

Beacon Sloop Club Broadside



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Serving Hudson River with Pride for 38 Years

A Message from Our President:

The December meeting started with a rousing rendition Ken Miller's "Save the Woody Guthrie" (lyrics inside). Yes, it's December already and there's a Holiday Open House Fundraiser at the Eberle's home on Sunday Dec 11th and our BSC holiday sing is Friday Dec 16th. After that, with the Woody now framed in at White's and the Harbor 'put to bed', some of us are looking forward to a long winter's rest.

2011 was a big year, with a very successful Strawberry Festival (local berries plus the chocolate covered strawberries were back courtesy of our friends at Commodore Chocolates in Newburgh), a soggy Corn Festival with wonderful baskets organized by Bonnie, and a Pumpkin Festival so big we're moving it to Riverfront Park next year. We survived Hurricane Irene with a dedicated crew periodically checking and pumping out the Woody and the Harbor Team got the docks, dinghies, and moorings back in order within days. Before we feel too good, there's still some repair work to do on the clubhouse roof, but the back patio is in the best shape in years, and we have a lease. The Woody took out over 900 guests this year. Take a minute and realize how many volunteers were behind all this!!

Thank you to David Eberle and John McLaughlin for agreeing to head the 2012 Regatta Committee. This is a big task, comparable to Strawberry Festival, and will need everyone's support. We have the potential to raise a significant amount of money for the Woody and to make many new friends.

Thank you to Mitesh Goyal and Jim Finnigan for the Indian cooking fundraiser. It was a creative new idea; we had a great time, and raised a little money for the Woody too.

Please welcome David Eberle as our new President and Saul as Vice-President. Thank you to Sarah and Vane for continuing as Madame Treasurer and as Secretary.

Lastly, thank you everyone for all the support and great times over the past two years. It's been an honor to serve as President.

See you at the river,

Rosemary

Inside this issue:

Thank you to all our volunteers, securing the harbor, making Chilla, a celebrity guest, and much, much more....



NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS Tuesday, December 27th 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, January 6th, 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? How did you hear of us? _____

Mail to: Beacon Sloop Club P.O. Box 527 Beacon, NY 12508

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.

Notice

To our postal mail subscribers:
As you renew please consider converting to an electronic subscription. It saves \$\$s and paper.

Happy Holidays to all!
Thank you to all who contributed to the newsletter throughout the year.

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Alan Thomas, PO Box 430, Hughsonville, NY 12537**

Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting Minutes, December 2, 2011

Welcome. Club President **Rosemary Thomas** welcomed first-time visitors to the Club.

Elections: **Rosemary Thomas** introduced the names of those nominated at the November meeting as officers of the Beacon Sloop Club for 2012. After a review of the ballot, Rosemary called for further nominations. Receiving none, she accepted a motion to close nominations. Since there was only one name for each office on the ballot, Vane Lashua moved that he file one ballot as proxy for those attending the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote, thus electing **David Eberle**, President; **Saul Rozinsky**, Vice President; **Sarah Elisabeth**, Treasurer; and **Vane Lashua**, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report: **Sarah Elisabeth** reported expenses and income for the month. The opening balance was \$38,440 and the closing balance, \$39,620.

Committee Budget Proposals, Rosemary & Sarah: Sarah read the Committee budget requests for 2012 as prepared by the committee chairs as it was reviewed by the Executive Committee.

Woody Sailors: **Tom LaBarr** announced that the Woody was under tarp at White's Marina, as is the usual winter procedure. Tom reminded those present of the Woody Sailors yahoo.com group and Facebook pages that contain work schedules and events over the winter.

Fundraising, Rosemary Thomas: Rosemary thanked Mitesh Goyal for leading and Jim Finnigan for hosting the recent Indian Cooking fundraiser. She reminded the Club that we need efforts like that one to support restoration of our *Sloop Woody Guthrie*. In that spirit, Betty Harkins offered two books by Pete Seeger (*Where Have All the Flowers Gone?* and *One Grain of Sand*) signed by Pete as a raffle prize for the evening. **David & Lynn Eberle** reminded the Club about their BSC Holiday Party, Sunday, Dec. 11 from 3-6pm. RSVP: 845-838-9630. **Tom LaBarr** announced that the annual Woody Dinner will be the third weekend in February. The Club is very grateful to **John McLaughlin**, **Gigi Fris**, and **Kevin Haydon** for working with the Hudson River Yacht Racing Association to make the Club the beneficiary of their annual regatta (8/25/2012). This event will truly be a FUNd-raiser and needs your participation as volunteer or sailor.

Building Committee, Claudine Craig once again thanked Saul Rozinsky, Ron Bell, Mike Bazzo, David Eberle, Jim Krivo, Rosemary, Jim Schumm and others for finishing the reinforcing of the fence behind the Club with cement. Improvements remain to be completed and volunteers are welcome.

Environmental Committee, Steve van der Merwe announced the lecture series coming up the third Friday of every month January-May. On Friday, January 20, come share an evening with one of the world's only fireboat engineers, Jessica Dulong, author of *My River Chronicles* whose life includes working on, then buying a tugboat and helping with the aftermath of 9/11. And that's just the first program! **Lease Agreement with the City of Beacon, Rosemary Thomas** announced that the Executive Committee had approved the 20-year lease agreement for the Club building with the City of Beacon (applause to **Alan and Rosemary Thomas** for their tireless close reading, editing and working with insurance and legal advisors as well as with the City).

Holiday Sing, David Bernz is coordinating the decoration and preparation for this holiday musical delight. The 12th Sing under David's direction (!) is scheduled for December 16.

Announcements: **Clearwater** is having its annual holiday party on Friday, December 9. * **Princess Wow** announced her new clothing line and clothing embellishments service. Some of her donations include Icing Smiles, Inc. for children * **Chris Ruhe** hosted occupy Poughkeepsie participants on his radio program this week and announced the Howland Music fest * **Steve Schwarz** asked the Club to support Occupy Poughkeepsie at Hulme Park (72 Market Street). An eviction notice was given to them Dec. 1. Meanwhile they have cleaned up the park and provided meals for the homeless in the area. * **Jacob Bernz** invited us to join him from 3-5pm on Dec. 10 at Bank Square on Main Street, Beacon, to share a musical performance. * **Sue Altin** asked for volunteers to help open up the Club and start the fires in the stove and fireplace. * She also announced that the Seeds of Harmony will move to the Eberle's for the Holiday party (12/16). * **Peter Yarrow** (of 'Peter, Paul & Mary') came to the Club to share in this month's Circle of Song (always following the meeting's pot luck and business sessions). Everyone appreciated his patience and performance!

Respectfully Submitted,
Vane Lashua, Secretary

Finding Opportunity in the Climate Crisis Clearwater to Host Climate Justice Summit in Poughkeepsie

The public is invited to a Climate Justice summit and networking opportunity hosted by Hudson River Sloop Clearwater on December 10 from 9:00 AM - 1:15 PM at the Catharine Street Community Center, 69 Catharine Street, in Poughkeepsie, NY (entrance on 152 Mansion Street). Community members, local stakeholders, and municipal leaders will provide inspiring examples of green jobs and climate change-friendly initiatives that effectively address the dual challenges of assuring climate justice in difficult economic times.

Climate Justice speakers include **Aaron Mair**, veteran urban environmental activist; regional and national Environmental Justice organizer and strategist from the W. Haywood Burns Environmental Education Center; **Arturo Garcia-Costa**, Outreach, Education, and Strategic Partnerships, NYS DEC Office of Environmental Justice; and **Kristin Marcell**, Hudson River Estuary Program Special Project Coordinator, NYS DEC. **Melissa Everett, PhD ED** of Sustainable Hudson Valley will moderate a **panel discussion on Green Jobs as a Regional Economic Development Tool**.

This is a free event thanks to funding from an EPA Environmental Justice Small Grant, however pre-registration is strongly encouraged at www.surveymonkey.com/s/ClimateJustice or contact **Karla Raimundi at 845-265-8080 ext. 7159; karla@clearwater.org.**

Harbor Team in Action

The harbor is safe and secure for the winter thanks to our harbor masters and volunteers who spent several weekends pulling docks and moorings, removing the underwater cable, dismantling ramps, moving boats, storing all the equipment, and all the other many tasks required before winter sets in. A big thank you is in order to all who came out to help and a thank you as well to the Beacon Institute for towing our docks up to Whites!



Come sing with us!

Your Invited to the Twelfth Annual

Beacon Sloop Club

Holiday Sing

Featuring:

- Pete Seeger
- Jacob Bernz
- Travis Jeffery
- James Durst
- Sue Altkin
- David Bernz
- Dan Einbender
- The Rivertown Kids
- Ingrid Heldt - Michael Scolnick
- Chris Ruhe
- And other friends



At

The Beacon Sloop Club

(By the river near the Beacon Train Station)

Friday, December 16th, 7:30 pm

Free Admission – Please feel free to bring a desert item or finger food to share

Canned or Boxed Food will be collected for the Beacon Food Pantry



**Holiday Open House
to benefit the restoration of the
Sloop Woody Guthrie**



Music, Merrymaking

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**Home Decorated for the Season
Including
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**At the Historic 1862 DuBois Farmhouse
35 Slocum Rd Beacon, NY
SUNDAY Dec. 11, 2011 3-6PM**

**Suggested Donation \$10 per person
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"Watershed Management on a Shoestring Budget"

6th Annual Hudson River Watershed Alliance Conference
DECEMBER 15, 2011, 8:30 AM-4:00 PM
Henry A. Wallace Center, Hyde Park, NY

Co-sponsors:

- Hudson Valley Regional Council,*
- Dutchess County Department of Planning*
- Orange County Department of Planning*
- Ulster County Department of Planning*

Register online at:

<http://www.nycharities.org/events/EventLevels.aspx?ETID=4439>

A mellow group of sailing enthusiasts occupied the sloop Woody Guthrie from about 10:30 hours to fifteen hundred hours on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. They set up an ingenious frame and dark green tarp over the hull under balmy skies. Better weather could not have been ordered from the powers that be. They continue their mission of promoting a clean environment, long after others activists have sunk under the horizon.

Among the motley crew were the following:

Alice the Book Binder, Van der Merwe the South African, Gail the Saintly Woman, Captain Shorts (aka "Eureka") and thanks for your AM rallying cry, Chrissy the Cute One, Mark L. the Problem Solver, Ben the Overlord and Perfectionist, Birmingham the Beer Guzzler, Metal the Sparky Guy, Anthony the Sweetheart, Ralph the Gentleman and Scholar, Rich "Timber" Holzman (looking quite svelte), Jim Finnigan the Quiet but Experienced One, and Gigi the sleepy and Disorganized One.

Thanks for your dedication and outstanding attitudes, Woody Sailors and Captains! You make even the most difficult task a pleasure. Cheers!



Photos by Ralph Szur

December 20: 6:30 PM
The Genesis of Our River: From Ice Age to Invasion. Scenic Hudson Lecture Center, Long Dock Park, Beacon [Dutchess County]. Join DEC Hudson River Estuary Program naturalist and archaeologist Tom Lake as we time-travel from twenty thousand years ago, when more than a mile of ice was overhead, to the seventeenth-century arrival of Europeans in the Hudson River Valley. For more information, e-mail lake@sunydutchess.edu.

Save the "Woody Guthrie"

By Ken Miller

The Woody Sails, and she sails for free.
(sail away Woody ,sail away)
She'll take you where you want to be
(sail away Woody ,sail away)

Chorus:

Don't you let her rot away
Don't you let her rot away
Don't you let her rot away
(sail away Woody ,sail away)

She needs some money for repair
(sail away Woody sail away)
I hope that you can help us there)
(sail away Woody, sail away)

Chorus:

Don't you let her rot away
Don't you let her rot away
Don't you let her rot away
(sail away Woody ,sail away)

So come on folks let's get in gear
(sail away Woody ,sail away)
I hope that you will volunteer
(sail away Woody, sail away)

Chorus:

Don't you let her rot away
Don't you let her rot away
Don't you let her rot away
(sail away Woody, sail away)

Now, all-together we'll get this done
(sail away Woody, sail away)
Along the way we'll have some fun
(sail away Woody, sail away)

Last Chorus: (sing it twice)

Don't you let her rot away
Don't you let her rot away
Don't you let her rot away
(sail away Woody, sail away)

SOS Indian Vegetarian Cooking Class

A huge thank you goes to Mitesh Goyal for teaching a great class and preparing a wonderful meal of Parathas, Vegetable Pulav, and Bread Chilla for all to share.

Along with demonstrating the recipes Mitesh reviewed the properties of common Indian spices, spoke about Indian culture(s), and answered many, many questions. We will miss Mitesh when he goes back to India at the end of the month.

Jim Finnigan's generous donation of his kitchen made this perfect (and who knew he had those Bollywood soundtracks?).



Delaware River Basin Commission Cancels Vote on Draft Natural Gas Regulations

The Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) announced that the special meeting scheduled for Nov. 21 to consider draft natural gas development regulations was postponed to allow additional time for review by the five commission members.

The DRBC is a federal/interstate government agency responsible for managing the water resources within the Delaware River Basin. The five commission members are the governors of Delaware, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania and the commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' North Atlantic Division, who represents the federal government.

The next meeting/public hearing of the Delaware River Basin Commission will be on Thursday, December 8. The Commissioners will not be considering the draft natural gas development regulations at this meeting. *Please visit the commission's web site at www.drbc.net for updates as they become available.*

Building Committee Continues Post Irene Repairs

A volunteer crew led by Saul and David re-anchored the back fence that was lifted up and deposited against the back door by Irene. It is now weighted by several tons of concrete. In the finest Sloop Club tradition we recruited a very knowledgeable local architect who just stopped by to see what was going on.



DEC extends public comment period on fracking regulations

The NYS DEC announced on Nov. 30th that it was extending the public comment period on the Revised Draft SGEIS for Horizontal Drilling and High-Volume Hydraulic Fracturing in the Marcellus Shale until January 11, 2012. Comments may be submitted using the following link:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/76838.html>

Hearings have been in New York City, Dansville, Binghamton, and Loch Sheldrake. The hearings were attended by an estimated 6,000 people and generated over 1200 written and verbal comments. Among those submitting input was Congressman Maurice Hinchey who called for rejection of the draft SEGEIS, saying the state must develop tougher standards.

To help those interested in understanding the issues involving horizontal drilling and high-volume hydraulic fracturing, several fact sheets are also available, listed as supplementary documents here:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/75370.html>

The proposed regulations may be found here:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/77353.html>

Please take a few moments to learn the facts and make your opinions known.

Rediscovering the Work that Built America

An Evening with Author Jessica DuLong

A Free Event!

Friday, January 20th, 2012

7:00pm

at the Beacon Sloop Club

(opposite the Beacon train station)

After journalist Jessica DuLong was laid off from her dot-com job, a volunteer day aboard fireboat *John J. Harvey* led to an engine-room apprenticeship. A decade later, she now serves as chief engineer.

Working with the fireboat's finely crafted machinery on the waters of the storied Hudson, a birthplace of American industry, made her wonder what America is losing in our shift away from respect for hands-on work. Her questions crystallized after she and her crew served at Ground Zero, where fireboats provided the only water available to fight blazes. In her exploration of the changing meaning of work in America, DuLong interweaves highlights from four centuries of Hudson River history with important questions about our nation's future.



Beacon Sloop Club Treasury Report								
Submitted by Sarah Elisabeth								
November 22, 2011								
BSC General Fund	Amount	Membership	Paypal	Woody & Small Boats	Festival & Event	Newsletter	Harbor	Clubhouse
Donation	50.00			50.00				
Broad Old River 2 Project	180.00			180.00				
Membership	119.56	52.00	67.56					
Vendor	1,025.00				1,025.00			
Ink	(37.97)							-37.97
US Sailing	(150.00)			-150.00				
Total Monthly Income and Expenses	1,186.59	52.00	67.56	80.00	1,025.00			-37.97
OPENING BALANCE	38,436.38							
CLOSING BALANCE	39,622.97							

Come for an afternoon of songs

Jacob and David Bernz



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at

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Main Street Beacon NY

Saturday December 10th

from

3-5 pm



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August	Matthew Tether
September	Matthew Tether
October	Volunteer Needed
November	Alice Vaughan
December	Alan Thomas
January 2012	Volunteer Needed
February	Rob May
March	Stephanie Hirschman
April	Bonnie Rozinsky
May	Volunteer Needed
June	Daveid E. Eberle

To signup contact **Claudine Craig** 895-8758
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Current Calendar

Executive Committee meeting, Tues December 27th 7:00 p.m., at David Eberle's House

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting January 6th— potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m.

Farmers Market every Sunday, 11-3 p.m., At the BSC Clubhouse , Beacon , NY

PLANET BLUE WITH CHRIS RUHE and Tonia Shou on radio station WVKR 91.3 FM, Every Fri., 5 to 6 p.m.

Finding Opportunity in the Climate Crisis, Sat. December 10, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Catharine Street Community Center, 69 Catharine Street, Poughkeepsie, NY,(entrance at 152 Mansion St.)

Jacob & David Bernz performing, Saturday, Dec. 10, 3-5:00 PM, BankSQ Coffeeshouse, Mian St. , Beacon

Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse- Season of Light with Magpie and Kim and Reggie Harris , Saturday, Dec. 10, 7:30 PM, 250 Bryant Ave, White Plains, NY,Advance Tickets at www.walkaboutclearwater.org

SOS Event: Holiday Open House at the Home of David and Lynn Eberle, Sunday, December 11th, 3:00-6:00 pm, Slocum Rd, Beacon

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT ON A SHOESTRING BUDGET - The Hudson River Watershed Alliance's annual conference, Thurs., Dec. 15. at the FDR Library in Hyde Park. For more information: Barbara Kendall, 914-474-2759, barbara@hudsonwatershed.org



Winter Maintenance, stay in touch through the Woody Sailor's group and your captain , regular work parties will start next year.

Annual Holiday Sing,Friday , December 16th, 7:30pm at the Beacon Sloop Club Clubhouse. Bring a donation for the Dutchess Food Pantry

Lights up! You're on! Open Mic, A youth-centered **OPEN MIC** performance, Friday , December 16th, from 7pm to 9pm – [Mill Street Loft ARTS at the Scenic Hudson River Center](#)

Woody Sailor's Meeting, Saturday, December 17, Time TBD, check the Woody Sailors Group, Facebook or your captain.

The Genesis of Our River From Ice Age To Invasion, Tues., Dec. 20; 6:30 – 8 p.m. – Scenic Hudson's River Center at Long Dock Park, Beacon.

BSC Winter Lecture Series- Jessica DuLong, Rediscovering the Work that Built America, Friday, Jan. 20, 7:00 PM, at the BSC Clubhouse

Vigil for Peace every Saturday from 12-2 p.m. at the intersection of Rts. 9 and 9D opposite Staples and at the corner of the South Hills Mall.

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