

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 46 Years

A Message from Our President

As the temperature rises, Sloop Club activities are starting to heat up!

The Woody Dinner is coming right up on March 16 - we have been able to keep registration open two more days so you can still get a ticket. This has become one of two major fundraisers for the Woody, so when you attend, not only will you have a wonderful opportunity to connect with friends, but also you will be supporting our mission of making the river accessible to all.

Last Saturday, our Woody block party and potluck Sailors' Meeting was well attended by sailors eager to get sailing! The Woody is planning on an early sailing season this year, so dust off your sou'westers and oilskins. We're gearing up for sail classes - a great learning opportunity for new sailors and old. Our lecture series is in full swing. Festival meetings are beginning this week.

On March 30, the Sloop Club will be honored at the Pete and Toshi Wetland Preservation Event with the Hackensack Riverkeeper's Award, in recognition of our conservation efforts in the city of Beacon and the greater Hudson Valley. This event is a wonderful concert featuring some of your favorite Hudson River performers, and a special chance for you to connect with our comrades downstream. (See details on page 4.)

Thank you to everyone who turned out on February 16 to celebrate Dr. King with the Springfield Baptist Church, and to the Essay Committee, who outdid themselves this year! Take a minute to thank Bonnie, who works so hard each year to make the march and essay contest so special. It is always our great joy and privilege to join our Beacon community in honoring one of the greatest peacemakers of our time.

See you at the Woody Dinner-
Susan

Inside this issue:

Celebrating diversity and Dr. King, citizens speak, sailor's block party, high tech wizardry, and much more.....



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Wednesday, Mar. 20, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING FRIDAY, April 5, 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? I would like to help with _____

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, March 1, 2019, recorded by Gail Moran

The meeting opened with the song 'Going Down that Long Lonesome Road'.

Susan welcomed First timers at the meeting:

Greg, who had heard of the Beacon Sloop Club and finally got here, Mark, from Beacon, who came with a friend, Thomas from Cragmoor, taught at West Point, plays Palestine music and is scoping out the music circle before bringing instruments, Charlie King, who has been in the Hudson Valley for 13 years and enjoys the beautiful people. Wayne Kocher offered to pay their membership dues.

Susan reminded us that this is a carry in/ carry out facility. Bring your own dishes and utensils. She also asked for people who will bring home trash & recycling. Then she thanked James for starting the fire early to warm up the building.

Treasurer's Report

Aaron Verdille said January's opening balance was \$67,518 and the closing balance was \$66,693. See the full statement elsewhere in the newsletter.

MLK Parade

Bonnie thanked all who participated and helped carry on Pete's and MLK's dream. She said the essay contest was a big success, with 102 entries. She is sure Pete would have been happy. 12 people helped read and narrow down the entries. They were unable to get down to 6 so all then started piling money on the table for the 7th winner and also increased the prize to \$75. Konstantin posted highlights from the papers and each of the 7 winners read a snippet from their paper. The Sloop Club Musicians were the heart of the parade. Many thanks to Freddy Martin, who walked backward for the whole parade with a sound system so everyone could sing together. We all thanked Bonnie for her big effort of organizing the event.

Woody Dinner

This is scheduled for March 16 at the Chalet on the Hudson. We need 60 reservations to have the dinner. Payment of \$60 is due the week before. Give checks to Susan or get them on Brown Paper Tickets under Beacon Sloop Club Woody Guthrie dinner. Happy hour begins at 5:00 (beers are only \$3), buffet around 7:00. There will a raffle and a silent auction. We are still taking donations for the auction or raffle.

Hackensack Riverkeeper

On March 30th the Annual Wetlands Preservation Concert is scheduled. The Beacon Sloop Club is being honored for our environmental contribution. Ken Miller will be accepting the award for the BSC.

Lecture Series

Alan Thomas and Steve VanderMerwe coordinate the series. Alan thanked all who came to the Red Barn for the Skype talk on the Shanty Barge project and Steve for pulling together the technology.

Coming up:

-Thursday, 3/21, 7 PM at the BSC club house is 'Feudalism to Commuters' a presentation by an Architectural Historian who will be discussing how the Hudson Valley has changed over 300 years.

-Monday, April 15, we will have Will Kaufman, a singer, instrumentalist, performer and leading authority on Woody Guthrie who will talk about 'Woody Guthrie and old man Trump'

-Thursday, May 9 is our last talk with Lance Ashworth. Lance will talk about the Fishkill Supply Depot for Washington's army in the Revolution and the efforts to preserve it as well as preventing development on the cemetery.

Woody Report

Steve said the boat is comfortable in Haverstraw. It has gotten refreshed hatched and the sails have gone for further reconditioning. We are about 60 days away from sailing. Sometime in March, we will get the boat to White's Marina, pull it out and do an intensive 1 week paint party before the boat dries out. Tomorrow, we will have a work block party here at the clubhouse from 10 – 12 or 1, followed by a potluck lunch and sailors meeting.

Sailing Class

Instructions begin the end of March will be on Wednesday nights for 8 weeks - \$50, includes a book. Come and learn theory. Then join a crew and get practical knowledge.

Festivals

Strawberry Festival is June 9, Corn Festival is August 11, and Pumpkin Festival is October 20. Planning meetings on Mondays for now – New Ideas needed.

Announcements

3-2-19 Women's History Month: 'Still Still Moving', 2:30 – 4:30. History of women in America – It's been a slow process. In the evening, enjoy the Judith Tulloch band playing Latin music with Tony & Luis.

5-4-19 – Celebration of Pete Seeger's 100th birthday at the Howland Center. Unusual art exhibit and a musical show at night.

9th Wave Expedition is traveling up & down the river sponsoring a conference on Undevelopments. Saturday March 23rd – a talk and walk through Beacon.

May 3 – Open mic at Town Crier (part of Pete Seeger birthday celebration). Indigenous peoples conference – "Rights of Nature"

June 15 & 16 – Hudson River Clearwater Revival. Volunteer aps go up next week.

Sloop Clearwater Open Boat – Sunday 3-5, potluck, music at their home port in Kingston. Bill Hudson is coming up from Virginia.

Lydia:

Song Writers in the Round. Thursday March 21.

April 7 – Women's Work - \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, featuring Betty & the Baby Boomers. The proceeds gets donated to the Woody Maintenance.



From Our Friends at Clearwater

(Croton-on-Hudson, NY) – Overlooking the mighty Hudson River, County Executive George Latimer and the leadership team from Clearwater announced key dates, happenings and their exciting partnership on Clearwater Festival 2019 – taking place at Croton Point Park on June 15 and 16.

Latimer said: “Our partnership this year is part of a continuing relationship with Clearwater, this iconic festival, and what it represents in terms of the environment. Croton Point Park is a uniquely beautiful park, sitting on the Hudson River as it is, and this festival is a great use of the facility to highlight the environmental message of Clearwater.”

This festival is an example of how government and the private sector can work together and get things done – as both the County and Clearwater wanted to continue with this celebration here at Croton Point Park for the benefit of the people of Westchester County.

Clearwater Executive Director Greg Williams said: “Past Clearwater Festivals have focused on getting our attendees to participate in getting government’s attention: I’m delighted that this year we have the Westchester County government’s attention, and we can focus on participating in the green energy, recycling, waste reduction and other programs that are now in place.”

The theme of this year’s festival is “participation” – meaning government and citizens participating *together* in turning our community green.” <https://www.clearwaterfestival.org>

The Woody Report



Block Party

Thank you to the hardy group of volunteers and sailors who came out to clean, oil and repair the wooden blocks that keep our rigging operating as it should. Each one is unique and a work of art in its own right. If you missed the fun, there will be other opportunities to come out and support the

Woody as we get ready for another great season.

We are starting to plan for hauling her out at White’s Marina to inspect and paint the hull. We will be on a very tight schedule, as we have to be in and out before Donny gets busy. We will need people during the week as well as on weekends, so please stay in touch with your captain.



Captain Steve demonstrates proper block repair technique

The Pete & Toshi Seeger Wetlands Preservation Concert Series

Uncle Floyd/ John Dull and Friends

A Pete and Toshi Seeger Tribute Concert/Event for Wetlands Awareness

Saturday ~ March 30, 2019
 Environmental Expo: 7:15p.m.
 Concert: 8:05p.m.

RCCU Concert Hall
 Congregational Church
 Union and Prospect Ave.'s, Rutherford, NJ

Tickets and info coming soon!

Note: Tickets are \$26.50 online

Learn to sail

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, when she is re-launched.

8 Sessions, Wednesday evenings, beginning April 10th and finishing on May 29th. Classes run from 7 – 9 PM and the cost is \$50. We furnish a textbook for you to keep.

at the
 Beacon Sloop Club
 2 Red Flynn Drive, Beacon, NY

For more information contact Jim Birmingham @ 201-259-9634 or email jbirmingham@hvc.rr.com.



The Beacon Sloop Club celebrates the life and principles of Martin Luther King and the civil rights movement at the 6th Martin Luther King Day Singing Parade

Many sloopers joined with our friends in the Southern Dutchess Coalition and the Springfield Baptist Church on a beautiful winter day to march and sing in Beacon.

Congratulations to the Youth Essay Contest winners:

Farhana Antora

Mrs. Haight, Grade 5, South Avenue Elementary

Joshua Fleming

Grade 12, Beacon High School

Cameron Just

Mrs. Chrisville, Grade 5, Glenham Elementary

Gabrielle Khalil

Mrs. Chrisville, Grade 5, Glenham Elementary

Carlos Lampon

Mrs. Chrisville, Grade 5, Glenham Elementary

Oliva Lapaz

Mr. Castaldi, Grade 7, Rombout Middle School

Daisy Okoye

Grade 12, Beacon High School



Citizens Question Danskammer LLC Energy Plant Proposal

The current Danskammer electrical plant is located ten minutes north of the Newburgh/Beacon Bridge along the Hudson River on 180 acres, and operates less than 5% of the time. This will change to 75% with a proposal for a fracked-gas plant that will include demolishing the old plant and replacing it with a smaller plant operating 20 to 30 years. The estimated cost for this proposal, by its new owners, Danskammer Energy LLC, is \$400 million. Despite the fact the company is saying that the plant will have 85% fewer polluting emissions and not use Hudson River water, the plant would operate more hours. Environmental organizations and local residents oppose this project and prefer less polluting fuel sources.

Wayne Kocher, member of Orange County Residents Against Pilgrim Pipeline, (Orange RAPP) questions this proposal, because it will interfere with New York’s current goal of running the state on 50% renewables by 2030. “Fracked gas emits methane that traps heat 87-100 times more effectively than carbon dioxide over a 20 year period. “Will the costs be passed eventually onto utility bills?” Fracked gas pipes leak, and the messes left behind fossil fuel use can be harmful.

RAPP members found thirty acres of coal ash mounds left by a previous Danskammer’s owner who used coal as fuel. The dangers in coal ash include respiratory damage, and because of its many chemicals, for example, arsenic (associated with cancers), lead and mercury (decease in I.Q., developmental and behaviors abnormalities), selenium and thallium (birth defects). If these chemicals escape their encapsulation they can pollute drinking water, food, or air.

Sandra Kissam, Chair of Orange RAPP, said, “A past owner of Danskammer disadvantaged local communities with the loss of promised tax revenue after going bankrupt in 2013.

Despite Danskammer Energy LLC’s deal with the Town of Newburgh officials to provide tax reductions, yearly payments of at least \$200,000, and the promise of 450 jobs associated with construction, there are other options.

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Winter Lecture Series

Wes Modes, UCSC art lecturer and river rat brought his shantyboat project to life as our February guest lecturer. He discussed how his interest in Huck Finn as a child led to travelling America’s rivers, including the Hudson last year, on a 1940’s style shantyboat to collect and preserve the stories of people who live on and about the waterways.

We’d like to thank Wes for a most entertaining evening and wish him luck as he travels the Ohio this summer. Also, kudos to Steve Van der Merwe for his multi-media technological tour de force.

Our March Lecture will feature James Kelly as he takes through the evolution of Hudson Valley communities beginning with the Dutch and English land grants of the 17th & 18th centuries, followed by the estate building boom made possible by the railroads, through the decline of the Hudson River Valley as a fashionable destination of the wealthy in the early 20th century to the present day.

Danskammer continued..

“New fossil fuel infrastructure projects in the region are not necessary,” Cliff Weathers, a spokesman for Riverkeeper, said. “We see a brighter future and more opportunities associated with energy efficiency and renewable power.” (Times Herald Record). Unfortunately, Bill Reid, CEO of Danskammer Energy LLC, has said, “Renewables, as you know, are more intermittent. And so you need new technology gas turbines to respond when the sun goes down and the wind doesn’t blow (WAMC Northeast Report 12/17/18). Others disagree. The Union Of Concerned Scientists wrote, “Emerging storage facilities will allow us to store energy generated from wind and solar.” (2/20/15).

I spoke to Hayley Carlock, Esq., of Scenic Hudson, who described the lithium 20-megawatt batteries the Town of Ulster just negotiated with the GlidePath Development Plant to change their proposal from a mostly natural gas fired energy service to all 24 hour use lithium battery energy from electrical grid excess sources, which include wind and solar. “ These batteries look like steel industry containers. Energy comes from the electrical grid with excess power stored in these batteries for nighttime use. The sources of power vary from wind, solar, oil, and natural gas. This will increase reliability and allow renewables to be used.”

At a time that the Air National Guard is fighting a lawsuit by Newburgh charging water supply contamination, and portions of the Hudson River still polluted by P.C.B.’s, the Newburgh City Council is opposing the Danskammer proposal (Mid Hudson News).


There are proposals for two solar farms in Crawford, Orange County, which could provide electricity to 400-500 homes, and store energy in two-megawatt batteries. Change is in the wind as people are uniting.

Nora Gallardo, Member of Orange RAPP

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300 Years of Hudson Valley Communities
w/ James Kelly

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Beacon Sloop Club
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11:48 AM
02/17/19
Cash Basis

Beacon Sloop Club, Inc.
Profit & Loss
January 2019

Jan 19

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Contribution, Gifts, Grants

Food Pantry donation	15.00
Year End Appeal	1,535.00
Contribution, Gifts, Grants - Other	275.00

Total Contribution, Gifts, Grants **1,825.00**

Investment Income

Interest-Checking	2.25
Interest-Money Market	10.68

Total Investment Income **12.93**

Membership

Snailmail	505.00
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Total Membership **505.00**

Total Income **2,342.93**

Gross Profit **2,342.93**

Expense

Festival	1,500.00
Utilities	32.06
Woody Maintenance	359.68
Woody Registration	26.00

Total Facilities **1,917.74**

Other Expenses

Food Pantry	307.00
MLK gift cards - essay contest	553.00

Total Donation **860.00**

Membership dues 240.00

Website 50.97

Total Other Expenses **1,150.97**

Special Events Expenses

Lecture Series 100.00

Total Special Events Facilities **100.00**

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Total Expense **3,168.71**

Net Ordinary Income **-825.78**

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Opening Cash Balance 1/1/19 67,518.96

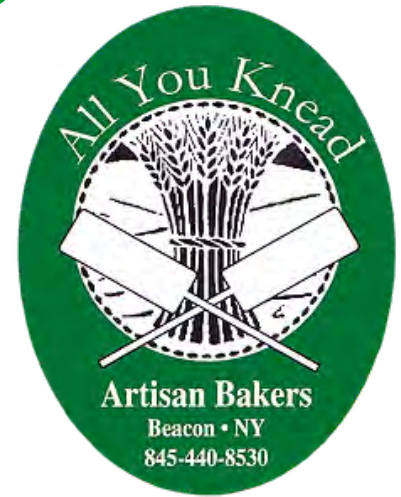
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BSRF Opening 1/1/19 10,129.27

Contribution 1,025.00

Change In Investment value 568.19

Bonnie and Saul Rozinsky Fund 1/31 11,722.46



Sunday, April 7 @ 2pm

\$15 in advance
\$20.00 @ the door

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Betty
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**AND
MORE!!!**

Current Calendar



Executive Committee meeting, Wed.,
Mar. 20, 7:00pm.

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st
Friday of the month: next meeting, Apr. 5 –
potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30
p.m

2019 Woody Dinner, Sat. Mar. 16,
5-10 pm, Chalet on the Hudson, Cold
Spring For Tickets:
<https://woodydinner2019.bpt.me/>

**BSC Winter Lecture Series – From
Feudalism to Commuters, 300 Years of
Hudson Valley Communities– with
James Kelly** Thurs. Mar. 21, 7 pm, at the
clubhouse

Woody Work Party, Sat. Apr. 6, time,
location and projects to be determined.
Check the Woody Sailor's site for updates.

Women's Work Concert, Sun., Apr. 7,
2pm, Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main
St. Beacon. \$15 adv., \$20 at the door

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Kaufman**, Mon. Apr. 15, 7:00 p.m., at the
clubhouse

**BSC Winter Lecture Series Fishkill
Supply Depot, Saving America's Last
Great Revolutionary War Site w/ Lance
Ashworth**, Thur., May. 9, 7:00 p.m. at the
clubhouse

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.

Hold the date:

Pete Seeger Centennial Celebration,
May 4

Strawberry Festival, June 9

Corn Festival, August 11

Pumpkin Festival, October 20

Clearwater Festival, June 15-16

A Call to Action

If you were energized by Tim Guinee's talk, or are just
concerned and passionate about the threats posed by
climate change, this is the time to step up and be heard.
Your voice and your energy have never been more
needed. Solving this problem will take many actions,
big and small.

We cannot wait for politicians to do the right thing
when there is so much we can do at the grassroots
level. To that end, we are proposing to form a Sloop
Club Climate Action Committee.

If you are interested in being a part of the solution,
consider joining the team.

Contact Alan Thomas, acthoma@yahoo.com

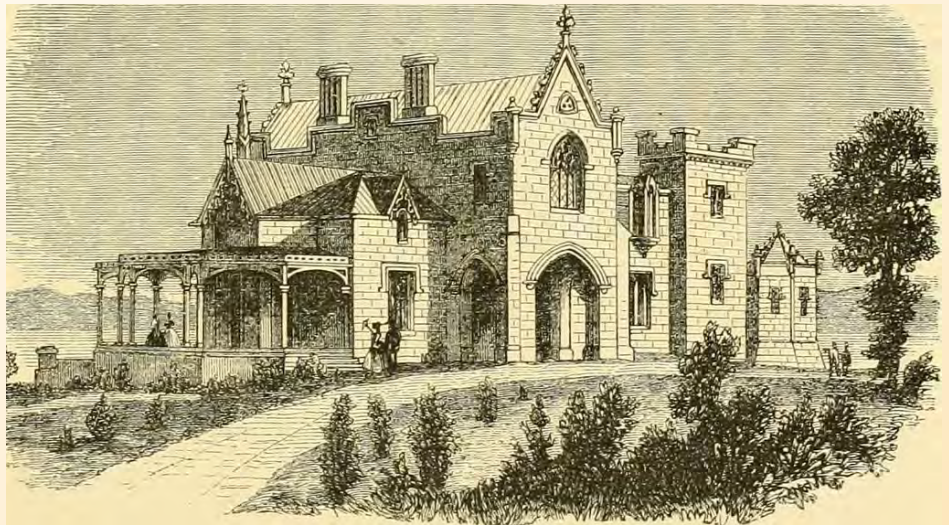
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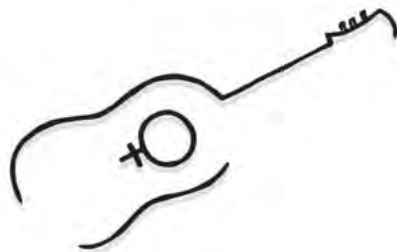
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