We want to begin festival planning a lot earlier this year than we have in the past. If you're interested in coordinating a festival, or in working with any of the festival related committees, please call me as soon as possible. We want to get the framework in place in the next month or so.

Best holiday wishes to everyone. See you at the Sing!

Saul.

Next Exec. Com. Meeting is Tuesday, December 23rd, 7:30 p.m.
Next Membership Meeting is Friday, January 2nd, 7:30 p.m., Potluck at 6:30 p.m.
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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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!
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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting Minutes, December 5, 2008

The Meeting was called to order by Saul Rozinsky
President

Election of New Officers:
The candidates were introduced and each made brief speech.

For President:
Saul Rozinsky, Steven Swartz,
Dan Searles

Steven Swartz was removed because he is not an active member as required by the bylaws. Dan Searles had a lot of good ideas.

For Vice-President:
David Cohen, Claudine Craig

For Secretary:
David Cohen, Claudine Craig

For Treasurer:
David Cohen, Claudine Craig

John McLaughlin

John promised an activist treasurer.

The following were elected:
President: Saul Rozinsky
Vice-President: Claudine Craig
Secretary: David Eberle
Treasurer: John McLaughlin

The election results were certified by a show of hands. It was a pleasure to have a nice calm election.

Building and Maintenance
We need a new Multrum Coordinator and people to sign up to clean the Multrum once a month. It’s not such a bad job and doesn’t take much time. Perhaps we can start by having all the officers take one month if someone is willing to coordinate and keep the list.

Treasurer’s Report:
Thanks to Jim Finnigan we are in excellent shape, Jim fished the job started by others to get us right with the IRS and avoid penalties. It’s nice to have a clear and detailed picture of our financial status. See Attached for full report.

Committees Reports
Jane Shumsky resigned as the festivals vendor coordinator. She will be a hard person to replace. She is one of the stalwarts of the club who have taken on difficult tasks and done a fantastic job day in and day out over many years. She will be sorely missed. We should all express our gratitude for a job well done. I think it would be nice if the club had a plaque on the wall honoring those who have been outstanding volunteers over the years. It is these people who have made this club a success.

Environmental Committee Report
There will be a winter lecture series for the sailors, members and the public to inform them about various aspects of the river. They will be at 7 PM the third Friday of each month starting in January. Jim Herron who wrote a book on the history of Denning’s Point will be the first Speaker.

Holiday Sing:
The Annual BSC Holiday Sing is being coordinated by Dan Einbender and will be Friday December 19th at 8 PM.

Woody Report:
It seems that the leak in the boat is not as serious as it might have been. The primary problem is with the caulking, but this still means the housing and centerboard will need to be taken apart to reconstruct the system with proper caulking. It must be built up a board at a time. Final bids have been received and a selection will be made by the Woody Committee. The batteries are being replaced at a cost of $8000. The Woody should be ready for a great season of sailing next year. We need to thank Kevin Haydon and Gigi Fris for a lot of hard work and also to the captains and crew who worked hard to keep the Woody afloat to finish the season. We will also need volunteers to do maintenance this winter.

Woody Dinner:
The Annual Woody Dinner will be held the last Saturday in February.

Clearwater Report:
Clearwater will be doing a pumpkin sail (without pumpkins) from New York to Albany and will dock here two days before the Strawberry Festival; they would like some festivities when they get here. We will need to discuss how we will do this with the Strawberry festival so close. But we have a lot of clever and creative people.

Announcements:
Tom La Barr: The Environmental Committee of Fishkill is promoting a ban on plastic bags. Paper bags, cloth bags, and bio-bags made from corn starch will be available.

John McLaughlin: The 200th birthday of the Great Emancipator, Abraham Lincoln is being celebrated at Riverside Church in New York. It’s a Great time to hear some great music and join in the celebration. Thursday February 12th at 8 PM. You can go online at www.theriversidechurchny.org to find out more information and also about other musical programs which occur all year.

Mary Schmalz: The Quadricentennial Festival will start with a celebration in the New York Harbor the evening of June 5th, 2009; it will arrive in the Tappan area June 6th, the sailing flotilla will leave the next morning. It will arrive in Beacon 6PM on June 7th for an overnight stay. And be in Poughkeepsie on June 8th and 9th, Kingston on June 10th Catskill/Hudson on June 11th in Castleton on June 12th for the final relay into Albany at 6PM June12th. Thanks Mary, for a detailed schedule.

Respectively Submitted
David Eberle

400 years ago this month
In December 1608 King Henry IV of France instructed his ambassador, Pierre Jeanin to meet secretly with Henry Hudson to discuss leading an expedition. When the Dutch East India Company learned of his meeting with the French they decided to hire Hudson to look for a northwest passage. On December 29th they sent a letter requesting his return to Amsterdam. Along the river that would bear his name the sub-tribal groups were ruled by sachems with local and general councils to address common issues. The sachems of the different families or clans formed the general council which met to discuss major issues, such as war.
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 25, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Saul Rozinsky, President.

Woody Report:
The Woody is out of the water. It has been examined and it needs to be re-caulked. The wood itself is in good shape. This should fix the leak. The Woody Committee will review bids for caulking. Batteries will also be replaced at a cost of $8000.

Other Business:
Saul has arranged for us to take possession of two solar powered panels from Stony Kill. The loan is for 5 years renewable. We will be responsible for $300 if they are destroyed or lost. An agreement will be signed. This action was approved by the board.
The Club Building and the Multrum were cleaned in October and a wood cutting party was held. We are now well stocked with wood for the winter.

Festivals:
We made almost $3000 on the Pumpkin Festival. We did well on all the festivals except the environmental festival where we made $1000. There was much discussion over whether to continue this as a separate Festival. The question was if the time and effort is worth the return or should it simply be an educational event. John McLaughlin was a strong advocate for continuing the event is some form. This will be addressed when the new Board meets.

We have had a good year. We put on five festivals and raised more money than we did last year. This is a good sign. We have frequently sold out of food and could have sold more. We need to congratulate all those who were involved. Saul stated that we need to do more advance planning regarding the Festivals. We need chairpersons in place at the beginning of the year. We need to get away from begging for volunteers at the last minute.

Development:
David Eberle stated that we need to take a hard look at our future finances considering the downturn in the economy and the possibility that it may be harder to get grants and funding. David and Kevin Haydon will work together to address this issue.

Elections:
Candidates have been nominated and the election will be held at the December general meeting.

Motion was made and accepted to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted
David Eberle Treasurer

The Opinions of Men are almost as various as their faces; an Observation general enough to become a common proverb. So many Men, so many Minds – Benjamin Franklin 1731
Building Committee work Party
November 22nd

Volunteers met on a cold, blustery morning on the waterfront for the annual winter wood cutting party. They made short work of the large pile of driftwood that we had accumulated behind the clubhouse. After much cutting, splitting, hauling, and stacking the wood pile inside was fully replenished and the new wood shed was full. This should keep us warm for the next few months. Thank you to all who helped, I know the folks who come to the December and January meetings will. Many hands and good friends always make the work go faster.

Woody update:

Despite rumors to the contrary the leak that plagued the Woody for the latter part of the season is not better since we hauled her and replacement of the centerboard trunk is still being discussed. The hull planks below the waterline are in need of reefing and caulking which could explain the leak in forward section that was discovered after we removed the mast while the boat was still in the water. The Captains met recently to discuss their recommendation and it was agreed that the centerboard trunk should be replaced if the funds are available as brown rot was discovered several years ago and there may be other issues in the adjacent structures which besides causing leaks could make the boat unsafe. We are working with a shipwright to determine the appropriate course of action to ensure we have a safe, functional boat ready for what looks like a very busy early sailing season. As was mentioned previously, the batteries need to be tested and will most likely need to be replaced. We still have frames that should be replaced along with a leaky cabin and other issues.

With a great deal of work needing to be done and the likely expense of replacing the batteries there will be an extreme pressure on the available BSC funds and some concession may need to be made. Above all the safety of the guests and crew is the primary concern and we will do what is needed to maintain this.

Respectfully,

Jim Birmingham

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100 Years Ago

The tercentennial celebration featured replicas of both the Half Moon and the Clermont. On April 11, 1908 the Netherlands Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission was formed under the patronage of His Royal Highness, Prince of the Netherlands, Duke of Mecklenburg and tasked with building a replica of the Half Moon. No contemporaneous picture or model of the Half Moon was known to exist. From Juet's journal it was possible to deduce her masting, rigging, and draft. Her tonnage was found in the archives of the Dutch East India Company and external details were adopted from other vessels of the period depicted in paintings and on maps.

Determining the appearance of the original Clermont was more difficult as no authentic descriptions were available and no similar vessels existed. The replica was constructed based on information contained in a letter from Robert Fulton describing alterations to be made to enlarge her for commercial use. The Clermont was constructed by the Staten Island Shipbuilding Company at a cost of $15,865.15.

During the inaugural naval parade on September 25, 1909 the Clermont slipped a set screw and came to a halt. The Half Moon bore down on her port quarter and rammed her just abaft the boiler, breaking the rail, tearing away a stanchion, and staving in a plank. The tug Dalzelline collided with the main boom of the Half Moon and carried it away at the sheet. After making hasty repairs the vessels continued on their way to the sound of gun salutes and cheering.

**PAPER AND PAPERBOARD PRODUCTS IN MSW, 2007**
(In thousands of tons and percent of generation)

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**From Sail away Lady**
(Arr. Odetta)
Ain’t no use to sit and cry
Sail away lady sail away
You’ll be an angel bye and bye
Sail away lady sail away

**The EPA’s Most Wanted List**
The Environmental Protection Agency has created a website, patterned after the FBI’s 10 Most Wanted list. They posted mug shots and background information on 23 defendants charged with environmental crimes or violations of the U.S. Federal Criminal Code who have fled to avoid prosecution. For more info go to:
http://www.epa.gov/fugitives/

**In the News**

**Judge blocks NYC Green Cab Plan**
The new rules would have required new cabs to meet 25 mpg fuel efficiency standards beginning Nov. 1
The rules were blocked U.S. District Judge Paul A. Crotty who said the plaintiffs would suffer irreparable financial harm if they were forced to comply with the rules by the deadline. The city is exploring options to appeal.

**Recycling Industry Threatened by Economic Downturn**
One consequence of the credit crisis and resulting economic slowdown is a dramatic drop in prices for recyclables. This is threatening many local businesses and municipalities. Since September spot prices for waste materials have plummeted. Plastic bottles have dropped from 25 cents a pound to 2 cents. Cardboard is down 74% to $35 a ton.
Steve Apotheker, senior recycling planner for Metro Portland Oregon said, “We’ve never seen anything like this before” He is considering raising collection fees to cover the losses.
For further reading: http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20081208/ap_on_bi_ge/recycling_bust

**Green Prison**
Inmates of the Cedar Creek Corrections Center near Olympia WA compost 100 percent of food waste, have an active recycling program, grow organic vegetables and raise bees.

**The Mural unveiled**
Many Sloop Club members attended the viewing on Saturday, November 15th. It was a great chance to see the work in progress and talk with artist, Rick Price. It’s hard to grasp its scale until you see it in person. Thanks to Kevin and Gigi for arranging this!

Thank you to these supporters:
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Executive Committee meeting, Tuesday, December 23rd, 7:30 p.m.

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

Farmers Market every Sunday, 10-4 p.m., In the BSC Clubhouse

Ninth annual Holiday Sing, Friday, December 19th, 8:00 p.m. at the BSC Clubhouse. Food Pantry collection.

Environmental Committee Winter Lecture Series
Friday, January 16th, 7:00 p.m., BSC
Jin Heron, author of:
Denning’s Point, A Hudson River History

Woody Work Parties: Contact a Captain or Gigi Fris.

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.
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