



Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 54 Years

A Message from Our President

Summer is our busy season. As the warming days of June turn into the sunny days of July we are all immersed in a wide range of exciting endeavors.

Captains and crews have honed the *Woody Guthrie* into perfect sailing shape. Each night's crew has rigorously trained to work together as a finely tuned, efficient sailing team, and now we are taking guests on free weeknight sails.

The annual Strawberry Festival was well-attended and enthusiastically received. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the Festival a success. Not resting on their laurels, the committee and volunteers are already planning the Corn Festival on August 13th.

Our yearly Woody Guthrie Birthday Celebration dinner is scheduled for Saturday, July 15th. Come join us at the clubhouse and relax with good food and drink, pleasant conversation and enjoyable music.

After a great deal of preparation, the River Pool has been successfully installed in its customary location and has embarked on a summer of service, providing, free, safe, cooling and enjoyable swimming for young and old bathers. To support the River Pool, over 150 swimmers have already signed up for the annual Great Hudson River Swim from Newburgh to Beacon benefitting the River Pool. Good luck to all the swimmers and thanks to all the land support, kayakers, planners, sponsors and others who make this annual event so successful.

On Saturday, July 22nd the Community Sailing Program and the Newburgh Rowing Club will sponsor a Family Canoe & Kayak Day. Come join us in Newburgh. It is free and open to the public.

We were recently honored by a visit by the historic peace vessel, *The Golden Rule*. Since 1958, the Golden Rule has been at the forefront of the World Peace Movement. As we strive to protect the Hudson River from those with designs to discharge radioactive wastewater into it, we look to the example of the Golden Rule. At the height of the Cold War, Golden Rule's brave captain and crew protested the reckless testing of nuclear weapons by the world superpowers and the resultant radioactive fallout. Their courageous actions led to the ground-breaking Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, making our world safer from harmful radioactivity. Perhaps our actions will help make our river safer from radioactive waste as well.

Rob

Inside this issue:

Celebrating Woody and our volunteers, sailing for peace, upcoming events, and much, more...



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Wednesday, July 26, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, August 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.

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Additional Members at this address _____ Email _____

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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](#)

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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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, July 7, recorded by Tom Elliott

Lydia, Ben, Bonnie, and Annie, gave us Pete Seeger's **Rainbow Race**, and Rob brought the meeting to order at 7:33 pm, welcoming all. New member, Ernie, joined the meeting for the first time, and Michelle, a returning member, brought a French exchange student with her to visit.

Treasurer's Report: Aaron gave the Treasurer's report for May, which is in the newsletter, below.

Strawberry Festival: Patricia reported that the recent festival was well managed, the music was wonderful, with many vendors, including quite a few new ones, contributing to the event. Captain Tom said that he thought it was one of the best run festivals in recent memory, and called the kitchen especially well run. The **biscuit mix was a highlight**, and he told us leftover mix was available in small or large bags to use for pancakes or biscuits at the meeting tonight. He noted we need new **strawberry hullers**, though, and recommends small, one-sided melon ball makers as a proper tool for this work. **Smoothies** did well, running out at about 4:30 pm. The berries were all local, purchased from **Wright Farm and Davenport Farms**. The prep party at *The Yard* went well, too. When asked about **solar trailers**, Tom told us one is down now with a broken towing tongue. The solar trailers run the sound systems for the main and children's stages. **Patricia thanked all** the volunteers for their help and energy, saying there were a few glitches to iron out, and **more volunteer help** needed at the end of the day for cleanup. Tom and Amiee are looking for a new volunteer to handle the cleaning and storage of food equipment for future festivals. Contact Patricia if you think you can help.

Woody Guthrie Birthday Celebration: Susan told us the **annual volunteer appreciation** event will be held on Saturday, July 15 from 5:00 to 8:30 pm at the Clubhouse. Happy hour will be from 5 to 6, and the song circle will continue until 8. Wine and giant sandwiches will be provided, and guests are asked to bring a salad or desert to share. Set up and take down help is also needed.

Community Sailing Program Report: Jamie, filling in for Vanessa, told us that James' Wednesday evening crew sailed for Newburgh families who participated in the River Walk event. They had an added treat, this week, sailing alongside the Peace Ketch, *Golden Rule*, which was passing through. Alan also had a flier to distribute for the Next CSP event, the **Newburgh Rowing Club Family Canoe & Kayak Day (Sat. July 22nd 10 – 1 pm)**. The event is free and open to families and community members of Newburgh and Beacon looking for an opportunity to practice boating skills with their children. Contact Vanessa Nisperos at vanessa.nisperos@gmail.com

Jamie next told us about the **Coast Guard Auxiliary Newburgh Flotilla**, located in the Newburgh Rowing Club is seeking more volunteer members. The commitment of time for volunteers is not great compared with the benefits. Volunteers are needed for back-office work like accounting, PR, and communications as well as on the water work. You might even spend a week in a bunk onboard a Coast Guard cutter, learning what this branch of service does for the Country, all without signing up or deployment.

Woody Report: Captain Tom reported that the Woody is sailing five nights a week, taking guests out Monday through Thursday, while the Friday crew spends a little more time training new crew members. It's all good! To join a crew, schedule a ride on board any weeknight through Susan, and then talk with the captain about joining the crew. They will train you. Captain Tom said you might even be a captain one day and explained the approximately two-to-three-year program for Captains-in-Training.

Alan Zollner of River Pool at Beacon took the podium next, telling us River Pool is now open. The newly renovated pool is in the water off the northwest corner of Pete and Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park, riding up and down with the tides. It is open Tue. – Sun., 12 – 6 pm, weather permitting. It is free to the public, and what makes it free is The Great Newburgh to Beacon Hudson River Swim. If you want to be involved in this amazing event, you should sign up online over the next two weeks. 153 swimmers have already signed up and are lining up their friends and neighbors as sponsors to raise money for River Pool, Beacon. The program also needs volunteers on the ground on both shores, and kayakers to help guide swimmers during the swim. Contact Rachel Zollner for volunteer opportunities.

Save the Hudson Bill: The bill making it illegal to dump radioactive material into the Hudson River has now passed the NYS Senate unanimously and the Assembly 110-44. Now it needs the Governor's signature to take effect. We paused the meeting while attendees dialed 866-696-8249 and made their wishes known. Please join us.

Environmental Report: Captain Tom told us about a recently confirmed effect of Global Warming. Now Earth's axis is changing, reacting to the shift in weight caused by increased use of underground water worldwide. Drought and fire not only put crops at risk, they can even change Earth's movement in the solar system. "Let's get real, now," says Tom.

Clearwater Report: Rosemary told us Clearwater is sailing now for Manna Jo Greene, thanking her for her decades of service as Environmental Action Coordinator at Clearwater. We thank and will miss Manna Jo, too. A new EA Director will be announced next week. Also, Guy Davis is doing a benefit concert for Clearwater at the Falcon in Marlborough, NY on Aug 20. Make a reservation!

General Announcements: Bonnie told us this will be her 15th year swimming the Hudson for River Pool. Jamie told us a story of arriving late for his first swim across the river, and having to catch up, but he made it! Alan said you can see pictures on the River Pool website with photos from previous Great Hudson River Swims. Wayne told us that with the bad air days we've been having with the Canadian wildfires, people might want to try placing spider plants indoors. Tor seconded this and said he has a great many started in his greenhouse. Just ask if would like one or more.

Adjournment: With no further announcements, Rob asked for a motion to adjourn. Two answered, ending the meeting at 8:22 pm, and The Song Circle began!

A Visit from the Golden Rule



A truly historic vessel, the thirty-foot gaff-rigged ketch Golden Rule paid a visit to Beacon and sailed two nights with the Woody.

Launched in 1958, with a crew of conscientious Quakers, she set sail for the Marshall Islands to protest the United States' atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons. In an open letter to President Eisenhower, captain, Albert Bigelow, a former U.S. Navy lieutenant commander, announced their intention to "sail, come what may."

The Golden Rule was intercepted by the U.S. Coast Guard and captain Bigelow was jailed for his act of civil disobedience.

The boat was restored and relaunched in 2105 by the Veterans for Peace as "a weapon of mass education", promoting alternatives to war and support for veterans.

The Golden Rule is currently sailing a "Great Loop" from Chicago to Miami to Maine and back.

The progenitor of all protest boats, it was an honor to sail with her.



The 1958 Golden Rule voyage crew aboard the ship in Hawaii, from left to right: William Huntington, Albert Bigelow, Orion Sherwood and George Willoughby. (Swarthmore College Peace Collection/Albert Bigelow Photo Collection)

Community Sailing Program

Thank you to captain James for hosting community sailing program families for a Wednesday night sail on the Woody. It was a great opportunity for young folks to get out on the water and get an introduction to sailing.



BEACON SLOOP CLUB COMMUNITY SAILING

The Beacon Sloop Club Community Sailing Program

*New to boating?
Looking for an opportunity to practice with your children?*

Free and Open to Families & Community members in Newburgh & Beacon!

**Saturday, July 22, 10am – 1pm
Newburgh Rowing Club:
Family Canoe & Kayak day!**

Join Newburgh Rowing Club coaches to paddle canoes and kayaks. All ages, no experience required. Life vest will be provided.

Please bring - clothes & shoes you can get wet in, sun protection (hats, sunglasses, sunscreen), a reusable water bottle, a bagged lunch. Snacks and games will be provided after paddling

Contact: Vanessa Nisperos: vanessa.nisperos@gmail.com

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Upcoming Clearwater Public Sails:



Jul 19 @ 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Waterfront Wednesday Public Sail feat. flute & keyboard duo from jazz quartet Pocket Merchant – Hudson, NY** [Tickets](#)

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Public Sail – Hudson, NY [Tickets](#)

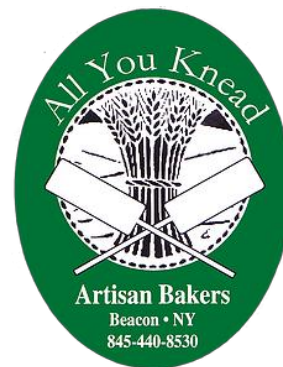
Jul 20 @ 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Sunset Public Sail – Rhinecliff, NY [Tickets](#)

Jul 22 @ 5:30 pm – 9:15 pm

The Beacon Sloop Club, inc.
 May 2023

	Total
Income	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	200.00
Corn Festival	
Vendor	380.00
Total Corn Festival	\$380.00
Investment Income	18.83
Interest-Money Market	70.66
Total Investment Income	\$89.49
Membership	
Paypal	320.00
Snailmail	132.00
Total Membership	\$452.00
Other Revenue	
Harbor Mooring Fee	1,000.00
Total Other Revenue	\$1,000.00
Pumpkin Festival	
Vendor	255.00
Total Pumpkin Festival	\$255.00
Special Event	
T-shirts and merch	16.00
Total Special Event	\$16.00
Strawberry Festival	
Vendor	1,240.00
Total Strawberry Festival	\$1,240.00
Total Income	\$3,632.49
Gross Profit	\$3,632.49
Expenses	
Bank Expense	
Paypal	32.16
Total Bank Expense	\$64.95
Facilities	
Utilities	39.63
Total Facilities	\$39.63
Other Expenses	
Sailing Class	69.61
Website	19.46
Total Other Expenses	\$89.07
Special Events Expenses	
Special Events Facilities	
Environmental (Riversweep)	24.95
Total Special Events Facilities	\$24.95
Total Special Events Expenses	\$24.95
Strawberry Expense	
Ads / flyers	114.53
Total Strawberry Expense	\$114.53
Total Expenses	\$333.13
Net Operating Income	\$3,299.36
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Opening Cash Balance 5/1/2023	\$111,199.58
Closing Cash Balance 5/31/2023	\$114,498.94
Change in Investment Value	\$(47.67)
Total Balance 5/31/2023	\$114,451.27
Unrestricted & soft	\$90,020.95
Hard Restricted (total)*	\$24,430.32
B & S Rozinsky Fund (hard)	\$20,438.81
Board designated funds (soft)	\$15,302.80



Corn Festival Call for Volunteers
August 13

We need people to help with:

Set-up of tents, stages, etc

Husking

Corn serving

Earth Care

Take down and cleanup

Membership and Merchandising

And

Many, Many, More tasks



Contact Patricia Finnerty (267) 908-0716
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Please come out and support the community and the Sloop Club and have a little fun down by the riverside.



Current Calendar

BSC Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, July 26, 7:00 pm
At the Clubhouse

Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting
Friday, August 4 6:30 – 10:00pm
At the clubhouse

Community Sailing Program
Family Sails aboard the Woody Wed.
July 19, and Aug 9.
Contact Vanessa:
vanessa.nisperos@gmail.com

**Coast Guard Auxiliary
Flotilla Meeting**
Tues. August 15, 7:00-8:00 pm
Newburgh Rowing Club
River St., Newburgh

**Community Sailing Program
Family Canoe & Kayak Day**
Sat., July 22, 10am – 1pm
Newburgh Rowing Club
Contact Vanessa:
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**Annual Great Newburgh to Beacon
Hudson River Swim**
Sat., Aug. 5
Newburgh and Beacon Waterfronts
Volunteers needed



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.

Sunday August 13
Noon to 5pm
Setup starts at 9:00



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