



Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 55 Years

A Message from Our President

As winter gives way to a burgeoning spring season, the pace of activity at the Beacon Sloop Club also quickens. Mary Arnold is busy coordinating our popular sailing classes, which begin on Wednesday, April 17th. We are deeply appreciative of Mary and our accomplished captains: Steve Schwartz, Tom LaBarr, Ben Mazer, Betsy Garthwaite, and James Malchow, who generously share their wisdom with aspiring sailors attending our classes. We thank Joyce Hanson and Cat Pomeroy for publicizing these classes. If you have not already enjoyed our acclaimed and widely anticipated sailing classes, now is your opportunity to join us. Thanks to Alan Thomas, registration is now open and online. You can register [here](#).

Our fair sloop *Woody Guthrie* has successfully weathered the winter months without incident, thanks to the care and devotion of the skilled *Woody* maintenance crew, led by Max Smith and Steve Schwartz. Preparations for a rousing sailing season have begun. Volunteers of any skill level are always welcomed to help prepare the *Woody* for the season.

Sloop Club volunteers led by Festival Coordinator Patricia Finnerty and Rosemary Thomas are eager to kick off another glorious festival season. New helpers for our festival preparation are always appreciated. Come join the fun! We acknowledge the dedication of Vendor Coordinator Joyce Hanson, who is assembling an array of top-notch artisans, merchants and craftspeople to delight festival goers of all ages. Meanwhile, Music Coordinator Susan Berliner has begun the talent search for diverse performers to grace our festival stages.

Thanks to Steve van der Merwe and Alan Thomas, our Winter Lecture Series is in full swing. Those of us who were fortunate enough to attend Dr. Kirsten Menking's

enthralling lecture on climate measurement had a chance to view our Hudson Valley through the eyes of a distinguished earth scientist. Dr. Menking described how mighty glaciers sculpted the unique features of our graceful river and commanding highlands. Her insights provided a fuller appreciation of our beautiful corner of the natural world. We at the Beacon Sloop Club work tirelessly to preserve that corner and share it with others. As Professor Menking said at the beginning of her lecture, "That's what we do."

Rob

Inside this issue:

Prepping the *Woody*, the state of the fishery, learning to sail, and much, more....



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Wednesday March 27, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, April 5, 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!
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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, March 1, recorded by Trish Murphy

Opening Music

Ken Miller and Rob May performed a charming classic folk song.

Opening Announcements

After no volunteers came forward, President Rob May offered to remove the trash. Gale kindly came forward to remove the recycles. New attendees Mark, Corrine, and Guy were welcomed by all.

Guest Lecture

Emily Skydel, an organizer with "Food and Water Watch", began her presentation by passing around a petition opposing new compressor stations currently proposed to be developed in Athens and Dover N.Y. for members to sign. Listeners were urged to contact Governor Hochul and plead with her to not allow pipeline expansion or development. A meeting will be held in Dover at El Universal Restaurant from 5 to 7 p.m. to discuss the stop of the pipeline. Food and Water Watch advocated reduced usage of fossil fuels and is actively involved in related issues. Emily informed listeners of the inspiring fact that New York State was moving away from the use of fossil fuels in a plethora of ways. One example is a climate law was passed in 2019. Another example is the "Electric Building Act" which will outlaw natural gas and other fossil fuels in all new buildings less than seven stories tall starting in 2026 and all new construction, no matter what the height, by 2029, in contrast to the current proposal to expand a gas pipeline that would cut through Dutchess County.

Treasurer's Report

(Refer to treasurer's report for full accounting details). Aaron stated that Common Ground Farms sent a very kindly worded letter of thanks to our club for our donation of \$1,080.00 for the Food Donation Program.

Winter Lecture Series

Alan stated that Kirsten Menking presented a lecture on climate change in February. The March lecture will be held on March 21, and will be hosted by John Mylod, the former Executive Director of Clearwater. He is set to speak about commercial fishing, fish life cycles, local fishing history, and other interesting fishing related topics. Fliers are distributed and are available. The April speaker is TBD.

Sailing Classes

President Rob May informed listeners that sailing classes are set to begin on April 17. There will be a total of eight classes. The online registration for sailing classes is active and available. An inquiry was made by a member as to the nature of the classes. James replied to the inquiry by explaining that the classes are designed to reinforce sailing knowledge for seasoned sailors or teach novices vital practical sailing facts and techniques. At the conclusion of the classes, a final test based on class content and textbook information will be administered on small boat sailing theory.

Woody Report

Members were asked to provide physical assistance to maintain the Woody eight days from the meeting.

A sailor meeting will be held at 9 a.m. in Haverstraw and the work party will commence at 10 a.m. The rain date is scheduled for March 16.

Clearwater Report

Rosemary opened by informing listeners that three webinars on environmental topics are to take place. They will eventually be available for viewing on YouTube. The Gala is scheduled for April 7. Clearwater is currently in the process of raising the \$12,000.00 that is costs to purchase a new jib sail. Necessary wood for the boat is likely to be provided from a rare white oak that fell in the Danish Royal Forest, valued at approximately \$42,000.00.

Environmental Report

Captain Tom opened the report by discussing the numerous benefits of powdered detergent and the wide array of detrimental impacts that liquid detergent has on both the human body and the environment. He emphasized the importance of taking various measures to limit the induction of microplastics into the body and the environment. Listeners were urged to embrace eco-friendly packaged boxed water.

General Announcements

Members were asked to volunteer in order to reassemble the **River Pool** on June 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on June 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. They were also asked to come forward to assist with the Cross River Swim which is set to be held on July 27 with a rain date of July 28 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. **J.C. Calderon** stated that he was appointed by the Mayor of Beacon to lead the development efforts on Fishkill Avenue. He stated that local residents will soon have the ability to attend meetings focused on public space improvement. Residents will be given the opportunity at these meetings to voice their opinions in an attempt to convince the mayor to leave some public space void of development. A member came forward to speak who stated that he formally resided in Pennsylvania and while living there bore witness to the devastating impact that the presence of a gas pipeline has on its surroundings. He also stated that he is currently constructing a cedar plank and oak frame boat that can optimally be used for club sailing classes following its completion. Another member came forward to speak about the recent tragedy in Hawaii that resulted in the deaths of hundreds of civilians and over a thousand missing people that he believed to be caused due to the use of an energy weapon. Matt, the chairperson for the MLK parade, explained in detail the cost of the event and also stated that next year the expenditures would be covered by donations. Lydia Adams Davis invited all to come to the Town Crier Cafe in Beacon on April 7 from 6-8 p.m. to listen to her and Patrick Stanfield Jones perform.

Adjournment

Matt made a motion to dismiss which was seconded by President Rob May. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m. followed by the Circle of Song.

Environmental News

The Hudson River Protection Act passed the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

This bipartisan bill, crafted by democrat Pat Ryan and co-sponsored by republicans Marc Molinaro and Mike Lawler, is part of the Coast Guard Reauthorization Act. The legislation would clarify geographic definitions that were used to skirt regulations and ban additional anchorages. As part of the larger reauthorization, it's now on track to pass the House and be passed by the Senate.

“Getting anything through this Congress is not easy. But we owe it to our kids, our seniors, and future generations to fight tooth and nail to protect our Hudson River and get this bill across the finish line,” said **Congressman Pat Ryan**. “Never again will big corporations be able to turn our Hudson River into a parking lot for dangerous barges. This victory proves that when our community stands up with one voice to demand change, we can accomplish anything.”

It is extremely gratifying to see the community and our representatives come together on this issue and we thank all our members who spoke up and fought for change. We must continue to remain vigilant, as we have seen many times, where profit is involved health, safety and the environment are often secondary.

Friends of a Clean Hudson Coalition (FOCH) Call on the EPA to Act

At press conference, organized by Pete Harckham, Senate Environmental Conservation Committee Chairman, Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner, and FOCH, the participants called on the EPA to take further action to remediate PCB contamination, contending that the five-year review due in April will show that the cleanup goals have not been met and that EJ communities have been disproportionately affected.

FOCH is led by Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Riverkeeper, and Scenic Hudson.

Clearwater goes to Albany for Hudson River Advocacy Day

Clearwater’s Executive Director David Toman, Environmental Action Director Jen Benson, and Board Member Steve Stanne participated in Hudson River Advocacy Day, joining fellow advocates in visiting Senators and Assembly members urging them to support critical environmental funding. You can learn about their visit and pending legislation here:

<https://www.clearwater.org/action/2024-hudson-river-advocacy-day/>

Winter Lecture Series - March



Commercial Fishing on the Hudson River w/ John Mylod & Tom Lake

We were so excited to host John Mylod and Tom Lake, who between them know more about the Hudson River and its natural history than anyone. Both have spent decades on the river as commercial fishermen and students of the ecosystem.

The Hudson River fishery has been a significant food source for more than 10,000 years, as evidenced by archeological sites where bands of hunter-gathers, cued by signs of spring, met to catch and dry shad. One such site was unearthed here in Beacon during construction of the bridge.

Today many of the once robust populations of fish, including the American shad, have declined or are under threat due to modern human activity, including overfishing, power plant cooling systems, pollution, and climate change. All fishing for shad in the Hudson was banned in 2010, but the fish have not returned in the numbers hoped for.

Most of the commercially fished species are anadromous, spending their adult life in the ocean and returning to the river and its tributaries to spawn. Shad and sturgeon ocean habitats range from the Carolinas to the Bay of Fundy. There are few controls on the coastal fishery and modern trawling techniques are getting more and more sophisticated. It is believed that overfishing in the ocean is limiting the effectiveness of local actions.

Today, commercial fishing is viable only for blue crabs and herring (blue backs and alewife). There is hope, sturgeon appear to be coming back, power plants are closing (Indian Point), dams are being removed, thanks in part to your actions. We must be vigilant as new threats such as anchorages for large vessels and invasive species appear.

Thank you again to John and Tom, and to all that

SPRING HIKE + LEARN!

Join Clearwater, Hudson River experts and community members for a series of informative hike-based conversations about the science, history, and future of the Hudson River!

This program will span the Hudson Valley, from Ossining to Albany.

Fire Ecology & Ethnobotany at Albany Pine Bush Preserve

10AM-1PM, Saturday, April 13
Albany Pine Bush Preserve, Albany, NY

The Connections Between Forest Health and Watershed Protection

10AM-12PM, Saturday, April 27
Teatown Lake Reservation Nature Preserve, Ossining, NY

Plants and Insects: Meadow Management at Poets' Walk Park

9:30- 11:30am Saturday, May 18
Poets' Walk Park, Red Hook, NY

John Burroughs and the Emerging Conservation Movement in the Post-Civil War Era

9am-11am Saturday, June 1
John Burroughs Slabsides, West Park, NY

Learn more and register at clearwater.org/hike!

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RIVERKEEPER SWEEP

An Earth Day (or thereabouts based on the calendar and tides) riverfront cleanup has been a Beacon Sloop Club tradition for more than 50 years. This year we will again partner with Riverkeeper.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 4, and join us for the 13th Annual Riverkeeper Sweep, a day of service for the Hudson.

Stay tuned for more details, times, special events, etc.



The family of Don Raskopf invites you to gather at the Towne Crier on Sunday April 14, 2024, 5:30-8:30 pm, to mourn the loss of our dad and celebrate his life. Since we all know how much dad loved music, the evening will include an open mic for anyone who wants to share music or memories of Don. We will also have a live performance by some of his favorite local bands. We invite you to bring stories, instruments, voices, and open hearts. All who knew and loved Don are welcome. Please share widely with anyone who might want to attend. A buffet will be provided. Cash bar for alcoholic drinks. RSVPs appreciated, but not required, at this public Facebook link: [Memorial Service for Don Raskopf](#). You should not need a Facebook account to view the event but please email RememberingDonR@gmail.com if needed."



Oh Hudson! Benefit Performance for Clearwater @ Old Dutch Church

[Tickets](#)

Apr 19 @ 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Oh Hudson! is a rich multi-arts celebration of the history, people, and promise of the Hudson River Valley. Drawing on the music of Pete Seeger, old river tunes, and new original songs, this collaboration project will make your feet stomp and your heart open to the beauty of the Hudson River.

David Gonzalez is a nationally celebrated storyteller and poet with a gift of lifting the spoken word to the highest artistic heights. Genre busting duo Koehler & Kelly blend the raw energy of traditional fiddling with the nuanced lyricism of jazz piano. style.



SAILING CLASS

Hosted by The Beacon Sloop Club

2 Red Flynn Dr, Beacon, NY 12508

8 x Wednesdays | April 17 - June 5



Learn More & Register

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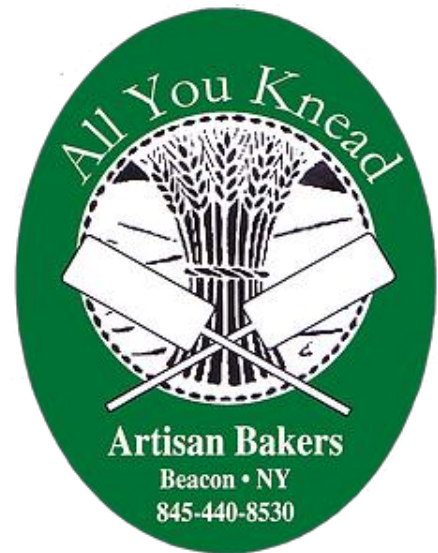
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The Beacon Sloop Club, inc.
January 2024

	<u>Total</u>
Income	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	1,868.00
Investment Income	187.92
Interest-Checking	76.00
Interest-Money Market	0.09
Total Investment Income	\$264.01
Membership	
Paypal	120.00
Snailmail	250.00
Total Membership	\$370.00
Special Event	
MLK essay contest - donation	300.00
Total Special Event	\$300.00
Total Income	\$2,802.01
Gross Profit	\$2,802.01
Expenses	
Bank Expense	
Paypal	6.33
Total Bank Expense	\$6.33
Facilities	
Utilities	101.97
Total Facilities	\$101.97
Other Expenses	
Donation	
MLK parade	431.00
Total Donation	\$431.00
Website	34.31
Total Other Expenses	\$465.31
Pumpkin Expense	
Compost	20.00
Total Pumpkin Expense	\$20.00
Total Expenses	\$593.61
Net Operating Income	\$2,208.40
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Opening Cash Balance 1/1/2024	\$124,864.19
Closing Cash Balance 1/31/2024	\$127,072.59
Change in Investment Value	250.03
Total Balance 1/31/2024	\$127,322.62
Unrestricted & soft	\$96,761.74
Hard Restricted (total)*	\$30,560.88
B & S Rozinsky Fund (hard)	\$22,816.68
Board designated funds (soft)	\$15,723.21



**HUDSON RIVER SLOOP CLEARWATER'S
SPIRIT OF THE HUDSON GALA**

Sunday April 7, 2024, 3:00-7:00 pm @ The Garrison

Honoring Dr. Stuart Findlay, Manna Jo Greene,
and Xiell Owens

Clearwater's Sail Season Begins

Public Sail (Kingston, NY)
Apr 13 @ 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Public Sail (Poughkeepsie, NY) @ Waryas Park
Apr 20 @ 10:30 am – 1:00 pm

Public Sail (Poughkeepsie, NY) @ Waryas Park
Apr 20 @ 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Public Sail (Beacon, NY) @ Red Flynn Drive
Apr 27 @ 10:30 am – 1:00 pm

Public Sail (Beacon, NY) @ Red Flynn Drive
Apr 27 @ 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Reserve Your Seats

BUY TICKETS

Browse, Bid & Buy

VIEW ITEMS

Not Attending?

You can still participate in the auction!

REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE

Current Calendar

BSC Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 27, 7:00 pm
At the clubhouse

Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting

Friday, April 5, 6:30 – 10:00pm
At the clubhouse

Virtual Film Screening + Discussion: Deep Rising @ Virtual via Zoom

Mar 26 @ 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Register to view the film and attend the discussion:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/855440364157>



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Honoring Dr. Stuart Findlay, Manna Jo Greene,
and Xiell Owens

[Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse](#)

The Kennedys

Saturday, April 13, 2024, 6:30 pm
Community Unitarian Universalist
Congregation 468 Rosedale Ave
White Plains, NY 10605

Clearwater Hike and Learn Albany's Pine Bush Preserve

Sunday, April 14, 2024, 10:00 am
[Register](#)

Celebrating the Life of Don Raskopf

Sunday, April 14, 2024, 5:30 pm
Towne Crier Cafe

Oh Hudson! Benefit Performance for Clearwater @ Old Dutch Church

Friday, Apr 19 @ 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm
Kingston, NY



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.

The Beacon Sloop Club Sailing Class

When: April 17 – June 5
(8 classes meeting on Wednesday night)
Where: The Beacon Sloop Club
Time: 7pm – 9pm
[Registration](#)

Clearwater Hike and Learn Teatown Preserve

Saturday, April 27, 2024, 10:00 am
[Register](#)

13th Annual Riverkeeper Sweep

Saturday, May 4,
Stay tuned for more details, times, special events, etc.

Membership

For many people January is renewal time. Email subscribers received a note earlier this month with their renewal date.

We are an all-volunteer organization, and your support is what it is all about.

[Renew online](#)

[Download Form](#)

[Please consider joining Clearwater as well.](#)

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

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