There is a lecture series being planned for the winter months. It will include guest speakers on a range of environment-related topics.

The BSC is a year round club, with interesting stuff to do whatever the weather.

See you at the river!

Saul

Message from Our President:

The Pumpkin Festival was a rousing success. Rosemary Thomas did a great job of coordinating the whole event. Everyone involved worked hard to make it happen. We baked and sold 80 pumpkin pies. This may be a new club record! The weather was perfect and we had many guests.

Special thanks to the Woody crew who managed to do guest sails even without the electric motor.

Here we are at the beginning of November. With the festivals over and the Woody out of the water, some might think that the BSC would be entering a “quiet” part of the year. That is not at all the case!

We have club elections coming up at the next meeting. We have a firewood cutting party coming up on the 22nd of November. Work on the Woody has already gotten underway with de-rigging. There will be plenty to do up at White's before the boat is ready to sail again.

We'll be finishing up the construction of the new storage area on the North side of the clubhouse.

Inside this issue:
The Pumpkin Report, original river poetry, Woody Maintenance begins, and much, much more.....
BSC Membership Form

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Membership suggested donation $25.00. Minimum of $10.00. Please give more if you can afford it!

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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.

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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
Pumpkin Festival

Saul extended thanks to all who made this festival a success. 80 pies and 5 pots of chili were made as well as apple fritters made by Ron Bel. 150 pumpkins were sold. We made approximately $3000 dollars.

Betty Harkness raised money to purchase a model windmill for our environmental ‒ energy display.

River Pool report by Cindy

The River pool was in the water for a full 9 week season. Over 1500 people used the pool. Riverkeeper has been doing water testing up and down the Hudson and the water here in the Newburg Beacon Bay is clean. The annual swim across the Hudson was successful with over 300 swimmers and 85 kayakers. Cindy thanks all those Sloop Club members who helped out. Currently the pool is being stored at the University Settlement but this site can only be used this year. The River Pool has received a grant from the Hudson River Improvement Fund to build two sheds at the park. They will be used for storage and as a place for lifeguards to take a break. Annual Meeting is November 16th 11 AM to 3 PM at Bowdoin Park just north of New Hamburg. There will be food, music, reports and elections. All are welcome but please RSVP!! Contact Cindy at 831-1839 for more information.

Building and Maintenance

The Sloop Club didn’t have a grant, but several volunteers have also built two storage sheds on the inside of the Sloop Club, one for storing firewood and the other for storing equipment. Thanks to Kurt Hauck, Aaron Havens, Ron Bel, Bill Hudson, Saul and Bonnie Rozinsky and Betty Harkness. Considering todays world we have an amazing group of volunteers. And it seems that we are attracting new and younger volunteers. We voted to provide support for the Day for the Earth Festival, now we need volunteers to help out and to represent the Sloop Club at the festival, There will be a wood cutting party November 22nd. Bring your chainsaws axes and wedges as well as a good pair of gloves.

Beacon Mural

We are continuing to assist in raising money for the Beacon Mural. It will be part of the Quadricentennial Celebration. The Artist Rick Price will be holding an open house Saturday Nov. 15th from 4 to 5:30 PM for those who wish to see the actual work in progress.

Treasurer’s Report

We made $3000 from the Pumpkin Festival and received a donation of $2400 from the Country Joe McDonald show sponsored by The Piggy Bank and Sukhothia Restaurants. Many thanks for their gracious support. We also paid an $11,200 insurance bill leaving us with a balance of $33,634. Vendors contribute almost $6000 to our budget.

400 years ago this month

In November 1608 the directors of the Dutch East India Company sent a letter to Henry Hudson offering to pay his expenses if he would come to Holland to meet with them.

At their meeting, while impressed with Hudson, several directors were unconvinced that he could find a passage to the Indies. One influential director wrote, “Master Hudson’s plans are not a good investment for the Dutch East India Company.” They paid his expenses and dismissed him.

Along the Muhehekanctuck or Shatamuc the native peoples prepared for winter.

Planning the Tercentennial

The Plan and Scope Committee of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was appointed on May 17, 1906. The chairman was the Hon. Frederick W. Seward, former Secretary of State in the administrations of Lincoln, Johnson, and Hayes. They drafted a plan for “a great non-commercial and educational commemoration, designed to instruct or own people in their history and to increase their civic pride; and also to cement more firmly our friendly international relations.”
Greetings from the Beacon Sloop Club Environmental Committee:

A meeting of the Environmental Committee will take place on Friday November 21st at 7:00pm at the B.S.C. Clubhouse. The agenda for this meeting will be the coordination of the Woody Sailor Education Seminars for the 2009 Winter Season. Last year thanks to Dan Einbender and CLEARWATER the Beacon Sloop Club hosted a seminar each month related to the Hudson River history and ecology. For the 2009 we would like to continue this program. Therefore any person interested or knowing of any persons interested in giving a lecture or presentation on some topic related to our environment, or the art of sailing, or perhaps something of a musical nature or tradition, please attend this gathering. If you cannot attend but would like to participate please contact Edmund Fitzgerald III at astorfitz@aol.com or (845) 265-2969.

In closing I would encourage all to take a moment if out of doors and look skyward or earthward and perchance observe some of the great and small signs of nature in transition in this fine Autumn Season. Be well.

Woody Maintenance

Thanks to the 20 members who showed up to work on the mast, centerboard and Woody haul out on Sunday morning. All went well. Some additional rot was found at the forefront of the keel, but never fear, we have two shipwrights examining the boat and giving us estimates Tuesday morning.

After we put the frame up over the Woody, I’m planning on leaving it to the professionals to work on major repairs. At some point you have to acknowledge that the work is way beyond volunteer level and maintenance needs to resume after the big jobs have been knocked out.

Stay posted for news about when we’re putting the frame on the Woody and also who will be doing the Woody work. I also KNOW we (volunteers) need a major caulking initiative this spring.

We’re still working on grants—give Kevin and I a call if you have ideas.

November 19th is the 145th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address
Attendees enjoyed a sunny, breezy day at the riverfront. The festival began when Pete Seeger bought the first slice of homemade pumpkin pie. Our advance publicity and good weather gave us a large crowd and there was soon a line behind Pete. The crowd enjoyed great music, food provided by sloop club members and our vendors, and many exhibits. The Woody crew gave two sails with a stiff wind and no motor, quite an achievement.

The eighty pumpkin pies baked by the BSC volunteers were a crowd pleaser. Ron Bell’s apple fritters were popular as always. Hot coffee, run by our ten year old entrepreneurs Blaine and Robert, had a steady business. We went through four big pots of chili, five gallons of pumpkin soup, and seven gallons of apple cider. Everything sold out very early.

The pumpkin stand did a brisk business, with over 150 happy customers. Nearly everyone asked about the three giant pumpkins donated by Tom and Amy LaBarr and many a child had their picture taken with them.

The environmental tent had an unusually good display with eels, pumpkin seeds, and a channel catfish. The membership tent sold T-shirts, hats, and Hugg-A-Planets donated by the inventor.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who made this possible, particular thanks to the pie team who started baking at 7:30 AM Saturday, to the set-up crew who arrived at 8AM on Sunday to unload pumpkins, put up tents and sound systems, etc. and to the clean-up crew who stayed late.

Rosemary
Summer of 2008

Ah to be a Woody sailor!
Below is a poem Gigi Fris wrote after coming home from a Tuesday night sail last June.

11pm on the Woody Deck

It's a Sagittarius full moon
Toying with stolid
anvil clouds
Rumpling their silver edges
Blurring fact and fiction
Captain Pat's wrestling a serpentine cable
forty feet above us
His headlight dangling-
a Degas cutout star
Glued upon a sharp
sapphire sky.
Edmund pumps the leaky bilges;
They're slurping up a backbeat
to his baritone seesaw
Heel your ho boys, let her go boys
Sailing homeward to Mingulay
Steve and Ken holding halyards
like taut swords while trading
DNA trivia
As Gigi saunters Long Dock with Leto
the visitor from Singapore
shooting stills of Beacon's skyline;
Peering into his crystal monitor
she recognizes the sturgeon
of Finn McCool
A misty reflection
dropping scales of wisdom*
From jocund Lady Lune

*according to Celtic legend, the giant Finn McCool accidentally gained the world's wisdom by licking the cooked skin of the sacred salmon. Of course, I substituted sturgeon for salmon here.

Thanks! gigi

I think people should be allowed to do anything they want. We haven't tried that for a while. Maybe this time it'll work. – George Carlin

Captain’s Meeting of October 18, 2008 Summary:

Attending: Captains Tom LaBarr, Kip Touraine, Patrick Gallagher, Jim Birmingham

The promotion to Captain of Chris Ancliffe and the promotion to Mate of Bruce Fox were discussed and unanimously approved. Issues of safely operating the Woody with the motor not working and continued severe leaking in the hull were discussed and the consensus was to continue to sail until October 25 when we would bring the boat up to White’s marina for hauling. It was agreed that replacing the centerboard trunk and repairs to any structural defects found after we haul the boat should be the priority of this years winter maintenance activities. New batteries are also needed and should also be considered a priority.

Sailors Meeting of October 18, 2008 Summary:

The Woody Sailors were updated on the conclusions from the Captain’s meeting.
All Captains expressed their sincere thanks to all the Sailors who made the season such a tremendous success. It was noted that the Woody participated and provided guests sails at 12 events this year, several included overnight stays with multiple crews and Captains requiring extensive cooperation and coordination. This is in addition to our regular 5 nights a week sails throughout the sailing season.
Elections were held and Jim Birmingham was named Chairman of the Woody Sailor's Committee, Ben Maser was named Secretary and Gigi Fris was named Winter Maintenance Coordinator.

Respectfully,
Jim Birmingham

Q: What's bright, bold, loving and LARGE?
A: The mural, silly!
On Saturday, November 15th, there will be a viewing (premiere, if you will) of Rick Price's mural in the Old Beacon High School's gymnasium. Calling hours are between 4pm and 5:30 pm. We invite you to take a half an hour of your day to just come on down and take a peak.

We will have refreshments ready, and Rick will be on hand to answer your questions and hear your suggestions, although it is about 90% completed. It's such a lovely and positive piece, and I want all the BSC member's to get the first chance to check it out!

See you there!

Sincerely,
Gigi Fris, Kevin Haydon and Rick Price.

Thank you to these supporters:
Dutchess County Arts Council, The Puffin Foundation, The Woody Guthrie Foundation,Michael Benzer-Hudson Beach Glass,Beacon Quadricentennial Committee
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Beacon Sloop Club meeting every 1st Friday of the month: next meeting December 5th – potluck 6:30 p.m., general meeting 7:30 p.m.

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

Special viewing of the mural in progress, Saturday, November 15th, 4p.m.- 5:30 p.m, Old High School Gymnasium, Beacon

Environmental Committee Meeting, Friday, November 21st, 7:00 p.m., BSC

Woody Work Parties: Contact a Captain or Gigi Fris.

Riverpool Annual Meeting, Sunday, November 16th 11 AM to 3 PM at Bowdoin Park, RSVP!! Contact Cindy at 831-1839 for more information.

Building Committee Work Party - Firewood, Saturday, November 22nd, 10:30 a.m. BSC

THE CLEARWATER MOMENT daily at 11:11 am on WAMC, or affiliate; Saturdays, 9 AM - 2 PM.

Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse, : Peggy Seeger with guest Peter Siegel, Saturday, December 13, 2008, Memorial United Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Avenue, White Plains, NY

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