of extraction, overproduction, emissions, toxins, and waste that threaten the biosphere and those who inhabit it.

She is a medical historian by training, and prior to joining Beyond Plastics she worked as an administrator and policy researcher at Weill Cornell Medical College. Megan holds a B.A. in English from Wesleyan University and an MPH and Ph.D. in Public Health from Columbia University. In addition to lectures and classroom teaching, she worked for many years as a walking tour guide in New York City.

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We are absolutely thrilled that Blues Legend, Guy Davis has agreed to come to the Sloop Club for a very special event. However, with the current surge in Covid sweeping the area we are closely monitoring the situation and may need to make adjustments to our plans, Stay tuned.

Please join us for a virtual screening of the documentary film, "The Story of Plastic" followed by a panel discussion led by Megan Wolff, Policy Director of Beyond Plastics.

Watch the film online and then join the Zoom meeting for the discussion and Q&A. The event is free, but you must register to receive the viewing and Zoom links. Please film prior to the event and join the Zoom promptly.

To Register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lecture-series-the-story-of-plastic-post-viewing-discussion-tickets-243629591667>

The film's runtime is 96 minutes, so please leave enough time to view it prior to the discussion.



Hudson River Sloop Clearwater
Beacon, New York | clearwater.org

THE GREEN AMENDMENT:
HOW IT WILL CHANGE NEW YORK'S
ENVIRONMENTAL FUTURE

January 13th, 2022 6:30 pm ET

In 2021, voters chose to add the Green Amendment to the state bill of rights making the right to clean air, water, and a healthful environment now a part of our constitution. What will this actually mean for the legal process?

With opening remarks by NY State Senator Pete Harckham, our featured speakers will explore the concrete ways in which the green amendment will change New York's environmental quality.

Maya K. van Rossum



Maya K. van Rossum is the founder of Green Amendments For The Generations, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring a movement to amend state constitutions to recognize and protect environmental rights on par with other inalienable civic and political freedoms.

Nicholas Robinson



Nicholas Robinson has developed environmental law since 1969, when he was named to the Legal Advisory Committee of the President's Council on Environmental Quality. He founded Pace's environmental law programs and serves as Legal Advisor to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature.

Seth Davis



Seth A. Davis has practiced environmental law for over 40 years in corporations, law firms, and now as a solo practitioner. He is a former Chair of the American Bar Association's Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources Law, and is a member of the ABA House of Delegates representing that section.

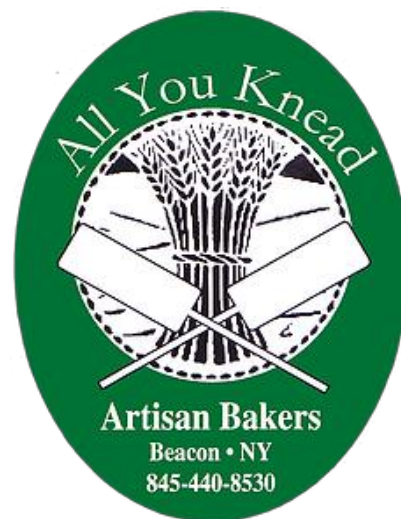


Finishing 2021 with 16 of his bills signed into law, Pete Harckham was elected to the New York State Senate in November of 2018. Prior to his election, Pete has had a distinguished career in public service, most recently having served in the Administration of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo from 2015-2018.



The Beacon Sloop Club, inc.
November 2021

	Total
Income	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	340.00
Woody Nickles	36.00
Total Contribution, Gifts, Grants	\$ 376.00
Gross Sales of Inventory	160.00
Investment Income	10.03
Interest-Money Market	5.17
Total Investment Income	\$ 15.20
Membership	
Paypal	400.00
Snailmail	75.00
Total Membership	\$ 475.00
Pumpkin Festival	121.00
Vendor	870.00
Total Pumpkin Festival	\$ 991.00
Total Income	\$ 2,017.20
Gross Profit	\$ 2,017.20
Expenses	
Bank Expense	
Paypal	14.36
Total Bank Expense	\$ 14.36
Facilities	
Utilities	64.82
Woody Maintenance	1,243.36
Total Facilities	\$ 1,308.18
Merchandise	1,243.48
Other Expenses	
Donation	235.00
Website	19.37
Total Other Expenses	\$ 254.37
Total Expenses	\$ 2,820.39
Net Operating Income	-\$ 803.19
Net Income	-\$ 803.19
Opening Cash Balance 11/1/2021	
	\$ 100,688.50
Closing Cash Balance 11/30/2021	
	\$ 99,885.31
Change in Investment Value	
	\$ (152.67)
Total Balance 11/30/2021	
	\$ 99,732.64
Unrestricted	
	\$ 75,570.08
Restricted (total)*	
	\$ 24,315.23
B & S Rozinsky Fund 11/30/2021	
	\$ 21,734.29
Board designated funds	
	\$ 10,003.22



WOODY NICKELS

Bring your deposit containers to the Fishkill Redemption Center and tell them to put your deposit proceeds in the Beacon Sloop Club envelope.

A&A Redemption Centers

986 Rt 52 Fishkill
(in the Fishkill Village Square Shopping Mall/ CVS plaza)

Tuesday Thursday Friday Saturday
9:30am - 3:30 pm
Sunday 10-3

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!
dorenk@outlook.com 845.591.0126

In Memoria
Rene Vivo 1956-2021
Former member, sailor,
and friend to the Beacon Sloop Club

Current Calendar



Please Note:

While we much prefer to have in-person events and meetings, we are carefully monitoring the Covid situation, rules, and recommendations. All events are subject to change. Check your email and the BSC website for updates.

[The Green Amendment: How it will Change New York's Future](#)

Jan. 13, 6:30 pm
online

The MLK parade and live events have been canceled due to Covid concerns.

Jan. 17th
Please honor the memory of Dr. King
in your own way.

BSC Lecture Series: The Story of Plastic
Thursday, Jan. 20

7:00 pm
Online

Film available for viewing 72hrs before.
[Register Here](#)

BSC Executive Committee Meeting

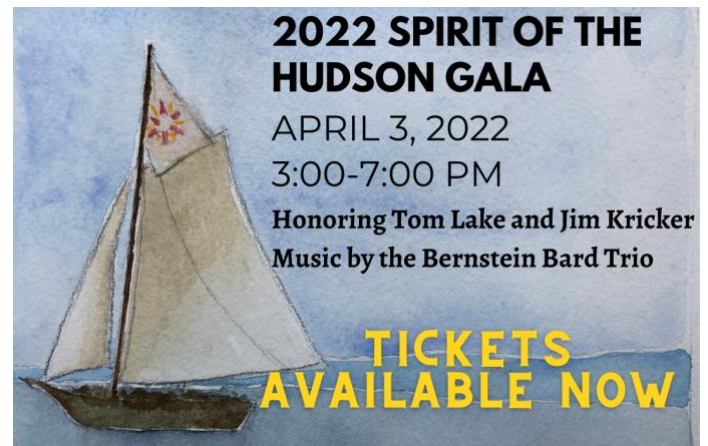
Tuesday, January 25
6:00 – 8:30pm
At the Clubhouse

Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting

Friday, February 4 · 6:30 – 10:00pm
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.

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An Evening with Guy Davis**
Thursday, Feb. 10
7:00 pm
At the Clubhouse



Clearwater is currently collecting valuable auction items for our upcoming *Spirit of the Hudson* Gala. They are looking for unique experiences, collectibles and antiques, locally produced items, gift certificates or community services. If you'd like to contact them with questions or to donate items, please email Ann Mellor at ann@clearwater.org.

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

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