A Message from Our President:

The Woody is back in Beacon Harbor, has resumed weeknight sails with guests and has participated in the Cornwall Riverfest. The maintenance volunteers and sailors who make this possible deserve a big round of applause. A special thank you to Gigi for pulling it all together yet again.

Our Strawberry Festival is a few days away. We have a fine lineup of music, fresh local strawberries, local cream for whipping, a big oven for baking biscuits, lots of vendors (old favorites and new), and free sails on our beloved Woody. Many volunteers are lined up and we always greatly appreciate extra hands, especially at setup (Sat 8:30AM, Sun 9AM) and take-down (Sun 5PM), or to staff ‘relief shifts’ Sunday afternoon. There’s also the fun strawberry prep party the day before (contact Tom LaBarr).

The weekend after Strawberry Festival is the Clearwater Revival in Croton Point Park. The Sloop Club has a table in the main sloop club tent with our sister clubs (contact David Eberle to volunteer here) and the Woody is offering free sails, which means we need people for ‘shore support’ and possibly crew (contact Jim Birmingham).

Lastly, on Saturday 6/4, Tony Angel began his 2118 mile trek of the full length of the Appalachian Trail with a symbolic walk starting at the BSC clubhouse and proceeding to the falls in Beacon. This walk will raise awareness of and money for the homeless. You can follow Tony’s progress on his blog (see inside).

Hope to see you all at the Festival,

Rosemary

Inside this issue:
Let the Festivals begin, the Woody returns to Beacon, a little bit of history, and much more…
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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

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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.
Beacon Sloop Club General Meeting Minutes, June 4, 2010

Call to Order. Club President Rosemary Thomas opened the meeting after the introductory song. She welcomed many first-time visitors to the club.

Treasurer’s Report, Sarah Elizabeth. [See treasurer’s report elsewhere in the newsletter.] $59,025.71 was the closing balance.

Woody Report, Tom LaBarr. The Woody is at the dock, refitted and ready for the Cornwall RiverFest on June 5. With the winter renovations, including the new rudder and topmast, planking, electrical upgrades and repairs to the hull, the Sloop Woody Guthrie starts another season of free sails every weekday evening of the summer along with weekends at festivals and celebrations. To volunteer as crew, show up at 6pm any weekday or contact Jim Birmingham, see the Facebook page, visit http://beaconsloopclub.org or call 845-297-7697 for reservations.

Hudson River Ramble, Mary Shmaltz. The Woody will be participating in the Hudson River Ramble, September 17 this year. The Ramble is in its 11th year. The Ramble celebrates the Greenway and the Hudson Valley.

Strawberry Festival, Strawberries, Tom LaBarr. HELP, beginning 9-10am, Saturday June 12! Work will begin on sorting and hulling the strawberries and prepping the dough at the LaBarr home, the fifth house north of Rt 84 on the river side of Rt 9D, and red like strawberries. Lunch and refreshments are provided. Among other refreshments, strawberry daiquiris, with or without rum, await everyone at the finish line.

Strawberry Festival, Set up, Saul Rozinsky. Sat, 6/12, 8:30-9am. Saul will work with 6-8 people to put up the Strawberry Tent, haul chairs and tables, set up the music tent, electrical service and otherwise prepare for Sunday. Volunteers are also needed immediately following the Festival, at 5pm. David Eberle, waste coordinator needs volunteers during the festival to watch over the recycling, trash and garbage containers. These people work two hour shifts.

Strawberry Festival, Phyllis Newman. Volunteers are asked to show up early … or late to help with virtually any area at the Festival, including in the Strawberry Tent. “If you’re a member of the BSC, you’re a volunteer at the Strawberry Festival.”

Strawberry Festival, Environmental Tent, Betty Harkins. Sun., 6/13, 10am. Volunteer to set up near the large tent! During the festival, please direct people to “fisherman’s point” (the SW corner of Riverfront Park) to visit the goats, fish, Clearwater exhibits, River Pool at Beacon, Shane Hobel, Andy Revkin (Pace U., NYT, Dot Earth).

Building Committee, Claudine Craig. Many thanks are due to Saul, Pete, Michael, Ron, Roland and others who sorted, cut, split and stacked wood for the fall and winter last week. Work is on-going with the patio. Next project is to make the building “pretty” possibly including painting. Caitlin O’Heaney, Empress of the Multrum, reported that the multrum is clean. Volunteers are always needed to help with cleaning, supplies and refreshing the wood chips. Roger Gottlieb donated a painting to be used either for fundraising or to be hung in the building. Bill Hudson reminded the committee that pine needles need to be cleared regularly from around the hole in the roof for the trunk of the pine tree. Regular cleaning will help the roof and postpone major repairs!

Highland Valley is a proposal to build 110-210 mobile homes on sand and gravel (think conduit for liquids good and bad) directly over state and municipal designated important groundwater. The Fishkill-Sprout Creek, NYS DOH-designated, Primary Aquifer’s most productive arm is Clove Creek groundwater. This is the water to be built upon, the source water for the Village of Fishkill. It would also be located in a designated Critical Environmental Area. The project is also located in the NEW YORK HIGHLANDS REGION, and the highlands are now part of a four state (PA< NJ< NY< CT) effort to protect source drinking water.

The Town of Fishkill’s next Board meeting is scheduled for June 16. There is a public comment period too. Town Clerk, Darlene Bellis. 845-831-7800 can direct you to the person who can fill you in on the details and comment deadline.

Children living in this community would have to attend the small Haldane school system in Cold Spring, Putnam County. I include here a heart-felt, common-sense citizen petition on that aspect of the proposal.

http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/highlandvalley/

Submitted by: Peter Rostenberg
Pete brought me a copy of this 1886 map of Beacon drawn by L. R. Burleigh of Troy NY a few months ago. This really shows what transformations the harbor area has gone through (and the city as well). Imagine trying to hold a festival a hundred years ago.

It took me awhile to get a high quality copy suitable for the newsletter. I received a high resolution copy courtesy of the Library of Congress. It still loses something when shrunk to fit. If anyone would like a large high resolution file let me know.- Editor

STRAWBERRY WORKERS of the WORLD UNITE

The Strawberry prep party for this year’s Strawberry Festival will be on Saturday, June 12th at the LaBarr's house. Please plan on helping us prepare for the festival. The Local Strawberries will be delivered about 10:00. We need to wash, hull, slice and freeze about 1/3 of the berries. Lunch will be served when we are finished with the berries. Then we have to mix all the dry ingredients for the biscuits. We will be serving STRAWBERRY DRINKS and CHOCOLATE COVERED STRAWBERRIES all afternoon and into the evening. Then we have dinner, clean up and party till we drop. We are located at 1347 Route 9D, 5th houses north of Route 84 on the riverside. It is a red house.

NOTE: This is not a potluck; all food and drink are provided. Musicians bring your instruments for the party.

Please call or email us if think you are going to be able to make it. We need to know the number of people, so we can have more than enough food and drink available.

Tom & Aimee LaBarr at 831-4267
labarrt@engr.newpaltz.edu

Strawberry Festival Volunteer Opportunities

Once Again We Need Volunteers

Saturday June 12th, 9:00 am

Site Set-up, tent, chairs and tables, etc

Sunday, June 13th, all day

Biscuit mixers and bakers
Strawberry hullers and slicers
Whip cream whippers
Biscuit slicers
Servers
Trash and Recycling
Ticket sellers
Sailors
Clean-up and Breakdown

We especially need help at the end of the festival for clean-up and return of equipment to the clubhouse.

Upper Delaware River Declared “Most Endangered”

American Rivers issued a list of the 10 most endangered rivers in the U.S. The Upper Delaware River in New York State, the source of drinking water for 17 million people, topped the list because of the threat from gas drilling. Hydro-fracking chemicals pose a risk of contamination on the New York and on the Pennsylvania side of the watershed.

This clean water source is threatened by natural gas extraction activities in the Marcellus Shale, where chemicals injected into the ground create untreatable toxic waste water," American Rivers said.
Sound Bites

From Gigi: This month I decided to write a short piece on my own experience with the club.

Walt Whitman once wrote: Do I contradict myself?
Very well, then I contradict myself
(I am large, I contain multitudes)

While attending my first Pumpkin Festival in 1992, I found the Beacon Sloop Club to be confusing. Some members were arguing, others going off on tangents, and then there were those people promoting a bewildering array of fantastic and unlikely proposals. I found the BSC to be a weak place, without a rudder; without the swagger and confidence I associated with strength, but it turned out I was wrong.

Twelve years later, in 2004, I was in a rudderless place myself. Relationships had collapsed, all absolute truths had crumbled, and all hard philosophies had proved themselves false. I felt uncomfortable with this state of uncertainty.

On May 1st, two hours after burying my dear beagle of 15 years, I was feeling like nothing could ever distance me from my heartbreak. The phone rang. It was Patrick Gallagher, one of the former members of Steve Schwartz's wild and crazy Tuesday crew. In a tone unsuccessfully repressing his native mischievousness, he said, “Guess what? I've just been made a Woody captain, and I am looking for some crew.” Talk about synchronicity! I leaped at his invitation.

Turns out the Woody was just the rudder I was looking for; sailing without dogma or pretense. Standing on its curving bow, feet firm on the old pine planks, I could follow the darkening or the brightening of light playing on the water. I could watch and feel the deep orange sails luff without wind or burgeon with a sudden gale; the shapes of this liquid universe mirroring my own thoughts: pink, scarlet, emerald, blue, and utterly transient.

Six years later, I am now in charge of Woody Maintenance. The struggle of being “boss,” for me, is to realize I don’t know the answers to 50% of the questions asked of me, and to be continuously learning when to flow and when to let go. Hopefully, the certainty of my confusion allows all newcomers to the Woody to find an authentic place for them, and for me to help them realize how deeply I appreciate their various talents and efforts.

In Shakespeare's Hamlet, the character Polonius says:
This above all: to thine own self be true
And it must follow, as the night, the day
Thou canst not then be false to any man.

The beauty of the BSC is that it gives us all the chance to be our true selves, for better or worse. Looking back to the 1992 Pumpkin Festival, I now see a little club that organically, independently made a lot of powerful choices to better this community, with its modest festivals, free sails and circles of song. Their confusion, like chaos, contains a certain divine order.

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Woody Report:
In the early hours of May 30th, the Woody departed from White's Marina to head home to Beacon Harbor.
Maintenance at White's will not resume until late October, at which point we will, hopefully, have contracted the Krickers to replace the cockpit wainscoting, cap and benches.
As for this winter and spring, I would like to give a heartfelt shout out to the following Captains and sailors, based on the information garnered from the sailor's log.
The top ten (drum roll) Woody volunteer maintenance hours are:
#1 Captain Ben-60 hours-thanks for rigging the boat!
#2 Captain Kip-56.5 hours-almost double the required amount, not to mention all his harbor hours. Thanks for all your solutions.
#3 Alan Thomas-54 hours-thanks for being there through thick and thin 
#4 John McLaughlin- 49.5 hours-thanks for helping prepare the mast-both wood and electrical!
#5 Jimmy Goergen- 49 hours- the steadfast and talented carpenter-responsible for constructing the new rudder and topmast.
#6 Jim Birmingham-34 hours-thanks for getting us out of the ice age in January and always being the mediator!
#7 Marty Carp-32.5 hours-Marty, you were constantly there for us with a great attitude, even during the coldest of days
#8 Tom Baldino-31 hours- Tom's mad scientist manner of melting ice and plugging leaks is quite admirable
#9 Bruce Fox-30.5 hours-thanks to Bruce (Kip and Jimmy) we have a new topmast
#10 Rich Holzman-30 hours- AKA "Whenever you call me, I'll be there." Thanks, pal.
All Woody Sailors are required to put in 30 hours, but these were the 10 folks who actually did their required share or much more. Thanks, gentlemen, for your incredible support of our boat and program. I hope you can inspire others to do the same!

I wish you all a happy sailing season.

Godspeed,

Gigi Fris
Maintenance Coordinator

Editor’s note: Of course we all know that Gigi put in many more hours than anyone on her list…..here are a few shots of the final push to get back on the river…

Sound Bites (continued from page 5)
Lastly, beyond the Woody, I can honestly say, despite the contention over the Rick Price mural project, every time I take the turn off 9D down Main Street, my lips are compelled into a wide smile. The little triangle of land, formerly awash in weeds, is now a smooth lawn. The old rusted, broken down fence is long gone, and a lovely water goddess hovers above, embracing all the infinite contradictions of our community, while celebrating the fruits of our love for it.
See you on the river,
gigi

Local Food Pantries
As the garden season is upon us you can donate homegrown produce to neighbors in the Hudson Valley Contact the Food, Nutrition and Wellness Program at the Dutchess County Cornell Cooperative Extension (845-677-8223) to find out how.

Some Local Food Pantries
Dutchess CAP Beacon Food Pantry
554 Main St. Beacon, NY 12508 Phone: 845-831-2620

First Reformed Church of Fishkill Food Pantry
1153 Main St., Fishkill, NY 12524 Phone: 845-896-4546

Ebenezer Baptist Food Pantry (FP/SK )
90 1st St., Newburgh, NY 12550 Phone: 845-562-9678

To check out other places, visit www.hungeractionnys.org and search for your local community
Beacon Sloop Club Treasury Report
Submitted by Sarah Elisabeth
June 4, 2010

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Tony Angel left the Beacon Sloop Club on Sat. June 5th accompanied by Pete Seeger and other members of the club and supporters to begin his 2,178 mile journey on the Appalachian Trail. Tony is walking the trail to raise funds for the homeless and to raise awareness of environmental issues throughout Appalachia. You can follow Tony’s Progress on: spiritjourney25.wordpress.com
Donations can be made to the Tony Angel Homeless Fund through Family of Woodstock.

Family of Woodstock
Attn: Tony Angel Homeless Fund
16 Rock City Road
Woodstock, NY 12498

Questions? Contact us at spiritjourney25@gmail.com

Every Sunday Farmers Market
at the Beacon Waterfront 10-4pm

Simply Valley
All Local Hudson Valley Products
Sprout Creek Farm Cheeses
(Toussaint and Ouray Cheese)
Fresh made Lamb, Mushroom Spring Rolls
Fresh Made Pasta
Mario’s Brick Oven Bread
Mary Finger Organic Free Range Eggs
Special Large Quantity orders call 845-562-0192

Thank You! to the Beacon Natural Market for storing the heavy cream for the Strawberry Festival in their walk-in cooler.

348 Main Street, Beacon, NY 12508

Now on 106.5 in Beacon!
Executive Committee meeting, Tues. June 22nd, 7:00 p.m.

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

Farmers Market every Sunday, 10-4 p.m., At the Ferry Dock, Beacon, NY

Strawberry Prep Party, Saturday June 12th, 10:00 am – we’re done, at the LaBarr’s house, Route 9D, Beacon

Strawberry Festival Site prep, Saturday June 12th, 9:00 am- noon, Riverfront Park, Beacon

Strawberry Festival set-up and food prep, Sunday June 13th, 8:30-11:00, Riverfront Park, Beacon

Strawberry Festival, Sunday June 13th, Noon-5:00 pm, Riverfront Park, Beacon

Strawberry Festival Site Clean-up, Sunday June 13th, 5:00 pm- done, Riverfront Park, Beacon

Free Sails on the Woody Guthrie, weeknights beginning in June, 6:00pm, at the clubhouse.

Clearwater’s Great Hudson River Revival 2010
June 19 & 20, Croton Point Park
Croton-on-Hudson, NY

The Great Newburgh to Beacon 7th Annual Hudson River Swim, JULY 31st, 2010, at the Beacon and Newburgh waterfronts
Rain Date: August 1st.

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 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