



Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 53 Years

A Message from Our President

The Beacon Sloop Club has bounced back strong. While other organizations have struggled during the difficulties of the past few years, our club has emerged from turbulent times on a solid footing. The number of guests on our public sails has returned to pre-Pandemic levels. Our festivals and programs are well-attended. Our finances are in good order and our membership is robust and growing. Our commitment to the health of the Hudson River remains unwavering. This is because of the resiliency, resourcefulness and commitment of our members, who receive no compensation other than the satisfaction of knowing that they are advancing the mission of the Club.

In this season of thanksgiving, it is fitting to acknowledge our gratitude to all those who do so much for our organization. We thank our extraordinary captains and crews for providing safe, enjoyable and educational public sails. We are grateful to everyone who maintains, preserves and protects our beautiful Woody Guthrie. We acknowledge a debt of gratitude to everyone who plans, organizes, and runs our festivals and programs. To all our tireless volunteers who work these events, we give a special thank you. We are grateful to those who maintain and repair our clubhouse, including everyone who keeps our multrum clean and functioning. We are indebted to those who service our wood stove and fireplace and ensure that our wood bins remain full. We thank everyone who cares for our lawn, flowers and trees and those who oversee our docks and harbor. We are grateful to everyone who fills our clerical, record keeping and accounting needs and solves our technical problems. We thank those who take the minutes at our meetings.

We praise all those who provide food at all our gatherings, and we applaud our talented musicians who keep us singing and dancing throughout the year.

We thank all those who have donated to the club and those who look after our finances. We are grateful to everyone who works behind the scenes and all who are the public face of our organization. Thank you, all!

We kick off the holiday season with our traditional Holiday Sing. This year's Sing is scheduled for Saturday, December 10th. The clubhouse clean-up originally slated for noon on November 20th has been rescheduled for Saturday, November 19th starting at 10am. Everyone is invited.

Election of officers will take place at the next membership meeting, Friday, December 2nd. Voting is open to all those members attending the meeting. Hope to see you there.

Happy Thanksgiving

Rob

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End of season work parties, getting into the holiday spirit, and much more.....



Photo by Tore Heskastadt

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Wednesday, November 30, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, December 2, 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](#)

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

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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, November 4, recorded by Vicki Fox

Lydia Adams Davis, Ken Miller and Rob May opened us with Lorre Wyatt and Pete's number, *God's Counting on Me, God's Counting on You*, quite timely before the election. We had a moment of silence for the passing of Colin King, one of our earliest captains. Tom Elliott volunteered to take the recycling, Ken Miller the garbage. Rob thanked Gail Moran for being October's Multrum Hero.

Aaron Verdile delivered the **Treasury Report**. Revenue exceeded expenses in September.

Rosemary Thomas gave the **Pumpkin Festival "post-mortem"**: "It was fabulous!" She thanked everybody. We learned that food tickets worked great, but also that our onsite food-prep uses a lot of electricity and we need more power strips and lines for next year.

Susan Berliner announced the **Holiday Sing** December 10 will begin at 5 or 6. We bring drinks and finger foods, not just dessert, and all our favorite musicians come and play. Again, this year, we will collect donations for Common Ground Farm, which contributes thousands of pounds of organic produce to food pantries in Wappingers, Fishkill, Beacon and Newburgh. Common Ground distributed over 14,000 pounds of organic produce to people in need this year. Checks to the Beacon Sloop Club should be earmarked at the bottom "CG-food donation".

Rob announced a Club clean-up November 20 around noon. He told us Antony Tseng has volunteered to train people in conjunction with our getting an **AED** for the clubhouse. A sign-up sheet was passed for those interested.

Steve Schwartz delivered the **Woody Report**. The Woody is now in Haverstraw. The mast was pulled out so we could make a five-year inspection. It looks great. We sailed down on Wednesday in perfect conditions, taking just 3 hours, 15 minutes. Saturday at eight we'll be loading up the frame at the Settlement Camp and bringing it to Haverstraw. Having Max Smith on maintenance crew has brought amazing efficiency. We'll probably have a Zoom meeting next week about winter maintenance and we'll also have a block party. The sailing handling lines are ratty; the time is now to upgrade to new lines over the winter. Rob thanked Captain Steve and crew for completely cleaning out the workspace in the Clubhouse. That reminded Steve to remind Rosemary that she should also be thanking the Woody crew for their work during Pumpkin Fest. "And they would like to get forks along with their pie!"

Steve proclaimed, "On behalf of the Club, I would like to thank the captain and crew of the Woody Guthrie, who almost never get thanked!"

Nominations for 2023 officers are:

President: Rob May, Patricia Finnerty; *Vice President*: Vince Farina; *Treasurer*: Aaron Verdile; *Secretary*: Mary Arnold.

Additional people can be nominated at the December meeting. People need to be a paid-up member to nominate, vote or run for office.

Joyce Hanson thanked Vicki Fox for jumping in as secretary this year.

Steve announced that we have decided to get rid of the **Ed Teach** boat. "Antony has gone through great effort to show it to buyers. Right now, we have 1 fish on the line, 1 person I need to get back to, and 1 person who wants it but can't pay money for it." So it looks like we will finally relieve ourselves of this boat we have been paying insurance on but not using.

Rosemary delivered the good news that **Clearwater's** finances have improved. They have an updated financial report available, and they are within their budget. But they have little cash reserves. "Now would be a great time to contribute, early for the Fall Appeal." Clearwater's budget problems had prevented them from getting grants. And not sailing last year hurt their revenue.

There will be a concert for Clearwater in Rosendale on November 6.

Clearwater's mast has been pulled and inspected. It will be 10 years before they have to pull the mast again.

During the **Environmental Report**, Tom LaBarr thanked the volunteers at the E-tent. We had one blue claw crab and two eels thanks to Jeanie Fitzgerald loaning us her traps. Tom told us he had the Sloop Club's enormous fish trap if the E-tent folks ever wish to use it. Jade Batycki volunteered to make sure the fish trap works. John McLaughlin volunteered to check with the DEC about our license.

But the most important thing anyone can do for the environment right now is VOTE! Turn over the ballot and vote for the NYS proposition. Tom also reminded us that having proper house insulation (with cracks under doors to prevent carbon monoxide build-up) is key. "I did my house one wall at a time. You will recoup your insulation costs very rapidly!" There was also a discussion about how Orange County recycles almost everything delivered to their transfer station on Route 17K, unlike Royal Carting.

General announcements included a call for volunteers to work with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Joyce Hanson auctioned off a bottle of gin and a framed poster for Common Ground's work with food pantries. Mary Poppiins announced coverage of the Pumpkin Fest in the *Current*, *Beacon Free Press* and *Hudson Valley Press*. She distributed copies of the *Free Press*. Fighting the good fight against plastic, Wayne Kocher sold seven stainless steel "tiffins" (reusable containers for restaurant leftovers) and donated all proceeds to the Club. Veekas Ashoka of the recently created group Beacon Climate Action Now told us they were trying to pass a bill in Beacon that all new buildings use geothermal and induction stoves instead of oil and gas. He asked us to sign our names if we supported it. John McLaughlin announced the statewide All Electric Building Bill, which would lead to lower emissions, and said we may be able to pass it on a state level. Joyce pointed out that new buildings in New Paltz are all solar. Jade asked for advice on where to dock her houseboat for the winter and Purim suggested King's Marina in Montrose, which has a covered docking area. ADJOURN.

New York’s Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022

Yesterday New York voters made a clear statement in favor of a cleaner, healthier, more just environment by a resounding majority.

Of course, our members played a role, by voting, educating, rallying, advocating and spreading the word.

The Woody Update



Our crews have been hard at work getting the Woody ready for her long winter nap. She is derigged, dismantled and in her berth at Haverstraw. Construction of the frame has started and will continue on the weekend, so look for calls for volunteers.



Photos by Tore Heskastadt and Ralph Szur

In the Harbor



The harbor team has been busy pulling moorings and docks and securing everything for the winter. If you are a boat owner or just want to help stay in touch with Ben and Jeremy.

It will be great to have everything buttoned up and the docks to White’s before the weather turns.



Photos by Mary Arnold

November/ December Business

It’s the time of year when we look forward and plan for next year. We will elect the officers for 2023 at the December membership meeting. You must be a member in good standing in order to vote. It’s also a great time to renew. We will have a membership list and forms available.

Candidates so far are:

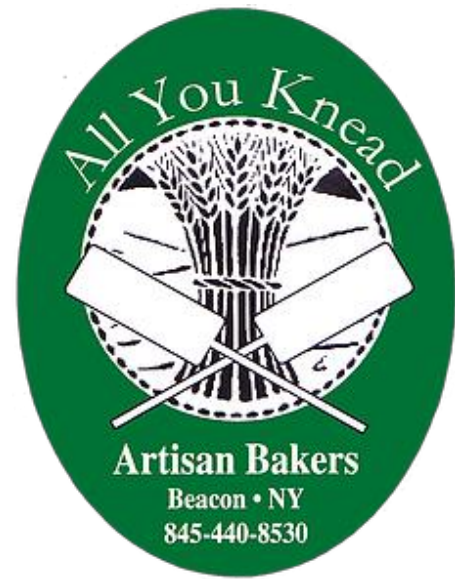
- President: Rob May, Patricia Finnerty
- Vice-President: Vince Farina
- Treasurer: Aaron Verdile
- Secretary: Mary Arnold

Nominations will be accepted at the December meeting as well.

Budgets for 2023 are due to the treasurer in November to be rolled up in December.

The Beacon Sloop Club, inc.
Profit and Loss
 September 2022

	<u>Total</u>
Income	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	1,350.00
Woody maintenance fund	550.00
Total Contribution, Gifts, Grants	\$1,900.00
Investment Income	42.66
Interest-Money Market	6.15
Total Investment Income	\$48.81
Membership	
Paypal	150.00
Snailmail	105.00
Total Membership	\$255.00
Total Income	\$2,203.81
Gross Profit	\$2,203.81
Expenses	
Bank Expense	
Paypal	9.93
Total Bank Expense	\$9.93
Corn Expense	
Sanitation	290.00
Total Corn Expense	\$290.00
Facilities	
Utilities	111.00
Total Facilities	\$111.00
Other Expenses	
Website	19.39
Total Other Expenses	\$19.39
Pumpkin Expense	
Advertizing	74.99
Total Pumpkin Expense	\$74.99
Total Expenses	\$505.31
Net Operating Income	\$1,698.50
Net Income	\$1,698.50
Opening Cash Balance 9/1/2022	\$118,258.65
Closing Cash Balance 9/30/2022	\$119,957.15
Change in Investment Value	-1,330.49
Total Balance 9/30/2022	\$118,626.66
Unrestricted	\$95,472.68
Restricted (total)*	\$23,153.98
B & S Rozinsky Fund 9/30/2022	\$18,260.36
Board designated funds	\$10,005.06



Save the Date

**The Beacon Sloop Club
 Holiday Sing**

**Saturday, December 10
 Time: TBD**

**Bring: Finger Food,
 Your Voice,
 and
 A Donation (\$s) for
 Common Ground Farm's
 Food Distribution Program
 (Make Checks out to The
 Beacon Sloop Club, Memo:
 CG-Food Donation)**

Current Calendar

BSC Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 30
7:00 – 8:30pm
At the Clubhouse

Beacon Sloop Club Membership Meeting

Friday, December 2, 6:30 – 10:00pm
At the clubhouse

Walkabout Coffeehouse Concert

-Joe Jenks
Nov 12 @ 7:00 pm
Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation
468 Rosedale Ave, White Plains, NY 10605

Clubhouse Clean Up

Saturday, November 19, 10:00 am
We need volunteers to help tidy up.
At the clubhouse

Walkabout Coffeehouse Concert

The Kennedy's
Dec. 17 @ 7:00 pm
Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation
468 Rosedale Ave, White Plains, NY 10605

Reminder: elections will be held at the December Membership Meeting.

Come meet the candidates and cast your ballot.

It's also a great time to think about joining a committee.



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.

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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