# Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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# Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 45 Years

# A Message from Our President

The snows have come, and the Woody has gone. After a week of derigging in the harbor, our little ferry sloop motored downriver to its winter berth in Haverstraw Marina, where eleven stalwart sailors braved that first November weekend's rain and high winds to build the *Woody's* decktop work shed in readiness for winter maintenance.

The Harbor crew spent the same weekend putting the harbor to bed, pulling moorings and readying docks for winter in Beacon.

Meanwhile, back in October, Pumpkin Festival was another glorious success, full of beautiful pumpkins, plankton and pie (150!), great music, chili and soup, stilt walkers, hoopers, solar carousel and wonderful local food, crafts and activists. We are coming closer to our goal of zero waste, with more food vendors onboard with compostable serving ware, and more to come next season. We are now providing our vendors with serving goods at cost, which is making their transition more manageable and moving our festivals even closer to zero waste.

On November 17, our Fourth Annual Little Boxes *Woody Guthrie* Fundraiser was well attended and well enjoyed.

Thank you to all you hard working, dedicated souls who made our autumn such a fine success!

Remember that at the December meeting we hold our election for our 2019 officers, and 2019 budgets are due.

See you then! Susan

## Inside this issue:

A blue one and a yellow one, but nothing ticky tacky, wrapping the Woody for winter, upcoming events, and much more.....





NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Wednesday, Jan 2, 7:00 p.m.
NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING FRIDAY, December 7, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

Building:

Newsletter:

Small Boats:

Town Liaison

Woody Sailors:

Web Site:

Vendor Coordinator:

Woody Maintenance:

Woody Scheduling:

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.			
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Additional Members at this addressEmail			
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Would you like information on Clearwater Membership? How did you hear of us?			
Link to Online Rene	Club P.O. Box 527 Beacon, NY 12508 ewal: 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:**

Jim Birmingham, Patrick Gallagher, Tom LaBarr, Ben Mazer, Steve Schwartz,

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# **Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting**

Minutes, November 2, 2018, recorded by Antony Tseng

Susan Berliner presiding, Start 7:28pm Song: Up Above My Head, Welcome to first time visitors

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> by Aaron Verdille: Month of September report provided.

<u>2019 Budget</u>: Aaron said the all committees will be submitting their projected budgets for discussion at the November Executive meeting and a draft will be presented at the December member meeting.

#### Upcoming Events:

- Woody Maintenance Day tomorrow at 9am. Potluck lunch
- <u>Little Boxes 11/17/2018 Saturday</u>: Put your rendition of the Hudson River on a small canvas. Judith Tulloch will be playing. A bench made from a piece of the Woody will be raffled off. The Woody gets the entire gate and half the auction sales. More event flyers will be available tomorrow. This fundraising entry will be \$25 with a small canvas entry and \$15 without a small canvas. Completed boxes needs to be turned in 11/15.
- <u>David Eberle's Holiday Party</u>: Music/Food/Drink. Sunday December 2 from 1pm to 5pm at 35 Slocum Rd, Beacon. Donations taken for the Woody accepted but no one will be turned away. David's number is 845-242-7822.
- Holiday Sing 12/15/2018 Saturday: Susan will be organizing the artists. Aaron will decorate the club and setup the sound system. It is a free event and will raise money for a local charity. This will be a potluck event. Event time is 6pm to 9pm and the music will be 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Please talk to Susan or Aaron if you would like help.

Lecture Series by Alan: Steve and Alan are still putting things together. Third Thursday of month from January to May. January 17, will be Tim Guinee of former VP Al Gore's Climate Reality project presenting the latest on climate science. He is a very interactive speaker. Will have light snacks and will welcome anyone to bring food or help with set-up.

<u>Pumpkin Festival Report</u> by Rosemary: It was fabulous. The committee decided that we will have another next year.

Elizabeth Gross/Plastic Bag Ban by Susan: Susan asked if anyone wants to take the lead to a similar effort of Elizabeth Gross to ban plastic bags. Susan has two packets from Elizabeth. Antony reminded everyone that there is a plastic bag law currently going to committee on November 8 and needs your support. Antony and Alan will circulate the information electronically (https://www.scribd.com/document/392365692/10-19-2018-Dutchess-County-NY-Proposed-Bring-Your-Bag-Law).

Woody Report by Steve: Steve is enthusiastic about tomorrow's Woody Maintenance Day. The boat is currently at Haverstraw. The sailing season was pushed into the fall last year and we ended up dealing with inclement weather before getting the boat covered. Therefore, we ended the sailing season a little early. We need to assemble the shed tomorrow and use the same plastic tarp. 9am at Haverstraw Marina. We will need screw guns with bits. We can also use all skill levels. May end about mid or late afternoon. We had a really wet September and other some bad weather days but

we sailed 972 guests this season. The charging dock is working well. We are making more improvements on the boat to avoid a large expense 20-30 years in the future.

Building report: Roof is done.

#### Nominations:

- President: Betty nominates Susan Berliner for President. Seconded.
- Vice-President: James nominates Vince Farina for Vice President. Seconded.
- Secretary: Susan nominates Gail for Secretary. Seconded. Gail nominates Bonnie for Secretary. Seconded.
- Treasurer: Betty nominates Aaron Verdille for Treasurer. Seconded.
- Nominations can also be made at the next meeting.

New Business: none

#### Announcements:

o Sandra Kissam discussed the Stewart State Forest Park just west of Stewart Airport that was donated to the DEC. This land had been available since 2005. The DEC updates their management plans every ten years or so. The current update had reasonably good suggestions except legalizing the shooting range with primary usage to DEC police, which is proposed 20-acre parcel. There is a smaller pistol range that is available. This proposed item will lead to lead and noise issue. This is also not the prescribed legal use of the land for reforestation. Please sign the petition that is being passed around. Comments are open until November 15. You don't have to be an Orange County resident. Note: Hunting lasts for two months and the area is open to the pubic the remainder of the year.

- o Sandra Kissam and Wayne Kocher spoke about the Danskammer power plant project. They are working with other organizations regarding concerns. This plant intends to burn fracked gas. The corporate Owners are saying that fracked gas will burn cleaner than coal they used to burn. The owners are looking for guaranteed funds from the government. Sandra and Wayne went to visit the plant and they could not walk around nor drive around. They found an enormous pile of coal ash on site. The corporate owners have not filed their formal proposal. Many groups are stating that this plant is not needed.
- o Someone spoke about effort to repeal the rights under the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment. This resembles what happened in Germany when Hitler took power. She suggested that we should write letters to our respective congressional representatives.
- o Bonnie Champion spoke about the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual MLK parade (on 1/21/2019). This parade dovetails into the efforts of the Southern Dutchess Coalition. The essay theme this year is what did Dr. King mean when he recited in a sermon [the second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence] "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by God, Creator, with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" and what does it mean to you.

#### **Little Boxes Thanks**

Our Fourth Annual Little Boxes Woody Guthrie Fundraiser was well attended and well enjoyed.

The artwork was spectacular, Judith Tulloch's music was wonderful as always, and Ralph Szur's beautiful hand-crafted *Woody* table insured a robust raffle return! David Bernz was on hand to kick off the ceremonies with his delightful parody of Malvina Reynold's "Little Boxes."

Thank you to Steve Feyl, who once again gave us a whole case of his very own cabernet creation, and to everyone who made and brought delicious dishes to add to our smorgasbord of great eats and drinks generously donated by local establishments.

Special thanks go out to RiverWinds Gallery, who serves as the clearinghouse for all the artwork, and to Hudson Beach Glass and HRS Clearwater, who always donate generously to our raffle.

Thank you to all of you who contributed artwork and raffle items, and who came out to support our little ferry sloop, and the many dedicated volunteers who pulled together for the success of the event. The *Woody* is all the richer because of you!



# The Woody Report





A big thank you to all who came out for the work parties. If you couldn't make it you missed a great opportunity to haul Steve up the mast in 40 knot wind gusts. It's not often we have him at our mercy.

The winter cover is in place and we are pulling together work plans for the winter, including rebuilds of the hatch cover and cabin top. We have also selected a contractor for fabrication of a new boom

Please come out and help. It's a great way to learn about the boat so please join us. There are many tasks, big and small.



# Membership Appeal

Just a friendly reminder that your membership must be current to participate in the election of club officers.

Many members are on a January cycle and choose to renew in December. We will have extra forms and membership lists at the upcoming meetings for your convenience.

Also please consider joining a committee or group to support the club's activities. We need people for the building, festivals planning, sailors, events, environmental action, etc. There will also be a gospel choir concert on 12/1 in the evening. Please support with the basket that is being passed around. Rehearsal will precede the MLK event.

- o Ken Miller spoke on behalf of Bill Hudson who leads a group called United Peace Relief (UnitedPeaceRelief.org). They go to hurricane stricken areas and provide entertainment.
- o Ken Miller mentioned the Singing Books event at the Howland Public Library on 11/17/2018 from 2-3pm. Lydia Adams Davis / Steve Kirkman will perform an interactive concert based on popular children's books you find in the library. Together, stories will be revisited and re-imagined through song.
- o Eugene Hamond reminded us that on November 4 at 2pm at the Gardiner library, there will be a presentation on Organic Agriculture, Permaculture and the Arts in Cuba Today.

(https://www.google.com/calendar/event?eid=NGdwMz FyYXQ3NTY1bXNwMTFxYjc3bGVocWEgZ2FyZGluZX JsaWJAbQ&ctz=America/New York)

- o Eugene Hamond announced that NYC Labor Chorus will be performing a concert next Saturday at Peoples Voice Café (40 E 35th St, New York, NY).
- o The next Beacon Repair Café will be on December 1 from noon to 4pm at the Community Room at 1 Forrestal Heights. This is a free community event to try to give new life to your beloved but broken item and avoid the landfill. (Due to limited parking, you can park at the Beacon Recreation Center on 23 W Center St and walk across the lawn towards the tower. Please contact Antony Tseng at 845-335-7876 or at beaconrepaircafe@gmail.com if you have any questions.)

Adjourn: 8:34pm



Mark your calendar; join us for the annual Holiday Sing on December 15! Bring finger foods and drinks to share, bring your voice and your holiday spirit!

#### **National Climate Assessment Released**

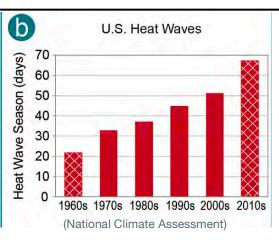
The US government released the National Climate Assessment, a collaborative effort of thirteen federal agencies. The report reviews effects attributed to climate change and projects future impacts. Here are a few of its conclusions:

Heat-wave season has grown by more than 40 days in the last 50 years. The number of high temperature records recorded in the United States since the 1990s far exceeds the number of low temperatures records. The report projects an increase in annual average temperature of 1.2 deg. C early this century and an additional 1.3 deg. -6.1 deg. C by the end of the century depending on different scenarios, with extreme temperatures expected to rise more than average temperatures.

Sea-level rise will significantly impact coastal communities. There are 49.4 million housing units in shoreline counties with the potential for billions of dollars of property loss from flooding and storms. The largest risk is on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. This could lead to large population redistribution and migration, impacting other areas of the country as well.

Climate change has driven an increase in wildfire damage, due to heating and drying out areas in the southwestern United States. Increased temperatures have reduced the snowpack, and extended the warm seasons, contributing to drought. The report estimates that the area consumed between 1985 to 2015 was more than doubled by the effects of climate change. Coupled with fire suppression policies this had led larger more destructive fires.

The report also highlights the impact of vehicles contributing to unhealthy ozone levels, accelerated coral bleaching in Hawaii and other environmental impacts of not addressing the issues with fossil fuel consumption.



# Climate Change, Hope and the Beacon Community

w/ Tim Guinee

**Thursday January 17** 7:00 PM

A Free Event **Beacon Sloop Club** 

(Beacon Harbor)



The latest science regarding climate change, and the many reasons we have to be hopeful in confronting this crisis.

Tim Guinee is a leader and a mentor in former Vice-President Al Gore's Climate Reality Project. He is also the chairperson of the Hudson Valley Chapter of that organization. The mission of the Climate Reality Project is to catalyze a global solution to the climate crisis by making urgent action a necessity across every level of society.

On Thursday January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm The Beacon Sloop Club's 2018 Winter Lecture Series begins with Climate Change, Hope and the Beacon Community – with Tim Guinee, a presentation and discussion of the latest science regarding climate change, and the many reasons we have to be hopeful in confronting this crisis.

Warmer temperatures have real consequences for all of us. Sea levels around the world have risen 20cm (7.8 inches) since 1901, swallowing entire islands and creeping closer to populated areas of great coastal cities like New York, Melbourne, and Dakar. Locally the level of the Hudson River has risen nearly 13

Extreme weather events like hurricanes, floods. fires, and droughts are becoming more frequent and intense. Witness the devastation in 2017 as Hurricane Harvey tore through the Caribbean and southern US, destroying homes and leaving millions without power for weeks and even months.

The science is clear: the more carbon pollution in the air, the more the sun's energy gets trapped as heat. Which means things keep getting hotter. In fact, the world has already gotten nearly 1°C warmer since 1880.

# Treasury Report - September

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#### Beacon Sloop Club, Inc. Profit & Loss September 2018

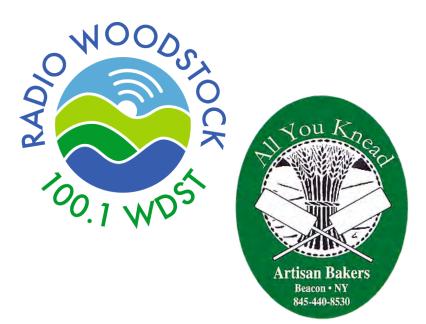
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Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Contribution, Gifts, Grants		
Bonnie and Saul Rozinsky Fund	50.00	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants - Other	150.00	
Total Contribution, Gifts, Grants	200.00	
Gross Sales of Inventory	25.00	
Investment Income		
Interest-Checking	3.46	
Interest-Money Warket	14.43	
Total Investment Income	17.89	
Membership		
Paypal	25.00	
Snailmail	80,00	
Total Membership	105.00	
Pumpkin Festival	103.00	
Vendor	230.00	
	330.00	
Total Pumpkin Festival	330,00	
Special Event		
Little boxes fundralser	227,60	
Raffle Moonlight Dinner Salt	205.00	
Total Special Event	432 60	
Total Income	1,110.49	
Gross Profit	1 110.49	
Expense		
Bank Expense		
Paypal	3.37	
Total Bank Expense	3.37	
Facilities.		
Building	101.38	
Utilities	144,12	
Woody Maintenance	1.052.69	
Total Facilities	1,298.19	
Other Expenses		
Donation	2,000.00	
Insurance - Liability, D and O	5,000.00	
Total Other Expenses	7,000.00	
Pumpkin Expense	1,000.00	
Food permit	30.00	
Total Pumpkin Expense	30,00	
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Special Events Expenses	5.47	
Little boxes	148.57	
Moonlight Diner Sail	148.57	
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Environmental	.38.83	
Total Special Events Facilities	38.83	
Total Special Events Expenses	192.87	
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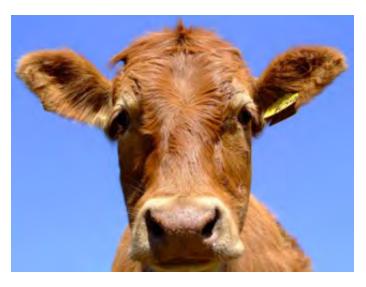
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## Beacon Sloop Club, Inc. Profit & Loss October 2018

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Income	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	51.00
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Contribution, Gifts, Grants - Other	416.00
Total Contribution, Gifts, Grants	427.99
Investment Income	.002
Interest-Checking	3.03
Interest-Money Market	14.92
Total investment income	17.95
Membership	44.00
Paypal	75.00
Total Membership	75.00
Other Revenue	200
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Total Other Revenue	8.00
Pumpkin Festival	
Chili & Soup	733.00
Ples	1,999.00
Pumpkins	375.00
T-Shirt & Hat	918.00
Vendor	855.00
Total Pumpkin Festival	4,880.00
Total Income	5,408.94
Gross Profit	5,408.94
Expense	
Bank Expense	
Paypal	7.50
Bank Expense - Other	153.49
Total Bank Expense	160.99
Com Expense	
Police	1,962.50
Total Corn Expense	1,962.50
Facilities	
Festival	43:21
Utilities	49.59
Woody Maintenance	1,330.98
Total Facilities	1,423.78
Other Expenses	37.02300
Advertising & Promotion	50.97
Insurance - Liability, D and O	14,276.00
Total Other Expenses	14,326.97
Printing, etc.	
Broadside	87.80
Total Printing, etc.	87.80
	97.50
Pumpkin Expense	20.20
Apples & Cider Chill & Soup	69,62 160,93
Eco products	363.91
Pies	250.19
Police	1,925.00
Pumpkins	200.00
T-Shirt & Har	790:00
Total Pumpkin Expense	3,759.65
Total Expense	21.721.69
Net Ordinary Income Net Income	-16,312.75 -16,312.76
Opening Cash Balance 10/1/18	80,511.08
Closing Cash Balance 10/31/18	64,198.33
The Bonnie and Saul Rozinsky Fu	nd 10,550.00





Friday, Nov. 30th, Doors Open at 7pm, film 7:30pm. Movies that Matter Beacon will host a screening and discussion of EATING ANIMALS. Based on the best-selling book by Jonathan Safran Foer, narrated and produced by Academy Award winner Natalie Portman, and directed and produced by Christopher Quinn, EATING ANIMALS explores the history of the factory farming system and its impact on our economy, health and environment. Taking viewers to American family farms, markets in China, and pioneering food labs, the film introduces farmers, ranchers, whistleblowers, and innovators working to help the public be as well-informed and well-fed as possible. At First Presbyterian Church of Beacon, McKinley Hall, 50 Liberty St. Beacon, NY. Free Info: Connie (845) 838-2415, www.moviesthatmatterbeacon.org

# **Current Calendar**

**Executive Committee meeting**, Wed., Jan. 2, 7:00pm., at the David Eberle's

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

Movies that Matter Beacon – Eating Animals, Fri. Nov. 30, 7:30 pm, First Presbyterian Church of Beacon, 50 Liberty St.

**David Eberle's Holiday Party**, Sun. Dec. 2, 1-5pm, 35 Slocum Rd. Beacon

Woody Work Party, Sat. Dec. 8, there will likely be work in both Beacon and Haverstraw. Details by email or contact a captain.

The Beacon Sloop Club Holiday Sing, Sat. Dec. 15, 6-9 pm, at the Clubhouse. We will be accepting donations for the food pantry (cash or check, no food items)

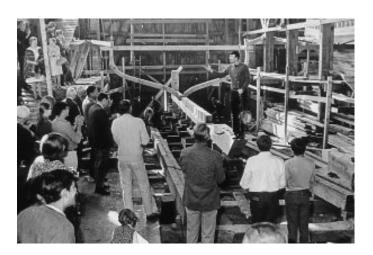
BSC Winter Lecture Series – Climate Change, Hope and the Beacon community – w/ Tim Guinee Thurs. Jan 17, 7 pm, at the Clubhouse

# Reminder:

Elections will be held for 2019 club officers at the December membership meeting. You must be a current member in order to vote.



Anyone wishing to join a Woody crew can contact any captain or Jim Birmingham to sign up. No experience is required. We will train you.



# Clearwater's Keel Laying Took Place 50 years ago, October 18, 1968

Please consider what that means to you, our majestic river and the environmental movement and consider giving them a little extra support to commemorate this milestone.

https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=clearwater&id=12

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