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Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 48 Years

A Message from Our President

Our wonderful long summer and fall - on the heels of the long Covid winter - gave us the opportunity to truly recognize how fortunate we are to have our little Sloop Club on the river, with all our friends, festivals, music and Woody. Our community stayed strong. We had three outstanding festivals, a long season of memorable sails and many months of well attended outside potluck meetings and song circles.

With help from many diligent crew, the Woody is now fully derigged and safely tucked into its winter berth at Haverstraw Marina where work on our winter deck shed has already begun. Winter is a great time to get to know the Woody and all its intricacies - all hands are welcome at our winter maintenance work parties! You can also come commune with the gaff and boom in the Sloop Club.

Firewood is laid in for toasty indoor meetings, and the clubhouse is beautifully clean, thanks to the efforts of our merry band of dedicated workers.

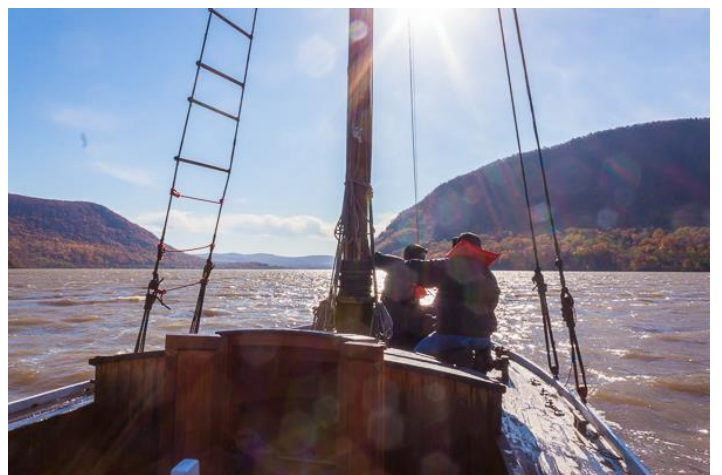
Thank you to all of you who continue to make the Sloop Club the amazing place that it is!

Excitement is afoot: mark your calendars now for the Holiday Sing on December 18 and be sure to join us for our annual election meeting in December to vote for your new officers!

See you at the River-
Susan

Inside this issue:

Putting the harbor to bed, a transit to remember, tucking in the Woody, election season and much, more.....



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Tuesday, November 23, 6:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, December 3 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.

Name _____ Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ - _____ Phone _____ - _____ - _____ Email _____

Household Membership donation \$ _____ Renewal _____ New Member _____

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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Tom LaBarr, Ben Mazer,
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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, November 5, 2021, recorded by Tom Elliott

Rob, Ben and Ingrid opened with “What a Weapon is the Ballot,” and Susan brought the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. Susan welcomed all and asked if there were any first-time visitors. There were none, and Susan then asked if anyone could take the recycling and all-else bags home at the end of the night. Tom E. and Rob said they would.

Firewood: Susan told us we need more and smaller firewood pieces for the wood stove and fireplace insert. Tom L. said he has it but needs help transporting it. Wayne C. said he has a truck and can help. They will get together.

Treasurer’s Report: Aaron gave the Treasurer’s report for September, which is in the newsletter, below. A member asked what rules cause some funds to be “Restricted” in the account. Aaron explained that donors sometimes make donations specifying the funds be used for a certain purpose. He said that almost all of the approximately \$25K restricted funds we have are for maintenance of the Woody Guthrie. Susan thanked Aaron for his report.

Bldg. Clean-Up Party: Susan thanked all those who helped clean up the clubhouse interior last week. She said we need help again in advance of the Saturday, 12/18 *Holiday Sing* and asked who could help on the preceding Saturday, 12/11. A number of hands went up. She also reminded us that there will be a *Holiday Party* at David and Margaret’s house on December 12.

Danskammer: Susan told any of us that hadn’t heard that the state has denied Danskammer Energy LLC its application for a Title V air permit. This does not mean that the Scenic Hudson proposal for battery storage farms will replace the old plant, or that Danskammer Energy may not appeal the decision. Still, it is a victory for all who worked on opposing restarting a full-time fracked gas plant in the Hudson flood plain. Congratulations to Food and Water Watch, Scenic Hudson, Clearwater, BSC and many others who worked on this! Rob May has more to tell us in the announcements.

Woody and Harbor: The Harbor crew will be closing things up this coming weekend, and Captain Steve reported that the Woody is 95% de-rigged and will be ready for transit to Haverstraw in the next 7 to 10 days. Once in the marina, a work party will be needed to re-assemble the tarp structure and cover it for wintering over in the relatively warm waters of the bay. Steve told us the sail program now finished was a success in this second year of pandemic. While only limited public “guest sails” occurred, many new and returning sailors had a productive training season, and we are in good shape for next year, ready to anoint one or perhaps two new captains as we return to normal sailing operations (fingers crossed). The boat is in pretty good shape, with no damage having occurred this year.

Lost and Found: Susan announced that cleaning had turned up some lost and found items that she displayed. Several were claimed by owners.

Pumpkin Festival: Susan reported for Rosemary that the *Pumpkin Festival* was a fabulous event and thanked the many people who had planned and worked at it this year.

She pointed to guest sails done by the Woody, the musicians, the vendors and all the great food that included 99 pumpkin pies. And special thanks to Tom S. who provided the pumpkins and squash in an amazing array of colors from far off Schoharie County.

Holiday Sing: Susan confirmed that the Holiday Sing will occur at the clubhouse on Saturday, Dec. 18, probably from 5-9 or 6-10 p.m. Gail asked if the proceeds would go to area food banks as in past years. Susan replied probably, but the specifics still need to be decided. Joyce told us all that the BSC board has decided all attendees must show proof of vaccination or a recent (48 hours) negative test for Covid. Masks are not required but are encouraged.

Committees: Susan told us that many of the standing committees of the board need more helpers. She distributed a sign-up sheet on a clipboard, asking those interested to sign up for the Building, Finance, Membership, Lectures, Grants & Development, Education, and Merchandising committees. Responding to a question, Susan provided information about the work of individual committees.

Nominations: Susan called for nominations 2022 club officers, President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. A member nominated must accept the nomination to be on the printed ballot to be voted on at the December meeting. Nominations may still be made at the December meeting prior to the vote.

Nominated for Treasurer: Aaron (accepted)

Nominated for Secretary: Ivy (accepted), Tom E. (declined), Steve Schwartz (accepted)

Nominated for Vice President: Vince (declined), Patricia (accepted)

Nominated for President: Susan (declined), Greg W. (not present), Steve S. (accepted), David (not present), Rob (accepted)

Announcements:

-There will be a 5th Annual **Riverport Women’s Sailing Conference** on Saturday, Nov. 13, 10-4 p.m. (virtual) <https://kingstonsailingclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/RWSC-Program-2021.pdf>

-There will be a **Danskammer Thank You Party** at Holland Tunnel in Newburgh, Nov. 7, from 7-10 p.m.. You must RSVP. 40 Chamber Street Newburgh.

-Tom L. has **framed photos of Clearwater and Woody** sailing together in two sizes for \$15/\$30. All proceeds to BSC. Email Tom or Amy to order one.

-**Tony Falco** passed away from Covid complications. There will be a remembrance at the Falcon in Marlborough from 1 to 7 on Sunday, 11/8.

-Members are hosting a **Drum Workshop by Donna Coane (Mohawk)** at their home in Ulster Cty., 863 Samsonville Rd, Kerhonkson, NY on 11/14 from 2 - 5 p.m. Cost is \$20 to \$40 on a sliding scale.

-Bonnie told us that **MLK Day Committee** needs helpers now. This year the event will be hosted by the Salem Tabernacle on Delavan Ave., Beacon. Sponsored by BSC and Southern Dutchess Coalition. Contact Bonnie about how to help.

With no further announcements, Susan adjourned the meeting at 9:12 pm, and the Circle of Song began.

Hudson Valley Environmental Related News

- **DANSAMMER WAS NOT GRANTED A STATE AIR-POLLUTION PERMIT. CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE GREAT TEAMWORK THAT WAS INVOLVED AGAINST DANSKAMMER, WHO WANTED TO EXPAND THE USE OF THEIR FRACKED FUEL ENERGY PLANT.** The (DEC) denied the permit as the project would interfere with the 2019 state law that reduces greenhouse gases.

-W.H. O. (World Health Organization) announced that 85% of the World's population is affected by climate change.

-9/25/21 "The Weather's changing and it's changing quick" by Steve Israel, Times Herald-Record. The article included several local examples of the results of climate change and how we can do our part:

Sullivan County excavator and planning board chairman, Jim Crowley, noted that now we don't get little rain amounts over a couple of days, but all at once in one day, which affects the drying of his new driveways, and he has had to install drainpipes to divert storm waters in areas that had remained relatively dry.

Everything from apples to onions, are now being affected by diseases, insects, and our air quality. Farmers have seen Lyme disease nearly doubled since 1991 as ticks remain alive with warm temperatures (2020 was the third warmest local temperature in 125 years). Hay harvesting is being delayed, and apples are blooming earlier making it difficult to apply insecticides (whether one agrees with insecticide use), as the ground is still wet. The wet weather is affecting, onion crop yields, hemlock trees are being damaged by an insects previously killed by colder weather, and the cost of flood insurance has increased.

Roof overhangs are being built to protect our structures from torrential rains, untreated sewage in our waterways have been reported in Newburgh, New Windsor, Walden, Washingtonville, and Goshen, in the Hudson River, Washington Lake, and Moodna Creek (runs along Route 32 south of Newburgh).

The Orange County Planning Board members are suggesting developers do not build on slopes, and other flood prone areas.

The National Resources Defense Council suggests the following: tell elected officials to pass laws to reduce harmful emissions such as carbon, use renewable energy sources such as wind, and solar, walk more, and use trains instead of planes. Car tune-ups, air filter replacement, and tire checks reduce gas use. Weatherize one's home, buy energy star appliances, reduce hot water use, eat all the food you buy, include meatless days, long lasting light bulbs, buy fuel efficient cars, unplug charged appliances and computers, and close the light when not in use are other suggestions.

-Newburgh's Urban Farm and Food Initiative (NUFFI) received a \$200,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to study how to better feed food insecure people. The garden is located North of Downing Park at the junction of Gidney and Carpenter Avenues. Over two years the community needs will be surveyed. Volunteers will canvas bodega owners, religious and social organizations, and the community in general for input. Newburgh's Urban Initiative has placed a 24-foot-wide, 72-foot-long high tunnel like structure on the Carpenter Garden that will allow their farmers to extend the growing season. (Times Herald-Record 10/8/21 L. Bellamy).

Submitted by: Nora Gallardo, Member of the Beacon Sloop Club

COP26

UN CLIMATE PRESS RELEASE / 13 NOV, 2021: COP26 Reaches Consensus on Key Actions to Address Climate Change

Deliberations under the current session of the COP, CMP and CMA came to an end this Saturday in Glasgow, one day after their scheduled conclusion. The wide-ranging set of decisions, resolutions and statements that constitute the outcome of COP26 is the fruit of intense negotiations over the past two weeks, strenuous formal and informal work over many months, and constant engagement both in-person and virtually for nearly two years. The package adopted today is a global compromise that reflects a delicate balance between the interests and aspirations of nearly the 200 Parties to the core instruments on the international regime that governs global efforts against climate change.

Sounds good but: some countries committed to more aggressive greenhouse gas reductions, many nations did not. The final agreement "requests" countries "revisit and strengthen" their plans by 2022.

While there were many pledges and recognition of the problem nations are still not cutting emissions fast enough.

Brazil announced a net-zero carbon goal of 2050, Saudi Arabia 2060, and India, which relies heavily on coal 2070. More than 100 countries signed a pledge at the summit to cut methane emissions 30% by 2030. Another coalition of countries agreed to halt deforestation by 2030, including Brazil and Russia. Bhupender Yadav, India's Cabinet Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, argued that "Developing countries still have to deal with their development agenda and poverty eradication."

In previous agreements the U.S. and other wealthier countries promised \$100 billion in "climate finance" — funding to help vulnerable nations reduce their emissions with renewable energy, clean transportation, and other projects, along with actions to mitigate climate impacts like storms and sea level rise. The goal has yet to be met and much of the funding came in the form of loans, instead of grants, which developing countries say further strains their climate efforts as they struggle to repay them.

In COP26, countries agreed to begin a two-year work plan ending in 2024 to agree on a climate finance plan that will ramp up to meet the needs of the most vulnerable nations in the future. Developed countries agreed to collectively double funding for climate adaptation projects by 2025.



On the Waterfront

It's been a busy few weeks for the harbor team and the Woody crews. Our volunteers have pulled moorings, broken down the docks, removed the ramps and otherwise prepped the harbor for winter snow and ice. The docks will be towed to White's for winter storage soon.

Meanwhile the Woody was derigged and moved to her winter home in Haverstraw. We have to thank all of our volunteers for many hours of labor and teamwork to get all of this done before the snow flies.

This weekend saw a couple of marathon sessions to build the frame and secure the mast and winter cover, install heat lamps and ensure the boat will be free of ice. If we kept records for time aloft; it's a safe bet that Captain Steve shattered them.

We have to thank Max Smith for signing up as assistant maintenance coordinator for the Woody. He will be organizing work parties over the winter, so stay tuned.



Photo by Alo

A Wild Ride

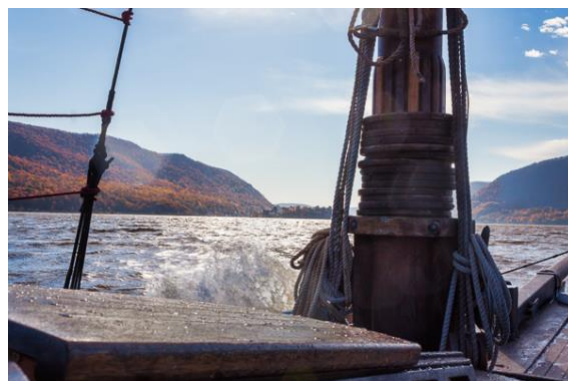
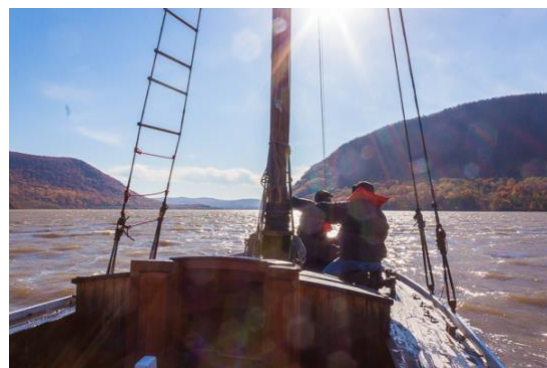
The transit to Haverstraw turned out to be a bit more of an adventure than planned. We started on a beautiful clear morning, planning for a four-hour trip. Forecasts being what they are, there was more headwind and more chop to fight than expected and progress was slow.

As we neared World's End captain Steve decided for safety's sake that we should pick up additional fuel and dispatched Edmund in the dinghy to meet Gail in Garrison while the Woody continue to fight her way south.

In a bondsque chase scene Edmund caught up to us in front of West Point, with military helicopters buzzing us. We must have provided their entertainment for the day.

With the tender on the hip, we made steady progress as the skies darkened and the wind picked up. We were treated to some amazing cloud patterns. It seemed as if there were waves in the sky as well as the river. Cool, but not a good omen for sailors.

Haverstraw Bay greeted us with thunder and lightning, pea sized hail and rain, a waterspout, and three-to-four-foot waves, a test of foul-weather gear for sure. Steve did a tremendous job getting us across the bay and into the marina.





Help Support the Clearwater Crew

Clearwater has major winter work underway and hopes to be able to welcome volunteers back at some point in the New Year. This will be based on what is needed and what can be accommodated at that time. The plan is to publicize that information once there is some to give. **Some other ways you can help** in the meantime and beyond:

The most helpful thing is to **raise money** to pay winter crew and shipwrights, purchase materials, and pay for services for the project, either for general operations or the Century Fund dedicated to the long-term health of the sloop.

If folks would like to pool together to **sponsor trips to the grocery store** for the crew, that is always very helpful. Rosemary can get you information on the local grocery stores if you wish to purchase gift cards to those stores directly.

Some headway has been made on folks purchasing things from the boat's **Amazon wishlist**, but there are still many items remaining that are needed in perpetuity, and that can be found <https://bit.ly/SloopWishlist>.

The crew still desperately need a **work truck** to haul materials for the project, head buckets, compost buckets, saw dust, laundry, and other items. So, if any of you have an old truck (in good working condition) you are willing to donate or know anyone with a vehicle (in good working condition) that may be ready to donate it, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Clearwater (or Rosemary if that's more convenient).

For the long-term, keeping up to date with **waterfront development efforts** in your communities if you are local is great. Many of these meetings are now virtual, which makes them easier to attend.

And as always, please save, comment on, and share Clearwater's **social media** content, which is a great painless way to boost our visibility to a wider audience. Share your passion for Clearwater with your friends and family.

It's Election Time!

Elections for 2022 Beacon Sloop Club officers will be held at the December membership meeting. Nominations were taken at the November meeting and will remain open until the final call at the December meeting.

Candidates must be members in good standing prior to their nomination and must agree to serve if elected prior to the election.



The vote will be held in person. Any member in good standing may vote.

The following candidates were nominated at the November membership meeting and agreed to serve if elected:

- President: Rob May, Steve Schwartz
- Vice-President: Patricia Finnerty
- Secretary: Ivelisse Kogan, Steve Schwartz
- Treasurer: Aaron Verdile

We will have a list of current members and those with renewals due at the meeting. Many people choose to renew their memberships in December to ensure that they are eligible to vote.



Reminder: we are continuing to observe Covid guidelines so you must be vaccinated or have documentation of a negative test within 48hrs to enter the meeting.


**Beacon Sloop Club Holiday
Fundraiser for Clearwater**

Sunday, Dec. 12, 1-5 pm

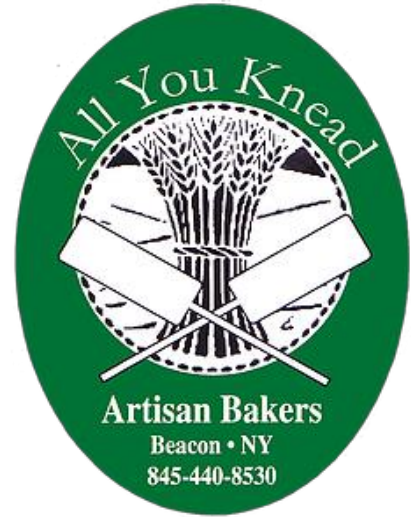


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Beacon, NY 12508
845-242-7822



The Beacon Sloop Club, inc.
Profit and Loss
 September 2021



	<u>Total</u>
Income	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	190.05
Woody Nickles	15.00
Total Contribution, Gifts, Grants	\$ 205.05
Investment Income	34.35
Interest-Money Market	6.14
Total Investment Income	\$ 40.49
Membership	
Paypal	25.00
Snailmail	100.00
Total Membership	\$ 125.00
Pumpkin Festival	
Vendor	55.00
Total Pumpkin Festival	\$ 55.00
Total Income	\$ 425.54
Gross Profit	\$ 425.54
Expenses	
Bank Expense	
Paypal	0.99
Total Bank Expense	\$ 0.99
Corn Expense	
Advertising	23.12
Corn	-12.00
Electric & Water	150.00
Park Fee	200.00
Sanitation	300.00
Total Corn Expense	\$ 661.12
Facilities	943.00
Equipment	803.90
Utilities	152.56
Woody Maintenance	266.40
Total Facilities	\$ 2,165.86
Other Expenses	
Website	19.37
Total Other Expenses	\$ 19.37
Printing, etc.	
Broadside	102.87
Total Printing, etc.	\$ 102.87
Total Expenses	\$ 2,950.21
Net Operating Income	-\$ 2,524.67
Net Income	-\$ 2,524.67
Opening Cash Balance 9/1/2021	\$ 116,808.46
Closing Cash Balance 9/30/2021	\$ 114,283.79
Change in Investment Value	\$ (758.08)
Total Balance 9/30/2021	\$ 113,525.71
Unrestricted	\$ 89,347.12
Restricted (total)*	\$ 24,936.67
B & S Rozinsky Fund 9/30/2021	\$ 20,940.40
Board designated funds	\$ 5,003.22

In Memoria
 Joel Rozinsky
 1974-2021

As we go to press, we have learned of the sudden passing of Joel Rozinsky. It is with great sadness that we offer the condolences of our membership to Graciela and his entire family.

Joel was a legacy member of the sloop club and a much-valued friend and volunteer.

We will pass along further information regarding the wishes of the family when we know more.

WOODY NICKELS

Bring your deposit containers to the Fishkill Redemption Center and tell them to put your deposit proceeds in the Beacon Sloop Club envelope.

A&A Redemption Centers

986 Rt 52 Fishkill
 (in the Fishkill Village Square
 Shopping Mall/CVS plaza)

Tuesday Thursday Friday Saturday
 9:30am - 3:30 pm
 Sunday 10-3

www.bottlecanreturns.com

Containers Accepted:

They accept all soda and beer bottles and cans, water bottles, and other beverage cans, and all store brands of New York State returnable bottles and cans. They do not except Gatorade, Snapple, vitamin water, ice teas, Powerade, or juice bottles. (Please make certain all your containers are NY State returnable.)

Count Them Before You Come In:

You can save time by counting your cans and bottle before you go to the center. Put them in a clear bag labeled with the quantity.

Please rinse all your containers!

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Current Calendar

BSC Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 23

6:00 – 8:30pm

At the Clubhouse

Covid protocols apply. You must be vaccinated to be inside.



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

Winter maintenance has begun with the derigging. There are many opportunities to become familiar with the boat, meet the captains and crews over the winter.

Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting

Friday, December 3

6:30pm potluck

7:30 pm meeting

Circle of Song to follow

At the clubhouse

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details still being worked out

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

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