

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 43 Years

A Message from Our President

I think that everyone who came for all or part of the day will agree that we had a fantastic Pumpkin Festival. The weather was great, the musical acts were wonderful, and a strong turnout of BSC volunteers made the entire day a great success from the pre-dawn pie delivery to the stowing away of supplies in the clubhouse just before sunset. We sold nearly 150 pies, as well as soup, chili, cider, and merchandise. While final tallies are still coming, it's clear that the Pumpkin Fest closed out another great year of Beacon Sloop Club festivals both for the club and for the Beacon community.

While the 2016 festival season is being laid to rest, we have other things ahead of us. Work on the Woody is continuing with work parties happening roughly every other weekend. We could use more people on those workdays. We have a steady group of three or four people, but even having five or six could make a big difference. If you are not on the volunteer email list, contact me at jpmalchow@gmail.com so I can add you.

Aside from festivals and the Woody, the November meeting will include the nominations for 2017 BSC officers, with last minute nominations and voting to be held at the December meeting. So as always, there's lots going on to be a part of.

Inside this issue:

Pumpkins, pumpkins, pumpkins, the shipwrights return, showing our Beacon Spirit, and much, much more.....



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETINGS Tuesday, Oct. 25th, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS are FRIDAY, Nov. 4th, 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.

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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, Oct. 7, 2016

The meeting opened with the song "Rambling Man", followed by the welcoming of some returning members.

Treasury Report :The Opening Balance was \$249,383 and the Closing Balance was \$247,965.

Pumpkin Festival : The festival is Sunday, October 16. Volunteers are needed for making pie crusts Saturday, 9 AM at David Eberle's and Sunday, especially for unloading pumpkins at 8:30, making chili & earth care.

We want to do a quick breakdown at the end of the festival because there is an American Center for Folk Music concert at the red barn.

Double Hit: Sunday, October 9, two bands (Gaslight Tinkers and Judith Tulloch band) will be playing as a fundraiser for Clearwater and the Beacon Food Pantry. There will be a silent auction, raffles, food and drink.

Woody Report: The restoration committee had a meeting with the Hudson River Maritime Museum shipwrights to go over the status of the project. They had not been working on the Woody because of an emergency project. Volunteers have done a lot of work but the scheduled completion date has slipped to January. The full crew will start returning to work on the Woody next week.

There is a work party tomorrow 9-2. The volunteer objective is to get all futtocks complete so the shipwrights can start on the deck.

Folk Picnic: This Clearwater/Beacon Sloop Club potluck/music event had 85 participants. Donations to the Woody were \$609. Thank you Mel and Vinnie for putting this together!

Elections: We will take nominations for next year's officers at the November general membership meeting. Voting will happen at the December meeting.

Absentee Voting: Though the board had agreed to try absentee voting at the upcoming election, further research indicated the need to amend the bylaws to allow it. An absentee ballot is a ballot submitted (as by mail) in advance of an election by a voter who is unable to be present at the meeting. It is not mentioned in our by-laws. An amendment to our by-laws approved by the Board of Directors and submitted to a vote by the general membership must pass by a 2/3 majority vote.

The idea of absentee voting had the general support of the club's members present with 34 for, 6 opposed, 2 abstaining. Some points from the discussion that followed included

- the need to go to the board and then to the general membership,
- not ready to change bylaws that haven't changed in 25 years,
- membership should be given advance notice of a vote on this topic, and
- the possibility of too many people voting by absentee and not being involved in person.

Maryellen Healey made the following motion. "I move that the Beacon Sloop Club amend the by-laws without debate to include the following language:

Article VI Board of Directors. Section 3. "Election and Powers. Nominations for each of the officer positions will be accepted at the November meeting. Further nominations will be accepted at the December meeting before the voting commences."

ADD: An absentee ballot may be requested by mail by any member in good standing postmarked by October 15. In

such instances, a paper ballot will be mailed to that member via United States Post Office postmarked within one week after the November meeting's nominations, and the voted ballot must be received at P.O. Box 527, Beacon NY 12508 no later than the Wednesday before the December meeting to be considered valid.

A motion was made to table this motion. The vote was 20 to continue, 14 against. There was further discussion. The vote on Mel's motion was 18 for, which was not 2/3 of the 41 members present.

It was stated that the topic should not be killed but further discussed.

Anchorage on the Hudson River: Sean Patrick Maloney held a press conference to come out against the anchorages. He introduced a bill in the House to prevent them.

A public hearing has been organized. Senators Terrence Murphy, R-40th District; Sue Serino, R-41st District; Bill Larkin, R-39th District, and David Carlucci, D-38th District, have issued invitations for oral testimony that will be presented at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at Croton Village Hall. The purpose of the hearing is to better understand the potential impacts of the Coast Guard's proposal.

A computer was set up at the back of the club to make comments to the Coast Guard. There were also two petitions to sign.

Little Boxes: December 4, 5:00 to 8:00 at the Red Barn. This is an art event and there will be food, drink and music. Buy admission and 3"x3" canvas for \$25, extra canvases \$5. Decorate your canvas keeping to the theme of the Hudson River. There will be prizes for 3 categories and the canvases will be offered through a silent auction. Half of the proceeds go to the artist/ half to the Woody. Last year it was a lot of fun and about \$3000 was raised. The Woody still needs your support so get a canvas or attend the event.

Other: Nora said she loves that we are all here for causes greater than ourselves. She has requested the use of the club house for her 70th birthday party next year, which would be a fundraiser for the Woody restoration.

Aaron asked if Saturday, Dec 10, works for the Holiday Sing. All approved.

Eugene said that Saturday, November 12th there will be a Labor Chorus at the NYU SKIRBALL Center for the Performing Arts. More info at 212-992-8484

Eugene also told us about The Haitian People's Support Project, a legitimate organization that is helping people in Haiti. Send donations to HPSP, PO Box 496, Woodstock, NY 12498 or contact them at www.haitiansupportproject.org

Mighty Zee said she would like to do a fundraiser for Haiti. Several people gave her their emails to help.

Bill Hudson reminded us that the "Feel Good Tour" is accepting donated instruments to go to flood victims in the South. Find them on Facebook.

Susan Boszo said that over the years the club has had many important discussions that show that we can agree to disagree and put energy and passion into topics. She would like us to think next of how to fulfill the wish of Pete's to bring people of color into our club so it is truly representative of our community.

The Aames Spectrum 42" Pipeline is planned to go within 105 feet of Indian Point. Go to tinyurl.com/resistance to get involved. **Cont'd page 5**

Pumpkin Festival 2016 What to say but Wow! It's all about our volunteers ! All of you are AMAZING !



The Woody Report



The full shipwright crew returned to the Woody on Oct. 11. Our volunteers worked to remove and fabricate the first seven frames port and starboard so that a portion of the crew would be able to work on

deck installing covering boards and preparing for the sheer strakes.

We continue to have many visitors including the crew from the Hokulea, Polynesian voyaging canoe on their round the world tour using Poynesian wayfinding navigation. Kalua (above) spent his day off working on the Woody.

As work has picked up again we really need a few more local volunteers to join the weekend work parties. There are many things that are more cost effectively done by us, removing planks and frames, site cleanup and organization of materials, etc.



You are Cordially invited to

Clearwater's Second Annual Gala:

Captains' Tables

Honoring Captain Jean Wort
and
Clearwater Captains, 1969 to Present

Sunday, November 13th, 2016
4:00 - 8:00 PM
The Garrison
2015 U.S. Route 9
Garrison, NY 10524

Join us for:

Dinner with a Clearwater Captain
Silent and Live Auction with Nicholas Lowry of PBS's Antiques Roadshow
Hosted by Radio Woodstock 100.1 WDST's Morning Host, Jimmy Buff
Music by One River

Festive Attire

Photo by Charles Porter

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Alan said there is a proposal hearing on October 12, 7:30 at the Municipal Bldg, Beacon regarding the expansion of Long Dock. We've had free use of the space for storing 2 trailers, 1 boat and 1 crane for years. Alan wants us to express a need for us to use that space or to find another option.

September 16, 2016

Dear Members of the Beacon Sloop Club:

This is a request from Carol Cina, Maryellen Healy, and Vincent Cerniglia, all members in good standing of the Beacon Sloop Club (referred to as "the Corporation" in the Beacon Sloop Club Bylaws).

According to those Bylaws, we have the right to vote, including in the annual election of officers, as do all members in good standing of the Corporation (BSC Bylaws, Article IV, Membership, section 1, Powers and Intent, and section 3, Voting).

Proxy voting is mentioned in the Corporation's Bylaws once, in Article VI, Board of Directors, section 9, Meetings. It says "Proxy voting is not permitted." Proxy voting means that a member entitled to vote delegates their voting power to another member of the organization.

Voting by absentee ballot means that a member entitled to vote but who is unable to attend the meeting exercises their right to vote without being present at the voting place. No prohibition of absentee voting is stated in the Bylaws. Therefore there is no legal reason to disenfranchise any member in good standing of the Beacon Sloop Club who wishes to vote by absentee ballot.

A way to do this when voting for officers might be: Absentee ballots could be requested by any member in good standing by October 15, a paper ballot mailed to that member via United States Post Office postmarked within one week after the November meeting's nominations, and the voted ballot received at P.O. Box 527, Beacon NY 12508 no later than the Wednesday before the December meeting.

If a list of members to whom absentee ballots were mailed is kept, that member could be identified if they attempted to vote in person at the December meeting by any means other than with their paper absentee ballot.

We therefore request of the Board of Directors and the membership of the Beacon Sloop Club that a procedure be established immediately to enable any member in good standing who cannot be present at a general membership meeting to be provided with an absentee ballot in time for their vote to count, starting with the December 2016 election of officers.

Sincerely,
Carol Cina, Maryellen Healy, Vincent Cerniglia

Editor's note: The above letter was written prior to the discovery that Robert's Rules and the NYS Charities Bureau require that allowance of absentee voting be specifically included in the bylaws. See minutes of the general meeting...



Double Hit Dance Raises Money for the Food Pantry and Clearwater !

Thank you to Joyce Hanson for organizing this event with such wonderful music. The Judith Tullock band warmed us up and then the Gaslight Tinkers ignited the dance floor with their high-energy repertoire.

Our volunteers showed their commitment to the community, donating food and their time to make this a fun event and help out those in need and our mother ship. We did raise a bit for the Woody as well by taking donations for t-shirts and other items.



Come Celebrate the Hudson River and Help Restore the Sloop Woody Guthrie!



**Have fun! Eat! Drink! Listen to great live music!
Make something amazing! Get a jump on your holiday
shopping!
Make money! Enjoy the company of old friends and
new!**

It's the perfect evening: on Sunday, December 4th from 5:00-8:00 at the Red Barn River Center on Long Dock Road in Beacon, The Beacon Sloop Club is sponsoring "Little Boxes," a delightful art event to help raise funds to restore the *Woody Guthrie*.

Tickets are \$25 and include a 3"x3" canvas on which you will create your interpretation of the Hudson River - whatever the river means to you! Return your finished canvas to us by Friday, December 2nd and come to the party on Sunday.

Not any artist? Not a problem! Neither are we. This is a funraiser and a fundraiser. The idea is to be creative and join the fun. You just might surprise yourself! Your tiny masterpiece of ingenuity will be hung, along with all the other tiny masterpieces, at the Red Barn, waiting for you to show up and celebrate the Woody, your friends, and your imagination. There will be three \$50 People's Choice Awards: one for The Most Spectacular, one for The Most Creative, and one for The Funniest. You get to vote for each category.

But the fun has only just begun. This event is also a silent auction. You set the starting bid for your canvas. Then each canvas will be auctioned off - the Woody gets half, and you get half. Plus, you get the opportunity to polish off all your holiday shopping in time to enjoy the rest of your holiday season!

The ferry sloop *Woody Guthrie* was commissioned by Pete Seeger in 1978 as part of his dream to preserve, protect and restore the Hudson River, by making the river accessible to anyone who wants to sail. For almost 40 years, the *Woody* has taken thousands of people for free sails on the river, but the years take a heavy toll on wooden boats. Now it must complete major restoration to continue its mission of free sunset sails to the public. You can help!

Sound complicated? It's easy. Here's how it works: you purchase your ticket online at <http://bpt.me/2667663>. Exchange your ticket for your canvas at the RiverWinds Gallery at 172 Main Street in Beacon. That's it! Want another canvas? Want ten? You can pick up extra canvases at either site for \$5 each. You can enter as many canvases as you like. Let your imagination be your guide.

So mark your calendar, and join us for an evening of delicious finger foods and drinks from local Beacon establishments, live music and lots of fun and friendship.

Little Boxes at the Red Barn. Be there, and be square. For more information, call 845-527-8671 or 845-463-4660.



50 th Anniversary Folk Picnic

October 2 marked fifty years since the original folk picnic at Castle Rock Farm that kicked off fundraising for the Clearwater.

Mel Healy organized a gathering of the Clearwater tribe for a potluck picnic and song circle in Pete and Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park to celebrate. Donations were collected for the Clearwater and Beacon Sloop Club.

Thank you to Mel, Vinnie, and all those who helped and joined in!

Beacon Sloop Club Treasury Report

Submitted by Sarah Elisabeth

Tuesday, September 27, 16

BSC General Fund	Amount	Snailmail	Paypal	Woody & Small Boats	Festival & Event	Newsletter	Harbor	Clubhouse
Woody Guthrie Restoration Project	2460.00			2460.00				
Vendor	615.00				615.00			
Merchandise	280.00				280.00			
Membership	235.00	110.00	125.00					
Total	3590.00							
Bank Expense	-6.75		-6.75					
City of Beacon	-2017.28				-2017.28			
T-Shirts	-999.32				-999.32			
Central Hudson	-78.78							-78.78
Safeco	-105.00							-105.00
Woody Maintenance	-113.03			-113.03				
Clearwater Chartered Sail	-1500.00				-1500.00			
Printing	-188.10					-188.10		
Total	-5008.26							
Total Monthly Income & Expenses	-1418.26	110.00	118.25	2346.97	-3621.60	-188.10		-183.78
Opening Balance	249383.62							
Closing Balance	247965.36							

Movie That Matter, Beacon



EDUCATION INC.

Friday, Oct. 28th, 2016

7:30 pm (doors open at 7pm)

First Presbyterian Church of Beacon

50 Liberty Street, Beacon, NY

McKinley Hall.

No Admission Charge: Donations Accepted

Discussion and Refreshments

Education, Inc. examines the free-market and for-profit interests that have been quietly and systematically privatizing America's public education system under the banner of "school choice." Education, Inc. is told through the eyes of parent and filmmaker Brian Malone, as he travels cross-country in search of the answers and sources behind the privatizing of American public education, and what it means for his kids. With striking footage from school protests, raucous school board meetings and interviews with some of the most well known educators in the country, Malone zooms out to paint a clear picture of profit and politics that's sweeping across the nation, right under our noses.

Movies that Matter Beacon



Thank You Simone!!

Current Calendar

Executive Committee meeting, Tues., Oct. 25th 7:00pm., at the Clubhouse

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting, Nov. 4th – potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m

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

MOVIES THAT MATTER BEACON:
Education Inc, Fri., Oct. 28, 7:30pm (doors open at 7pm) , First Presbyterian Church of Beacon, McKinley Hall, 50 Liberty St., Beacon, NY. Free. (845) 838 2415,
www.movieshatmatterbeacon.org

Clearwater Gala – Captain’s Tables, Sun. Nov. 13, 4:00 – 8:00 pm, The Garrison, 2015 Route 9, Garrison, NY

Little Boxes Fundraiser, Sun. Dec. 4, 5:00-8:00 pm, Scenic Hudson’s River Center, Long Dock Park, Beacon

Holiday Sing, Sat., Dec. 10, 7:00 pm, at the BSC Clubhouse



Woody work parties will continue at the HRMM. Contact James Malchow to receive weekly updates.

Reminder:

Nominations for 2017 Officers open at the November Membership Meeting.

From the Harbor Team:

Sad but true. It's time to pack it in for 2016.

All boats and dinghies should be gone by Nov. 1st. Harbor breakdown will begin Saturday Nov. 5 at 0800 hrs and we will have work parties at the same time on Sunday Nov. 6 and Saturday Nov 12. If need be we will schedule additional days but we should be able to get the work done in 3 days if everyone participates.



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

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