

# Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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## Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 41 Years

### A message from the editor's desk

After a hard Winter it seems that Spring is finally here bringing with it many volunteer opportunities and multiple events.

The ice has finally broken up so there are many tasks for the harbor team. There will be work parties every Saturday morning beginning at 8:00 to install docks, place moorings, and build new docks. Boat owners are required to put in their work hours and others who just want to lend a hand are welcome. Contact Kip for more information.

The Strawberry Festival committee has begun to meet. Contact Rosemary Thomas to volunteer. There will be additional work parties to build a new strawberry trailer and Saul is organizing the building of a second solar trailer.

We will be hosting the Clearwater crew for a potluck dinner at 5:30 on the 24<sup>th</sup> followed by a screening of Gasland II. Come out and meet the 2014 crew and bring something to share. For more info contact James Malchow or Betty Harkins.

During May we will be holding memorial events to celebrate the lives of some of our dedicated friends who left us recently. The lecture series will wrap up on the 15<sup>th</sup> and our Spring Cajun Dance is on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Then it is Strawberry Time.

### *Inside this issue:*

**New threats to the Hudson**, sustainable agriculture, upcoming events, and much, much more...



We wish to thank farmers Keith Stewart and Erik Andrus for an entertaining and thought provoking evening at our March lecture. Keith literally wrote the book on organic farming and has shown what can be done when

one understands and nurtures the living soil.

Erik was inspiring as he described how a simple idea to use infrastructure that still exists from the 19<sup>th</sup> century grew into the Vermont Sail Freight Project. It was part adventure story and part tale of American entrepreneurial spirit.

Each in his own way challenged the paradigm of corporate monoculture as the future of agriculture.

**NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS Tuesday, April 22nd 7:00 p.m. –NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.**

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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?  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](http://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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Please submit articles for the Beacon Sloop Club Broadside by the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday after the Friday general meeting to [acthoma@yahoo.com](mailto:acthoma@yahoo.com), **Input requiring scanning must be in 1 week in advance to:**

**Alan Thomas, PO Box 430, Hughsonville, NY 12537**

## Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

### Minutes, April 4, 2014

The meeting began at 7:32 p.m. with Michael Scolnick leading the club in song. Saul Rozinsky welcomed first-time attendees from Middleburgh and Arizona. Then sang happy birthday and presented a cake to Sarah Elizabeth. J.C. Calderon and Fran Sansone's birthdays were also celebrated.

Sarah Elisabeth gave the Treasury report. The opening balance was \$165, 771 and the closing balance was \$174,164.

Tom LaBarr gave the Woody Report. He said the boat is likely going to have a survey in the next few weeks. Until then we don't know what is going to happen this season. Saul then shared the history of the Woody and explained what work needs to be done.

Saul Rozinsky announced that the club is going to be holding several memorials in the coming months. The dates for the memorials are May 4th for Jim Krivo, May 10th for Ron Bel (date to be confirmed), and May 31st for Mike Sherker.

Joyce Hanson announced that there is going to be a river sweep on May 10th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Participants can sign up at [riverkeeper.org/sweep](http://riverkeeper.org/sweep). Saul encouraged people to attend and explained more about how river sweeps work.

James Malchow announced that on April 24 there is going to be a potluck dinner at the sloop club at 5:30 to welcome the Clearwater crew to Beacon for the season. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish and a musical instrument if they like. Alan Thomas announced that also on April 24th at 7:30 p.m. is the club's April environmental lecture. This month's lecture will be a showing of the film "Gasland II."

Saul Rozinsky announced the club's festival dates for 2014. The Strawberry Festival will be on June 15th. The Corn Festival is on August 10th, and the Pumpkin Fest is on October 12th.

Saul Rozinsky announced that club member Wayne Cherek works for a company called Enel Green Power, which operates hydroelectric plants in Walden and Beacon. The company is interested in giving the club a grant to help pay for a second solar trailer. Saul encouraged those interested in helping to build the trailer to contact him.

Tom LaBarr gave an environmental report. Global Oil is trying to expand their facilities in Albany and Newburg to store tar sands. The process of handling and shipping tar sands is dangerous and Tom encouraged the club to organize to help stop it. Tom said he will make sure to notify the club as things develop and public meetings are scheduled. Tom also announced that there are plans to restart operations at the Danskammer Point power plant, which is one of the worst polluting plants on the east coast. Again, Tom encouraged the club to take action to try and stop it. Gail Moran and Bonnie Champion made motions for the club to announce its opposition to each plan. Each motion passed unanimously. Additional details were discussed. Chris Ruhe asked for dates to be set to hold protests. It was agreed that dates would be explored. Sites for a protest were discussed.

Joyce Hanson announced that on May 31st there will be a Cajun Dance to benefit the Sloop Club at St. Luke's Church. Dance lessons are from 6:00-7:00 and the dance starts at 7:00.

Wayne Kocher auctioned off two pieces of artwork he made to benefit the club. The auction raised \$95.

Lydia Adams Davis announced that the Beacon Peace Awards will be held on May 18th. It was announced that on June 19-22 will be World Peace and Prayer Day at Bowdoin Park in Wappingers Falls.

Joyce Hanson announced that WesPAC is honoring Connie Hogarth and others on April 24th at the Women's Club of White Plains. Joyce also announced that Andy Revkin is being featured in an event at the Garrison Institute on April 24th.

It was announced that club members are encouraged to plant milkweed and take other action to save monarch butterflies.

Hope Altkin announced that Bill Hudson is performing on April 12th in Brewster, NY.

Pat LaManna announced that a fundraiser in part for the Sloop Club and Clearwater will be held on April 26th at the Unitarian Universalist church in Rock Tavern. Contact Pat for more details.

The meeting ended at 9:05 p.m.

### In Memoriam

Long-time member Vince Rubeo, 85, died Wednesday, March 19, 2014 after a twenty-five year struggle with Parkinson's Disease which never stopped him from coming to meetings, festival's, and events.

He was born on December 25, 1928 in Yonkers, NY, the first son of Vincent J. Rubeo and Mary (Della Camera) Rubeo. Vinnie was a veteran of the Korean War, where his experience of the senseless suffering of wounded soldiers ignited his life-long passion for peace, social justice and a clean environment.

Through a thirty-five year career as a social studies teacher in Ossining, NY, he worked passionately for the welfare of his students and helped organize the first teachers union.

He was a wooden boat enthusiast and a carpenter, building his own home, which he filled with his beloved books.

Vinnie is survived by his five children: Peter of Katonah, NY, Paul (Vera) of Ulster Park, NY, Chris of Los Angeles, CA, Mary (Greg) Gaiser of Miami Springs, FL, Elizabeth (Tom) Kelsey of Yorktown Heights, NY; ten cherished grandchildren and his siblings: Paul (Theresa) of Yonkers, NY and Thomas (Gloria) of Wappingers Falls, NY. In lieu of flowers, please donate to IFCO at [www.ifconews.org](http://www.ifconews.org).

## Environmental Action Report



### Danskammer Power Plant

Dynergy Inc. the previous owner of Danskammer announced in December, 2012, it was selling the plant in bankruptcy proceedings and that the plant was to be torn down following the sale. The Danskammer power plant is located across the river just north of Newburgh. The new owner (Helios Power Capital) is evaluating the possibility of bringing the plant back into operation. Danskammer is one of New York State's oldest and dirtiest coal fired power plants.

The Damskammer power plant has been responsible for more toxic pollution than nearly all of the 646 industrial sites in New York State and sighted for many violations of the federal air quality standards. In 2009 Danskammer dumped more than 1.5 million pounds of toxic chemicals into the air, water and land.

Danskammer has been shut down since October of 2012. We cannot allow it to be restarted. Please contact the DEC and all New York State legislators and voice your disapproval to the plan to bring the plant back online.

### Oil Terminal Expansion

Global Partners LLC is planning on expanding their oil storage/shipping facility in Newburgh. They are planning to take tar sands oil from rail cars, putting it into storage and then loading it on ocean going barges and tanker ships for shipment to their refineries in Canada and elsewhere. To pump the thick crude oil around it needs to be heated to a high temperature. Needless to say this can be an explosive combination.

There have been oil tank trains that have derailed and spilled oil onto the surrounding land and water. A few of these trains have derailed and exploded with deadly results and in one case most of a town was wiped out. One small accident could pollute the Hudson River for years.

Please contact the DEC and all New York State legislators and voice your disapproval to the plan to ship tar sand oil along the banks of the Hudson River and the expansion of the Global Partners LLC Newburgh facility to support the shipment to other locations via the Hudson River.

Tom LaBarr

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# GASLAND

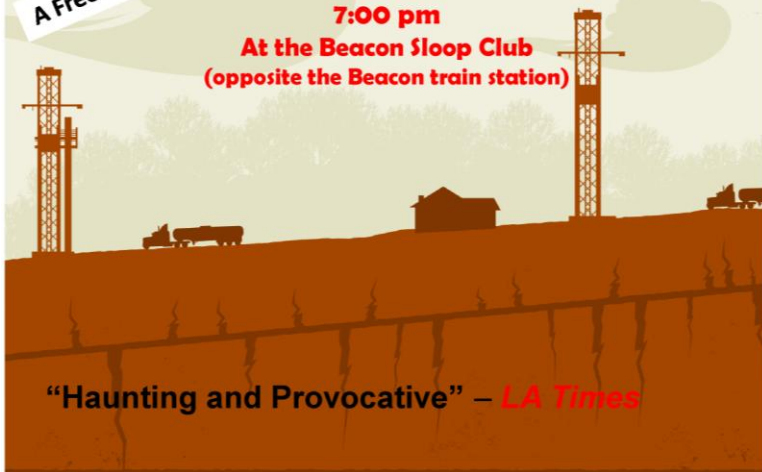
## PART II

A Free Event

Thursday, April 24, 2014

7:00 pm

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



"Haunting and Provocative" – *LA Times*



In this explosive follow-up to his Oscar®-nominated film **GASLAND**, filmmaker Josh Fox uses his trademark dark humor to take a deeper, broader look at the dangers of hydraulic fracturing.

## Save the Date

## The Beacon Sloop Club



Sat. May 31, 2014

7pm

St. Luke's Parish House

850 Wolcott Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508

6-7pm lessons in basics of two-step and waltz  
Food & Refreshments - Gumbo & more!

Info: (914) 907-4928, [www.beaconsloopclub.org](http://www.beaconsloopclub.org)

Also Door Prizes & Raffles

Treasury Report March 2014

BSC General Fund	Amount	Woody & Small Boats	Festival & Event	Newsletter	Harbor	Clubhouse
Broad Old River 2 Project	\$ 67.50	\$ 67.50				
Donation	\$ 338.00					
Save Our Sloop	\$ 535.35	\$ 535.35				
Woody Dinner	\$ 6,670.00		\$ 6,670.00			
Woody Dinner Raffle	\$ 476.00		\$ 476.00			
Vendor	\$ 485.00		\$ 485.00			
Membership	\$ 1,075.00					
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,579.35</b>					
Safeco Alarm Systems	\$ (105.00)					\$ (105.00)
Woody Maintenance	\$ (117.00)	\$ (117.00)				
D & O Insurance	\$ (671.00)					
Broadside	\$ (361.00)			\$ (361.00)		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ (1,254.00)</b>					
<b>Total Monthly Income &amp; Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 8,392.85</b>	<b>\$ 418.35</b>	<b>\$ 7,631.00</b>	<b>\$ (361.00)</b>		<b>\$ (105.00)</b>
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$ 165,771.54</b>					
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$ 174,164.39</b>					



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 Sunday 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.

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## Learn to sail

### Announcing The Beacon Sloop Club Sailing Class

Learn the basics of sailing in a classroom situation and potentially become a member of the crew on the "Woody Guthrie", historic wooden replica of a gaff-rigged Hudson River Sloop, to get your hands-on experience.

Class meets once a week on Wednesday evenings, **beginning April 16th and finishing on June 4th. Classes run from 7 – 9 PM** and the cost is \$50. We furnish a textbook for you to keep.

Location: Classes will be held at the Beacon Sloop Club, a wooden shingled building at the river's edge across from the Beacon train station.

For more information and to reserve a space, contact Jim Birmingham @ 845-497-3658 or email [jbirmingham@hvc.rr.com](mailto:jbirmingham@hvc.rr.com).

## Walkabout Coffeehouse

April 12, 2014

Seamus Kennedy

[SeamusKennedy.com](http://SeamusKennedy.com)

**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: \$18.00 - At the door: \$23.00.**

  
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## Current Calendar

**Executive Committee meeting**, Tues. April 22nd  
7:00pm., at the Clubhouse

**Beacon Sloop Club meeting** every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month: next meeting May 2nd– 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** on radio station WVKR 91.3 FM, Every Mon., 5 to 6 p.m.

**Birds of Dennings Point with Eric Lind**, Sat. Apr. 12, 8 a.m. , CEIE at Denning's Point, 199 Denning's Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508 , Pre-register at [www.bire.org/events](http://www.bire.org/events)

**Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse- Seamus Kennedy**, Sat. Apr. 12, 7:30pm, Memorial United Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Ave., White Plains, NY

**Bill Hudson w/ Al Coffey**, Sat., Apr. 12, 7:30 pm, Temple Beth Elohim, 31 Mt. Ebo Rd., Brewster, NY

**Learn to Sail – the BSC Sail Class**, Weds, April 16- June 4, 7:00-9:00 p. m. at the BSC Clubhouse.

**The Symbolic Nature of Art, Science and the Environment**, Thurs. Apr. 17, CEIE at Denning's Point, 199 Denning's Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508 , Pre-register at [www.bire.org/events](http://www.bire.org/events)

**Meet the Clearwater Crew- Potluck Supper**, Thur., Apr. 24, 5:30 p.m, at the BSC Clubhouse. Contact: James Malchow or Betty Harkins.

**Gasland II screening**, Thur., Apr. 24, 7:30 pm show time, at the BSC Clubhouse.

**Herbalist Walk with Sarah Elisabeth**, Sat., Apr. 26, 10 a.m., Denning's Point, 199 Denning's Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508 , Pre-register at [www.bire.org/events](http://www.bire.org/events)



**Winter Maintenance on the Woody Guthrie**, contact a captain

**Memorials**, 1:00pm at the BSC Clubhouse, Jim Krivo May 4, Ron Bel May 17, Mike Sherker May 31. Details are still in progress so please check with Saul Rozinsky.

**River Sweep**, Sat. May 10, 1:00-4:00, at the BSC Clubhouse.

**Cajun Dance w/ Krewe de la Rue**, Sat., May 31, 7 pm, St. Luke's Parish House, 850 Wolcott Ave. , Beacon NY

A photograph of Bill Hudson performing on stage. He is wearing a colorful, patterned shirt and a hat, and is singing into a microphone. The background is dark with some stage lighting.

**BILL HUDSON**  
*with Al Coffey*

Photo by Jack Lee Dean

**Vista On The Hill Concert Series!**  
Saturday, April 12th ❖ 7:30 pm (Doors Open at 7:00pm)  
WITH OPENING ACT — BEN ROUNDS

TEMPLE BETH ELOHIM  
31 Mt. Ebo Road, Brewster, NY 10509  
\$15 at the door, no advance sales. Price includes non-alcoholic beverages and deserts. BYOB  
For more information call Tony Cataldo at 914-924-0929 or [aj.cataldo@comcast.net](mailto:aj.cataldo@comcast.net)

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

For more info about the BSC: [www.beaconsloop.org](http://www.beaconsloop.org), or [www.beaconsloopclub.org](http://www.beaconsloopclub.org)