Message from Our President:

The hills are beginning to show some beautiful color and the Pumpkin Festival is upon us! This has been a banner year for apple and pumpkin growers in our area; so get out and pick\buy some local product of the season. We will have local pumpkins for sale at our festival as well as our usual "home baked" pies. Please come out and help Fran Sansone with pie baking at Settlement House in Beacon this Saturday. The future of that facility is not clear to us at this time; so this may be your last chance to savor an authentic camp kitchen. Be a kid again.

We always need help at festivals so please come out on Sunday to assist. Setup and take-down – particularly take-down – are areas of need. If you can show up around 9:00 a.m. to help set up and come back around 4:30 p.m. for take-down, you are a gem. Of course your help at any time during the day is greatly valued.

Thanks to Clearwater for a wonderful annual meeting at Settlement House! Welcome to the new Board and to Director Jeff Rumpf. Have a great new year. The Beacon Sloop Club is 100 per cent on board with you in your stated goals of youth education and diversity outreach.

John McLaughlin

NEXT EXEC. COM. MEETING IS TUESDAY, October 23rd, 7:30 p.m.
NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS FRIDAY, November 2nd, at 7:30 p.m.
       Potluck at 6:30 p.m.
BSC Membership Form

Name _______________________________ Street Address ______________________________________________
City _______________ State ___ ZIP _____-____ Phone ___-___-______ Email ______________________________

Amount Enclosed $______. ___ Renewal ___ New Member ___

Are you a Clearwater member? ___ Would you like information regarding a Clearwater membership? ___

Would you prefer to receive your newsletter in printed format or in e-mail format?_______________________________

Please include your e-mail address if you want your newsletter e-mailed to you.

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 waved.

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 is now accessible from the web: www.beaconsloop.org or www.beaconsloopclub.org.

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Please submit articles for the Beacon Sloop Club Broadside by the 1st Monday after the Friday general meeting each month to lindab@usadatanet.net or lindab5@peoplepc.com
Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting Minutes  
October 5, 2007

Sue Altkin, Vice President, presiding.

Circle of Song: With Kurt Hauck and Pete Seeger on the banjo and Dan Einbender and Michael Skolnick on the guitar, a merry crew of Sloopers enjoyed the night’s repast while singing *sailing up and down the river* with Capt. Kip Touraine at the helm. At the evening’s end, Bonnie Finkenauer introduced a rendition of *Michael Row the Boat Ashore* done in Woody style. More to come on this at the next sing-along!


Treasurer Report: Treasurer Linda Beatty announced that the August Corn festival profit was $1,780 and that thank you letters for donations thru the middle of September have been sent out. $29,042 is in the BSC General Account.

Clearwater Report: Clearwater Director Jeff Rumpf spoke about Beacon as a *beacon* for Clearwater. He mentioned the potential of Beacon to be Clearwater’s new headquarters, possibly at the Beacon University Settlement Camp. Rumpf said that *the river is shared by all people and that the job of cleaning up the river is not yet accomplished. The passion and the intensity for the river is supported by Sloop Clubs like BSC.* The hope is that Clearwater will finally have a home port.

Alternative Energy: Saul Rozinsky, festival chair, thanked all participants for a job well done, especially Jane Shumsky for her part in organizing and enlisting vendors, Ron Bel for his homemade apple fritters, Bonnie Rozinsky for making and selling apple-based foods along with many BSC volunteers and Liz Nedwell for painting the signs. The BSC Solar Trailer powered the stage, the children’s area sound system, as well as the Clearwater Annual Meeting on Sept. 29th and the Bethel Arts Festival on Sept. 30th. Future plans for the Solar Trailer include Stony Kill Environmental Center and a Cub Scouts Jamboree in Glenmere Park.

Nominations: VP Sue Altkin suggested that we begin nominations and a *Nominating Committee* was formed comprising Mary Schmalz, Connie Hogarth and Edmund Fitzgerald. Capt. Kip nominated David Cohen for President and was seconded by Justin McGuire. Toshi Seeger nominated Saul Rozinsky for President and was seconded by Ron Bel. VP Sue Altkin nominated Kurt Hauck for Vice President and was seconded by Mike Skolnick. David Cohen nominated Linda Beatty to continue as Treasurer and was seconded by Capt. Kip. VP Sue Altkin nominated Francesca Sansone to remain as Secretary. Fran later asked Mary Schmalz of the Nominating Committee to please find someone else for the position.

VP Altkin announced that as of October 1, our insurance coverage with a new company began for only $1,000 more than what we were previously paying and that the new coverage also insures the pontoon boat and the small boats.

Pumpkin Festival: Our annual festival will be held on Sun., Oct. 14, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. with Saul Rozinsky and Peter Rosenberg as coordinators. Phyllis Newman and Fran Sansone, who organized last year’s festival, will assist and be in charge of the baking on Sat., Oct. 13, at the Beacon University Settlement Camp beginning at 8 a.m. Volunteers are welcome. Bring along a rolling pin if possible! Tinya Seeger once again graciously offered to make the piecrusts for fifty pumpkin pies.

The Farmer’s Market, beginning this *November-December on Saturdays*, will house itself inside the BSC, and insured vendors will bring their own firewood. In January, the market will be held on Sundays.

Firewood should not be stacked along the boat ramp side of the club, as a shed will be built there. Stack any wood inside the club or in the back.

Multrum News: Sun., Oct. 21, at 9 a.m. is the date to clean out the multrum, which Pete says *smells like moldy leaves!* There’ll be a potluck lunch afterwards! VP Sue Altkin is taking a much needed hiatus from her Building Chair position, and someone is needed to fill her place. Kudos to Capt. Kip for being responsible for the weekly recyclables and for Saul Rozinsky for repairing the speaker system.

Ron Bel reported loose planks in the dock that need fixing. Capt. Kip said that would be reported to the Woody sailors at the Oct. 6 meeting.

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Vickie Raabin brought a suggested Christmas Season activity to the Committee. This might involve participation of members in a song activity and an activity built around discussions of various belief systems to be held at the Howland Center. The Committee felt the song activity might interfere with our annual winter sing, but members might

General Meeting Minutes (Continued)

Unsung Hero Award: Please nominate people who have given much of themselves to the BSC by Nov. 15 to Sue Altkin or Linda Beatty. Nominees should not include those who hold any title in the club.

Sat., Dec. 8th is the International Day for the Earth. The Beacon Sloop Club voted its support. See Connie Hogarth so that all Hudson Valley folks can do their part to support this worldwide event.

News Item: Hydro Electric Plant potential in Beacon similar to the one in Wappingers Falls. Take a tour with Hydro Harry! See Saul Rozinsky or David Cohen.

Submitted by Fran Sansone

Executive Committee Meeting September 25, 2007

The meeting was held at the BSC Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. Phyllis Newham, Kip Touraine, and John McLaughlin presented information regarding the search for insurance; and, after a full discussion, the committee agreed to authorize President McLaughlin to bind insurance brokered through Robinson and Sons with the following costs:

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We will continue to research insurance options, but we will put this offer into effect in order to continue our Woody sails and festival operations for the remainder of this season.

There was discussion of weaknesses in trash handling at Alternative Energy Festival and the need to correct this.

Nancy suggested that in the future we have a setup and breakdown team in place for each festival. There is no overall coordinator for Pumpkin Festival at this time.

Kip did the Orange County Arts Alliance sail on September 29. Kip reported on successful sails at the Alternative Energy Festival and at the Garrison Arts Festival. The Woody Sailors meeting was Saturday, October 5, at the Clubhouse.

Clearwater annual meeting was discussed, particularly the problem of docking fees required by the City of Beacon and the impact these fees may have on having the Sloop Clearwater come in to Beacon Harbor for planned sails on October 12, 13, 14. Tom Baldino has spoken to City officials and has promises of action to get a waiver of fees, but no action to date.

Linda Beatty reported that the club has about $28,000 in the bank at present. She has received letters from IRS requesting about $4,300 in penalties for failure to file taxes in 2004 and 2005. John McLaughlin will write a letter to IRS requesting waiver of these penalties. Linda also reported changes in the printing of the newsletter and expressed concerns regarding the electronic mailing of the newsletter through a conduit that might endanger our non-profit status. John McLaughlin will press Saul Rozinsky and Jim Birmingham to get us set up for mass mailing through our present Internet provider.

Jane Shumsky expressed concern regarding civility of members toward one another and the negative impact that lack of respect and civility may have on our ability to conduct future festival activities.

Respectfully submitted, John McLaughlin

THE UNSUNG HERO AWARD... was created in order to bring recognition and thanks to folks who have given, and continue to give, service above and beyond to the Beacon Sloop Club. Nominees shall be members in good standing and presently hold no official title within the Club.

Please submit nominations to Linda Beatty (lindab@usadatanet.net) or Sue Altkin (845-239-1405) by November 15th. Please include a detailed description of your knowledge of this persons’ contributions!! Award(s) to be presented at the December meeting.
Here are 11 Things You Can Do to Fight Global Warming! (from Environmental Defense and other sources)

1. Recycle and buy minimally packed goods as much as possible.
2. Wash clothes in cold or warm, not hot, water. If you can dry on an outside line, better than the dryer, which uses a great deal of power.
3. Install low flow showerheads to use less water.
4. Run the dishwasher only when full and don’t use heat to dry dishes.
5. Replace standard light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs.
6. Plug air leaks in windows and doors to increase energy efficiency.
7. Replace old appliances with energy efficient models.
8. Walk, bike, carpool or use public transportation as much as possible.
9. Adjust your thermostat—lower in winter, higher in summer.
10. Buy locally produced food, which will reduce our country’s oil consumption enormously. Most communities now have farmers’ markets.
11. Share these simple steps with friends and family and increase awareness!

Thanks to Connie Hogarth
Want to Run for Office?

There’s still time to nominate candidates for President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary for next year. You can give suggestions or get more information from Edmund Fitzgerald, Nominating Committee, at astrofitz@aol.com.

Woody Sailors’ Meeting

Almost thirty dedicated Sailors of the Woody Guthrie met on Saturday, October 6. The first order of business was elections. The following were elected unanimously: Chairperson--Jim Birmingham; Secretary--Ben Mazer; Winter Maintenance Co-coordinators--John McLaughlin and Gigi Fris.

The Woody Sailors wish to thank Kip Touraine for his more than 3-1/2 years of service as Chairperson of the Woody Sailors Committee of the BSC. Kip did a fine job in difficult circumstances involving major boat reconstruction.

During the meeting the present condition of the Woody was discussed as well as the needs for the upcoming winter maintenance season. Our three grant writers--Gigi Fris, Kevin Haydon and Steve Van der Merwe--will try to get funds for upcoming maintenance needs.

Next year the Woody will be thirty years old; so there was discussion of making 2008 a time for celebration, starting with a dinner early next year organized by Tom LaBarr. There was mention of a video of sailing on the Woody that would be put together by Gigi, David Cohen and Ben Mazer as well as classes in splicing three-strand line and in charting. An education program would also be worked on over the winter with input from Steve Feyl and Dan Einbender.

A meeting of the Captains, including Kip Touraine, Tom LaBarr, Jim Birmingham, Patrick Gallagher and Ben Mazer, was also held on Saturday and the following crew advancements were approved: Captain-in-training--Edmund Fitzgerald III; Mate--Mary Vincitore; Mate--Steve Van der Merwe.

Submitted by Ben Mazer,
Secretary of the Woody Sailors Committee

AGAINST THE CURRENT

Sailors and local residents may have seen film crews at Beacon Riverfront Park and the Sloop Club recently. The movie that was being filmed was “Against The Current,’ in which a widower makes it his mission to swim the length of the lower Hudson River from the Troy locks to the Verrazzano Bridge, to honor his late wife. The film stars Joseph Fiennes (Shakespeare In Love), Justin Kirk (Weeds), Elizabeth Reaser (Grey’s Anatomy) and Mary Tyler Moore (Mary Tyler Moore Show). Other locations that were used include downtown Beacon and Wappingers Falls, and marinas in New Hamburg and Coeymans. Some of the cast and crew were heard to remark about how lovely the river and surrounding area is. The movie should be completed in about a year.

Jim Finnigan

BEACON SLOOP CLUB CORN FESTIVAL
Preliminary Report submitted 10/5/07
12-Aug-07

INCOME
8/14/07 - Corn $ 771.00
8/14/07 - Chili $  80.00
8/14/07 - Fruit salad $  90.00
8/14/07 - Soda & water $ 218.25
8/14/07 - Memberships $ 120.00
8/14/07 - T-shirts @ $15 $ 160.00
8/14/07 - Hats @ $15 $ 160.00
9/1/07 - Vendors $ 1,140.00

Total Income $ 2,739.25

EXPENSES
8/8/07 - Tom Baldino - Corn $ 232.00
8/28/07 - Tom LaBarr - Bowls & spoons $ 219.80
8/28/07 - Sue Altkin - Butter & plastic bags $ 118.10
9/8/07 - Royal Carting - Trash removal $ 232.88
9/11/07 - John McLaughlin - Ink for flyers $  36.39
9/13/07 - John McLaughlin - Ice $  19.35
Cost of T-shirts @ $8.86 ea. $  97.46

Total Expenses $ 955.98

Preliminary profit total $ 1,783.27

There is more to life than increasing its speed.

Mohandas Gandhi
**SAVE THE DATE!!**

SAT., DECEMBER 8TH, 2007: INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE EARTH!

From Dec. 3 to 14th, international representatives and heads of states will meet in Bali, Indonesia to set new guidelines on global warming as the Kyoto Protocol expires. This U.N. conference will be the focal point for the planetary community to call for courageous new decisions from governments, institutions and ourselves to:

1- set binding and effective limits on carbon emissions
2- develop a global strategy for conversion to renewable energy sources

Here in the Hudson Valley, as all over the country and the world, people are organizing in support of this vitally important conference. JOIN THE COMMITTEE--IN FORMATION--TO PLAN A CREATIVE, HOPEFUL SET OF ACTIVITIES, A DAY OF PLANETARY UNITY! WE WILL CALL ON THE U.S. TO JOIN THE WORLD, AS WE SUPPORT THE U.N. CONFERENCE.

Global warming is an issue of such extreme implications for the food, water, health and security of the Earth and our children, as temperatures and sea levels rise dangerously, that we ask you to set aside business as usual on Dec. 8 and make it a Day for the Earth, for future generations and for the variety of living things with whom we share our planet home. Contact Hudson Valley International Day for the Earth at (845) 424-4498 or (845) 838-2415.

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“New Orleans Today”
October 13, 2:20 p.m.
Howland Cultural Center,
477 Main Street in Beacon

Here’s a chance to see pictures and hear some music from Mel and Vinnie’s trip to New Orleans last February with Feel Good Tour: It is part of the Dissident Folk & Arts Festival 2007, 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. $10 admission. All proceeds will go towards a geothermal system for the Howland Center. Music, poetry, presentations & workshops. Call 845-831-4988.

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Executive Committee meeting, Tuesday, October 23rd, 7:30 p.m.

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting November 2nd – potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m.

African Drumming Classes with Kazi Oliver Fridays at 7 p.m. except the 1st Friday of the month at the BSC.

Farmers Market every Sunday, 10-4 p.m., at BSC.

Beacon Sloop Club Pumpkin Festival, Sunday, October 14, noon to 5 p.m. at the Beacon Riverfront. Pumpkin pie & apple cider, great music, vendors, kids’ area. Free sails on the Woody.

Community Street Singers, Saturday afternoon, October 13 at 4 p.m. East Main Street (near North Avenue) for families that like to sing together. Bring an instrument to play, a voice to sing, some hands to clap and a heart to warm!

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