

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 41 Years

From the Editor's Desk:

We hope that everyone had a good holiday season and is refreshed and ready for a big year at the club. This is actually our 45th year since the first gathering that evolved into the Beacon Sloop Club (41 years above refers to the Broadside).

We kicked off the New Year on the tail end of the big storm with temperatures dropping below zero by circle of song time. A little bit of hot food, some lively music, and well stoked fires and we were in business, at least until our feet got too cold.

We'd like to thank David Eberle for his dedication to the club these past two years. There was no job too big or too small for him to take on as our president. Saul returns again as our president for 2014 so we are in experienced and capable hands. We welcome J. C. Calderon as our new vice president.

We would like to make an appeal regarding membership and remind everyone to send in their forms and renew; We feel bad when someone disappears from the mailing list. We were very liberal about continuing subscriptions last year but it costs time and money to do that. Help us recruit: ask a friend, bring a teenager, and promote our events. With the Woody likely not to sail this year we need other ways to attract new members.

Finally we would like to thank Gigi for organizing a Christmas day caroling flash mob for Pete who missed this year's holiday sing.

Inside this issue:

Hardy souls brave the cold, the arctic 30 go home, upcoming events, and much, much more...



**NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS Tuesday, January 28th 7:00 p.m. –NEXT
MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, February 7th, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.**

Name _____ Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ - _____ Phone _____ - _____ - _____ Email _____

Membership donation \$ _____ Renewal _____ New Member _____ Save Our Sloop Fund donation \$ _____

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? How did you hear of us? _____

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.

To our postal mail subscribers:

As you renew please consider converting to an electronic subscription. It saves \$\$s and paper.

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Alan Thomas, PO Box 430, Hughsonville, NY 12537

Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, January 3, 2014

The meeting began at 7:30 with R.J. Storm leading the club in singing "Victory is Mine." Saul Rozinsky was introduced as the new president for 2014. Saul introduced Sarah Elisabeth to give the Treasury Report. The closing balance is \$159,790. It was noted that \$6,000 came from the sale of the car that Jim Krivo left the club. The report was approved.

Jim Birmingham gave the Woody Report. Jim said the Woody needs a lot of work and he thanked everyone who has worked to help the boat restoration. He said the boat had a survey done and the survey found that the boat is unfit to use for its intended and estimates vary between builder and scale of work. Guest sails will almost certainly not happen in 2014 but the club's other boats are available for members who still want to get out on the water. One suggestion is to have a boat building program in the absence of the public sail program. The club can build a whitehall row boat. Ken Miller gave details about some local whitehall building programs. Betty Harkins asked if repairs on the Woody will begin soon or if we are waiting until we have more money. Jim said we will wait until we have a clear plan of what is to be done.

James Malchow reported that on January 18th there will be an open boat party at the Clearwater barn in Kingston at 4:00. There will also be a Sloop Club Congress at the barn prior to the party at 1:00.

Alan Thomas announced that the first lecture in the winter lecture series is titled "Bikeable Beacon." It will be held in the Sloop Club on Thursday, January 16th at 7:00. The rest of the lectures are being planned. Alan also announced that the Greenpeace Arctic 30 have been released and he thanked all sloop club members who helped get them released.

Alan Thomas announced that on February 27th is the annual Woody Dinner. This year's dinner is being held at the Towne Crier Cafe. Tickets are \$75 per person.

Discussion moved to the club's donation of \$1000 from Chevron. Saul Rozinsky explained the background of the donation and said the donation became controversial because of Chevron's environmental record. In December a vote was held to accept the money and not return it to Chevron and now the question is what is to be done with it. Saul announced that the club's Board approved Connie Hogarth's proposal as an agenda item. Connie read her proposal which called for \$1000 to be given to the Pachamama Alliance. Discussion was held about the proposal both in favor and against the proposal. After comments from each side were given, a vote was held. By a vote of 20-9 the club approved Connie's proposal. David Eberle made a motion to create a matching grant of up to \$1000 to make up the spent funds. A hat pass collected \$150, which David matched.

Connie Hogarth then read a proposed press release drafted by her and Rosemary Thomas on the donation to Pachamama. The press release was approved. Gail Moran asked if there would also be a press conference. It was agreed that the possibility would be explored.

James Malchow asked the club for a resolution thanking Tom LaBarr for all the work he has done both for the club and community. The resolution passed unanimously.

Discussion moved to the Woody Dinner. Various details were discussed. Approximately half of the cost of each ticket goes to the Woody and the club is trying to be sure that those who cannot afford the cost of the ticket are still able to attend.

Steve Schwartz announced that the film "Crude" is going to be shown at the club on Friday, January 24th at 7:00p.m. The film is meant to educate the club and public about Chevron and its issues in South America. David Eberle added that the club will have a guest speaker in the future about ethical decisions for non-profits.

Lydia Adams Davis announced that she has a concert on January 11th at 11:00a.m. at the Howland Center.

Vane Lashua announced that he has papers and flyers to help people sign up for health care under the new law.

Lydia Adams Davis announced that on January 6th at the Springfield Baptist Church is the next rehearsal for the Martin Luther King Parade. The rehearsal begins at 6:30p.m.

Alan Thomas announced that Vane Lashua is the chair of the membership committee and most membership renewals are due in January. In recent years membership renewals have been disappointingly low and the committee hopes to turn that around.

The meeting broke at 8:35 p.m.

In Memoriam- Michael Sherker



Michael Sherker was a very talented and extraordinarily creative artist, painting abstract work throughout his life. More recently, Michael did the art work for a children's book that he and his partner, Claudine Craig, published called *The Sheep That Swam*. Michael was also a musician who performed and sang; he had a beautiful voice.

Michael earned his Ph.D. in Fine Arts from Columbia University. He was a native of New York City and his career as an art and ceramics professor at Kingsborough College in Brooklyn spanned thirty years. During his tenure at Kingsborough College, Michael built kilns for the art department.

Michael was always involved in projects, exhibiting significant strength and energy with his efforts. He first arrived to the Hudson Valley as a counselor at the Settlement Camp when he was nearly fifteen. He made the Hudson Valley his permanent residence after he retired from teaching. Michael was a long-time Beacon Sloop Club member, regularly contributing to causes.

Michael had a lovely sense of humor; he was kind and would offer help to anyone in need.



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Thank You!!

Captain Peter Wilcox and the Arctic 30 have been pardoned by an act of the Russian parliament and allowed to leave Russia and return to their homes! Certainly this tremendous news is the result of the public outcry at the ridiculousness of the charges and the treatment that these peaceful protestors received.

Again thank you to all of you, who signed the cards at the meeting, wrote letters, signed petitions, joined the online protests, spread the word, and otherwise brought pressure to bear on the Russians. Your voices were heard.

"Our ship was illegally seized at sea, detained and taken to Murmansk, where we were put in prison and accused of a crime we didn't commit. Now more than 100 days later, we're relieved to have received the amnesty, but we have nothing to apologize for. This was an entirely peaceful protest, the right thing to do and as a result, millions more people are now aware of the risks of drilling in the Arctic.

"We'd like to thank our supporters all over the world who put the pressure on Russian authorities and who were ultimately responsible for getting us out of jail. But it's not over yet. We need to end our dependence on oil. We already have more oil than we can safely burn without destroying the climate. This campaign will not stop until the globe has switched to renewable energy."
– Captain Peter Wilcox

Think It Can't Happen Here?

Two anti-fracking protesters were jailed as terrorists in Oklahoma when excess glitter from their banner fell onto the floor of the Devon Energy offices. They have been charged with staging a terrorist hoax and face a maximum sentence of 10 years.

<http://www.addictinginfo.org/2013/12/20/anti-fracking-protectors-glitter-terrorists/>

Conference call on:

Cove Point LNG mega-export facility for fracked Marcellus Shale gas

SPEAKERS: Bill McKibben and Mike Tidwell

Friday, January 10th at 2 pm EST
 CALL IN NUMBER: 530-881-1300
 CODE: 703226

If you are concerned about the growth of fracking in the Marcellus Shale and elsewhere you are invited to jump on a conference call with Bill McKibben of 350.org and Mike Tidwell of the Chesapeake Climate Action Network.

The call will focus on the Obama Administration's efforts to fast track the export of liquefied natural gas from U.S. fracking production. An early test case of this newest dirty energy export push is at a place called Cove Point, Maryland just 65 miles from the White House on the shore of the Chesapeake Bay.

Cove Point is the linchpin of the gas industry's radical plan to send trillions of cubic feet of fracked Marcellus gas to Europe and Asia. Please join Friday's conference call to learn how you and your group can join the regional and national fight against Cove Point. You can learn more about this campaign at <http://stopcovepoint.org>.

New York State Issues Long-Term Energy Plan

An estimated 2000 protestors rallied against hydraulic fracturing in Albany today as Governor Cuomo gave his annual State-of-the-State address. There were many familiar faces in the crowd.

Meanwhile, on Tuesday the state Energy Planning Board approved New York's long-term energy plan taking no position on fracking. It does call for the expanded use of natural gas instead of oil to reduce harmful air emissions. Absent were the 2009 plans claims of economic and energy gains from expanding production from the Marcellus Shale.

The plan instead focuses on increased use of renewable energy and clean technology including solar, wind, bioenergy, geothermal and hydrokinetic energy sources, and projects utility bills will be among the lowest in the country. It calls for a reduction of carbon emissions from the energy sector of 50 percent by 2030.

There is a 60-day public comment period and six public hearings will be held on the plan. You can read and comment on the plan at:

<http://energyplan.ny.gov/>

Bikeable Beacon - Alternative Development Options

With
Mark Roland

Thursday, January 16, 2014

7:00 pm

At the Beacon Sloop Club
(opposite the Beacon train station)

A Free Event



Caution: this talk will be hardcore, and may upset the sensibilities of those who firmly believe in perpetual “progress” and growth—even “smartgrowth.”

Talk notes:

“Development” means many changes for the city one of the most obvious and immediate changes will be to the traffic patterns in town. Simply put, there will be more cars, more traffic, taking up more space.

Mr. Roland will discuss the role the bicycle might play in all of this, as well as in Beacon’s economic future. We’ll discuss why the bicycle is the most convivial of conveyances, and why we must get out of our cars. He’ll look at ways to live car-free right here in Beacon.



Mark Roland has lived in Beacon since 2001. For 7 years he was proprietor of the **Iron Fish Trading Co.**, selling second-hand goods, antiques, and used bicycles. He is a co-founder of **Beacon Deserves Better**, a citizens group that fought a large development proposed for the city’s waterfront. He first proposed the idea of bicycle sharrows, or shared lane markings, for Main Street, and was a catalyst in seeing that project to fruition. He was also appointed to several planning and rezoning committees under two mayors.

While living in New York City in the 80s and 90s, he founded and published a magazine called **In Traffic**, **The Metro Cycling Journal**. He currently works at **Starn Studios** in Beacon, and runs **Wigwam**, a website and quarterly dedicated to home economics.

Robin and Linda Williams



Walkabout Coffeehouse

January 11, 2014

Memorial United Methodist Church
250 Bryant Avenue, White Plains, NY 10605

Doors open at 6:30pm, open seating. Walkabout Chorus

"Teachabout" at 6:45pm

Featured performance at 7:30pm.

Tickets: In advance: \$20.00 - At the door: \$25.00.

Clearwater's Winter Open Boat will take the winter chill away



Please join us with a Potluck food item and a song for our Open Jam on:

Saturday, January 18th, 4-8 pm

at

The Kingston Home Port & Education Center

50 Rondout Landing (by The Hudson River Maritime Museum)

Kingston, NY 12401

www.clearwater.org

For more info contact Linda at 845-265-8080 x 7105 or events@clearwater.org

This year's 8th Annual Beacon Sloop Club Benefit Dinner for the sloop Woody Guthrie:

Thursday, February 27th

at the new Towne Crier in Beacon.

Cocktail hour at 5:00; dinner at 6:00;
dancing, door prizes and raffle.

Cost \$75.00 per person

Music by “Painted Betty;”



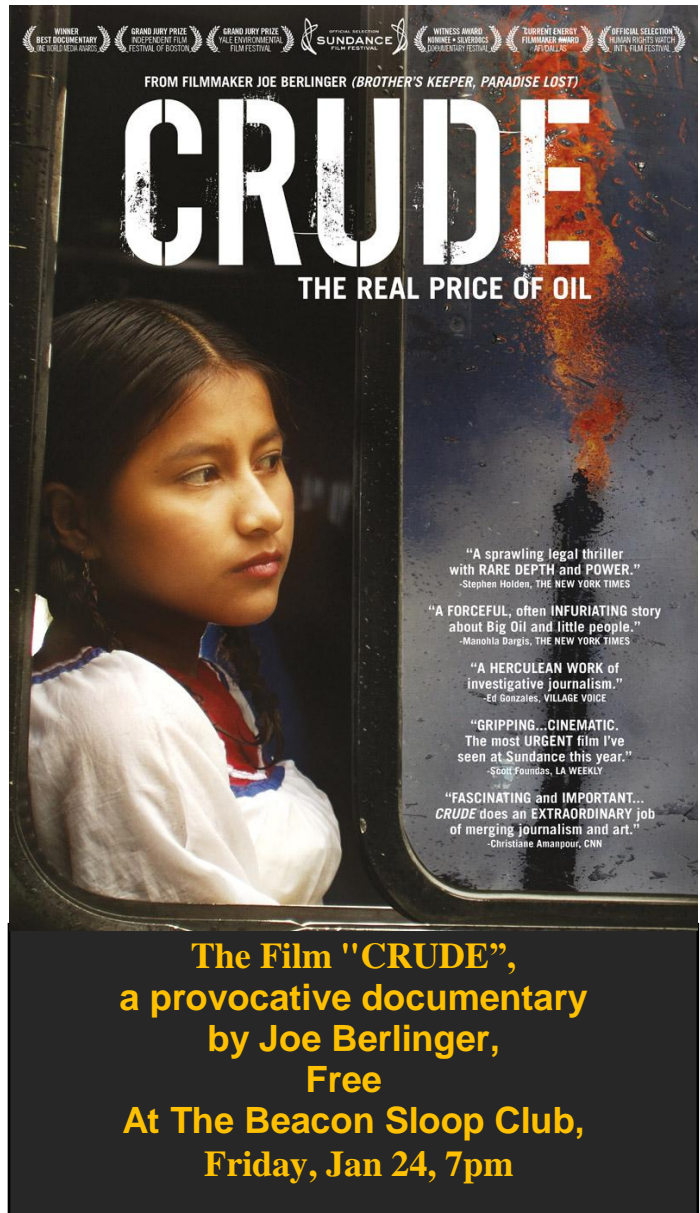
check them out on Facebook or

<http://www.paintedbetty.com/>

<http://www.reverbnation.com/paintedbetty/song/17087621-nothing-without-you>

A thank you to Aaron Verdile and Alyssa Grippo for organizing the Holiday Sing.

And of course a big thank you to all the performers who kept us signing, to those who helped with set-up and clean-up, to all who brought donations for the food pantry, who brought treats and holiday cheer to this fun event! We sure hope that Aaron and Alyssa will do it again next year.



Sloop Club Congress Meeting

Saturday, January 18th, 1pm,

Clearwater Kingston Home Port and Education Center, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston, NY.

A meeting of representatives of all the active Sloop Clubs to:

Here the latest from the mother ship
Exchange Ideas
Discuss Priorities
Meet old and new Friends

Contact: Linda Richards
linda@clearwater.org

Submitted by Sarah Elisabeth

December 30, 2013

BSC General Fund	Amount	Membership	Paypal	Woody & Small Boats	Festival & Event	Newsletter	Harbor	Clubhouse
Donation	6,311.27							
Save Our Sloop	7,856.27				7,856.27			
Membership	310.00	310.00						
Harboring Mooring Fee	450.00						450.00	
Vendor	135.00				135.00			
Building	(244.53)							-244.53
Safeco Alarm System	(105.00)							-105.00
Harbor	(277.64)						(277.64)	
Central Hudson	(87.63)							-87.63
Woody Maintenance	(1,376.27)			(1,376.27)				
Donation	(25.00)							
Total Monthly Income and Expenses (-)	12,946.47	310.00		(1,376.27)	7,991.27		172.36	-437.16
OPENING BALANCE	146,844.31							
CLOSING BALANCE	159,790.78							



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Join Us!!
**Martin Luther King Day
 Event**
January 20, 2014
Dr. King Parade
 Springfield Baptist Church.
 Lineup, 9:30am.
 Parade at 10am
 Come sing
 with **Pete Seeger**
 on a short,
 6-block march
 Featuring Songs from the
 Montgomery Marches

Volunteers of all ages:
Come learn the songs!
Come learn the history!

Last Rehearsal at 6pm, Monday, 1/13
 Springfield Baptist Church,
 8 Mattie Cooper Square, Beacon.
 Call Bonnie Champion, 845-255-6436

**...Until justice rolls down like water
 and righteousness like a mighty stream**

If you can't make rehearsal you can watch the video:

<https://drive.google.com/a/beaconk12.org/file/d/0B0OLn16dRxiCM2NhMjNTU2ZLTXM/edit?usp=sharing>

Current Calendar

Executive Committee meeting, Tues. January 28th
7:00pm., at the Clubhouse

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the
month: next meeting February. 7th– potluck 6:30
p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m.

Farmers Market every Sunday, 10-3 p.m.,
At the Long Dock Park, Beacon NY

PLANET BLUE WITH CHRIS RUHE and Tonia
Shou on radio station WVKR 91.3 FM, Every Fri., 5
to 6 p.m.

**Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse- Robin and
Linda Williams**, Sat. Jan 11, 7:30pm, Memorial
United Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Ave., White
Plains, NY

Rehearsal- MLK Day Parade, Mon. Jan. 13, 6:00
pm, Springfield Baptist Church, 8 Mattie Cooper
Square, Beacon.

**Winter Lecture Series – Bikeable Beacon w/ Mark
Roland**, Thurs. Jan. 16, 7:00 pm, at the BSC
Clubhouse

Sloop Club Congress Meeting, Sat., Jan. 18, 1pm,
Clearwater Kingston Home Port and Education
Center, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston, NY.

**Clearwater Open Boat Volunteer Workshop: Arts,
Literature, and Boat Craftsmanship**
Saturday, January 18, 2:30-3:30PM
Home Port & Education Center, 50 Rondout Landing,
Kingston, NY

MLK Day Parade, Mon. Jan. 20, 9:30 am,
Springfield Baptist Church, 8 Mattie Cooper Square,
Beacon.

Crude – the Movie, Fri., Jan. 24, 7:00 pm, at the
BSC Clubhouse.



Winter Maintenance on the Woody Guthrie,
contact a captain or John McLaughlin

**Winter Lecture Series – Music for Social
Change w/ Robert Cohen**, Thurs. Feb. 20, 7:00
pm, at the BSC Clubhouse

**8th Annual Beacon Sloop Club Benefit
Dinner**, Thur., Feb. 27, 5:00 pm, at the new
Towne Crier in Beacon.

**Hold the Date: Cajun dance and Woody
Fundraiser – May 31st.**

Membership Reminder

**For most people membership renewals are due
in January. This is a very critical year for the
Beacon Sloop Club. With the planned work on
the Woody, ongoing discussions over parking
and festivals, and key environmental issues
such as fracking coming to a head it's
important that you renew, participate, and be
counted. As always it's not about the money,
arrangements can be made for financial
hardship. Our strength is in our membership.**

Contact: Vane Lashua, or Sarah Elisabeth

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

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