



Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 55 Years

A Message from Our President

Perhaps now is as good a time as any to acknowledge the many thoughtful members of the club who quietly contribute in countless, unassuming ways. Their acts of kindness and support often go unnoticed. They work without fanfare, doing the thankless, often unseen, and sometimes tedious tasks that keep the Beacon Sloop Club operating smoothly.

We thank those who reach out to new members, visitors, and guests at every meeting with a welcoming smile and kind words, encouraging them to feel at home. We appreciate all who carefully stack the chairs after meetings, stoke the fires, and keep our building clean. We are grateful to each individual who removes the recyclables and garbage. We tip our hat to every volunteer who keeps our multrum tidy and well-stocked, as well as everyone who maintains our grounds.

Those who labor in their kitchens before each Sloop Club general meeting, producing the delicious dishes that are our sumptuous monthly potluck feasts are worthy of our gratitude. They delight our members with mouthwatering fare, mindful of the dietary restrictions and preferences of members and guests.

We are indebted to the special ones who clean the building after periodic flooding, who stop by from time to time, ensuring that the clubhouse is secure and undamaged. We acknowledge those who voluntarily check on members experiencing health concerns, or reversals of fortune, providing support and comfort.

We salute the volunteers who prepare the Woody for the sailing season, frequently laboring in inclement weather. We note the quiet, uncomplaining crewmembers who cheerfully, mop the decks, coil the lines, greet the guests, and do the many mundane tasks that make sailing a pleasure for everyone.

To the ones who help in the weeks before the festivals and in the often-frenetic hours preceding each festival, we value your contributions. We applaud those who cheerfully serve, teach, inform, entertain, sell, chop, cook, pour, stir, whip, mix, clean and crew for the duration of each festival. We are indebted to all who stay long after the last guest has left, returning the park to its pre-festival condition.

Every environmental activist who fulfills our mission of protecting the river, by attending rallies, making behind-the-scenes phone calls, pressuring politicians, engaging in canvassing and door-knocking campaigns has earned our respect.

Here's to all the unsung heroes who make our club the special place that it is. You may not always get the recognition you deserve, but we see you and we hear you. And we thank you.

Rob

Inside this issue:

The sail class launches, Holtec fights back, remembering Pete, and much, more....



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Tuesday April 30, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, May 3, 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](#)

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, April 5, recorded by Trish Murphy

Opening Music: The meeting kicked off with a performance by Lydia Adams Davis and Patrick Stanfield Jones followed by a performance by Ken Miller and Rob May.

Opening Announcements: At 7:28 the meeting began with President Rob May asking members to volunteer for clubhouse duties. Gail kindly offered to take the recycles. Vince was kind enough to offer to remove the garbage. Alan Z. was thanked for being the last Multrum Hero and Rosemary was thanked for being the current hero. New attendees Malorie and Gina were welcomed.

Treasurer's Report: *See Treasurer's Report for full details. *

Don Raskopf Memorial: Next Sunday a memorial celebration for Don Raskopf will be held at the Town Crier Cafe in Beacon from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Joyce encouraged all members to attend the event and honor Don's legacy.

Sailing Classes: Sailing classes are set to begin on April 17th. President Rob May stated that all check payments should be given to Aaron. The classes cost \$50.00 in advance or \$60.00 if paid the day classes begin.

Winter Lecture Series: Alan gave thanks to all those who participated and attended the winter lectures. He told members that they were welcome to e-mail him with suggestions for future topics. Suggestions are to be reviewed and topics and lecture topics will be announced on a future date.

River Sweep/Pete Seeger Song Circle: Joyce encouraged listeners to sign up and volunteer for the 13th annual "River Sweep", which is to be held on May 4th. The River Sweep is held in order to have volunteers physically remove debris from the Hudson River. Volunteers can listen to George Jackman, PhD discuss invasive species from 9:15-10:00 a.m. Garbage cleanup will take place from 10:00-12:00 p.m. Trash will subsequently be sorted on the docks and brought to the transfer station between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. The event will wrap up at approximately 1:30 p.m., at which point a circle of song will begin. All volunteers will receive a slip which can be redeemed at the local brewery for a complimentary beer. Refreshments will be provided, and volunteers are also welcome to bring food to share. The following day, on Sunday May 5th, a musical celebration will be held to honor the May 3rd birthday of the iconic Pete Seeger at the Thompkins Corner Community Center.

Strawberry Report: Rosemary informed listeners that the Strawberry Festival is set to take place on June 9th. Admission to the event is free. The event is proud to provide patrons with biscuits baked fresh on site, homemade whipped cream prepared on site, and local farm fresh strawberries. Joyce was thanked for organizing the strawberry party and arranging for a trailer equipped with an oven. The latter will also be utilized for preparation of potatoes at the pumpkin festival. The festival will be comprised of fresh strawberry smoothies, on site baked and prepared strawberry shortcakes, and various types of vendors.

Woody Report: Captain Steve stated that the Woody was currently docked in Haverstraw. The transit of the woody was on hold due to scheduling issues with dock delivery. The main sail of the boat is scheduled to be positioned and the majority of the jib is rigged. The boat is now completely de-winterized. Work parties are set to commence in the near future and the dates for such are to be announced.

Harbor Report: Due to scheduling and delivery conflicts, the docks are delayed and have not yet arrived. On the coming Sunday, a work party and the harbor committee meeting will be held.

Clearwater Report: Rosemary stated that the Gala would be held on the coming Sunday. Preregistration is currently being held for the upcoming "Hike and Learns" hosted by Jen Benson. Preregistration is necessary to attend. On Saturday May 11th, artist Guy Davis will be performing at the "Earth Fair" in Kingston.

Environmental Report: Captain Tom began his report by requesting a moment of remembrance for historical Kent State tragedy which occurred on May 4, 1970. Captain Tom urged listeners to refrain from using plastic products. He also urged listeners to choose environmentally friendly hybrid and electric vehicles over ones that require harmful fossil fuels.

River Pool: John stated that he is actively working on the development of the Cross River Swim and the setup and implementation of the River Pool. The success of both relies on volunteer participation. Community volunteers are essential. All members were asked to consider volunteering. The issue of the docks being put up for sale by Clarkson and the impact this may have on the Cross River Swim was raised and debated. It was revealed that this year would mark the success of the 20th annual Cross River Swim. John informed listeners that our very own River Pool is pictured on the governor's website as part of the current "swim initiative" being developed by the state. Bonnie explained that a floating River Pool was a vision of the iconic Pete Seeger that dedicated volunteers turned into a reality, and is now being adopted by the state in other areas. It was revealed that last year there were 213 swimmers participating and enough volunteers to ensure a kayak for every swimmer.

Pete Seeger Birthday Celebration: Mary Poppins invited attendees to the Town Crier Cafe at 8:30 p.m. on May 3rd to join the birthday celebration for Pete Seeger, Book signing for David Bernz, and community "Song or Story" open mic. In assistance with the latter, Patrick Stanfield Jones offered to back up musical participants on the bass guitar, if given appropriate notice in advance.

General Announcements: On Saturday April 13th, a community sing will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie.

Adjournment:

Presidents Rob May accepted a motion to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Circle of Song followed.

Environmental News

On April 10 the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the setting of its first-ever national legally enforceable drinking water standards focused on six (6) per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), also known as ‘forever chemicals’.

Exposure to PFAS has been linked to deadly cancers, impacts to the liver and heart, and immune and developmental damage to infants and children. This final rule represents the most significant step to protect public health under [EPA’s PFAS Strategic Roadmap](#).

These are the first national regulations to include the toxic chemicals that had contaminated the drinking water of the City of Newburgh for decades due to the military’s use of PFAS-containing firefighting foams at the Stewart Air National Guard Base.

Holtec Files Lawsuit to Overturn NYS Discharge Ban

Citing the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 Holtec sued New York State in federal court, seeking to overturn the law, enacted last June, banning the discharge of tritium contaminated water into the Hudson River.

Holtec’s suit claims that the proposed discharge meets all federal standards and that the state lacks authority to regulate radioactive discharges.

The Indian Point Decommissioning Oversight Board, in a statement, said that would continue presentations on alternative methods of wastewater removal.

Environmental Funding in 2024-25 New York State Budget

- \$400 million for the Environmental Protection Fund
- \$300 million for State Parks capital improvements
- \$500 million for clean water infrastructure
- \$250 million from the 2022 Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act to promote voluntary home buyouts in communities most vulnerable to flooding
- \$40 million to launch the Resilient and Ready program.
- \$150 million for NY SWIMS, including funding for the development of a swimming facility at Sojourner Truth State Park
- \$289,000 to the City of Kingston and \$33,000 to the Town of Ulster to address decreased tax revenue from the creation of Sojourner Truth State Park



Join Beacon Sloop Club for a cleanup at Beacon Waterfront and Riverfront Park from 9AM to 1:00PM for the 13th Annual Riverkeeper Sweep.

Volunteers will first meet at 9AM outside the Beacon Sloop Club, 2 Red Flynn Drive. Doors will open for volunteers to come in and learn about Aquatic Invasive Species with George Jackman, PhD Habitat Restoration Director of Riverkeeper, from 9:15-10am. From 10am to 12pm, volunteers will be broken up into groups for the cleanup project. From 12-1:00pm, volunteers will sort and bring glass, metal, and trash to the Beacon Transfer Station.

[Register Here](#)

Celebrate Pete Seeger's Birthday! at the Beacon Sloop Club Sat. May 4, at 1:30 - 4pm



With a circle of song, bring your instruments and voices. (Free) Info: Ken Miller at (201)376-1316, or powwow187@aol.com

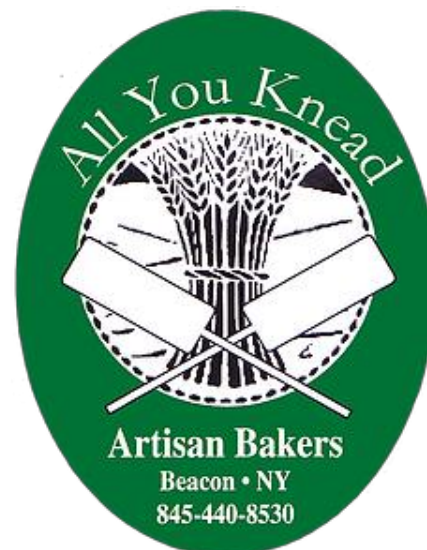


8th Annual Pete Seeger Fest to celebrate the musical, environmental, and humanitarian legacy of our neighbor, mentor and friend. FREE and family-friendly - Sun., May 5th from 2 - 5 pm.

Performers include David and Jacob Bernz, Betty and the Baby Boomers, Rick Nestler, Linda Richards, Laurie Siegel and Patrick Stanfield Jones, Joe Kaminsky, RJ Storm and the Old School Bluegrass Band, the Trouble Sisters, and Sarah Underhill. Fine crafts will be for sale, and refreshments will be available.

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Rd in Putnam Valley.

The Beacon Sloop Club, inc.
Profit and Loss
 February 2024



	Total
Income	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	1,100.00
Woody maintaince fund	250.00
Total Contribution, Gifts, Grants	\$ 1,350.00
Corn Festival	
Vendor	180.00
Total Corn Festival	\$ 180.00
Interest-Checking	245.16
Interest-Money Market	3.10
Total Investment Income	\$ 248.26
Membership	
Paypal	125.00
Snailmail	135.00
Total Membership	\$ 260.00
Other Revenue	
Harbor Mooring Fee	500.00
Sailing Class	50.00
Total Other Revenue	\$ 550.00
Pumpkin Festival	
Vendor	80.00
Total Pumpkin Festival	\$ 80.00
Strawberry Festival	
Vendor	340.00
Total Strawberry Festival	\$ 340.00
Total Income	\$ 3,008.26
Gross Profit	\$ 3,008.26
Expenses	
Bank Expense	
Paypal	35.26
Total Bank Expense	\$ 35.26
Other Expenses	
Donation	
MLK parade	47.81
Total Donation	\$ 47.81
Website	34.30
Total Other Expenses	\$ 82.11
Total Expenses	\$ 117.37
Net Operating Income	\$ 2,890.89
Net Income	\$ 2,890.89
Opening Cash Balance 2/1/2024	\$ 127,322.62
Closing Cash Balance 2/29/2024	\$ 130,213.51
Change in Investment Value	632.45
Total Balance 2/29/2024	\$ 130,845.96
Unrestricted & soft	\$ 99,402.63
Hard Restricted (total)*	\$ 31,443.33
B & S Rozinsky Fund (hard)	\$ 23,449.13
Board designated funds (soft)	\$ 15,941.86



KINGSTON EARTH FAIR

SATURDAY MAY 11, 2024 • 11am - 5pm

FREE ADMISSION

TR GALLO PARK

RAIN LOCATION:
HUTTON BRICKYARDS

kingston-ny.gov/earthfair - check for cancellation

FOOD

CLEARWATER MUSIC STAGE

ZERO WASTE EVENT

KIDS ACTIVITIES

CLEARWATER BOAT TOURS

SOLARIS BOAT RIDES

GREEN EXHIBITORS

FACE PAINTING

HOMESPUN MERRY GO ROUND

SHUTTLES FROM CORNELL STREET AND KINGSTON POINT BEACH PARKING LOTS

ELECTRIC VEHICLES SHOWCASE • BIKE VALET AVAILABLE
 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION • EARTH DAY EXCHANGE
 ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING + REFRIGERANTS DRIVE!

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

13th Annual Riverkeeper Sweep

Saturday, May 4,
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Sloop Club, 2 Red Flynn Drive

8th Annual Pete Seeger Fest

Sun., May 5th from 2 - 5 pm
Tompkins Corners Cultural Center

Kingston Earth Fair @ TR Gallo Park

May 11 @ 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse

Pete Seeger Night

Saturday, May 18, 2024, 6:30 pm
Community Unitarian Universalist
Congregation 468 Rosedale Ave
White Plains, NY 10605

Clearwater Hike and Learn Plants and Insects: Meadow Management at Poets' Walk Park

When: 9:30 – 11:30am Saturday, May 18
[Register to attend](#)

Clearwater's Public Sails

Public Sail (Beacon, NY) @ Red Flynn Drive
May 4 @ 10:30 am – 1:00 pm

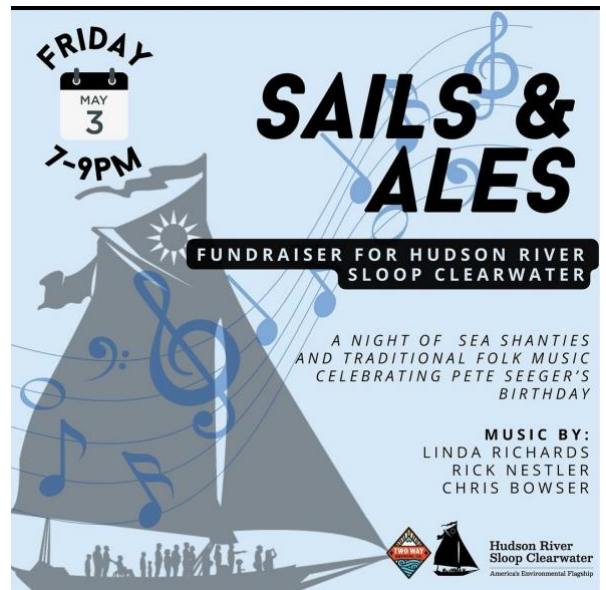
Public Sail (Beacon, NY) @ Red Flynn Drive
May 4 @ 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Public Sail (Kingston, NY) @ 50 Rondout Landing
May 11 @ 10:30 am – 1:00 pm

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May 11 @ 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm



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.



**All Hands On Deck for the
Strawberry Festival!!
Sunday, June 9. Noon-5pm
Pete and Toshi Seeger Riverfont Park
Set-up begins at 9:00 am**

It's time to start making plans. There are many, many jobs available.

We always need hullers, so bring your friends and family.

Contact Patricia Finnerty

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