# Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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## Serving Hudson River with Pride for 37 Years

### A Message from Our President:

The May meeting was our first outdoor meeting this year, with many new faces, great music, and moorings bobbing in the harbor.

The Woody is now in the water, with a new rainbow stripe, a new rudder, a couple of new planks, and more after a lot of work by Gigi and the maintenance team. The next stage of work is rigging, electrical, transport to Beacon, and shakeout sails before our first major event which is the Cornwall festival on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Each crew should be coming together to make it happen!

The Strawberry Festival, Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>, is rapidly approaching. This is our biggest festival of the year and we need volunteers for all sorts of jobs. Remember, if you are BSC member, you are part of the Strawberry Festival crew. For general festival jobs, contact Phyllis, our Strawberry Festival Coordinator. To sign up for the traditional berry hulling party on Saturday, the 12<sup>th</sup>, contact Tom LaBarr. We're expecting to have local berries again this year.

Many thanks to Chris Ruhe for the Riverfront Clean-up on April 25<sup>th</sup>!

A big thank you to David Bernz and Dan Einbender for The Kisses Sweeter Than Wine concert which raised over \$6,000 for the club and provided an evening we'll long remember.

Last, but not least, a big Thank You to Edmund and the Environmental Committee for the talk by Ed Garvey on the history of the PCB contamination in the Hudson and Phase 1 of the cleanup. We were ioined that evening by Mannajo Greene. Environmental Director of Clearwater, and John Cronin, Executive Director of BIRE and we had some very useful and frank discussion of the issues. It made for another memorable evening at the Sloop Club. This year's lecture series has been outstanding.

Rosemary

### Inside this issue:

**The Woody's launch,** Kisses Sweeter than Wine, PCBs, Strawberry prep, and much more...



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS Tuesday, May 25th, 7:00 p.m.
NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, June 4th, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

### **BSC Membership Form-** (all renewals are due in January)

Name Street Address
City State ZIP Phone Email
Amount Enclosed \$ Renewal New Member How did you hear of us?
Are you a Clearwater member? Would you like information regarding a Clearwater membership?
Newsletter format(check one): Printed E-mail Please include your e-mail address if you want your newsletter e-mailed to you.
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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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: <a href="https://www.beaconsloopclub.org">www.beaconsloopclub.org</a>.

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## Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting Minutes, May 7, 2010

**Call to Order.** Club President Rosemary Thomas opened the meeting with a celebration of the 91<sup>st</sup> birthday of our founder, Pete Seeger. A warm but breezy evening made it hard to keep the candles lit, but Pete blew out a cooperating candle. The Club sang and wished him warm wishes for many more times around the sun.

Woody Report, Gigi Fris. The Woody is being launched May 14, a little behind schedule, but in plenty of time for the first public sail. The new rudder is on, the new toe rail; new rub rail and new plank have been installed. The new topmast is yet to be installed. Volunteers are very much needed and welcome at White's Marina in New Hamburg. The Cornwall Riverfest, June 5, is the first event where the Woody will sail officially.

Strawberry Festival, Strawberries, Tom LaBarr. HELP! Tom is the official strawberry getter and stripper. Work will begin on sorting and hulling the strawberries and prepping the dough at the LaBarr home, a red house just north of Rt 84 on the west side of Rt 9D, Sat, 6/12, 10am. Lunch and refreshments are provided. The party will last till the work is done and refreshments consumed.

**Strawberry Festival, Biscuit Baking, Alice Vaughan.** Alice, an expert at book binding, claims she knows nothing about biscuit baking in mass quantities. She needs volunteers, former experts or know-it-alls to help with the effort Sun, 6/13, 9:30am at Riverfront Park.

Strawberry Festival, Whipped Cream, Claudine Craig. Claudine and Connie Hogarth are whippers. They will be whipping viciously till 4:30 or so. Volunteers are needed. Sunday, 6/13, 10am.

Strawberry Festival, Environmental Tent, Betty Harkins. Sun., 6/13, 10am. We need hands to set up the tent. The program will feature Goats, Clearwater, River Pool at Beacon, Shane Hobel, Andy Revkin (Pace U., NYT, Dot Earth).

Strawberry Festival, Set up, David Cohen. Sat, 6/12, 9am. Needs 6-8 people to put up Strawberry Tent and to haul chairs and tables to the festival. Volunteers are needed Sun, 6/13, 5pm to return them to the club. We need people to work waste, recyclables and garbage.

Strawberry Festival, Phyllis Newman. Please show up early ... or late to help with virtually any of the areas at the Festival. Park in the train lot and walk. There will be no parking after 11am in the lot near the courts or on the roadway. There is no parking on the grass anywhere in the park. All deliveries and setup should be completed by 11am. Only emergency vehicles will be allowed down the road after 11am or so. "If you're a member of the BSC, you're a volunteer at the Strawberry Festival."

**Treasurer's Report, Sarah Elisabeth[See full report elsewhere in the Newsletter].** Of note, Sarah reported that sailing classes generated \$1650, a record, and that retail income from the Tarrytown concert was \$706.Closing bank balance was \$51,572.40.

Environmental Committee, Alan Thomas. Alan reported for Edmund Fitzgerald on the program with Dr. Ed Garvey, lead consulting scientist on the PCB cleanup in the River. The program was about three hours long, very interesting and topical. Chris Bowser from the DEC will lead the final event in the series on May 14, 6:30 at Longdock, Beacon, (Just up the hill and down the road to the right from the Sloop Club).

Earth Day Clean-up, Chris Ruhe. The clean up went relatively well given that it rained most of the afternoon. Volunteers cleaned up trash from in and around the waterfront.. \* Protest at Stonykill Farm, Sunday, May 2 (and following Sundays). BSC will have a presence in front of the road to the Big House at Stonykill Farm starting at noon on Sunday May 9. The protest on May 2 was the first one until the Parks Dept. and/or the Governor end their plans to close the park. Please come out to support this effort. Address Dr. Peter Grannis, Director of the NY DEC. If the stock transfer fee were reinstated, we would have all the money we need. Last month's newsletter has addresses for local legislators and the DEC.

Kisses Sweeter Than Wine Concert, April 24, David Bernz & Dan Einbender. Dan & David presented a check for \$6048 to the Club from the Wolofsky family who originated the idea for the Concert. Thanks go to Pete Seeger, the Klezmatics, Work o' the Weavers, Rob Tepper and Fred Hellerman who reduced or donated their fees.

#### **Announcements**

Green infrastructure initiative will identify 10 sites for potential improvements to reduce storm water run-off. The first meeting was held in Beacon last week. Contact **Rosemary Thomas** for details.

Frances Cott -The Unitarian Universalist Association of Newburgh is sponsoring Sonja Malkeen, performing Celtic music. Sonja has performed with Pete. Come to the service at 10:45 on May 23 for the service and afterward will be the performance. Contact Newburgh UUA for details. On the same day, May 23, there will be a showing of "The Graveyard" by a Newburgh resident at 275 17k (Broadway and Johnson) in Newburgh. It highlights issues that confront the City of Newburgh.

**David Cohen** requested that the Club consider a repeat of the swing dance program for August. A vote of the membership put it on the Executive committee agenda for next month.

**Mark McCarrol**l passed the hat for donations to support the effort to repair the club.



Dan Einbender and David Bernz presenting a check for \$6048 to the Beacon Sloop Club. The check is a donation from the Wolofsky family representing half the proceeds from the Kisses Sweeter than Wine concert.



### **Kisses Sweeter Than Wine**

(Kishn Ziser Fun Vayn)

Where do I start to describe this event?

It was historic with members of the original Weavers, Pete Seeger and Fred Hellerman, coming together with the Work o' the Weavers who are carrying on their legacy, Rob Tepper's interpretation of Woody Guthrie, and the Klezmatics' renditions of unpublished Woody Guthrie works.

It was romantic, honoring the 50th anniversary of Kay and Jack Wolofsky who met at a Weavers concert so many years ago.

It was international with the Wolofsky family organizing this from Toronto and flying in Theresa Tova as surprise performer. I know I will remember hearing Kisses Sweeter than Wine in Yiddish for the first time.

It was personal, with Robert Sherman talking about the early days of the folk revival and Nora Guthrie telling stories of life in the Guthrie household.

Most of all it was fun! What a great concert in a great venue! We would like to thank the Wolofsky family again for their generous donation to the Woody, David Bernz and Dan Einbender for producing the show, and all the sloop club volunteers who helped with merchandise sales, back stage hospitality, security, and other support jobs. When all was done we netted close to \$7000 for upcoming renovations of the Woody.



Sloop Club Volunteers working backstage and in the lobby of the Tarrytown Music Hall

Catherine and Oliver Bock started across the country on electric bikes on Earth Day to raise awareness for clean energy and transportation. Follow their journey on their blog: http://thegreenriders.blogspot.com/

## STRAWBERRY WORKERS of the WORLD UNITE

The Strawberry prep party for this year's **Strawberry Festival** will be on **Saturday**, **June 12**<sup>th</sup> at the LaBarr's house. Please plan on helping us prepare for the festival. The Local Strawberries will be delivered about 10:00. We need to wash, hull, slice and freeze about 1/3 of the berries. Lunch will be served when we are finished with the berries. Then we have to mix all the dry ingredients for the biscuits. We will be serving **STRAWBERRY DRINKS** and **CHOCOLATE COVERED STRAWBERRIES** all afternoon and into the evening. Then we have dinner, clean up and party till we drop. We are located at 1347 Route 9D, 5th houses north of Route 84 on the riverside. It is a red house.

NOTE: This is not a potluck; all food and drink are provided. Musicians bring your instruments for the party.

Please call or email us if think you are going to be able to make it. We need to know the number of people, so we can have more than enough food and drink available.

Tom & Aimee LaBarr at 831-4267 labarrt@engr.newpaltz.edu

# Strawberry Festival Volunteer Opportunities

**Once Again We Need Volunteers** 

Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am

Site Set-up, tent, chairs and tables, etc

Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, all day

Biscuit mixers and bakers
Strawberry hullers and slicers
Whip cream whippers
Biscuit slicers
Servers
Trash and Recycling
Ticket sellers
Sailors
Clean-up and Breakdown

We especially need help at the end of the festival for clean-up and return of equipment to the clubhouse.

### **Privateers Invade the Sloop Club**

The walls of the Beacon Sloop Club rang with the sounds of cannon-fire and the voices of long-dead patriots at the Friday April 9 Lecture about "Privateers of the NYC and Hudson Waterways - Patriots or Pirates".





Dressed in the authentic clothing from the 1770's, club member and Woody Sailor Ken Miller and guest Raoul Mallalieu brought to life the daring stories of the men and women who were instrumental in defeating Great Britain despite overwhelming odds.

The audience of 45 plus people learned of fleets of whale boats from New Jersey, Connecticut and New York which deviled the British at every turn; how George Washington used privateers as a secret navy; about the sloops



which were turned into fiery torpedoes and launched at British war ships and about the tragic end of 12,000 Americans who were imprisoned in unspeakable conditions aboard British prison ships in New York harbor.



Jonathan Kruk, dressed as a wealthy gentleman from 1770, took time away from the launch of his new CD "Once Upon the Hudson" by The Hudson River Ramblers", to be the voice of George Washington and also the voice of the jailer who confessed on his death bed to stealing all the money for over two thousand prisoners' food leading to their starvation.

The night concluded with Pete leading the singing of a song for which he wrote the music and Ed Renahan wrote the lyrics which recounts a tale of an attack on Peekskill by the British war ships the Phoenix and the Rose. Regards,

Steve van der Merwe

### Stony Kill Farm is Slated to Close May 31st

It's not too late to take action! The link below contains list of officials you can contact telling them you don't want to see Stony Kill closed. As well as a sample letter detailing some of the concerns raised by the

http://www.facebook.com/pages/Wappingers-Falls-NY/Save-Stony-

Kill/110908898936224?ref=ts#!/pages/Wappingers-Falls-NY/Save-Stony-

Kill/110908898936224?v=info&ref=ts

Join the protest! Sundays at noon throughout the month of May at the entrance to the manor house.

To email DEC commissioner Grannis: www.dec.ny.gov/about/407.html

#### **Sound Bites**

Editor's note: This month's feature is another autobiographical one. Gigi is in the final push to launch the boat. I am very happy that she chose the Carps as they are new members and sailors who have been showing up every week to work on the boat.



A big hello from Christena and Marty Carp. We joined the Beacon Sloop Club looking for a new sport and, quite frankly, a new way of life – a sabbatical as cruising sailors. But as life would have it, both of

us have strong organizing

backgrounds. Christena's parents, the Bakers, started and run the Kent Recycling Center; founded the first public library in Carmel; preserved and rebuilt the Ninham Fire Tower; fought to save the lakes and, with Christena, the dirt roads.

As a child, Christena remembers hearing Peter Seeger, Oscar Brand and The Weavers playing on her parent's turntable and going to hear Pete sing at local parks and the Clearwater Festival. Christena is a high school art teacher who connects her students with their community through annual shows at local galleries, banks and festivals.

Marty became movement oriented with the 1962 "Free Hugo Blanco" rallies; 1963-getting Clifton DeBerry on the ballot for President; the anti-war movement (saw Pete in Washington, DC); animal rights; 1980-becoming a professional community organizer (Hunter College Graduate School of Social Work); and supervising NYC's Domestic Violence Intake Unit. It is in this latter area that Christena and I are still active and that necessitates our own personal refitting in order to avoid burnout.

We enjoy working on the Woody; attending sailing classes; and coming to the monthly meetings for the potluck, club updates, community bulletins and great sing-a-longs. We particularly like meeting the incredible cast of characters that make up the BSC.

It looks like we've come to the right place to recharge.

Love you, Marty & Christena





### **Woody Report:**

Yes-our girl is in the slings at White's til Monday. Yahoo-dy! Thanks to all the comrades who showed up to make the launch successful. An extra special thanks to Cavalier Tom Baldino, for ingeniously using the cotton





threads from a clothes line when Randy Parmer and his caulking went missing. Kudos to Tom for his amazing problem solving skills; the leak he plugged was rather sinister.

On hand yesterday(also) were Kip, Rich Holzman, John Mclaughlin, Robert and Alan Thomas, plus a man named Jeff. Ben and Wally came a bit later, but merci for everybody's' actions and efforts.

Let's get together, people and make this work! Our first festival is June 5th, only three weeks away, with the Strawberry Festival and Clearwater Festival the following



### A quick update on the status of herring monitoring in the Hudson for April 2010: From the DEC

At the halfway point (the first week of May), herring had been sighted at every creek except for the Pocantico. Out of 127 reported trips, 41 had positive herring sightings.

# PCBs in the Sediments of the Hudson: The History of Contamination and Phase 1 of the Clean-Up, An Evening with Edward A. Garvey, PhD, PG

We were privileged to have Dr. Edward Garvey speak as part of the Environmental Lecture Series. Dr. Garvey is an environmental geochemist with the Louis Berger Group, Inc. who has studied the Hudson River and Estuary for more than 25 years. Since 1991, he has



served as EPA's lead scientist in support of the EPA's remedial investigations of PCBs in the Hudson River.

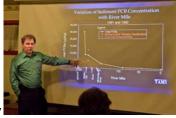


Dr. Garvey explained the chemistry of PCBs which are a family of 209 congeners, formed by different combinations of hydrogen and chlorine attached to two 6-carbon benzene rings (bi-phenyl). Generally, the more chlorine atoms it has, the less soluble and more toxic the molecule. By analyzing the distribution of congeners in a sample it is possible to fingerprint and track each source of contamination.

GE used a specific blend of purified Monsanto chemicals

which have been found in sediments from its source in Fort Edward to the mouth of the Hudson.

Dr. Garvey also reviewed the results of the phase 1 cleanup which was completed last year. Phase 1 faced many



challenges, including higher than normal flows due to the heavy rains, and much more extensive wood debris than anticipated. The debris both masked contamination as assessed by core sample and led to more re-suspension during dredging. By the end of Phase1 10 of 18 planned sites were completed but 1.6 to 2 times as much volume as planned was removed. Delays led to premature capping, rather than complete removal, of 25% of the area due to schedule constraints.

Dr. Garvey made several recommendations to address these issues. These include planning for overcuts due to the uncertainty in the depths of the contamination, better scow procedures or more capacity to reduce delays, and better deployment of dredge buckets to minimize resuspension.

We had a very knowledgeable crowd for this event, including members of several other local environmental organizations. There were great questions asked during the talk and a lively discussion ensued afterwards.

The environmental community all agreed that going forward into Phase 2 the lessons learned during Phase 1 need to be applied to assuring a complete clean-up. This includes measures to limit re-suspension and sufficient planning to avoid the need to cap outside of the residual standard based on schedule.

Thank You Again to Dr. Garvey and Len Warner of the Louis Berger Group and to Captain Patrick for making the connection to the BSC.

April Beacon Sloop Club Treasury Report							
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BSC General Fund	Amount	Membership	Woody & Small Boats	Festival & Event	Harbor	Clubhouse	
Membership	780.00	780.00					
Donation	166.04			166.04			
Harbor	2,667.50	192.50			2,475.00		
Vendor	575.00			575.00			
Sailing Class	1,650.00			1,650.00			
Concert Tarrytown	706.00			706.00			
Central Hudson	(57.09)					(57.09)	
Woody Registration	(93.75)		(93.75)			,	
City of Beacon (Strawberry Festival Permit)	(250.00)			(250.00)			
City of Beacon (Electricity and Water Access)	(150.00)			(150.00)			
City of Beacon (Park Deposit (reimbursed))	(1,000.00)			(1,000.00)			
White"s Marina	(17.99)		(17.99)				
Gordan Duggan	(7.55)		(7.55)				
Gregg Grann	(187.20)		(187.20)				
Cory McConniel	(112.36)		(112.36)				
Stamps Marcia Kaplan-Mann (Clearwater common	(44.00)						
tent)	(85.00)			(85.00)			
Sailing Class Books	(160.45)			(160.45)			
Clearwater Festival	(30.00)			(30.00)			
Woody Model	(19.01)			(19.01)			
Web Domain Name	(29.97)			(29.97)			
Tweeters for Main Speakers	(126.25)			(126.25)			
Strawberry Festival Oven	(601.50)			(601.50)			
Appleseed Recordings	(149.00)			(149.00)			
Total Monthly Income and Expenses (-)	3,423.42	972.50	(418.85)	495.86	2,475.00	(57.09)	
OPENING BALANCE	48,148.98						
CLOSING BALANCE	51,572.40						

## Entergy Files Appeal of DEC Water Quality Certificate Denial on April 30th

Fred Dacimo, Entergy vice president - License Renewal, said in a release "Today's request for intervention to the administrative law judges reflects our strong belief that the DEC staff, in this instance, is mistaken in its conclusions,"

The DEC wants all power plants and industrial facilities in the state to upgrade from once-through cooling systems to cooling towers or some other system that reuses water.

Entergy contends its proposed "Wedgewire" screens

Entergy contends its proposed "Wedgewire" screens would better protect aquatic life and cost much less than cooling towers.

Dacimo said, "The facts of this case clearly show that ... Wedgewire screens ... will significantly advance our long-standing efforts to protect Hudson River fish eggs and larvae while not adversely affecting human health or the Hudson's scenicshoreline. This is the common sense, smarter solution."

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Noon-5:00 pm
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Free Sails on the Woody Guthrie!

### **Current Calendar**

**Executive Committee meeting**, Tues. May 25th, 7:00 p.m.

**Beacon Sloop Club meeting** every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month: next meeting June 4th– potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m.

Farmers Market every Sunday, 10-4 p.m., At the Ferry Dock, Beacon, NY

**SAILING CLASSES**. Wed., Apr. 14 thru June 2, 7:00pm, At the Beacon Sloop Club

**Protest the closing of Stonykill**, Sundays at noon throughout May

**Cornwall Riverfest**, Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am-6:00 pm, Donahue Park, Cornwall-on-Hudson

**Strawberry Prep Party**, Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – we're done, at the LaBarr's house, Route 9D, Beacon

**Strawberry Festival Site prep**, Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am- noon, Riverfront Park, Beacon

Strawberry Festival set-up and food prep, Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-11:00, Riverfront Park, Beacon



**Woody Work Parties:** On the boat. At White's Marina. On your sailing night until the boat is back in Beacon. Contact your captain.

Free Sails on the Woody Guthrie, weeknights beginning in June, 6:00pm, at the clubhouse.

**Strawberry Festival**, Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>, Noon-5:00 pm, Riverfront Park, Beacon

**Strawberry Festival Site Clean-up**, Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm- done, Riverfront Park, Beacon

Clearwater's Great Hudson River Revival 2010 June 19 & 20,Croton Point Park Croton-on-Hudson, NY







Vigil for Peace every Saturday from 12-2 p.m. at the intersection of Rts. 9 and 9D opposite Staples and at the corner of the South Hills Mall.

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