

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 42 Years

From the Editor's Desk

As the summer sailing season is in full swing we offer a reduced footprint edition.

First we'd like to welcome our new members. By latest count there are 22 folks who will be receiving the Broadside for the first time. Many have come aboard at local events where we are trying to establish a presence.

Thank you to all who have helped put together the 'Where's the Woody' tent and staffed it. We need more volunteers to help at the Beacon Farmer's Market and other upcoming events. You can sign up at:

<http://doodle.com/pkyffqemz2423imn>

Sadly we also are saying goodbye to long-time member and monthly music coordinator Michael Scolnick who is retiring to Fort Meyers FL. We will miss the lively enthusiasm with which he kicked off our meetings and the circle of song and his rendition of 'Latkes' at the Holiday Sing. We wish him well in his new endeavors and hope he will stay in touch. The will always be a seat in the circle for him.

We are excited to share with you that the club is embarking on a new endeavor that continues our record of building community through hands-on teamwork. As you may know, our beloved sloop *Woody Guthrie* has been out of the water for nearly two years awaiting major repairs. We are partnering with the new boat-building school at the Hudson River Maritime Museum in Kingston, NY for the restoration of the boat. This project offers us a unique opportunity for training and volunteer participation, while supporting an institution that is developing local shipwright skills that we need for the future.

Inside this issue:

Supporting our friends at Riverpool, a Woody update, corn festival prep, and much, much more.....



Our president after completing the river swim



The Circle of Song on a beautiful night down by the riverside

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS Tuesday, July. 28th 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, Aug 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.

Woody Captains:

Chris Ancliffe, Tom Baldino, Jim Birmingham, Steve Feyl, Patrick Gallagher, Ben Mazer, Steve Schwartz, Kip Touraine

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Please submit articles for the Beacon Sloop Club Broadside by the 1st Monday after the Friday general meeting to 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, July 3, 2015

The meeting opened with the song "God Bless America" followed by "This Land is Your Land"

James Malchow asked if anyone new was at the meeting and since there wasn't, he just welcomed the returned members.

Treasury Report by Sarah Elisabeth

The opening balance for June was \$216,490 and the closing balance was \$241,166. The net from the Strawberry Festival was about \$10,000.

Festival Report by Rosemary Thomas and Sue Berliner.

An enormous thank you to all that helped at the Strawberry Festival! We couldn't have done it without everyone pulling together. We sold 1850 shortcakes, 500 chocolate strawberries and 500 smoothies. Also, thank you to Tom Lake and Chris Browser, from the Hudson River Foundation, for the old fashioned plank fish bake demonstration. And the Where's the Woody tent was an awesome display.

The next festival is the Corn Festival on August 9. We hope all will pitch in.

Woody Report by Jim Birmingham

The committee proposed a process, RFP's were solicited, bids were received and reviewed, then evaluated according to an evaluation matrix that had been previously drawn up. The findings were presented to the board, along with a recommendation to accept the Jim Kricker's bid. The board accepted the recommendation.

Gigi Fris said that we had agreed we would get 3 bids but only got 2. She said she would find it hard to apply for grants when we only had 2 bids and she said she knew that a boat builder in Brookline Maine had been interested.

Alan Thomas responded that we had shown due diligence throughout the process including discussions with other shipwrights besides the formal bids.

Sarah Elisabeth said that Gigi has a lot of experience getting grants and so Sarah thinks we need to get another bid.

Jim Finigan said that the Benjamin & Gannon bid for building a new boat was actually a third bid. Gigi said ok, she could work with that.

Steve Schwartz, who had been part of the process from the beginning, summarized the thoroughness and transparency of the RFP process. He noted that the committee was sensitive to the anxiousness of the membership to get the sailing program back ASAP as well as their enthusiasm for a type of program that utilizes volunteers, apprentices, and strove to build a strong community bond. These two points as well as many other positive attributes made Jim Kricker's bid the strongest by far. The summary was followed by strong applause from those at the meeting.

Rosemary Thomas said this boat belongs to all of us and will need our help to raise the necessary funds. There are two upcoming meetings: Tuesday at 6 at Lucky's in Beacon is a fundraising planning meeting; Thursday (same time, same place) is a merchandising planning meeting. Please attend or contact the board to be involved.

Mel Healey reminded us that we have *Broad 'Ol River* CDs to sell. She suggested that they might be promoted at the Festivals, where some of the performers are featured singers on the CD.

Ken Miller said that up to \$90,000 of the bid can be offset by volunteer labor. Steve Schwartz said there are both unskilled and skilled labor opportunities. Contact him if you have weekday or weekend availability.

Saul Rozinsky update by James Malchow

Saul is making good progress in rehab. He still appreciates visitors. He is also requesting volunteers to help get his home set up with handrails, grab bars, etc. for when he returns. Contact Alan Thomas to volunteer. Saul says he will be back to the BSC.

Announcements

Michael Scolnick said this is his last meeting as he is moving to Florida. He said how important the BSC has been to him. He was happy to belong to this club. Thanks for being part of his life.

Susan Bozso, on behalf of the acapella group *The Earth Tones*, who performed recently at the Town Crier for a fundraiser, presented the club with \$250 for the Woody Restoration.

Spook Handy clarified, from last month, the principle upon which fracking was banned in NYS and its importance: Corporations and Industry are not people. People have the right to do what they want until it is proven they are hurting others. Can corporations? Cuomo said that since it could not determine fracking was safe, it was banned. This put the burden of proof on those doing the action. We can use this principle going forward, that companies must prove they are not harming people.

Ken Miller said he attended a Ferry Sloop meeting. They are now offering free membership to young people 18 & under. This has increased their membership and these new members have been very active. He said the BSC should consider this, though their membership is much higher.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Moran, Secretary

Corn Festival Volunteers!

Sun. August 9

Contact: Bonnie Champion

845-255-6436

mailto:bonniechampion@gmail.com

We need set-up and clean-up people, Earth-care, watermelon and goodie sales people, chili servers, huskers and corn cookers, Woody tent minders, parking people, and many other people to make this a success.

We once again will be doing a basket raffle so think about putting together a themed basket that someone would enjoy. Bonnie's team will help package it and market it.

See You There!

The Woody

On Tuesday evenings our happy volunteers, ranging in age from 2 to 65+, have come out to White's Marina for very productive evenings of food, beverages, and Woody-care. We accomplished many money saving tasks in preparation for shipping the boat to Kingston for the beginning of the Restoration. Our agreement allows for credit for any expensive shipwright hours we recover with volunteer labor. The fine work and good energy has already saved us thousands of dollars!

Everything we can accomplish now will be offsetting labor costs on the Restoration project, and will be the equivalent of making a cash contribution. It is also a great way to show your appreciation to this fine vessel that has taken such good care of us all for so many years, and, it will make you feel good!!! Everyone is welcome to come and help. We need you!

Captain Steve
(845) 462-7756



The 12th Annual Great Newburgh to Beacon Hudson River Swim

We would like to thank all of our members who came out to support our friends at Riverpool, as on shore volunteers, kayakers, and swimmers. Our sister organization is very grateful that they can count on us every year.



A Note on Fundraising

In order to get the Woody back without delay we need everyone's help and ideas.

Whether your pockets are deep or shallow, you have a lot of time, or can just give a few hours to make an event a success, we need the contributions of all of our supporters. When done we will have a boat that contains a little bit of all of us and all those who put so much into her in the past. Like Pete's grains of sand on the seesaw, together many small contributions can tip the balance.

Does your employer match contributions or give out community grants?

Do you have a friend who might like to join?

Do you know of a place that would host an event?

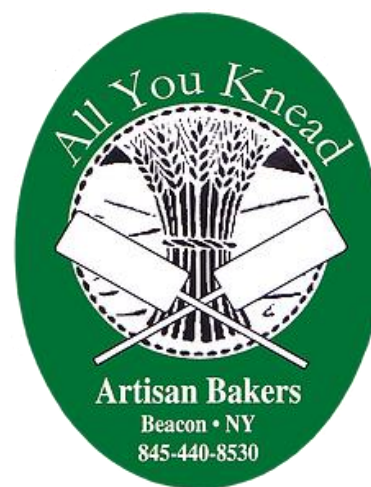
Do you have a fundraising idea?

Contact Rosemary Thomas or Sue Berliner or come to a fundraising committee meeting.

Beacon Sloop Club Treasury Report								
Submitted by Sarah Elisabeth								
June 23, 2015								
BSC General Fund	Amount	Snailmail	Paypal	Woody & Small Boats	Festival & Event	Newsletter	Harbor	Clubhouse
Donation	6655.00							
Save Our Sloop	580.00							
Vendor	3090.00				3090.00			
Membership	390.00	390.00						
Festival	14201.95				14201.95			
Harbor	250.00						250.00	
Total	25166.95							
Festival	-2084.06				-2084.06			
Safeco	-105.00							-105.00
Central Hudson	-72.25							-72.25
Broadside	-148.12					-148.12		
Riversweep	-84.35				-84.35			
Total	-2493.78	390.00			15123.54	-148.12	250.00	-177.25
Total Monthly Income & Expenses	23673.17							
Opening Balance	216493.19							
Closing Balance	240166.36							



106.5 IN BEACON



Candlelight Vigils for a Cleaner Hudson
Thurs July 23
7:30 PM
Newburgh at Unico Park
 and
Beacon at Scenic Hudson's Long Dock Park.



Come out and help us call on the General Electric Co. (GE) to continue the PCB removal process until all areas are remediated.

We are joining with six other communities, from Saratoga County to New York City, to continue raise the issue with GE and regulatory bodies. GE has said that it plans to dismantle its facilities at the completion of this year's dredging, leaving 136 acres and the Champlain Canal untouched, and tons of contaminated sediment behind.

The Beacon Sloop Club has been actively campaigning to raise awareness of this issue through letter writing campaigns and press conferences as well as working with local officials. Across party lines the administrations of both Beacon and Newburgh, along with our county legislature, are united in calling on GE to do the right thing.

Please come out and help to raise awareness of this critical issue.

The Beacon Sloop Club's

Corn Festival

Sun. Aug. 9

12-5

Music

Crafts

Food



Fresh Local Sweet Corn

Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park

Park at the Beacon Train Station

Rain or Shine

www.beaconsloopclub.org

Current Calendar



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

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

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

PLANET BLUE WITH CHRIS RUHE on radio station
WVKR 91.3 FM, Every Mon., 5 to 6 p.m.

Walk & Talk at CEIE | Geology Walk with Bill Prehoda, Sat., July 25, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM EDT

Installation of Woody Shed Roof, Thurs. July 23,
8:00 AM, Hudson River Maritime Museum, Kingston,
NY

Candlelight Vigils for a Cleaner Hudson, Thurs July 23, 7:30 PM, Newburgh at Unico Park and Beacon at Scenic Hudson's Long Dock Park.

Woody Guthrie Sailor's Meeting, Sat. July 25, 9:00 AM, at the Clubhouse

Woody Maintenance, Every Tues. 5:00 pm,
at White's Marina, New Hamburg

Walk & Talk - Mushroom Walk with Joe Dizney, Sat. Aug. 8 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM
EDT

Corn Festival Sun. August 9
Contact: Bonnie Champion
845-255-6436
bonniechampion@gmail.com

Pumpkin Festival Sun. October 18
Contact: David Eberle

Committee Meetings:
(New members welcome)

Fundraising: Monday's at the Clubhouse 6:00 PM – contact Rosemary Thomas to be added to the distribution.

rmthomas99@yahoo.com

We Need Volunteers for the Woody Fundraising Booth at Upcoming Events

The Farmers Market Every Sunday
Corn Festival – Aug 9
Garrison Fine Arts Fair – Aug 15-16
Spirit of Beacon Day ?
Pumpkin Sail?

Other Events?

You can sign up at:

<http://doodle.com/pkyffqemz2423imn>

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