



Serving the Hudson River with Pride for 54 Years

A Message from Our President

The life of every river sings its own song, but in most the song is long since marred by the discords of misuse.

Aldo Leopold, American Naturalist

Holtec International, the company decommissioning the Indian Point nuclear power plant, has announced its intention to dump approximately one million gallons of tritiated radioactive water into the Hudson River. While radioactive waste in our river appears to be an added cost that ratepayers are required to shoulder for the privilege of enjoying reliable power over the years, it does seem reasonable to ask: If residents in the Hudson Valley knew beforehand that in addition to their monthly energy bills, they would risk radiation in their drinking water, would they have consented to such an arrangement?

Holtec's proposal invites a broader reckoning, as well. What exactly, is our relationship with the Hudson River? Do we hold that the river simply serves us, providing us with energy, egress, enterprise, and economic activity? Do we expect our river to bear our waste and faithfully whisk it downstream? Is a river's worth measured simply by the economic benefits it provides? Or do rivers possess merit beyond financial consideration? Are we entitled to draw from our river a deeper sustenance, to be attuned to the river's song?

We enjoy dependable power, summoned with the flick of a switch, animating our appliances and devices. But are our lives improved when the cost of a comfortable lifestyle is a poisoned river, whose water is unfit for human and wildlife consumption? Are we willing to exchange the health of our river and our own health, for the luxuries of contemporary living? Or is this something we will regret one day?

Aldo Leopold wrote, addressing the larger issue of trading environmental well-being for modern living: "Perhaps we now grieve because we are not sure, in our hearts, that we have gained by the exchange."

Today the Save The Hudson Bill, sits unsigned on Governor Hochul's desk, after having overwhelmingly passed in the State Senate and Assembly. It would protect the Hudson River from the discharge of radioactive waste into its water. We do not know what political calculations are preventing the Governor from signing this bill into law, since she has not spoken publicly about this issue. We do know that those creatures, human and otherwise, who depend on the river for their survival do not care about political calculations. They are only concerned about their survival.

Rob

Inside this issue:

1000 ears of Corn, 171 swimmers, upcoming events, and much, more...



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING Wednesday, August 23, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING Friday, September 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!
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Additional Members at this address _____ Email _____

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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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Ben Mazer, Steve Schwartz,

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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting

Minutes, August 4, recorded by Mary Arnold

Opening Music: Sailing up my dirty stream, **Ken Miller, Rob May.** **Call to Order:** 7:30 p.m. by **President Rob May**

Remembrance: Rosemary and Alan Thomas remembered Mary Schmalz, one of the earliest Beacon Sloop Club members: "She was connected to many organizations and would take information from one organization to another. She was a tremendous volunteer up to about 5 years ago when her son came and took her to live with him. Mary leaves a big hole. BSC is designated as one of the organizations for donations in her memory.

President Rob May: This is a Carry in carry out facility. He requested volunteers to take the trash and recyclables home for disposal. Rob will be the Multrum Hero for August.

Rob Welcomed new people to the club. **Bill Hoag**, who moved the area four years ago; **Johnny**, whose family moved here five years ago and joined the harbor at the beginning of this season; and Exchange student **Timone Lure** from Switzerland today visiting **Clearwater Executive Director David Tomen**.

Clearwater: David Tomen stated, "I will start with appreciation: We are grateful to have Beacon Sloop club and the support you have given us." 2023 was the first full year of programming since the Pandemic. "Our programming throughout the Spring far outpaced what we predicted, and we are feeling a lot of need and demand for those programs for fall and appreciation and understanding of how valuable Clearwater is." He noted that Environmental Action Director Manna Jo Greene retired in May after 23 years and welcomed new Environmental Action Director **Jan Benson**, formerly with Riverkeeper.

Alan Thomas thanked David and Clearwater for "a beautiful Clearwater Sail" for BSC members in July.

Susan Berliner asked about plans for the Clearwater Revival. David stated: "In the immediate, short term, we don't have a trajectory. We had a successful event in Kingston in May, coordinated through partnership with 12 musicians. We are finding a way how to weave music back into how we deliver our message. We are still trying to find our pathway back to financial stability. That has to take place before we reach into an endeavor the size of Revival." **Jamie Cupolo** urged Clearwater to start small "A lot of people would be happy to come to a smaller festival, start out at a fiscal level you can manage it, rather than being overwhelmed with larger behemoth."

Upcoming events: A benefit concert by Guy Davis at the Falcon on August 20 and The Clearwater Annual meeting on October 1 at the settlement camp in Beacon.

Treasurer's Report: Aaron Verdile reviewed income, expenses, gifts and grants from June, with a successful Strawberry Festival.

Woody Guthrie Memorial Dinner: Rob May reported this was a success, and that the Donation jar for the event is set out at this meeting.

Riverpool at Beacon: Alan Zoellner announced the 19th Annual Great Newburgh to Beacon Hudson River Swim is tomorrow, August 5 and thanked BSC members for ongoing

support. Volunteer opportunities are still available for site set up and clean up. 214 swimmers are registered with 94 kayakers for swimmer safety and support. "It was a dream of Pete's to have people swim across the river. We are dedicating the swim to the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act." He reported that current water quality data is really good." The swim funds the Riverpool maintenance and Lifeguards. The refurbished pool will be open through August. Volunteers are needed Labor Day weekend to take the pool out of the water. Alan urged new volunteers, especially parents of young children, to become part of the organization and take a leadership position. **John McLaughlin** noted they will have volunteer information at the Corn Festival.

Corn Festival: Patricia Finnerty and Bonnie Champion announced the Corn Festival is next Sunday. The corn is picked that morning at a local farm. Volunteers are needed from 9 a.m. to clean up at the end of the festival.

Woody Report: Steve Schwartz reported that "Everything is going well" and Guest sails are happening, The Woody will participate in an anti-Holtec demonstration at Indian Point carrying a banner to "express our opinion that tritiated water should not be dumped wholesale in the river." Three Woody crew members have been promoted to captains in training. A weekend advanced sail training program is being planned.

Environmental report: Tom LaBarr referenced a recent NY Times article about helping the environment. "How many would be willing to accept a change of lifestyle to help the environment? It's extremely simple. Become a vegan: There is so much waste of water, energy to produce the meat you carnivores are eating." There was discussion among members, with some advocating to try a smaller commitment to go meatless two or three days a week, and others advocating going Cold Tofurkey.

Announcements:

Joyce Hanson: We will sell Ice cream at the Corn Festival for the first time. She asked if members had preferences among Chocolate chip, chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, lemon sorbet, and rainbow ice. Members wanted all of them.

Jamie Cupolo: The next Coast Guard Auxiliary meeting will be at the Newburgh Rowing Club on Tuesday, with a potluck. He stated that Newburgh Rowing Club is under threat of the City taking back the property. "We want to keep that as a legacy for the future. That will save lives and keep eyes on river."

Mary Poppins: Offered to give away a pair of new shoes, size 10, and two hats.

Wayne Kocher urged people to Call Governor Hochul about Holtec and also to sign the Birds and Bees Protection Act. Visit the Food and Water Watch website <https://secure.foodandwaterwatch.org/> for information

Tor: Has grown spider plants and is offering them for free on the back table.

Adjourn: Motion to Adjourn by John McLaughlin, Second by Tom Elliot. The **Circle of Song** followed the meeting and was led by **Ken Miller**

River Pool's Newburgh to Beacon Swim



Can it really be nineteen years? It seems, just yesterday that swimming in the river was one of Pete's dreams.

As always, our members were to be seen participating in all aspects of this event, swimming, kayaking, hauling sails, and volunteering on both shores.

Thank you to all who made this a success!



Upcoming Clearwater Public Sails:



Public Sail – Rensselaer Riverfront Park, Rensselaer, NY

[Tickets](#)

Aug 26 @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Sunset Public Sail – Rensselaer Riverfront Park, Rensselaer, NY

[Tickets](#)

Aug 26 @ 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Sunset Public Sail – Brooklyn, NY

[Tickets](#)

Remembering Mary Schmalz



Mary Schmalz passed away on July 20, at the age of 89, in San Francisco MO, where she had moved to be closer to her son and grandchildren.

Mary was a fixture around the sloop club for nearly 50 years. Many people have heard Pete tell the story of the first meeting, where only three people showed

up. Mary was one of those three, qualifying her to be considered a founding member of the Sloop Club.

Mary was involved in many other local community organizations and events acting as a tireless ambassador for us. She brought many people to the club for the first time, to meetings and as guests on the Woody.

Mary had many positions within the club, vendor coordinator, organizing the Ramble sails, and providing shore support for the Woody. Who could forget her role as the "Pumpkin Lady" (we still have the outfit.)

We miss her and celebrate her dedication and support for the Beacon Sloop Club, over those many years.

Thank you, Mary, for all you did for your community.

We offer our condolences to her family.



A Little Bit of History:

Regular ferry service was established between present day Beacon and Newburgh by royal charter in 1743. Initial service was provided by horse power. Upgrading to steam and diesel as technologies became available, the ferries ran until 1963, when the first span of the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge opened.

The ferry diner (which became the Beacon Sloop Club) closed at that time as well.

The MTA began the current service in 2005. Started back in 1655, the Rocky Hill-Glastonbury Ferry, across the Connecticut River is the longest-running ferry service in the United States.



Hudson Valley Environmental News

New York Governor Kathy Hochul has signed Senate Bill S6893, an act to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to decommissioning nuclear power plant discharges into the Hudson River, sponsored by Peter Harkham. Saying,

“The Hudson River is one of New York’s landmark natural treasures, and it’s critical we stand together to protect it for generations to come. My administration remains committed to protecting the economic vitality of the region and working closely with local communities who have advocated so passionately for this cause.”

We know who many of those passionate advocates are and we thank you for your organizing and all those calls to the Governor’s office.

Holtec officials stated that they believe the state legislation is preempted by federal law, and that, *“the discharge of monitored, processed, and treated water would not impact the environment or the health and safety of the public.”* It is unclear what their next move will be.

We’re not alone:

Hundreds of people in South Korean took to the streets of Seoul on August 11 to protest Japan's plan to release treated nuclear wastewater into the Pacific Ocean.

More than a million tons of treated radioactive cooling water is stored at the disabled Fukushima plant north of Tokyo.

Last month, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), **published a report endorsing Japan's plan.** A few days later, South Korea released its own assessment that found that discharging the water should "not have any meaningful impact on our ocean areas."

South Korea President Yoon Suk Yeol said on Friday the controversy of Japan soon pumping water from its wrecked Fukushima nuclear plant into the sea was not on the Camp David trilateral summit agenda and did not come up. The South Korean leader added that he wants transparent disclosure on Fukushima water and the process needs to be conducted in line with International Atomic Energy Agency procedures.

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida visited the tsunami-wrecked Fukushima nuclear plant Sunday and said an impending release of treated radioactive wastewater into the Pacific Ocean cannot be postponed.

He said the move is safe, but his government will do its utmost to support fishing communities from the potential impact of damaging rumors during the decades-long project.

Hats off to the Beacon Sloop Club for an AMAZING CORN FESTIVAL 2023!!!!

So many things went well - The new corn cooking stand and burner configuration.....with particular thanks to Tom LaBarr!!! Our faithful volunteer huskers husked away!! All food vendors using truly compostable serving ware!!thank you Joyce!!! Ken's granddaughter getting the ice cream booth set up and running. Great wind for our valiant crews and captains. How about those Vince's hot dogs? Sold out by 4:00!!! The lemonade stand ran beautifully again this year!! The watermelon sold out around 4 or so, and Bonnie managed to have them all donated!! And let's not forget the 1,000 ears of fresh picked local corn from Wallkill Farms in New Paltz....thank you Bonnie for arranging the serving, and for bringing along Blu to help serve. The music was fabulous, and Guy Davis played till 6!! Music during takedown!! How about that Ecology Tent. I hear the eel was quite a draw, though we kindly returned it to the river early as it was looking stressed. And let us not forget the Unsung Heroes of the Day - the set up and take down crews!!!! A special shout out to Patricia organizing the takedown crew that arrived at 4:30 fresh and strong, and the many volunteers who showed up, helped, took out sails, and made Corn Festival 2023 a great event for our community.



DEC's Environmental Bond Act Listening Sessions

Overwhelmingly approved by voters last fall, the \$4.2 billion Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act prioritizes investments in environmental justice, climate change mitigation, shoreline restoration, flood resilience, water quality, open space conservation, recreational resources, and green jobs. This spring and summer, the public and potential funding applicants can [learn more about the Bond Act](#) at a series of educational listening sessions:

- **Bronx:** August 22, 6 to 8 p.m., La Central YMCA gymnasium
- **Long Island:** August 24, 1 to 3 p.m., Suffolk County Community College, Suffolk Credit Union Arena

Sessions will feature a presentation on the Bond Act and an opportunity for one-on-one discussion with State experts. Meetings are open to the public.

Missed out on attending a session near you? Check out the [virtual session recordings](#).

SOON IS NOW:

A One Day Festival of Climate Art, Live Performance and Activism

Saturday, September 23, 2023
2:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Scenic Hudson's Long Dock Park 23 Long Dock Road Beacon, NY, 12508 United States ([map](#))

Live Outdoor Event Hosted by SOON IS NOW

Sign ups for the performance tours begin at 2pm and the duration is 90 minutes. Guides will lead audiences throughout the park stopping at each performance on the tour. Resistance Revival Chorus will perform at 5pm and perform a new song about climate change written by Abena Koomson Davis.

This event is FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Overflow parking is free at the Metro North Train Station in Beacon, a short walk from the park.

To learn more go to soonisnow.org, or contact Eve Morgenstern at evemorgenstern@gmail.com or 646-285-5937 for more details.



Beacon's Main Street on Sunday, September 24th for Spirit of Beacon Day 2023!

Festivities: 11am-4pm

11-4pm Music & Community Vendor Tables
Between Brett Street (Key Food) & Teller Avenue (Yankee Clipper Diner)

Parade: 1-2pm

Parade goes down Main Street between Wolcott Ave. (Bank Square) & Tioronda (Howland Cultural Center)

Rain Date is Sunday October 1, 2023.
But, rain or shine is our plan if possible, due to scheduling for vendors, bands, etc.



**Annual Meeting,
October 1, 2023**

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

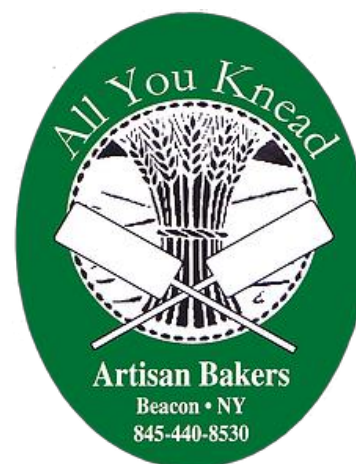
University Settlement Camp, Beacon NY



Sloop Club Congress Sail, 2018

The Beacon Sloop Club, inc.
June 2023

	<u>Total</u>
Income	
Contribution, Gifts, Grants	635.00
Corn Festival	
Vendor	175.00
Total Corn Festival	\$ 175.00
Gross Sales of Inventory	2,545.00
In-kind Contributions	400.22
Interest-Money Market	68.75
Total Investment Income	\$ 68.75
Membership	
Paypal	238.40
Snailmail	135.00
Total Membership	\$ 373.40
Other Revenue	
Harbor Mooring Fee	500.00
Total Other Revenue	\$ 500.00
Pumpkin Festival	
Vendor	75.00
Total Pumpkin Festival	\$ 75.00
Special Event	
T-shirts and merch	40.00
Total Special Event	\$ 40.00
Strawberry Festival	
Shortcakes & Smoothies	18,503.00
Vendor	1,411.96
Total Strawberry Festival	\$ 19,914.96
Total Income	\$ 24,727.33
Expenses	
Bank Expense	238.95
Paypal	176.40
Total Bank Expense	\$ 415.35
Cost of Inventory	1,872.03
Facilities	
Utilities	166.73
Total Facilities	\$ 166.73
Other Expenses	
Donation - Clearwater	2,500.00
Insurance - Liability, D and O	695.00
Website	45.59
Total Other Expenses	\$ 3,240.59
Special Events Expenses	
Special Events Facilities	
Environmental	97.96
Total Special Events Facilities	\$ 97.96
Total Special Events Expenses	\$ 97.96
Strawberry Expense	1,361.78
Cream	435.92
Eco supplies	452.18
Strawberries	4,880.00
Supplies & Materials	143.06
Total Strawberry Expense	\$ 7,272.94
Total Expenses	\$ 13,065.60
Net Operating Income	\$ 11,661.73
Net Income	\$ 11,661.73
Opening Cash Balance 6/1/2023	\$ 114,451.27
Closing Cash Balance 6/30/2023	\$ 126,113.00
Change in Investment Value	720.77
Total Balance 6/30/2023	\$ 126,833.77
Unrestricted & soft	\$ 102,537.64
Hard Restricted (total)*	\$ 24,296.13
B & S Rozinsky Fund (hard)	\$ 21,159.58
Board designated funds (soft)	\$ 15,365.02



Saturday, September 23rd 7:00pm

Current Calendar

BSC Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 23, 7:00 pm
At the Clubhouse

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

Soon is Now
Sat., Sept. 23
Long Dock Park
2- 5:30 pm

**Fareground's
Nourish Our Neighbors**
Sat., Sept. 23
The Howland Center
7 pm

Spirit of Beacon
Sun., Sept. 24
Main St.
Parade 1-2 pm

Clearwater's Annual Meeting
Sun., Oct. 1
University Settlement Camp
10 am



Visitors to the Corn Festival



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.

Pumpkin Festival
Sunday October 15
Noon to 5pm
Setup starts at 9:00
Baking and prep Saturday October 14



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