



Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 53 Years

A Message from Our President

"Would you please help me sing this song?" Guy Davis implored repeatedly during his performance at the Beacon Sloop Club on February 10th. And sing we did, as Guy Davis entertained a rapt audience with a wide assortment of music and stories. Many of his tales were about Pete and Toshi Seeger. He even included a wood-chopping song that he had learned from Pete, complete with a stage-prop ax. Many thanks go out to Alan Thomas and Steve van der Merwe for organizing this memorable event, to Aaron Verdile for engineering the professional quality sound and to Lydia Adams-Davis who made the initial connection. It was a joyful evening that will be remembered for many years.

After two months of COVID-related shutdowns, the club finally opened its doors for our first in-person meeting of 2022, on March 4th. Old friends were reunited, and new friends welcomed, as delicious food and the warmth of fires was shared by all. The clubhouse echoed with the sounds of conversation and songs. Plans were made and projects announced for the coming months. Most notably, Captain Steve Schwartz, spoke optimistically about preparing the *Woody Guthrie* to once again assume its customary role on the Hudson River, and Joyce Hanson outlined a more traditional May 7th Riversweep after two years of pandemic-altered Riversweeps. These are sanguine indications of a possible return to normalcy.

Sadly, during the month of February the Beacon Sloop Club lost two dear friends. Connie Hogarth and Flora Jones passed away, surrounded by friends, and loved ones. Their impact on our community is immeasurable and everyone in our world was touched by their love, kindness, and compassion

Plans are being made for memorial services for both Connie and Flora. But continuing their commitment to the betterment of our world is our way of honoring Connie and Flora, as well.

As our club opens its doors and plans for the future, hints of spring are everywhere, and the shadow of the pandemic seems to be receding. There is a renewed sense of hope and purpose. As Guy Davis likes to sing: "On the other side of the clouds, the sun is always shining."

Stay safe! Be well! Happy Spring!

Rob

Inside this issue:

A visit from the Coast Guard Auxiliary, meeting live and in color, upcoming events, and much, more.....



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Tuesday, March 22, 6:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, April 1 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.

Woody Captains:

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

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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, March 4, recorded by Tom Elliott

Ken, Lydia, and Ben gave us *Rainbow Race*, and Rob brought the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m., welcoming all. He reminded us that we are a carry in/carry out facility. He also asked if there were any first-time visitors, and the club welcomed Bill from Highland Falls, NY. Then Rob led us in a moment of silence, recognizing the passing of Flora and Connie.

Treasurer's Report: Aaron gave the Treasurer's report for January, which is in the newsletter, below.

Verplanck Coast Guard Auxiliary: Rob welcomed a contingent of the Verplanck Coast Guard Auxiliary serving the Hudson River Indian Point area. Eugene Yetter and Charles Fitzpatrick, led by Flotilla Commander Mathew Duteau, told us about their programs available now in an expanded service area which includes Cold Spring and north to above Poughkeepsie. Mr. Yetter and Mr. Fitzpatrick told us about their programs that focus on recreational as well as professional boater safety. A core Boating Safety Class they offer will be required for all boaters in New York starting in 2024. The Coast Guard Auxiliary flotillas are community service arms of the Coast Guard, and do not extend into any law enforcement or military areas. The Flotilla wants to reach out to boaters and boating organizations in their service area, to offer classes and other boating safety services. They offered to send a detail to help with our Beacon Harbor May 7 River Sweep program! Well received by BSC members, there were many good questions asked and answered. Thanks, Gentlemen!

Election of Secretary: Rob told us that our secretary has resigned, so a new candidate must be found. Susan nominated Vickie Fox, who accepted the nomination. Tom Elliott seconded the nomination. Rob then asked three times if there were any new nominations, and being none, he called for a vote by show of hands. Vickie was elected. Congratulations!

Woody Report: Captain Steve said that there will be a **Woody Sailors meeting on- line Sunday at 7 p.m.** The agenda will mostly be about the de-winterizing of the boat, and schedule options related to getting the boat out of the water for a short time to do bottom work. The schedule involves pulling the boat out in Haverstraw to do the bottom work, and to convert the winter cover frame to a bolt-together kit. Then transit to Beacon by the first or second week of April to up-rig. The cost of pull-out services at Haverstraw may not meet our budget, however, so other options are being considered. Captain Tom noted that a number of crew members sailing on various nights are not officially club members, but really must be so that the Club's insurance will cover them while sailing and during maintenance parties.

Building Report: Tom L. reported that our current alarm has become obsolete due to an outdated motherboard. This is on order and our service team is trying to push it, knowing we are in need. Hopefully we will have some word by early next week. Tom will follow through until the work is complete. Captain Steve asked if the Woody and the Tender can be alarmed in the new system. Tom replied affirmatively and said a cost proposal has been requested.

River Sweep: Joyce told us that **The 2022 River sweep cleanup will be held on May 7th.** We will meet outside the Beacon Sloop Club. Sign up information will be available on the Riverkeeper River Sweep site after March 21, 2022.

Also, we are **In need of someone with a pickup truck** to drive to the transfer station with the trash from the cleanup. Please call Joyce at (914) 907-4928 if you can do it. **Joyce also urged us to call and write to Gov. Hochul** and oppose her EPR budget Proposal. Ask the Governor to support a strong Extended Producer Responsibility bill, namely the Producer Responsibility bill proposed by NYS Assembly member Engelbright. Unfortunately, the legislation now being considered by the NYS Senate does not do enough. It is favorable to the plastic and packaging industries, allowing them to make up the rules and define who is accountable. It will send New York on the wrong path.

Lectures: Alan thanked everybody who came out for **Guy Davis live** last month, calling it a great event and our first live Lecture Series event in two years. He asks members who may have video to please not post anywhere due to copyright rules. **March 17** is the next **lecture with Sam Merrett, captain of the Apollonia** coming to us virtually on Zoom. Please sign up now for this talk on the future of carbon-free freight service on the Hudson. **Saturday, April 2 at 11:00 a.m., the DEC Eel Project** educators will deliver a special program live at the Clubhouse. This is of particular interest to teachers and students. Alan will need some set-up help on this, so contact him if you can come to help.

Clearwater Update: Rosemary said Clearwater's economic health is improving, and with the guidance of new director, David Toman, and a full operational season ahead, things will improve even more. Winter restoration work is wrapping up by the end of April, and Clearwater will be back in the water in May. BSC is taking out a half page ad in the Gala Program book. Also, we will plan a new fundraiser this year to provide further support. Clearwater recognizes the club's efforts, so please support the **April 3 Gala** if you can. Rob thanked Rosemary, telling us David Toman plans to visit the sloop club next month at our Friday meeting.

Environmental Report: Captain Tom asked us all to support 10 cent deposits on all recyclable bottles and cans, citing that method as the best way to ensure recycling really happens. Also, before you buy, sit and ask yourself, "why?" Remember, the first "R" is reduce. Rob thanked Tom for his report.

Announcements: Alan asked us to save the date **July 30** for the **2022 Great Hudson River Swim.** Registration online opens in April, and more kayakers are needed to act as guides this year. Rain date is 7/31. Susan has two antigen test kits to give to anyone able to **visit Betty Harkins** at North Westchester Restorative Therapy and Nursing Center. Lydia says she can and took the test. Thanks, Lydia! Rob told us that there is a **CLCP march on March 8** in Albany at 6 p.m. It kicks off at 100 State St., in support of a bill to help the environment. Woody and Pete will be there in spirit.

At 8:45 p.m. with no further announcements, it was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn, and the Circle of Song began.

BEACON SLOOP CLUB WINTER LECTURE SERIES

Thursday March 17 7:00 PM
The Apollonia w/ Captain Sam Merrett

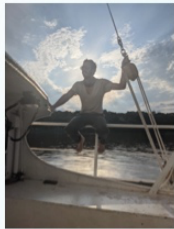


A Free Event

SCHOONER APOLLONIA- BRINGING SAIL FREIGHT BACK TO THE HUDSON RIVER

Join us Online. To Register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-schooner-apolloia-carbon-free-freight-on-the-hudson-tickets-266793666037>



THE APOLLONIA IS THE HUDSON VALLEY'S CARBON-NEUTRAL MERCHANT VESSEL. POWERED BY WIND, THE APOLLONIA CAN TRANSPORT HER CARGO SUSTAINABLY. THIS IS NOT A LIVING-HISTORY PROJECT TRYING TO MAKE THE PAST "COME ALIVE". WE ARE PART OF A GROWING SAIL FREIGHT MOVEMENT COMMITTED TO RELEVANT, INTELLIGENT SOLUTIONS.

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BEACON SLOOP CLUB WINTER LECTURE SERIES

All About Eels

w/ Benjamin Harris, NYS DEC

Saturday, April 2, 11:00 am

The Beacon Sloop Club

2 Red Flynn Dr. Beacon, NY

A Free Kid-friendly Event



Come to the waterfront to learn about one of the Hudson River's most mysterious inhabitants. NYS DEC's Benjamin Harris will review what is known of these fascinating fish, and opportunities to participate as a Citizen Scientist in the Hudson River Eel Project.



Each Spring, members of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation carry out a monitoring program across the Hudson River to assess juvenile American eels. The American eel (*Anguilla rostrata*) is a migratory fish; baby eels arrive all across the East coast from the Sargasso Sea each year to live out their lives in freshwater tributaries before returning to the ocean to spawn.

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Thank you to all who attended *The Story of Plastic*. It is our hope that we all will be motivated to take follow-up actions based on what we heard in this lecture/ film. For more information or training:

- <https://www.beyondplastics.org/>
- *The Story of Plastic* documentary film
- PBS Frontline's *Plastic Wars*
- Plastic Atlas: [Facts and Figures About the World of Synthetic Polymers](#), Heinrich Boll Stiftung.
- [The New Coal: Plastics and Climate Change, Beyond Plastics](#), October 2021.
- Rebecca Altman's article in the *Atlantic*, "[How Bad Are Plastics, Really?](#)" Jan 3, 2022.
- David Sayer's [plastics wiki](#), an amazing assemblage of browsable information on all aspects of the plastic pollution crisis
- *Plastic: A Toxic Love Story* (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)
- *Thicker Than Water, The Quest for Solutions to the Plastic Crisis* by Erica Cirino (Island Press, 2021)

A video of the Guy Davis event is available for a limited time at:

<https://youtu.be/ESGkMU8Pqqk>

Please be respectful of Guy's copyrights and do not post to social media.

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater's Spirit of the Hudson Gala

Spirit of the Hudson Award

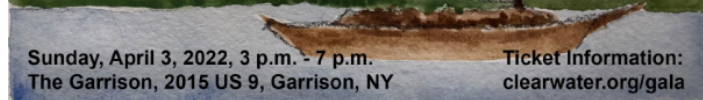
Tom Lake

Lifetime Contribution Award

Jim Kricker

Musical Guests

The Bernstein Bard Trio



Sunday, April 3, 2022, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
The Garrison, 2015 US 9, Garrison, NY

Ticket Information:
clearwater.org/gala

Auction Items are available for viewing at:

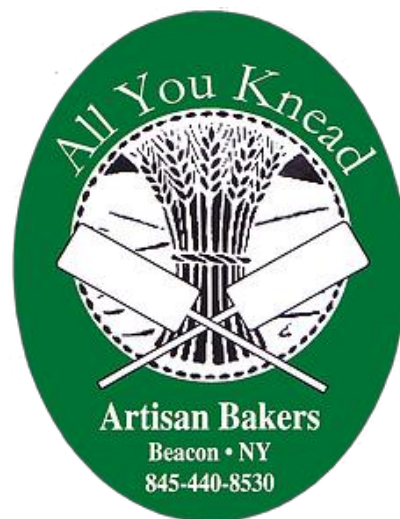
<https://e.givesmart.com/events/p9i/i/>

Bidding will start soon.

The Beacon Sloop Club, inc.

January 2022

| | Total |
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| Income | |
| Contribution, Gifts, Grants | 2,800.00 |
| Investment Income | 33.52 |
| Interest-Money Market | 5.03 |
| Total Investment Income | \$ 38.55 |
| Membership | |
| Paypal | 400.00 |
| Snailmail | 258.00 |
| Total Membership | \$ 658.00 |
| Special Event | |
| MLK essay contest - donation | 300.00 |
| Total Special Event | \$ 300.00 |
| Total Income | \$ 3,796.55 |
| Gross Profit | \$ 3,796.55 |
| Expenses | |
| Bank Expense | |
| Paypal | 21.10 |
| Total Bank Expense | \$ 21.10 |
| Facilities | |
| Utilities | 70.70 |
| Total Facilities | \$ 70.70 |
| Other Expenses | |
| Donation | 250.00 |
| MLK gift cards - essay contest | 300.00 |
| Total Donation | \$ 550.00 |
| Website | 19.39 |
| Total Other Expenses | \$ 569.39 |
| Printing, etc. | |
| Broadside | 50.65 |
| Total Printing, etc. | \$ 50.65 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 711.84 |
| Net Operating Income | \$ 3,084.71 |
| Net Income | \$ 3,084.71 |
| | |
| Opening Cash Balance 1/1/2022 | \$ 103,009.00 |
| Closing Cash Balance 1/31/2022 | \$ 106,093.71 |
| Change in Investment Value | -1,028.66 |
| Total Balance 1/31/2022 | \$ 105,065.05 |
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| Unrestricted | \$ 81,897.69 |
| Restricted (total)* | \$ 24,196.02 |
| B & S Rozinsky Fund 1/31/2022 | \$ 21,335.08 |
| Board designated funds | \$ 10,003.57 |



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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Editor's note:

The front-page banner has been updated to say, "Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 52 years."

This reflects the founding of the club in 1969. The previous date did not reflect either the founding of the club or its legal incorporation date.

Current Calendar



Please Note:

While we much prefer to have in-person events and meetings, we are carefully monitoring the Covid situation, rules, and recommendations. All events are subject to change. Check your email and the BSC website for updates.

BSC Lecture Series: The Schooner Apollonia
Thursday, Mar. 17
7:00 pm
Online
[Register Here](#)

BSC Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 22
6:00 – 8:30pm
At the Clubhouse

Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting
Friday, April 1 6:30 – 10:00pm
At the clubhouse

BSC Lecture Series:
All About Eels
Saturday, Apr. 2
At the Clubhouse
Bring the kids!

Webinar: New Leaders for the Hudson River and the Clean Water Act at 50

April 20, 2022: 5:30PM to 7:30PM

Online - Link coming soon

In this historic Earth Day online event, three pioneering Hudson River environmental organizations come together to discuss the 50th anniversary of the landmark Clean Water Act.

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.

11th Annual Riverkeeper Sweep


WHEN:
May 7, 2022

WHERE:
At the Beacon Sloop Club

TO ATTEND:
[Registration links coming soon](#)

Needed: trucks to haul our treasures

CONTACT: Joyce Hanson



2022 SPIRIT OF THE HUDSON GALA
APRIL 3, 2022
3:00-7:00 PM
Honoring Tom Lake and Jim Kricker
Music by the Bernstein Bard Trio

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

If you are not able to attend you can still contribute or participate in the online auction.

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