A Message from Our President:

Right now, the Woody is part of a very impressive flotilla of sailing ships. She is participating in the Quadricentennial celebration voyage up the river. Those who prepared her and those who are sailing her have put in many hours of effort. The BSC is well represented in this historic event on the river.

The Strawberry Festival is only a few days away as I write this. I'd like to thank everyone who has been working to prepare for this festival. If the weather cooperates, it promises to be a great event. We have a fine lineup of entertainers and some very interesting speakers. Keep in mind that volunteers are still needed, to give “relief breaks” to those who will be working in the strawberry tent and at other jobs around the site.

Of course, just a week after the Strawberry Festival is the Clearwater Revival at Croton Point Park. The BSC will be there with the Woody taking out guest sails. That means we need people to do “shore support”...everything from signing up guests to bringing supplies to the boat. We'll also have a table set up in the Sloop Club tent, along with the tables of our sister clubs. If you are planning to attend Revival, consider spending a couple hours representing the BSC.

See you at the river.

Saul.
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

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Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting Minutes, June 5, 2009

It was another beautiful summer evening, down on the Riverfront. There in a small building with a tree growing through its roots is one of the gems of the Hudson Valley. It is the home of the Beacon Sloop Club. There on the first Friday of every month, its members and guests come together for food, music and to organize the means by which they will carry out their vision of protecting the river and the land so that people can experience a healthy relationship with nature. Anyone and everyone are welcome, friends meet friends, and newcomers develop new friendships. There is always a plentiful buffet of organic and nutritional food. After eating we discuss the business of the club and then form a circle of song. We know music is good for the soul. Where else in this secular and rational world can one still experience the rituals that are the foundation of communities?

The meeting was called to order by Saul Rozinsky. It was good to see Saul after his recent illness. Saul is one of those long term and active members who make the Sloop Club what it is. Wherever there is something being done, is where you will find Saul, whether it is building a new shed, cutting firewood, tilling the community garden, setting of the tents at festivals.. Welcome back Saul we all missed you.

Treasurer’s Report – John McLaughlin

We started with a balance of $21,100 and ended with a balance of $11,600. However, we are awaiting a grant check for $6000; all of the Woody repairs have been paid.

Woody Report-Tom LaBarr

All the Repairs are done and the Woody is in the water ready to sail. Many thanks to Gigi and others who managed the repairs, which we completed on time and within the budget. Now that’s something you don’t see often.

Strawberry Festival-

The scheduling of vendors, speakers, and musicians is essential done. Thanks for a job well done. A new strawberry trailer refrigerator has been build thanks to Ron Bell, Henry Thurston, and Saul Rozinsky. We need lots of volunteers to set up tents, and mark off vendor sites hook up electric and water, early Saturday morning. We need people with pick-up trucks to carry tents and chairs for setting up.

At 10 am we adjourn to Tom Labarr’s to prep strawberries and to enjoy a special blended concoction of Strawberries and some other mysterious liquid which makes it quite tasty.

We need everyone to volunteer. This is our big event and we need all hands on board. If you haven’t signed up for a job come anyway and we will put you where you are needed. We also need coolers to key some items cold and others warm. So if you have a large cooler bring it with you.

The Quadrcentennial – Mary Schmalz, David Cohen

Scenic Hudson is hosting a festival to meet the flotilla on Sunday. We need volunteers to distribute literature and promote the club. The Woody will be in Poughkeepsie Tuesday to be greeted by cannons and 400 candles. Please come and support the crew.

Mural – Gigi Fris

Gigi Fritz and Kevin Haydon assisted in the unveiling of Rick prices mural last Saturday on Main Street. All but $1000 has been raised; you can contribute online at the Beacon Sloop Club Site.

Announcements

Marcellus Shale Mining- John McLaughlin spoke out against the mining of the Marcellus Shale for Oil and gas. Each mine uses millions of gallons of water which they mix with a toxic brew of chemicals. This concoction is then injected into the ground where it can contaminate aquifers. Some is reclaimed and held in on site retention ponds which have been known to leak and contaminate surrounding areas. This mining is potentially the biggest current threat to our drinking water.

Riverpark Tree Fund- Betty Harkins asked for support for replacement of trees in Riverfront Park. The hat was passed and we raised $102.

Pastors for Peace- Saturday June 27th there will be a Packing Party for Pastors for Peace who will be making their annual trip to help the people of Cuba. Contact Eugene and Nora Hammond 85 Pressler Rd, Wallkill, NY 12589 phone 845-542-0481

River Pool-The River Pool will go in the water June the 19th and 20th and will officially open July 4th. The Newburgh-Beacon Swim is July 25th. They have requested volunteers to help.

Fishkill Creek Festival July 25th - This festival will be at Riverfront Park following the Rive Pool Swim. Beacon Sloop club is co-sponsoring this festival in conjunction with Fishkill Watershed Committee, Cornell Cooperative Education Center of Dutchess County. We will also need volunteers. David Eberle is festival director; Chris Ruhe is in charge of music. John Hall and Pete Seeger will be guests. There will be music, speakers, food, children’s activities and an art show on the theme of creeks, streams and rivers.

Fishkill Supply Depot -Nate Binzen spoke about the depot which is New York’s Valley Forge. Much of this encampment site has already been developed. A recent survey with ground penetrating radar shows a large number of graves and skeletons. This is likely to be the largest burial site of Revolutionary War Soldiers in America. Senator Chuck Schumer has promised Federal help to preserve this last remaining parcel. We will be forever indebted to the perseverance of Marty Byster, Nate Binzen and his brother, an archeologist from Boston and Mara Ferrell who carried the idea of preservation forward in the face of intense opposition and disinterest. For more information go to www.fishkill-historical-focus.org

Respectfully Submitted

David Eberle Secretary

Food Drive

We will be collecting donations of food for the Community Action Partnership Food Pantry before each general meeting. Please consider helping out. Contact: Michelle May 831-4019
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 26, 2009

Meeting called to order by Claudine Craig Vice-President in the absence of Saul Rozinsky due to illness.

**Financial report:**
John McLaughlin submitted the financial Report
Our balance has decreased from $21,100 to $11,600
But there is an outstanding grant of $6000 and all the Woody Repair bills have been paid. Another grant proposal is being submitted to Coyote Foundation

**Strawberry Festival:**
A new refrigerated strawberry trailer has been constructed and a new solar trailer has been constructed.
David Eberle Volunteered to tow the trailer.
Festival signs need to be made.
Hudson Valley Fresh is donating 64 Qts of cream and will be giving away milk.
1200 lbs of local strawberries for Shortcake and 200 lbs of California berries for smoothies have been ordered.
We need coolers to hold Smoothies and milk. Biscuit dry mix is on order. A commercial convection oven has been rented and will be delivered the day before. It holds 5 18in x 26in trays and should really speed up biscuit baking.
We need 3-4 hot boxes or coolers to keep biscuits warm.
Ron Bell is handling electrical and water. Trash disposal is being coordinated by Sue Altkin. A trash truck will be located in the center of the park and not near the strawberry tent. This will make people more aware of the disposal process.
We have 53 vendors and crafts people. We have fewer food vendors which should resolve the complaints that there were too many competing vendors last year. We need the line marker for marking off sites.
Speakers: Jonathon Wright of Clearwater, Vane Lashua of Mid-Hudson progressive Alliance. Rich from Stonykill. and others. Talks will be between musical sets. Beacon District Schools will be having an Art fair.

**Quadricentennial:**
June 7-9 and June 14-16 Hudson-Fulton Quadcentennial Festival. Scenic Hudson will be having a festival at River Point Park from 2pm until 8pm Sunday June 7th. Boat flotilla arrives at 6pm Sunday. The Beacon Sloop Club and the Woody Guthrie will be participating. David Eberle is the Land Captain and David Cohen is the Harbor Captain. Mary Schmalz continues to keep us updated on quad activities.
Ships to be in port here are Mystic Whaler, Clearwater, Woody Guthrie and Half Moon, Onrust, Coast Guard, and PT boat.

**Development and Fundraising:**
A benefit dance for Woody Guthrie is being organized by a local dance group.

Respectfully Submitted

David Eberle Secretary
The River Beacons Mural

The River Beacons Mural celebrating the Quadricentennial and the Woody Guthrie’s 30th birthday went up on Saturday May 23. Many Beacon Sloop Club members, Beacon residents and supporters were there to celebrate the big event. Painted by Beacon muralist Rick Price, the mural is 15 feet high and 10 feet wide and hangs on the brick western wall of Riverwinds Gallery; on the corner of Cross Street and Main Street, facing Hudson Beach Glass. The mural not only celebrates the Woody’s 30th anniversary in 2008 (she rides the foreground of the mural), but also Beacon’s river town heritage and lifestyle and the statewide 2009 Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial.

Kevin Haydon and Gigi Fris
With Beacon Artist Rick Price
At the unveiling of the River Beacons Mural
(Photo by David Cohen)

Beacon Sloop Club
Environmental Education Series

Chris Bowser, science education specialist with the NYS department of Environmental Conservation, Hudson River Estuary Program and National Estuarine Research Reserve gave an extremely interesting and entertaining talk on, Eels, Aliens, and Shipwrecks. Including a live Chinese Mitten Crab (the alien) and a jar full of glass eels which had the kids excited.

Chris also described his eel survey results and showed a short film of his team of high school students in action. He recapped other scientific studies involving the river such as the mapping of the bottom. Although he was not able to disclose their locations he showed images of several shipwrecks including full sloops and steamboats. You never know what we may be sailing over.

We had a packed house with many first time visitors to the club. Chris is a great speaker and great ambassador for the Hudson River. It was a great way to end a very successful series of talks.

It’s never too early to plan for next so if you have any potential speakers for next year contact Edmund or another member of the environmental committee.

The Beacon Sloop Club in the News

From left, Majora Carter, Sustainable South Bronx; Alan Thomas, Beacon Sloop Club; Robert Thomas, Woody Guthrie crew; Gigi Fris, BSC; George Pavlov, acting regional EPA director

EPA honors Beacon Sloop Club for its work


Strawberry Festival


Crowds cheer replicas of vintage Dutch ships

http://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/article/20090611/QUADE/200906110325

Several Woody photos(some by yours truly)


The end of maintenance as we know it...

On behalf of the club and crews we would like to thank Gigi Fris and all the volunteers who worked so hard to get the Woody back the harbor on time. Considering the huge repairs required this year it is remarkable.

She looks great and doesn’t require sawdust!! Thanks to all who made the big push at the end to swell, step the mast, rig, wire and otherwise get her ship shape! Many people told me how impressive she looked during the Quad.

100 years ago
A human flag greets the flotilla in Newburgh
400 years ago – Rough weather

From Robert Juet’s journal:

**June 15** We had a great storm which broke our foremast. We lost it overboard along with the foresail which was set low.

**June 16** By reason of the unconstant weather we were forced to lie-a-trie with our mainsail. So we sailed this way for four watches southeast by south for 251/2 miles, and two watches for 18 miles.

**June 19** In the morning the weather was fair and calm, and we set a temporary mast with a foresail in place of the one that had been carried away.

Lie-a-trie is a procedure to make the ship sail close to the wind by reducing sail, bringing the tack close aboard, the sheets close aft, and the helm tied close aboard.

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**Quadricentennial Flotilla Begins**

A composite of eye-witness accounts from John McLaughlin, David Eberle, Jim Birmingham, and others

The Woody joined the Clearwater, Mystic Whaler, Half Moon, Onrust, and other heritage vessels to lead the Hudson-Fulton Quadricentennial flotilla. If you didn’t see the arrival of the boats Sunday you missed a great event.

We had a fantastic sail down to Nyack - we left Cornwall about 2:45 pm on Saturday - were well greeted and tied up right next to The Onrust at the Nyack Boat Club about 7:00 pm and slept on the boat. Mystic, Clearwater, and Half Moon were across the river at Tarrytown.

Up early, we headed up the river with the flotilla. We struggled a bit to keep up with the 7-knot pace, but held our own. Into West Haverstraw where we received a plaque and picked up Ken and pressed Alan and Robert off Clearwater. We headed out ahead of the flotilla in order to be able to pass West Point along with them. Along the way, thanks to Ken who brought his trusty blunderbuss, we exchanged cannon salutes with Ft. Montgomery and Garrison.

We got to Garrison ahead of the fleet and treated the crowd to a display of our sailing talent and beautiful ship. We dropped into line when the flotilla arrived and passed West Point where a 16 gun salute was answered by a broadside from the Half-Moon. On up the gut and into Newburgh Bay and our faithful docks at Beacon where we received a great response from the crowd at Long Dock and the Scenic Hudson Festival.

We were accompanied by an old fire boat that put on such spectacular displays with her water cannons at important places such as Garrison and Newburgh. What a sight. We were rarely very near to Half Moon, so did not get to see Ben or Steve, nor did we see Edmund on Mystic. We had sloop club members on four different vessels. We were in line behind The Onrust under command of Capt. Joya, a former Captain on Clearwater; she is magnificent and loved by her crew.

Remember, this boat has been on the water only about 13 days. We got back into Beacon around 7:00 pm - well baked, tired, and very happy to have participated in a historic event.

We should also give thanks to those Beacon Sloop Club members who helped to make the land event a success. David Cohen Harbor Captain, Tony Monahan our outgoing Harbor Master, David Eberle Land Captain, Mary Schmalz Publicity and Communications, and Kevin Haydon who seemed to be everywhere and who manned the Beacon Sloop Club Table for 7 hours. And of course, Pete Seeger and Chris Ruhe who provided music.

A note from Jim Birmingham, captain:

I want to thank each of you for making the first leg of the Quad sail a tremendous success. Each of you contributed in your own way and we all came together as one for what was truly a once in a lifetime event. I know I will never forget it. Special thanks to Steve Feyl who saved us all and somehow came out unscathed.

Here’s wishing the next leg will be just as fun and memorable.

Regards,

Jim
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**BSC TREASURER’S REPORT  06/05/2009**

Submitted by John McLaughlin

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6th annual River Swim Saturday July 25th.
Check-in 7:30-9:30 , Newburgh Waterfront.
Register by July 7th. www.riverpool.org

Fishkill Creek Festival Saturday July 25th -
Riverfront Park, Beacon following the River
Pool Swim

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