Message from Our President:

Right now we are very busy with preparations for the Strawberry Festival. With a lot of hard work, everything seems to be coming together. We have a brand new Strawberry tent. With the recent hot ripening weather, we've been able to buy all local berries. The Woody is looking fine. Now, if the weather on Sunday cooperates, this promises to be an excellent festival. Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers.

Looking ahead beyond the Strawberry Festival, only one week later, is the Clearwater Revival at Croton. In a way, this is the festival that started it all. Clearwater has been sailing for over 30 years, and all the time, the Revival has been a major rallying event and fund raiser for the effort to clean up and restore the Hudson. It is a time when we meet old friends, and hear great music. Those of us who volunteer, personally share in the effort to return the Hudson to its full natural beauty.

The BSC will have a significant role at the Revival this year. The Woody will be there, providing free guest sails from the Working Waterfront area. The BSC Solar Trailer will be powering the Family Stage. We'll be represented in the Sloop Club tent as well.

In addition to the “club” activities, you'll find BSC members as Clearwater volunteers in just about any part of the Revival. The Revival is an experience not-to-be-missed

Our next meeting is on the 4th of July. (Hint: come early and get a good seat for the Newburgh Fireworks)

Gotta rest up for Sunday!

Fair Winds.
Saul.

Inside this issue:

Preparation for the Strawberry Festival, the Woody returns, local berries are ready, and much more…….
BSC Membership Form

Name _______________________________ Street Address ______________________________________________
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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?_____________________________
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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

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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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Please submit articles for the Beacon Sloop Club Broadside by the 1st Monday after the Friday general meeting each month (early submissions are much appreciated)
to acthoma@yahoo.com
Input requiring scanning must be in 1 week in advance to Alan Thomas PO Box 430, Hughsonville, NY 12537
Saul Rozinsky, President, presiding.

The meeting was opened with everyone singing with our musicians of note, the unsung heroes of the Sloop Club. In ancient times the shamans and magicians were the keepers of the chants and were those who were guardians of what is true and right. The literally sang the world into existence. We sometimes forget to celebrate the significance of the role of music is developing a social or shared consciousness and shared sense of social responsibility. And it is this same music which motivates us to action, sustains us and also serves to change the minds of others.

The meeting was called to order by Saul Rozinsky, President

Treasurer’s Report
The treasurer’s report was presented by Saul. Our balance at the end of May is $3000 less than our balance at the end of April primarily due to the cost of repairs to the Woody.

The Woody is in the water and is now at the dock. Special thanks to Gigi Fritz, Kip Tournaine, and Tom Baldino they each did a yeoman’s job in reconditioning and repairing the Woody. Hats off and a heart-felt thanks to them. We should also thank our volunteers who put in over 1200 hours. At the usual wage of one beer an hour, that’s a whole lot of beer.

The Woody and her crews will begin public sails in 2-3 weeks. The Woody will also participate in the Hudson River Revival at Croton-on--Hudson June 21-22.

The Strawberry Festival-Saul and Phyllis
The Strawberry festival is this coming Sunday June 15th. We need everyone on Board, there are plenty of jobs to do and we need volunteers to do them. Among the jobs are baking biscuits, preparing strawberries, making whip cream and then selling the shortcake. We also need strong able bodied men or women to help with set up and clean up. And this year for the first time we will have greeters to greet the attendees and inform them about the Beacon, Sloop Club. We hope to attract many new members.

Tent set up will begin Saturday at 8 AM, a strawberry preparation party will be at Tom La Barr’s home (Red barn and house on your left just north of I-84 on Route 9D at 10 AM. Workers will be paid with frozen Daquiir’s and a wonderful meal. We are still looking for an old gas oven to use in baking biscuits. The set up crew will return to the park at 8AM on Sunday to finish the set up. The Festival will begin at 12 noon.

Clearwater Report – Dan Einbender
Due to a miscommunication and an accident the Clearwater will not be making a Strawberry Festival appearance. Seems that part of the mast support broke and the yardarm came crashing down. The Clearwater is in port on Long Island getting quite a repair.

Promotional Video
The Marist college students have finished their Beacon Sloop Club Promotional Video. They did a great job. The video can be viewed on the Beacon Sloop Club web site.

Firewood shed
Volunteers will be building a firewood shed at the rear of the building, Contact David Cohen 566-3210 or dacohen@hvc.rr.com

Announcements
River Pool the River will be places in the river soon and stay there for the full summer season. The River Pool will also be holding its fifth annual Newburgh to Beacon Swim. Swimmers need to pre-register before July 21 at www.riverpool.org. Kayakers and other volunteers are needed.

Respectfully submitted,

David Eberle Secretary
The Meeting was called to order by Saul Rozinsky President.
Saul announced his retirement from his outside job and that he would now be devoting all his time and energy to the sloop club.

The Beacon Mural
A contract between Jim Price the artist and the beacon Sloop club has been signed and a check in the amount of $1850 was passed to Jim. This leaves a balance of $6500. A grant has been submitted to the arts council for an additional $3000 dollars.
Some of the suggestions of people who viewed the mock up have been taken into account and changes have been made in the mural. We will not own the Mural so we will not be responsible for maintaining and repairing it if that is necessary. It is a gift of the Beacon Sloop Club to the Beacon Community.

Strawberry Festival
Strawberry tent
The New Strawberry tent has arrived and has been examined. It looks great and will make a very dramatic statement at the festival. It was noted that the manufacturer has re-called these tents because they are not properly fireproofed. We elected not to return the tent because we would only get a refund and then would have to find another tent. In addition we will not be having any fires or hot objects under the tent.

Building a new Strawberry Trailer
We have an old camping trailer that can serve as the foundation. It would need walls, insulation, shelves, and air conditioning. Volunteers can do the work, as it is not complicated.

Publicity
New signs and posters have been made, they look great. Well done. We also have new brochures to give to the public when they sail on the Woody.

Greeters
We will have greeters passing out information about the sloop club who will be trying to attract new members and/or donations.

Waste Collection
A letter has been sent to all vendors indicating that since we are an environmental organization, we would sincerely appreciate their using degradable cups, plates and utensils. A way of obtaining these commodities was provided. We are still working out a waste disposal system.

Woody Report
The Woody is in the water. The final Rigging is being done by Tom Baldino.

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Greetings from the Beacon Sloop Club
Environmental Committee: At a time that it appears the diversity and stability of the Hudson River ecosystem is under threat an offering celebrating that diversity. Long may it thrive and someday exist in harmony with mankind as it once did.

The Hudson River in Spring A to Z
By Edmund Fitzgerald IV
Getting pinched by a Blue Crab could bring some pain
The Channel Catfish and the Dreaded Stonecat
Are just as long as a baseball bat
The American Eels have a slippery Feel
Even the Great Blue Heron can’t grab it with its spiked heel
The little Hogchoker is not hiding anymore
The Iowa Darter is swimming inshore
The small Johnny Darter is very skittish
Darting around unlike the Killifish
The Largemouth Bass Charters are leaving the docks
The tiny Mud Crabs live under the rocks
The Northern Pike went to the weeds to hide
Were gillnetting again for Offshore Silverside
The Pumpkinseed looks like the Sun for camouflage
The large Queen snake is fooled by this mirage
The Rough Diamond Backed Terrapins population has faltered
It’s cool to see a Striped Bass jump clear of the water
The Tesselated Darter has fins like sails
They eat things like tiny Valve Snails
Unlike the White Perch you really must search
To see the eXtremely long Sturgeon break free of the water with a mighty lurch
The Yellow Perch must hustle
To where ever it lurks for in comes an Invasive Species the Zebra Mussel.

Woody Sails:
The launch of the BSC new online booking service has been delayed. Susan Berliner will continue to take reservations for weeknight sales at the old number, 845-297-7697 until further notice.
THE BIG DAY ARRIVES.....
Sunday June 15.... Beacon Sloop Club presents the all-volunteer STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL. Busy hands and pickup trucks needed for Saturday set up.
Saul would like help at the park at 8 a.m. Saturday morning to put up the big tents, set up the ovens and the water pipeline as well as electrics and other infrastructure details. All volunteers for set up are also invited to the strawberry hulling lunch party...

HULLERS AND SLICERS will meet on Sat. morning at Tom and Aimee LaBarr's for hulling and slicing of half our strawberries and mixing of the biscuit dry ingredients. The site crew will be joining all for lunch. Come early, stay late. The festival starts here!!!!!

ON TO SUNDAY...
Saul and the Baking team will be starting the ovens early. Vendors will be arriving; some booths and chairs need to be set up .. help is needed.. come early..call Saul for start up time. 845-496-5617. Your hands are needed.

We start at noon on Sunday, and anyone can always offer the servers, slicers and hullers a break during the afternoon so everyone has a chance to enjoy our festival. Taste-testing is allowed and we know that volunteers will have a great time catching up with those long-time no-see friends in the strawberry tent. It's ok to make new friends too.

LAST BUT MOST VITAL...
Please don't desert the ship at cleanup time...stick around and lend a hand to take some things back to the sloop club, load a truck, empty a trash barrel, wash some utensils, wipe down a table..

In fact, if you can't make it to the festival early, we welcome fresh new late-comers filled with vim and vigor to help with cleanup. ...

ABOVE ALL, be kind to each other, spread good cheer, enjoy the day and have a really good time!!

Love to All,
Phyllis

From Riverkeeper:
On the heels of Riverkeeper's Hudson Fisheries Defense Campaign launch, Governor takes needed actions. We are very pleased to report that Governor Paterson has launched a decisive new program aimed at rebuilding and protecting fish species in the Hudson River. The governor's initiative comes just two weeks after the release on May 15 of Riverkeeper's report, The Status of Fish Populations and the Ecology of the Hudson (the Pisces Report)(http://ga1.org/_t/KdxakT71XmSy/) and the launch of our Hudson Fisheries Defense Campaign. That the governor took immediate action is a testament to the effectiveness of Riverkeeper's work to protect Hudson River fish.

The Governor's recovery plan for American shad, to be implemented by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), includes nearly all of Riverkeeper's recommended actions to protect the shad. These efforts will also benefit other imperiled fish species.

We applaud Governor Paterson and DEC commissioner Grannis for their leadership on this important issue! But one more critical step is needed. We need your help to tell the commissioner that the most important achievable action -requiring closed-cycle cooling at the five Hudson River power plants - must be undertaken immediately as a protective measure for all our fish. Please send a letter to Commissioner Grannis urging him to adopt closed-cycle cooling as policy for all power plants.

To learn more about this campaign please visit our website http://ga1.org/ct/DpxakT71XmSE/ To make a donation to this campaign: http://ga1.org/ct/K7xakT71XmSh/
Thank you for your support!

Alex Matthiessen
Riverkeeper
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The BSC is now on youtube!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fy7_5uIJ0MU
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TRtS4NJk0dg

Gillian Appleby, Claire Semder and Danny Foster of Marist College did a great job capturing some of the many people and activities of the Beacon Sloop Club.

BEIJING - Pollution has turned part of a major river system in central China red and bubbly, forcing authorities to cut water supplies to 200,000 people and close schools.

Gao Qijin, head of the water company in Xingou township, said officials discovered the Dongjing River — was red and bubbly Sunday. The company immediately stopped drawing water from the river. (AP)
Executive Committee Meeting continued from page 5.

Relationship with the City of Beacon

David Cohen is working on a document to formalize our relationship with the city of Beacon with regard to using property at the University Settlement and with regard to the Sloop Clubs presence at the Waterfront. This is going slowly, because the city has not yet determined what this relationship should be, including whether we should pay rent. We need to counter this by informing the City Council of what the Sloop Club brings to the City of Beacon. And this is what David is doing. We also need to get a group of Sloop Club members who reside in Beacon and can be a vocal presence when these topics are brought up for discussion.

Grants Committee

There are Grants available through the DEC regarding the quadricentennial, Money is available for improvements in river access. We are looking into the possibility of writing a grant.

Web Site

People can now register for sailing trips directly on the Beacon Sloop Club website.

Respectfully submitted,

David Eberle Secretary

The River Pool at Beacon (www.riverpool.org) will hold its annual cross river swim from Newburgh to Beacon on Sunday, August 3 with a backup date of Saturday August 9. Each year getting swimmers back to their cars on the Newburgh side presents a bit of a logistical problem. This year they would like to offer ferry service on the river back to Newburgh for those that want it. To do this, they will need some volunteers with power boats. River Pool will compensate for gas costs.

If any Sloop Club members are interested or know of someone who would be interested in helping out, please contact Laurel Becker laurelb@optonline.net

Woody Winter Maintenance Wrap-up – By Gigi Fris

The Woody sailed down to Beacon from White’s on Saturday, May 24th. Captains Kip Touraine and Ben Mazer brought her down in quite a lovely 1 ½ hour sail. The motor was not hooked up until June 6th. Over 1200 hours were put in by all of our great volunteers and captains.

It was determined at the executive meeting that we need to purchase a new (OK used) dinghy to replace the stolen one.

The running and steaming lights will be installed before Strawberry Festival by Saul Rozinsky and Patrick Gallagher.

I will continue coordinating summer maintenance and can be reached @883-9794 or gigifris@yahoo.com

Gigi Fris with our first guest of the season, Bella Mazer (photo By Ben Mazer).

The Woody back home at the charging dock in Beacon (right)

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”
- Margaret Mead

Today’s mighty oak is just yesterday’s nut that held its ground.”
- Anonymous

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LITTLE VICTORIES

By Robert Thomas (10)
### May Financial Report

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Current Calendar

Executive Committee meeting, Tuesday, June 24th, 7:30 p.m.

Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting July 4th – potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m.

Farmers Market every Sunday, 10-4 p.m., at the Beacon waterfront

Strawberry Festival Prep:
Saturday, June 14th, Riverfront Park, Beacon 8:00 a.m. tent set-up etc.

Saturday, June 14th, The LaBarr’s House, Route 9D, Beacon, 10:00, Hulling and Freezing.

Sunday, June 15th, Riverfront Park, Beacon 8:00 a.m. Final set-up etc.

Strawberry Festival, Sunday, June 15th, River Front Park, Beacon Noon -5:00 p.m.

Clearwater Festival: Great Hudson River Revival, June 21 &22, Croton Point Park. 10:00 a.m - 8:30 p.m.

Weeknight Sails on The Woody Guthrie, 6:00 p.m. from the BSC clubhouse. For reservations visit the BSC website or call 231-6149

Woody Work Parties: Contact a Captain or Gigi Fris to complete specific tasks.

Fishin’ the River at Norrie Point, Saturday June 14th 3-5 pm at Norrie Point Environmental Center

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